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BIOGRAPHICAL

BRIGADIER-GENERAL WILLIAM HIGH was born Jan. 14, 1786, and was one of the best-known men of Berks county of his time. He was county commissioner from 1816 to 1819; a member of the State Legislature in 1832; served as one of five delegates from Berks county to the Constitutional Convention in 1828; and was associate judge of Berks county from 1846 to 1851. He was most prominently identified with the State militia, holding the office of brigadier-general by election for fifteen years. In 1816, he was elected captain of the Reading Cavalry, of which he had become a member in 1809. He died March 29, 1851, with honor untarnished and integrity undefiled. General High was a man of many sterling qualities of character, being able to draw the line between right and wrong, and never faltered in carrying his convictions into execution. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Van Reed, daughter of John Van Reed, and his second wife the daughter of Jacob Van Reed, of Amity township.

Ezra High, son of Gen. William High, was born at Poplar Neck Aug. 15, 1816, and died April 8, 1897. He owned 235 acres of land, although he lived on a farm of seventy acres, the house upon which property he built in 1866. He also erected all of the buildings at the Poplar Neck bridge, and was an influential citizen of the lower end of the county and public-spirited to a large degree. In politics a Democrat, he was school director in 1861, when the special bounty tax was levied in Cumru township. He was an antiquarian of some note and possessed a valuable collection of Indian relics, which he donated to the Berks County Historical Society.

In 1841 Mr. High was married to Hannah Gernand, daughter of George and Barbara (Hain) Gernand, and they had these children: Kate married Jonas DeTurk, and died Feb. 10, 1909, aged sixty-six years; William P. is mentioned below; Mary married Capt. William A. Schall; Annie married Harry Lewis; Sarah, unmarried, is living at Reading; Emma died in 1882, aged twenty-four years. Ezra High and his wife were buried in the High private cemetery at Poplar Neck, on the High homestead, where rest also the remains of Gen. William High.

William P. High, born June 28, 1844, on the old High homestead at Poplar Neck, obtained a good practical education in the public schools of his native township, and at The Trappe in Montgomery county. He was brought up on the homestead, and in 1866 began farming for himself on his father's farm, where he remained for eleven years. From 1876 to 1883 he lived on his father-in-law's farm, the Beidler place, and in 1883 he erected his present residence in Shillington, where he has lived retired since 1884. He has a number of large farms which he superintends, being part owner of the High homestead, which originally consisted of 235 acres of the best farm land in Berks county, besides having large interests throughout Cumru township. Mrs. High is the owner of the Conrad Y. Beidler farm, better known as the Beidler farm of Cumru township, this tract consisting of 106 acres in the best state of cultivation, with fine, substantial buildings. Mrs. High also owns an excellent farm along the Schuylkill in Spring township, near the Lebanon Valley bridge, consisting of 100 acres, on which there is a fine residence and good buildings; a $5,500 barn, built in 1873 on this farm, was destroyed by fire May 21, 1903. Mr. High is well-known in the community in which he makes his home, as well as throughout Cumru township. A stanch Democrat in politics, he has been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust, having been delegate to numerous county conventions, for twelve years a member of the school board, and held other local positions. He and his wife are members of the Emanuel Reformed Church, of which he was deacon for many years, and to the support of which he contributes liberally.

On Aug. 29, 1865, Mr. High was married to Sarah A. Beidler, daughter of Conrad Y. and Catherine (Spohn) Beidler, and to this union have been born children as follows: Katie, who married W. A. Greisener; Hannah, wife of Abraham Potteiger; Ezra, who died when one year old; Conrad, who married Katie Shunk; Mary, who died in infancy; William, who married Olivia Morris; Magdalena; Sallie, wife of William L. Bickel; Charles, who married Goldie Griffith; Mabel, twin to Charles, unmarried; Isaac, a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania; and Paul, who died in infancy.

Conrad Beidler, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. High, came from Germany. His son, Peter, married a Hattenstein, and they had these children: Conrad, Henry, John and Rebecca. John Beidler, of this family, married Magdalena Yost, and to them were born: Jeremiah; Conrad Y. (father of Mrs. High); Mary, who married Samuel Brobst; Isaac, and Abraham. Mrs. High was the only child of her parents.

SCHALL. The Schall family, which was first represented in America by Tobias Schall in 1748, and of which Capt. William A. Schall, his brother, D. Horace Schall, of Philadelphia, and Gen. John W. Schall, of Norristown, are members, is one which belongs to the old nobility of the Rhine country in Germany. Originally the Schalls were an old, noble patrician family of Cologne, later spreading into Bergen and Juliers. At first the name was von Schall, but later, in the fourteenth century, "Bell" was added to it, that being the name of their manor in Gladbach. That the family is very ancient is proved from the ancestral records communicated by Vetter and Fahne. In the sixteenth century members of the family settled in Livonia and obtained the office of hereditary marshal for the family, and in the eighteenth century they also appear in Bavaria. The name Robert Schalls appears as far back as the year 1150, and Johann Schall von Bell was rewarded with the Thurnhof (a manor) at Friesdorf. In the first half of the eighteenth century the title of Baron was conferred upon the family, and in connection with this Ferdinand, Baron Schall von Bell, was named first, and in 1747 was admitted to the Knighthood of Bergen.

Of the Bavarian branch, Count Carl Theodor, son of Count Ferdinand (above), privy councilor of the Electoral Palatinate, and Ambassador to the Court of Saxony, married, in 1777, Henriette, Countess von Riaucour, heiress of Andreas, Count von Riaucour, Minister of Saxony, etc., who dying without male issue in 1794, and in compliance with his will, his son-in-law, Carl Theodor, Count von Schall, added the name and arms of the deceased to his own, and came into the possession of the Riaucour estate, comprising the following seats: Putzkau, Gansig, Crostau, etc.—the branch now continued under the name of Counts von Schall Riaucour. But recently two Rembrandt paintings have been found, one of which was in the collection of the Count Schall-

Riaucour and is supposed to be a fine specimen of his earlier work. It represents the painter's mother with a book.

In 1748 Tobias Schall and his wife Magdaline left their home in Germany, on the French border, and came to America, landing that same year in Charleston, S. C. With them came their son, George Schall, who was born in 1735 in the Pfalz, Middle Shefflentz, Moshbower Ampt, Germany. He was baptized in Under Shefflentz Evangelical Church, but was confirmed in the Reformed Church of Middle Shefflentz. In 1757 he was united in marriage with Catharine Newhard, who was born in Whitehall, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa. After his marriage he settled in Pike township, Berks county, where he followed farming until the outbreak of the Revolution. He enlisted and became a lieutenant in Col. Daniel Hunter's regiment, serving faithfully throughout the war. He then returned to his home in Pike township, Berks county, and followed farming until his death Dec. 5, 1802. His wife survived him five months, dying May 5, 1803, and they both lie buried in the Hill Church graveyard.

Hon. George Schall, son of George, and grandson of the emigrant Tobias, was born in Pike township, Dec. 26, 1768. He was an agriculturist and blacksmith by occupation, and also operated a grist and saw mill (on the old Schall homestead), which he built in 1796. In his political faith he was a Democrat, and he was elected to represent his district in the State Senate in 1825, and was re-elected for the two succeeding terms, serving from 1825 to 1828. In his trips to Harrisburg he always went on horseback, carrying his food with him. The first day he would ride as far as Lebanon, where he remained over night, and finished his journey to the capital the following day. In religious belief he was an earnest member of the Reformed Church. He married Nov. 10, 1789, Catharine Oyster, who was born Aug. 7, 1768, and died July 10, 1846, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. They were the parents of the following children: David, born June 23, 1790, died Aug. 5, 1792; George, born July 2, 1792, died Sept. 11, 1820; John, born July 24, 1794, died Aug. 7, 1860; Hannah, born March 23, 1797, married Daniel Jacoby, May 11, 1817; Catharine, born May 16, 1799, died Feb. 26, 1875 (married Dr. William Herbst); David, born May 25, 1801, died Jan. 22, 1877; Mary, born April 4, 1803, died Sept. 3, 1815; William, born May 22, 1805, died Sept. 5, 1805; William, born Aug. 7, 1810, married Caroline Trexler and died at the age of seventy-five.

David Schall, son of George and Catharine (Oyster) Schall, was born May 25, 1801, and was reared on the old Schall homestead in Pike township. In early manhood he engaged in the iron business, and in 1825 began to operate the Dale Forge in Washington township. He manufactured bar-iron and blooms, and continued in this line of business for over fifty years. In connection with the forge, he owned and operated a large farm, and demonstrated his ability to engage successfully in more than one line of business at the same time. He was an industrious and energetic man, and by careful management he accumulated considerable wealth, retiring from active life in 1870. Like his father he was a Democrat, and he served as associate judge of Berks county from 1856 to 1866, and was county auditor from 1842 to 1845. He was a captain in the old State Militia. He married Catharine Endy, born May 9, 1805, died Aug. 24, 1873, and by her became the father of four daughters and five sons, namely: George, deceased in the sixty-fifth year of his age, was a farmer on the old Dale Forge farm and was steward of the Montgomery county prison for twelve years; Amelia, deceased, was the wife of Col. William Trexler, of Longswamp, Berks county; Emeline lives in Philadelphia; Gen. John W., colonel of the 87th Pa. V. I. during the Civil war, and now general in the State Militia, served four years as postmaster at Norristown, and seven years as recorder of Montgomery county; Hannah died in 1896; Capt. William A.; D. Horace is a customs officer in Philadelphia; Alfred resides in Philadelphia; and Mary L. also resides in Philadelphia. All the children were reared in the faith of the Reformed Church. Mr. Schall, the father, passed away Jan. 22, 1877, at the age of seventy-five.

Capt. William A. Schall received his intellectual training in the Elmwood Institute at Norristown, and also at a private school in Reading. When the call for troops was made at the beginning of the Civil war, he organized and was made captain of Company G, 167th Pa. V. I., which was mustered in for nine months' service, Oct. 20, 1862. The regiment was first attached to the 8th Corps, Army of the Potomac, and later to the 1st Corps, seeing hard service. They were first sent to Washington, thence to Suffolk, taking part in the Suffolk siege, and the battle of Black River, where Colonel Knoderer was shot. After the siege of Norfolk the regiment was sent to Yorktown, Richmond, Williamsport, and Chickahominy river, and was then ordered to Gettysburg and finally to South Mountain, where they camped one night, then receiving word that Lee was retreating. They joined the Army of the Potomac at Boonesboro, crossing the Potomac at Berlin, and followed Lee as far as Rappahannock, where the nine months' men, whose service had expired, were mustered out in August, 1863. Captain Schall was a faithful soldier, and bears a record of which he may well be proud.

After receiving his discharge Captain Schall returned home and for some years was employed as a clerk in a store. In 1872 he began farming the Dale Forge farm, and he also dealt in lime for about two years. He then removed to Pennsburg, where he conducted a coal and lumber yard for some years. He next engaged in the same line of business at Barto, and in connection with coal and lumber handled grain. This was his home until 1900, when he retired and removed to his present delightful home at Brookside.

In 1881 Captain Schall married Mary B. High, daughter of Ezra High, a farmer of Cumru township, and they have one daughter, Emily May. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been honored with several local offices. With his family he belongs to the Reformed Church. His fraternal connection is with Gen. William H. Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., of Reading. Captain Schall is one of the leading citizens of his community, and is respected and esteemed by a large number of friends.

BOYER. "The Boyers have direct connection in name and history with the Gallic Boii, widely distributed over Rhine regions in the time of the wandering of races, and particularly active between the fourth and second century before Christ. Julius Caesar conquered them in part about 58 B. C. Both the Bavarians and the Bohemians get their names from the Boii, though the Bohemians are not Boii by descent.

"Like other families, many of the Boyers, both in France and Germany, accepted the doctrines and consequences of the sixteenth century Reformation. In the complications that resulted from the revocation of the edict of Nantes by Louis XIV, king of France, in 1685, the Palatinate was terribly devastated. Those who could escape Louis' fury found at last temporary refuge in parts of Germany, Holland and England. In the meantime Penn, the proprietary governor of Pennsylvania, sympathizing with the refugees in Europe, helped to produce a veritable exodus from Europe. Through his agents he made it known among refugees in Europe that he was ready to grant land possessions on easy terms in Pennsylvania, and that liberty of conscience was to be allowed there. Among these refugees were the Boyers. About forty of them settled in Pennsylvania before 1775—some of them in Philadelphia and others at various points in the eastern counties of Pennsylvania. Wherever they settled they became identified with the Colonial efforts to sustain ministers and schoolmasters, and to build the log church, the latter also serving as schoolhouse in many instances. There are now about 100,000 Boyers in Amer-

ica." [Extract from an address of the Rev. Dr. Charles C. Boyer, at Boyer Reunion, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.]

Henry Boyer, the founder of Boyertown, was an early settler in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa. He settled on the Latshaw place, securing a central location, and opened a public house. He had a number of sons who engaged in other lines of business in the same locality, which through them received the name of Boyertown, long before it was laid out in town lots, in 1835. In 1851 the first attempt was made to have the town incorporated as a borough, thirty-three persons signing the petition, but this was not granted, and in 1866 a second and successful attempt was made, the grand jury reporting favorably, Oct. 20, 1866. Among the sons of Henry Boyer was Daniel, who opened the first store in the town.

Daniel Boyer, son of Henry, and grandfather of George F. Boyer, of Cumru township, was a foremost merchant in the lower end of Berks county. He started his first store in a corner closet, on a very small scale, but he prospered from the beginning, and at his death was in very comfortable circumstances. He passed his entire life in Boyertown, and died there. He married Salome Burkert, and became the father of the following children: Samuel, who became a merchant but died when comparatively young; Henry B.; Daniel, who died quite wealthy, having acquired his fortune as a merchant; Sallie, who married William Schuler; Elizabeth, who married John Steinruck; Lavina, who married Richard Richards; and Willoughby, a merchant at Norristown, who married Harriet Dengler.

Henry B. Boyer, son of Daniel, was born at Boyertown, July 25, 1805, and died July 19, 1895, aged nearly ninety years. For many years he was a merchant in Boyertown, being associated with his brother Daniel, and they met with great success. In 1848 Henry B. Boyer came to Reading and opened a general store in the old Keystone building, near the corner of Sixth and Penn streets. For a number of years before his death he had lived retired. His home was at No. 630 Walnut street, Reading. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He and his wife Susanna Fritz had nine children, of whom two died young, the others being: Frank, a merchant in Reading, where he died; Henry, a merchant at Bowers Station, who died there and is buried on the Boyer lot in the Charles Evans cemetery, Reading; Mary, who married Theodore Douglass, of Philadelphia, later of Reading; John, who kept a livery in Reading known as the "Old Reliable," now conducted by his son Morris; George F.; Howard F., who conducted the livery on South Sixth street, Reading, now carried on by his son Harry; and Lucretia, who married Dr. Hiester M. Nagle, of Reading.

George F. Boyer, son of Henry B., now a retired citizen of Cumru township, was born in Reading, June 29, 1837, was educated in the district schools, a school in Exeter township, and at Boyertown Academy. In his young manhood he learned tanning in Reading, and for a time clerked in his father's store. For a number of years he was employed as a clerk by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and when he left the employ of this company he moved to the farm whereon he now resides. This consists of 100 acres of good and well cultivated land, and its care received his attention until his retirement. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Reading. Mr. Boyer married Mary Ann High, daughter of an influential citizen of Berks county, and they have had six children, three sons and three daughters: Emma, who married Henry Garber, of Philadelphia; Katie, who died in infancy; Harry, who resides at Boyer Heights, in Cumru township; George A., unmarried and at home; Mary G., who married George Miller, of Reading; and Walter, unmarried and at home.

George A. Boyer, son of George F., was born in Reading in 1864, and was educated in the public schools of the city and at Prof. D. B. Brunner's business college. He learned the tool-maker's trade with the Reading Hardware Company, and has been employed by that firm since 1882. He is also engaged in the real estate business at Boyer Heights, and is one of the successful and industrious men of the place.

Howard F. Boyer, son of Henry B. and Susanna, was born in Boyertown, Nov. 19, 1839, and received his education in his native place. On beginning work he was first employed as chain bearer for a surveying party, making surveys for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad from Reading to Pottstown. After that he became a clerk in his father's retail grocery store, located on the present site of the "Hotel Penn." When the elder Mr. Boyer sold his store, in 1855, and went into the livery business, the son accompanied him, and they opened the old Coleman stable, on Pearl street. Later they moved to Sixth and Cherry streets and did a thriving business there until 1876, in which year the father retired from the concern and Howard F. and his brother John operated it together until 1885, when the partnership was dissolved, Howard F. opening a new stable on South Sixth street, where he remained until his death. He married Mary J. Coller, daughter of Solomon and Sophia L. (Amweg) Coller, and they had but one child, Harry C. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Boyer's fraternal connections were with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; the I. O. O. F.; and the K. P. In politics he was a strong Republican, and so widely known and esteemed that his election to several offices would have been assured if he could have been induced to become a candidate. Mr. Boyer was one of those who volunteered for service during the Civil war, enlisting for six months in Company C, 25th regiment. His company was one that accompanied the 6th Massachusetts through Baltimore at the time of the riots there caused by the marching of the Northern troops through that city on their way to the front. He died Dec. 6, 1904, when he was aged sixty-five years, and was widely regretted. He was a man of large heart and generous impulses, and his life was filled with good deeds, the half of which were never known.

Harry C. Boyer, son of Howard F., was born in 1865, and was given a good education, it being his father's ambition to prepare him for a professional life. Accordingly, after completing the school course in Reading, he went to Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., but the confinement indoors and the close application to books proved uncongenial to the youth and he was wisely allowed to choose a path in life more adapted to his tastes. Returning to Reading, he decided upon the tailor's trade, and he served his apprenticeship in Wilmington. He then formed a partnership with a Mr. Peterson, and opened a tailoring establishment in the Wilson building, on Penn street, Reading, where they continued for two years. The partnership was then dissolved, and Mr. Boyer went into his father's livery stable, where he was employed until the latter's death. After that event he assumed the entire management of the business, though retaining the old name. He attends strictly to business, and by his improved ideas and methods has increased the patronage forty per cent. He has now one of the best equipped liveries in the State and stands well in the business community.

Mr. Boyer is popular with the younger element in Reading, and he belongs to the B. P. O. E., the Order of Eagles, and the S. M. A., which latter is a dramatic organization. In religion he belongs to the Universalist Church.

PROF. AMOS C. ROTHERMEL. The Rothermels in America trace their genealogy back some four hundred years, to one Johannes Rothermel, who won both fame and a name in the early wars of Germany. Johannes was a brave soldier and so frequently dyed his arm in the blood of his enemies that his comrades designated him as *der Roth Ermel* (red sleeve), and in this way he acquired the name of Johannes Rothermel.

John Rothermel, descendant of this early progenitor, was born in the Province of Wachbach, Holland, in 1688, and married Sybilla Zimmerman, native of the same

province, and a sister of the famous General Zimmerman of the Dutch army. Six children were born to the couple, and then, on account of the unsettled condition of their native land, and a desire for greater freedom, they concluded to come to America. With their six children, and in company with a large number of other emigrants, they set sail, but before reaching the shores of the New World John Rothermel died and was buried at sea. The remainder of the family landed at Philadelphia, on Aug. 29, 1730, and in the following year located in the part of Philadelphia county that is now included in the bounds of Berks county.

The children of John Rothermel and Sybilla Zimmerman, his wife, were as follows: Anna Maria, Lawrence, Paul, Peter, John and Christian. Anna Maria, the only daughter and oldest child, before leaving Wachbach, married Peter Fetherolf, and she and her husband, after being in America a brief time, settled in Macungie township, Lehigh county, where they lived out the rest of their days. Lawrence, the oldest son, settled in Windsor township, Berks County, where he married a Miss Kuhns, and rose to be one of the foremost citizens of that section. Paul purchased a large tract of land in Maidencreek township and settled upon it; he married Catharine Maurer and by her had issue five sons and one daughter. Peter became a large land owner in the fertile valley of the Manatawny, where he prospered and raised a a family of four children. John settled in Windsor township, where his older brother, Lawrence, had already located. Christian, the youngest child of the family, purchased a large tract of land in Maiden-creek township, adjoining the property of his brother Paul; he married and had six children, four daughters and two sons.

John Rothermel, the fifth son of John and Sybilla (Zimmerman) Rothermel—as has already been stated—located in Windsor township. He married Mary Seigfreid, who bore him four sons, namely: Abraham, Jacob, Daniel, and John. Jacob, the second of these sons, married twice. At this writing it has not been ascertained who his first wife was, but it is known that she bore him three children, namely: John, Joseph, and a daughter, who married a Fegley. For his second wife he married a Miss Price, who bore him three sons: Jacob, David P. and Simon. David P. Rothermel was born Dec. 31, 1803, in Richmond township, and always lived there. He was a cooper by trade, but during most of his lifetime engaged in farming. He worked hard and prospered, and by industry and frugality acquired a very fine farm. He died Dec. 3, 1885.

David P. Rothermel married Barbara Weiand, who was born Sept. 27, 1801, at Pittsburg, Pa., and who bore him the following children: Eliza, John, David, Lewis W. and Amelia, all of whom were born in Richmond township, and grew to maturity there. Barbara (Weiand) Rothermel died March 11, 1881, and she and her husband are buried in the graveyard of the Lutheran and Reformed Church close to the town of Fleetwood.

Lewis W. Rothermel, the fourth child of David P. and Barbara (Weiand) Rothermel, was born July 24, 1837, in Richmond township. On reaching the years of young manhood he learned the blacksmith's trade and followed that useful calling for eighteen years. He resided in the village of Moselem, where was located one of Berks county's largest furnaces, and where he was occupied principally at repairing the heavy wagons and shoeing the many horses and mules that were used in hauling to and from the furnaces. Eventually the manufacture of iron at Moselem became unprofitable and was abandoned, and with the passing of the furnace and the many large teams that were used in operating it, blacksmithing at that place became unprofitable. Lewis W. Rothermel then gave up the trade at which he had worked hard for eighteen long years, and took to farming on the parental homestead in Richmond township. Here he followed the vocation of farming, and tenderly cared for his aged parents until they passed to their reward. Here he still resides in the enjoyment of the fruits of a well-spent life, and the love and respect of a large circle of friends and neighbors.

Lewis W. Rothermel married Lydia R. Rothermel, a distant relative, a descendant of Paul Rothermel and Catharine Maurer. To them the following children have been born: Amos C., Silas, Samuel, Lydia, Emily, and Lewis and Irene, the last two named being twins. Silas is a practicing attorney in Reading. Samuel is engaged in the lumber trade in Reading. Lydia formerly taught in the public schools, but is now married and devotes all her time to her household. Emily is married. Irene is living with her husband near Fleetwood. Lewis is a physician at Lenhartsville, Pennsylvania.

Amos. C. Rothermel, the subject proper of this sketch, was born at Moselem in Richmond township, Berks county, Jan. 6, 1864. He was the oldest child of the family, and as a lad spent many an hour about his father's blacksmith shop, watching the latter strike the iron while it was hot, and blowing the bellows for him. This was to him an interesting experience at his most impressionable period of life, but the environment did not have the customary effect upon the youth, for he never acquired a desire to learn and engage at his father's trade. Circumstances early turned the course of his life into a different channel. To afford the children of the neighborhood special advantages educationally, the proprietor of the Moselem furnace secured the services of a lady from New England, who was a born teacher and a friend to her pupils as well; who not only taught them their daily lessons but fired them with high ideals and an ambition to know more and achieve greater things. For a period of six years, for ten months of each year, Amos C. Rothermel sat under the beneficent instruction of that teacher, and he has never yet ceased to credit to that fortunate experience his success as a scholar and educator.

Having laid the foundation of his education in the village school at Moselem, he entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Berks county, and, after two years studious application, graduated from that institution. Soon after entering the normal school he turned his attention to teaching, beginning in Richmond township, where he taught successfully for three terms. Subsequently to his graduation he for one year conducted the Polytechnic Institute, at Gilberts, in Monroe County, Pa. In the fall of 1887 he returned to the Kutztown State Normal School for the purpose of preparing himself to take a course of training in a higher institution of learning. Completing his preparatory course in a year's time, he, in the fall of 1888, entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., from which he graduated three years afterward with honor. Upon graduation from college he was elected to the faculty of the Kutztown State Normal School as Professor of Natural Science, a branch to which he had given much hard study, and was especially qualified to teach. His success as an instructor and disciplinarian marked him as a man fit for promotion, and in 1893 he was made vice-principal of the institution, but the duties of that position being only of a perfunctory character, they did not interfere with his duties of the classroom and he continued to hold the chair of Natural Science until in 1899, when he was elected Principal of the institution. His promotion to the principalship gave him the executive management of this large school with all the varied and weighty responsibilities which it involves. This change released him almost entirely from class work and he has since been teaching only such branches as are of a distinctly pedagogical character.

Though comparatively a young man Prof. Rothermel's administration of the Kutztown State Normal School from the very beginning has proved highly successful and satisfactory. He governs principally by conciliatory means, which he has found to answer almost every purpose; for he claims that when students are accorded just and considerate treatment they will almost invariably yield respectful obedience. While his policy of government has been mild it has yet been firm, and under him the institution has kept pace with the general educational progress of our rapidly moving age. Its standard has been raised and its different departments have

been enlarged and improved to meet fully the requirements of the future. Its reputation has grown with its years and it is justly classed as one of the best State normal schools in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On June 30, 1894, Prof. Rothermel married Miss Ada L. Spatz, daughter of John and Catharine (Moyer) Spatz, of Reading, and a lady of refinement and culture, and many excellent social qualities. No children have been born to them, but a bright little girl who has been adopted into their home receives the full measure of parental care and affection. In the matter of religion, Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel are members of the Reformed Church, it being the church of their ancestry through many generations. In politics Mr. Rothermel is a Democrat.

And such is the history of Prof. Amos C. Rothermel, a scholarly gentleman, a successful educator and a worthy representative of one of Berks county's oldest and most distinguished families.

MERKEL. The Merkels, like so many of the substantial and prosperous families of Berks county, Pa., trace their ancestry to the days when religious persecution was rife in France. The name Merkel has been greatly Anglicized. Originally it was variously spelled, the most common forms being Mercklen, Mercklin and Merklen. During the Revocation period in France (I) John Christian Merklen (Markley), born 1678, accompanied his parents to Amsterdam, Holland, whence he emigrated in about 1732 to America, becoming one of the earliest of the Alsatian emigrants to Pennsylvania. He came down into the Maxatawny Valley, and located at Moselem Springs, then Mosillia Creek, in Richmond township, Berks county. He died in 1766, the father of a numerous family, as follows: Peter, whose children were—Christian, Bernhard, Gideon, Catharine, Elizabeth, Sophia, Maria and Esther; George; Christian, who was county commissioner of Berks county from 1767 to 1770; Casper (Gaspard), who in 1771 became a trans-Allegheny pioneer and settled in West Newton, Westmoreland county, where he erceted the first mill west of the mountains, and also a stockade fort for the protection of the frontier settlers (Some of his descendants became prominent men, notably his son, Gen. Joseph Markley, 1777-1868, who was for many years prominent in business and political affairs in Western Pennsylvania, being in 1844, the Whig candidate for Governor, and defeated by his opponent, Francis R. Shunk, by a small majority); Catherine Stover; Franklina Rough; Mary Hill; Anna Maria Kramer; and Anna Lena. John Christian Merklen had considerable means when he emigrated. As early as May 7, 1734, he took up 150 acres of land, and six years later, April 23, 1740, he took up another patent of 150 acres, and again July 9, 1741, a patent of fifty acres, all in that section of Richmond township, known as the "Flat." On Nov. 16, 1751, he conveyed 175 acres of land in the "Flat" to his son George, "for the natural love and affection and for other considerations, and five pounds of current money of Pennsylvania to him in hand given."

There were three other pioneer settlers of the name who came over somewhat later than John Christian, and settled in the same township on adjoining lands. They were his kinsmen, possibly brothers, and their names were: Johan Nicholaus, Heinrich and Johan Georg. Deeds on record show that Nicholaus in 1759 sold land to Georg, who later sold it to his son Daniel, and he in turn in 1843 to his son John. In 1757 Johan Georg Mercklen was a witness to a land transaction between Nicholaus Merklen, et al. From tradition it appears that John Christian, Johan Nicholaus, Johan Georg and Heinrich were brothers, but those who would know definitely have passed away. It is family tradition that about 1742 when the Mercklens came on horseback from "The Flat" in Richmond township to explore the land along the waters of the Moselem, there were many wild geese along the waters, it being their hatching time, and that these geese attacked the pioneers, who had pitched their tents in the locality, and made an evening meal on goose eggs.

(II) George Mercklen (Merkel), son of John Christian, became one of the earliest settlers in Upper Berks county. His will bears the date Oct. 3, 1778, and it was probated Feb. 24, 1779, his death occurring some time between those two dates. In the will he stated he was "old in years." It was written by him, with a goose quill, in good English and in clear legible handwriting. Items in this document were: "Ample provision for my beloved wife," "Equitable distribution of my estate, personal and real, among my children," "The proper education of my children," "The two sarvers (slaves) Michael and Elizabeth Grof, to be disposed of as follows: Elizabeth shall remain on the old homestead with my beloved wife and son Casper until son Daniel shall arrive at twenty-one years of age, when he shall possess that property and Casper shall have Michael and the mill property, and the 200 acres of land belonging thereto" (located at Moselem in Richmond township). The slaves went with the property, greatly enhancing its value. Casper and Christian were executors of their father's vast estate. With others of his kin George Mercklen owned fully 1,300 acres of land around Moselem. On June 19, 1753, he took up sixty-three acres of land by patent, from Thomas and Richard Penn. In 1767 George Mercklen and his wife Catherine built at Moselem a large two and one-half story stone mansion, which is still standing in a good state of preservation. In the cornice in the front of the house is a big sandstone which bears the names of the builders and the date of erection. To George and his wife were born children: Casper, Christian, Catharine, Magdalena, Christina, Anna Elizabeth, Rebecca and Daniel.

(III) Casper Merkel, son of George, lived at Moselem, in Richmond township, owning and operating Merkel's mill, the first one being built by his father in 1749, the second by himself in 1796, and the present one in 1854 by Samuel Merkel, a grandson of Casper. Casper Merkel was prominent in public life and rendered great service to his county, State and country, being county commissioner from 1801 to 1804, a soldier of the Revolution and being officially connected with the Berks county militia. His brother Christian froze to death in Heinrich Heffner's arms while both were confined in a church used as a prison in New Jersey, during the Revolution. Casper Merkel was buried at Moselem Church, and a high sandstone marks his last resting place, the inscription thereon being now effaced by the elements. The grave is located about fifteen feet from the northeast corner of the old eight-cornered church, the foundation of which is still intact. Casper Merkel married Blandina Hottenstein, of Maxatawny township, and to them were born six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Jacob; Benjamin m. Catharine Sheradin, and had two sons, George (who conducted the Lenhartsville furnace and whose children were: Benjamin, Wilson, James, Emma, wife of the late Rev. B. Weiss, and Florenda, wife of George Huey) and William (who had sons Rash and Daniel, of Reading); Hannah m. Stanley Kirby; Maria m. John Schwoyer; Elizabeth m. George Dreibelbis; and Solomon died in 1829, the father of Jacob, William (who had a son Solomon), Maria, Sarah, Hannah, Catharine and George (father of Gideon and Sarah).

(IV) Jacob Merkel, son of Casper, was a life long farmer at Moselem, where he had a tract of 200 acres. He was a large and powerful man, being six feet and three inches tall, and possessed of great strength. Like all members of the family he was a Democrat, and took great interest in the success of the party. With his family he attended Dunkel's church. He married Catharine Kershner, daughter of Conrad and Kate (Reeser) Kershner, farming people of Perry township, and to this union were born: Jacob, who settled at Boyertown and reared a large family; John; Samuel, who was county treasurer from 1867 to 1869; Mary, m. to John Kauffman; Elizabeth, m. to Elijah Moyer; Hannah, m. to Jacob Leibensperger; Hettie, m. to Joel Hoch; Sarah, m. to Joseph Miller; and Susanna, m. to William Rahn.

(V) John Merkel, son of Jacob, was born in Richmond township, in 1805, and for some years was a farmer in

Windsor township, but later he purchased a farm of 180 acres of good land in Greenwich township, near Dunkel's Church, where he lived until his death. He was a well known man in his day, and like his father was of large physical proportions. At the time of his death he was an official of New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church. He married Esther Dunkel, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Dreibelbis) Dunkel, and they became the parents of the following children: William D.; Caroline, m. to Charles Cline; Maria, who died young; Hettie, m. to Jacob Christ; John, who died aged thirty-seven years; Jacob, born 1836, m. to Lucy Ann Fisher; Samuel, m. to Amelia Dietrich; Hannah, m. to William Raubenhold; Susanna, who died aged thirty-seven years; Thomas D., m. to Louisa Sunday; and James L., m. to Sally Stein.

(VI) William D. Merkel, son of John and Esther (Dunkel), was born on his father's farm in Greenwich township, Sept. 26, 1829, and his education was obtained in the pay schools of the day. He has been a lifelong farmer, with the exception of from 1856 to 1864, when he was engaged in a mercantile business at Virginville. In 1864 he purchased a farm near Hamburg, on which he resided until 1874, and in this year bought the well known property near St. Paul's (Smoke) Church. This is exceedingly valuable, being one of the best locations in the township, and it contained 161 acres, adorned with large, substantial buildings, and supplied with fine Blue Mountain water. In 1899 Mr. Merkel retired from active life, and since that time has lived quietly on the homestead. After his retirement his son Melville conducted the farm for a time, but it is now carried on by Albert, Melville living with his father-in-law in the same township. Mr. Merkel is a Democrat, and from 1880 to 1886 served Windsor township as school director, later being auditor for some years. He and his family are consistent members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which he has been trustee for many years.

On Nov. 10, 1855, Mr. Merkel married Mary Magdalena Dreibelbis, daughter of William Dreibelbis, of Richmond township. To this union were born the following children: Louisa, m. to Alfred K. Dietrich; Oscar, m. to Mary Dietrich; Annabella, m. to Joel Dietrich; John, m. to Ellen Schlenker; Sarah, deceased wife of Samuel Rentschler; Wilson W., m. to Lizzie T. Heffner; Mary, m. to David Wartzenluff; Hettie, m. to George Hollenbach; George, a bank clerk in New York, m. to Minnie Albright; Albert, m. to Amy Faust; and Melville, m. to Lizzie Hepner.

(VII) Wilson W. Merkel, son of William D. and Mary Magdalena (Dreibelbis), was born in Windsor township, Oct. 10, 1868, and is now engaged in farming at Krumsville, this county, where he owns a fine farm of sixty acres. In 1902 he erected a substantial bank barn. The house is comparatively new, and stands in the midst of a well kept lawn. Mr. Merkel is a stanch Democrat, and is active in public affairs, at the present time being a member of the Greenwich school board. With his family he attends Bethel's Zion Lutheran Church at Grimville.

In 1892 Mr. Merkel married Lizzie T. Heffner, who was born in 1872, daughter of Jacob S. and Amaia (Schlenker) Heffner. To this union have been born three children: Florence B., born March 28, 1894; Harvey A., Dec. 22, 1896; and Elsie E., Aug. 19, 1900.

In paternal lines Mrs. Merkel is a direct descendant of Andreas Haeffner, of Eberstadt, Germany, whose son Heinrich, born about 1725, emigrated to America Sept. 17, 1749. On Nov. 28, 1752, Heinrich Haeffner m. Maria Eva Kelchner, daughter of Matthäus Kelchner. Their son, Hans Georg Haeffner, born June 10, 1757, m. Maria Hummel (born Oct. 16, 1759, died Jan. 24, 1848), and died April 4, 1818. Jacob Heffner, son of Hans Georg and Maria (Hummel), born June 29, 1781, m. Anna Margaret ("Beckie") Dietrich (born Jan. 1, 1787, died July 14, 1838), and died Sept. 13, 1867. Their son, Jacob Heffner, born Sept. 20, 1814, died Oct. 13, 1880; he m. Anna Spohn (born July 20, 1819, died April 24, 1889), and among their children was Jacob S. Heffner, father of Mrs. Merkel. Jacob S. Heffner m. Amaia Schlenker, daughter of Reuben and Anna (Fisher) Schlenker, who are buried at Grimville, Pa. To bless this union came children as follows: Sarah A., born 1868, m. Daniel Moyer, and is deceased; Katie C. born 1870, m. George W. Weida; and Lizzie T., born 1872, m. Wilson W. Merkel.

(VI) Jacob D. Merkel, son of John and Esther (Dunkel), was born in 1836, near Dunkel's Church, and was reared to farming, a vocation he followed all his life. He began for himself in Maxatawny township, where he owned 137 acres, and there he died in 1896. He was a man of fine physique and remarkable energy, and he was very successful in all his undertakings. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and for many years served as school director. He was an official member of Maxatawny Zion's Union Church, and gave liberally toward the erection of the new church in 1890, besides hauling without charge for services 10,100 bricks from Kutztown to be used in its construction. He married Lucy Ann Fisher, daughter of Daniel K. Fisher, and sister of county commissioner Samuel Fisher. They became the parents of the following children: Louisa, who died aged twenty-one years; Irwin H., of Bath, Pa.; John E.; Nicholas, of Allentown; Mary, m. to Daniel Weaver; Thomas F., of Allentown; and Esther, m. to Lewis Rothermel, of Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

(VII) John E. Merkel, son of Jacob D., now the proprietor of "Merkel's Inn," at Reading, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Aug. 11, 1865. He was brought up on the home farm, where he remained until he was seventeen, and then he went to Virginville, Pa., to clerk in the coal and lumber office of F. F. Dreibelbis, remaining there for four years. The next seventeen years were passed in Royersford, Pa., clerking in different stores there. On Oct. 14, 1907, he came to Reading and purchased the fixtures and good will of Thomas Godfrey, at Tenth and Muhlenberg streets, and he has since been conducting that hotel with great success. Socially he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Castle No. 99, K. G. E., both of Royersford. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion, with his family, he attends the Lutheran Church. He married Emma George, daughter of Jacob and Julia (Billig) George, of Greenwich township. They have one son, J. Samuel, a meter maker at Royersford.

(VI) Thomas D. Merkel, son of John and Esther (Dunkel), was born June 13, 1849, and was a lifelong farmer in Greenwich township, where he died March 9, 1899. His farm which consisted of 170 acres of very fertile land, lay a quarter of a mile south of Dunkel's Church, and a mile north of Virginville. He built the present house in 1870, and an addition ten years later. In 1869 he married Louisa Sunday, born in 1851, died in 1900, daughter of George and Catharine (Siegfried) Sunday. Both Thomas D. Merkel and his wife Louisa are buried at New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church. Their children were: Elwood S., born Feb. 3, 1870; George E., born Feb. 20, 1871, m. Katie Seidel, and died leaving one daughter; Richard, born 1872, died aged six; Titus S., born 1873; Mahlon T., born 1875; James W., born 1877, m. Laura A. Adams; Jacob A., born 1879, died aged thirteen; Chester S., born 1881, m. Katie Adam; Mary H., born 1882; Katie C., born 1883, died in infancy; Lizzie S., born 1884, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is now engaged in teaching; and Harvey E., born 1885. George and Catharine (Siegfried) Sunday had five children, namely: Louisa, m. to Thomas D. Merkel; Christian; George; John; and Mary, m. to J. Hoffenden. George Sunday, the father, is buried at Zion's Church.

(VII) Titus S. Merkel, son of Thomas D. and Louisa, was born in 1873 in Greenwich township, on the farm adjoining his present home. He is a good practical agriculturist, and is winning success in his chosen calling. He married Clara D. Kerchner, born in 1879, daughter of Landis and Brehitta (Balthauser) Kerchner, the latter a daughter of John Balthauser. They have one child, Verna C., born Oct. 24, 1904. Mr. Merkel is a Democrat, and while taking a keen interest in his party's success has no desire to hold office. He and his wife belong to New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church.

(III) Daniel Merkel, son of George and grandson of John Christian, was born in Richmond township. He became a large land owner, and is said to have had two of the finest farms in the entire township, located in the "Flat", about two miles east of Moselem Spring, one of which is now owned by Franklin D. Heffner, a prominent citizen, and the other by John Merkel, a grandson. Daniel Merkel m. a Miss Christ, and their children were: John Jacob; Benjamin; John; Isaac; Daniel (2); Solomon, who settled in Brecknock township, Berks county; William; Catharine, m. to John Schollenberger; and Mrs. George Schaeffer.

(IV) Daniel Merkel (2), son of Daniel, was born in Richmond township, Dec. 22, 1798, and died Nov. 29, 1868, and was buried at Zion's Union Church in Maxatawny. He was always a farmer. Soon after his marriage he located in Maxatawny township, where he owned the farm now owned by his son Elias. He was a member of Zion Church, which he served as deacon and elder. The family lot in the cemetery there has a massive monument. Daniel Merkel (2) married Maria Sell, born 1802, died 1877, and their children were: Catharine, who died unmarried; Matilda, m. to Jonathan Clauser; Ann, m. to John Stern; and Elias.

(V) Elias Merkel, son of Daniel (2), was born Nov. 22, 1833, and is now living retired near Topton. He was familiar with farming from childhood, and on reaching mature years made it his occupation. He retired in 1891, but still lives on his farm, in a part of the large house. There are 124 acres in the farm. Mr. Merkel built the barn 40 x 100 feet, in 1873. He greatly altered the house, adding many modern conveniences. In politics Mr. Merkel is a Democrat, and has been school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of Maxatawny Zion Church, in which for some years he was a deacon and for twenty-five has been elder. On Nov. 20, 1855, Mr. Merkel married Alinda De Long, born April 5, 1834, daughter of David and Anna (Bieber) De Long, of near Bowers. She died Dec. 27, 1901. Their five children were: Andora, who married Henry H. Yoder, of Oley, and died Jan. 15, 1903; Louisa, who married Oscar O. Sell, of Kutztown, and died Jan. 26, 1903; Edwin D., who married Annie G. Trexler, has a son Charles E., and is now living retired at Lyons; Ida, wife of Alvin J. Miller, of Topton, and mother of Harvey J.; and Annie, who married William L. Schaeffer, and they live with Mr. Merkel.

(IV) John Jacob Merkel, son of Daniel, was born in 1793, and he became a farmer and extensive land owner in Richmond township, where he died in 1862. He is buried at Fleetwood. He married Elizabeth Sharadin, daughter of Peter Sharadin. She died in 1875, in her seventy-eighth year. Their children were: Esther, m. to Philip Schaeffer, of Fleetwood; Elizabeth, m. to Peter Kieffer, of Lyons; William S.; Jacob, born 1822, a prosperous farmer of Richmond; Maria, who married Joel Hoch, of Fleetwood; Joshua, a retired farmer at Kutztown; and James, who married Mary Kelchner, of Fleetwood. All are now deceased except Joshua.

(V) William S. Merkel, son of John Jacob, was born Oct. 20, 1820, and he became the owner of a fine farm of 133 acres one-half mile east of Moselem. He followed farming during a long and successful life, and he died March 29, 1880. He married Esther H. Dunkel, daughter of John and Eliza (Hill) Dunkel, of Maiden-creek township, and they had children as follows: Emma L., born in 1848, married John K. Biehl, a carpenter in Richmond township, and is now deceased; Mary, born in 1852, married Gustavus Dreibelbis, of Virginville; John D., born in 1855, was killed by falling from a straw stack Oct. 14, 1907; Howard D., born in 1858, resides in the borough of Kutztown; and Sarah, born in 1860, married Adam Freehaver, of Reading.

Mrs. Esther H. (Dunkel) Merkel survived her husband many years, and passed to her reward Feb. 24, 1908, at the age of eighty-two. She was well known and greatly beloved throughout the township. She was a member (Reformed) and active worker in St. Peter's (Becker's Church in Richmond, and there her burial took place.

(V) Jacob Merkel, son of John Jacob, born Oct. 25, 1822, was a prosperous farmer in Richmond township, where he owned a farm of 132 acres, now the property of Edwin S. Kutz. Within a year of his death Mr. Merkel erected the present substantial barn. He died Jan 1, 1869, and was buried in Fairview cemetery, Kutztown. He married Amelia Schwartz, of Trexlertown, born Oct. 19, 1831, and she died Oct. 9, 1901. Their children were: Frank lives at Fleetwood; Elmira (born June 23, 1855, died July 28, 1875) m. Frank Adam, of Fleetwood, and had two children, Edward and Henry (deceased); Jacob, a school teacher, later engaged in a mercantile business at Yellow House, Pa.; Wilson C. and Milton R. (of Maiden-creek township) are twins; Alfred S. is a policeman in Allentown, Pa.; Sarah m. Solomon Rothermel, of Half Way House; Miss Hannah is at Allentown; and Miss Annie is in Maiden-creek township.

(VI) Wilson C. Merkel, son of Jacob, was born March 23, 1858. He was educated in the public schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and his training at home was along agricultural lines. He learned the miller's trade and was in the milling business at Circleville, Ohio, where he lived nine years from 1887, and was most successful. He returned to Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1896, and located at Kutztown, where he has since made his home. In 1905 he erected a cosy cottage on Park avenue for his home. Since their return East Mr. Merkel and his wife have spent a great deal of time in travel, having passed a year in the West, visiting California, New Mexico and other interesting points. Mr. Merkel was obliged to give up the mill business as the dust was affecting his health.

On Sept. 26, 1886, Mr. Merkel married Fannie E. Heffner, daughter of the late George and Mary (Spohn) Heffner, of Mill creek, in Maxatawny township. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kutztown, in which Mr. Merkel has been a deacon since 1899. Both he and his wife are active in church and philanthropic work, and are highly esteemed by all who know them.

(V) Joshua Merkel, son of John Jacob, was born in Richmond township July 7, 1828. For a few months each winter he attended the pay school in the neighborhood, and the remainder of the time he devoted to farm work, continuing at home until he was twenty-eight years of age. He then became a tenant farmer in Richmond township, and after some years purchased a valuable farm of eighty-eight acres, located one-half mile from Moselem church. This he cultivated until his removal to Kutztown, where he has lived retired ever since, making his home with his son, Zacharias K. In 1855 Jacob Merkel married Matilda Kemp, daughter of George Kemp, and she died in 1896. Two children were born of this union: Amanda, m. to John De Turk, of Kutztown; and Zacharias.

(VI) Zacharias K. Merkel, son of Joshua and Matilda, and present proprietor of the "Maxatawny Hotel," in Maxatawny township, was born April 1, 1861, in Richmond township. He attended the public schools near his home, and in 1872 went to the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, where he studied in all three terms. He gave his services to his parents until he attained his majority. At the age of twenty-three he went to Reading, and there attended the Reading Academy and Business College under Prof. D. B. Brunner, preparing himself for the business world. He graduated in 1885, and became a clerk in August Frame's cigar store, at the corner of Sixth and Penn streets, and there he remained several years. For one year he clerked in a shoe factory in Reading. About 1889 he came to Kutztown, and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, also conducting a cigar store on Main street, continuing in this line for about ten years. For five years he clerked in the general store of Oscar D. Merkel, and for three years tended bar at the "Pennsylvania Hotel," at Kutztown. In the spring of 1907 he became proprietor of the "Maxatawny Hotel," and this he

has conducted with constantly increasing success. In politics Mr. Merkel is a Democrat, and has been a delegate to different county conventions. With his family he attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

In October, 1892, Mr. Merkel married Kate Michael, daughter of Paul Michael, of Kutztown, and they have three children: Luther P., Viola C. and Flora L.

ELWOOD SOLON MERKEL, of Windsor township, Berks county, was born Feb. 3, 1870, in the township which is at present his place of residence, but his early years were all spent in Greenwich township, where his father's farm lay. His parents were Thomas D. and Louisa (Sunday) Merkel.

Mr. Merkel attended the schools in Greenwich township till he had completed the course of study offered there, and then entered the Keystone State Normal. He remained there three terms and prepared himself to take a teacher's position. In the fall of 1889 he secured Sunday's school, in Windsor township, and conducted it successfully two full terms. But in 1891 he gave up this work and turned his attention toward farming, making that his occupation ever since. He began on Dr. P. K. Dreibelbis' farm at Dreibelbis Station, but after two years there he moved to his grandfather's place, the Sunday farm, and worked there one year. The following nine years were spent on a farm belonging to his father in Perry township, and then Mr. Merkel moved to the farm which he now occupies.

The property purchased by Mr. Merkel includes seventy acres, on which there is an excellent water supply. Since buying it, he has greatly improved the place and has transformed it into one of the best farms in that district. It is largely a dairy farm and Mr. Merkel operates a milk route to Hamburg, supplying the best citizens of that place with his products. He owns twenty-four cows and his sales average 54,600 quarts of milk annually. In 1904 he added a poultry business, going into it on quite an extensive scale. He sells his eggs in the retail market, largely among his milk customers. He has built a large hen house, most admirably arranged, and now has about 400 hens, most of them Buff Leghorns. Mr. Merkel's success, based on good judgment and intelligent effort, combined with economy and thrifty methods, has been well-deserved and his example is an encouraging one to all young farmers. He has been active politically also, supporting the Democratic party, has served his district as assessor since 1905, and as roadmaster since the spring of 1906. The position of school director was likewise offered him but it was declined.

On Dec. 7, 1890, Mr. Merkel married Miss Isadora Seidel, daughter of Henry G. and Emma (Balthaser) Seidel. To this union have been born a son and a daughter: Floyd Milton, who is attending the Pennsylvania State College, taking the Agricultural Course; and Edna Elmira.

WELLINGTON B. KRICK, wholesale liquor dealer of Reading, and until recently the proprietor of the Bissinger Cafe, the best appointed and most popular cafe in Reading, was born Sept. 10, 1858, in Sinking Spring, Berks county, son of John and Elizabeth (Barnes) Krick.

Frantz Krick, the great-grandfather of Wellington B. Krick, on coming to America settled in Berks county, Pa., and his land has now been in the family for two hundred years. Peter Krick, son of Frantz, married and lived in Berks county. His son, John, father of Wellington B., was born in Spring township, and died in Reading, in 1901, aged sixty-seven years. He was a miller by trade. He married Elizabeth Barnes, born at Adamstown, who died aged seventy years, eighteen days before her husband. A sister of hers still survives, aged eighty-eight years. The children of John and Elizabeth Krick were nine in number, the survivors being as follows: Mary m. Joseph Bellman, of Reading; Rosie m. Charles Gring, of Camden, N. J., owner of tugboats and barges on the Delaware river; Ellen m. Edwin Lengel, a machinist of Reading; Hannah m. Daniel Baer, a farmer of Berks county; Wellington B. is mentioned below. The deceased children were: Francis, who died in infancy; George, who died aged eight years; Henry, who was accidentally killed while crossing railroad tracks, just seven weeks after his marriage, aged thirty years; and Sallie, who died aged ten years.

Wellington B. Krick attended the public schools until he was nine years old, at that age going on a farm, where he continued to work until he was twelve. His father then moved to Birdsboro and the lad found work in the Brooke nail factory, where he remained two years. He was then employed by George W. Hain, in a grocery business, for a year, after which he spent a year on a farm in Muhlenberg township. His next employer was William Clyman, with whom he remained for two and a half years, and then he went back to farming, working seven years for Thomas Moyer.

Mr. Krick came to Reading Jan. 13, 1879, and for thirteen months and two weeks worked with Augustus Hassler, as a waiter in a restaurant at the Washington Library, Penn street, entering the employ of Capt. Philip Bissinger Feb. 22, 1880. He remained with this employer for sixteen years, during the last four years of which period he was the superintendent of the restaurant. On Jan. 1, 1895, he became proprietor of this popular cafe, having the largest business of the kind in the city. His patrons averaged eight hundred daily, and there are accommodations for 1,200. His long experience made him a fine caterer, and his services were in request on all festive occasions in the city during his connection with the restaurant business. In 1908 he sold the cafe to Aaron Brownmiller for $107,000 and he is now devoting his attention to the wholesale liquor trade, having bought out William C. Yoder. His place of business is at No. 635 Penn street, Reading.

Mr. Krick married April 6, 1886, Emma S. Shepp, the estimable daughter of John Shepp, a farmer living north of Reading. They have had four children, namely: Elnora died aged nine years; Philip died aged five years; George died aged thirteen months; Estella, a graduate of the Reading high school, class of 1908, who spent one year at the National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Washington, D. C., is now her father's valued assistant, looking after the books, and in other ways proving herself a capable business woman. The family home is at No. 109 North Fourth street.

Mr. Krick is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has reached the thirty-second degree; he belongs to Teutonia Blue Lodge, No. 367; Excelsior Chapter, No. 42; Harrisburg Commandery, K. T.; the Consistory; the Scottish Rite; and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine. For twenty-eight years he has been a member of Camp No. 61, P. O. S. of A., which is the oldest P. O. S. of A. Camp in the State and the only one which did not disband during the war of the Rebellion. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., besides which he is a valued member of the Reading Press Club and the Reading Board of Trade. He is interested in the Southwestern Electric Railway Company, of which he is a director, and he is also a director of the Murphy-Parker Company, book-binders of Philadelphia.

In politics Mr. Krick is a Republican, but he has always declined office of a political nature. He is a member of the Second Reformed Church of Alsace, and is a very liberal supporter of all its various benevolent enterprises.

No resident and few visitors to Reading were ignorant of the really fine accommodations offered at the Bissinger Cafe during Mr. Krick's proprietorship, and in this connection he was best known. He gave regular employment to thirty people, his patronage came from the most fastidious citizens of both sexes, and the appointments and comforts of the establishment compare favorably with those of much larger cities. Mr. Krick was a careful, solicitous and genial host. In this connection he naturally made an unusually wide circle of acquaintances, but aside from any popularity due to his prominence in this line he has been one of the best and most favorably known men in his section of Pennsylvania for years. His standing is unquestioned and well deserved.

CHARLES PHILIP MUHLENBERG was born at Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 24, 1838, fifth son of Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg. His education was begun at home, but he also attended the common schools of his native city, and in 1853 entered the sophomore class at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, graduating from that institution in 1856. He began the study of law with Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., of Lancaster, and concluded his legal studies in the office of J. Pringle Jones, being admitted to the Berks county Bar in 1859, from which time until the opening of the Civil war, he practiced his profession in Reading. In April, 1861, he became a member of the Ringgold Light Artillery. The following month he was commissioned as first lieutenant in the 5th United States Artillery Regiment, and served as an officer of artillery during the whole of the war. He received the brevet of captain for services in the Peninsular campaign; received the brevet of major for gallant conduct at the battle of Antietam; was in the campaign of the Wilderness and of Petersburg under General Grant, and resigned from the army at the close of 1867 to resume the practice of his profession in Reading. He died in January, 1872, at the early age of thirty-four years.

GUSTAV A. ENDLICH, LL. D., law writer and jurist, was born Jan. 29, 1856, in Lower Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., son of John and Emma N. (Miller) Endlich.

John Endlich was a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany (born March 30, 1819), and received a thorough education, embracing also a special training in music, for which art he evinced both original talent and early predilection. For a time he held a position in the government department of forestry, and in 1839 emigrated to America, locating in the city of Reading, Pa., where for some years he taught music and engaged in musical composition. His works in the department of sacred music, to which at a later period he devoted more especial attention, received highly favorable recognition both here and abroad, and were extensively employed in the liturgy and service of the Lutheran Church. In his political faith he was a Democrat of the old school, and in earlier life participated actively in various local and State campaigns of that party. In 1857 he was appointed by President Buchanan United States Consul to Basle, Switzerland, which post he held for four years. He married, in 1845, Emma N. (born April 15, 1819), daughter of the Rev. Jacob Miller, D. D., who was for forty-two years a prominent minister of the Lutheran Church, and from 1829 until his death, in 1850, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading. The children of this marriage who survived to maturity were: Emma A., Frederick M. and Gustav A., all of whom shared the intellectuality of the parents. Miss Emma Endlich is possessed of marked literary talent, which she has employed principally in the interests of the publications of the Lutheran Church, a number of her translations from the German and Swedish literature attesting her skill and proficiency in a department of labor to which she has devoted many years of her active and useful life. The late Frederick M. Endlich, who died in 1899, held the degree of Doctor of Natural Sciences from the University at Tübingen; was a specialist in mineralogy and geology, and for some years immediately previous to his death was engaged in that profession in New Mexico, California and Arizona.

During the interval between 1866 and 1872 Mr. John Endlich resided with his family in Germany, in order to give his sons the benefit of a thorough preliminary training in the schools of Stuttgart, Tübingen and Darmstadt. Distinguished for the purity of his life, the amiability of his character and the grace and dignity of his manners, he spent the evening of his days in retirement at his handsome country seat near Reading, his death occurring Jan. 18, 1892, when well advanced in the seventy-third year of his age. His estimable wife, a lady of superior intellectual endowments, survived him until Sept. 14, 1899, dying at the age of eighty.

Having enjoyed the advantages of the training of the foreign schools mentioned, Gustav A. Endlich, the youngest son, upon the return of his family from Germany in 1872, entered Princeton University, where his aptitude and diligence in his studies attracted the favorable notice of the faculty, and secured for him first honors of his class in his junior year. He graduated with distinction in 1875, and in the same year began the study of law in the office of George F. Baer, Esq., a leading practitioner of the Berks County Bar, and was admitted to practice Nov. 12, 1877. In the following year the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. He was later admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and in 1887 to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

His inclination to legal authorship was early developed, and in 1882 he published his first work, "The Law of Building Associations in the United States"—a volume of about seven hundred pages, of which he issued in 1895 a revised edition. The work has been recognized as standard authority upon the subject of which it treats, and has frequently been cited with approval by the highest courts in Pennsylvania and other States. This was followed in 1884 by a treatise on "The Law of Affidavits of Defense in Pennsylvania," which received equally favorable endorsement by the courts of the State, and in 1885 by two volumes of the Decisions of the Honorable Warren J. Woodward, President Judge of the several Courts of Berks County from 1861 to 1874, and subsequently an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In 1888 Mr. Endlich published his most considerable work, which more than any other has contributed to the reputation of the learned author. This was the "Commentaries on the Interpretation of Statutes," a volume of between eight hundred and nine hundred pages, containing citations of upwards of eight thousand decided cases in illustration of the text. It is received as a leading authority in the courts throughout the country, and is not unknown to the profession in England, eliciting high commendation from Bench and Bar for its accuracy and completeness. In 1889, in association with Louis Richards, Esq., a fellow member of the Berks County Bar, likewise engaged in the literary line of the profession, he issued a treatise upon "The Rights and Liabilities of Married Women in Pennsylvania," a work mainly devoted to the elucidation of the then recent Act of Assembly of 1887, which materially enlarged the contractual powers of femes covert with respect to their separate property. With few exceptions the theories and opinions advanced by the authors upon questions arising for the first time in Pennsylvania subsequently received the approval of the Supreme and lower Courts.

The manifest qualifications of Mr. Endlich for the judicial office procured for him in the fall of 1889 the Democratic nomination, over a number of able and energetic competitors, to the position of Additional Law Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Twenty-third (Berks) Judicial District. Elected at the general election of that year, he entered upon the duties of the office in January, 1890, for the term of ten years. Such was the general acceptability with which he discharged his official duties that upon the expiration of his term he was renominated and reelected, receiving at that time the compliment of an endorsement by the Republican party. Upon the decease, in August, 1908, of his colleague, the Hon. James N. Ermentrout, President Judge of the District, Judge Endlich was commissioned as his successor for the balance of his term. At the primary election in June, 1909, he was nominated for President Judge for the ensuing term of ten years from the first Monday of January, 1910, his election being regarded as a foregone conclusion.

During his twenty years' service upon the Bench his administration has been characterized throughout by unremitting industry, marked ability and official independence—qualities which have secured for him not only the general approbation of the Bar and people of his constituency, but a high reputation as a jurist throughout the State. No member of the Common Pleas Bench, it may be asserted, ranks higher as an authority in the law, or excels him in application to business, celerity of method, and quick apprehension of the point at issue. His written opinions,

now numbering upwards of one thousand, are models of research, accuracy and completeness, and contain much material of permanent value in the elucidation of the respective subjects considered. The large proportion of his decisions which have been affirmed by the Supreme and Superior Courts—many of them without comment other than unqualified endorsement—attest the general soundness of his judicial conclusions. By request of his judicial brethren in other districts, he has frequently presided in the courts of various counties of the State, in some instances for entire terms for the despatch of accumulated business, and in others to supply casual vacancies.

In addition to his official labors, Judge Endlich has found time to prepare and deliver addresses upon various topics of the law before law schools and Bar Associations in different parts of the State, many of which have appeared in the legal periodicals. An address upon the Law of Expert Testimony read before the Pennsylvania Bar Association at its annual meeting in July, 1898, attracted much attention from the profession at large as a scholarly and suggestive elucidation of a difficult subject. In 1903 he delivered the Commencement address before the law school of Dickinson College, and was honored with the degree of LL. D. by that institution. For several years immediately succeeding his first election he was editor of the Criminal Law Magazine and Reporter. In 1905 he was elected president of the Pennsylvania German Society, and in 1906, president of the board of trustees of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, whose degree of Doctor of Laws he had received in 1898. At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association in July, 1909, he was accorded the distinguished honor of an election to the presidency of that body—a position which has been filled successively by many eminent lawyers and jurists of the State.

In his political faith Judge Endlich is a Democrat, and previous to his election to the Bench participated actively in the affairs of that party. As a judge, it need hardly be said, he is influenced by no considerations of partisanship or favoritism, his impartiality being as distinguishing a feature of his official administration as his ability. In his church connection he is a Lutheran, having served for some years as an elder of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, and a member of the executive committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking an active part in local organizations for the promotion of associated charities and social reform. Upright in character and life he possesses the personal respect and esteem of all classes of the community. He married in 1883, Amy Duffield, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and of their four children two daughters are living.

NATHAN KUNKEL, the only survivor of his father's family, now residing on the original Kunkel homestead near Wessnersville, was born May 8, 1830. He is well known in Albany township, where he is one of the largest taxpayers, and now in his declining years is enjoying life.

The Kunkels were among the pioneer families in Albany township, Berks county. The family was founded there by (I) Georg Kunkel (also spelled Kunckell and Kungel), a native of Germany, who located there some time prior to 1754, and it appears that he reared a large family. In Rupp's History of Berks County his name appears on the list of taxables of 1756, as "George Kunckell." In 1759, according to Montgomery's History of Berks County (1886), his name is listed as George Kungel; in this latter year he paid a tax of £6. At the Kunkel homestead is an old grandfather's clock that bears the date of 1772. It was brought into the house at the same time the house was being built, and is the workmanship of George Miller, of Germantown. It has kept good time all these years. On the brass face appear the letters "I. G. K." Georg Kunkel lived where now resides Nathan Kunkel, near Wessnersville. This tract has been in the family name since about 1754. Georg Kunkel was a farmer, and since his time his farm has been divided and sub-divided. His land at one time included all the upper end of Stony Run. He is buried at Wessnersville. His children were: George and Peter.

(II) George Kunkel, son of Georg, had these children: George Michael, John Adam (born May 8, 1792, died April 11, 1860; m. Magdalena, born Aug. 17, 1792, died May 19, 1844), Andraes, Jacob, and Sally (m. John Wagaman).

(III) George Michael Kunkel, born Aug. 4, 1789, died Jan. 25, 1862. After the death of his father he became the owner of the old homestead, which was divided into three farms, George Michael receiving 155 acres, John Adam sixty acres, and John Wagaman twenty acres. George Michael Kunkel married Regina Krohn, born June 11, 1790, died Jan. 12, 1866. They had children: Benjamin, born 1810, died 1890; Elizabeth, born 1815, died 1884; Salome m. Adam Lynn; Polly (Maria), born 1825, died 1874; Samuel, born Nov. 1, 1827, died April 2, 1903; Nathan, born May 8, 1830, is living and the owner of the old homestead; Michael, born Sept. 9, 1835, died April 2, 1907. Salome was the only one of this family that married. The other six children remained unmarried and lived on the farm now occupied by Nathan Kunkel, who is now the only survivor of the family. He erected a large monument in the cemetery at Wessnersville, where so many of his family rest.

(II) Peter Kunkel, son of Georg the pioneer, born Dec. 20, 1774, in Albany township, died Oct. 28, 1830. After his marriage he moved to Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he engaged in farming and also operated a distillery on his farm. Later he lived near Wessnersville, where he owned a tract of 275 acres, which is now owned by a descendant, Charles Kunkel. All the land in upper Stony Run was once in the name of this family. In 1797 Peter Kunkel married Maria Magdalena Rausch, born Nov. 10, 1778, died April 12, 1846. They had fourteen children, eleven of whom survived their parents (sixteen grandchildren also surviving). Among these children were: Daniel (mentioned elsewhere), David, Andraes, Benjamin, Joseph, Peter, Polly (m. Jacob Elbert), Catharine (m. John Dietrich) and Sophia.

(III) Joseph Kunkel (son of Peter, son of the pioneer) was born in Lynn township, Lehigh county, but in the spring of 1825 he came across the line into Berks county, settling in Albany township, where he owned and operated a grist and saw mill, and followed farming. His mill stood in the Stony Run, and to this day is known as "Kunkel's Mill." He was succeeded in the ownership of this property by his son Reuben. To the mill property belong forty-one acres of land. He married Catharine Snyder, a native of Lynn township, and they had twelve children, namely: Peter (1817-1843, m. Sarah Schollenberger), Magdalena, Nathan, Joseph, Daniel S. (Sept. 25, 1832-190-), Jeremiah (1834-1904, conducted a hotel at Wessnersville many years; m. Sarah E. Holben, 1847-1900), Jacob, Catharine, Reuben (1836-1908), Sarah, David (a farmer in Albany, m. Seniah Stump and died in July, 1903), and Rebecca (m. David Heckert and had one son, Milton). All are deceased. The father, Joseph Kunkel, died March 10, 1866; the mother died May 21, 1885.

(IV) Reuben Kunkel, son of Joseph, born Nov. 9, 1836, died May 1, 1908, and is buried at Wessnersville. He was one of the best known men of the township, for many years owning and conducting Kunkel's Mill in Stony Run, where he passed all the seventy-one years of his life. The present large stone mill was built in 1838 by Joseph Kunkel, his father. The preceding mill, owned by George Greenawalt, was the first mill at that location. In politics Reuben Kunkel was a Democrat, and for many years served as school director. He was very enterprising, and as the years went on he added a stationary sawmill and cider press, and a portable sawmill, to his original mill. He was succeeded in business by Sellers & Stein, but his son Ambrose J. conducts the business for them. Mr. Kunkel married Sarah Weida, born April 20, 1844, died July 13, 1903, and of their ten children six died young. The survivors are: Emma, an invalid; Ambrose J.; Maurice D.; and Lewis W.

(V) Maurice D. Kunkel, son of Reuben, was born in Stony Run, at Kunkel's Mill, Aug. 24, 1880. He attended the Clover Mill school, and was trained to the milling business and to farming, all under the guidance of his father. On June 9, 1902, he married Anna B. Stroher, daughter of George and Caroline Stroher, of Germany, now of Westfield, Tioga Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel have two daughters and one son: Lennia Caroline, Florence Leonia and Maurice Nathan.

Maurice D. Kunkel was the administrator of the Michael Kunkel estate. Michael Kunkel was one of four bachelor brothers who lived in pioneer simplicity near Wessnersville, where they owned 155 acres of land. An old log house still standing on this tract was one of the first houses in the section. It has a window 12 x 18 inches, from which prowling Indians and wild beasts were met with death-dealing lead. It has a big stone chimney with a very large base. Spinning-wheels, tallow dips, old wood stoves and many primitive relics were found here. A stone building, now sadly dilapidated, was for many years used as a distillery.

Allentown

ESHBACH. There is a tradition that three Eschbach brothers came to America from Switzerland before the middle of the eighteenth century, and it is said that they first located in Berks county, Pa., but that two of them later settled in other parts, one supposedly in the vicinity of Millersburg, Lancaster county, where Eschbachs are still living. Where the other settled is unknown.

Two Andrew Eshenbachs came to America (according to the Pennsylvania Archives), one in 1740, the other in 1744. The former, a native of Germany, came in the ship "Friendship," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 23, 1740, and made a settlement in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where it is known an Andrew Eshenbach was located in 1752. In 1759 he was an assessed taxable there, paying £9 tax that year. However, he is said to have left these parts.

In 1737 one Peter Eshbach (Espacher) and his son Christophel (also Christopher) came to this country on the "St. Andrew Galley." In 1732 Christopher Eshbach (Ashbach) was assessed as a single man in Hereford township. The ship "St. Andrew" in 1749 brought two Christian Eschbachers (Eschbach) to America, undoubtedly father and son. In the graveyard at the Hereford (Bally) Mennonite meeting-house is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Christian Eschbach, born 1737, died April 27, 1809, aged 71 years, 11 months." This Christian Eschbach was presumably the son of Christian Eschbach (er), who emigrated in 1749. He made his last will and testament April 20, 1809, at which time his home was in Hereford township. In this document, which is on record in Will Book 5, page 226, he provided amply for his wife Catharine, the following children receiving share and share alike: John, Christian, Abraham, Martin, Henry and Peter. Abraham Ehst, born in 1816, at present a resident of Barto, Berks Co., Pa., and who has a most remarkable memory, gives the children of Christian Eschbach (1737-1809) as follows: John, Christian, Heinrich, Abraham, Peter, Martin and Elizabeth.

Henry Eschbach, son of Christian, born Jan. 4, 1771, made his will in 1832, and died March 11, 1841. He lived and conducted a sawmill, which stood where the county cement bridge is now located, at Barto. His wife, Maria Anna (Moyer), born May 4, 1765, died July 21, 1851. Their children were: Catharine, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Molly, Barbara and Elijah. The son Elijah and Andrew Koch, a son-in-law, were named as executors of the will. [Another account gives children as Elijah, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Haas and Elizabeth, the last named dying unmarried.]

Peter Eshbach, son of Christian, lived in Colebrookdale township, above Grim's Mill, owning his 100-acre farm, which place is now the property of Elam Moyer. He was a thrifty farmer and useful citizen, serving as supervisor, tax collector and in other local offices. He was a Republican in politics. He is buried at the Hill Church, of which he was a member. Peter Eshbach was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Bechtel. By her he had four children, Christian (mentioned below), Isaac (mentioned below), William, and Betzy (or Susan) (m. John Roland and lived in Hereford township). To the second marriage was born one son, John, who lived back of Clayton, Berks county.

Christian Eshbach, son of Peter, was born June 20, 1800, in Colebrookdale township and died Jan. 16, 1887; he is buried at the Hill Church. He was a farmer all his life, and prospered in that calling, owning a tract of 133 acres in Colebrookdale township, now the property of Alfred Seisholtz. His wife, Hannah Ritter, daughter of Matthew Ritter, was born Oct. 21, 1809, and died Oct. 10, 1891, when only a few days less than eighty-two years old. Sixteen children were born to this worthy couple, namely: Daniel (deceased), William (deceased), Maria (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Anna, Kate (Catharine) (deceased), Henry (deceased), David, Abraham, Levi R., John, Aaron, Mary (deceased), Carolina (deceased), Hannah (deceased), and Peter.

Levi R. Eshbach, son of Christian, was born Dec. 17, 1841, in Colebrookdale township, and was reared on the farm. He was twelve years old at the time the free schools were established, and he attended for a period of two months a year for four years. Until nineteen he continued to work for his parents, and after his marriage he settled upon the farm near Bechtelsville where he has since lived. It comprises twenty-eight acres in excellent condition, with a good barn, which Mr. Eshbach built in 1886. The barn which formerly stood upon the place was destroyed by fire.

In 1871 Mr. Eshbach married Sarah Matthias, daughter of John and Maria (Spohn) Matthias, and granddaughter of Elijah and Magdalena (Swope) Matthias. Mr. and Mrs. Eshbach had one daughter, Annie, who died when but seven months old. They attend the Hill Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation, and are respected throughout the community where they have lived so many years.

Isaac Eshbach, son of Peter, and grandfather of Peter B. Eshbach, of Boyertown, was born Nov. 22, 1803, and died Sept. 21, 1860. He lived one mile from what is now known as Eshbach Crossing, in Washington township, owning the homestead which is now the property of his grandson, Henry Miller. He married Maria (Mary) Moyer, who died a few years before him, and they are buried at the Hill Church. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, but we have mention of only three: George M., the father of Peter B. Eshbach; Peter, born in 1829, who died in 1861; and Sarah, who married Augustus Miller and lived where their son is now located, on the Eshbach homestead.

George M. Eshbach, son of Isaac, was born Jan. 24, 1828, in Washington township, where he owned a farm. He lived at Eshbach Crossing, which was named after him, and he followed various occupations, being especially well known as a dealer in horses, which business he carried on on an extensive scale during the greater part of his life. When the old horse cars were in use he supplied the Reading Traction Company with horses. For some years he was the local mail carrier, and he also conducted "Eshbach's Hotel." Mr. Eshbach married Elizabeth Bechtel, who was born Aug. 24, 1826, and died March 15, 1871. Mr. Eshbach long survived her, passing away Nov. 30, 1894, and he is buried at the Hill Church, in Pike township, where a large monument marks his last resting-place. Mr. and Mrs. Eshbach had children as follows: Harry, who lives in Aledo, Ill.; George, of Pottstown, Pa.; Peter B.; Jesse, of Boyertown; Mary, who is unmarried and lives at Reading, Pa.; Emma, wife of Jeremiah H. Moyer, who is mentioned elsewhere; and Annie, m. to John Hinkel, of Philadelphia.

Peter B. Eshbach, who has been engaged in the livery business at Boyertown since 1891, has been familiar with that line from boyhood, having early begun to assist his father. He was also trained to farming, but his attention has always been mainly directed to dealing in and

handling horses. During his young manhood, when buying for his father, he made as many as fourteen trips a year from Eshbach, Pa., out to Iowa, where he obtained horses to sell at the home market. In 1891 he started the livery business at Boyertown which he has since conducted. His establishment, which is located at the west end of Reading avenue, is well equipped, for in addition to hiring out horses and carriages he does considerable carting, heavy hauling and moving, employing an average of twelve people and keeping as many as fifty horses, including heavy draft teams. His shedding accommodations are ample.

Mr. Eshbach was born Oct. 14, 1859, at Eshbach Crossing, on the Boyertown & Colebrookdale railroad, and he was married in 1889 to Alice Richard, daughter of Abner Richard, of Montgomery county, Pa. They have had three children, Warren, Norman (who died in his fourth year) and Helen. Socially Mr. Eshbach is a member of Boyertown Castle, No. 228, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

JOHN ECKERT, the progenitor of the family to which George B. Eckert belongs, was born in October, 1707, in the parish of Spielburg, Germany, in a country of fine farms and magnificent forests, near Frankfort-on-the-Main, and there learned trade of blacksmith. In 1732 he married Angelia Hicks, and in 1741 emigrated with his wife and four children to Pennsylvania, settling in Heidelberg township, where he continued his trade as blacksmith and brought up his sons to the same trade. He died in July, 1770, and his will, disposing of a considerable property, was probated Aug. 13, 1770. In this document the names of his children are given as follows: Johanna Magdalena, m. to the Rev. Henry Decker; Valentine, m. to Elizabeth Gernant; Jonas, m. to Mary Catharine Ruth; Conrad, m. to Elizabeth Hehn; Nicholas; Mary Christina, m. to George Troutman; and Ann Mary, m. to Frederick Hehn. In the release, relating to the settlement of the estate, the sons are described as blacksmiths by occupation. In the several generations of this family its members were prominently identified with the iron business in Berks county for upward of 150 years.

CAPT. CONRAD ECKERT (grandfather of Isaac Eckert, whose sketch appears in this publication) was born at Langenselbold, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Feb. 6, 1741. During that year his father, John Eckert, emigrated to Pennsylvania, and settled in Heidelberg township, Lancaster (now Berks) county. He was brought up to farming, and when a young man became a blacksmith, which calling he pursued for some time. At the outbreak of the Revolution he was one of the active Associators of the county. As such he commanded a company which was raised in Heidelberg township, and became a part of the 1st Battalion, commanded by Col. Henry Haller. This battalion marched to service in New Jersey in December, 1776, but the companies returned home without permission, because they had not been paid according to the terms of their enlistment. Captain Eckert is the "Captain Echard" mentioned by General Israel Putnam as one of the captains who informed him that "their companies had run away to a man, excepting a lieutenant, sergeant and drummer."

Captain Eckert's company afterward formed a part of Spyker's Battalion, and participated in the campaign at and about Germantown and White Marsh during the fall of 1777. He was wounded in the battle at Germantown, and his health in consequence became so impaired that he never fully recovered. Subsequently, in 1778 and 1780, his company was connected with the 4th Battalion of county militia.

He officiated as a county commissioner from 1785 to the time of his death in 1791. It is said that during the Revolution he carried on a powder-mill in the southern extremity of Heidelberg township, along the head waters of Spring creek. His farm where he resided adjoined the "Corner Church" property on the east.

Upon his return from military service, Captain Eckert carried on farming on the Eckert homestead, near Robesonia, until his death, Aug. 25, 1791. He was married to Elizabeth Hain, daughter of ———— Hain, in Heidelberg township, by whom he had seven sons—John, Peter, George, David, Daniel, Solomon and Conrad—and two daughters—Catharine (m. to Henry Copenhaven) and Barbara (m. to Daniel Reeser). His remains were buried in the graveyard connected with Hain's Church. Col. Valentine Eckert, whose sketch appears in this publication, was an elder brother.

PETER ECKERT, for many years a prominent and successful merchant at Womelsdorf, and grandfather of George B. Eckert, was born on the Eckert homestead in Heidelberg township, several miles east of Womelsdorf, Nov. 12, 1771. He was brought up on the farm and worked as clerk in a country store until he became of age. He then embarked in the store business for himself at Womelsdorf, which he followed very successfully until his decease, covering a period of upward of forty years. His trading relations extended over a wide stretch of country, even reaching into the Southern States. He was of an enterprising spirit and appreciating the importance of education, sent his children to Philadelphia to give them the advantages of the most advanced schools of that time. He owned a large tract of coal land in Schuylkill county and was one of the first persons to use anthracite coal for domestic purposes. This was hauled to Womelsdorf by his own teams.

Mr. Eckert was married to Susan Phillipina Brown, daughter of George Brown of Millbach, Lebanon county, who removed to Erie, Pa., and there died. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert had ten children, two dying in infancy; David, who died at Philadelphia, unmarried, at the age of thirty years; William, m. to Rebecca Hiester; Isaac (whose sketch appears in this publication); Dr. George Nicholas, a graduate physician, member of Congress from the Philadelphia district in 1849-50, and director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, m. to Emily Trevor; Peter, who died at the age of seventeen years: Mary, who died unmarried; Eliza, m. to Dr. Lot Benson; and Susan, m. to Rev. William A. Good. Peter Eckert died in 1839, aged sixty-eight years, and his wife in 1851, aged eighty years.

ISAAC ECKERT (father of George B. Eckert) was born Jan. 26, 1800, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, and was brought up on a farm, and educated in the local schools and the preparatory school of the University of Pennsylvania. In his young manhood he entered the large general store of his father, Peter Eckert, at Womelsdorf. He showed so much proficiency in business affairs that his father transferred the store to him and his elder brother William before he became of age. In 1828 they removed to Reading, and established their store at the northwest corner of Fourth and Penn streets, where they traded successfully until 1836. Isaac Eckert then retired from the store business to associate with his younger brother, Dr. George N. Eckert, in the manufacture of iron. In 1842-44, they erected the Henry Clay Furnace along the Schuylkill river in the southern section of Reading, then one of the largest anthracite furnaces in Pennsylvania, and this is said to have been the first furnace at which anthracite coal was used in the manufacture of iron. In 1855 they erected a second furnace near by, which they operated until the younger brother's decease in 1865. The surviving partner then purchased his brother's interest, and carried on the plant very successfully until 1873, when he sold it to his two sons, Henry S., and George B., whom he had educated for the business. He died shortly afterward, Dec. 13, 1873.

Isaac Eckert was also prominently identified with other industrial affairs relating to the manufacture of iron for many years, more especially with the Leesport Iron Company at Leesport, and in the mining of iron ore in different parts of Berks county, whereby he became the owner of many hundred acres of land. He was one of the founders of the Berks County Agricultural Society, and

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served as president for a number of years. He took great interest in the best breeds of live stock and the finest varieties of standard fruits, and during his presidency superior specimens of them constituted the chief attractions at the annual fairs.

Mr. Eckert's success as a merchant and manufacturer attracted the respect and confidence of the directors of the Farmers' Bank of Reading to such a degree for a number of years that they selected him as president, beginning in 1836, and he continued to fill this important and responsible position in a most successful and creditable manner for nearly forty years (until his decease in 1873), notwithstanding the trying fluctuations of financial affairs at Reading, more especially the panics of 1837 and 1857.

In 1867 and also in 1873 Mr. Eckert made extensive tours through the principal countries of Europe, and acquired much practical information upon many subjects. In the latter year, he served as one of the commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, having been appointed by President Grant. He also served as one of the two commissioners from the Berks District for the organization of the board of finance under which the Centennial Exposition of 1876 was successfully conducted.

Mr. Eckert took great interest in the success of the political principles in which he had been educated, and to which he adhered through life, first as a Whig and afterward as a Republican. His influence and wealth were freely used for the benefit of his party. During the Rebellion he contributed liberally of his means to encourage the national administration in successfully prosecuting the war for the preservation of the Union, and in this behalf he took an active part with other prominent men of Reading at public and private meetings to develop proper sentiments in the community favorable to the great cause. In 1860 he was a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago, when Abraham Lincoln was nominated for President on the Republican ticket, and in 1864 he served as one of the Presidential Electors for the State of Pennsylvania. Politically he was universally respected, and personally he was highly esteemed for his many admirable traits of character.

Mr. Eckert was a member of Christ Episcopal Church at Reading, and a liberal contributor to the endowment fund of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania. He was distinguished for cheerfulness of disposition, and he possessed pleasing manners in his social and business intercourse. A full chime of ten superior bells, weighing over five tons, was presented by his children to the church as a memorial to him, and placed in the Gothic spire of that elegant and costly structure.

Mr. Eckert was married to Judith Hahn (daughter of Dr. John Hahn, of New Hanover township, Montgomery county, a graduate physician of the University of Pennsylvania, member of Congress from 1815-17, and a lineal descendant of Philip Hahn, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1729). To Mr. and Mrs. Eckert were born three children: Henry S., George B. and Rebecca (married to P. R. Stetson, of New York). Mr. Eckert died Dec. 13, 1873, and his wife Nov. 5, 1875, aged sixty-nine years. Dr. John Hahn was the son of Philip Hahn, a captain in the Revolution, whose mother was Anna Margaretha Hiester, a daughter of Daniel Hiester, of Montgomery county.

GEORGE BROWN ECKERT, iron-master at Reading for nearly thirty years, was born at Reading Sept. 5, 1840. He received his education in the local schools, in the Balmar French Academy at West Chester, Pa., and in an advanced preparatory school at Danbury, Conn. When the Civil war broke out his patriotic spirit was aroused with that of some of his associates, and while the Ringgold Light Artillery was preparing for the front in a building near his home on Fifth street, he enlisted as a volunteer of this company, which was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg April 16, 1861, and he served his term of three months with the company, when he was honorably discharged. This enlistment made him one of the First Defenders, so recognized throughout the United States, and as such he received from Congress a medal of honor and a vote of thanks. Upon his discharge from the service mentioned, prominent military officials appreciated his spirit and character so highly that he was commissioned lieutenant of the 3d Regiment, United States Infantry, and he continued in active service until near the termination of the war. By reason of his military service he became a member of the First Defenders Association, of Post No. 76, G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion, with all of which organizations he was prominently identified until his decease. Mr. Eckert was a member of the Berks County Historical Society, and upon his decease an appropriate sketch was read before the meeting Oct. 10, 1899, which included the following remarks relating to his military services in the regular army:

"He was appointed second lieutenant, 3d U. S. Infantry, Aug. 5, 1861, and assigned to Company I; promoted to first lieutenant March 12, 1862, participating in the Peninsular campaign, in the advance on Chickahominy, Fair Oaks, Gaines's Mills, Seven Pines, Seven Days' battles, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. In May, 1863, he was ordered to report to Colonel Buchanan, 4th U. S. Infantry, for mustering duty at Trenton, N. J. Lieutenant Eckert resigned from the army Nov. 10, 1864."

Upon his return home from the Civil war, he entered the employ of his father (who was then engaged in operating the Henry Clay Furnace which he and his brother Dr. George N. Eckert had erected in the southern part of Reading in 1842), and he served as a clerk in the works until 1873, when he and his brother Henry S. Eckert formed a co-partnership under the name of Eckert & Bro., purchased the furnace property, and carried it on very successfully until his brother's decease in 1894. He afterward continued its operation for himself and his brother's estate until May, 1899, when the plant was sold to the Empire Iron & Steel Company of New York.

Mr. Eckert became a director of the Farmers National Bank in 1874, and filled that position until his death in 1899. Upon the death of his brother Henry S. Eckert (who had served as president of the bank from 1873 to 1894), he succeeded to the presidency, but on account of the condition of his health was obliged to resign after filling the office for seventeen months.

In his young manhood Mr. Eckert identified himself with Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and he continued in active membership until his decease, filling various positions in the management of the church, more especially on the finance committee. Upon the death of his father, he united with his brother Henry S. Eckert, and sister Mrs. Rebecca Stetson in presenting the chimes in the church steeple as a memorial to their father. He was a member of the Wyomissing Club of Reading, of the Union League of Philadelphia, and of the Iron-Masters Association of America, in which he was highly appreciated for his sociability and culture.

Mr. Eckert was married to Mary Ann Trexler, daughter of Horatio Trexler (a prominent iron-master at Reading for many years, and president of the National Union Bank of Reading from 1873 to 1900), and they had three children: William Brown; Sarah Hunter (m. to Howard Jewell Potts), and Henry S. (who died in 1893, aged twenty-one years). He died July 5, 1899. [For earlier generations see sketch of Isaac Eckert, his father, in this publication.]

HOWARD JEWELL POTTS, secretary and treasurer of the General Advertising Company at Reading (manufacturers of enameloid art signs), was born March 18, 1864, at Philadelphia, Pa., and received his education in the local schools until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a clerk, and he continued to fill that position at Philadelphia until 1885, when his proficiency won his promotion to chief clerk to the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania-Schuylkill Valley Railroad at Reading, shortly after the railroad was opened to that

point for traffic. He then removed to Reading and filled this important position to the great satisfaction of his superior officers until August, 1903, when he resigned for the purpose of engaging in the manufacturing business. He had assisted in organizing the General Advertising Company in 1901, and had served as one of its directors. Upon resigning the chief-clerkship mentioned, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, and for the past six years has devoted all his time to the development of its increasing business, with trading relations extending to all parts of the United States.

In appreciation of his superior business character, Mr. Potts was selected as one of the directors of the Farmers' National Bank of Reading. He was one of the original members of the Wyomissing Club, and also of the Berkshire Country Club, continuing an active member of both of these prominent social organizations until the present time.

In 1896 Mr. Potts was married to Sarah Hunter Eckert, daughter of George B. Eckert, a prominent iron manufacturer and banker at Reading for nearly thirty years until his decease in 1899. They have three children: Mary, George and Amelia.

His father was Howard Jewell Potts, of Germantown, Pa., where he was brought up and educated. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1872. He died in 1890, aged fifty-one years. He was married to Amelia Maples, daughter of Thomas Maples, of London, England, where she was born in 1840. They had five children: Matilda, Howard Jewell, Hiram (m. to Sallie Crozer Griffith), William (who died in 1895, aged twenty-three years), and Allan.

Mr. Potts's grandfather was William Potts, of Burlington, N. J., where he was born July 13, 1792. He died in 1857. In 1827 he married Elizabeth Tyler, who was born at Philadelphia in 1804, and who died in 1851.

His great-grandfather was Thomas Potts, born in 1761, at Burlington, N. J., and died in 1824. He was married to Sarah Van Sciver in 1786.

HENRY S. ECKERT, banker and iron manufacturer at Reading from 1873 to 1894, was born at Reading in 1830, son of Isaac Eckert. He received his preparatory education at Reading, and then entered Marshall College at Mercersburg, graduating from that institution. Upon his return home his father placed him at the Henry Clay Furnace to learn the iron business, and in a comparatively short time he was given the active management of the plant, a position he continued to fill until July 1, 1873, when he and his brother, George B. Eckert, formed a co-partnership, under the firm name of Eckert & Bro., for the purpose of carrying on the business, and their father sold the works to them. They operated this large plant very successfully until the decease of Henry S. in 1894. Their enterprise included extensive mining operations, and they employed altogether from 200 to 300 men.

Mr. Henry S. Eckert took an active interest in political matters—local, State and National—for thirty years. His valuable business affairs inclined him to advocate protection to home industry, and on that account he was an ardent Republican. During the Civil war he was active in supporting the national government, and in 1862 was one of the Emergency Men from Reading to assist in repelling the Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania. In 1866 the Republican party of the county gave him the nomination for Congress, and his popularity was shown by his obtaining a majority of the votes of Reading over the Democratic nominee. He represented the Eighth ward in the select council from 1872 to 1875, officiating as president of that body from 1873 to 1875.

The cause of education received the earnest attention of Mr. Eckert for many years, and he represented the Eighth ward in the school board, having officiated as president of the board continuously from 1872 until 1888. In 1873 one of the large public school buildings, situated on North Tenth street, near Washington, was named after him. Art was largely patronized by Mr. Eckert, especially productions of home talent, and his art gallery, which was built as an annex to his elegant home on Perkiomen avenue, contained a choice collection of superior paintings by Benade, Devlan, Spang, and Shearer.

Mr. Eckert encouraged the substantial development of Reading and vicinity by the establishment of internal improvements, having co-operated with other enterprising men in constructing the Berks County Railroad, the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, and the Penn Street Passenger Railway, and he officiated as a director. He succeeded his father as president of the Farmers' National Bank of Reading in 1873, and filled the position in a most satisfactory manner until his decease in 1894. He was prominently identified with the Union Trust Company and the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia; the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Works at Lebanon; the Charles Evans Cemetery; and the Reading Hospital. He served as president of the Eastern Pig Iron Association for a number of years, having aided in its organization in 1883.

Mr. Eckert was married in 1857 to Carrie Hunter, daughter of Nicholas Hunter, an iron-master of Reading, by whom he had four children: Isaac, Helen, Hunter and Kate. He died Jan. 10, 1894, and his wife March 28, 1880.

VALENTINE ECKERT, prominent in the Revolutionary war from Berks county, was born at Langenselbold, in the Kingdom of Hanover, in 1733. He came to America with his parents in 1741, who settled in the Tulpehocken Valley at a point east of where Womelsdorf is now situated. He was naturalized in September, 1761. In June, 1776, he was one of the ten members of the Provincial Conference who represented Berks county in that important body; and in July following, he was selected as a delegate from the county to the Provincial convention which was assembled for the purpose of framing a new government founded on the authority of the people. In 1776 and 1779 he represented the county in the Provincial Assembly. He was a resident of Cumru township, and a blacksmith by occupation. He offered his services to the government in the Revolutionary war, and commanded a company of Cavalry Associators for a time. He and his company participated in the battle of Germantown, in October, 1777, where he was wounded. He was appointed sub-lieutenant of the county on March 21, 1777, and served in that office until his promotion to lieutenant of the county in January, 1781—a position he filled until the close of the war. While serving as sub-lieutenant, he also acted as a commissioner for the purchase of army supplies. In 1784, he was appointed judge of the court of Common Pleas of the county, and occupied that office for a term of seven years, when, by the Constitution of 1790, a president judge of all the courts was appointed to take the place of the several judges. In the Pennsylvania militia, he was brigade inspector for the county for a period of twenty years, from April 11, 1793. About the year 1816, he moved to Virginia, and died at Winchester, that State, in December, 1821, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He was a brother of Capt. Conrad Eckert, whose sketch appears in this publication.

ALBERT N. BURKHOLDER, managing editor of the *Reading Eagle*, enjoys the distinction of presiding over the destinies of the paper in whose office he once served as printer's apprentice. He was born in Millcreek, Lebanon county, on Feb. 1, 1861, and came to Reading at an early age. Here he entered the public schools and when thirteen years old was admitted to the high school. A year afterward he was the publisher of the first high school paper, whose object was the dissemination of news respecting the teachers and pupils of the institution. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice to the printer's trade in the composing-room of the *Eagle*, and served a term of four years. His recollections of those early days are of the most interesting character, and he has never regretted the period of his life that he spent at "the case." Like many others, he found it but a stepping-stone to

something higher. Col. Jesse G. Hawley, the founder, proprietor and editor of the *Eagle,* now deceased, took an interest in the young printer, and soon after completing his apprenticeship we find him on the reportorial staff of the paper. He distinguished himself as a ready writer, an indefatigable and energetic news gatherer, and was devoted to an unusual degree to the advancement of the *Eagle.* His promotion to the position of city editor followed, in due course of time, and this he filled to the satisfaction of his superiors for a period of nearly fifteen years. The *Eagle* was primarily founded upon the idea that its local news should be the prominent feature, and while it has been enlarged and improved in every way, it still continues to have this end in view. To be the head of such a department in a newspaper for such a long time is no mean accomplishment. In this position he showed the same traits of enterprise and energy which marked his earlier career—a "nose for news," habits of industry and the journalistic passion more strongly developed than ever. Three years ago he succeeded as editor the late John D. Missimer, one of the best newspaper men that Reading has ever produced, and since then the *Eagle* has set a new and higher standard than ever in the presentation of those news features which have made the paper a household word in a large section of eastern Pennsylvania. It prints four editions every week-day, a Sunday paper and a weekly. When the present editor was an apprentice it was a six-column, four-page paper. Today it is never less than ten pages of eight columns each and very often as high as sixteen and more pages are printed. Mr. Burkholder is a member of the Reading Press Club, the Berks County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania-German Society. He has devoted a great deal of time to local history; has written many articles on this subject, and has a large collection of books and manuscripts bearing on the early settlement of eastern Pennsylvania. He is greatly devoted to everything that will advance the best interests of the people of Reading and Berks county, and has a wide acquaintance in city and county. He is thoroughly versed in everything pertaining to their needs; is in sympathy with all their aspirations, and is unusually well posted in all branches of local history.

The first member of the family in America was Hans Burghalter, a Mennonite preacher, who was the leader of a successful movement which resulted in the emigration in 1717 of a large number of his people from Switzerland, where they had undergone merciless persecution. The entire party settled in the Conestoga valley in Lancaster county—the second large company of Mennonites to found new homes in that region. They were preceded in 1709 by a large colony of Mennonites, the most distinguished of whom was Hans Herr, whose memory is justly venerated as the pioneer settler of his people in that section, and whose descendants are found in many States of the Union. Hans Burghalter, whose family was allied with the Mennonites almost since the foundation of the sect by Menno Simons nearly four hundred years ago, became prominent in the early history of Colonial Pennsylvania, and today members of the family are found in many Commonwealths, as well as in Canada. In Virginia two became bishops of their church, and the family is numerous in many Western States. Though belonging to the so-called non-combatants or peace sect, the descendants of this pioneer preacher have participated in every war in which this country was ever engaged. Capt. Peter Burkhalter was an officer in the Revolutionary war and was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania; and others figure in the early Colonial annals with equal prominence.

ELMER JACOB SELLERS, druggist at Kutztown since 1887, was born at Windsor Castle, Berks county, June 18, 1861, son of Mahlon A. and Leah (Heinly) Sellers, both descendants of early families of Pennsylvania.

(I) The home of the Sellers family (the name being originally spelled Söller) was in Germany, in a town called Vinom, near the city of Mannheim, on the Bergstrasse, in the Palatinate, and the progenitor was Philip Henry Söller. He there learned the trade of a butcher, and after following it some years, until about 1730, he with his wife and four children, emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia. He then proceeded up the Schuylkill Valley to the Skippack, and after remaining there a short time bought two hundred acres of land along the creek, one mile below Sellersville, in Bucks county, and on this plantation he carried on farming during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of sixty-five years. He had ten children—seven sons and three daughters—Philip, Leonard, Philip Henry, John, Paul, Peter, Jacob, Elizabeth, Magdalena and Margaret.

(II) John Sellers, the fourth son, located in Hilltown township, Bucks county, and there he died at the age of fifty-five years. He was the father of seven children, of whom two daughters and one son died in infancy, those surviving to maturity being Abraham, Samuel, John and Elizabeth. His wife was a daughter of William Johnson, a native of Holland, who became a substantial farmer in Skippack. When Mr. Sellers and his wife were married she could speak but little German, and he little and very poor English.

(III) Abraham Sellers, eldest son of John, was born June 30, 1758, and he died Sept. 27, 1831. He married Sophia Bodder, born March 9, 1762, and died Dec. 10, 1836, daughter of Peter and Regina Bodder. Peter Bodder, born June 20, 1727, came from Germany, was bound as a servant to Charles Leidy, and when free, married and settled in Hilltown, Bucks county, where he died Aug. 25, 1805. His wife Regina, also from Germany, born in December, 1735, died Dec. 3, 1808, and they had four children—Jacob, John, Sophia and Catherine. To Abraham and Sophia (Bodder) Sellers were born the following children: Tobias, born Sept. 19, 1781; Sarah, March 26, 1783; Lydia, Nov. 26, 1785; Mary, June 24, 1787; Jesse, March 16, 1789; John, Nov. 17, 1790; Cornelius, April 13, 1793; Amelia, Sept. 1, 1794; Tirza, March 13, 1797; Peter Franklin, Aug. 14, 1800; Joel, Feb. 23, 1806.

(IV) Tobias Sellers, son of Abraham and Sophia, was married on Easter Sunday, 1805, to Elizabeth Faber, daughter of the Rev. John Theobald Faber, and they had eight children: Charles, born Oct. 2, 1806 (m. Hannah Boyer, daughter of Henry Boyer, of Boyertown); Nathaniel, born July 27, 1808 (m. Magdaline McNolty, daughter of Samuel McNolty); William, born March 23, 1810 (m. Jane Marret, daughter of William Marret); Faber, born May 15, 1812; Evaline, born June 17, 1815; Mahlon Abraham, born Aug. 22, 1818 (m. Leah Heinly, daughter of Jacob Heinly and Maria Kelchner, his wife); Henry Augustus, born Sept. 11, 1820 (m. Mary Hesser, daughter of George Hesser); Washington John, born July 30, 1825 (m. Amanda Horne, daughter of Pearson Horne). Tobias Sellers was a physician of note, practising at Sumneytown, Montgomery county, and three of his sons followed the same profession. He was one of the delegates to revise the Constitution of Pennsylvania in 1837.

(V) Mahlon Abraham Sellers, son of Tobias and Elizabeth, was born at Sumneytown, and his long and useful life closed at Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1901. His wife was born at the old hotel stand in Windsor Castle, April 22, 1825, and died Jan. 22, 1901. Among their twelve children were: Elenora E. Maria, born June 15, 1844, died Feb. 18, 1892; Oliver H. Tobias, born Feb. 8, 1846, lives at Hamburg, where he is superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company; Andora Evelina, born June 2, 1848, died at Windsor Castle Feb. 20, 1852; Washington Mahlon, born Dec. 20, 1850, died March 3, 1863; Tobias Faber, born May 8, 1853, has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia for many years; Clara Leah was born Oct. 6, 1855; Arpa Sophia, born March 16, 1858, died Dec. 10, 1860; Elmer J. was born June 18, 1861; Oscar William, born Oct. 3, 1863, is a druggist at Philadelphia; Lenus Theobald, born June 2, 1870, died Oct. 10, 1885. Jacob Heinly, father of Mrs.

Sellers, kept the hotel at Windsor Castle from 1820 to 1843. This hotel was then known as the "Black Horse Inn," its sign showing the picture of a black horse. It was one of the oldest in that section of the country, and was a two-story frame building, with five rooms and a hall on each floor. It was torn down some years ago.

In 1836 Mahlon A. Sellers began as an apprentice to the printer's trade, and served three years, receiving besides board and clothing the first year $25, the second $50, and the third $75. This was in the office of the *Bauern Freund*, published at Sumneytown (now at Pennsburg). At the end of his apprenticeship he traveled over the State, and worked in newspaper and job offices at Doylestown, Harrisburg, Aaronsburg, Hamburg and elsewhere. For a time he was one of the managers of the German weekly at Reading called *Stern im Oesten*, and afterward published the *Hamburg Schnellpost*. At Harrisburg, Mr. Sellers was one of three partners who published a newspaper known as the *Porter Banner*, which was popular among the State politicians of that day.

Mahlon A. Sellers named Windsor Castle because it was the business center of the township. When he first located there, Hamburg was the nearest postoffice, and through his efforts a postoffice was established in 1856. He was appointed postmaster and filled the office for forty-five years. For many years he took much interest in militia affairs, serving as captain of the Windsor Cavalry, and being one of the organizers of the Windsor Rifle Rangers. He aided materially in organizing the Windsor Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1844, and its annual meetings were held at his hotel for many years. The company is still in existence and in good standing. He also assisted in establishing the Windsor Society for Detecting Horse Thieves in 1855, and the Windsor Horse Life Insurance Company in 1859; and he served as secretary for many years. He started a creamery about 1876, which is still carried on there. In 1847 he was elected justice of the peace, and held the office for upwards of thirty years. From 1876 to 1879 he was clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Berks county.

For more than fifty years Mahlon A. Sellers was proprietor of the hotel. For about fifty years a store was carried on in a room adjoining the bar-room, but in 1849 a store building was erected on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Sellers operated the store for about twenty years until 1868. The hotel was very popular through the courtesy and sociability of Mr. Sellers and the superior cooking of Mrs. Sellers.

(VI) Elmer Jacob Sellers was educated in the public schools of his native township, and at the Keystone State Normal School. At the age of sixteen, he became an apprentice in the drug store of Adam Bodenhorn, at Hamburg, and later that of Jacob Stein, at Reading, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked as a clerk in different places, and in 1887 he became a registered pharmacist when he purchased his present stand on Main street, Kutztown, and he has since carried on a successful business.

Dr. Sellers is a man of high literary attainments. He has written considerable poetry which has attracted much attention; and he has also published a number of articles on scientific subjects. He is an inventor, and some of his patented inventions are in use today. In 1898 he invented a hitching post for pavements.

On July 31, 1884, Mr. Sellers was married to Sarah A. Skelton, daughter of James and Sarah Skelton, of Lykens, Dauphin county. She died May 14, 1908, aged forty-four years. They had two children: (1) Roy M., born July 26, 1885, educated in the public schools of Kutztown and in the Keystone State Normal School; took two years' course in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and served as assistant under Dr. Robert White in Microscopy at the Temple College of Pharmacy, graduating with first honors, June 1, 1907; became a registered pharmacist in 1908, and received the degree of Pharmaceutical chemist from the Temple University in 1909. He is now assisting his father. He married Nettie G. Trexler, daughter of David S. Trexler. (2) Bertha L. is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1908. Mr. Sellers and his family are members of the St. Paul Reformed Church at Kutztown. In politics he is a Democrat. For three years he served as a member of the borough council, for two years acting as president. For many years he was a director of the Kutztown Park Association. He is a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M.; of the National Association of Retail Druggists; and the Berks County Association of Retail Druggists.

LEROY J. WENGER, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Reading, Pa., was born May 5, 1879, in New York City, N. Y., son of M. Leroy and Anna T. (McGuire) Wenger.

Dr. Wenger's preliminary education was secured in the public schools of Reading, Pa., and he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1899, being salutatorian thereof, also holding the alumni medal. He read medicine with his father for some time, and then entered Bellevue Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1903. He then served as interne at the New York Maternity Hospital, having been sub-interne at St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, during two vacations. Dr. Wenger first settled in the general practice of his chosen profession at No. 1040 North Eighth street, at which location he remained one and one-half years, then removing to No. 1031 North Ninth street, where he continued for a like period. In 1906 he came to his present location, No. 1044 North Eleventh street, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. The Doctor is a member of the surgical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dr. Wenger married Katherine A. Rice, of Reading. From this union there is one son, LeRoy Rice Wenger.

KEYSER FRY, trade factor and jobber of bicycles, motor cycles and supplies, auto accessories and sporting goods, located at Nos. 723-725 Chestnut street, is one of Reading's successful young business men. He was born in 1873, in Reading, son of Daniel S. and Angelina (Keyser) Fry.

Mr. Fry secured his education in the common schools of Reading, graduating from the high school in 1891. At this time he became identified with the Reading Rolling Mill Company, as time-keeper, remaining three years, and was then with the Penn Hardware Company, for a short period. He next became office manager for the Relay Manufacturing Company, of which he was later made secretary and general manager, until, in 1899, when the Relay Company discontinued the making of bicycles and sold their plant, he embarked in his present business, which from a small beginning has grown to a very extensive merchandising enterprise. Simultaneously with the starting of this business, the Penn Cigar Company was formed, and in 1905 was incorporated and Mr. Fry was elected president, an office he has since filled. He is also connected with the Fry-Geary Live Stock Company of Casper, Wyoming, and from its incorporation has been president.

Mr. Fry was married in 1901 to Lorena M. Ruth, and they reside on Mineral Spring road. He is prominently identified with the Masonic bodies of this city, being a past master of Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M.

JAMES SCHAEFFER, trustee of the Normal School, is a well-known citizen and prosperous farmer of Maxatawny township, residing on the old Schaeffer homestead where he was born June 26, 1856. He is one of a family of unusual note born to his parents, the late David and Esther Ann (Christ) Schaeffer.

The late David Schaeffer was one of the foremost men of upper Berks county. He was born in Richmond township, in 1820, and died in 1902, aged eighty-one years. He was one of the organizers of the Keystone State Normal School, and was an honored trustee from then on until the time of his death. He was a man of progress, and was a firm believer in education, not only giving his own children the best of opportunities but largely advancing the educational advantages of his whole section. Each of his five sons became men of culture, and four of them are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, namely: Rev. Dr. Nathan C. since 1893 has been State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. William C. is teacher of Theology at the Reformed Seminary, Lancaster; D. Nicholas is a leading attorney at Reading; Dr. Charles D. is a prominent physician and an ex-mayor of Allentown, Pa.; while James is the agriculturist of the family.

David Schaeffer followed farming all his life, and he purchased the farm now owned by his son James, in 1849, during his lifetime greatly improving it, and the improving has been continued until it ranks with the best in upper Berks county. David Schaeffer, on account of his excellent judgment, was a successful man in all his undertakings and he acquired a large estate. At the time of his death he owned the property at No. 526 Washington street, Reading, the farm of his son James, and a farm of 120 acres situated in Bern township, which is the property of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer. He was a consistent member of the Reformed faith and was an official of St. John's Reformed Church at Kutztown, which he liberally supported. His burial was in the cemetery connected with this church. In May, 1848, he married Esther Ann Christ, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Bieber) Christ. She died in February, 1903, aged seventy-seven years, surviving her husband but eight months. They left many mourning friends who had been attached to them for many years, and they were honored and respected by all who knew them.

James Schaeffer secured a district school education and later entered the Keystone State Normal School which he left in his senior year in order to engage in agricultural pursuits. His tastes lay in this direction, and he preferred the free and independent life of a farmer rather than a professional one as did his brothers. He has followed farming since 1880, and has owned the Schaeffer homestead of 160 acres of some of the finest land in Berks county since the death of his father. It is favorably located in the center of the large and fertile area of Maxatawny township. Mr. Schaeffer keeps eight head of horses and twenty head of cattle. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, and makes use of all kinds of improved machinery. This beautifully situated farm is very level and from the homestead its whole extent, with the exception of one field, can be brought under the eye at one time. Its fertile soil makes it excellent wheat land.

On Dec. 15, 1878, Mr. Schaeffer married Rosa Bortz, daughter of Jonas and Thelena (Wetzel) Bortz, farming people of this township, and they have the following children: Rev. David I., stationed at Dayton, Pa., who is the historian of the Schaeffer family at the triennial reunions, married Anna Ruppert and they have one daughter, Ethel; Hettie m. George Welder, of Maxatawny township, and has one daughter, Rosa; Annie, a trained nurse, who had her home with her uncle, Dr. C. D. Schaeffer, at Allentown, m. Dr. William J. Hertz of Allentown; Katie m. Daniel Merkel of Richmond township; William H., who is a graduate of the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, is engaged in practice in Allentown; Ella I. resides at home; and George J. is a student in the Normal School. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer have been liberally educated and William and Annie are graduates of the Keystone State Normal School and David of Franklin and Marshall College.

In his political views, Mr. Schaeffer is a Democrat. Since the death of his father, he has been a trustee of the State Normal School, the former having officiated in that office since the organization of the school. With his family Mr. Schaeffer belongs to St. John's Reformed Church at Kutztown, in which he has been a deacon for many years, and since 1900 one of the elders. He has always been an active church worker, and in his younger years took much interest in the Sunday-school. He is one of the representative men of this section.

JOHN A. RIGG—identified with the street railways at Reading since 1874—was born at Gibraltar, in Robeson township, Berks county, Feb. 14, 1854. During his infancy his parents removed to the farm of his grandfather, Adam Styer, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, midway between Churchtown and Morgantown, which he purchased in 1896, and where he has since made his summer home. He was educated in the local schools and worked on the farm until he was fifteen years old, when he went to Reading and found employment in the pottery of Daniel Shenfelder. He worked in this pottery for three years, and afterward in the Keystone Rolling Mill, McIlvain's Rolling Mill and Deysher's Lumber Yard for two years, when he directed his attention to service on the street railways. This was in 1874, when the system was about being established in Reading. He first became a conductor on what was then known as the Sixth street line, but served as such for only several months when he was appointed superintendent, and he filled this position during the development of the system until 1891, when he became the vice-president of the People's Passenger Railway at Philadelphia. He, however, remained at Philadelphia only two years, when he returned to Reading to organize the Reading Traction Company, establish a large electric light and power plant, and introduce the use of electricity in the propulsion of cars. This company elected him president and he served for five years, when he was again called to Philadelphia, to take charge of the United Power & Transportation Company, embracing numerous systems in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; and he has been at the head of the systems until the present time, now covering a period of ten years, the most important period in the development of the street railway service in Pennsylvania. These systems have come to embrace upward of seventy-five companies, incorporated with an aggregate capitalization of $100,000,000; and he is at present either the president or one of the directors in their management.

Mr. Rigg was elected by the voters of the Fourth ward to represent them in select council from 1885 to 1894, officiating as president of the body from 1887 to 1890. He assisted in establishing the Free Public Library of Reading in 1898, serving since then as one of the trustees. He was chiefly instrumental in establishing Carsonia Park, three miles east of Reading, in 1892, as a place of resort and amusement for the people.

In 1872 Mr. Rigg was married to Sarah Amanda Baum (daughter of Augustus Baum and Elizabeth Brown, his wife, of Reading), by whom he had three children: Dr. Walter A. Rigg (m. Bessie Harner), Dr. Samuel Rigg (m. Mazie Geyer) and Dora (died in infancy).

His father was Samuel Evans Rigg, born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, in 1806; carried on butchering for some years, and then farming; and died in 1870. He was married twice, first to Ellen Shaner, by whom he had four children, and after her decease to Catharine Styer (daughter of Adam Styer and Elizabeth Yohn, his wife, of Caernarvon township), by whom he had three children: Sarah Jane (m. Martin H. Posen), Samuel E. (m. Ellen Ammon) and John A. (above).

His grandfather was George Rigg, Jr., who married Eleanor Evans (daughter of Evan Evans, 1754-1792, son of Evan Evans, 1717-1765, and grandson of Nathan Evans, 1682-1763, who emigrated from Montgomeryshire, Wales, to Pennsylvania in 1700). He was born in 1776.

His great-grandfather was George Rigg, who was enlisted in the Revolution and died in 1776, while on his way home from the expedition to Canada.

REV. BENNEVILLE H. MILLER, M. D., retired minister of the United Evangelical Church of the East Pennsylvania Conference, who is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Mohnton, Pa., was born June 30, 1842, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Jonathan and Cassia (Hornberger) Miller.

Daniellie (Daniel) Miller, the American ancestor of this well-known family, crossed the Atlantic ocean on the good ship "Patience," Capt. Hugh Steel, from Rotterdam, via Cowes, and landed at Philadelphia, Aug. 11, 1750. He was married (first) to a Miss Hanagy, by whom he had no children, and he went to Germany for his second wife, being married, in about 1758, to Veronica Mishler, who was born in 1736. She bore him the following children: Christian, born Feb. 17, 1760; Elizabeth, born Sept. 20, 1762; Jacob, born July 19, 1764; Abraham, born May 13, 1766, who became an Amish minister, married Anna Hostetler, and had six children: Christian, Sarah (m. Christian Wisley, an Amish minister), Daniel, Catherine (m. Christian Yoder, an Amish minister), Magdalena (m. Jacob Mast), and Susan (m. (first) Peter Petershine and (second) John Remp); Susanna, born Oct. 17, 1767; Fanny, born Sept. 18, 1769; Barbara, born Jan. 12, 1774; and Magdalena, born Sept. 21, 1776.

Christian Miller, grandfather of Rev. Benneville H., was born Feb. 17, 1760, and died Feb. 10, 1832, being buried in a private cemetery on the old Miller homestead at Shillington, in Cumru township. He became a minister of the Amish Church, and was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him. On June 1, 1783, Rev. Miller was married to Catherine Kurtz, born Aug. 27, 1761, who died April 20, 1837, the mother of these children: Abraham, born April 2, 1784, died Oct. 19, 1831; Polly, born Oct. 10, 1785, died April 26, 1867; Elizabeth, born Aug. 31, 1787, m. John Plank, and died Dec. 21, 1874; Daniel, born April 9, 1790, m. Catherine Kerling, and had eight children.—Elizabeth, Susan, Christian, Daniel, Catherine, Samuel (who has Charles), Harry and Mrs. Jacob Kessler; Catherine, born Sept. 27, 1797, m. Solomon Zook, of Tulpehocken township; Isaac, born July 18, 1802, m. Molly Wademan, had four daughters, and died Oct. 2, 1876; Hannah, born March 18, 1805, m. in 1822 Stephen Mast, born in 1800, died in 1868, and they had ten children; Jonathan was born Nov. 12, 1807.

Jonathan Miller was born on his father's farm in Cumru township, Nov. 12, 1807, and was a lifelong farmer where Shillington is now situated, owning 211 acres of excellent farm land, most of which is now divided into building lots. He was possessed of considerable means, and was a man of high worth and sterling traits of character. Mr. Miller was a member of the Amish Church, while his wife was of the Reformed Church, and both rest from their labors in Dr. B. H. Miller's vault in the Mohnton cemetery. Jonathan Miller married Cassia Hornberger, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Mosser) Hornberger, and to them were born children as follows: Henry m. Mary Gebhart; Jonathan, of Mohnton, m. (first) Mary Gaul, and (second) Mary Fleischer; Benneville H.; Mary m. Owen Deeds, of Shillington; Franklin lives at Shillington, unmarried; Sarah m. Curtis Richmond, of Terre Hill; Daniel m. Amanda Kuser, deceased, of Lancaster county, Pa.; and Catherine m. Alvin Dietrich, of Yellow House, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Benneville H. Miller spent his youth on his father's farm, and his early educational advantages were secured in the public schools of his native township. In his sixteenth year he learned the milling trade, and was employed in the same for four years. He served as a local minister from 1868 to 1871, in the latter year entering the itinerancy of the Evangelical Church. Shortly thereafter he was appointed by the East Pennsylvania Conference to the Kutztown circuit, which then comprised the following places: Kutztown, Fleetwood, Blandon, Pricetown, Friedensburg, Pleasantville, Rockland, Richland, Wessnersville, Kistlers Valley and Albany. In 1872 he was appointed to Hamburg Mission, in 1873 was appointed to Mahantango circuit in Schuylkill county, serving three years; in 1876 to Uniontown; in 1879 to Allentown; in 1882 to Emaus; in 1885 to Cressona; in 1887 to Mohnsville, in 1890 to Mahanoy City, and in 1893 to Weissport, and it was while serving the latter charge that his health failed completely. The long, arduous service had undermined his strength, strained his nervous system and robbed him of his voice. He was compelled, therefore, to resign, and shortly afterward removed to Philadelphia. After recuperation, he entered Hahnemann Medical College as a student, and three years later attended the Southern Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He immediately settled at Mohnton, Pa., where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Miller took also a special course at the Philadelphia Lying-In Hospital of Practical Obstetrics, and he is an electropath of note, in which practice he has been very successful. Dr. Miller resides on Church street, Mohnton, where he owns a fine modern residence, purchased by him in 1899. He also owns two other dwelling houses within the borough of Mohnton. In politics the Doctor is independent, voting not for the party, but for the man. He cast his first vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln, and in 1861, on that great President's call for 75,000 volunteers, he shouldered a musket in defense of his country, enlisting under Capt. McKnight in Company E, 42d P. V. I. Socially the Doctor is connected with the Sr. O. U. A. M., of Mohnton. He and his family are members of Zion's United Evangelical Church of Mohnton, and Mrs. Miller is an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Women's Missionary and Ladies' Aid societies, doing much in various ways to assist in the work of the church.

On Nov. 29, 1866, Dr. Miller was united in marriage with Emmeline Oyerholser, former school teacher of Lancaster county, where she taught school three terms. She is the daughter of the late Rev. Isaac and Mary (Landis) Overholser, of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, the former a pastor of the United Evangelical Church. To Dr. and Mrs. Miller have been born four children: Dr. Martin L. is mentioned elsewhere; Myra L. m. Henry Stauffer, former manager of the Hershey Manufacturing Company, at Manheim, Pa., but who left for Oregon in October, 1908, and has two children, Miriam and Russell; Celia E., born Feb. 1, 1875, died March 31, 1877; and Matthew A., born May 7, 1879, died Jan. 27, 1884.

SAMUEL R. DEPPEN, Esq., one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Berks county, residing in Heidelberg township, which locality has been the home of the family for generations, has led a life of active service to his community. He has been successful in the administration of his own affairs and has made a marked impress upon the history and development of Berks county. A man of integrity and high principle, of sound judgment and wisdom, he is one of that class of citizens who have made the government of our forefathers' dreams a living reality.

The Deppen name has been spelled in many ways, often appearing as Deppe, Depew and Dupee, and some genealogists declare its original form to be that of the old Huguenot family De Pui. In the list of foreigners (emigrants from the Palatinate and their families, in all 330) arriving (according to Rupp) in the ship "Princess Augusta," Samuel Merchant, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, qualified Sept. 16, 1736, was Christian Dappen, aged thirty (or, as on the Captain's book, Christian Teppe).

(I) Christian Dappen or Deppen settled at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.; where he passed the remainder of his days as a farmer. In the tax lists of Heidelberg township Christian "Deppy" is assessed as follows: 1767, on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep; 1768, on 150 (?)

acres, 4 horses, 4 cattle, 5 sheep; 1779, on 220 acres, 5 horses, 15 cattle; 1780, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 12 cattle; 1781, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 8 cattle. The will of Christian Deppe, of Heidelberg township, is on record in the Berks county court-house, as made Sept. 27, 1775, and probated in 1782, the year of his death. It was witnessed by Philip Moyer, John Casper Reed and Adam Kalbach, and it begins thus: "I, Christian Deppe, an aged yeoman of Heidelberg township, Berks county." As the will contains no reference to his wife, it is presumed she was dead at the time the will was made, in 1775. At the time of his death he also owned fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In his will he refers to his "eldest and beloved son, Johannes, who shall have fifty pounds over and above his other share." The children as named in the will were: Johannes; Barbara (m. Peter Zimmerman); Anna (m. George Yeakly); Treanica; Elizabeth; Thomas; Peter; David, who died in 1804 (his will in German is on record); Joseph; Jacob; and Abraham, who died in 1840 intestate, and whose heir was Richard Boone, of Heidelberg.

(II) John (Johannes) Deppen, son of Christian, resided north of Womelsdorf, where he died. His sons were: Joseph, Isaac, Adam and Michael. Some of their descendants still live in the township, and in the borough of Womelsdorf and Robesonia.

(III) Joseph Deppen, son of John, was a farmer all his life. His wife's maiden name was Weigley, and their children were: Joseph, who became a veterinary surgeon and lived in Philadelphia; Isaac, a minister at Womelsdorf; Adam, who married Sophia Putt; Samuel; Mary, who married John Price, of Reading; Maria, who married Henry Noll; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried.

(IV) Samuel Deppen, son of Joseph, was born in Womelsdorf, Pa., March 30, 1796. He became a farmer, and was one of the most successful men of his locality. He was very prominent in political affairs, first as a Whig and later as a Republican. His wife, Mary (Royer), was born in Lebanon county, Pa., daughter of John Royer. To this marriage children as follows were born: Catherine, who married Philip Royer, a farmer in Lancaster county; Isaac, who married (first) Rebecca Zug and (second) Catherine Tobias; Mary, who married William Landis, of Lebanon county, both now deceased; Susan, who died young; Elizabeth, widow of H. B. Greybill; Matilda, who married Daniel Hostetter, and died in 1896; John R., a real estate dealer, at Mt. Morris, Ill., who married Sarah J. Shellhammer; Annie, wife of Richard A. Leinbach, a coal, grain and lumber dealer of Robesonia; Sarah, wife of Abraham Gibble, a farmer of Berks county; Lydia, who married L. R. Peifer; and Samuel R. The father of this family died Feb. 6, 1868, aged seventy-one years, and the mother passed away March 1, 1862, aged sixty-four years.

(V) Samuel R. Deppen, son of Samuel and Mary (Royer), born in Lower Heidelberg township Nov. 28, 1841, is now living retired in Robesonia, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native township, and when he attained mature years purchased his father's farm, for many years devoting himself to agricultural pursuits. Later he moved to Robesonia, and from 1866 to 1881 he was engaged in the coal, grain and lumber business, also operating the stone quarry at Robesonia, and acting as agent for the Columbus Wire Fence Company, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Deppen has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of his town, and loyally supports the principles of the Republican party. He has been many times elected to offices of trust and responsibility, among these being: member of the school board, three times; township auditor, two terms; assessor, two terms; county commissioner, 1887; delegate to the National Republican Conventions of 1880 and 1884; and justice of the peace of Heidelberg township, an office to which he was elected in 1900 and still continues to fill to the general satisfaction of the public. He has served as supervisor of the Womelsdorf and Robesonia water plant, and has in many ways shown his interest in public improvements. He himself has high principles of honesty and integrity, and he demands honesty in others. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, 42d Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, Capt. John McKnight, and served as corporal from July 4 to Aug. 12, 1863.

Fraternally Mr. Deppen is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., Womelsdorf; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Reading; and the P. O. S. of A. Camp at Robesonia. He has been one of those citizens who feel it a duty to improve in every way the town in which they dwell, and he has erected a number of substantial buildings and a residence. At the present time he represents the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Deppen has been thrice married. On Oct. 1, 1863, he married Sarah Ruth, who died Oct. 5, 1864. His second wife, Mary Ann (Neff), of Womelsdorf, died in 1867. Subsequently he married (third) Mary L. Seltzer, who was born in Womelsdorf, daughter of J. George and Priscilla (Livingood) Seltzer. Three children were born of this union, namely: May M., a graduate of Darlington Seminary, class of 1890, is a music teacher in Robesonia; Laura G., who also graduated from Darlington Seminary, class of 1890, and is a gifted artist, married Frank J. Althouse, a druggist of Harrisburg, and has a daughter, Laura; Ella S. died at the age of eleven years.

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Dr. Daniel Deppen was born in Heidelberg township in 1800. He received such education as the schools of his home neighborhood afforded, and later he read medicine with Dr. Tryon, one of the earliest physicians in all that section of the State. He then went to a medical college in Philadelphia, and after completing his course began the practice of his profession at Bernville, but later moved to the old Deppen homestead, which had come into his possession, and there he continued to make his home until his death, in May, 1862. He was buried in a private plot on his farm, and there, too, lie sleeping many of the earlier members of the Deppen family. He married Catharine Smith, born in 1806, who died at the age of ninety-seven. She was a daughter of Philip and Magdalena (Greth) Smith, farming people of Penn township, who erected a house in 1791 on the farm now owned by Isaac Greth. Both the Smiths and Greths were Roman Catholics. To Dr. Daniel Deppen and his wife Catharine were born the following children: Matilda, who married the late Jacob Dundore, and resides at Mt. Pleasant; Mary Ann, who married (first) George Rigg and (second) Isaac Gruber; Dr. Darius, who died in middle life and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Reading; Dr. James Wellington; Catharine, who died in childhood; Rebecca, who married Erasmus Gruber; Lizzie E. and Emily C., both unmarried and residing at No. 820 Walnut street, Reading; Dr. Joseph; and Dr. William, residing in Reading.

Dr. James Wellington Deppen, son of Dr. Daniel, was born near Bernville, in Penn township, on the old Deppen homestead, Feb. 19, 1837. The common schools and the Bernville high school afforded him a good foundation for his education, and his medical studies were pursued in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated. He began practice at the place where he was born, but after a few years he moved to Mt. Pleasant, a village in the same township, where he was engaged in practice for many years. In 1886 he located in Wernersville, where he practised until his death, which occurred July 3, 1897. He never specialized in any particular branch, but was a general practitioner, and one of the beloved type of "family doctors" now rapidly passing away. He built the present "Lebanon Valley House," a well-known hostelry at Wernersville, also the present brick residence on the main street of the town where his widow made her home. She was a highly respected woman, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her. Both Dr. Deppen and his wife attended

Hain's Reformed Church, where his remains were buried.

In 1860 Dr. Deppen was married to Mary A. Reber, daughter of John and Sarah (Fisher) Reber, and three children blessed this union, namely: Gertrude married George Gaul, and died in 1901, at the age of thirty years; Daniel is employed at the Grandview Sanitarium, at Wernersville; Charles married Mary Huber, has one son, Stanley, and resided with his mother, Mrs. Deppen, who died Dec. 8, 1907, at the age of sixty-five years.

SAMUEL D. HEIL, late of Hereford township, was born June 14, 1813, and died June 26, 1891, aged seventy-eight years, twelve days. He is buried at New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church. The family is an old one in this section, Conrad Heil, his grandfather, having owned much land here during his lifetime. In 1778 he purchased a tract of eighty-five acres in Hereford township from Philip Rauch; in 1785 he purchased 132 acres in the same township from David Meeshter; in 1794 he bought a small tract, of five acres, from George Wiegner, and in 1809 he bought twenty-seven acres. He was a man of affairs and good standing. His family consisted of sons Conrad and Daniel and several daughters. He is buried at New Goshenhoppen Church.

Daniel Heil, son of Conrad, was born in Hereford township June 5, 1775, and died June 26, 1827, aged fifty-two years, twenty-one days. Like so many of this family, he is buried at New Goshenhoppen Church. He was engaged as a farmer in Hereford, owning the farm which later became the property of his son Samuel. He married Catharine Hertzog, born May 6, 1773, who died Nov. 25, 1847, aged seventy-four years, six months, nineteen days. Three children were born to them, Samuel D., Philip and Jacob. Philip, born in 1799, and Jacob, born in 1801, both died in 1802, only about two weeks apart.

Samuel D. Heil followed farming during his active years, living on his place in Hereford township between Clayton and Chapel, on the Clayton and Hereford turnpike. It comprised over ninety acres of valuable land. From 1851 until his death, however, he led a semi-retired life, although he had numerous interests which kept him in touch with the life of the community, and he was well known in his capacity of peacemaker, settling many differences between neighbors which, though trifling in themselves, might have caused trouble if not equitably disposed of. He served as a justice of the peace for thirty years, and fulfilled the obligations of his office in the most honorable manner. He was also school director, and as an earnest member of the Democratic party was active in its councils, acting many times as delegate to county conventions. In his day he was a leading man of the township. With his family he belonged to the New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. He was in comfortable circumstances, and in 1852 settled down in retirement at the place where his widow still resides, a nice home with thirty acres of ground in Hereford township. He built the present barn the same year. The house was erected the year before, in 1851. After removing to this place he rented his ninety-acre farm, which is now the property of James Greiss.

Mr. Heil was twice married, his first union, to Sarah Kehl, daughter of Anthony Kehl, taking place Jan. 18, 1834. She was born June 14, 1813, and died Sept. 7, 1856, aged forty-three years, two months, twenty-three days. She was the mother of six children, namely: Solomon, born in 1834, who died in 1901; Matilda, who is unmarried; Maria, born in 1838, who died in 1908 (wife of Aaron T. Hertzog); Bileam, born in 1840, who died in 1861; William H., who died young; and Priscilla, born in 1851, who died in 1874.

On April 3, 1869, Mr. Heil married Susanna Hersch, who survives him, as does also the only child born to this marriage, Agnes A., now the wife of Harvey Hiestand, a farmer of Hereford township. Mr. and Mrs. Hiestand have one daughter, Verna.

Mrs. Susanna Heil is a pleasant woman, intelligent and active, both mentally and physically. She is a constant reader, keeping well informed on current news, and possessing a retentive mind. Having been left in comfortable circumstances, she is in a position to enjoy her age in peace and contentment, and she is highly respected for her many sterling qualities.

Elias Hersch, of Marlborough, Montgomery Co., Pa., grandfather of Mrs. Susanna Heil, married Susanna Long, and they had children: Samuel, Michael, Charles, Daniel, Jacob, William, John, Hannah, Polly, Rebecca and Joseph.

Joseph Hersch, father of Mrs. Heil, married Anna Graber, and they lived in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county. They had three children: Susanna, widow of Samuel D. Heil; Emma E., who died unmarried at the age of fifty-six years, four months, two days; and Charles H., of Macungie, Pennsylvania.

REV. JOHN BAER STOUDT. Staudt (Stoudt, Stout) is one of the early Palatinate family names. Members of the family figured prominently in some of the Crusades. The family spread northward into Holland, where several members obtained noble rank. During the persecutions of Bloody Alba some members of the family fled to England, one of them, Richard by name, enlisting in the English navy. Upon one of his visits to New Amsterdam he met Penelope Van Princis, who later became his wife, and they settled in Middletown, N. J., prior to 1688, becoming the progenitors of a large and honorable family.

The Staudts of Pennsylvania come directly from the Palatinate and seem to be divided into two groups, that of Berks and that of Bucks county. On Aug. 30, 1737, there landed at Philadelphia John Jacob, Johannes and Hans Adam Staudt, and on Sept. 24th of the same year Peter Staudt. These four, it is claimed, were brothers. The following year arrived Peter and Daniel; in 1741 another Peter arrived, and in 1744 George Wilhelm joined the group. It is believed that all the above named were related. John Jacob settled at what is now Perkasie, and was the father of the following children: Abraham, Henry K., Jacob, Hannah, Magdalena, Annie Margret. Abraham was a man of prominence in his day, serving during the Revolution as a member of the Committee of Safety, also of the Committee of Observation, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and of the Convention of 1789-90. The Stouts of Lehigh and Northampton counties are descendants of the Bucks group.

At the head of the Berks group stands John Michael Staudt, who took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia Sept. 18, 1733. Tradition says that his father died at sea, and that the headship of the family fell upon him, though he was only twenty-one years of age. How large the family was we do not know, but we know that Mathias, aged eight, and Johannes, probably still younger, were in the group, and we have reason to think that the family was even larger.

On Oct. 25, 1737, there was surveyed for John Michael Staudt a tract of land in Bern township on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, "opposite the flat meadows," of 180 acres. Later the estate was doubled. The place is known as Stoudts Ferry. Johannes was probably never married. Mathias married Anna Margeret Schrader, who was born Oct. 13, 1728, and died May 22, 1797. He was born in 1725 and died in 1795. They resided in Bern township, and raised the following children: John, Mathias, Abraham, Catherine Maria (married Thomas Umbenhauer) and Elizabeth. Of these, Abraham, born Jan. 25, 1757, died Oct. 9, 1824; to him and his wife Maria Elizabeth (Brown), born June 22, 1756, died Aug. 15, 1824, were born the following children: Mathias, John, Jacob, Catherine, Magdelena, Anna Maria and Sussanna. Johannes, Mathias and John Michael were members of the Bern Church, where their ashes rest in peace.

John Michael Staudt, the ancestor of Rev. John Baer Stoudt, was born in 1712 and died May 13, 1776. To him

and his wife Barbara were born the following children: (1) Johannes (1737-Oct. 13, 1801) married Maria Catherine Kerschner (1751-Dec. 21, 1826) and lived on a farm in Maiden-creek township. Their union was blessed with the following children: George, Catherine (married to Henry Body), Barbara (married to George Snyder), Elizabeth (married to Daniel Maurer), Jacob, John, Daniel and Samuel. (2) Jacob (1735-1802) moved in 1790 from Bern township to Richmond township, having bought the farm now owned by Edwin Kutz. To him and his wife Margaret were born the following children: John Jacob, Adam, John Henry, Daniel, Barbara (married to John Schucker), Mary (married to Michael Knittle), Catherine (who died unmarried), Elizabeth (married to William Ebling). (3) Michael (1742-1807) married Maria Elizabeth Brown (1759-1820) and had four sons and five daughters. He received the old homestead. (4) George Wilhelm (1748-1820) lived in Maiden-creek township, and became the progenitor of a large posterity. He married Christina Weidenhammer (1752-1817), daughter of Johannes Weidenhammer (1726-1804) and Margereth (Ehteigie) (born in Kurpfalz in 1727-died in 1812), and their children were: George, Margaret (married to Daniel Gross), Magdalina (married to John Mohn), Daniel, Maria (married to Daniel Mertz), Adam, Jacob, Catherine (married to Daniel Mickly). George Wilhelm Staudt and his brother Jacob lie buried in the Kutztown Union cemetery. (5) John George and his wife Anna Margreta moved to Tulpehocken township. (6) Jost and his wife Mary Elizabeth lived in Bern township. To them were born the following children: Jacob, Margretha, Catherine and Magdalina. (7) Anna Barbara married Baltzer Leach, of Bern township, and this union was blessed with seven children. (8) Catherine married Christopher Leach and resided in Heidelberg township. (9) Apolonia married Daniel Aurandt and moved to Buffalo Valley. (10) Catherine Elizabeth married Peter Wise and resided in Bern township.

Daniel, son of Jacob (1735-1802), was a distiller by trade. His declining years were spent in the vicinity of Kutztown, where he died in 1853; he was buried in Hottenstein's private cemetery. He married a Miss Bowman, and this union was blessed with the following children: Adam moved to Logansport, Ind., where he died; George married Hannah Borrel and reared a family of nine children; Reuben is mentioned below; Frank died unmarried; Margaretha married Jacob Saul, of Molltown; Polly and Hannah died unmarried; Maria married Joseph Hampshire and lived at Bowers Station; Hettie Ester died young; Isaac served in the Mexican war, and soon after his return left again for the Western country.

Reuben, the third son of Daniel, married Hannah Koch, daughter of John Koch and his wife Catherine (Gehret), and this union was blessed with the following children: Benjamin, who located at Pinegrove, Schuylkill county; Daniel, who located at Circleville, Ohio; William, who located at Pottsville, Schuylkill county; Henry; Kate, who died unmarried; Hannah, married to Mr. Lobo and living in Chicago; Reuben, who was killed in the Civil war; Samuel, who settled in Carlisle, Pa.; Charles, who died of disease contracted in the Civil war; James, who served in the Civil war and afterward located in California; Melinda and Ellen, unmarried, who live at Reading; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Yingst and lives at Carlisle.

Henry, son of Reuben, married Olivia Reppert, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Diehl) Reppert, and this union was blessed with six children, John, Hannah, Francis, Oliver, Daniel and Lucius. Henry is said to have died of hiccough and he and his wife lie buried at DeLong's Reformed Church.

John R. Stoudt, son of Henry, was born Feb. 10, 1848. He married Anna Amanda, daughter of Charles and Anna (Carl) Baer, the latter the daughter of George and Barbara (Keiffer) Carl. This union was blessed with the following children: Henry, a molder by trade, residing at Reading, married Minnie Lease and has two children, Mabel and Charles; John Baer is mentioned below; George Baer, a machinist by trade, residing at Topeka, Kans., has two sons, Calvin and Francis; Jacob, of Fleetwood, Pa., a molder by trade, is married to Kate, daughter of Adam Kline; Frederick and Annie are at home with their mother, who lives at Fleetwood.

John Baer Stoudt, son of John R. and Anna Amanda (Baer) Stoudt, was born Oct. 17, 1878, in Maxatawny township, and later removed with his father to Richmond township, where he attended the public schools of the township. In 1896 he was licensed to teach, which profession he followed for three years. In 1900 he graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., and in 1905 from Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa. Both at the normal school and at college he took an active interest in literary and oratorical work, winning a number of prizes, collegiate and inter-collegiate, among them the John W. Wetzel prize, second prize in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest and the State Camp oratorical contest of the P. O. S. of A. During the summer of 1906 he studied theology in the University of Chicago, and in 1908 was graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church. He now resides at Emaus, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he is pastor of three Reformed congregations. He is regarded as a pulpit orator of more than ordinary ability.

On Oct. 15, 1908, Mr. Stoudt was married to Miss Elizabeth A. DeLong, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary H. (Yoder) DeLong, of Topton, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH FREDERICK ISETT, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Hamburg for nearly thirty years, is a native of Berks county, born Oct. 19, 1846, in Greenwich township, son of Dr. Benjamin F. and Lovina (Christman) Isett.

It is traditional in the family that the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Isett removed with other French Huguenots to Germany, and that he started from there to America, but died on board the ship, his remains being buried at sea, while his widow and two sons, Frederick and Jacob, landed in safety at Philadelphia in 1732. This progenitor's name is said to have been Frederick.

Frederick Isett, son of the progenitor, settled on a farm near La Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa. His farm lay adjacent to Governor Shunk's, and he married a Miss Markley, by whom he had several children, among them Frederick, the Doctor's grandfather. He was born during the Revolutionary war and died ripe in years. He was a farmer by occupation, and was well and favorably known in his district. He married Mary Hallman, and they had children as follows: Dr. Benjamin Franklin; Samuel, of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, married to Harriet Brower; Frederick, of Limerick township, Montgomery county, married to Harriet Shade; and John, married to Esther Poley.

Dr. Benjamin F. Isett was born in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Jan. 29, 1807, and died Oct. 9, 1869. He was educated in Montgomery county, and was engaged in milling before taking up the study of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. He became assistant physician at the Montgomery county almshouse, where he remained one year before locating at Klinesville, Berks county, in 1833, and thereafter successfully practised at that place for twenty-three years. In 1856 he settled in the town of Hamburg, where he resided at the time of his death. He was a man of wide influence in his community and a staunch friend of education, serving several terms as school director. Early in his practise he espoused homeopathy and was largely instrumental in introducing it in northern Berks. Dr. Isett was married to Lovina Christman, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Camp) Christman, and they had children as follows: Henry Francis, married to Mary Keller; Anna M., married to Dr. E. Benjamin Bierman,

president of Lebanon Valley College, and a former legislator of Lebanon county; Dr. J. Frederick, and Catharine B., married to Rev. S. G. Grove, of Philadelphia.

J. Frederick Isett was taken by his parents to Hamburg when nine years of age, and there gained his preliminary education in the public schools. In 1862 he entered Dickinson College, and while there enlisted in the 195th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with this regiment until the close of the war. Returning to Hamburg he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed for three years, when he took up the study of medicine, graduating from the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1876. He then located in Middletown, Dauphin county, but in 1878 returned to Hamburg, where he has been successfully engaged in practice ever since. Dr. Isett is the medical examiner for a number of life insurance companies, including the Metropolitan and Prudential Companies.

On Oct. 31, 1869, Dr. Isett married Emma R. Miller, daughter of Edward M. and Sarah (Moyer) Miller, and to this union have been born children as follows: Sarah Lavinia, married to Harry C. Carper; Harry M., who is married to Clara Rumble; J. Fred, Jr., a public school teacher; Chester M., who married Ellen Schollenberger; and William M., a machinist by trade.

GEORGE M. JONES, a member of the faculty of the Boys' High School of Reading, is connected on both sides of the family with some of the first settlers of the county and State. His paternal ancestors are traced in direct line to Nils Jones, who came from Sweden, in 1638, and settled in the northern part of what is now Delaware, not far from the site afterward selected by William Penn for Philadelphia. The original settler in Berks county was Mounce Jones, who built the first house in Berks county, at Douglassville, in 1716, which historic structure is still standing. He was our subject's great-grandfather's grandfather.

Nicholas Jones, grandfather of George M., was a forgemaster at Hecla, Schuylkill county. He was born in Amity township, and during his lifetime was prominent in public affairs having been a member of the Legislature from Schuylkill county in the year 1850. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-six.

Daniel Young Jones, son of Nicholas and father of George M., was a resident of Reading, but is now deceased, having died in 1883, at the age of forty-one. He married Elenora S. Miller, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Miller, whose ancestry is traced back to John George Spang, who came to America from Germany in 1751 and settled near Womelsdorf, Berks county.

George M. Jones was born Sept. 8, 1874, in Reading. He passed through the graded schools of that city, graduating from the Latin Scientific course of the high school in 1891. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, where during 1891-92 he studied architecture. During the summer following, and until February, 1893, he was a rodsman for the city engineer of Reading. Returning to the University he took the course in Finance and Political Economy. His degree of Bachelor of Philosophy he took in 1896, receiving honors at graduation.

Upon his return home Mr. Jones selected the law as a profession, reading under the instruction of Isaac Hiester, of the Berks County Bar. His certificate of admission bears date of Nov. 14, 1898, from which time until 1906 he was actively engaged in practice. Since 1906 he has been a member of the faculty of the Boys' high school, of Reading.

Mr. Jones married, April 10, 1901, Mabel Catherine, daughter of Joseph Hertzog and Anna Mary (Wicklein) Lutz, of Reading. Their children are: Ruth, born June 28, 1904, and Frank Nicholas, born Nov. 19, 1906. Mr. Jones is connected officially with a number of the religious, educational and charitable societies of his community. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, having been superintendent of the Sunday-school from 1900 to 1907, and a deacon from 1906 to 1909. He is a member of the board of education of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and treasurer of the Beneficial Brotherhood of Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading. He is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society, the American Civic Association, the National Educational Association, the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, and the College and General Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones is a Life Member of the Historical Society of Berks County, the Athletic Association of the Reading Boys' High School and of the Alumni Association of the Reading high schools. He was Treasurer of the Berks County Bar Association from 1902 to 1908. At present he is corresponding secretary of the Historical Society of Berks County, recording secretary of the Associated Charities of Reading, corresponding secretary of the Reading Sanitarium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, treasurer of the Five-Minute Club, treasurer of the Reading Teachers' Institute, president of the Athletic Association of the Reading Boys' High School, vice-president of the Teachers' Nature Study Club of Reading, and of the Alumni Association of the Reading High Schools. Other local organizations of which Mr. Jones is a member are the Board of Trade, the Humane Society of Berks County, Hope Rescue Mission, the Civic League, Young Men's Christian Association, Trinity Luther League, Berks County Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, and Oneonta Camping Club.

GEORGE K. LINDERMAN, ex-county commissioner of Berks county, Pa., who is now residing on his fine farm in Robeson township, was born in Union township, Berks county, in 1846, son of William and Mary Ann (Lloyd) Linderman, grandson of John and Mary (Ridge) Linderman, and great-grandson of Conrad and Martha (Peters) Linderman.

The Linderman family is one of the oldest upon record in Pennsylvania, it being recorded that Jacob Von Linderman came to America in 1710 with his two sons, Henry and Samuel, and settled in Ulster county, N. Y. Samuel Linderman, from whom George K. is descended, had one son John, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

John Linderman, son of Samuel, married, and among his children were two sons, Conrad and Frederick, both of whom served in the Revolutionary war, the latter holding the rank of sergeant.

Conrad Linderman, great-grandfather of George K., removed from Montgomery county, Pa., in 1780, and settled in Douglass township, Berks county, where he purchased a small property and this he cultivated all of his active period. He died in 1841, at the age of sixty-six years. He and his wife had eleven children, as follows: Isaac, Frederick, John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Sarah, Modeleana, Richard, Margrette, Mary and Conrad. In religious belief the family were first Lutherans, but later became connected with the Reformed Church.

John Linderman, grandfather of George K., was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and later removed with his parents to Douglass township, where he resided until 1805, when he moved to Union township, and there the rest of his life was spent in weaving and farming, the former occupation having been carried on in the family as far back as the records show. Mr. Linderman died in 1854, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife died in 1862, when seventy-eight years old. They were the parents of these children: Conrad, William, Martha, Frederick, Jacob and John. In religious belief the family were Reformed. John Linderman served as a soldier in the war of 1812-14.

William Linderman, father of George K., was born in Union township in 1804, and spent his whole life engaged in weaving and farming there. He married, in 1828, Mary Ann Lloyd, and they became the parents of seven children: Samuel; Mary (m. B. F. Miller); Catherine (m. William Slipp); Elizabeth (m. (first) T. J. Espenshade and (second) Benjamin Roberts); George K.; and two who died in infancy. In religious belief the family

is connected with the Reformed Church. In political matters Mr. Linderman was a Democrat, and held a number of township offices.

George K. Linderman was educated in the common schools of Union township, and the grammar school at Reading, after leaving which he was engaged in Esterly & Bro.'s wholesale grocery for two years. He then connected himself with the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, as conductor, and remained with the company from 1870 until 1874, losing his left leg in their service, after which he was put in charge of the Wilmington & Northern freight house at Coatesville. In 1874 he purchased the old homestead in Robeson township, where he has since devoted his time to farming and weaving. At one time Mr. Linderman was an extensive breeder of fine poultry, but he is now giving most of his attention to truck farming, which he finds very profitable. Mr. Linderman is a Democrat in politics, and on numerous occasions has been elected a delegate to county conventions, serving on various committees. In 1897 he was elected county commissioner, and gave excellent service to the tax payers, no man ever leaving the office with a cleaner record than he. Fraternally Mr. Linderman is connected with the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Linderman married Emma Swavely, and to them have been born four children; Mary A. and Clara E., teachers; S. Catherina, a graduate of the Birdsboro high school, and now teaching in Robeson township; and Luther L.

PERCIVAL C. NYCE, who for a number of years was engaged in the produce and commission business in Reading, is now living retired in this city. Mr. Nyce was born Oct. 22, 1839, in Marlborough township, Montgomery Co., Pa., son of Samuel and Eliza (Cope) Nyce.

George Nyce, grandfather of Percival C., resided on the old homestead in Marlborough township, where he died at the age of sixty years, his wife, who had been a Miss Price, passing away in her ninetieth year. They were members of the German Baptist Brethren Church. Their children were: John; Daniel; Samuel; Joel; Jesse; Katie (m. a Clemmer); Elizabeth (m. a Reed). In politics Mr. Nyce was a Whig.

Samuel Nyce was born on the homestead in Marlborough township, and there followed farming many years, removing to Reading in 1853 to engage in the produce business. He died in 1898, in his eighty-fifth year, and his wife died in 1893, when seventy-seven years old. They had seven children, six of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Mary (who m. an Anthony); Andora (m. a Goodman); Catherine (m. a Guth); Percival C.; Sylvester, and Calvin S. The father of these children was a member of the Baptist Church, while Mrs. Nyce belonged to the Reformed denomination.

Percival C. Nyce was educated in the common schools of Montgomery county and later those of Reading, and as a boy worked in the commission house of his father, with whom he later went into partnership, this connection lasting from 1860 until 1865, when Percival C. Nyce went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the business on his own account. From that city he went to New York, thence to Chicago, and later to Mount Carroll, Ill., whence he returned in 1873 to Reading, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law and his brother, Calvin. In this connection Mr. Nyce continued until ill health forced his retirement from active life in 1888.

On Aug. 4, 1859, Mr. Nyce married, at Milton, Pa., Cecelia E. Trego, and their son, Harry E., married (first) Ella Benson, had two children: Percival C., Jr., and Elsie C., and (second) m. Rosie Guth. Percival C. Nyce is a member of the German Baptist Church.

JOHN BORDEAUX WILSON, one of the leading citizens of Longswamp township, Berks county, who has won quite a reputation as a civil engineer, is engaged in a large white china clay business, being a member of the firm of the Star Clay Company. Mr. Wilson was born May 7, 1848, at Philadelphia, Pa., son of David G. and Emma (Moore) Wilson.

David G. Wilson was born Nov. 7, 1804, in Kent county, Del., and learned the trade of wheelwright in Philadelphia, where he established himself in business in 1829. Subsequently, he formed a partnership with a blacksmith, John Childs, the well-known firm of Wilson, Childs & Co. being organized, which afterward became one of the leading enterprises of its kind in the world, handling large government and foreign contracts. Mr. Wilson died July 22, 1860, while at the height of his business success, but the firm has been continued to the present time, the name remaining the same. In August, 1826, he married Emma Moore, born at Bridgeton, N. J., Aug. 23, 1806, who died in Philadelphia, Jan. 1, 1884. Of their eleven children, John Bordeaux was the youngest.

John Bordeaux Wilson was reared and educated in Philadelphia, and after taking a two years' course at the Central high school, in September, 1864, he entered the Polytechnic College, in the class of civil engineering, and was graduated in June, 1867. He followed this occupation until his health compelled him to relinquish it, and became known all over the country. His first appointment was as a member of the engineering corps of the Union Pacific Railroad, engaged in location and construction work through Dakota and Utah, and there he remained until shortly prior to the completion of the road, in May, 1869. For the following two years he was an assistant engineer for the survey of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, and he subsequently entered the U. S. Engineering Corps, engaged in the survey of the Delaware river, near Philadelphia. He afterward entered the railroad service, having charge of the engineering work on the eastern division of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, but after five years was compelled to give up this occupation. He did some work in the silver mines of Colorado, and in 1877 came East. In September, 1878, he purchased a one-half interest in the Star Clay Company, of near Mertztown, where the crude clay is refined by a washing process, and run through filter presses, subsequently being kiln-dried by steam. During the years that have followed, the business has been extended and shipments are now made to all points in the United States. The firm has another plant at Alburtis, Lehigh county, where the product is shipped in the crude state after being air dried. From 1878 until 1884, Mr. Wilson resided in Philadelphia, but in the summer of the latter year, he brought his family to Longswamp township, and they were so well pleased with the locality that they decided to remain.

On Dec. 16, 1875, Mr. Wilson was married to Millie F. Logan, daughter of William C. Logan. She was born May 12, 1852, at Cottonwood, Mo., and died Feb. 25, 1890, at Philadelphia. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Laura, born Oct. 9, 1876, is unmarried; Henry Leland, born Nov. 12, 1879, m. Emma Fenstermaker, and has four children,—John Raymond, Evelyn, Millard Logan and James Fenstermaker; Mary Calwell, born Oct. 8, 1881, m. Nov. 24, 1908, John Dallas, of Philadelphia, and is residing at Logan, Philadelphia; Emma Moore was born Jan. 25, 1884—all the foregoing children having been born in Philadelphia; and Clarence B., born Sept. 5, 1888, in Longswamp township, is learning the trade of machinist.

Mr. Wilson was secretary of the board of trustees of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, for a number of years, and still retains his membership in this congregation.

JAMES SEIDLE HILL, who died in 1888, was for many years a leading citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Cumru township, where he was born April 2, 1824, son of John and Ellen (Seidle) Hill.

John Hill was a native of Cumru township, and followed agricultural pursuits on a property now owned

by Frank Lauer. He died in 1889, aged ninety-two years. He was a Democrat in politics, while his religious belief was that of the Reformed Church, to which his wife, Ellen (Seidle), also adhered. They had a family of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity, as follows: James S.; Eliza, m. John Schwartz; Hannah, m. Phillip Obold; Mary, m. Adam Hain; John m. Amanda Barnhardt; Charles m. Mary Sharp; Henry m. Sally Henning; William is deceased; Nicholas m. Mary Shaffer; Ellen m. George McCallister; Peter; and Jeremiah, m. Mary Spangler.

James S. Hill was reared in Cumru township, and after receiving his education, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he carried on until his retirement in 1854. In 1851 Mr. Hill married Emma B. Seitzinger, daughter of Jacob W. and Anna (Schwartz) Seitzinger, the former the owner of the State Constabulary property, known as the old Seitzinger estate, which at his death became the property of Mrs. Hill. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill there were born these children: Anna died aged two years; Agnes m. Francis P. Schwartz, and had three children—Marie D., James S. and Jacob W. (she is the owner of two fine farms, which are superintended by her husband, Mr. Schwartz); Ellen S.; Alice; Adelia; Frank; and Alma died unmarried.

In religious belief Mr. Hill was a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife adhered to the Lutheran faith. He was a director of the Union National Bank of Reading, and served as assessor of Cumru township in 1855. Mrs. Hill died Jan. 14, 1908, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, Reading.

ASAPH PRUTZMAN (deceased), who for many years was at the head of one of the most successful business enterprises in Reading, Pa., had been a lifelong resident of that city, where he was born July 19, 1829.

Andrew Prutzman, his father, was likewise born in Reading, and received his education in the public schools there. Early in life he learned the trade of a tin and copper smith, and during his lifetime carried on a tinware and stove business. In May, 1813, he married Anna Sibilla Furshel, born July 25, 1795, in Wurtemberg, Germany, daughter of Nicholas and Maria Ann Furshel, the former of whom was a member of the Reformed Church, being chorister and schoolmaster, while his wife was a Catholic in religious faith. Andrew Prutzman died while still in the prime of life, in 1830, aged forty-five years, but his wife survived until Jan. 28, 1868, dying at the age of seventy-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Prutzman was a Democrat. The children of Andrew and Anna Sibilla Prutzman were: Jacob, born Sept. 14, 1814; Mary Ann, born June 20, 1817; Henry, born May 23, 1819; Nicholas, born Aug. 1, 1821; Hannah, born Aug. 1, 1824; Rebecca, born April 24, 1828; and Asaph, born July 19, 1829. Three of this family are still living.

Asaph Prutzman was educated like his father in Reading, and after completing his schooling commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith. He spent three years at this trade with Valentine Groff, whose shop was then located opposite the Church of Our Father (Universalist), but he found the work so heavy and injurious to his health that he gave it up and learned tinsmithing instead. He spent four years in making himself thoroughly familiar with the details of that trade. He then went into business for himself in that line, building up an extensive trade, for a long period being one of Reading's prominent men. When he retired he left to his sons one of the best known and best managed enterprises in the city. Highly successful himself, he was very philanthropic and always ready to help others, many a young man receiving substantial assistance from him in making his way in the world. Mr. Prutzman's benefactions in other ways were also liberal and the full extent of his philanthropy will never be known.

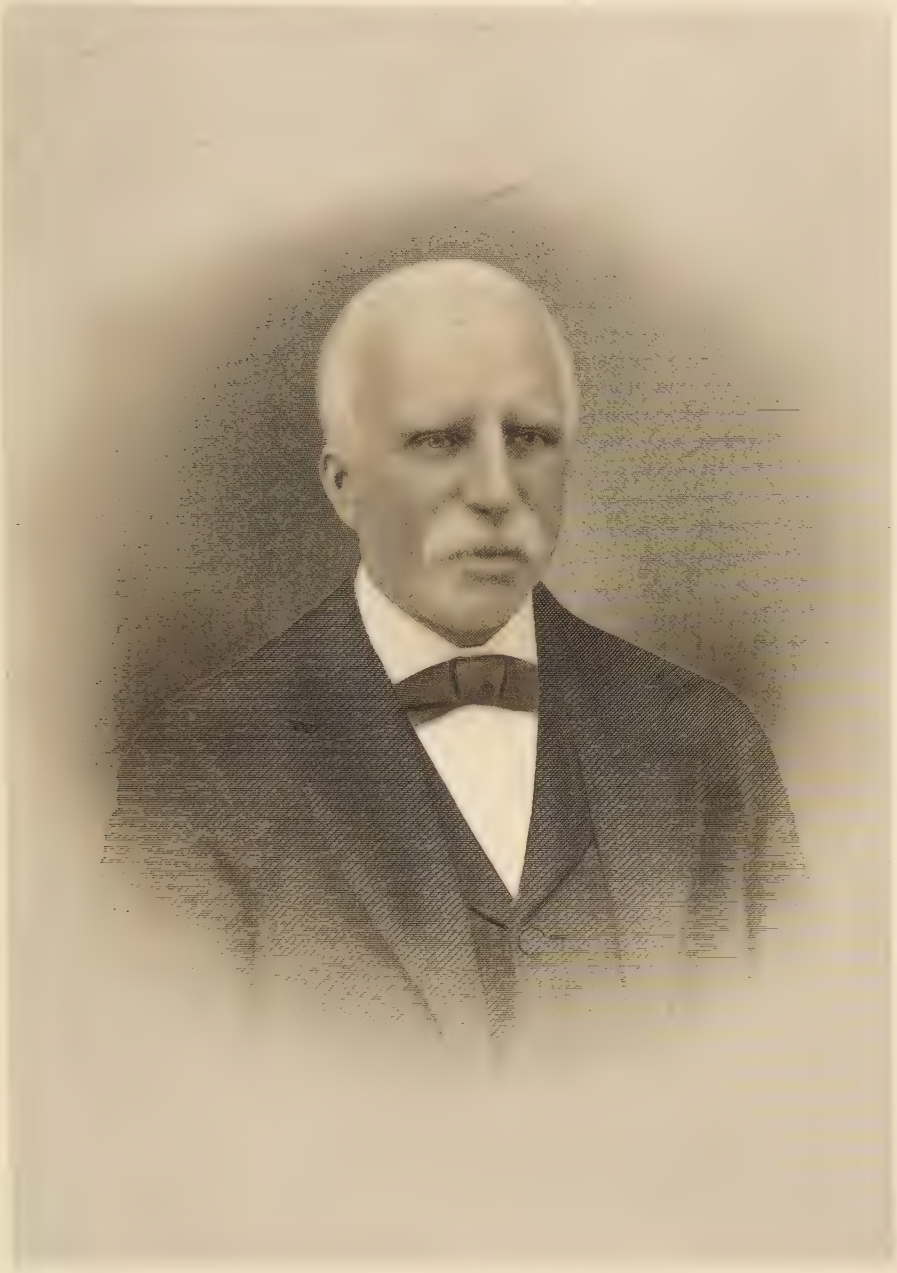
On May 31, 1853, Asaph Prutzman married Miss Margaretta Burns Mengel, daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Burns) Mengel, six of whose children are still living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Prutzman were members of the Memorial M. E. Church, the latter now having belonged to that denomination for fifty years. Mr. Prutzman was a very active church worker until he became afflicted with heart disease, which obliged him to relax his activities. A man devoted to his home and family, he spent the greater part of his leisure time by his fireside. A great reader, he was well posted on all general topics, and was a conversationalist of unusual powers. An indulgent husband and father, his death on June 12, 1905, was a great loss to his family, all of whom survived him. He was laid to rest in the Charles Evans cemetery.

To Asaph Prutzman and his wife were born eight children, three sons and five daughters, as follows: (1) Walter M. is in the stove and roofing business at No. 304 Penn street. He first married Miss Rosie High, who died leaving two children—Paul Burns and Maud M. (deceased). He married (second) Mrs. Rebecca (Leinbach) Snyder. (2) Catharine Amelia is deceased. (3) Jacob Mengel married Eva Nolan, of Columbia, and they have three children—William Asaph, Florence G. and Raymond J. (4) Emily Clarinda is deceased. (5) Mary Emily married Joseph Bunting, and has one child, Helen M. (6) Aspah Edgar is deceased. (7) Margaretta Burns is deceased. (8) Alice Annie May married John H. Eckel, and they have three children—Madeline M., Asaph Burns and Anna Sibilla, the last named of whom was named after her great-grandmother, Anna Sibilla Prutzman.

MECKSTROTH. The Meckstroth family dates back to William and Elizabeth (Quiller) Meckstroth, who came from Ladbergen, a province of Northern Germany, near Hanover, prior to their marriage. After coming to America, Elizabeth Quiller married (first) William Snethkamp, who was killed by a falling tree, and by this union she had two children: William H., who was one of the first graduates of Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, and who for many years was a justice of the peace, notary, school teacher and merchant, besides being the first agent of his section for farm implements, but is now living retired at St. Marys, Ohio; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Henry Lutterbeck, and had three children, all now married. About 1847 Elizabeth (Quiller) Snethkamp married (second) William Meckstroth, and they located in New Knoxville, Auglaize Co., Ohio, which at that time was all forest, and they had to fell and burn the trees to get a sufficient clearing to raise the necessities of life. To William and Elizabeth Meckstroth were born seven children: Mary m. Henry Sundermann, who died in August, 1907; Herman Henry m. Mary Bierbaum; Ernest L. m. Lizzie Feldwisch; Annie m. William Haberkamp; Sophia m. W. H. Fledderjohann; George m. Fredericka Peters; and Charles A. m. Annie Lammert.

(II) Herman Henry Meckstroth was born in New Knoxville, Ohio, July 10, 1850, and remained at home until the age of twenty years. He was then married to Mary Bierbaum, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Bierbaum, who also came from Germany and located near New Knoxville. This union was blessed with children as follows: George, who died when ten months old; Annie, who died when quite young; Benjamin (twin to the Rev. William L.), who died when a few weeks old; William Lewis; Lewis, who died at the age of four years; Henry Lewis, who graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in June, 1908, and was then appointed resident physician of St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, but after July 1, 1909, will locate in New Knoxville, Ohio; Edward Charles, who taught school for five years, but now is preparing himself for the medical profession, and who married Martha Howe. The mother died July 19, 1907, after an illness of two days.

(III) William Lewis Meckstroth, pastor of Ziegel Reformed Church, an eloquent and brilliant young divine of the Reformed faith, was born near New Knoxville, Ohio, Feb. 24, 1878. He was baptized by Rev. F. H. W.



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Kuckhermann in infancy and from then seemed set apart for his sacred calling. At the age of fifteen he was confirmed by Rev. F. Mathers, a Lutheran clergyman. He attended the schools of his neighborhood until 1894, when he entered St. Mary's high school, completing a three years' course in two years. He then entered Mission House College at Franklin, Wis., the German college of the Reformed church in the United States, in the fall of 1896, and completed a classical course in the spring of 1900. He then entered Ursinus School of Theology, Philadelphia, in the fall of the same year. At the close of the theological course he left at once for Swanton, Ohio, where he began his active ministry in charge of four congregations. He was examined and licensed to preach by a committee of Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, on Friday, June 5, 1903, and ordained and installed as pastor of Zion's charge, Swanton, Ohio, Sunday, June 28, 1903, by a committee of Toledo's Classis. He was pastor of Zion's charge until Oct. 1, 1904, a period of seventeen months. During this pastorate a $1,000 parsonage was bought and nearly paid for. On Oct. 1, 1904, he took charge of the First Reformed Mission congregation in Bay City, Mich., where in two and one-half years the congregation was raised from 85 to 125, the debt reduced from $900 to $330, and a number of improvements inaugurated. He supplied Covenant Presbyterian church from Oct. 1, 1904, to Oct. 1, 1905, at a time when there were only thirty-four communicant members and a church property, valued at $1,200, about to be sold for taxes. Within one year all indebtedness was wiped out, and the Sunday-school enlarged from 45 to 125 with the able assistance of Mr. William A. Guest, the efficient superintendent. Mr. Meckstroth was elected secretary and treasurer of the Bay City Ministerial Association Jan. 9, 1905, and twice re-elected. This association has twenty-seven members. The Rev. Mr. Meckstroth was asked in February, 1908, by several members of Saginaw Presbytery of the Presbyterian church if he would not consider entering that church, but he declined the cordial invitation with thanks. In the spring of 1903, prior to graduation and during the illness of Rev. Dr. L. K. Derr, the venerable pastor of Zion's Reformed church, Reading, Pa., he assisted for three months. He was elected pastor of the Ziegel charge, consisting of Longswamp and Ziegel congregations, on April 28, 1907, and began his labors on Sunday July 7, 1907.

On May 5, 1904, the Rev. Mr. Meckstroth married Miss Katharine F. Eshelman, of Reading, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. L. K. Derr, D. D., of Reading. Mrs. Meckstroth for many years has been an active member of Zion's Reformed church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eshelman, now residing at Shillington. Mr. and Mrs. Meckstroth have one son, Herman Franklin, two years old.

The Rev. Mr. Meckstroth is a man of exceptional executive ability who thoroughly understands how to conduct his church upon a business basis and develop its possibilities into certain success. He is a young man of remarkable talents, and as a preacher is well known. He is very earnest and sincere, and seems to have an unsatisfied appetite for hard work. Each charge has parted with him with regret, and he will find ample opportunity to add to his honors in eastern Berks.

CORNELIUS BICKEL, assistant superintendent of the Keystone Furnace, a branch of the Reading Iron Company, one of the largest industries of Berks county, Pa., was born in 1854, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Gruber) Bickel, farming people of Lower Heidelberg township.

Cornelius Bickel was one of a family of thirteen children, of whom but he and his brother Gesson are now living. He received a common school education in Cumru township, and worked on a farm until twenty-two years of age, when he came to Reading and accepted a position with Seifert, McManus & Co., continuing with that firm through all of its changes, until it was merged with the Reading Iron Company. Mr. Bickel started in at the old tube works, being promoted to foreman. In 1887 he came to the Keystone Furnace as a laborer, when the Bushongs operated the plant, and two years later was appointed to the position of foreman, in 1896 being made assistant superintendent, a capacity in which he has served to the present time. Mr. Bickel has from 140 to 150 workmen under his supervision, and he is popular with the employes and is considered a valuable man by his employers. He is a skilled mechanic, and it has been through his own ability and faithfulness to duty that he has reached his present position.

Mr. Bickel married Miss Emma Huffert, a native of Cumru township, Berks county, and to them have been born these children: Agnes m. John Bare; James; Lillie m. Milton Bonham; Florence m. John Doerman; and Regina m. Charles Stott. Mr. Bickel is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In political matters he is independent, casting his vote rather for the man than the party.

REV. JOSHUA S. BARTHOLOMEW, of Virginville, Berks county, Pa., was born March 22, 1863, at Bath, Northampton Co., Pa., son of Joshua and Sarah Ann (Bleiler) Bartholomew.

Lewis Bartholomew, grandfather of the Rev. Joshua S., was born in 1790, and died in 1875. He was a life-long farmer in Northampton county. He married Ann Smith, and they had six children, namely: Rebecca; Matilda (m. William Snyder); Joshua; Ann (m. Joseph Fehnel); Amelia (m. Edward Schearer); and Harrison (m. (first) Mary Ann Snyder and (second) Louisa Smith).

Joshua Bartholomew, son of Lewis, was born in Northampton county and resided near Bath, engaged as a farmer and blacksmith. He died in 1907. He married Sarah Ann Bleiler, daughter of Solomon Bleiler, a farmer of Salisbury township, Lehigh county. They had five children as follows: Osborn, Oliver B., Lewis H., Alfred A. and Rev. Joshua S.

The boyhood days of the Rev. Joshua S. Bartholomew were spent in the town of his nativity and his early intellectual training was obtained in the public schools at Bath. Later he attended the Academy and Ursinus College, for a period of two years in the former department and two in the latter, after which he entered upon the study of theology in the same institution. After a rigid course of three years he was graduated May 8, 1900, and he was at once elected the Reformed pastor of the Lenhartsville charge which consists of these six churches: Zions in Perry township; New Jerusalem (Dunkels) in Greenwich township; Frieden's (Wessnersville) in Albany township; St. Paul's in Windsor township; New Jerusalem (Red Church) in Albany township; and St. Paul's Christian Endeavor Chapel, Virginville. His total membership numbers more than 700 souls. He visits the different charges regularly every few Sundays, according to a regular schedule, and there are many all through this section who watch for the approach of the faithful old sorrel horse "George," knowing that with it comes one whose sympathy in time of trouble is always ready, and whose advice and instruction have made many a path straight for those on whom life has laid heavy burdens. He resides in his own neat residence in the village of Virginville where he is held in the highest esteem. The Rev. Mr. Bartholomew is well fitted in every way for a ministerial life, possessing a pleasing and winning personality and a scholarly eloquence that makes the preaching of the Word effective.

On Aug. 5, 1883, he married Mary J. Funk, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Hower) Funk. To this union have been born four children: Calvin S., Henry U., Ruth S. and Joshua F. Mrs. Bartholomew has one brother Jacob H., who is a miller at Weaversville, Northampton county.

PROF. CHARLES G. SPECHT, music teacher and organist at Sinking Spring for upward of twenty years, was born June 27, 1860, in Spring township, near Montello.

He was brought up there and educated in the public schools, and after leaving school he learned the trade of potter, working under his father until he was twenty years old.

When but a boy of ten years, Charles G. Sprecht manifested a great talent for music, both vocal and instrumental, and by the time he was fifteen years old he was capable of performing on all kinds of instruments, becoming particularly fond of the clarionet, and at that early age he was a member of a local band. He took lessons under Prof. Berg in harmony, modulation and composition, also for singing and playing on the piano and organ, later a special course in harmony, counterpoint and composition under Prof. Theodore Kolb, and under Prof. Rothenberger on the cornet and clarionet. The attention of musicians at Altoona was attracted to his musical accomplishments and they invited him to that place; there he became a member of the Mountain City Band, and afterward of the famous and popular Altoona City Band. Not liking the place he remained but a short time and returned to Reading.

Upon returning home he learned cigar making, and followed that business for about two years to assist in making his living and musical expenses. In 1884 he married, and then determined to follow the profession of teaching music in all its branches, with his home at Sinking Spring, and in this he has been very successful. He has been the organist of the Sinking Spring Reformed Church since 1886. In the past twenty years he has taught more than sixty musical organizations, such as bands, orchestras, and hundreds of pupils in the art of singing and playing the piano, organ and pipe organ. He also served as Clarionettist for sixteen years in the famous Ringgold Band of Reading.

Prof. Specht married Esther Elizabeth Reber, daughter of Levi and Sophia (Heckman) Reber, the former a farmer of Bern township, and by her had four children: Minnie E. m. Herbert Hornberger; George R.; Paul L.; and Frederick E. died when nineteen years old.

The Professor's father, John George Specht, was born in 1827, in Baden, Germany, where he learned the trade of potter. He emigrated to America in 1852, and, landing at New York, lived there and in Canada, following his trade until 1858. Then he moved to Berks county, Pa., locating a mile south of Sinking Spring, and here he followed the pottery business until his decease in 1895. He married Hannah R. (Sifferman) Geibel, widow of John Geibel, of Spring township, and by her he had two sons: Charles G. and John P. (m. Amanda Snader, of Adamstown).

As far back as can be traced, in many instances, Prof. Specht's ancestors on both sides of the family, were noted musicians. A half-brother of his father served as musician in the regular army with Gen. G. A. Custer at the time of the terrible massacre in 1876, and a cousin of his mother, Emil Scheck, is holding the position of first clarionettist in the Philharmonic Orchestra of New York City. Prof. Specht had three uncles in the Civil War, one already spoken of, and Peter Specht, who was killed during an engagement at Rappahannock; and George Specht, who served through the entire war. His maternal grandfather enlisted in the American Navy, and was lost at sea in 1848.

J. LAWRENCE GETZ, Congressman from Berks county, 1867 to 1873, was born at Reading, Sept. 14, 1821. His father was George Getz, an officer of the United States navy, and the founder and for a number of years the publisher of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal.* His grand-father, on the maternal side, was a soldier in the Revolution.

J. Lawrence Getz received an academic education, and read law in the office of the Hon. William Strong. He was admitted to the Bar Aug. 6, 1846, but he never engaged in active practice. In 1840, with Jacob Knabb as a co-partner, he founded the *Reading Gazette,* an English weekly newspaper at Reading. Some years afterward he purchased the *Jefferson Democrat,* and then, as sole proprietor, merged the two into one, and issued the paper under the name of the *Reading Gazette and Democrat.* He conducted its publication very successfully till 1868. In politics he was a strong advocate of Democratic principles. During the Civil War he was a firm Union man, advocating the preservation of the Union of the States and the enforcement of the Constitution. With the national administration in the hands of the Republican party, whose principles were opposed to his own, the course which he pursued in publishing a Democratic newspaper was commendable. His patriotic sentiments contributed much toward creating a proper spirit of submission in the adherents of the Democratic party. As an editor he displayed a high degree of ability and energy.

In 1856 Mr. Getz was elected as one of the representatives of the county to the State Legislature, and re-elected in 1857. During the latter term he was made Speaker of the House by the unanimous nomination of his Democratic colleagues, an evidence of his popularity and ability. In 1866 he was elected to represent this district in the XLth Congress of the United States, and re-elected to the XLIst and XLIId Congresses, serving three consecutive terms from March 4, 1867, to March 4, 1873. After his retirement from public life he for a time edited the *Spirit of Berks.* He officiated as controller of the city of Reading for the term from 1888 to 1892. He died Dec. 25, 1891.

Mr. Getz was married to a daughter of Rev. R. U. Morgan, D. D., rector of Christ Episcopal Church at Reading from 1834 to 1850. They had two children, George and Sadie.

ELLWOOD H. DEYSHER, attorney-at-law at Reading, and descendant of one of the first families in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, was born Jan. 9, 1857, at Reading. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduated from the Reading high school with the class of 1873, and continued his studies in the higher branches at the Millersville State Normal School for several years, when he entered the law office of J. Howard Jacobs, Esq. After reading law under him for the prescribed period, he was admitted to practise in the several courts of Berks county Nov. 13, 1882, and afterward in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

After practising ten years, he formed a law-partnership with James A. O'Reilly, Esq., and they carried on a very successful business under the name of O'Reilly & Deysher, until Mr. O'Reilly's sudden accidental death on the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad at Spring City in 1902. Since then Mr. Deysher has continued to practise by himself. Upon reaching his majority he identified himself with the Republican party and took an active part in many campaigns, becoming the chairman of the County Committee in 1887.

Mr. Deysher's father was Martin Deysher, a prominent lumber merchant at Reading from 1854 to 1860, when he was accidentally killed on the railroad at Mud Run, while in the lumber regions buying a large stock for his yard at Reading. He was born in Oley township in 1833, and reared on his father's farm until he was about twenty years old, when he located at Reading, and, after being associated with his brother, Jacob H. Deysher, for about a year, embarked in the lumber business for himself, for which he had manifested much aptitude. He was married to Sarah M. High, daughter of Jeremiah High, farmer of Oley, by whom he had three children, Ellwood H., Rose E. (who died in 1894, aged thirty-five years) and Allen Martin (who died in infancy).

His grandfather was Jacob Deysher, farmer and ironmaster of Oley, who for a number of years operated the Trappe Forge. He was married to Marie Hoch (High), of Oley, by whom he had ten children, seven sons and three daughters: Joseph, Jonas, John, Jacob H., Daniel, Martin, Amos, Mary (m. to Isaac Behm), Rachael (m. to Isaac Stettler) and Anna (m. to Benjamin Barto). Jacob Deysher died in 1862, and his wife died in 1868.

WILLIAM JACKSON YOUNG, an attorney-at-law of Reading, was born at Reading, Pa., Aug. 12, 1867, and was reared in this city. Here he acquired his literary training, having been graduated from the high school in the class of 1885. During a part of 1885 and 1886 he taught school in Berks county, and then served as bookkeeper for several large Reading business concerns, from 1887 until 1890 being chief clerk for the R. G. Dun Agency. He then read law with his father, the late Samuel L. Young, formerly a prominent member of the local Bar, who died Jan. 20, 1902.

Mr. Young was admitted to practice Nov. 10, 1890, later to the Superior, Supreme and United States courts, and through his ability secured an appointment as United States commissioner, serving from 1901 to 1905, succeeding his late distinguished father in this office. Mr. Young is located at No. 522 Washington street, Reading. In political affiliation he is a steadfast Republican, and during the campaigns of the late President McKinley and of President Roosevelt he was very active, making many speeches throughout Berks and Lancaster counties. He is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

REV. WILLIAM GEHMAN, founder of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, though now living near Vera Cruz, in Lehigh county, Pa., is a native of Berks county, and has been such a factor in the strengthening of the spiritual life of so many of this county's people, to say nothing of his belonging to one of the oldest families, that this book would be incomplete without mention of him. The Rev. Mr. Gehman was born in Hereford township, Berks county, Jan. 22, 1827, son of George and Sarah (Schwartz) Gehman.

Three brothers named Gehman came from Switzerland during the time of religious persecution in the Old World, and on reaching Pennsylvania, one of them settled in Lancaster county, one in Bucks county, and one in Berks county. From the last named descended Jacob Gehman, grandfather of the Rev. William, who married a Lahr. He became the father of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: George, Jacob, Mollie and Katherine.

George Gehman, son of Jacob, married Sarah Schwartz, and they became the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, as follows: Nathan, Samuel, George, Rev. William, Charles and Mary Anna, of whom George and Rev. William are the only survivors.

Rev. William Gehman received a common school education, and was brought up in the industrious habits that have characterized his long and useful life. At the age of eighteen he learned the trade of custom miller at the mill now owned and conducted by Newhard Brothers, near Vera Cruz, but after completing his apprenticeship he went to farming in the capacity of farm hand for two years. At the end of that time his marriage took place, and he moved to the farm that has since been his home. Though now well past four score years he is strong and vigorous, and still takes his place in the field in harvest time, putting to shame many a young man by his strength and energy.

The Rev. Mr. Gehman has taken an active part in advancing the cause of religion all his life. His early home training turned his thoughts toward his own soul's salvation, and he consecrated his life to the Master's cause. He began preaching in October, 1849, and still preaches in various Mennonite churches.

On June 17, 1848, the Rev. William Gehman was united in marriage with Anna Musselman, born in Lehigh county, only daughter of Jacob Musselman. Nine children came to bless this union, all of whom grew to maturity, married and had families. These were: Manno, Henry, Francis, Allen, William, Amanda, Sarah, Mary and Hannah. The mother's death in 1904 was the first break in this happy family, and since then Manno and Sarah have also entered into life eternal.

KESSLER. The Kessler family is an old and honored one in Berks county, and its present representative is Miss Mary Catherine Kessler, the only surviving child of William Addams Kessler, deceased, of Lower Heidelberg township, near the Cacoosing creek. She was born on the homestead March 3, 1864.

The Hon. Charles Kessler, of Reading, her grandfather, was born in that city in 1805. He was a man of great prominence for fifty years, in the political and social affairs of the county, as well as in the printing business. When a youth, he entered the printing office of the *Reading Adler*, which was then published by his father, Charles Kessler, and his uncle, the Hon. John Ritter, and after learning the business worked in the establishment until he was of age. He then became the translator and associate editor of the paper, and under his influence and popularity the circulation of the sheet was largely increased. In 1852, he purchased a half interest in the paper and shortly afterward became the sole proprietor, and continued its publication until 1864. In 1866, he was elected associate judge of the courts of Berks county, and served this office in a most faithful and acceptable manner until 1871, dying from a stroke of apoplexy about the end of his term. Judge Kessler was a man of high attainments. He was especially advanced in the study of entomology, having by his patient researches made a valuable collection of insects. He took great interest in the Berks County Agricultural Society, and served as president for a number of years. In 1857, he purchased a farm in Lower Heidelberg township along the Bernville road near the Cacoosing creek, and his son then removed from Reading to carry on the farming operations. He devoted much attention to the cultivation of peaches, apples, pears and grapes, which were introduced into the county through his personal efforts. He was married to Elizabeth Addams, daughter of Isaac Addams, and had two children: William A. and Catherine, who married Wellington Van Reed. Mrs. Kessler died in 1867.

William Addams Kessler, father of Mary Catherine, was born at Reading in 1832, and after his preliminary education at that place, he attended for several years a private school at West Chester under the control of the Quakers. Upon his return to Reading, he learned the trade of cabinet-maker, but not liking this employment he entered the printing establishment of his father, who was then conducting the *Reading Adler*. He acted as clerk in the book store for a time, and then became foreman in the press room, a position which he held until 1857, at which time he moved to the farm in Lower Heidelberg township. During this time, while at Reading, he served as secretary of the Reading Water Company for a number of years. He was an adherent of the Democratic party, and became very popular with the leaders, although never accepting any of the offices frequently tendered to him on account of his services to the party. Though living in the country, he kept up his interests in politics until his decease, covering a period of fifty years. In 1860 Mr. Kessler married Sarah A. Noll, daughter of Daniel H. Noll, of Alsace township, and to this union there were born three children: Elizabeth and Charles, both of whom died in infancy; and Mary Catherine. The mother died in 1904, at the age of sixty-five years, her husband surviving her until 1905, when he passed away, aged seventy-three years.

Mary Catherine Kessler received her early education in the township school, but went to Reading daily for the higher branches. She continued her attendance at Reading until reaching the second class in the high school, but was then obliged to discontinue on account of the serious illness of her mother. She remained at home faithfully and devotedly looking after domestic affairs until the decease of both of her parents. Upon the death of her father she became the sole owner of the property, but shortly afterward she sold the place, with the exception of an acre of ground and the home for herself, to Harry Redcay, who was brought up there by her parents; and here she continues to make her residence. Her home

bears the name of "Wilsarkan Gables," a name derived from a combination of the names of the only people who have lived in the home for fifty years—"Wil" from Miss Kessler's father, William, "Sar" from her mother, Sarah, "K" from her own name in the family Kate, and the "an" from the initials of her uncle Andrew Noll.

JONATHAN W. WEIGLEY, in his lifetime an active worker in public affairs and also a successful farmer, came of a family of English extraction. It is a tradition in the early history of the Weigley family in this country that their direct ancestor came over with William Penn and settled in Philadelphia county. Whether he was an actual convert to Quakerism or not is not known, although it is manifest that the family here owes its origin to that portion of its German ancestors which came under the influence of Penn when he visited Holland and Germany in 1671 for the advancement of Quakerism. Long prior to 1734 John Michael Weigley had settled in Lower Salford township (Montgomery county, Pa.), at which time he was a landowner, having a considerable tract. His son George died Oct. 20, 1760, leaving a widow and five children, viz.: Elizabeth (wife of Frederick Gable), Catharine, George, Margaret and John. While Adam Weigley, the immediate progenitor of the family in Lebanon county, was born in 1744 in Lancaster county, where his father, a brother of John Michael and a contemporary of William Penn, had settled. The descendants of these brothers are widely scattered with their numerous progeny through Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Adam Weigley, born at Reamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1744, removed to White Marsh, Montgomery Co., Pa. He married in 1770 Hannah Eva Walter, who was born in Cocalico township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and who survived her husband several years, dying in 1840, near Newmanstown, Lebanon county. Adam was a farmer by occupation and finally settled near Womelsdorf, Pa., where he died in 1798, leaving considerable real estate, as appears from the proceedings in partition in the Orphan's court of the county of Berks commenced in December, 1800, and leaving the following children: (1) Joseph, born in 1770; married in 1790; admitted to the Bar of Philadelphia county in 1798; removed to Westmoreland county, Pa., and died near Greensburg in 1819, leaving issue, viz.—three sons, Alexander, a physician now deceased, and Horatio and Wellington, both lawyers, who lived in Chicago, Ill.; also six daughters, Eliza, Julia, Ann, Hannah, Harriet and Mary. (2) Samuel, born in 1772, married Maria Reed, and had issue: Hannah, Rebecca (married to Jacob Heddinger), Lucy (married to Henry Lautz), Lydia (married to George Bechtholtz), William (married to Royal Phillabaum) and Mary (married to Emanuel Noll). (3) David died young. (4) Jacob Adam was born in 1787. (5) Daniel died young. (6) Elizabeth married Joseph Debbie of Berks county, Pa. They had issue: Elizabeth and Julia (married to Henry Noll). (7) Sarah married John Brou, of Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Pa. (8) Catharine married Philip Kalbaugh, of Berks county, Pa. (9) Susannah married Jacob Noll, of West Virginia.

Of the above, Jacob Adam Weigley alone settled permanently in Lebanon county, where nearly all of his descendants now reside. Jacob Adam Weigley, born Jan. 22, 1787, in Berks county, Pa., died Dec. 14, 1880. He married Catharine Miller (daughter of John Miller), who was born Jan. 7, 1792, and died March 21, 1869, at Millbach. Jacob Weigley was brought up to hard work on the farm and on reaching manhood began for himself on a farm in Mill Creek township, Lebanon Co., Pa. He also engaged in milling, operating the Millbach mill (now known as Illig's mill) for many years. He and his wife had children as follows:

(1) Mary born Aug. 22, 1811, died Feb. 12, 1898, and is buried at Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania.

(2) Isaac, born July 11, 1813, married in August, 1836, Elizabeth Zeller, who was born May 21, 1818. Isaac was a pump-maker and farmer, and lived at Richland, Lebanon Co., Pa. Both he and his wife are buried at Millbach. Their children were: (a) Malinda S., born April 7, 1837, died May 15, 1903, was married to Michael B. Schaeffer, in October, 1867, and had issue: Miller, born Aug. 6, 1869, and Minnie, born Oct. 4, 1875, both residing at Richland, Lebanon couny. (b) Catharine E., born Nov. 16, 1838, married Henry Mell, in October, 1857, and had issue: Mary Anderson, born Feb. 28, 1863, who married Benjamin Dornbach, and had issue, Nora (married to Monroe Smaltz) and John (residing at Richland); Lizzie, born April 6, 1874, married to Sherman Leitner and residing at Richland; Dora, born Dec. 2, 1875, and Ada, born June 11, 1878, both living at home. (c) Francis W., born Jan. 28, 1840, became a soldier in the Union army (7th Pennsylvania Cavalry) and was killed in the war of the Rebellion in 1862. (d) John J., born Feb. 12, 1842, married Maria E. Kilmer, on Sept. 13, 1868, and had issue: Ira, born April 18, 1870, who married (first) Elvie Hershey and had issue—Sarah and Rachael (mother and daughters deceased), and married (second) Lillian Auchenbach, Nov. 15, 1898, their issue being Minnie, born Dec. 26, 1899, and Pearl, born Jan. 11, 1906 (all residing at Richland); Mary, born April 26, 1872, who was married in 1893 to Eugene Eck, conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and had issue, Florence, born Feb. 13, 1894, and Lee, born May 11, 1904 (residing at Richland, Lebanon Co., Pa.); Harry, born March 26, 1874, who married Ida Smith and had issue, Horace (born Nov. 14, 1896), Grace (born April 1, 1899), John (born Nov. 15, 1900), Louis (born Sept. 9, 1903) and Mary (born April 19, 1907); Dawson, born Oct. 20, 1876, who married, July 11, 1905, Nora Klopp, and had issue, Mollie, born Feb. 11, 1907, and Anna, born May 10, 1908; Robert, born Jan. 22, 1880; Ray, born March 8, 1889; and Katie, born Aug. 11, 1891. (e) Wayne J. was born March 15, 1844. (f) Jacob Z., born June 6, 1846, married Harriet Boyer Oct. 30, 1869, and had issue: Francis, born March 14, 1873, who married Kate Hain and had issue, Esther, Frank and Wayne; and Isadore, born June 15, 1878, who married Wilson Merkel and had issue, Margaret. (g) William W. was born Aug. 21, 1848.

(3) Charles Weigley, born Oct. 15, 1815, married (first) Sarah Moore, daughter of Adam Moore and his wife Barbara. He was a prosperous farmer. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. Though quiet and unostentatious in manner, he wielded considerable influence in his township. He and his wife had issue: (a) Emeline M., born Dec. 22, 1837, died March 1, 1854. (b) Jonathan W. is mentioned at length below. (c) Annie C., born April 18, 1844, married John M. Holstein Aug. 3, 1867, and had issue: Thomas, born July 22, 1868; and Elmer, born June 19, 1870, married to Minnie Hartman, and residing at Millbach. (d) Wellington, born Oct. 1, 1846, died June 10, 1860. (e) Amanda, born Dec. 25, 1847, resides with her niece, Miss Lizzie R. Weigley. (f) Walker, born Dec. 6, 1851, married Mary Weik, and lives at Stouchsburg. They had issue: Ida, born Nov. 13, 1875, who married (first) Abraham Gruttis and had issue—Lulu (born Dec. 3, 1893) and Charles (born Feb. 10, 1895, and married (second) in 1902 Thomas Schoedler, by whom she has Harry, born Oct. 10, 1902; Morris, born July 14, 1878, who married Lillie Heckeman, Dec. 27, 1902, and had Irene E., born March 4, 1908; and Carrie, born Nov. 17, 1887, residing with her parents. (g) Pierce married Adda Shealer and resides at Lebanon. They had issue: Elmer, Miles (both married), Charles (deceased), June (residing at home), Stella (married), Paul and Lucy (at home). Charles Weigley married (second) Hettie Walter, born March 12, 1819, died Oct. 24, 1894; she is buried at Millbach.

(4) William W. Weigley, born Jan. 1, 1818, a Millbach, Lebanon county, Pa., married Jan. 19, 1841, Anna Rex, youngest daughter of Abraham Rex, of Schaefferstown. Their children are: (a) Rex, born Feb. 12, 1842, married in September, 1865, Mary Borthwick, of Philadelphia, and they had issue: Sophie B., born Oct. 30, 1866,

who died April 18, 1876; Annie R., born March 18, 1868; William B., born May 30, 1869; Rex, born March 23, 1876; Robert B., born Feb. 11, 1879, who died April 17, 1882; and Jessie, born March 13, 1880, who died April 27, 1882. (b) William Wallace, born at Schaefferstown, Pa., Aug. 4, 1843; a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., class of 1862; admitted to the Philadelphia Bar in June, 1867; was cashier of the United States Custom House in 1872-1873; and has been engaged in the practice of law in Philadelphia, where he now resides. He married, June 15, 1870, Mary S. Forney, eldest daughter of the late Hon. John W. Forney, of Philadelphia. (c) Anna Isadore, born at Schaefferstown, Pa., Sept. 15, 1847, married July 26, 1877, Theodore D. Griswold, of St. Joseph, Mo., and had issue: Ray, born Sept. 15, 1878, who is married.

(5) Allen Weigley, born July 24, 1821, at Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., married Nov. 8, 1857, Ann Elizabeth English, of Jonestown, Pa. Allen died Jan. 23, 1897. They had children: Robert E., born April 14, 1859, who was admitted to the Lebanon county Bar in 1883; Sue S., born March 17, 1861; William Wallace, born Nov. 25, 1863, now deceased; Katharine D., born April 13, 1865; and Richard W., born July 6, 1867, married to Amanda Fessler and residing at Lebanon.

(6) Caroline, born Oct. 4, 1823, died April 1, 1903. She was married to David Moyer, of Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., and had issue: Morris M., born in 1859, married to Elizabeth Noll (their children are Paul, Horace, married to Florence Smaltz, and Frank, living with his parents at Millbach); Ada D., born in 1863, married to Sam Fisher, and residing at Reading; and Robert, born in 1865, who married Annie Miller, and had issue Daniel (he resides at Millbach).

(7) Lucy Ann, born Oct. 8, 1825, married Daniel Pennypacker, of Lancaster county, both now deceased. They had issue: Amelia W., married to Joseph Brubaker, of Lebanon county, Pa., by whom she had Ella, Charles, Retten and Robert.

(8) Henrietta, born April 2, 1828, married Michael M. Moore, of Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., and died April 21, 1902. Their children are: Miller, born in 1853, married to Emma R. Smith; Jonathan W., born in 1855, married to Mary R. Kaufman (issue, Elsie, residing with her parents at Sheridan, Lebanon Co., Pa.); and Andrew, born in 1857, married to Fannie Frank (had issue, Gertrude, married to Jerome Miller and residing at Reading).

(9) Oliver Weigley, born Oct. 23, 1830, died March 3, 1874. He married Ella Jones, of Baltimore, Md. (who is now deceased), and had issue, Elizabeth, who is now deceased.

(10) John A. Weigley, born July 22, 1832, married Oct. 19, 1858, Sabina S. Meiser, who died Friday March 29, 1889. John died Jan. 6, 1892. Their children are: Westa M., born Sept. 11, 1859; Emma S., born May 4, 1865; and Wallron W., born March 1, 1868, who married Amy Emerich and had issue, Earl (died Oct. 16, 1900, aged six years, two months, seven days), John (died Oct. 16, 1900, aged four years, eleven months, nine days), Charles (died April 1, 1901, aged two years, eleven months, one day), Catharine and Helen (residing with their parents at Richland).

Jonathan W. Weigley, son of Charles, was born Aug. 27, 1839, at Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and died April 2, 1907. For many years he engaged in farming, until 1893, when he brought his family to the home in which they now reside. His education was begun in the district schools and completed in a school at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa., now known as Ursinus College, at Collegeville. He was a man of intelligence and was of great influence in his vicinity. He was a firm upholder of Democratic principles and actively interested in the success of his party, being honored with a number of local offices while living in Jackson township, Lebanon county. He owned a valuable farm of 117 acres in that township, formerly his father's farm, on which in 1895 he erected a large barn; Daniel Haag of Millersburg had the contract. He also put up good shedding and otherwise improved the property. He was a member of Tulpehocken Reformed Church, and at his death was buried in the cemetery there.

In 1865 Jonathan W. Weigley was married to Emma E. Kilmer, daughter of Israel and Lovina (Batdorf) Kilmer. The only child of this union was Miss Lizzie R., who is a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1901. She has taught five terms in the public schools in Marion township and is most successful, her own love of learning inspiring her pupils to steady effort. The Weigley home contains a number of relics, a grandfather's clock which belonged to the great-great-grandmother of Miss Lizzie, also a chair that belonged to the family that owned the clock.

ISAAC BEAR, Reading's leading shoe merchant, whose place of business is situated at No. 634 Penn street, is a native of the State of Maryland, born in 1868, son of Hartz Bear, who came from Germany.

Isaac Bear received his education in the schools of his native locality, and at the age of fourteen years went to Washington, D. C., finding employment in a store there for three years. Returning to Baltimore, Md., Mr. Bear was employed by his brother, M. H. Bear, who was a leading shoe merchant of that city and remained with him ten years, coming to Reading in 1899. He purchased the Comfort Shoe Store, remodelling it and restocking it with a full line of first-class shoes, and here he has continued to the present time with much success. His establishment, which is four stories and basement, 30x144 feet, is fully equipped with the most modern fixtures and appurtenances, and during the busy season he employs twenty-one clerks, as well as a skilled shoemaker for special work. His specialty is good honest shoes for men, women and children. Mr. Bear has an honestly won reputation for first-class goods, and his business, already of large proportions, is constantly growing.

In 1899 Mr. Bear was married to Miss Mamie Kuthner, of Rome, Ga., and to them one son has been born, Ivon K. Mr. Bear is a member of the Masonic order, being connected with George's Creek Lodge, No. 161, F. & A. M., and Garfield Chapter No. 115. He is also a member of Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. Elks.

HENRY S. GEIST, a citizen of Bechtelsville who has lived retired since 1896, has seen many changes in that place during the thirty years of his residence there, and has himself been active in promoting its development and growth. He is a native of New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., born Feb. 20, 1834, and belongs to a branch of the Geist family which has long been settled in Montgomery county. It is believed they come from the same stock as the Geists of Longswamp township, Berks county. Mr. Geist recalls that four sleighs filled with "Geist" relatives came to visit his parents in the Falkner Swamp from Longswamp township, Berks county, and he remembers hearing his parents speak of the relationship existing between the Longswamp and Falkner Swamp Geists. In 1850 one Valentine Geist, Sr., died in Longswamp township, leaving his wife Catharine and a son Valentine, Jr., a daughter Lydia (Weber), and other children whose names are not mentioned in the will, recorded in Book 9, p. 400.

Through his parents Mr. Geist learned that the emigrant ancestor in this country, Christopher Geist, a German mineralogist, went from the German Fatherland to England, and from there was sent to Schwenkville, in Montgomery county, Pa., to manage or superintend a copper mine which is to this day an old landmark of that district. It is believed that one of the sons of the emigrant located in Longswamp township, Berks county. We find that one Christopher Geist came to America in 1740 on the ship "Lydia"; Fried. Wilhelm Geist came on the ship "Ranier" to America in 1749; and Hans Jacob Geist came on the "Brothers" in 1754.

Matthias Geist, believed to be the great-grandfather of Henry S. Geist, lived on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, in Chester county, Pa. It is thought he was buried at a Mennonite meeting-house in that county.

Conrad Geist, grandfather of Henry S. Geist, hailed from Chester county, near the Schuylkill river, and settled in New Hanover township, Montgomery county, on the Swamp creek, where he farmed and had a gristmill. He died at the age of fifty-two years, and is buried at the Swamp Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Groff, survived him. They had children as follows: Daniel lived near Limerick, Pa.; Henry lived at Pottstown, Pa.; Samuel; Matthias lived at Pottstown; Maria m. Amos Brower; Elizabeth m. Jacob Stetler; Catharine died young; Conrad lived at Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; and Isaac was of Pottstown.

Samuel Geist, son of Conrad, was the father of Henry S. Geist. He was born in the Falkner Swamp district in Montgomery county in 1805, and there made his home, following farming and his trade of wheelwright. He owned a good tract of about fifty acres, now the property of his son Samuel. Mr. Geist died about 1882, when seventy-seven years old, and is buried in the Swamp Church cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth Zuber, daughter of Christopher Zuber, born in 1804, long survived him, passing away in her ninety-fifth year, and she, too, is buried in the Swamp Church cemetery. Their children were: Lucy Ann died at the age of fifteen years; Esther m. James Markley; Henry S.; Samuel; and Ephraim died in childhood.

Henry S. Geist was reared upon the home farm, and began his education in the old pay schools conducted in the Falkner Swamp during the period of his boyhood. He worked for his parents at home until seventeen years old, when he commenced to learn carriage-making at the Swamp, and he followed this trade as a journeyman for about forty years altogether. In about 1858 he commenced to work on his own account, at the Swamp, and there he continued in business for twenty-one years, doing very well. In 1878 he moved to Bechtelsville, a borough of lower Berks county, and purchased the old Bechtel homestead, comprising sixty-one acres, from which he has since sold a number of building lots. Mr. Geist has witnessed many changes in Bechtelsville since his arrival in the place, and has been instrumental in bringing about many of the improvements which have added to the value of property and raised the standing of the borough. He engaged in farming on the old Bechtel place until his retirement in 1896. Mr. Geist is a substantial and respected citizen, and besides looking well after his own affairs has taken part in the life of his community, having served as school director of Bechtelsville for three years. He has been very active in church work, and upon the erection of the Bechtelsville Church (Reformed and Lutheran), in 1886, he not only donated the ground but also gave liberally toward the building itself, served as a member of the building committee and assisted in many other ways.

In October, 1856, Mr. Geist married Lydia Welker, daughter of George and Catharine (Kumerer) Welker, of Pennsburg, Pa., and to this marriage were born four children: Cevila m. William Fink, of Allentown, Pa.; Dr. James lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Annie m. Oscar Winters, of Royer's Ford, Montgomery county; and Irwin is a bookkeeper at Royer's Ford, employed at the Emmers hosiery manufactory.

During the Civil war Mr. Geist was in the service for a time in the State defense, belonging to the company of his cousin, Capt. Jesse Geist, which company was organized by Daniel Yost, and their colonel was Charles A. Knoderer. They were sent to Hagerstown at the time of the battle of Antietam. Mr. Geist is a Democrat in political opinion.

[A complete history of the Geist family and its genealogy has been written by George Geist, of Frankford, Pa., who intends to present it to the Pennsylvania German Society.]

JOSEPH O. MOYER, late of Washington township, Berks county, was a grandson of Christian Moyer (or Meyer), who was the ancestor of a large posterity.

Christian Moyer lived in Springfield, Bucks Co., Pa., and married Anna L. Bauer, born in 1757, died in 1809. The date of their marriage is not known, neither do we know the date of birth of Christian Moyer, but he died between 1821 and 1827. On April 20, 1809, he conveyed two tracts of land, containing 182 acres and twenty-eight perches, to his sons Michael and Peter, for £2,000. After the death of Peter, June 21, 1848, the property was the cause of dispute among the heirs, and Michael eventually paid the appraised value, $13,048.75, on April 2, 1849; this ended the trouble. Christian Moyer had ten children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Fronica, born in 1777, died in 1838. She married Christian Eshbach (1766-1838) and had five children, Elizabeth, William, Henry, Annie and Jesse. (2) Michael, born Dec. 28, 1779, died Jan. 9, 1857. In 1806 he married Elizabeth Oberholtzer. (3) Peter, born Dec. 14, 1781, died June 21, 1848. In 1809 he married Eve Shelly, and they had seven children, Sarah, Lydia, Peter, Sophia, William, Jacob and Amos. He was a farmer by occupation, and he and his wife were Mennonites in religious belief. (4) William, born Jan. 3, 1784, died Oct. 11, 1846. He married Catharine Kindig (1787-1866), and they had seven children, Joseph, Abraham, Elizabeth, Mary, Jonas, Isaac and William. (5) Jacob B., born Nov. 22, 1788, died July 20, 1867, married in 1810 Annie Shelly (1790-1882), and they had seven children, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Joseph, Annie, Jacob, Christian and Aaron. (6) Anna married Abraham Bechtel. (7) Magdalena married Jacob Weiand. (8) Elizabeth, born in 1794, died in 1884. She married in 1814 Abraham Hunsberger (1795-1883). (9) Mary, born in 1798, died in 1880, married John Stauffer. (10) Susanna died when young.

Michael Moyer, son of Christian, born Dec. 28, 1779, died Jan. 9, 1857. He lived upon and owned the farm which is now the property of John M. Ehst, and followed farming. In 1806 he married Elizabeth Oberholtzer, born in 1781, who died in 1874 in the ninety-third year of her age. Five children were born to them: Henry, Joseph, Catharine, Susanna and Elizabeth.

Joseph O. Moyer, born Sept. 6, 1812, died May 16, 1877, in his sixty-second year. He was a native of Hereford (now Washington) township, born where his son Joseph now lives, and followed carpenter work in early life, later engaging in farming. His farm consisted of fifty acres of fertile land, and the house now standing there was built in 1849, the barn being built in 1850. He was a Mennonite in religious faith, and his family also belong to that church. They are buried at the Hereford (Bally) meetinghouse. On Nov. 16, 1845, he married Esther Yoder, born Dec. 28, 1822, died Jan. 9, 1881, and they had a family of four children: Elizabeth, born June 26, 1847, died Sept. 6, 1864; Jacob, born Jan. 31, 1850, lives at Woodbury, N. J., and is a carpenter by occupation; Joseph Y. is mentioned below; Levi, born March 13, 1857, is a carpenter by trade but at present follows farming, living at Plumsteadville, Bucks Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Y. Moyer was born Nov. 2, 1853, on the Moyer homestead in Washington township, and there received his education in the common schools. He was reared upon the farm, and in 1878 began farming on part of the homestead tract on his own account. He has continued to live there, the place having come into his possession in the fall of 1877. It comprises thirty-six acres of arable land and fourteen acres of woodland, and the whole property is level and in good condition. The land is productive. Mr. Moyer keeps six or eight cattle and gives special attention to dairying, and he has a silo and other conveniences for model farming.

On Sept. 13, 1879, Mr. Moyer married Amanda S. Borneman, daughter of Joseph H. and Esther (Stauffer) Borneman, of Boyertown, and granddaughter of John and Barbara (Herstein) Borneman. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have had five children: Samuel B., born May 10, 1882, has

been the mail carrier between Barto and Palm since July, 1905 (he m. Rebecca Romig, daughter of William Romig, and they have two children, Ruth A. and Warren Joseph); Edwin, born in 1885, died the same year; Olivia, born in 1886, died in 1887; Irwin, born in 1889, died in the same year; Emma B., born July 14, 1891, is at home with her parents. Mr. Moyer and his family are members of the Mennonite Church.

AUGUSTUS HESTON, who passed from this world in 1898, at Reading, where he had resided for nearly thirty years, came of a Quaker family long identified with Philadelphia. His parents were William and Martha (Tyson) Heston.

Mr. Heston was born in West Philadelphia, March 14, 1832, and his education was acquired in the schools of Philadelphia proper, and later in Jenkintown, now a suburb of the former city. After the completion of his academic studies he began his preparations for his work as a pharmacist. At the end of his apprenticeship, he went to Buffalo, N. Y., where his brother Charles was engaged in the drug business, and he remained with him until the Civil war broke out. Mr. Charles Heston enlisted, and, as it proved, served throughout the war, while his brother Augustus was left in charge of his affairs with directions to close out the business. This accomplished he returned to the old home farm at Jenkinton and lived there till 1869. In that year he located in Reading, which became his residence for the remainder of his life. He had no active business interests there, but was sufficiently occupied with the charge of his affairs.

Mr. Heston's marriage occurred the year that he came to Reading, when Miss Caroline De Long became his wife. No children were born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Heston traveled extensively, through their own country going from ocean to ocean and visiting most of the health resorts in the Union, while in 1895 they spent five months abroad. In that time they journeyed through Ireland, Wales, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Italy, one point of special interest to them being their visit to the home of Mrs. Heston's paternal ancestors, the De Longs, who were originally of Alsace-Lorraine. Mrs. Heston made a second trip to Europe after her husband's death, at the time of the Paris Exposition in 1900. Mrs. Heston died Feb. 25, 1908, and in her will bequeathed land for a public park in Reading. This is situated at the junction of Mineral Spring road, Perkiomen avenue, and Thirteenth and Chestnut streets. During her lifetime she had many opportunities to sell this tract at practically her own figure, but she would never consider it, evidently having in mind this gift to her home city.

De Long. The De Long family was founded in America about 1700, and Peter De Long, the emigrant ancestor, settled in Albany county, New York.

John De Long, son of Peter, located at Bowers Station, Berks Co., Pa., where he became one of the representative farmers of that section.

Joseph De Long, son of John, married Miss Susan Weaver, and had a large family as follows: Joseph (2); Elizabeth (m. Daniel De Long); Jacob (m. Miss Sarah Shaffer); Catherine (m. Peter Hensing); David (m. Miss Anna Beaver); Francis (m. Miss Esther Shaffer); and Jane (m. Reuben Miller).

Joseph De Long (2), son of Joseph, married Miss Anna Wetzel, and they had two daughters: Caroline, Mrs. Heston; and Harriet, who married Isaac Hummel, of Lehigh county, Pa., and has two children, Alice and Grace, the latter the wife of David Hein. As a family the DeLongs were either Whigs or Republicans, and in religious belief belonged to the German Reformed Church, but Mrs. Heston was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal mission.

DANIEL A. BIEBER. The founder of the Bieber family in America was (I) Johanes Bieber, a native of Switzerland, who in young manhood came to America with a number of others, landing at Philadelphia, as a redemptioner, before the Revolution. He first settled near Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., but later came to Oley township, in Berks county, where his son Jacob married Susanna Lescher, a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Lescher, of Oley township. She was a wealthy woman and gave her husband and his father an excellent start in the new home. Johanes acquired a tract of 400 acres, located adjacent to the Peters mill, in the northern end of the township. On this farm he is buried in a private burial ground, which is kept in good repair, he having provided for this in his will. Many members of the family are interred there. A number of very interesting inscriptions are to be found over the old graves, some of which are here given:

"William Bieber, Born Sept. 9, 1794, Died Dec. 11, 1878, Aged eighty-four years, three months and two days."

"Jacob Bieber, Born Oct. 13, 1761, Died Nov. 8, 1835, Aged seventy-four years and twenty-six days."

"Esther Bieber. Born Jan. 25, 1767, Died Feb. 25, 1856, Aged eighty-nine years and one month. She was married to Jacob Bieber in 1786."

"Sarah Bieber, Born Aug. 6, 1808, Died Jan. 20, 1877, Aged sixty-eight years, five months and fourteen days. She was a daughter of Jacob and Esther Bieber."

"Miaria Hess, Born Dec. 25, 1792, Died Dec. 20, 1863, Aged seventy years, eleven months and twenty-six days. She was the wife of Daniel Hess."

"Susanna Lescher, Born Oct. 25, 1756, Died May 10, 1841, Aged eighty-four years, six months and fifteen days. She was the daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Lescher."

"Barbara Lescher, Born Jan. 15, 1735, Died Feb. 1, 1818. She was married in 1752."

"Nicholas Lescher, Born April 18, 1726, Died March 25, 1795, Aged sixty-eight years, eleven months and eight days. He was married to Barbara Lescher in 1752."

"Elizabeth Lescher, Born Nov. 16, 1771, Died May 28, 1806, Aged thirty-four years, six months and twelve days. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Lescher."

There are three graves without tombstones and one stone from which all inscriptions are effaced; it is among the Lescher graves. The unmarked graves are those of children who probably died in infancy. Miaria Hess was the housekeeper for William Bieber, who never married.

(II) Jacob Bieber was reared on the old homestead and is buried in the private graveyard. He was a farmer and carpenter of more than usual ability, being a master of the wood-working craft. In 1792 he made a clothes closet which is now a valued possession of John Bieber of Oley Line. His wife was Susanna Lescher, and their children were: Sally never married; Susan married a Mr. Meck; Mary married Abraham Bover; Samuel settled in Northumberland county, Pa.; David settled in Ohio and there married; Daniel settled in Rockland township; William lived on the homestead where he is buried; Dewold, born in 1792, died aged eighty-five years and nine months.

(III) Dewold Bieber was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was one of the pensioners of that war. During the greater portion of his life he was a resident of Oley township, where he died. He is buried at Friedensburg. In his young manhood he spent some time in Rockland. His wife was Mary Angstadt, daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Yoder) Angstadt, and they had these children: Jacob settled in Rockland township; Kate married Jacob Miller; William settled in Rockland township; Betsy married Levi Angstadt; Esther married John Schaeffer; Samuel never married, and lived at home; Mary married Benjamin Houck; Nathan settled in Rockland township; Abraham settled in Rockland township, but later came to Oley, where he died; Magdalena married Augustus Redcay.

(IV) Daniel A. Bieber was born in Rockland township Nov. 24, 1832, and remained with his father until

he was eighteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the miller's trade with Isaac Bertolet of Oley. After learning the trade he worked for his father, who owned the old Knabb mill in Rockland, remaining there for four years. He then removed to Exeter township, where he remained a year, and then bought a small farm above Friedensburg, which he traded for the Yeager mill above Friedensburg one year later. For two years he conducted this mill, and then sold it to Israel Leinbach, and bought another small farm, upon which he lived for three years. He then went to Alsace township, where he bought a farm above "Blind" Hartman's tavern, but after a year he removed to Reading, and purchasing land erected store property at No. 900 North Ninth street, corner of Ninth and Windsor, where he conducted a general store for two years. In conjunction he also ran a huckster's wagon and stood at market for some years. When the property at No. 900 North Ninth street was ready for the roof it was leveled to the ground one night during a terrible electric storm. Mr. Bieber sustained a severe loss, as all of the work had to be done over. Later he traded this store for a farm at Baumstown, in Exeter township, consisting of forty-eight acres, to which he added until he had seventy acres. By constantly improving the property Mr. Bieber made it very valuable, and he raised large crops there. One year he cleared $1,200. Here he prospered and continued to reside for eight years, when he traded the place for the farm at East Reading Toll Gate House. Two years later he sold the latter property, and bought the Knabb mill in Oley from Wellington Griesemer for $10,000. This mill now bears his name. The trolley line passes near it, and the crossing and station in the vicinity is known as "Bieber's Crossing." Mr. Bieber conducted the mill for twelve years, finally disposing of it to his son John for $6,000. He then retired, leaving his son to operate the mill.

Mr. Bieber owns a large farm in Oley at Friedensburg, which he rents. A good deal of grass is raised on that place. He has a plantation of sixty-six acres in North Carolina, near Littleton Station, which he also rents. Gold has been found on this property and some mining is carried on. It is in the vicinity of the famous Porter gold mine of North Carolina. The family residence in Oley is a very pleasant and substantial one and is also one of Mr. Bieber's holdings.

Mr. Bieber has traveled all over the United States and Canada and talks enjoyably of what he has seen. He is well read, and takes a deep interest in current events. It is his boast that he was never sick in his life. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Friedensburg, which he helped to build, has served as deacon and elder and has always been a very liberal contributor to its support! He has also contributed generously toward the building of the New Jerusalem, Schwartzwald and Friedensburg churches in lower Berks county, and toward the Topton Orphans' Home.

In 1858 Mr. Bieber was married at Friedensburg to Mary Ann Dotterer, born in 1834, a daughter of Cain Dotterer, of Hill Church. Ten children were born of this marriage: Caroline married Jacob Fritz, who is deceased; Daniel died at the age of twelve years; Katie married Jefferson Hartman of Friedensburg; John D. conducts the Bieber mill; Charles died at the age of twelve years; Elizabeth married Benjamin Hill, of Ruscombmanor township; Mary married Lewis Angstadt, of Rockland township; Samuel, of Oley township, owns a small farm; Benneville is a resident of Friedensburg; Violetta married Charles Conrad, a farmer of Amity township.

REV. DANIEL E. SCHAEFFER, a minister of the Reformed faith, residing at West Leesport, Pa., who in addition to his ministerial relations has been prominently identified with the educational and public life of the borough, is a member of one of the oldest families of Berks county, and was born Oct. 26, 1872, near Fleetwood, Richmond township, son of John S. and Magdalena (Peter) Schaeffer.

George Schaeffer, a native of the Rhine Valley, Germany, was the progenitor of this old and honored family. He crossed the ocean on the ship "Edinburgh" which qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 13, 1750, and it appears that soon after coming to this country he settled in Richmond township, Berks county, where he obtained a warrant for a tract of land. When the Revolutionary war broke out this pioneer became a captain of a company that fought for the freedom of the Colonies, and he died at an advanced age in 1791. His wife was a born Reib, and they had five children: Elizabeth, Margaret, Maria, Peter and Philip. The last named, Philip, remained on the homestead in Richmond township, which tract is still in the family name, being one of the best farms in Berks county.

Philip Schaeffer, great-grandfather of Rev. Daniel E., was born on the homestead in 1770, and became an agriculturist. He was also an inventor of ability and manufactured the first threshing machine in Berks county, this proving so successful that he continued to make these machines throughout the remainder of his life. His wife was Elizabeth Feterolf, who was a granddaughter of Peter and Anna Maria (Rothermel) Feterholf of Wachbach, Germany, and they had these children: George, Peter, Isaac, Jonathan, Daniel, William, Philip, David, Sarah (m. Jacob DeLong), Elizabeth (m. Solomon Yoder), Anna M. (m. Isaac Merkel), and Esther (m. Francis DeLong).

Daniel Schaeffer, grandfather of Rev. Daniel E., was born and reared on the old Schaeffer stand in Richmond township, and was a farmer throughout his active period. Some years before his death he retired to Fleetwood, where his wife died. She was Margaret Sell, of Maxatawny township, and they had these nine children: John S., George, William, Philip, David, Daniel, Mary, Caroline and Nathan.

John S. Schaeffer, father of Rev. Daniel E., was born Sept. 7, 1838, on the homestead farm, and worked for his parents until after his marriage, at which time he took charge of his present farm, reputed to be one of the best in Berks county, having handsome, substantial buildings, good water and fine stock and farm machinery, and being well located and convenient to railroads. On Nov. 15, 1863, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Magdalena Peter, born April 30, 1842, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Barndt) Peter, and they have these three children: Mary Emma; Rev. Charles E., pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, of Reading; and Rev. Daniel E.

Rev. Daniel E. Schaeffer was reared on his father's farm and his early educational training was secured in the public schools of his district. He then entered the Keystone State Normal School and prepared for college, entering Franklin and Marshall in the fall of 1892 and being graduated therefrom in June, 1895. He then entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church of the United States at Lancaster, and was graduated in 1898. On July 24th of the same year he was ordained at Gernant's Church in Ontelaunee township, by Dr. J. P. Stein, D. D., Dr. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., and Rev. James R. Brown, and was assigned to the Leesport charge, which consists of Gernant's Church, Leesport, Mohrsville and Shoemakersville. Rev. Schaeffer is very popular with his congregations, and is one of the best known divines in Berks county. He is greatly interested in educational work, and at present serves as secretary of the board of education of West Leesport, also having been one of the first directors of West Leesport, whose separate government he assisted in securing in 1902. In political matters he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Reformed Ministerial Association of Reading since his ordination.

In 1895 the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer married Miss Annie Schaeffer, daughter of Frank and Andora (Kieffer) Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, Pa. To this union there have been born five children namely: Mabel F., Helen M., Charles R., Frank E. and Emily M.

JACOB R. MECK has many business interests at Meckville, Berks county, where he is also postmaster. He was born in Bethel township, this county, May 4, 1859, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ruth) Meck.

Benjamin Meck was born July 28, 1804, in Longswamp township, Berks county. When he was eight years old he lost his father in the war of 1812, and from that time was hired among strangers until he was grown to manhood. In 1825 he was married to Elizabeth Ruth, daughter of Jacob Ruth, who was born Feb. 6, 1808, in Spring township, Berks county. This couple resided in Spring and Lower Heidelberg townships until 1843, during which time he followed the trade of shoemaker, but having a longing for the fields he bought a farm of 175 acres in Bethel township, where he resided until his death, Jan. 19, 1889. His wife Elizabeth preceded him to the grave, dying June 15, 1885. He left an estate of $36,000 to his heirs. To Mr. and Mrs. Meck were born fourteen children, eleven of whom survived childhood. Richard and Reuben, the eldest two, died when quite young, Sophie also passing away in childhood; Daniel followed farming on the homestead until his death, in 1874; Charles followed the store business for thirty years in Schuylkill Haven, and then engaged in the lumber business until his death, in the fall of 1901; Catherine married Jonathan Himmelberger, a miller and farmer of Hanover, and died in 1893; Benjamin engaged first in farming, later went into the store business at Mt. Joy, and then removed to Muncy, Lycoming county, where he resided for thirty years, in 1904 buying the old homestead, where he died in 1907; Rebecca married Edward Haas, a school teacher and farmer, who died Feb. 21, 1900, and she now resides at Hamlin, Pa.; Elizabeth married Joel Strauss, a farmer, and died in 1874; Mary married William Werner, a farmer, and died in 1873; Jonathan met his death accidentally, being struck on the head by a piece of flying stone at the Miller stone quarry at Annville, in 1902; James is in the insurance business at Harrisburg; Franklin clerked in stores at Lebanon and Schuylkill Haven until reaching his majority, when failing health caused him to go to Colorado, and there he died April 30, 1872; Jacob R. is our subject.

Jacob R. Meck received his early education in a country school and during 1875-76 attended Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa. His help being needed at home, he was called from school and assisted his father on the farm until 1879, when he took up the store business for his life work, and has followed that line ever since, at the same place. In the fall of 1879, D. M. Key appointed Mr. Meck postmaster at Meckville, which was named in his honor, and in 1884 he began the manufacture of cigars, which he continued until 1907, when other matters demanded so much of his time that he was obliged to abandon it. In the spring of 1891, seeing that his store room was entirely too small to enable him to render efficient service to his patrons, he built a three-story mansard building 50x50 feet on the opposite side of the street, which he occupied in the fall of that year. In 1894 urged by many of his customers he established a liquor store, and in that year he was granted a license, his application having an overwhelming number of signers. He is a wholesale liquor dealer. In the summer of 1902 he built a creamery and shirt factory, and in 1905 he bought the establishment of the Eagle Canning Company, at Fredericksburg, where he established a creamery and feed store in 1906. Mr. Meck is a very busy man and has been ever since his start in 1879, his business increasing every year, through his own efforts. Though he has been very busy, Mr. Meck has found time to visit the exhibitions of his government and of other countries. In 1876 he visited the Centennial at Philadelphia, in 1893 attended the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1901 the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, and in 1904 the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. In politics Mr. Meck is a Democrat, and since his twenty-first year has been a staunch supporter of his party. In religious belief he adheres to the Reformed faith, and has been a member of St. Paul's Church, Hamlin, since his thirteenth year, being secretary of the church since 1880. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp No. 214, P. O. S. of A., which he joined Feb. 11, 1887.

On Oct. 27, 1877, Mr. Meck was married to Hettie Esther Becker, daughter of Samuel Becker, and to this union there were born seven children: (1) Walter, born in 1878, attended the Millersville State Normal School in 1895-96, assisted his father in the store until 1900, and then became a member of the underwear manufacturing firm of Meck & Co., at Schuylkill Haven. In the fall of 1904 he married Miss Klahr. (2) Cora, born in 1880, learned dressmaking at Lebanon. She is married to Calvin A. Kline, who since 1899 has clerked in his father-in-law's store. (3) Gertrude, born in 1882, married Galam Piffer, and lives at home. (4) Howard, born in 1883, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in the class of 1902, taught school for three years, graduated with honors from the bookkeeping department of the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1906, and from the dairy department of the State College in 1907, and now manages his father's creamery. In the spring of 1906 he married Annie Bensing. (5) Mary, born in 1885, married Harry Baltz, a clerk at the American Iron and Steel Works, Lebanon. (6) Allan, born in 1886, graduated in 1902 from public school with first honors, in 1905 from the Keystone State Normal School with honors, and in the fall of that year entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1908 with honors. During the summer of 1908 he was a student in the Divinity Department of Chicago University and is now a student at the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church. (7) Mabel, born in 1891, is assisting her parents at home and at the same time taking a course in music.

WILLIAM BOWMAN WEAVER, undertaker at Philadelphia for nearly thirty years, was born in that city Feb. 13, 1855 (son of Girard William Weaver), and educated in the local schools and at Boyertown until he became sixteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to the trade of carpenter and continued learning this trade for three years; but not liking this employment he entered a store and served as a salesman for two years. He then secured a position under John A. Frank, undertaker, and after assisting him for four years embarked in the business for himself, at No. 550 North Fifth street, Philadelphia. This was in 1880, and he has continued actively engaged until the present time at the same place. He was married to Ellen Henderson, daughter of Thomas Henderson and Elizabeth Weiser, his wife, of Philadelphia, and they have a daughter, Adelaide.

His grandfather was William Wayman Weaver, born in Oley, Berks county, in 1794, and brought up at the Salford forges, which his father was then operating. In 1828 he established a foundry at Colebrookdale, near Boyertown, which he carried on until 1863, when he was succeeded by his son Girard and son-in-law Samuel Weidner. He was married in 1821 to Caroline Bleyler, of Philadelphia, and they had nine children, among them Charles Bleyler and Girard William. He died in 1875, and his wife in 1869. He was enlisted in the war of 1812-15.

Mr. Weaver's great-grandfather was Jonas Weaver, who was born in 1767, on the Yoder homestead in Oley (adjoining Pleasantville). He located at Allentown about 1800 and taught school until 1808, when he went to the Salford forges, near Sumneytown, in Montgomery county, and operated the plant for a number of years, after which he returned to Allentown and lived in retirement until his decease, in 1858. He was married in 1792 to Mary Wayman, of Pike township, and they had thirteen children, the second having been William, previously named.

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CHARLES LEININGER, hosiery manufacturer and farmer at Mohn's Hill, was born at Fritztown, Spring township, Sept. 3, 1855, son of Joseph and Rebecca Leininger. His youth was passed on the home farm, and there he gained the practical training that has made of his agricultural work so marked a success. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, and a year later began farming his father's farm, so continuing there for three years. After his wife died he left the farm, but in 1890 after his second marriage he resumed farming, and has been exceedingly prosperous in all his undertakings. His farm is well stocked, and is equipped with all the latest improved machinery. It is located in the southwestern end of Spring township, close to the Lancaster county line, and was first owned and cleared by the pioneer, Ludwig Mohn, a native of Hanover, Germany. The Mohn Memorial Church is located on this farm, only a few hundred yards from the house. The farm presents a fine appearance, with its substantial and attractive buildings, and the owner is justly proud of his estate. In 1902, in partnership with his brother George H., he formed the firm of Leininger Brothers to engage in the manufacture of hosiery. They erected a frame building 28x60 feet, two stories high. Employment is given to thirty-five hands, and about 250 dozen pairs are turned out each day and shipments are made all over the United States. A high standard is maintained, and no goods with the slightest defect are permitted to leave the factory.

Mr. Leininger and his family attend Mohn's Memorial Church (United Evangelical), at Mohn's Hill, of which he is class leader and trustee, as well as member of the Sunday-school, and at one time was superintendent of the latter. He is a good and useful citizen, and is highly respected wherever he is known.

In 1877 Mr. Leininger was married to Mary Ann Coleman, who was born Dec. 3, 1857, daughter of Aaron and Barbara (Burkhart) Coleman. Two children were born to them, Jennie and Elmer. Mrs. Leininger died May 6, 1887, aged twenty-nine years, five months, three days. For his second wife Mr. Leininger married Mary Stitzer, daughter of Ephraim and Lovina (Brown) Stitzer, of Pricetown. Four children were born of this union: Roscoe (died in infancy), Mabel, Raymond and Joseph. They attend school only one-eighth of a mile distant from their home, and their education is carefully looked after by their parents.

ISAAC S. UMBENHAUER, senior member of the firm of Umbenhauer & Wanner, real estate and insurance, is of German descent, and was born on his father's farm Jan. 5, 1858, son of William and Susanna (Spang) Umbenhauer.

Thomas Umbenhauer, great-grandfather of Isaac S., was the founder of the present thriving borough of Bernville. He lived on the farm now occupied by Isaac S., as did his brothers, Henry S., and Daniel S. This farm has been in the family since 1737, and has descended from one generation to another.

Peter Umbenhauer, son of Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of John Reber, of Penn township, and they had two children: William and Mary.

William Umbenhauer, son of Peter and father of Isaac S., married Susanna Spang, daughter of Peter Spang, of North Heidelberg township. Their children were: Peter S., Thomas S., Sarah S., Adam S., Henry S., William S., Isaac S., Milton S., Kate C., John S., Daniel S. and Samuel S.

Isaac S. Umbenhauer was educated in the district schools and the Keystone State Normal School. In 1883 he left the farm, and, coming to Reading, clerked for three years. He then entered a mercantile business, and continued in that line for twelve years. On Aug. 10, 1898, he began the real estate and insurance business as a member of the firm of Umbenhauer & Wanner. They are one of the leading firms in the city, and have charge of large estates, in connection with real estate, and they sell all kinds of securities, with fire, life and casualty insurance. Mr. Umbenhauer's ability and upright character have frequently caused his services to be in demand as executor, administrator, guardian and assignee. He is a director of the Windsor Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berks county, Pa. He is public spirited and ready to assist in all kinds of enterprises he deems of benefit to the community. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a stanch upholder of his party's principles. He was a great admirer of President Cleveland. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Reading.

On Dec. 4, 1886, Mr. Umbenhauer married Annie Laura Potteiger, daughter of Jacob Potteiger, of Spring township. Their children were: LeRoy P., a student at Dickinson College of Law at Carlisle; and Lillian E., deceased.

STANLY J. KIRBY. Few men are better known in Maiden-creek township than Stanly J. Kirby, the founder of Kirbyville, in which place he resides, his mansion being situated along the well-known Easton Road, surrounded by a large well-kept lawn. Fine shade trees, under which are placed comfortable settees, add to the external comfort of this home, while the interior is in every way most attractive. Mr. Kirby has contributed in many ways to the growth, prosperity and advancement of his town, township and county. He was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, March 14, 1832, son of Dr. David and Florenda (Levan) Kirby, and is of English descent.

The Kirby family was founded in America by four brothers, one of whom, Stanly, settled in Maiden-creek township, where he was engaged in the cultivation of the soil. The other brothers settled in different parts of the country—one in New York City, one in Illinois (a descendant of whom became very wealthy in the mining industry), and one in Chester county. In the old Kirby family Bible this record is found of the family in England: William, 1703; Joseph, 1722; Thomas, 1724; John, 1726; Mary, 1728; Peter, 1732; Elizabeth, 1734; Stanly (1703-1803); Michael, 1737. The second youngest of the family was the great-grandfather of Stanly J., of Kirbyville, and he had a son Stanly, who perpetuated the honored name.

Stanly Kirby, grandfather of Stanly J., was a most prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Berks county. He was born in Maiden-creek township and was a lifelong resident of that district, being a most prominent political factor in his day, serving in the high office of county commissioner from 1827-1830. He married Hannah Merkel, daughter of Casper Merkel, and to them were born these children: Solomon; David; Hannah (who married David Koller); and nine others who died before reaching maturity.

Dr. David Kirby was born Feb. 25, 1807, and died April 24, 1878. He was reared upon his father's farm, but on attaining his majority studied medicine, received his diploma, and was considered one of the most skilled physicians of his day. His last years were spent at the home of his son, Stanly J., and he passed away April 24, 1878. He married Florenda Levan, born at Kutztown, where she died May 3, 1889, daughter of Jacob and Rose Levan, and to this union were born: Stanly J.; and Hannah, widow of the late Henry Biehl, who was a prominent merchant of his time.

Stanly J. Kirby received his education in the common schools of his time and in the State Normal school at West Chester, Pa. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and on reaching his twenty-first year he removed to the farm which he had received by inheritance from his grandfather, engaging actively in agricultural pursuits until 1862. In this year he removed to his present place, where he has since continued. Mr. Kirby's community honors and respects him, and looks upon him as its friend and leader. He is a large tax payer, owning beside his residence farm a farm of 135 acres of the best land of Maiden-creek township and one of 194 acres.

On Oct. 26, 1862, Mr. Kirby married (first) Caroline Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Wiedenhammer) Kauffman, and she died May 14, 1895, the mother of three

children, all of whom died in their infancy. Mr. Kirby's second marriage, Dec. 1, 1896, was to Miss Mary M. Geehr, of Kutztown, daughter of Jacob C. and Mary (Hoch) Geehr, and a lineal descendant of Col. Balser Geehr of Revolutionary fame. The parents of Mrs. Kirby had children as follows: Titus E., a hide broker in New York City, where he died in 1901; Mary M.; Katie, who is widely known as a great church worker; Thomas B., who died in his fourth year; and Florence M., wife of Hon. Edward Y. Miller, the present military governor of the Philippines.

Mr. Stanly J. Kirby is the founder of Kirbyville, of which he has been postmaster six years, and he has served in every position except supervisor and constable. For twenty-four years he was school director and was treasurer for thirty years. He is a director of Sinking Spring Fire Insurance Company, a position he has held for forty-five years. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of Lodge No. 377, F. & A. M., of Kutztown, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Fleetwood. In religious faith he is inclined toward the Lutheran Church and his wife is connected with the United Evangelical.

Mr. Kirby is the possessor of many valuable and interesting relics, among them two "grandfather" clocks, one of which is known to be 116 years old (and very likely is 150 years old), which was owned by Stanly Kirby I, and another which belonged to Solomon Kirby, which is at least eighty years old. Mr. Kirby has a gold pen with a silver holder which he has used continuously since 1850. He has the original will of his great-grandfather, and deeds and other legal papers that have been in the Kirby family since 1700. Mr. Kirby is a first cousin of the late U. S. Senator Arthur Pugh Gorman, the latter's mother and Mr. Kirby's mother having been sisters.

SOLOMON H. LENHART, who has for some years been living retired, at Hamburg, Pa., was for a long period prominently connected with various business enterprises of Windsor township. Mr. Lenhart was born Feb. 2, 1828, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and he belongs to one of the old and honored families of this section of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Lenhart, great-grandfather of Solomon H., was born Nov. 18, 1736, and came from Zweibrücken, Pfalz, Germany, with a number of other Palatinates, landing at Philadelphia Jan. 21, 1760. He located at Barnes' Springs, now Molltown, Berks county, but subsequently removed to Lenhartsville, in Greenwich township, where the rest of his life was spent. He died Aug. 3, 1793. Mr. Lenhart had four sons, namely: Philip, who settled at Siegfred's Mill, in Maxatawny township, Berks county; Johannes, who lived at the present site of Lenhartsville, where he owned the old mill and hotel; Heinrich; and Sebastian, who owned land in the vicinity of Hamburg, where he conducted a blacksmith shop.

Heinrich Lenhart, grandfather of Solomon H., owned 250 acres of land above Lenhartsville, and the farms near Klinesville which are now the property of Jonathan P. Dietrich. He was a prominent man of his day, a Democrat in politics, and founded the village which bears his name. He and his family belonged to the Moravian Reformed Church. Mr. Lenhart married Salome Leiby, and to them were born these children: Benjamin, Frederick, Henry, Samuel, John, Daniel, Isaac, Reuben, Mrs. Richelderfer and Mrs. Jonas Lesher. The father of these children died at Lenhartsville in 1836.

Samuel Lenhart, father of Solomon H., was born Feb. 28, 1798, in Lenhartsville, Berks county, and was educated in the German schools. He was a blacksmith by trade, an occupation which he had learned in youth and which he followed for many years, also owning what is now Dietrich land near Lenhartsville, and a hotel. He was a Democrat in politics, and was supervisor of his district. Mr. Lenhart and his family were members of the Reformed Church, he being one of the builders of the Lenhartsville Church in 1854. He married Lydia Haman, a native of Lehigh county, who was born April 1, 1802, and to them were born the following family: Jacob, Matilda and Brigitta, who died within three days of cholera; Lydia m. David Shenkler, now deceased, and resided in Iowa; Benjamin, deceased, lived in Hamburg; James resides in Albany, Pa.; Solomon H.; Rufena; Samuel H., born March 20, 1832, lives at Leesport, Pa.; Elizabeth is the widow of Charles S. Kerns, of Tamaqua, Pa.; Maria m. Henry Miller, of Hamburg; Amelia m. Philip Schneider, of Allentown; John is a resident of Delaware, Ohio; Lewis resides in Allentown; and Catherine, deceased, also lived in Allentown. Samuel Lenhart, the father of these fifteen children, died Aug. 1, 1869, aged seventy-one years, and his wife Feb. 1, 1872, in her seventieth year.

Solomon H. Lenhart obtained a good education in the Klinesville pay school, the only one in which English was taught in that section, taught by a Mr. Leidy, of Chester county, in 1835. For some winters he also attended German schools, and in 1846 a free school near Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa. He then worked on his father's farm for some years, but in 1852 he went to Moselem Springs, where, with his brother, he conducted the store and hotel, remaining until 1854, when he removed to Leesport to engage in the store and coal business. He was also for one season in the boating business, but this enterprise proving a failure, he sunk the boat in the waters of the Schuylkill, at the Market street bridge, Philadelphia. After selling out his share of the business at Leesport to his brother, in 1856, Mr. Lenhart located on his father-in-law's farm, east of Shoemakersville, Pa., and a few years later purchased this farm and an adjoining one. Here he remained about four years, and in 1860 engaged in the horse and cattle business, in which he was profitably engaged for about fifteen years. During the war he purchased many horses for government service, and in this business he made a small fortune. His experiences as a horse and cattle dealer are very interesting. On two occasions he drove from Lenhartsville to Columbus, Ohio, and in 1849 and again in 1851 brought his horses on foot from that place. On another occasion he drove a herd of cattle from Ross county, Ohio, to New York City, being seventy-two days on the road.

Mr. Lenhart was one of the founders of the Hamburg Savings Bank, and since 1872 has been one of its directors. After retiring from the cattle business Mr. Lenhart engaged in farming for a time, but in 1880 he located in Hamburg, where until two years ago he was engaged in an extensive lumber and coal business. He now resides in his handsome residence on North Fourth street, Hamburg, and is considered one of the substantial men of the borough. In political matters he is a Republican, and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving as school director of Perry township and as councilman of Hamburg. He and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Hamburg.

On June 24, 1854, Mr. Lenhart married Esther G. Deill, daughter of Jacob Deill, of Perry township, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Jacob died when eleven years of age; Richard m. Annie Seidel; Irwin m. Rosa Haines; Oscar m. Ida Leiby; and Cora.

WILLIAM A. KALBACH, one of the most prominent business men of Robesonia, senior member of the well-known firm of W. A. Kalbach & Sons, doing business under the name of Eagle Cigar Box Company, was born Aug. 1, 1844, on one of the Kalbach homesteads in North Heidelberg township, son of Adam and Catherine (Althouse) Kalbach.

The Kalbach family had its origin in the northeastern part of Germany, whence came Christopher Kahlbach, the immigrant ancestor, who settled in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., before the middle of the eighteenth century. Here he acquired property, prospered, and reared a family of children, among whom were: Adam (the great-grandfather of William A.) and Michael. The latter, born in 1766, died in 1840. He had sons: Daniel, 1800-1874, and Michael, 1814-1896 (who married Elizabeth

Womelsdorf, 1816-1895). Michael, Sr., and his sons are buried at Womelsdorf.

Through the marriage of George Kalbach, one of the early members of this family, to Maria Spang, these Kalbachs are among the heirs to the great Spang fortune in Germany.

Adam Kalbach, the great-grandfather of William A., was a farmer in Tulpehocken township, where he owned a large plantation, on which he died, ripe in years, in 1801. He and his wife, Maria Eva, had these children: Michael, George, Adam, Johannes, Susanna, Elizabeth, Maria Sabilla, Regina Catherine and Sophia.

Adam Kalbach, son of Adam, and grandfather of William A., was also a farmer in Tulpehocken (now Penn) township, owning a large tract of land. He was twice married, his first wife's maiden name being Ruth, and his second wife's name being Christ. His children, all by the first union, were: Adam; Joseph; John; William; Isaac; Mrs. Conrad Loose; Mrs. George Loose; Mrs. John Epler; and Jacob.

Adam Kalbach, father of William A., born in what is now Penn township, was a lifelong farmer, owning tracts of 210 and 130 acres. He was a Reformed member of the Bernville Church, where he was buried. Mr. Kalbach married Catherine Althouse, daughter of Adam Althouse, and to this union there were born nine children: Harrison, Sarah (m. Edward Potteiger), Isaac, Catherine (m. Jared Brossman), Levi, James, William A., Amelia (m. Henry Filbert) and Amandon.

William A. Kalbach was reared to agricultural pursuits, and after reaching his twenty-first year engaged in tenant farming on his father's property, where he continued for four years. In 1866 he bought the Dr. Beyerle farm in North Heidelberg township, where he lived five years, when he rented his farm and engaged in a sawmill business in the different counties of eastern Pennsylvania, a line he followed with success for twenty years. In 1882 he came to Robesonia, where he has since lived in a large brick residence on Main and Robeson streets. On Jan. 15, 1895, he and his sons purchased the cigar box machinery and outfit of Belleman Brothers, and they have a good business and employ about twenty hands, catering especially to the local trade. Mr. Kalbach is a Democrat in politics, and his religious affiliations are with the North Heidelberg Church, of which he is a Reformed member, and where he has served as deacon.

In 1870 Mr. Kalbach m. Emma Lengel, daughter of Levi and Catherine (Dundore) Lengel, and three sons have been born to this union: Harry A., a druggist of Philadelphia, m. Sallie Miller; Clayton W., born Aug. 29, 1879, educated in the district schools, the Inter-State Commercial College, and Albright College, at Myerstown, is in business with his father, and m. Sallie E. Filbert; Webster L., educated in the township schools and the Lebanon Business College (where he took a commercial course), is in business with his father and brother.

MARTIN LUTHER MILLER, M. D., of Mohnton, proprietor of the Miller Furniture Company, was born in Mohnsville, April 1, 1869.

Dr. Miller passed his boyhood at various points in the State, and at different times attended the schools of Berks, Lehigh and Schuylkill counties. When more advanced he entered the Schuylkill Seminary at Fredericksburg, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1889. Later he decided upon adopting the profession of medicine, and therefore in 1895 entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, being graduated three years later. For the next year he practised at Mohnton, but then removed to St. Lawrence, Berks county, for a year and a half. While his success in establishing himself in the latter place was very flattering, Dr. Miller regarded Mohnton as offering a better field, and so returned there in 1901, since which time he has built up a very good practice.

Although eminently successful in his profession, Dr. Miller has also the traits of a good business man and combines the two interests. In the fall of 1902, in partnership with William G. Leininger and B. Frank Steffy, he formed the Steffy Music & Furniture Company, an enterprise that from the beginning has enjoyed a liberal measure of public favor and patronage. In July, 1906, Mr. Leininger withdrew from the firm because of the pressure of other interests, and in a few months an agreement was entered into between Dr. Miller and Mr. Steffy whereby the latter also withdrew and the Doctor became the sole owner. The business is located in a two-story building 26x60 feet, on Wyomissing avenue. A full line of furniture, bedding, upholstery, carpets, etc., is carried and a large trade is done.

In the political field Dr. Miller is also active, working with the Republican forces to promote the general welfare. He was prominent in the movement to have the town incorporated and served on various committees. At the first election, after the incorporation of the borough in 1907, he was elected a director of the public schools for the three-year term, and, at the organization of the board, was chosen treasurer of the school district. Fraternally also he is a well-known figure, belonging to the K. of P., No. 485, of Mohnton, of which he is Master of the Exchequer, and to the P. O. S. of A., No, 211, of Mohnton. Even more vitally is the Doctor's influence felt in the work of the Zion United Evangelical Church, of which he and his wife are members. The Sunday-school, which is one of the largest in the county, is known for its excellent singing, due in large measure to Dr. Miller's careful work as chorister. He is an accomplished musician, both as pianist and vocalist, and since 1900 has given his best ability to training this school. He is also the efficient president of the K. L. C. E., which has a large membership and is a marked influence for good in the community. Whatever line of work Dr. Miller undertakes, he proves himself a man of force and ability and his position and influence among his fellow-townsmen is a prominent one.

In July, 1895, Dr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lillian C. Musselman, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Henry) Musselman, the former a carpenter of Weissport, Carbon county.

WILSON H. ROTHERMEL, M. D., who, both as a physician and a citizen, is very generally known and highly esteemed in the city of Reading, Pa., where he has practised his profession with notable success for ten years, was born in 1866, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county.

Dr. Rothermel was educated in the schools of his native locality, later took a course at Palatinate College, taught school for several years in Maiden-creek and Muhlenberg townships, and read medicine under Dr. Daniel B. Beaver. He entered Jefferson Medical College in 1891, from which he was graduated in 1894, and located in Reading in 1897, opening an office on Ninth street. He was elected coroner of Berks county, an office which he ably filled, and on Feb. 1, 1901, he settled at his present office, No. 654 Tenth street, where he has since continued successfully. Dr. Rothermel is a member of the Foresters of America, the Twentieth Century Quakers and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of the Reformed Church.

Dr. Rothermel married Alice T. Schmehl, daughter of Jacob and Esther Schmehl, and to this union there were born six children: Esther L. (deceased), Earle W., Ruth A., A. Catherine, John W. (deceased) and Mary Helen.

WILLIAM S. KLEE (Clay), who is now living retired from active work in Womelsdorf, is a great-great-grandson of Johan Nicholas Klee, who emigrated to America on the ship "Glasgow," Walter Stirling, master, sailing from Rotterdam. This vessel qualified at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1738. Johan Nicholas Klee was then thirty years of age and unmarried. In 1759 when the first

federal tax was collected in Bern township, Berks county, he was a taxable there. In his will, which is on record in the Berks county court-house, probated in 1763, there is evidence that he had several children, as he equitably divided his estate "among his children." Unfortunately he does not mention them by name.

William Klee, grandfather of William S., was born in Bern township, Berks county. He married a Noecker, and among their children were: (1) William. (2) John, of Lebanon county, Pa., had a daughter Emma (m. Joe Yarty). (3) Michael, of Middletown, Pa., had children—John, Kate, Mary and Lydia. (4) Lydia m. David Merky. (5) Maricha married and lived at Hanover, Pennsylvania.

William Klee, son of William and father of William S., was born in western Berks county July 21, 1809, and died Sept. 5, 1875, and was buried at Womelsdorf. He was a carpet and flax weaver, and also tended the locks on the old Union Canal at the Tulpehocken Church from 1828 until 1857. He then moved away, but when the canal was again put in operation he returned and remained until 1865, when he went to North Heidelberg, and located permanently. He owned a tract of some twenty acres of land. He married Catharine Schaeffer, born in 1807, who died at the age of forty years. They became the parents of nine children, of whom six died when under thirteen years old. The three reaching maturity were: John m. Eliza Machmer, and had children—Alfred, Rebecca, Edwin, Sallie, Wilson and John; William S.; and Adam m. Mary Reedy, and had children—Amelia, Calvin and Naomi.

William S. Klee was born in Tulpehocken (now Jefferson) township, Berks county, Oct. 18, 1832. He attended the pay school at Klopps, and left when twenty years old. He learned the shoe making trade in 1854 under his uncle Daniel Stoudt, whose place he took as a shoe maker in the North Heidelberg vicinity. He followed this trade until 1874. He then farmed a tract of twenty-two acres for ten years. In 1884 he retired and moved into a residence built by his uncle, Daniel Stoudt, in 1860, in Womelsdorf, and this has since been his home. He owns another place in North Heidelberg township, consisting of sixty-seven acres. In politics Mr. Klee is a Democrat, and he was a school director for three years in North Heidelberg, and since he has lived in Womelsdorf, he has served one term in the town council. He and his family belong to the Reformed congregation at Zion's Union Church. He was a deacon and elder in the church for some years, and since 1886 has been the treasurer. Mr. Klee is a delightful entertainer, taking an intelligent interest in all the affairs of the day, and he has the imprint of honesty in his face. He started life poor, but has through thrift and industry acquired a competence, and he has the respect of all.

In 1864 Mr. Klee married Sarah A. Dundore, born March 11, 1842, daughter of William and Sarah (Ernst) Dundore. To this union has been born one son, Maurice E., born Oct. 13, 1865, who left this locality at the age of eighteen and after traveling all through the south, southwest and west, settled in Minnesota.

JOSEPH SMITH, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Fritztown, Spring township, who has been engaged in various business enterprises, was born at Womelsdorf, Berks county, Dec. 29, 1834, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Schlogg) Smith.

Frederick Smith, who was born in Baden, Germany, came to America when twenty-five years old, and landed at Baltimore, where he remained for some years. He then went West for a short time, but subsequently located at Womelsdorf, Berks county, where he engaged in day laboring and lime burning for the remainder of his active period. He died at the age of ninety-two years, eleven months, and twenty days, and is buried at Sinking Spring cemetery. Mr. Smith married Elizabeth Schlogg, who died when sixty-six years of age, and to them were born these children: John, Levi, Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Elizabeth and Thomas.

Joseph Smith attended the common schools of Berks county, after leaving which he engaged in farm work for a short time, later going to Adams Mill, below Sinking Spring, and still later along the Tulpehocken creek, where he also followed milling. For a short period Mr. Smith was engaged in farming, and he then followed the trade of stone mason for fifteen years, also engaging in lime burning at Montello for a like period, in which he was very successful. Since 1876 Mr. Smith has made Fritztown his home, and here he is well and widely known and highly esteemed.

On Oct. 2, 1855, Mr. Smith married Lydia A. Moyer, born Aug. 1, 1835, daughter of David and Kathryn (Kerchner) Moyer, and to this union there have been born: Edwin; Ellen, wife of Joseph Shonower, of Fritztown; Frederick; and Matilda, wife of Solomon Freeman, of Fritztown. Mr. Smith is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, at Sinking Spring. In politics he is a Democrat, and for three years served Spring township as roadmaster.

KOHLER. The Kohler family of Berks county was founded here early, the first ancestor in this country settling in Greenwich township, in the vicinity of what is now Kohler's Hill, where he became the owner of between five hundred and six hundred acres of land.

(I) John Kohler, the first of whom we have definite record, was the great-grandfather of David A. Kohler, of Richmond township, and of Dr. Daniel R. Kohler, of Boyertown. He was born March 15, 1769, was a prominent man of his day, and died Jan. 31, 1849, leaving considerable property. His wife, Hannah Rosina Hechler, born April 3, 1772, daughter of John and Maria Hechler, died Nov. 25, 1824.

(II) Adam Kohler, son of John, born Sept. 27, 1797, became a well-to-do and influential farmer, owning and operating 212 acres of excellent land. He was a member of the Grimville Lutheran Church and for many years an elder. Adam Kohler died Aug. 5, 1869. He married Annie Fisher, daughter of Philip Fisher, and to this union were born: Daniel, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Isaac Straub; Adam, who died in 1901; John F.; Eliza, the wife of George Kutz, of Kutztown; and Samuel D. F.

(III) Samuel D. F. Kohler, who died Aug. 16, 1908, after living retired with his son David A. for a number of years, was born May 4, 1840. By vocation an agriculturist, he was also for a number of years proprietor of the hotel at Crystal Cave. On Jan. 15, 1860, he married Amanda De Long, and to this union were born: Ida married Isaac Miller, of Windsor township, who died April 29, 1898; Academus died single, aged twenty-nine years; David A. is mentioned below; Rosie, unmarried, resides with her brother David A. at the Cave.

(IV) David A. Kohler, now the owner of the famous Crystal Cave property in the northeastern part of Richmond township, Berks county, was born Aug. 9, 1865, in Greenwich township, and was educated in the schools of Richmond township, whither he had been brought by his parents. At the age of twelve years he commenced to conduct visitors through Crystal Cave, and he has ever since lived on the property. Coming into contact with so many people, he has become well known, and his genial and affable disposition has won him many friends.

Mr. Kohler was married March 29, 1889, to Miss Ellacyda M. L. Merkel, daughter of John and Sally Ann (Blanck) Merkel, prominent farming people of this vicinity, and one child has been born to this union, Mabel Mae.

Crystal Cave was discovered Nov. 12, 1871, by William Merkel, who was quarrying stone. Gideon Merkel was the owner of the property at that time, and in February, 1872, he leased it to Samuel D. F. Kohler, who purchased it in March of that year for $5,000. He expended a considerable amount of money on the property and in building before opening it for the inspection of the public. The Cave has been explored for a distance of over two

thousand feet, and, since its public opening, has been visited by upward of twenty thousand people. Commissioner of superintendents of public instruction, the inspector of schools and a noted educator of Paris, France, went through the cave in company with Dr. J. S. Trexler, Col. Thomas D. Fister, Mr. William C. Dietrich and Rev. Dr. A. R. Horne, all of Kutztown, being a commission appointed to examine American curiosities, and made this report: "Niagara Falls and the Crystal Cave are the greatest natural wonders that we have seen in America."

The Society of Natural Sciences of Reading, Pa., sent a committee of learned men composed of Dr. J. Schoenfeld, D. R. S. Turner, H. H. Hollenbush (chemist), Prof. D. B. Brunner and Rev. Dr. A. R. Horne, to examine the cave and report on it. They said in part: "Crystal Cave is filled with very interesting curiosities; the stalactites, stalagmites and crystalline formations present a variety of beauty such as is seldom seen. Persons who visit the cave will be amply repaid." Mr. C. B. Stevens, a noted scientist of Toronto, Canada, said: "David A. Kohler and his father, Samuel, have devoted the best days of their lives in exploring this great yet practically unknown cave, for the benefit of the American public. Money can never repay these men for their labors."

It was not idle curiosity that brought these men to this geological phenomenon, but a desire to see it and to study it at first hand. The problems presented in it are more than those involved in the simple question of solutions. A student of geology may glibly recite the fact that water containing carbon dioxide acts as a solvent on limestone and that this solvency among other conditions depends upon the amount of carbon dioxide present in the water and upon the pressure to which it is subjected, and he may further state that as soon as conditions are present which enable the escape of the carbon dioxide the lime becomes insoluble again and is precipitated in some form of incrustation. A journey to Crystal Cave will throw more light upon this question than pages of theorizing. To be brought face to face with the silent yet potent forces of the past and present is the best way of understanding the problems involved.

The rocks out of which this cavern has been formed belong to the calciferous division of the lower Silurian age. The entrance to the cavern is about eighty feet above a nearby valley, and the soft Utica shales have been entirely removed from the steep hill containing the cave, but are exposed at its base. The limestone rocks here, therefore, are very resistant to the weathering agents. Beautiful specimens of aragonite of a slender stalactitic form are present, and there is an abundance of quartz that has infiltrated between the rocks.

The floor area is approximately two acres in extent and the average height of the roof is in the neighborhood of twelve feet, although the height ranges in the main passage from six to forty feet. The passageway narrows and widens from about two feet to thirty feet.

Evidences of displacements of hugh masses of rock material are on every side, but judging from the rate of growth of the aqueous deposits which have oriented themselves with reference to gravity since these displacements the last mass of dislodged material occurred many years ago. Mr. Kohler, who has known this cave in all its details for thirty-eight years and who has noticed all the changes that are likely to occur here with time, positively states that during all these years there has not only been little or no perceptible growth in the incrustations but aside from certain acts of vandalism which despoiled it of some of its original charms the cave to-day is exactly the same as it was when first discovered.

Imagination has seen in the curious forms assumed by the pilasters, the stalactites and the stalagmites a vast variety of resemblances to natural objects, and one of the most legitimate means of training the imagination is to rethink these likenesses and to imagine others.

The eagle-rock shows a remarkable likeness to the national bird in the act of preying upon some innocent member of the feathered tribe, and in the throes of death dame nature crystallized both victor and quarry and held them there, an emblem of the gigantic struggle which placed craft and brains to the front. Anticipating by thousands of years the conical form of a plate of ice-cream or as though nature in one of her tyrannical moods visited her wrath upon a race of Titans about to partake of a refreshing dish of orange ice already placed on a spacious table and transmuted the delicacy into stone, the tempting dish, some two feet high, has stood there unmelted all these centuries, waiting the magic spell to unlock the stony molecules and to join the once toothsome cream to the palate. Indeed, it seems as though that tortuous cavern was about to witness a carnival of the giants. The disemboweled intestines of some massive mastodon are still there; the rib-roast was partly sliced and ready to be served; the fowl was picked and watermelon sliced and a mammoth fish awaited the repast. But the giant hand of the caterer, like the hand on the wall of old, was stilled; the bulky tooth which was to crush these viands was severed; and the prairie dogs which were waiting for the bones of this breakfast of the gods are now silent in the gloom. The lily chamber, which fancy pictures as the spare room for the giantesses, and the massive cathedral room, with its three hundred frail stalactites, the idol chamber (these strange beings must have been idolaters), the bridal veil and all the other myriad evidences of revelry, of remorse and of splendor are carved out of those stupendous rocks with a realism which commands the admiration of sculptors. Mother nature, to complete the ghastly scene, has caused the body of the giant chief to be embalmed and placed in a sarcophagus in a spacious crypt, as in the catacombs of ancient story.

A natural curiosity of such magnitude and interest should be visited by every person who has the opportunity of doing so. Mr. D. A. Kohler, the intelligent and obliging proprietor of the cave, has a natural love for the sublime in nature, and he invariably joins with this a desire to satisfy every reasonable wish of his many patrons.

(II) John Kohler, grandfather of Dr. Daniel R. Kohler, of Boyertown, was born about 1804 on one of the Kohler homesteads in Greenwich township, near Klinesville, and was probably a son of (I) John Kohler. He lived in his native township, near Kutz's Mill, and engaged in farming with fair success, owning a tract of 210 acres, which later, in 1856, was divided into two portions, both now owned by his sons. John Kohler died in 1875, and is buried at the Grimville Church. He married Rebecca Leiby, daughter of Jacob Leiby, of near Virginville, and she survived him, dying in the spring of 1887. Their children were as follows: John (deceased) lived near Douglassville, Pa.; William (deceased) lived on the homestead near Klinesville, on the farm now owned by his son John; Hannah (deceased) was the wife of John Deisher, of Kutztown; Daniel L. is mentioned later; Jacob lives on the homestead in Greenwich township, owning 150 acres, including that part of his father's farm on which the original set of buildings are located; Henry (deceased) moved to near Lansing, Mich., where his family still reside.

(III) Daniel L. Kohler was born Feb. 5, 1834, on the farm now owned by John Kohler (son of his brother William), near Klinesville. He was reared to farming, and followed that occupation throughout his active years, retiring in 1895. He still lives upon his homestead, making his home with his son John. Mr. Kohler was a good practical farmer, and owns a tract of 160 acres, which, as previously referred to, was a part of his father's homestead, divided in 1856. Mr. Kohler is a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Kutztown, of which he was an official for some years. He still serves as a director of Fairview cemetery.

In 1856 Daniel L. Kohler married Sallie Rahn, who was born Oct. 28, 1834, daughter of John Rahn, of Maxatawny township, and died April 30, 1907. She was the mother of eight children, as follows: Hettie married Charles W. Gilder; John is farming on the homestead; Mary married

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A. J. DeTurck, a harness-maker, of Oley township; Sarah married Alvin Schaeffer, of Fleetwood; Dr. Daniel R. is mentioned below; Lizzie, unmarried, lives in Philadelphia; Dr. Henry, a successful veterinary surgeon, is located at Trenton, N. J.; Hannah married Chester DeTurck, of Friedensburg, Berks county, and died in October, 1906, aged thirty-two years.

(IV) Daniel R. Kohler, second son of Daniel L., was born April 19, 1868, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and was reared on the home farm. He gained his early education in the common schools of the township, and at the age of twenty-one entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, which he attended for a few sessions. In the meantime he had decided to become a first-class veterinary surgeon and after spending the summer of 1891 with Dr. P. K. Dreibelbis, of Dreibelbis, Pa., he registered as a student at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada, in the fall of that year. In the spring of 1892 he went back to his original preceptor, returning to the college in the autumn, and was graduated from that institution March 25, 1893, winning a silver medal for the best examination papers on "Diseases and Treatment," as well as prizes and honors in nearly all the branches of study he pursued, materia media, anatomy and physiology. For a few months following he practised in the employ of Dr. J. Rein Keelor, at Harleysville, Montgomery Co., Pa., on Nov. 28, 1893, settling in Boyertown, where he purchased the good-will and paraphernalia of Dr. Allen Keelor. Here he has since been located. As a veterinary surgeon and dentist his skill has won him a large and lucrative practice, and he has every convenience for caring for lame and sick horses, conducting an infirmary of his own. It is equipped throughout with box stalls. His patronage extends over a radius of fifteen miles, and he keeps an automobile to help him cover long journeys in good time. By 1900 Dr. Kohler's work had become so heavy that he took A. H. Schmoyer as a student, and the latter, after attending veterinary school for three winters and graduating, has since continued with him as assistant. Dr. Kohler is a prominent member of the State Veterinary Association, served two terms as treasurer of that body, and in 1906 was elected president, to which office he was re-elected in 1907.

Dr. Kohler is a man respected for his intelligence and high principles, and he has been called into the public service in several capacities. For three years he was a member of the school board, and in the spring of 1906 was elected chief burgess of Boyertown, during his administration of that office rendering valuable service to the town. The terrible theatre catastrophe at Boyertown, on Jan. 13, 1908, proved his mettle. Dr. Kohler at once appointed a permanent relief committee of ten men, with Irwin T. Ehst as chairman, and the work they accomplished won such high commendation from the general public and the press of the county that the universal approval of their services was a tribute to Dr. Kohler's judgment as well as to the devotion of the committeemen. He displayed executive ability and character that stamped him as a competent man for the chief executive office of the city. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

On June 8, 1893, Dr. Kohler married Mary E. Dietrich, daughter of Daniel W. and Sallie (Merkel) Dietrich, of Greenwich township, and they have had three children, namely: Lawrence D., Daniel D. and Helen D. The Doctor and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Boyertown. They reside in their own home in Boyertown, a comfortable residence at No. 42 West Reading avenue.

JEREMIAH TREXLER FRITCH, chief burgess of Kutztown and proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel," and successful merchant, was born in that town, March 13, 1859, son of Allen W. and Amanda (Jackson) Fritch.

John Fritch, the emigrant ancestor of the family, came from Germany and settled in Longswamp township at a place known as Fritch's Mill, which has been in the possession of the family to the present time.

George Fritch, son of John and grandfather of Jeremiah T., was a well-known farmer near Kutztown. He was twice married. His first wife was Maria Ann Swartz, by whom he had children: Eli, John, George, Nathan, Tryon, Anne and Esther, most of whom lived in Longswamp township, where their descendants are to be found at this day. Mr. Fritch's second wife was Christina Mathias, widow of Jacob Mathias, and one child, Allen W., was born to this union.

Allen W. Fritch, for many years an educator in the public schools and a well-known musician and choir leader, is at present supervisor of this borough. For the past nine years he has been a member of the school board, and for a number of years treasurer thereof. He married Amanda Jackson, daughter of Elias Jackson, one of the founders of the old Kutztown foundry, located at Walnut street and Kutz avenue, and to this union there were born: Jeremiah Trexler; and Robert, a barber at Pittsburg.

Jeremiah Trexler Fritch received his education in the public schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, and at the age of sixteen years learned the printer's trade. He then formed a partnership with Solon A. Wanner, under the firm name of Wanner & Fritch, and they conducted a successful business for three years in the job printing line. At the end of this time the partners sold out to Isaac F. Christ, who continued the business very successfully for many years. At present Mr. Fritch is engaged in business on Main street, Kutztown, where he has been highly successful in the sale of musical instruments (especially phonographs) and music. He is also proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel" and barber shop. In politics Mr. Fritch is a stalwart Republican and an active worker in the ranks of that party. To show his popularity it is only necessary to state that he was elected chief burgess of Kutztown in the spring of 1906, by a large majority over his Democratic opponent, when it is a well-known fact that the borough is regularly Democratic, about three to one.

Mr. Fritch is a member of Adonai Castle, No. 70, K. G. E., and of Aerie No. 839, F. O. E., Kutztown, being active in both orders.

On May 21, 1880, Mr. Fritch married Ellen Schlegel, daughter of Benjamin and Lovina (Smith) Schlegel, and to this union the following children were born: Gertrude m. Harvey Boger; Oneida m. Claude Gockenback; Allen W., Mamie and Wirt live at home; and George B. died in infancy.

JOHN R. PAINTER (deceased), who for many years was one of Reading's prominent business factors, was born Jan. 19, 1823, in Chester county, Pa., son of John and Margaret (Thomas) Painter. The parents of Mr. Painter were also natives of Chester county, but they were of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The father was a farmer in moderate circumstances, who lived and reared his family in the neighborhood of St. Mary's, where he gave them every advantage in his power as to schooling and position in life. His children were: Frederick and Ezekiel (both deceased), Eliza (m. John Lewis), Sarah (now deceased, m. Thomas Bull), Annie (m. a Mr. McCord), Rachel (m. Lot Evans, and died at the age of ninety years), Margaret (m. John Painter), Catherine (m. John Kehr) and John R.

John R. Painter was still a child when his father died, in 1829, and only a youth when his mother passed away ten years later. His education was obtained in the common schools of Chester county and he supported himself by working for neighboring farmers until he was eighteen years of age, when he secured a position with the Isabella Furnace Company. There he learned the molder's trade, which he followed at Spring City, Philadelphia and Linfield, until 1867, when he was considered a competent and experienced man in this business. In the year mentioned Mr. Painter came to Reading, where in association with Jesse Orr, Jasper Sheeler, Elijah Bull, Henry Posey,

William Schick, Peter Nagle and others, he organized the Reading Stove Works. This firm did an immense business from the start, each member being skilled in the various departments of the industry. The plant was enlarged from time to time to meet increased demands and it became one of the largest stove foundries in Pennsylvania. Their trade connections covered the whole world. This company had the reputation of never having discharged a man who did his duty, and a remarkable fact is that workers were so anxious to enter the employ of this just firm that applications would be filed years ahead, many waiting for mechanics to die to fill their places.

In this company Mr. Painter's personality largely entered. While he possessed business keenness and executive ability of a high order, his character was that of a man of high principles and no man could ever rightfully accuse him of injustice. His charities increased in proportion to his means, and as he was wholly without ostentation, the world will never know the extent of his good deeds. His relations with his associates and with his army of employes were cordial and friendly and the latter knew that in him they always had a friend. Personally his tastes were simple and his happiest hours were those spent at his own fireside. His lamented death took place Dec. 12, 1883, after an illness of two years duration. His afflictions were borne with patience and forbearance. The death of such a man as John R. Painter was indeed a loss to Reading, where his memory will long remain green.

Mr. Painter was married (first) to Rebecca Raser, a native of Montgomery county, Pa., and they had seven children, namely: Clara m. George Halderman, of Reading; Enoch T. is of the firm of Prizer & Painter, stove manufacturers; John is deceased; Brooks resides at Reading; Hannah, deceased, m. William Rhoda; Lewis lives in Chicago, Ill.; and Margaret m. Howard Ernold. Mr. Painter's first wife died in 1865, and in 1869 he m. (second) Rebecca Haller Grubb, widow of Henry Grubb, of Chester county, by whom she had one child, Ella, who m. Charles F. Paul, and they have three children—Dorothy G., Mary R. and Emily S. One child was born to her marriage with John R. Painter, Lydia, wife of Prof. Ambrose Cort, of New York City.

Mrs. Painter resides at No. 454 Douglass street. When a young girl she united with the Reformed Church, and she has been prominently identified with the work of that denomination to the present time. Mr. Painter was a member of St. Peter's M. E. Church. In politics he was a Republican. He was a charter member of Welcome Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Philadelphia.

JONATHAN R. SELTZER, a prosperous hardware merchant at Philadelphia for fifty years, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, near Sinking Spring, in Berks county, on May 12, 1834. He was educated in the township schools and reared on a farm until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to Philadelphia and entered the hardware store of Conrad & Roberts, at No. 123 North Third street, as a clerk, and he continued with them for nine years. Having in this time become thoroughly acquainted with the business, he then (1857) formed a partnership with Jacob K. Smith and Reuben K. Smith, and under the name of Smith, Seltzer & Co., at No. 409 North Third street, traded successfully until 1879, when they removed their store to the northeast corner of Sixth and Market streets, where they continued until 1880. The partnership was then dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Smith and his son and the substitution of Lewis W. Klahr (Mr. Seltzer's nephew, also from Berks county), and under the name of the Seltzer-Klahr Company they have conducted a very successful business until the present time, at the same location, and their trade has been developed to extend throughout Pennsylvania and the adjoining States.

In 1858 Mr. Seltzer was married to Eveline R. Hines, daughter of Albert Hines, of Philadelphia, and by her he had three children: Albert died single; William Irwin married Ann Foresman, of Williamsport; and Evelyn married Edward B. Wolford, manufacturer at Philadelphia. His wife dying in 1879, he in 1890 married Mrs. Julia C. Wilford, daughter of Dr. Martin Killian (who emigrated from Germany in 1845 and settled at Hamburg, Berks county, where he practised his profession for several years).

William Seltzer, his father, was born in 1794 at Womelsdorf, and brought up there. When a young man he engaged in farming in Lower Heidelberg township, along the Cacoosing creek, near Sinking Spring, and he continued at that calling until his decease in 1872. He was married to Catharine Ruth, daughter of Daniel Ruth and Elizabeth Miller his wife, by whom he had eleven children, those besides Jonathan R. being: Mary Ann married Peter Klahr; Sarah married Jacob B. Krick; Hannah married William Bower; Daniel married Mary Krick; Susan A. married Benjamin Saylor; Elizabeth died single; four others died in their youth.

His grandfather was Jacob Seltzer, born in 1764 at Womelsdorf, where he carried on farming and kept hotel until his decease in 1825. He was married to Catharine Kauffman, daughter of Jacob, of Oley; she was born in 1766 and died in 1842; and by her he had eight children: William, above; John married Mary Van Reed; Daniel married a Weiser; David married Eliza O. Sheetz and moved to Ohio; Jacob married a Hassinger; Michael married Catherine Hain; Anna remained single; and Elizabeth married George See.

His great-grandfather was Jacob Seltzer, who emigrated in 1752 from the Upper Rhein, near Coblentz, in the vicinity of the famous "Seltzer Springs" in Germany, where he was born in 1732. He settled in Heidelberg township (where afterward Womelsdorf was laid out) and became a naturalized citizen in 1765. Several years before (1762) he established a hotel in the village, which has been known until the present time as the "Seltzer House." He died in 1788. He was married to Maria Catharine Hiester, of Bern township; she was born in 1735 and died in 1817. By her he had six children: Jacob, above; Michael, who enlisted in the Revolution while still a boy and died of fever shortly before the end of his term of service; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Michael Tryon, a prominent physician of Tulpehocken; Mary, who married Jacob Spang, a prominent iron-master of Oley; Catharine, married to David Dewees; and a daughter who married Christopher Reed.

DR. MILTON L. FRITCH, a leading medical practitioner of Virginville, Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., was born July 9, 1845, in Longswamp township, son of Horatio N. and Lavina (Geist) Fritch.

Henry Fritch, grandfather of the Doctor, died in 1851, when about sixty-seven years of age. He married Mary Schwartz, who lived to the ripe old age of ninety-two years. Their children were: Henry; John; Sallie (of Allentown); Hannah; Judith (m. Charles Shroeder of Macungie, Lehigh county); Elizabeth, deceased (m. Frank Schlouch, a landlord of Siegersville); Phoebe (m. Augustus Dunkle, a retired landlord of Allentown); Horatio N.; and William.

Horatio N. Fritch, father of Dr. Milton L., was born in 1819, and died in 1858. He was engaged in operating a general merchandise store this side of Shamrock, in Longswamp township, the place being known as Trexler's store. In 1853 he removed to Reading, where he conducted a successful mercantile business until his death. On Nov. 27, 1842, Mr. Fritch married Lavina Geist, daughter of Benjamin Geist, of Longswamp township, and to this union were born: Amanda, deceased; Dr. M. L.; Louisa (m. Dr. M. S. Richards, of Rothrocksville); Samuel, a traveling salesman of Philadelphia; Horatio, Jr., a clerk at Allentown; Phoebe (m. Milton Schwoyer, a farmer of Lehigh county); and James, a tanner at Reading. Mrs. Lavina Fritch, who is now in her eightieth year, resides with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Richards.

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Dr. Milton L. Fritch was reared on the farm in his native township, and received his early education in the public schools there. He later attended Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy in Reading, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, after which he taught school in Longswamp township for three terms. In 1867 he went into the Court House in Reading as clerk of the Orphan's Court, a position which was offered to him unsolicited, and after he had served in that position for one year, ex-Judge Heidenreich, who was then serving as city treasurer, requested Mr. Fritch to become one of the city's clerks, in which capacity Mr. Fritch served most acceptably. In the spring of 1869 he commenced to read medicine with Dr. M. S. Richards, of Rothrocksville, and subsequently attended lectures in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating with the class of 1871, after which he located in Virginville, which was then in its infancy. He commenced his professional career among strangers, but soon became known as a most successful practitioner, and his gentlemanly bearing, his industrious habits and his skill as a physician made him one of the town's most popular citizens.

On Feb. 24, 1876, Dr. Fritch married Miss Mary Lesher, daughter of Samuel and Floranda (Kroninger) Lesher, and to this union were born these children: Rev. George W., the well-known Lutheran divine, located at Sunbury, Northumberland county, m. Ellen Smith, and has one daughter, Florence; William L. is a clerk at Blandon; Samuel J. is a teacher at the Diamond Business College, Philadelphia; and Florence died in infancy. Dr. Fritch has served Richmond township as school director for six years, and has been frequently a delegate to county conventions of the Democratic party. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church for the past thirty years. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. of Virginville; and to Perry Lodge, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE J. ECKERT, one of the most useful, progressive and patriotic citizens of Reading, where he was at the head of a large brick manufactory, died Feb. 10, 1900, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was a man of strong personality, sound judgment and sterling integrity, and he took an active part in public affairs.

Philip Eckert, grandfather of George J., was born June 18, 1756, and died Sept. 10, 1828. His wife, Lydia Beck, was born June 17, 1762. Their children were: George, born Sept. 9, 1782; Mary, 1784; Susanna, 1785; Catherine, 1788; Peter, 1790; Sarah, 1792; Margaret, 1794; Elizabeth, 1795; Catherine (2), 1799; and Hannah, 1803.

George Eckert, son of Philip, was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Sept. 9, 1782, and died Jan. 19, 1854. On Jan. 26, 1809, he married Sarah Resley, born Dec. 16, 1787, died Jan. 12, 1879, daughter of Rudolph Resley, of Lebanon county. Their children were: Catherine, born 1809; Elizabeth, 1811; Mary, 1813; George, 1815; Cyrus, 1817; Philip, 1820; William, 1822; Rudolph, 1825; George John, 1827; and Aaron T., 1830.

George John Eckert, son of George, was born Feb. 14, 1827, in Lebanon county. He acquired his education in the public schools of Lebanon, and in Marshall College, Mercersburg, graduating from the latter institution in the fall of 1852. He came at once to Reading, and having determined upon a professional career, placed himself under the instruction of the Hon. William Strong, the well-known lawyer, and he was admitted to the Bar of Berks county April 28, 1855. Until 1865 he labored faithfully at his profession, but it was not congenial, and he abandoned his practice to devote his entire time to his fire brick factory, which he had established in 1863. This he enlarged and extended until it became one of the important industries of the city, with a high reputation for turning out a first class product.

Mr. Eckert was a very successful man, but in the midst of his wide personal interests he found time to take an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of his town and country. During the Civil war he was instrumental in raising and equipping troops, and when Pennsylvania was invaded he shouldered a musket himself, being in the service ninety days. On July 6, 1863, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Company C, 42d P. V. I. As a stalwart Republican he did his party great service. In 1863 he was a delegate to the State convention at Pittsburg; and in 1868 to the National Convention at Chicago. He was a member of the select council of Reading from 1866 to 1869, and of the common council from 1876 to 1878. Mr. Eckert was one of the promoters of the Union Bank of Reading, and for three years was one of its directors. His religious connection was with the First Reformed Congregation of Reading, which he served a long time as trustee, and he was chairman of the building committee when the church was remodeled in 1874-1875.

On Nov. 26, 1857, Mr. Eckert was married to Rebecca Gerhard, born March 28, 1838, daughter of Isaac M. Gerhard, and his wife, Catherine (Capp). Isaac M. Gerhard was the owner of three large farms in Lebanon county, and one in Berks, and he is buried at Newmanstown; his children were: Elizabeth (died unmarried), Rebecca, Katie (wife of George Zimmerman), Mary Ann (died in childhood), and Emma (m. to Nicholas Hunter, of Sheridan, Pa.). To Mr. and Mrs. George J. Eckert were born the following children: Isaac G. m. Elizabeth Smith, and lives at Drifton, Pa.; Rudolph R. is employed by the George W. Alexander Hat Company of West Reading; Mintie S. and Emma R. are at home; George m. Amy Koch, and lives at Philadelphia, where he is employed by the John B. Stetson Co., hat manufacturers; William died at the age of five; and Ellen is a skilled artist, whose pen sketch of the old Eckert Fire Brick factory deserves to rank as a masterpiece. In 1876 Mr. Eckert erected his beautiful home at West Reading, where his widow, son and daughters now reside. The mansion is modern in every particular, contains twenty-two charming rooms, all tastefully furnished, and it has many relics of the Revolution. Mrs. Eckert has the old "swallow nest" pulpit of the old historic Host Church of Berks county, now (1909) over one hundred and fifty years old. The home is surrounded by several acres of land, on which is a fine garden, vineyard, and all kinds of choice fruit. This is one of the most beautiful places in the county, and Mrs. Eckert and her family are very popular among a wide circle of friends.

RIEGNER.—One of the leading concerns of Reading is the firm of W. D. Mohn & Co., machinists, tool-makers, steam and hot water fitters, plumbers and dealers in plumbers' supplies, in which Robert E. and Austin H. Riegner are partners. They are members of the old and honored family of Riegner, members of which have distinguished themselves in every walk of life.

Conrad Riegner, their great-grandfather, was born July 12, 1788, in New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and died Feb. 15, 1847; he was buried at the historic Swamp Church. Conrad Riegner spent his life in agricultural pursuits, owned considerable property, and became a substantial and highly esteemed citizen. He married Catherine Schneider, born May 9, 1786, died May 22, 1854, and to them were born the following children: Solomon, who settled at Sanatogo and died in Pottstown, Pa.; Frederick, who lived and died at Phoenixville, Pa.; Benjamin; Aaron, whose life was spent at Chambersburg, Pa.; Mrs. Samuel Brunner, mother of Dr. Franklin R. Brunner; Mrs. Isaac Baret; Hettie, who married Solomon Stettler, of Topton, Pa.; and Reuben, who lived and died at Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Riegner, grandfather of the Riegner brothers, was born April 16, 1814, in New Hanover township, Montgomery county, and on reaching his majority removed to Boyertown, where he followed blacksmithing until a short time prior to his death. Mr. Riegner was a captain in the State militia of that section of Berks county for fourteen years, was a Democrat in politics, and served as constable of the township for a number of terms. He died May 22, 1869, in the faith of the

Evangelical Church and is buried at Boyertown. In 1836 Benjamin Riegner was married to Catherine Worman, born Nov. 27, 1813, in Colebrookdale township, daughter of Joseph Worman, a tanner of Bucks county, Pa. She died June 22, 1871. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Riegner: Lewis spent his life in Reading; Benneville located in Carlisle, Pa.; Sarah died at the age of four years, two months, thirteen days; Henry died aged nine months, twenty-one days; Elmira married Joshua Gerber, and died in 1868, in her twenty-fifth year; Hiram W. is mentioned below; Catherine married Josiah Knauer, of Chester county, Pa.; Tamma married Rev. David S. Stauffer, the well-known U. E. pastor, who is stationed at Adamstown, Pa.; Amanda married Dr. D. B. Bower, of Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

Hiram W. Riegner was born at Boyertown, Berks county, April 2, 1846, and his boyhood days were spent under the paternal roof. When eighteen years of age he went to learn the tanner's trade with Joseph Trout, near the "Five Mile House" in Cumru township, and this occupation he followed for fourteen years, when he engaged in work at the Mohnton hat factory, remaining there for seven years. Mr. Riegner then became employed with the T. A. Willson Optical Company of Reading, for three years, when he returned to the hatting business, which he has followed to the present time, being now in the employ of the George Hendel firm at Edison (now in the borough of Shillington). In political matters Mr. Riegner is independent, voting rather for the man than the party, and he and his family are consistent members of Zion's United Evangelical Church of Mohnton, where he has been class-leader of the English class for some time. He has been a chorister of the church for the past quarter of a century, and since 1882 has had charge of the primary department of the Sunday-school.

In 1867 Mr. Riegner was united in marriage with Miss Sevilla D. Mohn, born Nov. 16, 1845, daughter of Benjamin A. Mohn, the founder of Mohnton. Two children were born to this union, Robert E. and Austin H.

Robert E. Riegner was born March 17, 1868, at Mohnton, Berks Co., Pa., attended the public schools of his native locality, and at the age of fifteen years started to learn the machinist's trade, being employed for three years with T. A. Willson & Co. He then went to Philadelphia, where he was employed with the National Optical Company for three years, and with the well-known firm of Queen & Co. for fourteen years, having for a long period been in charge of the tool department. Mr. Riegner then returned to his native borough, and in August, 1903, was admitted a member of the firm of W. D. Mohn & Co., where he has since been in charge of the plant as superintendent. He is a skilled mechanic, and thoroughly capable of discharging the duties of his position. The company has a large and constantly increasing trade, particularly in job work and a few specialties of their own, doing a great deal of business with the firm of Queen & Co. of Philadelphia. The plant, located at Carpenter and Cherry streets, is fitted with a sixty-horse-power boiler, and a thirty-horse-power engine. Mr. Riegner took a complete course in mechanical drawing at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1892; he was a member of same during his residence in Philadelphia.

On Feb. 8, 1893, Mr. Riegner was married to Miss Frances Coulter, of Philadelphia, and one child has been born to this union, Roscoe E., who is now attending high school. Mr. Riegner built his present home at Mohnton in 1905. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Evangelical Church, in which he is a teacher in the Sunday-school. He is a charter member of Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A., of Mohnton, and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 8020.

Austin H. Riegner was born Oct. 4, 1872, in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., and when three years of age came to Mohnton, Berks county, with his parents. He attended the public schools of Cumru township, and night school in Philadelphia, and learned the machinist's trade with Orr & Sembower, of Reading, with whom he remained three years. Mr. Riegner then went to Philadelphia, where he was employed by the National Optical Company, and later went to Toledo, Ohio, and Buffalo, N. Y., at which latter city he had charge of the Oliver Dental Manufacturing Company for two years. Mr. Riegner then located in Reading and engaged in the manufacture of special machinery for two years on South Front street. In 1900 he engaged in business with Mr. W. D. Mohn, and in 1902 they removed the plant to its present location, corner of Carpenter and Cherry streets. Mr. Riegner is manager of the plant, and under his able management the business of the firm has been carried on in a very satisfactory manner.

In 1896 Mr. Riegner was married to Miss Estella Walters, daughter of Adolph Walters, of Altoona, Pa., and three children have been born to this union: Dallas W., Marco and Helen L. In politics Mr. Riegner is a Republican. He is a member of Zion's United Evangelical Church, where he teaches a class of young men in the Sunday-school. In 1899 Mr. Riegner was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge, No. 105, of Buffalo, N. Y., was transferred to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, of Reading, Pa., and is also a member of Reading Lodge of Perfection.

In 1896 Mr. Riegner graduated at the Spring Garden Institution of Science and Arts, in the electrical department, at the head of his class, with an average of 100, receiving a medal from ex-Governor Pattison at that school; he also took a complete course in mechanical drawing at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

WILLIAM A. SCOTT was a prominent and extensive carriage manufacturer of Hamburg, Pa. He was born at Port Carbon, Aug. 3, 1840, and he died Dec. 2, 1902.

Robert Scott, son of John Scott, and grandfather of William A., was a direct descendant of one of the oldest families of Scotland. In the "History of the Scotch-Irish in America," the name of Robert Scott figures back as far as 1562, from the same district in Northern Ireland from which this family hail. The grandfather was born Aug. 20, 1764, in Belfast, Ireland, emigrating from that place in 1799, and located in Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., in 1803 or 1804. On March 10, 1806, he married Catherine Klinger, an emigrant of Germany, born in that country Nov. 10, 1780, who died at Hamburg, March 20, 1855. Robert Scott belonged to the oldest Masonic Lodge of Reading. He brought with him from the land of his nativity a certificate or traveling card of the A. Y. Mason's Lodge of Belfast, Ireland, of which he was a member, recommending him to all good Masons of the world. From all accounts he was accompanied to this country by his cousin Samuel Bell, who located in Reading, Pa., and who left a large posterity. Robert Scott had these children: John W.; Mary Matilda m. Arthur Fesig, and had children—Lizzie, William, Sarah, Mary, Arthur and Ida; Sarah m. (first) Robert Stitzel, had one son, Robert, and m. (second) John Rupp, and had children—John and Sarah Mason; Elizabeth, born in 1810, died three years later.

John W. Scott, father of William A., was born Feb. 25, 1814. He was a merchant of Hamburg for many years, and died Oct. 23, 1892, while his wife, Rebecca Lewars, born June 27, 1815, died June 12, 1895. They had issue, namely: Robert H.; Susan, born in 1838, died in 1882; William Arthur; Charles E.; Henry L.; Walter H.; Hannah E.; and Mary Elizabeth, who died in youth.

When William A. Scott was about ten years old his parents removed to Hamburg, where he was educated in the local schools. He left school at an early age to learn coachmaking in Kutztown, with R. Miller. When the Civil war broke out, Mr. Scott's patriotism caused him to enlist in Company M, 1st Pa. Cav., organized July 20, 1861, at Reading. He was discharged as third

sergeant, his regiment serving throughout the war and participating in the fiercest and bloodiest battles of the conflict. The regiment was stationed directly back of the Bloody Angle at Gettysburg, and also participated among others, in the following: Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Fredericksburg. After the close of the war Sergeant Scott went home and connected himself with the National Guard. He was elected second lieutenant of Company E, 4th Regt., later becoming adjutant under Major C. F. Seaman. He was in the service of the State for many years, and was unanimously offered the captaincy of the company, but was compelled to refuse on account of ill health.

In 1866 Mr. Scott engaged in the carriage building business on State street, Hamburg, Pa., which he followed successfully until his death in 1902. After his death his son, Samuel F., and James Kemmerer formed a partnership which succeeded him in a well established business.

On Jan. 11, 1869, Mr. Scott m. Emma M. Faust, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Derr) Faust. To this union were born children as follows: Mary E., deceased, m. Thomas Dalious; Laura R. is now a popular school teacher of Hamburg; Samuel F. m. Phelephe Reber; Allen F. m. Myra Balthaser; Dr. John C. is a graduate of and Demonstrator in Physiology at the Medico-Chirurgical College and a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, both of Philadelphia, Pa. (he m. Florence M. Fry); Lena M. died in 1900 aged twenty years; Eva Henrietta is a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio; and Emma Louise is a stenographer for the Consumers Gas Company, Reading.

ANDREW McLEAN FULTON, who passed away Jan. 15, 1902, on his farm near Reading, Pa., was born in Florence, Washington Co., Pa., July 13, 1821, son of Samuel and Jennie (McLean) Fulton. His ancestors were men of influence and renown, his father serving as a color bearer in the war of 1812, and his grandfather came from the vicinity of the Clyde in Scotland and settled in Baltimore, where he laid out Fulton street and built several houses thereon. For six years the grandfather served as a captain in the Revolutionary war. He was in the battles of Long Island and Brandywine, and in one of these, though receiving a wound through the body, stayed with his men. He was also in the battle of Staten Island, and marched from there to White Plains. He is of record in the Indian wars, at the battle of Shamokin receiving a wound in the knee; and in these wars he captured large quantities of furs and booty from the British and Indians.

Samuel Fulton, father of Andrew McLean, married Jennie McLean, a daughter of Andrew McLean. The latter was a son of Lord Steel-McLean, who came to Baltimore from Scotland with Lord Baltimore. He, too, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and for his great bravery at the storming of Stony Point on the Hudson was awarded a gold medal by Congress, which at his death was given to his namesake, Andrew McLean Fulton.

At the early age of eighteen years Andrew M. Fulton was graduated from Athens College, Athens, Ohio, being valedictorian of his class. A few years afterward he was admitted to the Bar in Ashland, Ohio, where he practised law. Later he was professor of Latin, Greek and Higher Mathematics in the Female Seminary at Memphis, Tenn., where he remained until the Civil war broke out, when he received an appointment as General Quartermaster in the Union army.

Mr. Fulton was twice married, first to Hattie Wasson, of Ashland, Ohio. This union was blessed with two children: William M., a well known contractor who preceded his father in death; and Jennie A., a teacher in Helena, Mont. Four years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Fulton was married (second) to Mary L. R. Schwartz, daughter of Major John Schwartz. By this union there were four children: Elizabeth, Margaret, John and Elmer. Mr. Fulton was a good Christian, a Presbyterian in faith. He had the good will and sincere respect of all who knew him.

HORACE ARCHIBALD YUNDT was born June 15, 1839, in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Henry and Maria M. Yundt.

George Yundt, great-grandfather of Horace A., came to Lancaster county from Switzerland, his native land, in 1749, and located near the village of Ephrata, where he purchased land and engaged in husbandry. He was a Lutheran in religion, and at his death was buried at Bergstrasse, in the Lutheran cemetery.

Andrew Yundt, son of George, was born in Lancaster county, and passed his life there. He was a large landowner and prosperous farmer. He married Barbara Dietrich, and among his children were Allen, Archibald, George and Henry, the latter the father of Horace A. Yundt.

Henry Yundt was born Dec. 1, 1798, on the old homestead. He was reared and educated there, making it his home until he was thirty-eight years old, when he moved to East Earl township, where he died Nov. 29, 1878, at the age of eighty years. He was a cattle dealer and engaged extensively in the business, in the days when the only way of getting stock to market was by driving them. He was engaged in this business for about forty years, and for many years furnished the entire supply for the Pottsville market. For a period of about thirty years he was proprietor of the "Blue Ball" hotel, one of the oldest hotels on the Lancaster pike—at that time a very lively thoroughfare. He was a Whig, and went with that party into the Republican ranks when the new party was formed. He was also postmaster of Blue Ball for over thirty years. He married Maria M. Kinzer, by whom he had a family of fifteen children, five dying when quite young. The ten who grew to adult years were as follows: Anna Margaret, widow of M. R. Witwer; Maria Louisa, widow of Reuben B. Seidel; Henrietta C., wife of B. F. Kinzer; Elizabeth L., widow of Dr. Samuel Welchens; Harriet C., unmarried; Emma, deceased wife of Bodo Otto; Edwin Henry, a retired lawyer of Lancaster county; Horace Archibald; Clarissa A., at home; and Winfield S., deceased, who was a physician of New Holland, Lancaster county.

Horace A. Yundt was educated in the common schools of his township and the New Holland Academy. This schooling was supplemented by a preparatory course at West Chester Academy, Chester county, after which he entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, September, 1855, graduating from that institution in July, 1859. The two and a half years following his graduation were spent in Mt. Joy and Paradise academies as instructor in the languages and higher mathematics. Mr. Yundt left this work to enlist for service in the Civil war, in the 2d Pa. Regt. of Emergency Men, when the State was invaded in 1862. He later raised in Lancaster county Company B, 178th Pa. V. I., which he took to Virginia, and which remained there, doing service on garrison duty at Yorktown and Williamsburg, Va., and in the campaign against Richmond in June, 1863. Part of this time he was brigade inspector on the staff of General West, and also served on a general court martial. The company was mustered out in July, 1863. He then located in Reading and began the study of law.

Mr. Yundt entered the office of Judge John Banks, who had formerly been President Judge of the Berks County Courts, and read law under his direction for one year, when he was admitted to the Berks county Bar, Aug. 8, 1864. He has practised in Reading since that time, engaging for a number of years in general practice, but latterly confining himself to office business and to cases in the Orphans' court. During the forty-four years of his practice he has been engaged in many noted cases. His shrewd insight into character and the energetic manner in which he always handled his client's

interests built him a reputation as one of the most successful lawyers at the Bar.

Mr. Yundt is a Republican, and, when a younger man, took an active part in politics. In 1878 he was the candidate of his party for President Judge, but owing to the county being strongly Democratic, he was not elected. He has traveled extensively in Europe, having visited the British Isles and nearly every country on the continent, and is an entertaining and instructive companion. He has a rich fund of reminiscences and experiences, and a charming and inimitable manner of relating them, qualities which enhance the known breadth of his legal learning. He has an exceedingly large circle of friends and acquaintances in Reading and Berks county, who delight to testify to the universal esteem in which he is held.

JOHN L. ENDY. Among the older generation of school teachers of Berks county, none has been a greater credit to the profession, or is more favorably known, than John L. Endy, who was born in Oley township, July 7, 1842, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Laucks) Endy.

Jacob Ende, grandfather of John L. Endy, was born July 31, 1778, and died at Friedensburg, Pa., May 19, 1844, where he spent his life as a laborer. He married Catherine Rapp, born Feb. 6, 1769, who died Jan. 7, 1841, the mother of two children: Solomon, who lived at Reading; and Benjamin.

Benjamin Endy was born Nov. 16, 1811, in Oley township, and there spent his life, being engaged in the weaving of linens, coverlets and carpets, a man well known and most highly esteemed in his community. He was married to Catherine Laucks, born March 23, 1816, who survives him, living near Friedensburg, and being well preserved in spite of her ninety-three years. She is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, as was her husband. Seven children were born to Benjamin and Catherine Endy, namely: John L.; Mary died unmarried; Hannah married Henry Fisher, of Reading; Mahlon makes his home in Pittsburg; Rebecca, deceased, was the wife of Josiah Manwiller; Miss Emma lives with her aged mother; Louisa died at the age of three years.

John L. Endy was reared to agricultural pursuits on the old Laucks homestead, on which he now resides, and his education was obtained in the common schools and Oley Academy. He was licensed to teach in the public schools, in 1860, by Prof. John S. Ermentrout, and his first term as a teacher was spent at Sand Hill schoolhouse in Ruscombmanor township. In the fall of 1861, fired by patriotism, Mr. Endy enlisted in Company K, 93d Pa. V. I., for a term of three years, and later reenlisted in the same regiment, serving therewith until the close of the war, at the end of which he held the rank of sergeant. He took part in all of the engagements of the Army of the Potomac, and throughout his service proved himself a brave and faithful soldier. After his return from the war, Mr. Endy resumed teaching, and has taught school in Oley township for twenty-six consecutive terms, being one of the best-known educators in this section of Berks county. Hundreds of boys and girls who attended school under him, and who have since proved their worth in the world, have reason to remember his wise teachings with gratitude, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him. He is the owner of the old Laucks homestead, a tract of twenty-two acres, as well as one of the old Yoder homesteads, 100 acres in extent, on which he built a new barn in 1907, 40x60 feet, replacing the old structure which had been built in 1832, and which was destroyed by fire in 1907. During the summer months he spends his time in carpet weaving, and in this line has quite an extensive trade.

Prof. Endy and his family are members of Friedens Reformed Church at Oley, where he has been deacon and elder for many years. For a long period he was also active in the Sunday-school, being superintendent for ten years, and now acting in the capacity of assistant superintendent. In political affairs he has been a stanch Republican, and has filled a number of offices of some importance, including that of prison inspector during 1894-95, the only Republican to hold the office of secretary of the prison board up to this time, and committee-man of Oley township for a score of years. He has taken an active interest in public matters more for the public good than for personal gain, and his efforts in behalf of the community have been recognized and appreciated by his fellow-townsmen. In fraternal circles, he is identified with the Ringgold Council, O. U. A. M., No. 23; Minnehaha Lodge No. 154, K. P.; Oley Castle No. 119, K. G. E., all of these being of Oley. He is secretary of the first named, having held the office since 1867, was master of records of the K. G. E. castle for the first ten years of its organization, and is a past officer of all the lodges.

On Sept. 22, 1866, John L. Endy married Sarah Knabb, born March 25, 1843, who died Oct. 13, 1895, daughter of John and Mary Knabb, of Oley township. There were six children born to this union, as follows: Annie m. Darius Angstadt, of Oley township; Ella m. Edward Fegley, of Reading; Thaddeus, formerly a schoolteacher for ten years, and now the driver of Rural Route No. 1, Oley m. Sallie Weiser, and they have three children: Marie, Solis and John; Sallie m. Thomas Freyberger, of Ruscombmanor township; and Misses Nora and Katie live at home, the latter having been a school teacher for the past four years, being located at Oley Academy in 1908.

GEORGE GEIGLEY, a venerable resident of Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., where he is managing the well known E. and G. Brooke farm, was born one mile from Fountz's Mill, in Lancaster county, in 1819, son of John and Barbara (Weaver) Geigley.

William Geigley, grandfather of George, came from Germany and settled in Lancaster county, where he followed farming the remainder of his life. He married Mary Landis, and they became the parents of two children: John; and Christina, who died unmarried. Like his father, John Geigley carried on agricultural operations in Lancaster county all of his life, and there his death occurred, as did that of his wife. They were the parents of six children: Eliza, Barbara, Mary, Anna, Amos and George. In religious belief the family were Mennonites.

George Geigley was reared and educated in Lancaster county, and as a youth did much traveling. When but nineteen years of age he made a trip to Baltimore to get groceries, and also traveled from Philadelphia to Pittsburg in an old-fashioned Conestoga wagon. In all he made twenty-five or more trips to Philadelphia from the Conestoga mills. At the age of thirty-five years Mr. Geigley removed to Chester county, and in 1875 he located in Birdsboro, where he has since had charge of the E. and G. Brooke farm.

Mr. Geigley married Sarah Campbell, who died March 4, 1900, aged seventy-seven years, and to this union were born children as follows: John, Charles, Katie, George, Elizabeth and Samuel (m. Sarah Barton and has two children—Hunter and George). Formerly Mr. Geigley belonged to the Knights of Pythias. In political matters he is a Republican, but he has never aspired to public office.

SAMUEL S. SCHULTZ, Justice of the Peace of Hereford township, Berks county, is a member of the Schultz family whose early home was in Berthelsdorf, Saxony, Germany. There lived the earliest known ancestor of the family, Mathias Schultz, born 1612, died 1682. He had a son, Melchior, born 1647, who died 1708, leaving among other children, two sons, Melchior (1680-1734) and Balthaser.

Balthaser Schultz, son of Melchior, was born in 1682, and he died in Saxony, Germany, in 1727. He married Susanna Dieterich, and she with her four children accompanied about forty other followers of Caspar

Schwenkfelder to America in 1734. Her children were: George, Susanna, Maria and Barbara.

George Schultz, son of Balthaser and Susanna, was born about Candlemas, in 1710, and he died March 21, 1784. He was a farmer in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pa., and his descendants are quite numerous in that section. He married Anna Hoffman, daughter of Rev. Balthaser Hoffman, in 1737, and she died January 16, 1796. Their children were: Susanna, Balthaser, Christopher, Ursula, Gregory and Eve.

Balthaser Schultz, son of George and Anna (Hoffman) Schultz, was born April 23, 1744, and he died on his fine farm in Upper Hanover township, on the Hosensack creek, April 12, 1813. This farm in 1879 was owned by his grandson, Reuben Schultz. In 1768 Balthaser Schultz married Anna Yeakel, daughter of Balthaser Yeakel, and she died in 1799. This union was blessed with children as follows: Barbara, George, Andrew, Eve, Matthias, David, Susanna and Rosina.

David Schultz, son of Balthaser and Anna (Yeakel) Schultz, was born November 23, 1779, and he became a farmer, making his home in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county. In 1807 he married Lydia Yeakel, daughter of Christopher Yeakel, and she died July 5, 1845. He passed away April 7, 1851. They became the parents of three children: Joshua; Reuben; and Rebecca, born 1814, and died 1872.

Rev. Joshua Schultz, son of David and Lydia (Yeakel) Schultz, was born Sept. 11, 1808, and his death occurred March 31, 1891, while in the pulpit of the Schwenkfelder Meeting House at Kraussdale, and his remains were interred at Hosensack Schwenkfelder Meeting House. He was a preacher of force and eloquence, and was a man of deep piety. Like all the Schwenkfelder ministers he preached at Kraussdale, Hosensack and Washington Meeting Houses, and his precepts and example were productive of much good to the community. He was wholly a self-made man, and he became well-to-do, owning two fine farms—the one is now owned by his son Samuel S., who lives above Chapel, the other being in the possession of Benjamin U. Kressley. He built the present set of buildings on the farm where now lives his son, Samuel S. On Feb. 24, 1835, the Rev. Joshua Schultz was married to Anna Schultz (born 1812, died 1871), daughter of Andrew Schultz, Sr., of Washington township. Their children were: Susan, deceased wife of Erwin N. Schultz; Mary, who married Henry K. Urffer, a carpenter and farmer of Hereford township; Manoah S., a farmer on one of the farms in Hereford township; Joshua, born 1851, and died 1852; and Samuel S.

Samuel S. Schultz, son of Rev. Joshua and Anna (Schultz) Schultz, was born near Chapel, April 16, 1852, and was educated in the public schools, which he attended between the ages of eight and sixteen years. His boyhood was passed upon the farm, and he early became familiar with the duties pertaining to a farm. Before he left home he learned the carpenter's trade, and when he was twenty-one the farm was divided into two tracts, the original tract being now in the possession of Manoah Schultz, and the other, upon which the Rev. Joshua erected the buildings, belonging to Squire Samuel S. The latter tract consists of forty-two acres, and here Mr. Schultz has since lived. From 1885 to 1892 he followed the carpenter's trade as assistant and occasionally as foreman, doing considerable jobbing and repairing.

In politics Mr. Schultz is a Republican, and ever since he attained his majority he has taken a keen interest in public affairs. At the age of twenty-one he was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and taught his first term at Schultz school in Hereford township. He taught there four years. In 1884 he was elected school director, an office he filled for three years, when he refused renomination. In 1895 he was elected justice of the peace of his township, and in 1905 was again elected, William H. Sallade, the former incumbent, serving the five years from 1900 to 1905. As justice Mr. Schultz has never had a discharged case; he has never sent a case to court. He was president of the board of trustees of the Chapel Association, a Protestant union church association, the church being located at Chapel. He filled this office ten years, and he was superintendent of the Sunday-school from 1896 to 1907, and in various other ways has given efficient service to his church. Since 1889 he has been teacher of the Bible class.

In 1876 Mr. Schultz was married to Amanda Roberts, daughter of Everhart Roberts. To this marriage have been born six children: Ida, wife of Allen Heistand, of Hereford township; Allen R., of Palmerton, Carbon Co., Pa.; Clara M., an invalid; Mabel L., who married Charles Graber; J. Willis, a namesake of Judge J. Willis Bland, of Reading; and Leo A. Squire Schultz is a man of commanding presence and has a rugged constitution. In the severest winter weather up to the time when he was fifty years old he seldom wore gloves or mittens when out working or driving. He is well-versed with the histories of the families of his township, and has a most retentive memory. His unselfish devotion to his fellowmen, and his ever ready desire to help, have won him a lasting place in the affections of his fellowmen.

CYRUS G. HENRY, who for several years has been engaged as superintendent of No. 2 and No. 3 Furnaces of the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company, is one of the respected citizens of the borough of Birdsboro, where he has lived since boyhood. He was born in 1870 in Richmond township, Berks county, son of James and Louisa (Gauby) Henry, being the eldest of their family of four children. His father is a miller by trade, and followed that occupation until he took a position with the E. & G. Brooke Company.

Cyrus G. Henry attended the schools of Birdsboro, where he was reared, and commenced work as a farm hand. Later he was employed for four years or more as clerk in a general store in Birdsboro, and he has since been with his present employers, in 1895 engaging as bookkeeper with the E. & G. Brooke Company, in the furnace department, and in 1900 he was promoted to his present capacity, in which he has charge of Furnaces No. 2 and No. 3, belonging to the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company. He is progressive and capable, and has proved himself worthy the confidence of his superiors and amply qualified for the duties of his position.

Mr. Henry married Miss Minnie Follweiler, a native of Tamaqua, and they make their home on Mill street, in Birdsboro. Mr. Henry is a prominent member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, of which he has been organist for the past ten years. In fraternal connection he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Neversink Lodge, No. 514, of Birdsboro, and he is a member of the Birdsboro Fire Company.

CYRANUS F. BOYER, former burgess of the thriving borough of Fleetwood, is extensively engaged in the manufacture of ice-cream, and is also conducting a first-class restaurant on Main street. He was born Oct. 24, 1862, in Rockland township, son of James Boyer.

Reuben Boyer, grandfather of Cyranus F., was a miner and woodchopper of Ruscombmanor township. He married Esther Miller, and they became the parents of: William, Emeline, James, Levi, Henry, Sarah, Hannah and Isaac.

James Boyer, son of Reuben, like his father, was a miner of Ruscombmanor township, and was killed Oct. 10, 1881, in the caving in of an embankment while at work at the Kutz, Schwoyer & DeLong ore mines of the township in which he resided. He married Mary Frey, daughter of George and Susannah (Reinheimer) Frey, of Ruscombmanor, and they had children: Hettie; Cyranus F.; William O.; Lizzie, who died aged four years; Charles H.; Emma F.; Howard F.; Peter F.; Clara F. and James F.

Soon after his birth Cyranus F. Boyer was taken to Ruscombmanor township by his parents, where he spent

his boyhood and school days. When thirteen years old he was hired out on the farm of George S. Schaeffer, in Richmond township, for three succeeding years, and then he worked in the ore mines for two years. At the age of nineteen years he learned the trade of coach making with his uncle, Henry M. Boyer, and later worked at that trade for one year with Thomas Schuler at Alburtis, Lehigh county. On Feb. 10, 1884, Mr. Boyer connected himself with the well known firm of Schaeffer, Merkel & Co., implement dealers of Fleetwood, and in their employ he remained for eight years as a millwright under the supervision of his good friend A. W. Haag of Reading, his term of service with the firm covering a period of fifteen years. At the expiration of that time he established himself in the ice-cream and restaurant business, in which he has since been very successfully engaged, his celebrated ice cream, which is served at all social festivities of the town, being considered of the finest on the market. Mr. Boyer's success in life has been due to his honesty and integrity and his native business ability.

In 1896 Mr. Boyer was first elected to the borough council on the Democratic ticket, and at the expiration of his first term his services merited a re-election. In the spring election of 1906 he was elected chief burgess of the borough of Fleetwood after a most spirited campaign, by the margin of one vote. He was nominated for re-election in the spring of 1909, but under the Act of 1893 was not eligible to succeed himself. He takes a great interest in the welfare of the town, and holds the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Mr. Boyer is a member of St. Paul Union Church of Fleetwood, belonging to the Lutheran denomination. He was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and prior to locating in his own residence on Main street, was for two years assistant superintendent of the Ruscombmanor Sunday-school. He is past chief of Fleetwood Lodge, K. of P.; noble chief of Fleetwood Castle, K. G. E.; and a member of Camp No. 103, P. O. S. of A.

On Aug. 21, 1886, Mr. Boyer was married at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., by the Rev. George F. Spieker, to Miss Bessie W. Boyer, daughter of Levi Boyer, a farmer of near Fleetwood, Richmond township, and to this union were born: Helen E., Grace M., Herbert C. and Frank F.

KAUFFMAN. This very old family of Oley township, Berks county, was founded in this township between 1720 and 1734 by David Kaufman, who came here from Germantown, Pa., where his mother resided. In 1734 he obtained a warrant for land from the Penns for property located in Oley township, Philadelphia, now Berks, county. This warrant bears the date of May 24, 1734, and is for one hundred acres located in the eastern part of the township, and part of this property is still in the possession of the family, being the property of Frank Y. Kaufman. Later David obtained another warrant, under date of July 1, 1740, for 54 acres, 154 perches. This tract adjoined the former one, and part of it is also owned by Frank Y. Kaufman. In addition to this property, David owned 200 acres, which he obtained prior to 1734, and a portion of it is now owned by Ephraim K. Kauffman, and the remainder by Frank Y. Kaufman. All told the holdings of this Kaufman ancestor amounted to 354 acres, which was admitted to be among the very choicest land of the township. Upon this property David erected buildings, since replaced by those more modern, but in their day they were considered models of convenience and elegance. He is buried in a private burying ground upon the premises, and his resting place is marked by a limestone without any inscription. Five generations are buried in that little plot, namely,—David, his son, Jacob; his grandson, Jacob; his great-grandson, Jacob and his great-great-grandson, Jacob. His wife Veronicia, in 1763, with her other children, released the property to her son Jacob. In the release it is stated that she was the widow of David, and therefore it is evident that David died some time prior to 1763. This release is signed by the widow and her children, who were as follows: Annie Yoder, Mary Shenkle, Barbara Lasker, and John, who settled in Maiden-creek township where his descendants still reside. It is evident that David had but two sons, Jacob and John.

Another interesting fact revealed by the records of the township is that in 1758 and 1759 Jacob Kaufman paid heavy taxes in Oley township, his assessment being thirty pounds.

David, the original ancestor of the Oley township branch of the family, had a brother Jacob who died without will, and his mother Anna of Philadelphia county, took out letters of administration in 1732, the letters stating that she was his mother and next of kin. Anna, mother of David and Jacob, made a will in which she bequeathed the grandfather clock to David, and the balance of her estate to all the children of her son David, except David's son John, who was left out.

(II) Jacob Kaufman, son of David, obtained the family estate in 1763, as above stated, purchasing it from the other heirs, and he retained it until his death, residing upon the property and engaging in farming. His wife was a member of the family of Hill, and among their children were: Jacob, John, Nicholas, Peter, Samuel and David.

There is a tradition in the family that two of these sons, David and Nicholas, settled in Union county, Pa., and that Samuel settled in the State of Indiana. It is also believed that a son of the first Jacob located in the then wilds of Texas, where a county, a town, a paper and a post-office bear the family name.

(III) Jacob Kauffman (2) inherited the homestead and followed farming all his life. He was born March 10, 1757, and died April 27, 1843, aged eighty-six years, one month and seventeen days. He is buried on the estate. On Sept. 14, 1807, he married after he was fifty years of age, Susanna Keim, born July 20, 1781, died March 16, 1870, aged eighty-eight years, seven months and twenty-six days. The children born to them were: (1) Jacob (3) inherited a part of the homestead. (2) Isaac inherited the other part. (3) David, born Sept. 14, 1819, died Dec. 7, 1843, aged twenty-four years, three months and three days, and is buried on the homestead; he m. Hannah Reiff, and they had no children. (4) Daniel owned the mill property now owned by Ammon Kauffman, of Oley. (5) Esther m. Daniel Griesemer of Spangsville, Pa. (6) Hannah m. Daniel Levan of Oley. Others died in infancy. Jacob Kaufman (2) was a teamster in the Revolutionary war, taking the oath in 1777.

(IV) Jacob Kauffman (3), son of Jacob (2), was born on a portion of the homestead, March 13, 1813, and died Nov. 14, 1852, aged thirty-nine years, eight months and one day. He was a farmer and veterinary, and his services were in demand throughout his neighborhood. His wife was Margaret Yoder, daughter of William Yoder, of Oley, who lived on an adjoining farm. Four children were born to them: Jacob and Mary died in infancy; Frank Y. and Hiram.

(IV) Isaac Kauffman, son of Jacob (2) and a brother of Jacob (3), also father of Ephraim K., was born on the homestead in 1815, and died in 1880, aged sixty-five years, one month and nineteen days. He engaged in farming all his life, and became the owner of some very valuable property, aggregating 373 acres of the best land in Oley township. He was progressive in his methods, and developed his land. Mr. Kauffman was among the heaviest tax payers in the township. After his death the land was divided among his children, but some of it was purchased by Ephraim K. Kauffman. He was active in church life, and was a member of the Oley Reformed Church where he is buried. He married Lucy A. Knabb, daughter of Daniel H. and Eleanor (Weaver) Knabb, of Oley township. Mrs. Kauffman was born Oct. 25, 1816, and died Dec. 28, 1907, aged ninety-one years, two months and three days. Her mother attained to a still greater age, dying aged ninety-four years, four months and one day, and both are buried at Oley church. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kauffman had the following children: Rebecca, of Oley township; Ephraim K.; Miss Susan K., of Oley

township; Daniel B., of Oley; Jacob K., a farmer of Amity township; Ellen K., m. to James Rothenberger, a farmer of Oley; Emma A., m. to James E. Snyder, of Oley.

(V) Ephraim K. Kauffman, a substantial farmer of Oley township, was born Aug. 9, 1838, son of Isaac Kauffman. He was born and reared on the Kauffman homestead, where he still resides. His education was obtained in the schools of his neighborhood, and at the Mount Pleasant Seminary at Boyertown, the Freeland Seminary at Collegeville, and the Oley Academy at Friedensburg. He then engaged in farming for his parents, supervising the large farms which his father owned, and since 1865 has supervised the cultivation of some 475 acres of the best agricultural land in Oley township. His own farm consists of 225 acres of excellent farming land. It is fertile, level, well-located and very valuable. This property is a portion of the original Kauffman estate. The residence is in colonial style, spacious and well-built, surrounded by a fine lawn studded with shrubbery, flowers and Norway pines. This house was erected in 1832, as was also the large Swiss barn.

In addition to this valuable farm, Mr. Kauffman owns a valuable farm of 250 acres in Warwick and East Nantmeal townships, Chester Co., Pa., which tract he has rented, although it is stocked with his own cattle. On this farm, in 1904, there was discovered a cannon of the Revolution, weighing 4550 pounds. This he removed to his Oley township home, and it now decorates the front lawn. In addition to this relic, Mr. Kauffman owns two grandfather clocks that came into the Kauffman family from the Weiser and Levan families.

Naturally as the owner of so much valuable realty, Mr. Kauffman is a heavy tax payer of the township. He has other large interests, being one of the original directors of the Keystone National Bank of Reading, which was organized in 1883. He is connected with other organizations, and his private interests are large. Mr. Kauffman is a member of the Oley German Reformed Church, of which he was deacon for some years.

On Sept. 8, 1864, Mr. Kauffman was married to Miss Willi L. DeTurck, born Aug. 21, 1843, a daughter of Daniel and Willi (Levan) DeTurck. She died Dec. 8, 1904, aged sixty-one years. Two children were born to this union: Ella K. and John N. Of these Ella K. married a Mr. Sassaman and has one daughter, Mabel K., now a student in the Womans College, at Frederick, Md. Mrs. Sassaman resides with her father, and is a charming, accomplished woman.

(VI) John N. Kaufman, son of Ephraim K., was born Sept. 26, 1869, on the homestead. He was engaged in a milling and lumber business at Fleetwood where he had been for a number of years. He then entered the service of the Metal Body Company, of Fleetwood, where he did well. On April 1, 1909, the firm of Kaufman & Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, was formed, he being the senior member. They deal in flour, feed, grain and coal. John N. Kaufman married Annie V. Schaeffer, daughter of Joel Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, Pa., and they have two children, Joel and Catherine Willi.

(V) Frank Y. Kaufman, son of Jacob (3), was born on the original homestead, March 12, 1847. His father died when he was only six years old, and so he was brought up in the home of his grandfather, William Yoder, and that of his maternal uncle George S. Yoder. Being in ill health in his youth his early education was neglected, but he later made up this deficiency by attending the Oley Academy, walking from Pleasantville to Friedensburg, a distance of three miles twice a day. Later he went to the normal school, leaving it in 1866. While living with his mother at Friedensburg he worked upon the farm, and he now owns part of the original homestead, his tract consisting of 124 acres of the best land in Oley township. He resides on Main street, Friedensburg, in a handsome colonial mansion that was built in 1832.

Mr. Kaufman is a trustee of the Oley Academy, and has been for many years. He is a director of the Manatawny Fire Insurance Company; vice-president of the Oley Fire Company, that was organized in 1899. Mr. Kaufman has clerked at many sales, thus serving his community since 1875. In politics Mr. Kaufman is a Democrat. Six times has he been returned to the office of justice of the peace, and so general has been the satisfaction with his decisions that only once did he meet with any opposition. Fraternally he is a member of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 154, K. of P., of Friedensburg, and he is the only charter member now living of this lodge which was organized in 1869. For more than a quarter of a century he has acted as its treasurer.

In 1870 Mr. Kaufman married Hannah Clouser, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Brumbach) Clouser. They have children as follows: Sallie lives with the family of Edward Hultsheiser, a banker at Bernardsville, N. J.; Emily is a dressmaker residing at home; Elizabeth, a graduate of the training school for nurses of the University of Pennsylvania, married Charles O. Kruger, of Abington, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Rev. David, a Lutheran clergyman at Emaus, Pa., has a son, David; Rebecca died in 1898 at Reading while taking a course to fit her as a trained nurse; Rev. Roger, a Lutheran clergyman at Aurora, Ill., is a missionary and built a church in 1907; Mary is a dressmaker and resides at home.

Mr. Kaufman spells his name with but one "f" because he claims that it is the original way of spelling it, basing his claims upon family documents. One is one signed in good, plain English by the original David with but one "f" and another by the first Jacob signed the same way. Other members of the family use the two "f" way of spelling, but either way they all trace back to the original David and his sons, and all are worthy to bear the name of those sturdy pioneers who not only amassed fortunes, but who raised a high standard of living and set examples of honorable dealing which have come down to their descendants of this generation, stimulating them to further effort.

CHARLES E. KEPNER, assistant manager in the office of the Adams Express Company at Reading, is one of the stirring young business men of the city. Though not a native son, he is a product of Reading, having come to the city at four years of age.

His grandfather, Bernard Kepner, was prominent in the manufacturing world, having during a long lifetime been proprietor of a shoe factory at Orwigsburg, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Samuel Kepner, son of Bernard and father of Charles E., was during his life a hotel-keeper at different points. During the Civil war he served in Company E, 194th Pa. V. I. He died at Reading in 1895, in his fifty-third year. His wife was Elmira Goodhart, daughter of George Goodhart, of Reading, now deceased. There were but two children born to this marriage: Ivanora, now deceased; and Charles E.

Charles E. Kepner was born in Catawissa, Pa., Aug. 16, 1874. His parents removed to Reading in 1878, so that he passed his school life in the public schools of this city. He later took a course at Brunner's business college, and then began his business career as a clerk in a drug store. After two years he secured a position with the Adams Express Company, where he has since continued, the high character of his services being recognized by his advancement to the position of assistant manager.

Mr. Kepner married Nov. 30, 1893, Miss Anna M. Kershner, daughter of Franklin P. Kershner, of Reading, now deceased. In the Kepner home there are six children: Edward LeRoy, Samuel Franklin, James George, Charles Percival, Elmira Ivanora and Leah Mildred.

The political preference of Mr. Kepner lies with the Republican party, though the part he takes in politics consists largely in the casting of his ballot. He is a consistent member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Owing to the fact that Mr. Kepner's father was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion he takes more than a passing interest in patriotic organizations, and is an ardent member of the

Sons of Veterans, belonging to Company D of the First Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserves. He is a man of sterling integrity, and his mind is keenly alert to the possibilities of life.

WILLIAM K. ADAM, a representative agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Lower Alsace township, who owns and operates the old Adam homestead near Antietam Lake, was born on the old home place May 20, 1844, son of William and Catherine (Kline) Adam.

William Adam, grandfather of William K., lived in Alsace township, near Antietam Lake, and was an agriculturist, and the original owner of the Adam property. He married a Miss Garrett, and they had the following children: Catherine m. a Mr. Endy, resided in Heidelberg township, near Blue Marsh; Rebecca m. Samuel Fick, an agriculturist of McKnight's Gap; John, a stone mason and small farmer of Alsace township, m. a Miss Koller; Jacob, also a stone mason of Lauderbach's Springs, m. Maria Koller; Hannah m. Peter Rothenberger, a farmer of Muhlenberg township; Maria m. John Rothenberger, also an agriculturist of Muhlenberg township; William; Hannah m. Jere Koller, a huckster of Hamburg, Pa.; and Samuel, a forgeman of Berger's Forge, m. a Miss Wentzele.

William Adam, father of William K., was born May 7, 1807, at the old homestead at Antietam, and was reared and educated in that locality. He later learned the trade of mason, which he followed in connection with farming the old homestead until his death. He married Catherine Kline, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Schmehl) Kline, and they had the following children: Mary m. Michael Miller (who died in Reading many years ago), resides in Reading, and has had fourteen children— Amos, John, Daniel, Irwin, Frank, Aaron, Adam, Harry, Thomas, Kate, Mayme and three deceased; Rebecca m. John Seidel, a blacksmith of Alsace township, and has four children—Henry, Mary, John and Annie; Israel, of Boyertown, m. Susan Hartman, daughter of Abraham Hartman, and they have six children—Albert, William, Abner, Charles, Edwin and Sallie; Lena m. John Wanner, a miller of near Stony Creek Mills, and has six children—William, Martin, Katie, Hannah, John and Thomas; Catherine m. Peter Wanner, also a miller and farmer of near Stony Creek Mills, and has six children—Ella, Katie, Hannah, Peter and Nora and Dora (the latter two of whom are twins); William K.; James m. Amanda Seidel, daughter of Jacob and Amelia Seidel, and has children—Charles, James, William, Howard, Frank, Adam, Mayme, Amelia, Sarah, Catherine and Lillian; and Rose m. John Miller, son of William and Mary (Boone) Miller, a driver for Lerch & Co., hardware merchants of Reading, and has children—Katie, Nora, Mayme, Rose, Stella, Esther, William and Howard (deceased).

William K. Adam was reared and educated in his native township, and was trained to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father, after whose death he purchased the homestead farm. On May 30, 1868, he married Mary Seidel, daughter of Solomon and Mina (Wilhelmina) (Egelman) Seidel, and to this union there have been born eight children, six of whom survive: Ida m. Jacob Longendorfer, a brewer of Tremont, Schuylkill county, and has children —Ruth, Esther and William; Llewellyn, who assists his father on the farm, m. a daughter of Jacob and Emmeretta (Shildt) Wentzle, and has two children—Jacob and Mary; Edward S., a molder of Reading, m. Ida, daughter of Samuel Nine, and they have had five children, Florence, Dorothy, Ruth, Earl and Paul (deceased); Emma m. David Crum, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lutz) Crum, an employe of the Gravity R. R., and has one child, Arthur; Catherine, who resides at home, is the widow of Albert Schorr (who was killed in an automobile wreck in October, 1906), and has had four children—Helen, Armond (deceased), Antoinette and Eugenie; and William, of Lower Alsace township, m. Ella Cunius, and has two children—Edna and Edith.

Mr. Adam is a Democrat in politics and has taken an active part in township affairs, having served as auditor, school director, delegate to county conventions at various times, and being now a candidate for the office of county commissioner. He and his family attend the Reformed Church.

G. SAM HANTSCH, a well-known cigar dealer of Reading, Pa., whose place of business is located at No. 521 Penn street, was born in 1858, on Lemon street, Reading, son of George W. and Harriet (Hagy) Hantsch.

George W. Hantsch, who followed cigar making until his retirement in 1890, died in 1902, aged about eighty years, he and his wife being the parents of these children: Philip m. Rebecca Cutler, and had four children—Elizabeth, Effie, Estella and Mary; Warren, of New York, m. a Miss Williams, of Manayunk, Pa., and had four children —Etta, Emma, Marion and Lavollette; Milton died single; and G. Sam.

G. Sam Hantsch, after receiving his education in the public schools, engaged with his father in cigar making, having made this his life work. He opened up his present stand and is here extensively engaged in manufacturing numerous brands of well-known cigars, for which he finds a ready market in Reading and the surrounding country. In addition, there is probably no better judge of leaf tobacco in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hantsch married Julia Rhein, daughter of Jacob Rhein, and she died in 1903, the mother of Jennie, Bessie, Howard, Sam, Jr., and Edwin. Mr. Hantsch married (second) in 1904, Agnes Kauterman, daughter of Benj. Kauterman. Mr. Hantsch is a good business man, is public-spirited and a good citizen, and possesses those qualities of character that draw to him many warm friends. He is highly respected in the community in which he has lived for so many years.

JOHN W. SLIPP, one of the most active citizens of Birdsboro at the present day, prominent in business circles, in fraternal affairs, in the local civil government and in the development of the borough generally, has resided there for the past twenty-five years. His principal business interests during this period have been centered in the lumber and hardware trade, but in recent years he has also done considerable in local real estate dealing, in which connection he has been instrumental in enlarging and building up the borough.

Mr. Slipp is a native of Chester county, Pa., born in 1856, son of Daniel and Mary (Houck) Slipp. He was reared there, and received his education in the public schools, and upon commencing work learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow in all for fifteen years. In 1882 he came to Birdsboro, where he has ever since made his home. For the first eight years or so after his removal to the borough he worked at his old trade, in 1891 commencing what has since developed into a profitable lumber business. He began so modestly in this line that he delivered his first orders for lumber with a wheelbarrow, but his trade increased steadily, and his lumber yard is now well stocked and the center of a thriving business. He also carried on a flour and feed business for two years, at the end of that time selling out of that line and engaging in the hardware trade, in which he has since continued. His business in this line has become quite extensive, proving an excellent adjunct to the sale of lumber, especially among builders. Mr. Slipp also acts as agent for several manufacturing concerns. Besides attending to all these interests he has engaged quite extensively in the real estate business and building. In association with several other men he opened up the addition to Birdsboro known as Wayne Heights, one of the most attractive parts of the borough, a credit to its projectors and to the town of which it forms a part. Mr. Slipp has served the community in various public offices, having been a member of the borough council, assessor, judge of elections and county commissioner, to which latter position he was elected in 1900,

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serving one term. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1902 Mr. Slipp was raised a Mason in Birdsboro Lodge, F. & A. M., and he has since attained the thirty-second degree, belonging to Philadelphia Consistory; he is a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as a member of Neversink Lodge, No. 514, of Birdsboro, and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Birdsboro; and he is a charter member of the Friendship Fire Company.

In 1886 Mr. Slipp was married to Annie Smith, and they have had five children, namely: May, Blaine, Viola, Florence and a son who died in infancy. The family are Baptists in religious connection.

JOHN J. RUTH. Among the representative citizens of Cumru township, Berks county, none is more worthy of mention than John J. Ruth, who conducts the leading general store of Millmont. He was born Sept. 19, 1853, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, son of John L Ruth.

Jacob Ruth, grandfather of John J., was a leading agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Heidelberg township, where all of his life was spent, and where his wife also died. They were the parents of: Samuel, Lewis, Mrs. Charles Rick, Mrs. Benjamin Loose, and John L.

John L. Ruth was born in Heidelberg township, and early in life engaged in farming, being also interested in a hotel business for many years. He died in Reading, at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife died when eighty-four years old, and both were interred in the Charles Evans cemetery. Their children were: Alfred, Cyrus, James and Adams, deceased; John J.; George, a blacksmith of Reading; and Morris, of Millmont; Priscilla, wife of William Keller, of Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa.; Eliza, wife of Daniel Spatz, of Missouri; Ellen, deceased wife of William Goodhard, of Exeter township; and Mrs. Richard Adams, of Farmington, Missouri.

John J. Ruth attended the public schools of Tulpehocken township and the City of Reading, and as a boy engaged in farm work, later learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a period of four years. His first business venture was in the tobacco and confectionery trade, at Reading, where he successfully continued for seven years, and in January, 1902, he came to Millmont and established his present business, which has grown to large proportions. Mr. Ruth carries a full line of flour, feed, groceries and notions, and in these commodities he has become the leading dealer of this section.

Mr. Ruth was married to Miss Lillie Sutton, who died in 1892, the mother of one child, Rosie (m. Jacob Knuckles, of Missouri, and has three children). In political matters Mr. Ruth is independent. He attends St. John's Reformed Church.

JOHN S. KLINE, one of the substantial agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., now living retired on his magnificent farm of 188¼ acres in Heidelberg township, was born March 11, 1836, in Windsor township, this county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sunday) Kline.

Philip Kline, grandfather of John S., was a farmer and lived in the vicinity of Hamburg. He was the father of children as follows: Daniel, Philip, Peter, John, Samuel, Solomon, Polly (who died unmarried) and Mrs. Peter Miller (of Hamburg, Pennsylvania).

Daniel Kline, son of Philip, was born July 4, 1804, near Hamburg and died of palsy March 24, 1868, aged sixty-three years, eight months, twenty days. He was a farmer, and in March, 1839, moved from Hamburg to Wintersville, to a farm formerly owned by Conrad Weiser. He owned a farm of 207½ acres, on which he built a barn in 1848, a hay barn 38 x 55 feet in 1863, remodeled the house and greatly improved it in every way. He retired in the spring of 1868, and a few weeks later died, and was buried at Rehrersburg, at Union Church, of which he was deacon, trustee and elder for many years, and which church he helped to erect and toward which he was a liberal supporter. He was widely known and highly esteemed. He married Elizabeth Sunday, who died April 17, 1900, aged eighty-nine years, six months, fifteen days, daughter of John Sunday, and to them were born the following children: Mary m. Lamia Webber, of Tulpehocken; Annie m. Nathan Frantz, of Tulpehocken township; Alexander m. Sarah Beshore, and died in 1864, soon after his marriage; John S.; Eliza died unmarried; Susanna m. Levi Hollinger, of Lebanon, Pa.; Peter S., formerly a U. S. mail driver, is mentioned below; Amelia m. Joseph Karch, of Lebanon, Pa., and died about fifteen years ago; Tillie m. Ephraim Boltz, of Lebanon Valley House, Lebanon, Pa.; Priscilla m. Harry Carl of Myerstown Pa.; William, a farmer and carpenter in Missouri, m. Permilla Zerby.

John S. Kline attended the subscription and public schools for a short time, and was reared on his parents' farm, for whom he worked until he was twenty-four years of age, then hiring out on the farm for one year. Mr. Kline worked at farm labor until 1868, at which time he commenced farming on his own account near Wintersville, in Tulpehocken township, cultivating the Daniel Kline 207-acre farm for one year. His father having died, Mr. Kline removed to Mill Creek, Lebanon county, where he spent one year, and there his wife died. Mr. Kline then engaged as a laborer at Wintersville until 1872, when he again turned his attention to farming, and for eighteen years continued thereat, after which he lived retired for seven years, and in 1897 purchased his present fine farm of 188¼ acres east of the Corner Church in Heidelberg township. In the same year he erected his modern, fourteen-room house, and made many other improvements, including the building of a pig sty and wagon shed, and in 1903 he built a large substantial Swiss barn, 42x105 feet. Mr. Kline is a man of much influence in his community, and has been well known in Republican politics. He is a member of the A. O. G. F., at Stouchsburg, with which he has been connected since 1873. In his religious affiliations Mr. Kline is Reformed, and he has been deacon for six years and for nine years elder of the Tulpehocken Church of that denomination.

In 1860 Mr. Kline married (first) Sarah Beshore, who died in May, 1870. To this union were born: Emma, deceased, m. David Werner; Martha died in infancy; Ella M. m. John Smith, and lives on her father's farm; and Cassie died in infancy. Mr. Kline m. (second) Malinda Behney, the widow of Daniel Peifer, of Mill Creek, and to this union were born: John Calvin, born Jan. 8, 1871, died aged one year, two months; and Cora Malinda m. George W. Grimes of Heidelberg township, by whom she has had two daughters—Annie M. and Lucy M.

Peter S. Kline, son of Daniel and brother of John S., was born Nov. 24, 1843. He passed his early life on his father's farm, and received his education in what was then termed High School, but is now Ursinus College. For some years he acted as United States mail driver, carrying between Wintersville and Reading (six offices besides Reading) making a round trip of forty-five miles three days each week—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In 1884 he went to Franklin county, Pa., and there occupied the farm formerly owned by James Buchanan, ex-President of the United States, and later farmed in Jackson township, Lebanon county. For forty-nine years he has been a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has held a number of offices, and has been a liberal supporter of all good work. He married at Reading, Amelia Wagner, who died March 17, 1901, and was buried at Tulpehocken Church, of which she was a member. Her church membership dated from 1865. To this union were born twelve children—six sons and six daughters—namely: Harry, born Aug. 30, 1869, resides at New Brunswick, N. J.; C. Katie, born Feb. 12, 1871, is now Mrs. Bailey, and resides at Waynesboro, Pa.; George Daniel, born Sept. 12, 1872, m. Maggie Moyer, daughter of Levi Moyer, and lives on the farm of Dr. Eli Klopp, of Phil-

adelphia; Ella Jane, born July 9, 1875, is now Mrs. Hain, and lives at Robesonia; Harvey P., born June 18, 1877, resides at Wyomissing; Tillie, born Nov. 18, 1878, is Mrs. Wolfskill (all born in Wintersville); Morris Miles, born in 1881, died in infancy; Martha Alice, born Jan. 1, 1883, resides at Reading; Sadie Mary, born Sept. 7, 1884, in Franklin county, died May 5, 1892, in Lebanon county; and three died in infancy.

WESLEY H. WELLS (deceased), who for many years was one of Reading's well-known business men, a reliable carpenter and builder, was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1822, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Spackman) Wells.

Isaac Wells was born April 13, 1774, and his wife, Elizabeth Spackman, July 7, 1782, both in Chester county. Their children were: Sidney, born Dec. 24, 1802, died unmarried, Aug. 13, 1877; Jane, born Oct. 27, 1804, died unmarried, Sept. 22, 1825; Uriah, born April 6, 1807, died at Petersburg, Va., in 1864, having been prominent in the iron business in the South during the Civil war; Lavinia, born Dec. 21, 1809, died May 8, 1893, in her eighty-fourth year, the mother of Thomas W. Sweeney (mentioned elsewhere); Thomas, born Aug. 5, 1812, was killed at a barn-raising in Chester county; William, born Oct. 29, 1814, died Jan. 16, 1877; Obed, born in 1817, died in 1825; Isaac, born in 1820, died in 1894; and Isaiah and Wesley H., twins, born Oct. 30, 1822. Isaac Wells, the father, died in 1846, aged seventy-two years. In politics he was a strong Whig. Although not members of the Society both he and his wife regularly attended Quaker meeting.

Wesley H. Wells learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and followed it with his brother Isaiah practically all of his active period. The brothers came to Reading in 1847, and they built many of the fine dwellings in this city, including churches and schoolhouses as well as homes and places for business. Isaiah Wells built St. Peter's M. E. Church and the Second Reformed Church. Wesley H. made a specialty of stair building when that particular work was all done by hand. He later operated a planing mill on Second street below Penn. In politics Mr. Wells was a stanch Republican, and for twenty consecutive years he was assessor of the Fourth ward in Reading. His private life was that of a most worthy man in every relation. Fraternally he belonged to Mattamora Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On July 4, 1850, Mr. Wells was married to Miss Anna S. Grissinger, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Seltzer) Grissinger, the former of whom was a native of York county and the latter of Lebanon county. They had one child, Mary E., born July 20, 1854, who died in 1879. Mrs. Wells is a member of St. Peter's M. E. Church.

Isaiah Wells, brother of the late Wesley H. Wells, married Mary Russell, and they had three children, viz: One who died in childhood; Charles W., a prominent corporation lawyer of New York City, who has one son, Harry; and Ella, who resides with her brother in New York.

It is sad to note that this family, so exemplary and useful in former days, has almost all passed away. No city can lose such residents without deep regret.

LEWIS J. HAIN, a progressive and successful farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, was born in that township near Wernersville, July 16, 1865.

Adam Hain, his great-grandfather, was born near Wernersville, and there married Anna Maria Ruth, daughter of Christian Ruth. They had four children: Peter; John m. Catharine Gernant, of Maiden-creek; Elizabeth m. Benjamin Hain; and Catharine m. John Gernant, of Spring.

Peter Hain, grandfather of Lewis J., was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township. He was born in 1796 and died in 1874. He married Catharine Laucks, born in 1799, daughter of Peter and Susannah (Lorah) Laucks, of Tulpehocken township; she died in 1888. They had four children: Adam L. m. (first) Hannah Gauland, and (second) Rebecca Gassert; Peter L. m. Susan Oberholtzer; Levi L. m. Anna Laucks; and David L.

David Laucks Hain, father of Lewis J., was educated in the township schools, and brought up to farming, which he followed successfully until 1898 when he retired, living since then at Wernersville. He married Sarah Hain, daughter of Joseph and Mary Hain, and by her had eight children: Reilly (m. Anna Gaul); Lewis J.; Cora (m. William Stoudt); and five who died in infancy.

Lewis J. Hain received his education in the local schools, at Myerstown Palatinate College, and at the Reading Interstate Commercial College. Upon finishing his education, he directed his attention to farming, first under his father and then for himself, and he has followed this pursuit with great success to the present time in the vicinity of Wernersville. Besides the regular operations on the farm, he has made a specialty of fattening from sixty to seventy-five steers each year. He operates two farms, the one which he purchased from his father ,and his wife's farm which she inherited from her father. They reside on the latter place.

Mr. Hain married, in 1889, Ella Miller Hain, daughter of Isaac Hain and Sarah Miller. They have two children, Isaac A., born Jan. 21, 1891, and William P., born Dec. 14, 1898.

Mrs. Lewis J. Hain is a descendant of George Hain, who was the founder of the Hain family in Berks county. He emigrated from the Palatinate to Pennsylvania and settled in Heidelberg township in 1711. He married Veronica Hain, and they had nine children, Christian, Peter, Adam, George, Frederick, Henry, Casper, Sybilla (m. Jacob Freymeyer) and Elizabeth Gertrude (m. William Fisher).

Casper Hain, son of George, and great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Lewis J. Hain, was born in Germany in 1724, and emigrated to America with his father. He carried on farming in Heidelberg until his decease in 1762. His wife, Catharine, was born in 1727, and died in 1809, and by her he had five children: Elizabeth (m. Conrad Eckert); John; Frederick; David (m. Barbara Ruth); and Peter (m. Magdalena Ruth).

Frederick Hain, son of Casper, was born in 1756, carried on farming and died in 1812. He married Catharine Haak, who was born in 1754 and died in 1815. They had four children: Daniel; Hannah and Elizabeth, unmarried; and Catharine (m. John Klopp).

Daniel Hain, son of Frederick, was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township. He was born in 1787, and died in 1862. He married Magdalena Hain, daughter of Isaac Hain, who died in 1882, aged seventy-five years. She was the mother of five children: Richard (m. Anna Huyett); Isaac; Anna (m. William Krick); and two died in infancy.

Isaac Hain, son of Daniel and father of Mrs. Lewis J. Hain, was born in 1835, and was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township. He married Sarah Miller, daughter of Abraham Miller, who was born in 1841, and is yet living in Wernersville. Isaac Hain died in 1895. He was the father of two children: Daniel (m. Catharine Huyett); and Ellen (m. Lewis J. Hain).

RUSH G. SEIBERT, station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, at Sinking Spring station for forty years, was born at Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 1, 1835, son of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Rush) Seibert, and was educated in the common schools. When fifteen years of age he became ambitious to teach school, and passing a successful examination was given a teacher's certificate. He began teaching in Bern township, Berks county, and taught there and in the schools of Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships for fifteen years. On Aug. 1, 1865, he secured the position of station agent at Sinking Spring, and this he filled with great fidelity until 1903, when he was granted a leave of absence on account of sickness. Upon recovering his health, he was appointed assistant agent and after serving until Nov. 1, 1903, he was retired with a pension, on account of age, evidencing in a high degree the satisfactory character of his services and the appreciation of the railroad company of his long-continued devotion to its interests at this station.

While his parents resided near the Swamp, in Montgomery county, Mr. Seibert became a member of the Reformed Church at Limerick, near there, in 1850, when fifteen years old, and then it was that he began the active interest in Sunday-school work which he has shown wherever located, organizing Sunday-schools and putting interested persons of the vicinity in the way of conducting them successfully. This was more particularly done in the country districts surrounding Sinking Spring for a distance of five miles, the work being continued with great devotion every Sunday without regard to the condition of the weather. While teaching public school at Lorah, Berks county, in 1852, he organized his first Sunday-school, and upon locating in Sinking Spring he became connected with the Union Sunday-school, of which he became the superintendent, holding that office for thirty-five years, and continuing as a teacher in the Lutheran and Reformed schools till now, after declining a re-election. In 1901 he became a member of St. Andrew's Reformed Church at Reading, and since then he has taught a Bible class in the Sunday-school, notwithstanding his residence at Sinking Spring.

In 1866 Mr. Seibert married Susan B. Weidman, daughter of Solomon Weidman, of Spring township, and by her he had three children: Rush, who died in 1885 at the age of eighteen years; Weidman R; and Olivia, Mrs. Daniel Weidman.

Rev. Samuel Seibert, of Dauphin county, now Lebanon county, was a minister of the Reformed Church for thirty-seven years. He married, in 1824, Elizabeth Rush, daughter of Stephen and Maria (Printz) Rush, of Reading, and by her he had eleven children: S. Maria, Samuel R., Catharine, Elizabeth, William H., John, Rush G., George W., Francis, Mary and Emily. He died in 1862, at Greentown, Ohio, aged sixty-two years, and his wife died in 1872, at Sinking Spring, aged sixty-nine years.

CHARLES REINHART, engaged in the millwrighting business, at Hamburg, Pa., and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born July 23, 1845, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of Samuel and Fietta (Adam) Reinhart.

John Adam Reinhart, founder of the family in America, emigrated on the ship "Union," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 27, 1773. There were ninety-eight persons aboard, all of whom were German Palatinates, and a number of these settled in Greenwich township, Berks county.

John Reinhart, grandfather of Charles, was born in 1798, and died about 1870. He lived about one mile north of Dunkel's Church, where he owned a small farm, and also followed his trade of shoemaker and was a good workman. He married Catherine Muffert, and they had these children: Polly died single; Peggy m. George Folk; Hettie m. David Reitenower; Elizabeth m. Daniel Dreis; and Samuel.

Samuel Reinhart was born in 1825 and died in 1876. He was a millwright and lived in Greenwich township, not far from Eagle Point, where he was the owner of a small farm, and was known as a good workman and thrifty citizen. Mr. Reinhart married Fietta Adam, daughter of Henry Adam, and to them were born: Miss Catherine; Charles; Daniel (m. (first) Annie Kieser, and (second) Kate Mengel); Hettie (m. Samuel Angstadt); Susannah (m. E. Stern); Mary (m. (first) a McLaughlin and (second) Pecky Stewart); William (m. Hettie Williams); and Emma (m. Peter Reigel).

Charles Reinhart attended the schools of his district until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States army, as a member of Company F, 167th Pa. V. I., for a period of nine months, under Capt. Joshua Groh and Col. J. DePuy Davis, of Reading. He has an excellent war record, and among his engagements were: Deserted Farm, Suffolk, Va., and Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged, and draws a pension for injuries received in the service. After his return in 1864, he was apprenticed to Abraham Lesher, to learn the trade of millwright, which he has followed ever since, being at present employed by the Dupont Powder Company, of Wilmington, Del. In political matters he is a Republican, and has served as councilman of Hamburg for six years, having resided in the borough since 1875. He and his family are members of the First Reformed Church, Hamburg.

Mr. Reinhart has been twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Weidner, daughter of Henry and Annie (Printzenhoffer) Weidner. To them were born children as follows: Bertolet m. (first) Alice Sweigert and (second) Eva Sweigert; Henry W. m. Sallie Schlegel, and lives in California; and William m. Angeline Eckerd, and lives in Reading. Mr. Reinhart's second wife was Mary L. Fink, daughter of John and Caroline (Balthaser) Fink, and to this union there were born: Emma (m. Edward Francis), Samuel (who like his father is a millwright, and works at the same place), Mary F. (m. Charles F. Leiby), Miss Ida (at home), Charles H., Edna and Luella.

OBADIAH EBLING, a substantial citizen of Bern township, was born Jan. 24, 1847, in Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., son of David and a grandson of Jacob Ebling.

Jacob Ebling and wife lived in Rockland township, but both died at Auburn, Schuylkill county. They had six children, namely: John, Jacob, Gideon, Kate, Sallie and David.

David Ebling, father of Obadiah, was born in 1801, in Rockland township, Berks county. He followed the blacksmith's trade for thirty-five years in Rockland and Ontelaunee townships. He bought his first farm of seventy acres and in a few years, in 1849, bought a farm of ninety-six acres in Spring and Heidelberg townships, and lived on the latter from 1850 until his death, Feb. 27, 1868. He was buried at Sinking Spring, where he was a worthy member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon and elder. In politics he was a Democrat. On April 15, 1826, he married Maria Zerley, who died Aug. 29, 1891, aged eighty-five years, three months, twenty-two days. They had the following children: Cosmos, Addiah, Jeremiah, Josiah and Obadiah, Sallie A. (m. (first) Daniel Francis, and (second) Benjamin Hogy), Amanda (m. (first) John Seidle, and (second) Jacob Wanner) and Leana (m. Simon Moyer).

Obadiah Ebling attended school in Spring and Heidelberg townships, and in 1864 he was a student in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He remained with his father and after the latter's death, took charge of the homestead, operated it for six years, and then came to Bern township and bought his father-in-law's farm. The latter contains 121 acres, and is located about one mile west of Leesport, and at one time was known as the old Samuel Moser farm. He owns also a farm of 127 acres adjoining, and has the management of a large amount of other property, being the guardian of minor heirs. He built his comfortable home in 1886. At present his whole time is occupied with looking after his many interests.

On Dec. 3, 1867, Mr. Ebling married Amelia Boyer, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Boyer) Boyer. Jacob Boyer was a very prominent man in Berks county, and was born Oct. 12, 1818, son of Samuel Boyer (born in Amity township and buried at Hill Church), and died Oct. 10, 1885, and was interred at Epler's Church. To Jacob and Elizabeth Boyer were born: Amelia, Rebecca (m. Levi Baer, of Bern), William (m. Amelia Werner, deceased, and resides in Reading), and Samuel (died aged one year). Mr. and Mrs. Ebling had one daughter, Clara Cordelia, who died March 22, 1886, aged thirteen years and thirteen days.

In politics, Mr. Ebling is a Democrat, and for six years he has served as a member of the school board of Bern township, a part of the time being its president. He is an elder in Epler's Reformed Church and formerly was a deacon. He is a representative man in his community.

JOHN J. MILLER, an enterprising business man of Reading, Pa., engaged extensively in the hat business, was born in New York City, Aug. 27, 1855, son of John Miller, a native of Bavaria, Germany.

John Miller, father of John J., had learned the hatter's trade in the old country, and on coming to America in 1849, located in that business in New York, and at Orange, N. J. He died May 30, 1902, in his seventy-fifth year. John Miller married Margaret Hick, a native of the same province in Germany, and they had nine children, as follows: John J., Susan, Jacob, Adam, Charles, Elizabeth, Frederick, Barbara and Sophia. Mrs. Miller died Sept. 23, 1907. In religious belief the Millers are Evangelists, and the Hicks Catholics. Mr. Miller was a member of the Maennerchor, and was independent in political matters.

John J. Miller received his schooling in New York City and in New Jersey, and when old enough became an apprentice to the hatter's trade which he has followed up to the present time. In 1898 he located in Reading, in the employ of John Hendel's Sons, and is now general manager of their first floor, having introduced the fur business in this establishment. He has been very successful in his line, and is considered an expert.

FREDERICK REESE BECHTEL. Among the well-known citizens of Cumru township, Berks county, may be mentioned Mr. Frederick R. Bechtel, who now lives retired on the farm upon which he was born, Sept. 17, 1830, son of Christian and Julia (Reese) Bechtel.

Christian Bechtel was born on the old homestead in Cumru township, Feb. 11, 1786, and died April 11, 1839, having been a successful farmer throughout his life. He was an old-line Whig in politics, and was very patriotic and public-spirited. Mr. Bechtel married Julia Reese, daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and to them were born three children: Benneville, who died in childhood; Charles, who died when eleven years old; and Frederick R.

Frederick R. Bechtel obtained his primary education in the common schools of his native locality, and later attended select schools in Reading. His youthful days were spent on the farm, where in 1858 he commenced operations on his own account, continuing there with much success until his retirement in 1885. Since that time he has lived at the homestead, which had been built by his grandfather, Christian Bechtel, the house being in excellent condition and apparently good for another century. The homestead, which includes 127 acres, is one of the best in the county, and has been in the possession of the Bechtel family since before the Revolutionary war. In politics, Mr. Bechtel is a Republican, and for three years he served his township as school director. He is a member and regular attendant of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Reading.

On May 24, 1857, Mr. Bechtel was married to Esther R. High, born Sept. 7, 1833, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Rothermel) High. To Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel four children have been born: Miss Emma, at home; Charles H., living at Lake, Idaho; John H., one of the proprietors of the Neversink Planing Mill of Reading; and Miss Sarah Esther, at home.

DANIEL LEWIS WARTZENLUFT, a well-known resident of Kutztown, Pa., who carries on an extensive shoe business, was born Nov. 15, 1850, in Perry township, Berks county, son of David and Rebecca (Rothermel) Wartzenluft.

Doctor Wartzenluft, the progenitor of this family in America, came from Germany about the middle of the eighteenth century and lived in Ruscombmanor township, near Fleetwood, in which vicinity he practised medicine. His first wife was killed by the Indians, who visited the Wartzenluft house when she was alone, the Doctor finding her body in the yard on his return from a visit to some patients. He followed the trail of the Indians for several days, but finally lost all trace of them and had to give up. The Doctor married again, and by the second union there were three children: Daniel, grandfather of Daniel L.; Mrs. Clauser, and Mrs. Koller. Dr. Wartzenluft died ripe in years, and his remains were interred in the vicinity of Fleetwood.

Daniel Wartzenluft was born near Fleetwood, in Ruscombmanor township, Jan. 21, 1785, and died Jan. 21, 1858. He is buried in a private burial ground on the farm that he purchased in 1833, when he removed from Ruscombmanor to Windsor township, the part which is now Perry. He was a farmer all of his life, and he also operated a grist mill now owned by Cleophas Dreibelbis, one mile east of Shoemakersville. On Oct. 9, 1808, he married Catherine Delp, born Dec. 28, 1788, who died aged seventy-three years, two months, sixteen days. They had eight sons and two daughters: Ann, Daniel, Esther, William, Joel, David, Reuben, Enoch, Jacob and Harry.

David Wartzenluft, father of Daniel Lewis, was born June 14, 1821, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county. In youth he attended pay school a month or two in the year, for a few years only. He spent all his life upon the farm and owned one of the old homesteads in Perry township, now tenanted by his son David. On April 3, 1845, he married Susanna Rothermel, who died in December, 1845, aged twenty-eight years, twenty-nine days. He m. (second) June 20, 1847, Rebecca Rothermel, sister of his first wife. They were daughters of Jacob and granddaughters of Paul, who was a son of Johannes Rothermel, born in 1688, in Wachbach, Germany, and died in 1730, while on the voyage to the New World. To Mr. Wartzenluft's second marriage were born: Catherine Anna, who died in 1878, in her thirty-first year, was the wife of Cleophas Dreibelbis, who now owns the original Wartzenluft homestead; Sarah Anna m. Isaac Schappell; Daniel Lewis; Jacob m. a Miss Fritz and resides in Iola, Kans.; Miss Mary Ann Louise cared for her aged father; and David E., m. Mary Merkel. David Wartzenluft, the father, died Dec. 22, 1907, aged eighty-six years, and was buried at Zion's Church.

Daniel Lewis Wartzenluft spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and obtained his early education in the public schools of his native township, later attending school at Collegeville, Montgomery county, and also the Keystone State Normal school, at Kutztown, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. He then taught school for fourteen terms in the following districts: Perry, Richmond, Windsor, Maxatawny, Longswamp and the borough of Kutztown.

In the fall of 1882, Mr. Wartzenluft engaged in the shoe, hat and findings business on Main street, Kutztown, and since that time has built up a large reputation for honest dealing. He has won the confidence and patronage of the community and his business ability enables him to give his customers the best goods for the least money. He carries a fine, full, up-to-date stock of first class goods, and is deserving of the trade of his locality. Mr. Wartzenluft is a Democrat in his political views and has served as school director of Kutztown for six years, and as a delegate to a number of county conventions. In his religious belief he is a Lutheran, and he and his family worship at St. John's Church of Kutztown, of which he was deacon and trustee. He has been a member of the Consistory for twelve years.

On Jan. 1, 1875, Daniel Lewis Wartzenluft was married to Susan S. Dunkel, daughter of David and Catharine (Lesher) Dunkel, who were the parents of the following children: Samuel (m. Mary Loose); Hettie (m. Noah Kroninger); Susan (m. Mr. Wartzenluft); Lizzie (unmarried); and Isaac (m. Ida Welsh). Mr. and Mrs. Wartzenluft make their residence in Kutztown, and are highly respected in their community.

NAPOLEON BICKELMAN, now living retired from active work in Wyomissing borough, Berks county, devoted many years of his life to the building profession, and evidences of his constructive skill are found in many States of the Union. He was born in Tremont township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Nov. 8, 1844, son of Jacob and grandson of Valentine Bickelman.

Valentine Bickelman was a soldier of France under Napoleon I., and served through the Spanish and Russian campaigns. He was not present at the battle of Waterloo, and was always glad that he was not there to witness the defeat of his beloved General. He came to America, bringing his son Jacob, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., dying at Pottsville, in 1862-63, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. His remains rest in the cemetery there. He was a man of small stature, though strong and courageous, and was very proud of his military career.

Jacob Bickelman, son of Valentine, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1800, and his death occurred in 1894, when he was aged ninety-four years, and he was buried in Cedar county, Iowa. In November, 1833, he came to America, landing at Castle Garden, N. Y., thence coming by way of the canal to Pottsville, Pa. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he also worked in the coal mines. In 1848 he settled in Tremont township, Schuylkill county, where he owned his own home. In 1868 he and a daughter went West, and settled in Mechanicsville, Cedar Co., Iowa, where he died and is buried. He reared his family in the Lutheran faith. His wife, Ellenora Diehl, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1808, daughter of Henry Diehl, a Bavarian miner, and she died in 1900, aged ninety-two years. To Jacob and Ellenora Bickelman were born ten children.

Napoleon Bickelman, son of Jacob, began learning the carpenter's trade at the age of fourteen, from his brother-in-law, Adam Wolf. This he followed through all the western States, and in Clearfield, Philadelphia and Schuylkill counties in Pennsylvania. For many years he followed contracting, and during 1868 and 1869 he worked for the Union Pacific railroad in Nebraska, Wyoming and Iowa. In 1867 he worked for the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad Company. In 1877 and 1878 he built St. Peter's Catholic Church at Ellinwood, Kans., and he rebuilt the Catholic Church at Tremont, Schuylkill Co., Pa. In 1893 he erected the "Hotel Penn" at Pine Grove, a three-story brick structure containing thirty-three rooms. He employed mechanics all the time. In 1902 he retired, and disposed of his fine farm of 116 acres in Pine-Grove township on which he lived. He also owned a 160-acre farm in Neosho county, Kans., which he cultivated in connection with carpentering until selling it in 1900. Upon his retirement in 1902 he came to Berks county, and now lives in his comfortable home on Penn avenue, Wyomissing.

In 1871 Mr. Bickelman was married to Anna McDonough, daughter of Joseph and Annie (Bergman) McDonough, of Lower Heidelberg township. Six children were born of this union: Napoleon died young; Roy died aged twenty years; Blanche m. Thomas Lehr, of Philadelphia; Martha died young; Marguerite m. David Batdorf, of Reading; and William died young. In politics Mr. Bickelman is independent but usually casts his ballot in support of the Democratic party. He is well posted on current events. He is an artist, working chiefly in oils, and among the works of his brush may be mentioned a war scene, depicting an engagement between the First Vermont Cavalry and the Mosby guerillas; and portraits of himself and wife. He is a self-educated taxidermist, and has numerous specimens of his skill.

During the Civil war Mr. Bickelman enlisted Aug. 23, 1861, at Pottsville, being a private in Company H, 96th P. V. I., and participated in all the engagements of the Army of the Potomac, among these being the Peninsular Campaign; Second Battle of Bull Run; Crampton Gap, Md.; Antietam; Fredericksburg, Va. (first and second battles, receiving a bullet wound in the leg at the latter, May 3, 1863); Gettysburg; pursuit of Lee to the Rappahannock, and the battle there; Mine Run Campaign, 1863-64; Spottsylvania Court House, where he was wounded in the hand; Cold Harbor; and Sheridan's Campaign in the Shenandoah Valley. He was honorably discharged at Philadelphia Oct. 21, 1864. When the regiment was mustered in at Pottsville, 1,050 men answered the roll call, but at Philadelphia only 120 were mustered out, and of these a number had been wounded. On Aug. 20, 1870, Mr. Bickelman was commissioned by Gov. John W. Geary as first lieutenant of the Jefferson Rifles of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, in the Sixth Division, composed of the Uniformed Militia of the counties of Schuylkill, Monroe, Carbon and Pike, his rank to date from Aug. 13, 1870.

CHARLES M. FISHER, a prominent business man of the city of Kutztown, Pa., who is junior member of the well-known furniture and house-furnishing establishment of Ritter & Fisher, on Main street, was born April 9, 1854, in Hereford township, Berks county, son of David R. and Maria (Marsteller) Fisher.

It is traditional in the Fisher family that Jacob Fisher, who lived in Hereford township prior to 1758, is the American progenitor of Charles M. He was a tax-payer of Hereford in 1758, and he could well have been a resident of that township prior to this time, as it was fairly well settled as early as 1745.

John Fisher, grandfather of Charles M., was a farmer of Shimerville, Lehigh county, and there married Royal Rowe, by whom he had these children: David R.; Daniel (m. Caroline Fegley); Anna (m. Levi Walter); Sarah (m. William Miller); Mary (m. David Mohr); Dianna (m. Reuben Rothenberger); and Jonathan.

David R. Fisher, father of Charles M., was a gunsmith the greater part of his life, and made his home in Hereford township, this county. Mr. Fisher married Maria Marsteller, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Christman) Marsteller, and to this union there were born children as follows: John died in infancy; Henry died at the age of fifty-eight years; Elizabeth m. Wilson Wendling; Charles M.; Sallie m. Jonathan G. Berkey; Caroline died in infancy; and Mary A. m. John L. Reinhard. Mr. Fisher was one of the well-known citizens of his day, and bore a high reputation for honesty and integrity.

Charles M. Fisher received his education in the public schools of his district, and worked on his father's farm, near Shimerville, Lehigh county, until 1876. At this time he engaged at the milling trade, which he had learned with Fritch Bros. & Bogh, at Macungie, and continued thereat for a period of twenty-five years. In April, 1904, Mr. Fisher formed a partnership with R. J. Ritter, of Macungie, and opened a furniture store on Main street, Kutztown, which has become the largest and most popular in this section of the county. Ritter & Fisher do a large local trade, but their business is not confined to Kutztown, as they supply firms and families in the surrounding towns. Mr. Fisher is a consistent Democrat. He is connected with the Reformed Church. In fraternal organizations he is prominently connected with Lodge No. 85, I. O. O. F., at Macungie; with the Knights of Pythias, No. 378, at Emaus; and with Washington Camp No. 569, P. O. S. of A., Macungie.

On July 24, 1876, Mr Fisher was married to Emma E. Berkey, daughter of Mahlon and Sarah (Greisinger) Berkey, and two children have been born to this union: Herbert E., purchasing agent and manager for C. Pardee & Co., Hazleton, Pa.; and Alice C., who lives at home, and is bookkeeper for the firm of Ritter & Fisher.

LEVI EDINGER, one of the leading agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., whose excellent 200-acre property at Poplar Neck, in Cumru township, is known as the General William High homestead, was born Jan. 17, 1863, in Alsace township, Berks county, son of Levi and Esther (Tobias) Edinger.

Abraham Edinger (also spelled Eddinger), the progenitor of this family in America, came from Germany in the ship "Phoenix," landing at Philadelphia Oct. 1, 1754. He settled in Berks county, where the rest of his life was spent, and among others had these children: Christian,

grandfather of Levi; Frederick; and Andrew, who settled in Western Pennsylvania.

Christian Edinger, son of Abraham, was a blacksmith in Oley township, where he lived for many years, but in later life went to Alsace township, where he followed his trade. It was while shoeing a horse that a kick from the animal caused Mr. Edinger's death, in 1856, in his fifty-sixth year, and he was buried at Spies's Church. Mr. Edinger married Catherine Davidheiser, and to them were born these children: Ann m. Reuben Hassler; John, born Aug. 15, 1827, m. Sarah Zieber; and has two children —James and Sarah; Frederick was a carpenter of Alsace township; Elizabeth m. (first) James Idyle and (second) John Homan; Harrison was a resident of Reading; Levi; Daniel also lived in Reading; Kate m. James Tate, and Fannie m. Reuben Trout.

Levi Edinger, the father of Levi, was born July 25, 1831, in Alsace township, and died Aug. 21, 1882. In 1865 he removed from Alsace township to a farm in Spring township, continuing there for four years, when he located on the Edinger farm in Cumru township, this being his home until his death. He was a member of Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F., Reading, and of the Hebron Encampment of the same order. Mr. Edinger was buried at Spies's Church, of which he was an official member. On Feb. 2, 1850, Mr. Edinger married Esther Tobias, born March 3, 1834, daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Hartman) Tobias, of Bern township, and two children were born to this union: Hannah, born Aug. 30, 1851, m. Harrison G. Lincoln; and Levi.

Levi Edinger has been a farmer from his youth, with the exception of one year, 1885, when he lived in Reading and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Since 1869 he has lived in the Poplar Neck district, was for twenty-five years the operator of the Edinger farm, working first for his father and later for himself, and in 1894 he located on the well-known General William High homestead, which he has since cultivated. This fine tract of land, consisting of 200 acres, has been brought by Mr. Edinger into an excellent state of cultivation, has been furnished by him with the latest and most highly improved farm implements and stocked with a herd of cows all raised by himself, whose product he sells in Reading. During the season Mr. Edinger does considerable threshing. He owns two houses in Reading, No. 907 North Eighth street, and No. 1049 Buttonwood street, and is a stockholder in the Reading Bone Fertilizer Company. He is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family attending Spies's Church in Alsace township. Mr. Edinger is a self-made man in every sense of the word, having fought his own way up the ladder of success, until he now stands at the top, one of Cumru township's most substantial men.

In 1880, Mr. Edinger was married to Sarah A. Raudenbush, born June 25, 1861, daughter of Richard B. Raudenbush. Mr. and Mrs. Edinger have had eight children: Laura E., born Jan. 8, 1881, m. Daniel Clouser; Harry T., born July 11, 1882, m. Annie Wolf; Maud, born Feb. 24, 1886; Esther L., born Aug. 23, 1887, died June 11, 1896; Paul L., born Feb. 9, 1891; Richard L., born Aug. 29, 1893, died June 17, 1896; Levi L., born March 12, 1895, died Aug. 4, 1896; and Earl J., born March 20, 1899, died Aug. 5, 1899.

CONRAD LOCHMAN, cigar manufacturer at Boyertown, Pa., is a representative business man of this borough, one who, through his frugality, enterprise and good management, has made a success of his undertakings. He was born Sept. 18, 1848, in Hessen-Homburg, Germany, son of George and Catherine (Rubel) Lochman.

The parents of Mr. Lochman were also born in Hessen-Homburg, which is a great linen manufacturing town, the main occupation being weaving, and this industry George Lochman followed. On March 5, 1856, he emigrated with his family to America. He died in 1869, aged forty-nine years, and is buried at Sumneytown, Pa. One daughter, aged eight months, Catherine Wilhelmina, died on the ocean, but the other four reached America safely: Conrad; Christian, who is a physician, living at Texarkana, Texas; Sarah, wife of Jacob Royer, of Rittersville, Pa.; and Mary, deceased wife of Philip Sailor.

Conrad Lochman was seven years old when he accompanied his parents to America, and he obtained his education in the schools of Perkiomenville, Montgomery county. When seventeen years of age he learned the milling trade and was twenty-two years old when he learned the cigar-making trade, at which he worked for several years as a journeyman, after which he worked for several years at Bethlehem and then for fifteen years was superintendent for the firm of T. J. Dun & Co., at Boyertown, having three hundred, thirty-five people under his supervision. In 1902 he embarked in the cigarmaking business for himself and gives steady employment to six hands, finding a ready sale for his products. He has acquired property at Boyertown and in 1901 erected his handsome residence on Fourth Street.

In 1870, Mr. Lochman was married to Miss Sarah Gaugler, daughter of John and Hannah (Banet) Gaugler, the father conducting a shoemaking business at Klinesville, Pa. They have had five children, namely: Alice, deceased, wife of John Lowmax, of Philadelphia; Harry, who resides at Gilbertsville, Pa.; Annie, wife of Thomas Johnson, of Boyertown; John, who lives at Boyertown; and Sallie, wife of Howard Fegley. Mr. Lochman and family belong to the Church of the Good Shepherd, of the Reformed faith. In politics he is a Democrat, and since 1908 has been a member of the borough council.

WILLIAM ARNOLD (deceased), who was for many years prominently identified with the business and political life of Reading, was one of a family long resident in Berks county. He was born in 1798, son of Nicholas and Barbara (Fichthorn) Arnold.

Nicholas Arnold was born in Reading, received his education there, and then learned the trade of a hatter, which continued to be his main business interest throughout life, although he also owned a considerable tract of land where the southwestern part of the city is now built, and operated it himself. He was one of the first persons in the county to engage in manufacturing wool hats, and built up a large business in that line. Both Mr. Arnold and his wife lived to a good age.

William Arnold was given a good practical education that would enable him to handle business affairs capably, and then was sent to learn his father's trade from the beginning up. After becoming thoroughly conversant with all the details of hat manufacturing, he was taken into his father's business, and in time succeeded to its sole control. The factory was located on North Eighth street, between Penn and Washington, and there were thirty to forty hands regularly employed. The output of hats was larger than from any other factory in Reading, and the goods were shipped chiefly for southern trade, via Charleston, S. C. The trips were made by sailing vessel and Mr. Arnold was frequently obliged to be gone three months or more. He was a man of fine business ability, and conducted his affairs so successfully that he was able to retire in 1848.

After his retirement, Mr. Arnold turned his attention to political matters, and became quite prominent in the ranks of the county Democrats. He brought to his new duties the same executive ability and energy that had marked his conduct of his own affairs, and served most efficiently in various capacities. From 1841 to 1845 he was county commissioner; from 1845 to 1847, treasurer; and from 1850 to 1857, director of the poor. He also served for many years as a director for the Farmers' Bank of Reading. Throughout his career for a period of over thirty years, Mr. Arnold acted as executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, and settled numerous estates, which facts attest in the strongest manner the esteem in which he was held by the community. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran

Church, and was also prominent in Lodge No. 62, of the Masonic order. Mr. Arnold lived to a ripe old age, dying in 1883, aged eighty-four.

Mr. Arnold was twice married. By his first wife, Miss Anna Homan, he had three children: Anna Louise m. Ferdinand S. Ritter, and died in February, 1898; William died in infancy; William Augustus m. Ellen Rick, and died in June, 1906. Mrs. Arnold died in 1837, aged thirty-four, and Mr. Arnold married (second) Miss Catherine Sauerbier. By this union there were four children, as follows: Emma, who died at the age of four; George W., who died in infancy; Amanda, the widow of D. F. Markley; and Emma Catherine, Mrs. Lewis Dauth, who resides at the old Arnold homestead at No. 41 North Eighth street. Mr. Dauth was formerly in the tinsmith and heating business, but is now retired. He and his wife have traveled extensively over the United States. Only one child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dauth, a daughter, Katherine A. (m. Walter Scott Wells, employed in the Berks County Trust Company).

GEORGE W. WERTZ, for over thirty years one of the most prominent millers of Berks county, and president of the Wernersville National Bank, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 26, 1846, son of Samuel and Maria (Sweigert) Wertz.

Frederick Wertz, grandfather of George W., was a native of Switzerland, where he married Elizabeth Maerz. So far as is known they had but two children, Rudolph and Samuel.

Samuel Wertz, son of Frederick, was born in 1809, in Switzerland, and in 1834 he emigrated to America. In 1838 he married Maria Sweigert, daughter of Peter Sweigert, of Reinholdsville, Lancaster county, where he was engaged in farming. They had seven children: Louisa died young; Louisa (2) m. Amos Price; Elizabeth m. Herman Strohecker; George W.; Samuel was accidentally killed on the railroad (he was unmarried); Edward S. m. Sarah Kerschner; and Jacob H. moved West in 1870. All these children were born in Harrisburg. The mother died in 1850, and Mr. Wertz m. (second) Katarina Waldenmaier, daughter of John and Magdalena Waldenmaier, of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany. To this marriage were born two children: Augustus C. and Franklin.

George W. Wertz attended the public schools of Harrisburg until he was nine years old. He then accompanied his parents to Exeter township, Berks county, and after a year there the father purchased a large stone gristmill along the Tulpehocken creek in Spring township, and that he operated. This mill was located just two miles from the outlet of the Tulpehocken into the Schuylkill. Here Mr. Wertz attended the township schools, and also the preparatory school of C. H. Schaeffer, Esq., at Reading. During this time, however, he worked in his father's mill and learned the trade of miller, later going to Montgomery county, where he learned the business of millwright. Upon completing his apprenticeship he continued with his father until 1872, when he married and leased the mill, carrying it on for himself for three years. He then sold out to his younger brother, Edward, and moved to Reading, where he lived for a year. In 1876 he purchased the Frederick Hain gristmill in Lower Heidelberg township (now included in the Wernersville Asylum property), and for sixteen years carried it on successfully. Removing to Wernersville he erected a large two-story gristmill, equipped it with the roller process, and made it one of the best in the State. This he has operated to the present time, his trade reaching out to all parts of the State, and even into New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. He has made a specialty of whole wheat flour and buckwheat flour, both of which have a superior reputation. At the time he built the mill, he erected on a large adjoining lot, the most imposing brick residence in Wernersville. In 1906 he established an electric plant adjoining the mill for supplying the residents of the village and vicinity with electric light, and also put up service lines along the public highways. This action reflects his enterprise, and the community appreciates it very highly.

Mr. Wertz has taken a great interest in the Lower Heidelberg Live Stock Insurance Company for the past twenty years, having officiated as president and treasurer of the company for a considerable part of that time. He served as school director for the township for three terms, and from 1890 to 1895 was justice of the peace. In the erection of the new Trinity Lutheran Church at Wernersville, he acted as chairman of the building committee. In 1894 he co-operated in establishing the local water company, and has acted as president of the company since 1900. He also helped to establish the Wernersville National Bank in 1906, with a capital stock of $25,000, now increased to $50,000, and he has since served as its president.

Mr. Wertz was married to Amanda Krick, daughter of Levi Krick, of Spring township. Two children were born to this union: Robert and Mary (m. David Froelich).

HAFER FAMILY. During the early history of this country—the exact date is not known—(I) Mattias Hafer, the founder of the extensive Hafer family in America, emigrated from Germany and settled in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, Pa., where he purchased a farm and lived the remainder of his life. Among his children were George, Samuel and Henry.

(II) George Hafer, son of Mattias, married Dianah Weiser, and their children were: Henry; John; Benjamin; Isaac; George; Samuel (from whom descends James W. Hafer mentioned below); Anna, who married Peter Hauck; and Sarah, who married Samuel Marbarger. Of the sons, John married and moved to the West, where he died; his daughter, Mrs. Vetter, lives at Sterling, Ill. All of the children of George Hafer are now deceased, but they left descendants, among them the children of Benjamin, namely: Charles, Benjamin, Israel, Anna, Catherine and Mary. Isaac had children as follows: David, Isaac, Hettie, Sallie, Louisa and Emma.

(III) George Hafer, son of (II) George and grandson of (I) Mattias, was born Nov. 13, 1815, and died April 17, 1889, aged seventy-three years, five months, four days. He is buried at Friedensburg. By trade he was a stone-mason, and followed this occupation until he was fifty years of age. He also engaged in farming on a small scale in Ruscombmanor township. His wife, Esther Moyer, daughter of Mattias Moyer, was born in 1814, and died at the age of thirty-nine years. Her last resting-place is at Spies Church. Children as follows were born of this marriage: George M., of Reading; Catherine, who married Tobias Shane, deceased; Dianna, deceased; Esther, who married Daniel R. Hunter; Lewis M.; Susan, deceased, who married Maberry Focht; and Sarah, who married Harry Scheffey.

The second wife of George Hafer was Mary Faust, born Nov. 18, 1822, who died Oct. 29, 1890, aged sixty-seven years, eleven months, eleven days. The children of this marriage were: Mary, who married Ammon Spohn, of Oley; John, of Reading; and Hannah (deceased), who married Milton Schmehl.

(IV) Lewis M. Hafer, of Oley, Oley township, Berks county, Pa., was born in Alsace township, this county, Nov. 3, 1846, and was early trained to farm work. His mother dying when he was but seven years old, he lived with his relatives until he was sixteen, and then began to learn the trade of shoemaker which he followed for seven years. Owing to ill health he was obliged to turn his attention to something else, and returned to farm work, hiring out for nine years, and in 1880, he began farming for himself in Oley township on the Daniel G. Bertolet farm, where he remained for seventeen years. The farm then being sold, he engaged as farmer for Mrs. Jeremiah Weaver, widow of Colonel Weaver, whose property was located in Oley township. After seven years, in the spring of 1904, he sold his stock and removed to Friedensburg, where he now resides, retired from active labor. His

very pleasant home was erected by him in 1899 and is a substantial brick residence on Main street. Mr. Hafer also owns the Lee farm, which belonged to the Lee family (Quakers) for over 130 years. This is a very good property and is rented by his son-in-law, Aaron Enoch.

In 1871 Mr. Hafer married Anna Manmiller, a daughter of Amos and Julianna (Breish) Manmiller, of Oley township. To them these children have been born: William, Sallie, Charles, James, Lewis, Amos, Howard, Eva, and Ida, living; and John, Emily, George and Annie (who died at Reading), all deceased.

Mr. Hafer is one of the roadmasters of Oley, and is a very efficient official, one who has the best interests of the community at heart. He and his family are consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, with which he has been connected since 1867, and in which he has filled a number of the offices.

(III) Samuel Hafer, son of (II) George and grandson of (I) Mattias Hafer, was a native of Pricetown, Berks county, born Sept. 30, 1819. He died Dec. 2, 1897, aged seventy-eight years, two months, two days, and is buried at Friedensburg. By trade he was a stone-mason, and he also engaged in farming, becoming a substantial man of Ruscombmanor township, which he served as supervisor. Samuel Hafer married Elizabeth Reider, born Aug. 1, 1816, a daughter of John Reider. John Reider was blind for a number of years. He had a son named after him, John Reider. Mrs. Hafer died Dec. 20, 1899, aged eighty-three years, four months, nineteen days. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hafer: George, Frank, Reuben and Samuel.

(IV) Frank Hafer, son of Samuel, was born Dec. 17, 1843, in Oley township, where he still resides, his home being in the vicinity of the Oley furnace. By trade he is a carpenter, and at the age of fifty-five is an energetic man and excellent workman. In politics, Mr. Hafer is a Democrat, but he has never taken an active part in party matters. His religious opinions have made him a member of the Friedensburg Reformed Church.

On May 30, 1868, Frank Hafer married Susanna W. Weidner, daughter of David Weidner, and they had children as follows: William, who died in childhood; James W.; Sallie W., born May 15, 1874, who married William Wentzel, of Oley township; Viola, who died in childhood; Mary W., born Aug. 16, 1876, who married Henry Noll, of Pricetown; and Luella W., born June 12, 1892, who is unmarried and residing at home.

(V) James W. Hafer, son of Frank Hafer, and great-great-grandson of Mattias, the founder of the family in America, was born in Oley township, May 17, 1871. During his boyhood he attended the public schools of Oley and Ruscombmanor townships, and at the same time learned farming. In 1893 he began farming the old Yoder farm below Pleasantville, formerly known as Yodersville. This farm consists of ninety-five acres of excellent farming property and is a portion of the original Yoder farm of 300 acres. Mr. Hafer has his farm well stocked, having five head of cattle, and eighteen to twenty cows, his dairy being one of the best in the neighborhood; he markets his milk daily in Reading. In addition to other improvements Mr. Hafer has some excellent machinery and applies scientific methods in farming, his success proving the wisdom of his actions.

In 1890, Mr. Hafer married Mary Schaeffer, daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Yoder) Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, Pa. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hafer: Edith, who married Paul Reminger, a student in a veterinary college, and has a daughter, Marguarite; Webster; Lottie; Bertha; Howard; Esther; Walter, and Arthur. Mr. Hafer and his family are members in good standing of the Friedensburg Reformed Church. Socially he is connected with several secret societies and is secretary of Manatawny Castle No. 461, K. G. E.

The Hafer family is one of the oldest in Berks county and its members are all respected, honorable and successful residents of the several communities where they are to be found, possessing the sterling virtues that made their founder, Mattias Hafer, so welcome a settler in the new country more than a century ago.

GEORGE SLATER BECK, a well-known and popular resident of Reading, Pa., was born in Armagh township, Mifflin Co., Pa., May 13, 1854. His education, and it is liberal, has been acquired mostly in the great school of the world, he having run away from home and gone into the United States Marine Corps when only seventeen years of age. During his enlistment, covering four years, a portion of which time he served as paymaster's steward of the U. S. S. "Richmond," he circumnavigated the globe twice, and returned to the "Land of the Free" fully as well equipped to cope with the world as any of his boy friends who had remained at home attending school.

He has always been a student of men and things, cause and effect, and, developing into a writer of great force and strong descriptive power, he was not long in drifting into newspaper circles, where his reportorial work was of such character and his "scoops" so frequent that he is generally known as "Cyclone Beck," among newspaper reporters, to this day. In 1883 he engaged in the business of promoting industrial editions of newspapers all over the United States, doing his first work in that line on the Steubenville, Ohio, *Gazette and Bulletin*. He has issued magnificent illustrated editions for 123 papers, including both the *Herald* and the *Times*, in Reading, Pa., the Canton, Ohio, *Repository*, the Cincinnati *Inquirer*, the San Francisco *Examiner* and the New York *World*. His work in this line attracted so much attention that he was called to manage the advertising department of a syndicate of leading Western papers, with offices in New York City, where he became noted as one of the most successful advertising managers and publicity boomers in the country.

Between 1898 and 1907 Mr. Beck made a snug fortune in the medicine business, and in 1908 he became interested in the Aguacate Gold Mine in company with the Messrs. J. G. and W. F. White, of New York City, and Don Rafael Yglesias, ex-president of Costa Rica. This mine is located in Monte Del Aguacate, Costa Rica, and is fast developing into one of the greatest gold mines the world has ever known.

Success has not swelled Mr. Beck's head nor hardened his heart. Since his return to Reading in 1902 to end his days in the city where he wooed and won his present wife (nee Anna Simmons, daughter of John Simmons, deceased) his hand has always been out and his purse open to assist the worthy poor and unfortunate. Most prominent among his benefactions have been those to St. Joseph's, the Reading and the Homeopathic Hospitals, and the orphans' homes of Reading, among which will be found nearly fifty beds and furnishings for the free use of the poor, sterilizing devices, wheel chairs and other paraphernalia, all of the very best quality and most modern type, and all the free gifts of this open-hearted man. The sisters and nurses all call him "Uncle George," and hundreds who have profited by his kindness of heart call him blessed.

Mr. Beck is the father of two daughters: Lillie, the wife of J. Elwood Johnson, of Columbus, Ohio; and Ethel, living at home, of whom his first wife, Mary Jane Worley, of Milroy, Pa., was the mother. He belongs to but one club, the Reading Press Club, of which he is a charter member. First, last and all the time he is a family man, devoted to his wife and daughters. His commodious home is his club, where with his family, amid his books, paintings and art treasures, it is his delight to receive and entertain his many friends.

CHARLES H. YOUSE, inspector of engines for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, who is making his home on Twenty-third street, Mount Penn borough, was born April 8, 1861, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, son of John and Sarah (Heist) Youse.

Very Truly Yours
Geo. S. Beck

Michael Youse, the grandfather of Charles H., was a native of the Fatherland, and came to this country when fourteen years old, landing at New York, whence he came to Berks county. He lived in the vicinity of Kutztown and Bowers, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits. Michael Youse married Annie Dauner, and to them were born the following children: Jonas, deceased, lived for a time at Kutztown, and later at Reading, where he died (he m. Maria Sander); William, a Civil war veteran, died when about forty-five years old from the effect of injuries caused by his falling down a flight of stairs; Elizabeth m. Menasses Sassaman, a stone mason who lived near Bowers; Charles, a carpenter of Rockland township, m. Elizabeth Behm; and John.

John Youse was born June 27, 1840, in Oley township, and died Oct. 20, 1873, in Maxatawny township, where he had worked as a laborer. He married Sarah Heist, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Breinig) Heist, and to them were born these children: Charles H.; Edwin m. Louisa Miller, and resides at Bowers Station, Pa.; Louisa, deceased, m. Samuel Eck, of Mertztown, Pa.; Lizzie died in her fifteenth year of smallpox; William m. Lydia Miller, of Reading; and Mary E. died in infancy.

Charles H. Youse was reared upon the farm in Maxatawny township, upon which he lived until about twenty-one years of age, and attended the public schools of that district. When about twenty-four years old he learned the molder's trade at the Penn Hardware Company, where he worked for seventeen years, and in April, 1900, became a conductor on the Reading Traction Company's lines, continuing in that capacity for five years. In April, 1905, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as machinist's helper, and from this position was promoted to that of engine inspector, in which latter capacity he has since served. In his political belief Mr. Youse is an independent Republican. He is a member of Reading Chamber, No. 26, Knights of Friendship; and Reading Council, No. 46, Jr. O. U. A. M. Mr. and Mrs. Youse are members of Faith Lutheran Church of Mount Penn. In the fall of 1903 Mr. Youse built his present substantial brick residence on Twenty-third street, Mount Penn, where he has since resided.

On Aug. 23, 1882, Mr. Youse married Sarah Louise Crounrath, daughter of Benneville and Rebecca (Dry) Crounrath, and granddaughter of John Crounrath. Mrs. Youse's brothers and sisters were as follows: Wilhelmina m. Frank Diehl, a stone mason, of Oley, Pa.; Elizabeth m. Isaac Haydt, deceased; Hettie m. William Adams, a carpenter of Fleetwood; Caroline m. Abraham Glase, a carpenter of Allentown; Catherine m. William Folk, a farmer of Oley, Pa.; Henry m. Sarah Yeager, and is a farmer of Oley; Alice m. Frank Reinert, who is a carpenter of Ruscombmanor township; Willie died in infancy; and Amelia m. the late John Fitzgerald.

To Mr. and Mrs. Youse there have been born these children: William E., born Aug. 12, 1883, is a clerk in a large dry goods store of Newark, N. J., having charge of the white goods; Arthur W., born May 27, 1891, is a student in Reading; Charles H. was born Nov. 12, 1893, and Earl L., May 17, 1895.

EPHRAIM WITMAN, for twenty-four years a successful grain, coal and lumber merchant at Wernersville, is a native of Berks county, born at Bernville, Jan. 11, 1840, son of Henry and Mary (Shell) Witman, and grandson of Jonathan and Mary (Yerger) Witman.

Jonathan Witman carried on the business of coppersmith and tinsmith at Reading until 1850, when he went to Bernville to make his home with his son Henry. He married Mary Yerger of Reading, who was born in 1781, and who died in 1863. They had four sons, one of whom died young, the others being Henry, Edward and John.

Henry Witman, son of Jonathan, was born in 1799, and in his youth he learned the tinsmith's trade, which he carried on until 1832, when he removed to Bernville, formed a co-partnership with his son-in-law, Joseph Conrad, for the grain, coal and lumber business, and under the firm name of Witman & Conrad this was carried on successfully until 1851. Mr. Witman was prominent in the town's affairs, serving as chief burgess in 1854, and also as councilman for some time. He married (first) Mary Shell, daughter of Henry Shell, of Bern township, and she died in 1854, aged fifty-one years. Of the ten children of this marriage five died young; the others were: Maria (m. Joseph Conrad); Ellen (m. Samuel K. Dundore); Rebecca (m. John M. Sherk); Ephraim, and Catharine (m. John H. Missimer).

Ephraim Witman received his education in the local school and at Myerstown Academy. From 1855 to 1858 he devoted himself assiduously to learning the tinsmith's trade, and having then completed his apprenticeship he entered the employ of Witman & Conrad in their general store, grain, coal, and lumber business. Here he continued until his marriage in 1861, when he took his father's place in the firm, and the name was changed to Conrad & Witman. This firm prospered for twelve years, and then Mr. Witman purchased Mr. Conrad's interest and carried the business on alone until 1885. By that time trading conditions in that section had changed for the worse on account of the suspension of the Union canal, along which this stand was located—a condition brought about by the establishment of the Lebanon Valley railroad in 1857. Mr. Witman then moved to Wernersville, and established himself in the same business, continuing to conduct it successfully to the present time.

Mr. Witman is public-spirited and progressive, and while in Bernville he officiated as chief burgess in 1873, and for several terms was school director.

In 1861 Mr. Witman married Catharine Andrews, daughter of Abraham Andrews and his wife, Mary Bertram (daughter of Daniel Bertram of Penn township). Abraham Andrews was a carpenter by trade, and he and his wife had three children: Charles (m. Emma Harner); Isabella (m. John Embich); and Catharine (Mrs. Witman). To Mr. and Mrs. Witman ten children were born: Harry (m. Annie Auman); Annie (died unmarried aged thirty-seven); Miss Mary; Morton (m. Susan Sweimler); Ella (m. Arthur Wilcox); Miss Catharine; Ephraim (m. Laura Bohn); Rachel; and two died young. Mrs. Witman died in 1882, aged forty-three years. Mr. Witman m. (second) Rebecca Dietrich, widow of Isaac Dietrich and daughter of Samuel Boyer.

SAMUEL H. MECK, farmer of Tilden township, was born July 7, 1841, in that part of Upper Bern township, Berks county, now known as Tilden. His father and grandfather were both named Samuel.

Samuel Meck, the grandfather, lived in Longswamp township, Berks county, and died there in old age; he is buried at Hoff's Church. He was engaged as a farmer and furnace keeper. His children were: David, Charles, John, Samuel, Isaiah, Harietta and Catharine.

Samuel Meck, son of Samuel, was born on the paternal homestead, and like his father was a farmer and furnace keeper. When a young man he moved to Upper Bern township, where he bought the Hossler farm of 130 acres, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-eight years old. He carried on farming throughout his active years, but retired from that occupation about thirty years before his demise. Mr. Meck married Salome Hossler, daughter of John Hossler, and they had children as follows: Sarah m. Jacob Moyer, who is now deceased; Samuel H. is mentioned further on; Henry and John live in Tilden township; Frank died when eight years old; Priscilla m. Jonathan Spayd, of Sinking Spring; Matilda died when eleven years old.

Samuel H. Meck attended the public schools during his boyhood, learned farming at home with his father, and remained with him, in 1875 buying sixty-eight acres of land from his father, Samuel Meck, to which he later added a tract of twenty acres. Subsequently he bought the homestead, then consisting of 100 acres, making this purchase

Sept. 6, 1902, and selling the property to his son Thomas A. in 1908. In 1893 he bought the Shock's farm and later sold it to his son Franklin C. Both sons are farmers. He has been a prosperous farmer for many years.

Mr. Meck married Emeline Hartzel, daughter of Isaac Hartzel, and they are the parents of two sons: Franklin C., born Nov. 30, 1868, a resident of Tilden township, married Lizzie Seaman; Thomas A., born Aug. 14, 1872, married Sallie Savage, and they have had two children, Charles (who died when seven days old) and Alvin (who is at school).

In 1862 Mr. Meck enlisted for service during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B, 167th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months. He is a Democrat in politics and in religious connection a Lutheran, belonging to St. Michael's Church.

WILLIAM B. MOLL, merchant at Siesholtzville, in Hereford township, was born there Feb. 1, 1843, son of Jacob Moll, and he is a member of a representative old family of this district, descendants of Georg Moll, as the name appears on his tombstone.

Georg Moll was a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born March 21, 1750, and was eighteen years old when he came to America on the ship "Minerva," with 107 other passengers, landing at Philadelphia in the fall of 1768. It appears that he soon afterward located in Hereford township, Berks county, and in 1790 he was the head of a family in that district. His name on the tax list that year was written John Georg Moll. In his will, which is on record in the court house in Book 5, page 237, his name is written George Moll. He was a property owner in the vicinity of Huff's Church. He died Oct. 27, 1810, aged sixty years, seven months, six days, and is interred in a private burial-ground on the farm now owned by David Rauch, a quarter of a mile northeast of Huff's Church. Here are buried over one hundred pioneer settlers of Hereford township who died prior to the establishment of Huff's Church in 1812, and the graveyard adjoining, including members of the Huff, Bechtel, Zimmerman, Moll and other families.

Georg Moll was twice married, and in his will provides for his second wife, Catherine, who is buried by his side. She was born in 1757, and died Feb. 15, 1839, at the age of eighty-two. In his will Georg Moll mentions these children: Johannes, George, Thomas, Martha, Maria, Elizabeth and Anna. Of these,

Johannes Moll, born in Hereford township Oct. 11, 1775, died Feb. 6, 1860, aged eighty-four years, three months, twenty-six days. He was a carpenter and cabinet-maker, and owned and lived in the house at Siesholtzville, now owned by David Wetzel. He was a tall, slim man, well-known and respected, regular in church attendance and a reader of the Bible. His wife, Elizabeth (Bittenbender), born June 15, 1780, died April 23, 1842, aged sixty-one years, ten months, eight days. They are buried at Huff's Church. Their children were: George; John; Christophel; Jacob; Polly (m. Jacob Moyer and (second) Anthony Stahler); a daughter (m. Jacob Snyder); Nancy (m. Peter Mensch); Susanna (m. Henry Hoffman); Peggy (m. Peter Dollman and (second) Ephraim Christman); and Betzy (m. Frederick Huff and (second) Michael Gery).

George Moll, son of Georg, was born in Hereford township, where he lived and died. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned a "two-horse" farm, now the property of John Will. He and his wife, Eve (Miller), daughter of Jacob Miller, are buried at Huff's Church. They had children as follows: George; Jacob; Jonas, who lived in "Devil's Hole," in Hereford; Thomas, who lived in Reading; Judith (m. Reuben Daub and lived in Forge Dale); Elizabeth (m. Lawrence Fisher, who is still living near Huff's Church); Sally (died unmarried); and Abigail (m. John Kuetz).

Anna Moll, daughter of Georg, born April 6, 1785, died April 2, 1877, aged ninety-one years, eleven months, twenty-seven days. She was the wife of George Huff.

Jacob Mull, son of George and grandson of Georg, spelled his name with the "u." He was born in Hereford, and lived at different places in that township, working as a carpenter and laborer, and died at the age of fifty-three years. His wife, Catharine Bossert, was a daughter of Adam Bossert, who was over six feet tall, raw-boned and exceedingly strong. Jacob Mull and his wife are buried at Huff's Church. Their children were: Charles B., Nathaniel, Henry, Jacob and William B.

Charles B. Moll, son of Jacob, born Jan. 1, 1831, has lived at Barto, Berks county, since 1863, and is engaged as a horse and cattle dealer. In 1857 he married Sarah Shiffert, and they have four children: Horace, Alfred, Andora and Agnes.

William B. Moll, son of Jacob, received a practical education in the schools of the home district. In his fourteenth year he became a clerk in the store at Siesholtzville, in the employ of Charles N. Gery, and on Feb. 12, 1872, he was taken into partnership with Mr. Gery under the firm name of Gery & Moll, which has continued up to the present time. They carry a full line of general merchandise and enjoy their full share of the patronage and good-will of the community. Mr. Moll is a self-made man, and respected in his district for his industrious career. For two terms he served as auditor of his township, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket.

In 1870 Mr. Moll married Emalinda Gery, daughter of Charles N. and Elizabeth (Moll) Gery, the former being Mr. Moll's employer and partner. Four children have been born to this union: Katie m. James Butz; Minnie m. Harry Butz, brother of James, and died in her twenty-seventh year; Sallie E., a graduate of the Normal school at Kutztown, class of 1898, is an esteemed teacher in Hereford township; William H., superintendent of the Norristown Brick Company, m. Mame Landis, and lives at Norristown. This family are German Reformed members of Huff's Church, of which Mr. Moll has served as deacon. He is a member of Camp No. 470, P. O. S. of A., of Siesholtzville, and of Covenant Commandery, No. 58, Knights of Malta, of Alburtis, Pennsylvania.

George Moll, son of Johannes, and grandson of Georg, both mentioned earlier in this sketch, was born in Hereford township, June 27, 1802, and died May 16, 1877, aged seventy-four years, ten months, nineteen days. He was reared at home, and worked at carpentering with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years, after which he learned the tanner's trade from his uncle, Thomas Moll, at Geryville, in Bucks county. He followed tanning until after his father-in-law died, when the farm now owned by his son George came into his possession, and there he built the present barn in 1836 and the house in 1840. The tanning buildings were old, and he devoted all of his time to farming until a short time before his death. He was a leading man in his township, owning the old store and hotel property at Siesholtzville, and a farm of seventy-five acres in Hereford township now owned by Sylvester Schuler, and he had various financial interests, being an enterprising man, and almost always successful in his undertakings. He left an estate of $25,000. He was a Reformed member of Huff's Church and liberal in his contributions to that body.

Mr. Moll was married three times, first to Elizabeth Siesholtz, by whom he had nine children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Molly, John, Samuel, and four who died young. By his second marriage, to Mrs. Anna (Fox) Leeser, he had one daughter, Lovina, who became the wife of Daniel Marsteller. To his third union, with Mrs. Anna (Lichtenwalner) Mohr (1804-1877), were born two children, Reuben A., and George F.

George F. Moll, son of George, born July 13, 1844, began farming the homestead in 1877, when it came into his

possession. It comprises 150 acres of valuable land and has been in the Moll family since 1832. In 1875 Mr. Moll married Emma Ashton, daughter of Maberry Ashton, a native of England, and to them have been born three children: Mary M., Annie M., and Laura H.

ISAAC HARRISON O'HARRA, who was engaged in the tailoring business in Philadelphia for many years, and who died in that city in 1888, was prominent in business, fraternal and political circles. Mr. O'Harra was born in Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., N. J., in 1817, and was educated in the schools of that place. When a boy he was apprenticed to the tailor's trade in Philadelphia, where his business life was spent. He was for a number of years engaged in business for himself, and became prominently known, his interests being large and varied. He was connected with the Masonic order and active in its interests, as he was also in the I. O. O. F. In politics he was a stanch Republican, filling various positions of trust and responsibility, and was at one time a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Mr. O'Harra married (first) Elizabeth Miles, and to them were born four children: Mary; Annie (m. Horace T. Potts, of Philadelphia); Agnes, deceased; and Ella, of Philadelphia. Mr. O'Harra m. (second) Maria Johnston, a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and a daughter of Adam Johnston, and four children were born to this union: Julia (m. James Rick, mentioned elsewhere); Isaac H. (who is connected with the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, Pa.); Adam J. (of Reading, employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company); and John B. (deceased). In religious belief Mr. O'Harra was a Baptist, to which faith his widow, who survives him and resides in Reading, also adheres.

CYRUS B. SMITH, postmaster at Wernersville, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Jan. 2, 1843, son of Samuel and Anna (Bauer) Smith, and grandson of John Smith, Middletown, Dauphin county, the latter of whom was the father of three sons, William, John and Samuel.

Samuel Smith, father of Cyrus B., was born in 1810 in Dauphin county, and removed with his parents to Berks county in about the year 1825. He learned the trade of shoemaker and followed it for upward of fifty years. He died in 1890, at the age of eighty years. He married Anna Bauer, and they were the parents of twelve children: Abbeline m. John Sallade; Mary Ann m. Rudolf Hart; Catharine m. Levi Wenrich; Ellen m. Isaac Y. Kintzer; Franklin m. Clementine Rader; Henry m. Melinda Reifsnyder; Cyrus B.; Sarah m. John Body; Rebecca m. John Schaeffer; John m. (first) Ella Wanner, and (second) Miranda Maurer; and two died in childhood.

Cyrus B. Smith was educated in the public schools, and learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed from 1863 to 1895, excepting several years when he drove a team. In 1895 he was obliged to discontinue working at his trade on account of an excession of muscle of the right arm. During the Civil war he served as a private for nine months in 1862 and 1863, in Company A, 167th Pa. Militia. He has served as town auditor for three terms, and in 1897, on the inauguration of President McKinley, Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster at Wernersville, and his official duties were so well performed that he was twice re-appointed, he being now in his third term.

Mr. Smith married Sarah Weiser, of Sinking Spring, daughter of Raymond Weiser, granddaughter of Philip Weiser, and great-granddaughter of Solomon Weiser. Raymond Weiser married Hannah Palm, and became the father of seven children: Christiana (m. John Sell); Rebecca (m. John P. Luft); William (m. Kate Whitmoyer); Sarah (Mrs. Smith); and three died young. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were also the parents of seven children, as follows: Wilson (m. Anna Resch); Laura (m. Arthur Dettes); Clarence (m. Mary Texter); Stella (unmarried); and three died young.

WILLIAM C. EDINGER owns two farms in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where he lives and farms, his home being near the town of Gablesville. His great-grandfather, Frederick Eddinger, was a pioneer of the county, having been a resident of District township in 1790. He was a blacksmith by occupation. In religion he was a Lutheran, and he is buried at the Longswamp Church. He and his wife, Catharine (Reppert), had a family of four children: Frederick, Jr., Peter, Jacob and Joseph.

Peter Edinger, son of Frederick, was born Jan. 1, 1795, in the Blue Mountain region, and died May 26, 1868-69, at the Devil's Hole; he is buried in an unmarked grave at Bally Catholic Church, of which he was a member, though he was originally a Lutheran, changing his church connection when he married, as his wife was a Catholic. Peter Edinger was a resident of Washington township, was a blacksmith by calling, and followed that trade at the forges in Lower Berks county. He married Maria Reppert, his mother's cousin, and they had a family of eight children: John lived in Washington township; Abraham lived at Allentown, Pa.; Catharine married John Fisher and lives with her daughter, Mrs. William Fry, in Hereford township; Anna married a Mr. Mest; Elias is mentioned below; Frederick, born June 21, 1826, died June 21, 1879; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Reppert, lives at Chester, Pa.; Magdalena, widow of George DeLong, makes her home with her son, Oswin DeLong, at Huff's church. Of this family, Frederick Edinger, born June 21, 1826, was killed by a mine explosion at Emaus, Lehigh county, on which occasion eleven men lost their lives, June 21, 1879, his fifty-third birthday. In earlier life he lived in Douglass, and Washington townships, Berks county, and he and his family were members of the Catholic Church at Bally, where they are buried. He married Sophia Miller, born in 1827, died 1902, and they had children as follows: Henry, Annie, Edwin, Amanda, Jerome, Mary, Frederick, and Lizzie.

Elias Edinger, son of Peter, was born in Washington township, Berks county, April 29, 1822, and died Jan. 8, 1892, on his farm one and a half miles west of Gablesville, aged seventy years, eight months, nine days. He is buried at Hill Church, of which he and his family were Lutheran members. Mr. Edinger was a blacksmith in Earl township, where he owned a thirty-acre tract, which he sold in time and bought the farm of sixty-five acres one and a half miles west of Gablesville, living there until his death. He married Mary Clauser, daughter of George and Catharine (Moser) Clauser, and nine children were born to them: Hannah (m. William Kummerer); William C.; Mary Ann (m. Jacob Hatfield, of Pottstown); Catharine, deceased (m. Horace Herbst); John (of Boyertown); Morris (of Barto, Pa.); Obediah (of Earl township); Ellen (m. Francis Wentzel, of Pottstown, Pa.); and Frank (lives in Earl township).

William C. Edinger was born in Berks county July 16, 1848, and was reared to farming, continuing to work for his parents until he reached his majority. He followed carpentering for twelve years in Colebrookdale and Earl and surrounding districts, and in 1884 he began farming at Boyertown, on the Shaner homestead, which consisted of over one hundred acres, and upon which he remained eight years. In the spring of 1893 he moved to his present place, a ninety-six-acre farm in Colebrookdale township, to which he devotes most of his time, renting his other farm, which is the same size as his home place. The big stone house on his home place is a dwelling of Revolutionary times, built by Johannes Bahr, and though old is still in the best condition. The barn was built in 1801, and is in excellent shape, having been remodeled by the present owner in 1896. In addition to general farming Mr. Edinger engages in dairying, shipping his milk to a creamery. Mr. Edinger is interested in the welfare of his locality, and served three years as a member of the school board. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Oct. 2, 1870, Mr. Edinger married Maria Moyer, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Matthias) Moyer, of Earl township, and granddaughter of Henry Moyer. Eight children have been born to this union, namely: Jacob, who rents his father's farm before mentioned, m. Sallie Moyer, and they have a family of five children, Lena, Ralph, Mary, Beulah and Howard; Sallie m. Henry Johnson, and was a widow at the time she met death in the terrible theatre disaster at Boyertown (she had a daughter Gertie and a son Ernest who survive their mother and live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Edinger); Agnes m. Daniel Gabel, and both died in the disastrous Boyertown fire of Jan. 13, 1908; Lizzie m. Wayne Hartman, of Gablesville, and is the mother of four children, Russell, William, Hilda and Edith; Charles, who is unmarried, assists his father upon the farm; William, also unmarried, helps with the work at home; Bertha is at home; Florence perished in the Boyertown fire previously mentioned.

Mr. Edinger and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown, and he has been one of the prominent workers in that congregation, having served as deacon and elder.

RICHARD HAIN, a retired farmer at Wernersville and supervisor of that section of the Berks and Dauphin turnpike for over forty years, was born in Lower Heidelberg township Jan. 6, 1827, son of Daniel and Magdalena (Hain) Hain. He received his education in the township school and at a private academy which was conducted by Prof. Jeremiah J. Brower, at Unionville, near Douglassville, Berks county. When seventeen years old he taught school for one term in Lower Heidelberg township, and then assisted his father on the farm for eighteen years, until 1862, with the exception of one year when he acted as clerk for Daniel B. Bucks, in the coal, lumber and hotel business at Wernersville. In 1862 he took the farm and carried on operations for himself for twenty-six years, until 1888, when he retired and has since been living in retirement.

In 1863 Mr. Hain became a director of the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, and, at the same time, supervisor of the section from Sinking Spring to Robesonia, and he filled these positions with the company until the turnpike was declared free, in 1905, from Reading to Wernersville by legal proceedings which extended over many years. His father had filled the same positions for twenty years until his death in 1862. Mr. Hain filled the position of school director of the township for one term, and served as a deacon and elder of Hain's Reformed Church for several years.

Richard Hain married Anna Esther Huyett, daughter of John Huyett, a farmer of Cumru township, and has two children: Franklin (m. Sadie J. Beam, of Chester county, and has one child, Richard Beam, born Feb. 14, 1906); and Charles (m. Oct. 4, 1908, Leah K. Hain, their marriage taking place in Hain's Reformed Church, and being the first wedding ever held in this historic church). Leah Hain was a daughter of John H. Hain, and his wife, Rebecca (Gerhart) Hain.

Daniel Hain, father of Richard, was born in Lower Heidelberg in 1787, and died in 1862. He married Magdalena Hain, daughter of Isaac Hain, of the same township. She died in 1882, at the age of seventy-five years. They had five children: Richard; Isaac, who married Sarah Miller; Anna, Mrs. William B. Krick; and two who died in infancy.

Frederick Hain was the grandfather of Richard, and his great-grandfather was Casper Hain. (See sketch of Lewis J. Hain elsewhere.)

Mrs. Richard Hain's father was John Huyett, a farmer of Cumru township, born in 1799 and died in 1887. He married Elizabeth Hartman, a daughter of John and Sophia (Maurer) Hartman, of Muhlenberg township. She was born in 1796, and died in 1868. They had eleven children: Garson (m. Eva Gaul); Sarah (m. Daniel Zacharias); Charles (m. Elizabeth Beidler); Daniel (m. Lydia Gaul); James (m. Mary Gaul); Anna; Leah, John, Lewis and Elizabeth, unmarried; and one who died in infancy. Her grandfather, John Hartman, had six children, John, Daniel, Frederick, Elizabeth, Mary and Sophia.

SAMUEL F. HOFFMAN, one of the old residents of Perry township, Berks county, Pa., who is now living retired after a life spent in agricultural pursuits, was born Nov. 10, 1847, in the district where he still resides, son of George and Appolona (Fisher) Hoffman.

The progenitor of the Hoffman family in this country was Jacob Hoffman, a native of Germany, who settled in Greenwich township prior to 1758, and there owned some land.

George Hoffman, son of Jacob, was an early settler in Windsor township.

Michael Hoffman, son of George, was born Nov. 28, 1786, and died Jan. 10, 1874. He was an Assemblyman of Pennsylvania, representing Berks county in 1857. His salary was seventy-five cents per day, and he took his board along, making his journey to the capital on horseback. He owned a large tract of land in Perry township, where he lived, and for many years was a justice of the peace. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, he being a very just man, a prominent Hoffman characteristic to this day. His wife was Catherine Schappell, daughter of Everhart and Catherine Schappell, who came from Germany.

George Hoffman, son of Michael and father of Samuel F., was born Aug. 11, 1811, and died in October, 1887. He was a stone mason for twelve years, but later in life took up agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of ninety-five acres. He was married to Appolona Fisher, daughter of Philip Fisher, and to them were born these children: Eliza, Henry, William and Samuel F.

Samuel F. Hoffman attended the common schools of his township until eighteen years of age. When a young man he learned the trade of miller, which business he followed for a few years, leaving it because of ill health. In 1874 he began farming, and this he followed until his removal to a tract of fifteen acres, lying one mile east of Shoemakersville. His farm of eighty acres in Perry township is being cultivated by his son-in-law. Mr. Hoffman is esteemed and respected by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served his township as auditor. He and his wife take occasional pleasure trips, visiting the capitol at Washington, and the new State capitol in 1906.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage in 1871 to Sarah Lindenmuth, daughter of Reuben and Lydia (Rothermel) Lindenmuth, and granddaughter of Joseph and Racey (Herber) Lindenmuth. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Laura, born Jan. 27, 1872, married Oscar Miller and died Jan. 5, 1894, leaving three children: Cora, Harvey and Clarence; and Elmira A., born July 20, 1874, married Irwin Lengel and they have eight children, namely: Irwin, Spurgeon H., Laura L., Luther L., Floyd, Mabel, Esthel M., and Steward.

JACOB KISSINGER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who resides on the old Kissinger homestead, at Kissinger's Church, in Spring township, Berks county, was born on his present farm Dec. 18, 1839, son of Abraham M. and Abolonia (Hill) Kissinger.

Michael Kissinger, the American ancestor of this well-known family, was a native of the Fatherland. He owned a large estate in Bern township in 1782, on May 8th of which year he made his last will and testament, which was probated in 1791, the year of his death. The will provides amply for his beloved wife, Mary Catharine. Their children were: Michael; John, who had a son John and three daughters; Abraham; Ulrich; Barbara Bricker; Mary; Catharine; Susanna; and Eva Elizabeth.

John Kissinger, grandson of Michael the ancestor, lived at Mohn's Hill in Spring township, and owned a small farm, on which he died in 1851, and where he is buried in a small burying-ground. He married Catharine Garner, and they had these children: Polly, Sallie, Lizzie, Kate, John, Elijah and Henry. Of this family, Elijah Kissinger was a farmer and trucker. He was born in 1811, died in 1885, and is buried at Gouglersville. His wife was Louise Messinger (1822-1875), and they had eight children: Rebecca, Sarah, John, Samuel M., Mary, Elijah, Louise and Henry. Samuel M. Kissinger, son of Elijah and grandson of John, was born Dec. 4, 1851, and is a truck farmer near Knauer's, in Brecknock township. In 1874 he married Amanda Trostle, and they have a family of sixteen children, as follows: Albert, Sallie, Katie, Mary, Lizzie, Samuel, Julia, John, Mamie, Charles, Harry, Grover, Carrie, Maud, Jennie and Amanda.

Abraham Kissinger, grandfather of Jacob, was born Sept. 17, 1778, in Bern township, and died in Spring township May 16, 1860, aged eighty-one years, seven months, twenty-nine days. He was a miller, and for many years worked for his father, Ulrich Kissinger, who owned and operated a gristmill which stood immediately above the Schuylkill avenue bridge. Abraham Kissinger in later years purchased a farm of 112 acres in Spring township, which was divided into four parts among his children at the time of his death. He married Elizabeth Moyer, daughter of Johannes Moyer, and their children were: Daniel, born Dec. 17, 1801, died Nov. 25, 1850, and was buried in Kissinger's cemetery; Susanna, born Oct. 1, 1805, died Jan 10, 1856; Benjamin, born June 4, 1807, died Oct. 16, 1888; Eliza m. Charles Powell; Abraham M. is mentioned below; Jacob, born June 16, 1815, died Feb. 19, 1898, m. (first) Sarah Koch (1826-1853) and (second) Matilda Dunkelberger (1831-1901). Kissinger's Church along the Tulpehocken was named after Abraham Kissinger and his brother John, the former donating the half-acre upon which stands the cemetery, and the latter the land upon which the church was built in 1852. The Kissinger schoolhouse was erected near the church some years later.

Abraham M. Kissinger, father of Jacob, born April 19, 1811, near the Schuylkill bridge in Bern township, died Nov. 14, 1882. In 1854 he obtained the Kissinger farm, which he operated the remainder of his life. Mr. Kissinger m. Abolonia Hill, born June 1, 1807, who died Aug. 30, 1892, daughter of Jacob Hill, of Alsace township. To this union were born eleven children, all of whom survive but two: Jonathan, of Reading, m. Catherine Trout; Elizabeth m. William Mover, of Lyons, Pa.; Susan m. Francis Mee, of Riverside, Pa.; Catharine m. William Gring of West Reading, Pa.; Amos m. Clementine Huff, and resided at Dauberville, Pa., where he died in August, 1905, aged seventy years; Jacob; Sarah m. Daniel Frymoyer, of Reading; Abbie m. Daniel Wanner, of Riverside; Dr. Abraham, deceased, m. (first) a Miss Schuder and (second) Sue Weiler, and lived at Terre Hill, Pa.; Louisa m. William Wanner, of Reading; and Henry m. Maggie Yost, of Reading.

Jacob Kissinger was reared to agricultural pursuits, and when seventeen years of age learned the blacksmith's trade with Amos Albright, of Bern township. He worked for his parents until attaining his majority, at which time he commenced farming the homestead for himself, and in the spring of 1874 went to North Reading, now called Riverside, where he built two brick houses, into one of which he moved. For the following eight years he was car inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, but in 1882 he again engaged in farming, purchasing the thirty-nine-acre tract after his father's death. Mr. Kissinger has been very successful in his operations, and for thirteen years was a well-known figure at the Reading markets. He and his family are Lutheran members of Kissinger's Union Church, of which he was a deacon.

On Oct. 27, 1862, Mr. Kissinger became a member for nine months' service, of Company E, 167th Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, Capt. Hiram H. Miller, and was discharged Aug. 12, 1863, at Reading, where he enlisted March 3, 1865, this time entering Capt. Andrew L. Lanigan's Company F, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry; he was discharged Aug. 17, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Among various engagements Mr. Kissinger participated in the battles of Suffolk, Va., Blackwater (Deserted Farm), and Cartsville. His service was characterized by bravery and faithfulness, and his war record is one to be proud of.

After his return from the war Mr. Kissinger was employed in the stone quarry of Peter Finkfrock for three years. He then went to Deep Creek Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was employed as a teamster by Joseph Raemer, hauling timber to coal mines, after which he went to Chillicothe, Mo., where he farmed for one year. Selling his farm stock he returned East.

In 1874 Mr. Kissinger married Lizzie F. Foreman, born Nov. 9, 1845, daughter of Henry and Mary (Fritz) Foreman, of Reading. She died March 13, 1900. To this union were born three children: Nora, born April 24, 1878, died Nov. 14, 1884; Harry A., who is unmarried, is at present located at Grand Junction, Colo., working in the department store of William J. Moyer; Laura D. married Percival Fry, a clerk in a department store at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and by this union there is one daughter, Florence Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1907, on the old Kissinger homestead.

WILLIAM HARRISON R. POTTS (deceased), who was for many years a well-known and prosperous agriculturist and influential citizen of Amity township, Berks county, was born in Union township, Berks county, in 1841, son of Amos and Sarah (Reifsnyder) Potts.

Amos Potts, father of William H. R., was also a farmer of Amity township, where his death occurred in 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years, and that of his wife, Sarah Reifsnyder, in 1846. To Mr. and Mrs. Potts the following children were born: Henry F.; Mary A., married to John Bisbing; Andrew J. and William Harrison R., twins; and James, who is deceased. Amos Potts married (second) Mary Spies, but there were no children born to this union. In religious belief Mr. Potts adhered to the faith of the United Brethren Church. In politics he was a Republican, but it is not known whether he ever held office.

William Harrison R. Potts was reared upon the home farm in Amity township, and he made farming his life work, continuing in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1888. In 1869 he was married to Susan M. Bower, daughter of Daniel Bower, of Amity township, and there were two children born to this union, namely: Tillie B., who died at the age of three years; and Minnie, who married Howard M. Livingood, and has three children: William P., Howard L. and Catherine M. In religious belief Mr. Potts was of the United Brethren Church, and his political principles were those of the Republican party. During the Civil war Mr. Potts enlisted in the Union army, in Company G, 175th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which regiment he served nine months.

PETER Y. BRUMBACH, now living retired at his home in Bechtelsville, was born in Earl township, Berks county, Nov. 30, 1839.

The early home of the Brumbachs was in Switzerland, but they have been identified with Berks county, Pa., particularly in the manufacturing industry, since before the war of the Revolution.

Hermanus Brumbach, born in 1751, died in 1803, and was buried at Amityville, Berks county. He was a farmer and weaver in Oley township. His will, probated in 1803, was written in German and signed in a good firm hand. His sons, Samuel and Jacob, were the executors. He married Maria Catherine Pott, who was born in 1749, and died in 1832, and was buried at Amityville. Their chil-

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dren were: (1) A daughter (name not recorded) died young. (2) John, born Dec. 5, 1774, died young. (3) Mathias, born Oct. 9, 1776, m. Mary Custer, and died Feb. 5, 1852, and is buried at Norristown. (4) Samuel, born 1780, died 1801. (5) Jacob, twin to Samuel, born 1780, m. (first) Dorothy Bear, (second) Susan Gumbert, and died Aug. 7, 1878, and was buried at Reading. (6) John (2), born Nov. 5, 1783, m. Catherine Engle, and died at an advanced age and was buried at Boyertown. (7) George is mentioned below. (8) Abraham, born Aug. 2, 1789, m. Elizabeth Albright and died Jan. 23, 1872. (9) Daniel, born Feb. 20, 1792, m. Catherine Spohn, and died March 29, 1884, at Shanesville, and is buried at Hill Church. (10) David, born April 5, 1794, m. (first) Deborah De Turck (born Feb. 10, 1795, died May 10, 1855) and (second) Mary Muthard (born 1799, died 1889) and died Nov. 18, 1876. (11) William, born Aug. 6, 1795, m. Susan Moses, and died April 27, 1852.

George Brumbach, son of Hermanus, was born June 8, 1787. He was a farmer and owned a farm in Earl township, now the property of his grandson, Peter Y. In his earlier life he was a weaver, weaving both wool and flax. He had considerable ability as a veterinarian, and his services were often called into requisition. He died at his home in Pleasantville, Dec. 5, 1875, and is buried at Oley Churches. In 1809 he married Elizabeth Koch, born Aug. 27, 1784, died Aug. 29, 1860. They had three children: Henry; Susanna m. Daniel Clauser, justice of the peace of Earl township for many years; and Catherine m. Nathaniel Harner, who conducted a mill at Lobachsville some years. George Brumbach's will, probated the year of his death, was written in German.

Henry Brumbach, son of George, was born Sept. 3, 1811, and he died May 27, 1899, and is buried at the cemetery at Hill Church. He was a very successful farmer, and he built the present barn on the farm owned by his son, Peter Y. This was in 1866. On a twenty-two-acre tract adjoining he built a house, barn and out-buildings, and this tract is now the property of his daughter Lucinda, who is unmarried. He also built a house in Shanesville, in 1876, now owned by his son-in-law, A. R. Eshbach. For some years before his death he lived retired at Shanesville, in Earl township. He was a well-known Democrat, and he served as assessor of Earl township. He was deacon and elder at Hill Church many years, and he was always liberal in his donations to worthy causes. His wife, Mary Yoder, was born in 1805, daughter of Abraham Yoder, of Pike township. She died in 1873. Their children were: William lived at Bechtelsville; Peter Y.; Mary Ann m. Abraham Eshbach; Lucinda; Solomon lives at Shanesville, unmarried; Hettie is unmarried; Alfred is a farmer in Washington township; and one died young.

Peter Y. Brumbach attended both pay and public schools in Earl township. He grew to manhood on the farm, and began for himself on his father's farm when twenty-eight years old. There he lived until 1900, with the exception of one year (1863) when he served as hired man in Montgomery county. In 1900 he retired from active work and moved to Bechtelsville. He still owns the homestead of 106 acres. His present comfortable home is located on South Main street, Bechtelsville. He is a very substantial citizen and is one of the large tax payers of the borough. Mr. Brumbach has worked hard for his property, but he is very progressive and is ever ready to advance any project for the improvement of his town and county. He and his family are members of the Reformed Congregation at Hill Church, of which he was deacon and elder many years. He was also active in the Sunday-school at Hill Church, serving as its treasurer many years.

On Sept. 16, 1865, Mr. Brumbach married Malinda Gilbert, daughter of David and Harriet (Snyder) Gilbert, of Colebrookdale township, and granddaughter of Jacob Gilbert. They have one daughter, Emma, organist of the Hill Church choir three years, and Sunday-school thirteen years, and at present a member of the Bechtelsville choir; she married Artemus B. Fisher, son of Nicholas Fisher of New Berlinville, and clerk in a store at Bechtelsville.

DANIEL SCHLEGEL, manufacturer of and dealer in steam engines and boilers, steam and water pipes and fittings, and creamery outfits and supplies, has carried on his present business at Boyertown since 1875. He was born Nov. 20, 1848, at Fleetwood, in Richmond township, Berks county, in which neighborhood the family has been located for over a century. Samuel Schlegel, his grandfather, was born in Richmond township, where he followed farming all his life, and he is buried in a private burial ground on a farm now owned by Abraham Schlegel, near Fleetwood.

Jacob Schlegel, son of Samuel and father of Daniel Schlegel, was born in Richmond township in 1800, and died in 1861, after an industrious agricultural career. He owned part of the original homestead, his farm consisting of sixty-two acres of good land, which is now cut up into building lots around Fleetwood. His remains rest in the old Fleetwood burying-ground. He married Hettie Angstadt, of Rockland township, Berks county, who survived him a number of years, living to the age of nearly eighty. Fourteen children were born to this union: John (deceased), Jacob, Henry, Daniel, Isaac, Sarah (deceased), Susan, Rebecca (deceased), Hettian, Emma, Kate, and three who died young.

Daniel Schlegel was reared on the old home farm in his native township, near Fleetwood, and was eighteen years old when he commenced to learn the machinist's trade, at Fleetwood. He served his apprenticeship with Schaeffer, Melchior & Co., with whom he remained four years. As previously stated, he opened his business in Boyertown in 1875, locating on Washington street, near the railroad station, where he has remained to the present day. Mr. Schlegel has a first-class machine shop, and does all kinds of repair work as well as manufacturing, always having employment for several mechanics. He is a master workman himself, and takes pride in turning out articles of superior quality, making a specialty of creamery supplies and outfits. He has equipped nearly all the creameries within a radius of fifteen miles around Boyertown, and altogether has fitted about twenty-five, his reputation in this line being founded on satisfactory machinery and its expert adjustment. The main part of the shop is 20x60 feet in dimensions, and the additions afford all the room necessary to carry on the business conveniently. Mr. Schlegel is progressive as well as industrious, and he holds an interest in nearly all the local enterprises which have brought Boyertown to the front as an up-to-date borough.

In 1877 Mr. Schlegel married Miss Ellen Romich, daughter of John Romich, of Douglass township, Berks county, and they had one daughter, Katie, who died in 1907, when twenty-six years old. Mrs. Ellen Schlegel was born in 1854, and died at the age of twenty-six years. For his second wife Mr. Schlegel married Mrs. Isabella (Guldin) Van Reed, widow of James Van Reed. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. They reside at the corner of Third and Washington streets, Boyertown. Mr. Schlegel has no inclination for politics or public life, and he has never had any ambition for office.

Peter Guldin, father of Mrs. Schlegel, was a farmer near Friedensburg, in Oley township, this county, his property in that locality comprising 130 acres of fine land, now owned by Mrs. Schlegel. There is a stone house standing on the place that was built in 1809, and is still in good condition. There is considerable limestone in the region thereabout, and under this old house is a cave which has a uniform temperature of about forty degrees Fahrenheit, and which is an ideal place for keeping meats and vegetables, etc. It was made by Mrs. Schlegel's grandfather, Daniel Guldin.

Peter Guldin owned another farm, which was a part of the old Guldin homestead, and which is now the property of Willoughby High.

ELLIS L. CASTOR, superintendent of the Reading Cotton Mills, is a native of Berks county, and his entire life has been identified with that immediate locality. His birth occurred in Exeter township, Feb. 15, 1857, son of William L. and Louisa A. (Dorsey) Castor.

The parents were both natives of Philadelphia. William L. Castor was a shoemaker and tailor by trade, but was at one period in business as a merchant, and also gave considerable attention to farming. He died in Reading in 1893, aged seventy-eight, his wife passing away in 1888, aged sixty-six. Of their children—six sons—George W. was drowned at Pigeon Rocks, in the Schuylkill river; Edward M., deceased, was foreman in the blacksmith department for J. H. Sternbergh (m. Miss Mary Martin); William D., deceased, was for many years in partnership with his father in a clothing business, but for a considerable period prior to his death had been a salesman for Curtis, Jones & Co., shoe manufacturers (m. Miss Josephine Reller); Jesse M. is a blacksmith at the Scott Works, of Reading (m. Miss Hannah Homan); Ellis L. is the subject of this sketch; and Thomas D. is in the clothing department of G. M. Britton & Co., of Reading (m. Miss Margaret Davis). The family were all brought up in the Baptist faith, while in politics father and sons were for years loyal Democrats.

Ellis L. Castor began his business career at an early age as a clerk in a dry goods and grocery store, but was there only a short time. When hardly more than a boy, only fifteen years of age, he was taken into the office of the Reading Cotton Mills as a book-keeper, and from that time, in 1872, he has been regularly promoted. On Aug. 2, 1900, Mr. Smith, who had held the position of superintendent, died, and Mr. Castor was put in his place, which he has ever since filled with the greatest success.

In 1902 the company was incorporated as the Garner & Co. Mills, though still known as the Reading Cotton Mills. A new power plant had been installed in 1897, with a 750-horse-power Wetherell-Corliss engine, while there are also three 200-horse-power Berry boilers. A cooling pond was built for these at the same time, and the total cost of the improvements amounted to $25,000. The mills employ about 300 hands and have a large output, having 415-40 plain looms with 17,216 spindles (ring spinning), with a production of about 120,000 yards of cloth weekly.

Mr. Castor was married in 1876 to Miss Matilda Reich, a native of Reading. Of the six children born to this union, only two are living, namely: Emma L., Mrs. Frederick Thurow; and Ellis R., who is employed by the William S. Cooper Brass Works, with offices at No. 816 Chestnut street, Reading; he is a member and liberal supporter of the Memorial Church of the Holy Cross (M. E.). Mr. Castor is a member of Reading Council No. 1104, Royal Arcanum; Grand Fraternity, No. 72; charter member of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, F. and A. M.; Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E.; Camp No. 329, P. O. S. of A.; Reading Chamber, No. 26, Knights of Friendship; and Reading Consultory No. 3, Knights of Friendship. In politics he is now independent. He is a man of real power and highly esteemed in both business and social circles.

REV. FATHER ADALBERT MALUSECKI, the beloved pastor of St. Mary's Polish Roman Catholic Church, of Reading, is a native of Austrian Poland, born Nov. 10, 1860. After attending the parochial schools, he entered the Gymnasium in Galicia and later the Innsbruck University and then Vienna University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1886.

Coming to America in 1886, Father Malusecki entered St. Charles Seminary, and after one year of study there, was ordained, in 1887, by Archbishop Ryan of the Diocese of Philadelphia, his first charge being a congregation at Berks and Memphis streets, Philadelphia, where he remained eight years, during which time a church was built at a cost of $90,000, this being considered, in point of architecture, one of the finest edifices in the city of Philadelphia. In 1894 Father Malusecki was called to St. Mary's Church of Reading. On coming to this parish the Father found it in a very depleted condition, but through his faithful and untiring efforts he has succeeded in bringing about wonderful changes and improvements. It was largely due to his constant and self-sacrificing labors that the present handsome church edifice was completed, at the corner of Twelfth and Spruce streets, which had been undertaken some years previously, he expending some $46,000 in its completion. Since taking this parish Father Malusecki has also erected a parochial school at a cost of $24,000. On his coming to this parish there were but 300 families in the congregation, while now 800 families, aggregating about 4,000 souls, attend Divine services. Father Malusecki is a faithful worker in God's vineyard, and is greatly beloved by his congregation.

DR. JOHN HENRY REED, a successful physician and surgeon at Logansport, Ind., and a lineal descendant of the Reed family of Berks county, Pa., was born May 30, 1860, in Clinton township, Cass Co., Ind., five miles southwest of Logansport, on a farm which his father had secured in 1845, while yet in the wild and dense forest. The father, being a skilled stone and brick mason, improved the place in 1851 by the erection with his own hands and skill of a superior two-story stone mansion, which is still standing and occupied by the Doctor, the place having been purchased by him from his mother, in 1900. He attended school in what was known as the "Stone School house," three-fourths of a mile away, also built by his father, during a period of about three months in each year until he was fifteen years old, and then he entered the schools of Logansport, which he attended for four years. With this preparation he next entered Wittenberg College, an English Lutheran institution at Springfield, Ohio, for the purpose of taking the regular scientific course of instruction, preparatory to entering the Theological seminary, but after attending three years he was obliged to suspend his studies on account of a weakened condition of his eyes. Returning home and engaging in the management of his father's farm for a year, his eyes improved so much that he felt able to resume his studies. Selecting the medical profession for his vocation, in the early spring of 1883 he entered the office of Dr. J. W. Ballard, of Logansport, Ind., in which office he read medicine as best he could for three months, under adverse circumstances, and on Oct. 10, 1883, unassisted by any preceptor, was admitted into the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon completing a term there he entered the office of Dr. C. E. Scholl, of Rockfield, Ind., in April, 1884, and after pursuing his studies with him for four months, secured, through his influence, an interneship in the University of Maryland Hospital at Baltimore. He graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland, March 17, 1885, finishing his interneship at the hospital at the same time. Then he took a post-graduate course on diseases of the throat and chest, after which he returned to his father's farm and assisted in the farming operations until August, 1885. Deciding to locate at Idaville, White county, Ind., for the practice of his profession, he opened an office there which he carried on until 1894, when he removed to Burnettsville, three miles east of Idaville, because of religious and domestic conditions, but continued his drug business at Idaville, established in 1889, until the year 1899, when he sold it to W. A. Bryan, his former faithful hostler, beloved student and clerk. He however, remained there but for four years (they being the most serviceable years of his professional life), when after another course taken at Chicago, he removed

to Monticello, the county-seat, where he formed a partnership with Dr. M. T. Didlake, a well established and much honored and respected medical practitioner at that place, and assisted in carrying on an active practice under the name of Didlake & Reed until March, 1904. Having become the owner of the homestead farm in 1900, and because of other aforesaid causes, he retired from the partnership and removed to Logansport. After taking another course of six weeks in the Post-Graduate Medical College of New York, Dr. Reed resumed his practice at Logansport, which he has pursued energetically and creditably until the present time. In connection with his practice he carried on farming operations on the homestead "Galadale" farm with much pleasure and recreation. During the years 1888, 1889 and part of 1890 while practising at Idaville, Dr. Reed served with honor to himself, and satisfaction to his party, as trustee of the township (Jackson), in which he lived.

In April, 1890, Dr. Reed married Laura Bell Hall, daughter of William and Rebecca Jane (Ike) Hall, of Idaville, She was educated, and afterward taught for a number of years in the public schools of White and adjoining counties. They have three children, Hazel Lucile, Gerald Greenlee and Velda Dolorous.

Jacob Reed, great-grandfather of the Doctor, was of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa. He married Christina Bergerheiser, of Germany, and by her he had six children, Eva, Barbara, John, George, Henry and Jacob.

Jacob Reed, the grandfather, was a farmer of Tulpehocken township, near Stouchsburg, where he was born Nov. 25, 1780. He died in 1849, in Montgomery county, Ohio, whither he had removed in 1835. He was married in 1810 to Elizabeth Brown, of Stouchsburg, and by her he had twelve children: John m. Elizabeth Naftszinger; Jacob m. a Moyer; Michael, the Doctor's father, is mentioned below; David m. Agnes Guthery; William m. Elizabeth Ann Miller; Anna Margaret m. John Leis; Martha m. John Libecap; Elizabeth m. Henry Kuhn; Miss Katherine is still living, now aged ninety-two; Lydia m. (first) John Rumbarger, and (second) John A. Swartzel; Mary m. Michael Libecap; and Harriet never married.

Michael Reed, father of the Doctor, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and was born near Stouchsburg, Nov. 10, 1819. When but fourteen years of age he accompanied his father and the family to Montgomery county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm near Farmersville, having traveled all the way in wagons. Michael Reed continued with his father until the summer of 1844, helping him on the farm, and following his trade of stone and brick mason, when he removed to Clinton township, Cass county, Ind., locating on a farm five miles southwest of Logansport, Ind. Just before leaving Ohio he had married Sarah Tittle, daughter of Jacob Tittle, of Farmersville. By her he had eight children: Sarah Elizabeth m. John Oliver Tyner; Rachel Ann m. Dr. William Bruce Payton; Miss Clara Minerva; Benjamin Franklin m. Ann Frances Johnson; William m. Harriet Lucinda Giffin; Oliver m. Mary Jane Whalon; John Henry; and Jacob Ausrow m. Effie Alice Hynes. The father died on the farm in 1895, aged seventy-six years; and his wife died at Logansport, in 1904, aged seventy-eight years.

Dr. Reed organized the "Reed Family Reunion," the first meeting of which was held on the homestead farm on his mother's seventy-eighth birthday, Oct. 12, 1903, she being present; the second at the same place, Sept. 1, 1904; the third at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1905; the fourth at Logansport, Aug. 16, 1906; and the fifth at Logansport Oct. 3, 1908. He has been secretary of the organization since the beginning, there being an average attendance of about seventy-five. The Doctor has in preparation a more detailed history of the Reed Family, beginning with their earliest origin in Heidelberg, Germany, following them through Berks Province, England, Berks county, Pa., thence into Ohio, Indiana and other States.

WILLIAM L. GRAUL, justice of the peace of Muhlenberg township, and residing at Temple, Pa., was born in Reading, July 27, 1846, son of William M. Graul, and a member of a family that for several generations has been distinguished in the military service of the country.

Samuel B. Graul, grandfather of William L., was a well known and popular hotel man, his hostelry being located at the present site of the high school building on the northeast corner of Eighth and Washington streets, Reading. This he operated for twenty-four years. In the war of 1812 he served with the Reading Washington Guards, under Capt. Daniel De B. Keim, going to the defense of Philadelphia in 1814. He died in 1882, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, Sarah Maltzberger, bore him the following children: William M., father of William L.; Peter; Mary Ann (m. William Sailor); Elizabeth (m. Abram Hill); Emma (m. John Henzel); Amanda (m. John P. Dauth); Margaret (m. Frank Mellon); and Sarah (m. Daniel Leeds). The family all were reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Graul was a Democrat.

William M. Graul, son of Samuel B., was a bricklayer by trade, and he followed that calling to within ten years of his death, when he retired. During the Civil war he responded to his country's call, becoming a private in Durell's Independent Artillery, Battery D, and serving three years, being mustered in Sept. 10, 1862, and mustered out at the close of hostilities, June 13, 1865. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, but was never active in party work. He married Barbara Leese, daughter of Peter Leese, and their children were: Henry L., who served four years as a member of Durell's Independent Artillery, m. Rebecca Eyler, and lives in Reading; William L.; Sarah m. John Baus, and both are deceased; Clara m. the late John Fox; Frank, who is foreman for the A. Wilhelm Paint Company, m. Matilda Seidel, now deceased; Annie m. John Bibbus. The family all united with the Lutheran Church, and became active in its work.

William L. Graul was born in an old log house on Eighth street, between Washington and Penn streets, Reading. His earlier education was acquired in a school held in an old stone house, situated where is now the Hampton Reservoir, a locality known in the old days as Helltown. The master, Dewald Paff, paid a great deal of attention to discipline, and his favorite mode of punishment was to make his pupils sit astride a wooden horse, made painfully sharp. Mr. Graul later attended school at Tenth and Washington streets, but at the age of eleven left to begin work as a tobacco stripper for F. S. Bickley, then doing business on Penn street. There he remained two years, and at thirteen found work in the brick yard of Michael Sands and J. H. Printz. He was also similarly engaged for Daniel Kline, Reuben Drexel and for Daniel Graul and J. H. Printz. In 1862 he was working as a bartender for William Rapp. When the war broke out in 1861, he tried to enlist, but was rejected on account of his small stature. In July, 1862, he succeeded in getting as far as Harrisburg with the 128th Pa. V. I., but was again rejected. In November, 1862, when the draft took place, he was offered $300 to go as a substitute, but Mr. Graul declared if he went to war, it would be as a volunteer, then if he were shot no one could say he had gone for money. In January, 1863, he procured a lot of leather, and made himself heels sufficiently high to bring his height to that required by regulations, and at the recruiting office added a couple of years to his age. All went well until asked if he had the consent of his parents. His father and brother were already at the front, and he was the only one at home. Naturally the mother was unwilling, but after a ruse the sergeant who had accompanied young William home to see her, obtained her consent, and on Jan. 24, 1863, he was duly enrolled in Battery K, 3d Pennsylvania Artillery, and sent to Fortress Monroe, Va. From there he was sent with different exploring parties on light gun boats to watch smugglers, and was detailed for service on the Smith Point Light Ship at

the mouth of the Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay, and also to guard the telegraph cable running from Newport News to Sewells Point, Va. In April, 1864, orders were issued from the War Department directing a call to be made from the 3d Artillery for volunteers to form a new regiment, afterward known as the 188th. Mr. Graul was one of the first to volunteer, and he was assigned to Company I as a corporal, being detailed one of the color guards. He participated in the following engagements: Bermuda Hundred, May 4-6, 1864; siege of Petersburg, 82 days; Port Walthall, May 6-7, 1864; Swift Creek, May 9, 1864; destruction of Richmond & Petersburg railroad, May 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1864; Proctor's Creek, May 13, 1864; Fort Darling, May 14-15, 1864; Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864; Front of Bermuda Hundred, May 17-31, 1864; Forstre's Plantation, May 18, 1864; Weir Bottom Church, May 21, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1-12, 1864; flank movement from Petersburg to Richmond, June 16-18, 1864; mine explosion and "battle of the crater," July 30, 1864; capture of Fort Harrison and Chapin's Farm, Sept. 29-30, 1864. At the fight at Fort Harrison, which was firmly entrenched on a high bluff and bristling with cannon, the Federal troops charged at double-quick through a long stretch of open country, in spite of the rain of shot and shell from the enemy. Within fifty yards of the fort was a small ravine, stretching all along the front, and here the line was reformed. The fire was desperate and to go forward meant heavy slaughter, but the pause was only momentary, and the brave boys in blue pushed on and carried the works. While charging up the hill the color-bearer was killed, but before the flag was down Color-guard William L. Graul had seized it, thrown away his gun, and pushed on up to the fort. He jumped into the ditch at the fort, and with the aid of the flag staff crawled out, planted the stars and stripes beside the stars and bars. The Secretary of War presented him with a medal of honor, and he was promoted to color sergeant of the regiment. As such he took part in the battle of Fair Oaks, Oct. 27-28, 1864; and in the tobacco raid at Fredericksburg. He was sergeant for the Freedmen's Bureau in Nelson county, Va., Dec. 14, 1865.

Returning home Mr. Graul worked for Mr. John Lawrence in the stone quarry on the Long farm, and later was engaged at the Pipe Mill. In 1869 he began brick making, but in the fall of that year, Mr. Lawrence, his former employer, who was a police officer, came into the yard and asked him if he would not like to go on the police force. Through Mr. Lawrence's influence, the mayor, Mr. W. H. Gernand, overlooked Mr. Graul's lack of inches, and made the appointment. Under Mayor Samuel Mayers he became first sergeant of police. In 1874 Mr. Graul became a candidate for constable on the Democratic ticket, and was elected with a majority of 946. He was the first county detective under District Attorney H. C. G. Reber. In February, 1878, he was elected alderman of the Eighth ward, an office he ably filled for five years. At the present time he is supervisor of Muhlenberg township, and secretary of the board.

In March, 1883, Mr. Graul purchased the "Temple Hotel," which he conducted until April 1, 1905, a period of twenty-two years. He became well known to the traveling public, and the regular patrons of the hotel regretfully saw him retire. In 1907 he was elected justice of the peace in Muhlenberg township.

Mr. Graul has been twice married. His first wife was Mary Goodman, daughter of Lewis and Rebecca Goodman. She died Dec. 24, 1874. Five children were born of this union: (1) Emma married Joseph D. Martin. (2) R. William married May Myers. He served five years in the United States Marine Corps, and was in Cuba when the Spaniards surrendered. He served in the Philippines and when sent to China was one of the first to scale the walls of Tientsin. He is now engaged in keeping a hotel at Reading. (3) Edward L., chief train dispatcher for the P. & R. railroad, at Reading, married Jennie Yoder. (4) John served five years in the United States Marine Corps. He married Maude Smith. (5) Susan married Morris Fink, a dairyman at Temple. Mr. Graul married (second) Oct. 31, 1876, Fredericka Kirmse. No children were born to this union. Fraternally Mr. Graul belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E.; and Washington Camp, No. 107, P. O. S. of A., of Temple, of which he was an organizer and charter member and treasurer since its organization.

ABRAHAM U. HAIN, a representative business man of West Reading, Berks county, the first coal merchant of that place, and one of its most progressive and substantial citizens, was born Aug. 13, 1838, in Bern township, this county. His ancestors have been located here for many years.

John C. Hain, his grandfather, was born Aug. 3, 1786, on the land now occupied by the Wernersville State Asylum, and himself came into possession of that property. His real estate holdings were extensive, and he became a prominent man in many ways. He died Nov. 9, 1854, and is buried at the Hain's Church—named after the family. John C. Hain married June 4, 1815, Barbara Reber, who was the second eldest of the fourteen children born to Johannes and Magdalena (Rathmacher) Reber. To them were born four children: Benneville R. was father of Abraham U. Hain; Polly (Mary) m. John Fox, of Bern township; John R. became a farmer in Bern township; Ellen m. George W. Yeager, superintendent of the Union canal.

Benneville R. Hain, born Aug. 3, 1816, at Wernersville, died Dec. 29, 1852, aged thirty-six years, four months, twenty-six days. But though his life was not a long one, he accomplished much, making a substantial success of all his undertakings. He started life with a wood axe and fifty cents in money, but he possessed more than ordinary intelligence and enterprise, and when he died, in the prime of early manhood, he had attained very comfortable circumstances through the well-directed exercise of his natural gifts. He was a boatman on the old Union canal, owning three boats, which he used in transporting his coal, lumber and merchandise, for he kept a small store in Penn township, near Bernville, at the place called Port Penn.

Mr. Hain married Susanna Ulrich, born Jan. 29, 1818, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fromm) Ulrich, of Bern township; she died March 12, 1852, just a few months before Mr. Hain's death. They are buried at Epler's Church, in Bern township. To Benneville R. and Susanna (Ulrich) Hain were born four children: Nathan, who died in infancy; Abraham U.; William U., who was a wheelwright of Bern township; and Mary Ann (m. Benjamin Hall, of West Reading).

Abraham U. Hain was educated in the township schools of Bern and in a private school in Reading which was under the supervision of Prof. William A. Good, and which he attended for over a year. He was reared to farming, but when he was seventeen began teaching school under the first county superintendent of schools, William A. Good, in Berne township, where he continued at that profession for four terms. He also taught one term in Maxatawny township. At that time the term consisted of only four months, and he received $25 a month. Since he gave up teaching Mr. Hain has been engaged at merchandising, having begun as clerk in a general store which did both a wholesale and a retail business, on the present site of the "Merchants' Hotel," corner of Third and Penn streets, Reading. It was conducted by Geiger, Kauffman & Kissinger, in whose employ Mr. Hain remained for a period of five years, until, in 1862, he started business on his own account. For fifteen years he dealt in lime, coal and stone, at Felix dam, and since 1890 he has been in the coal business at West Reading, where his establishment was the first of the kind. His patronage is large, and he includes among his customers

many residents of Reading. His coal chutes are at the west end of the Lebanon Valley bridge.

Ever since his removal to West Reading, Mr. Hain has been active and public-spirited in its improvement and development. He was instrumental in the incorporation of the borough, where he is regarded as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens. He owns ten acres of finely located land, lying along Tulpehocken avenue, some of which has been cut up into building lots, and also four dwellings in West Reading. Mr. Hain has devoted all his time to his personal interests and the general welfare, having never had any taste for the honors or emoluments of public office. Though he is a stanch Republican he has not taken any active part in politics. He enjoys the complete confidence of his associates in all the relations of life, his character and habits being above reproach. His family is a credit to the community.

In 1866 Mr. Hain married Matilda Miller, born Sept. 20, 1842, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Startzler) Miller, of Windsor township. Eight children have been born to this union, namely: (1) James M. is deceased. (2) George M. is a successful business man of West Reading, where he is engaged in carriage building, employing seven men. (3) Albert died in infancy. (4) Charles M. is in the butcher business on Penn avenue, in West Reading. (5) Peter died in infancy. (6) Frank M. is engaged in the coal business with his father. He m. Alice Dietrich, of Greenwich township, Berks county. (7) Agnes m. George Fritz, a carpenter of Reading, who is at present in the employ of L. H. Focht, the extensive contractor, as foreman. (8) Mary M. is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1904, and is now teaching the fourth grade in West Reading. She resides at home with her parents. The family residence is a comfortable brick house at No. 528 Penn avenue. Mr. Hain and his children are members of Epler's Reformed Church of Bern township, and he was a liberal contributor toward the purchase of St. James Reformed Church of West Reading, his interest in the promotion of religious work being real and his assistance practical. He has also given generously to the Lutheran Church of the borough, of which his wife is a member. All in all, he is a citizen universally respected for his sterling qualities and upright life.

James M. Hain, eldest son of Abraham U. and Matilda (Miller) Hain, was born Feb. 10, 1867, in Bern township, where he spent his entire life. He received a good education, graduating from the Keystone State Normal School in 1889, at the head of his class, and he taught school in Bern township for six years. When the Schuylkill Valley Bank was established he became teller of that institution, holding that position until his death, Aug. 15, 1907, at the age of forty years, six months, five days. Mr. Hain had been ailing for almost three weeks, and was confined to his bed for ten days before his death, with typhoid fever, but his demise was unexpected. He was at the home of his parents, No. 528 Penn avenue, West Reading, when he passed away. He was unmarried.

When the borough of West Reading was organized James M. Hain was one of the leaders in the movement, and at the time of his decease he was serving as president of the borough council. There was no more valuable citizen in the community, where he was universally esteemed, and the large number that attended his funeral showed that he had friends among all classes. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent to the family in token of the sympathy felt throughout this section of the county. Mr. Hain possessed high intelligence and equally high principles, was an able as well as an upright man, and left a large estate, accumulated by his own efforts. He is buried at Epler's church, in Bern township. He was a member of St. James Reformed Church, and a Republican in political connection.

CHRISTOPHER SCHUTTER, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Cumru township, Berks county, who now lives retired at his home in Oakbrook, Pa., was born Oct. 30, 1839, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Conrad and Christina (Hauck) Schutter.

Conrad Schutter was born Dec. 27, 1800, and in 1852 came to America with his family, his oldest son, Christian, having preceded them to this country two years before. Mr. Schutter was a potter by trade, and followed that occupation at Sinking Springs, Pa., but in later years he became a gardener. He died April 14, 1890, and was buried at St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Reading, as was his wife. Mr. Schutter married Christina Hauck (born in 1803, died Jan. 11, 1870), and they became the parents of six children: Christian lived in Spring township, and had children, William, Mary, George, Henry and Katie; Frederick, born Jan. 27, 1820, is still living, and has children, Ricka, Mary, Catherine, Annie, Frederick, William, Christopher and Maggie; Christina m. John Houck, of Buffalo, N. Y., and has children, Mary, Ricka, Charles, Christian, William and Frederick; Ricka, born in 1837, died in 1870, married George Bruestle, a native of Germany, and they had, Louisa, Annie and George (deceased); Christopher; and Regina m. John Schmidt, a native of Germany, but resident of Reading, where he died, and had three children, Kate, Fred and George.

Christopher Schutter attended German schools until eleven years old, and with his parents emigrated to America. When in his fourteenth year he learned the blacksmith's trade with Michael Miller, of Eighth and Franklin streets, Reading, in whose employ he remained three years. He followed blacksmithing all of his active period, working for some time in the Philadelphia & Reading shops, and for twenty-four years at the sheet mill, being engaged principally in making shear knives. In 1902 he retired from active pursuits, and since that time he has lived in his fine brick residence on Lancaster avenue, Oakbrook, which he has owned since the fall of 1881. In politics he is an independent voter. He and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church at Reading.

In 1868 Mr. Schutter was married to Elizabeth Hoyer, born Dec. 20, 1836, who died Oct. 11, 1897, daughter of John and Mary (Griess) Hoyer, of Reading. Four children were born to this union: John died in infancy; Elizabeth is caring for her father in his declining years; Charles died in 1897, at the age of twenty years; and Susie.

SOLOMON S. KOLLER, retired, who was a prosperous merchant at Philadelphia for upward of forty years, was born in Berks county, near the base of the Blue Mountain, above Hamburg, April 7, 1830, son of Andrew and Hannah (Sunday) Koller.

Andrew Koller, Sr., the grandfather, was a farmer in Macungie township, Lehigh county. He married Rebecca Seidel, daughter of John Seidel, and they had three children: Solomon m. Catherine Schaeffer; Andrew; and Rebecca m. Daniel Gebhart.

Andrew Koller was a farmer in Windsor township for a time, later in Perry, and he died in 1862, aged fifty-eight years. He married Hannah Sunday, daughter of John Sunday, a farmer of Windsor, and a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of the county. They had six children: William m. (first) Susanna Ebgel, (second) Helen Miller; Solomon S.; Catherine m. David Hoffman; John m. (first) Caroline Lesher, (second) Mary Williams; James A. m. Christiana Sunday; and Abraham m. Mary Stayer. The mother of this family died in 1891, aged eighty-three years.

Solomon S. Koller was educated in the township school and was reared on his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he entered the general store of John Weidman, at Shoemakersville, and continued there as a salesman for five years. He then formed a partnership with William Moyer, and carried on a feed and provision business at Five Locks, on the Schuylkill Canal, two miles above Shoemakersville, for two years, when he returned to Shoemakersville and formed a partnership with Reuben Weidman, a brother of his former

employer, to operate a general store, but he soon purchased his partner's interest in the business and carried it on successfully by himself for eight years. Selling out, with the intention of locating in Philadelphia, he went to that great center of trade in 1865, and formed a partnership with Wayne Bitting, to carry on a wholesale trade in salt, provisions and fish. They located at No. 218 North Delaware Avenue, and traded under the style of Koller & Bitting, for seven years, when he purchased Mr. Bitting's interest and carried on the business himself for twenty years at the same place. Desiring then to enlarge his scope by adding groceries, he formed a partnership with Gilbert W. Hawlk, and they continued together for seven years, under the name of Koller & Hawlk, when he retired, having been in business at one stand for thirty-four years and having established a large and flourishing trade which extended into Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland for over a hundred miles from Philadelphia. Since 1899, he has been residing at Philadelphia, retired, enjoying the ample rewards of a well-directed, honorable and satisfactory business career.

In 1851, while living at Shoemakersville, Mr. Koller married Maria Fister, daughter of Peter Fister, farmer of Greenwich township, near Klinesville, Berks county. She died in 1856, aged twenty-two years, leaving two children, Amelia Thamsen (m. B. Oliver Seltzer, of Hamburg) and Emma (died young). In 1857, he m. Amelia Hollenbach, daughter of Jacob Hollenbach, a farmer of Perry township, and by her had four children, namely: Anna Maria died unmarried in 1905, aged forty-seven years; Jeremiah died unmarried, in 1901, aged forty-one years; Mary Leanda died in 1875, aged fourteen years; and Ellen, m. Jerome H. Sheip, of Philadelphia.

SOLOMON G. DUNKEL, a highly esteemed resident of Ontelaunee township, Berks county, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, was born on his father's farm in Bern township, Feb. 8, 1839, son of George and Anna (Guldin) Dunkel.

George Dunkel, Sr., grandfather of Solomon G., was a farmer and conducted the old homestead on which his son and grandson have passed their lives. He married Elizabeth Engel, and they had four children: Solomon m. Elizabeth Althouse; George; Catherine m. Daniel Althouse; and Mary m. Francis Parvin.

George Dunkel, son of George, Sr., and father of Solomon G., was also a farmer on the homestead, where he died aged forty-five years, the father of nine children, as follows: Solomon G.; Ephraim, who died aged about fifty-six years, m. Susanna Price, and had children, Frank, Edgar, Wellington, Damon, Laura, Anna and Kate; Ezra died single; Owen m. Oliva Miller; Frederick is supposed to have died in Texas; George Washington m. Emma Himmelreich, and had children, Laura (m. Wilson Borrell), Alice (m. John Delp), Sadie, and Frederick (m. Laura Bossler); Sarah m. Henry Hartman and had three children, John, Bertha and Nora; Emma m. Abraham Huey and had five children, Oscar, Daniel, Charles, George and Annie; and Susan is unmarried.

Solomon G. Dunkel was reared and educated in Ontelaunee township, where he has resided all of his life. In November, 1860, he m. Sarah Heckman, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Noll) Heckman, and to this union there have been born seven children: George is engaged in trucking and farming; Charles, who operates a hosiery mill, m. Cora Seidel, and they have two children, Solomon Franklin and Sarah Susanna; Annie married Dr. N. C. Dunkberger, a prominent medical practitioner of Kutztown, and has these children, May Bright, Le Roy, Llala and George Addison; Sarah Bertha m. Herbert Stoudt, and is living on a farm; Hettie Victoria and Samuel Winfield are single; and Robert Edward m. Hettie Rothermel. Mr. Dunkel is a Democrat in politics, and has held various township offices. He and his family attend the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Dunkel has been quite active, serving as deacon, elder and in like positions.

HOWARD B. DEYSHER, well known in Mount Penn borough, Berks Co., Pa., where he is residing in his home on Perkiomen avenue, was born Oct. 15, 1864, in Rockland township, son of John G. and Catherine (Barto) Deysher, and grandson of Johannes and Catherine (Griesemer) Deysher, farming people of near Friedensburg, Oley township.

John G. Deysher was born in Oley township in December, 1835, and for many years was engaged in cultivating his father's farm. In 1882 he built a brick house in Friedensburg, into which he moved the following year, and there he has since resided. He works among the farmers in the summer months, and in the winters butchers for them, and is well known and highly respected by the people of his township, who have elected him to positions of honor and trust, he having been a supervisor of Oley township for over twenty years. In political principles he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Friedensburg. During the Civil war Mr. Deysher took up arms in defense of his country, and served bravely and faithfully. On Jan. 25, 1857, Mr. Deysher married Catherine Barto, and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Jan. 25, 1907. Their fifteen children were as follows: Cordelia m. Samuel Wahl, of Fleetwood; Andora m. Calvin Potter, of Stonersville; Oscar, who lives in Reading, m. Ellen Hauck; Nathaniel m. Celia Schlegel, and lives at Fleetwood; John, unmarried, resides at home; Howard B.; Ida m. Irwin Shane, of Griesemersville; Freeman, who lives in Reading, m. Kate Heyt; Edwina m. Theodore Riegner, of Reading; Annie m. George Haas, of Pricetown; Clara died unmarried in 1901, aged twenty-two years; Charles and Mamie are at home; Catherine died young; and a daughter died in infancy.

Howard B. Deysher attended the schools of Oley township until seventeen years of age, when he hired out among the farmers, and continued at that work until he attained his majority. He then worked among the farmers of Exeter township, but later returned to Oley township, and in March, 1902, located in Mount Penn, where he purchased a residence on Perkiomen avenue, which has been his home to the present time. He worked two years for contractor Charles Schlegel, and since that time has worked as molder's helper in Reading. In political matters, Mr. Deysher is a Democrat. He and his family are members of Friedensburg Union Church, he being a Reformed and his wife a Lutheran member.

In 1885 Mr. Deysher married Sarah C. Hartline, born Dec. 29, 1862, daughter of Joshua D. and Elizabeth L. (Clouser) Hartline, and to this union there were born children as follows: William, born Sept. 6, 1885, died Dec. 8, 1903; George H., born Feb. 5, 1887, m. Amelia Reifsnyder, and lives in Reading; Elizabeth H., born Sept. 25, 1888; Catherine H., Aug. 27, 1890; John H., March 29, 1892; Miranda H., Jan. 20, 1894; Earl H., Jan. 26, 1896; Howard H., Feb. 17, 1900 (died Nov. 29, 1903); Ralph H., April 30, 1908; and four others died in infancy.

SOLOMON A. BRUMBACH, a substantial business man of Exeter township, who is one of the operators of the A. J. Brumbach woolen mills at St. Lawrence, was born Aug. 8, 1864, son of A. J. Brumbach, of Reading.

Mr. Brumbach was educated in the public schools of his native locality and at Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa., after leaving which he entered the woolen mills at St. Lawrence, where for twenty years he has been superintendent, having worked his way up from the bottom and he now is familiar with every detail of this great business. He was one of the organizers of the St. Lawrence Water Company, of which he is now president and a director, and is connected with various other business interests of Exeter township. Mr. Brumbach is prominent fraternally, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, Reading Com-

mandery No. 42, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and Washington Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., of St. Lawrence.

On Dec. 13, 1894, Mr. Brumbach married Margaret M. Ermantraut, daughter of Joseph Ermentraut, and to them three children have been born: Marion E., Dorothy E. and Mary, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brumbach are consistent members of Schwartzwald Reformed Church.

ADAM P. SPATZ, building contractor at Wernersville, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, April 17, 1865, son of Jacob H. and Amanda (Horn) Spatz.

Jacob Spatz, his grandfather, was a farmer of Lancaster county, in the vicinity of Adamstown. He married twice, his wives being sisters by the name of Hornberger. By the first union he had five children: John m. a Miss Potteiger; Jacob H.; Catharine m. Peter Holl; Polly married Edward Leed; and Josiah married a Harner. By the second marriage he had two children: Malinda m. Jacob Richard; and Elizabeth died young.

Jacob H. Spatz was born in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, near Adamstown. Before he was of age his father died and the family moved to Heidelberg township—on a farm previously purchased by the father. Jacob H. Spatz died in 1894 at the age of fifty-five years. He married Amanda Horn, daughter of Peter Horn, of Lower Heidelberg, and they had five children: Charles and Catharine died young; Adam P.; Eva m. John Krick, and after his death, William Krick; and Edwin m. Elsie Putt.

Adam P. Spatz was educated in the local schools and learned the trade of carpenter under Reuben Brossman, who afterward became his father-in-law. After completing his apprenticeship he was employed by the Mt. Penn Gravity Railroad Company, to act as foreman in the erection of the "Tower." Upon its completion he worked at his trade for several years, and then engaged in coachmaking at Brownsville, in the northern end of the township. He carried on this business for three years, when he located permanently at Wernersville for the purpose of becoming a building contractor. In this occupation he has been successful up to the present time, covering a period of upward of ten years. During this time he has erected at "Wenrich's Grand View" the elevator tower, solarium, and dairy barn; at Walter's Sanitarium the large six-story stone addition to that already imposing institution; at the State Asylum near Wernersville, a large dormitory and a large infirmary; the Pomeroy residence in Lower Heidelberg; the costly improvements to Gery's country home, "Glen-Gery," in Ontelaunee township; large additions to the Montello Brick Company works at different places; and a number of fine residences in Wernersville. All these show a busy career for so short a time. He employs from twenty to thirty-five hands.

Mr. Spatz officiated as school director of the township for five years, serving as secretary of the board four years; and he has also served as a deacon and elder in Hain's Church for four years.

Mr. Spatz married Eva Brossman, daughter of Reuben Brossman, a farmer of Heidelberg township, and they became the parents of eight children: William, Bessie, Edna, Adam, Alvin, Laura, Mamie and Florence.

THOMAS G. WERLEY, an extensive dealer in live stock, is well known throughout Berks and Schuylkill counties as an expert judge of horses and cattle. He is a resident of Virginville, Richmond township, where he owns a large brick residence, with a fine terrace surrounding it. Mr. Werley was born March 1, 1863, in Albany township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Harriet (Greenawalt) Werley, the former of Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, and the latter of Albany township, Berks county.

Daniel Werley was a tanner by trade, following that occupation in Lehigh county. Later he removed to Albany township, Berks county, where he followed farming until he retired from active work. He married Harriet Greenawalt, and their children were: Susan m. James Hamm, a resident of Weatherly, Pa.; Helen m. Joel W. Miller, of Klinesville, Pa.; Louisa m. Levi Hilbert, of Kutztown; Janetta m. John Greenawalt, of Windsor Castle, Pa.; Thomas G.; Lydia m. Alfred Greenawalt, Lyon Valley, Pa.; Dr. Daniel lives at Jordan, Pa.; and James and Harrison are deceased.

Thomas G. Werley attended the common schools of his native township, and later studied for three terms at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He then engaged in teaching for three terms, after which he took up farming in Greenwich township. In 1888 he removed to Richmond township, where he followed the vocation of farming for six years longer but by this time his business of dealing in live stock had become so extensive that he sold his farm stock, purchased his present property in Virginville, and, moving there, has since devoted all of his time to the buying and selling of horses and cattle. Mr. Werley goes West every few weeks, where he buys carloads of mules, horses and cattle, these being shipped to Virginville, where he has a large sale and exchange stable. He also goes through the country buying and selling stock.

On Jan. 3, 1885, Thomas G. Werley was married to Amelia Kunkel, a native of Lynn township, Lehigh county, daughter of Peter and Fianna (Trexler) Kunkel. The following children were born to this union: one that died in infancy; Kirby D.; Daisy, deceased; Clara; Irvin Peter, deceased; and Florence. Mrs. Werley died March 1, 1901, on Mr. Werley's thirty-eighth birthday anniversary. In the great loss that befell this happy family, Mr. Werley had the heartfelt sympathy of his community. His fervent love for his children caused him not to lose heart, but to battle more resolutely than before. In May, 1905, Miss Cora Hein, daughter of Francis Hein, became Mr. Werley's second wife. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Mabel. Mr. Werley is deeply interested in educational matters, which is best shown by the education which he is giving his children. His son, Kirby D., took a full course in veterinary surgery in the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago, from which he graduated with honors, and won first prize in the examination of his class, making a general average of ninety-six per cent. Miss Clara is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, graduating with honors and serving her class on the Anniversary program of the Philomathian Literary Society, and she is now teaching her third term at Sanderton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Werley very reluctantly consented to become a candidate for school director, and was elected, serving faithfully. During his term a dispute arose concerning the closing of a school because of only very few pupils, and the contestants finally took the matter into the courts, which sustained the action of the directors. Mr. Werley in the face of this trouble was persuaded to become a candidate for re-election, and this he did, being re-elected by an overwhelming vote.

Mr. Werley twice attended the St. Louis Exposition, and the Pan-American Exposition of Buffalo, N. Y. He is a faithful member of Dunkel's Lutheran Church of Greenwich township, and has been an official member of New Bethel Church in Albany township. In politics he is a strong and uncompromising Democrat. He was delegate to a number of county conventions, and is popular with leading party workers. He is a man of strong personality, has hosts of friends, and was urged by strong party men to announce himself as a candidate for sheriff of Berks county. This he did in 1907, and made an active canvass. He had nine competitors, some of them old experienced politicians, but he came out second highest, and will prove a formidable candidate next time. Mr. Werley's reputation for honesty, sobriety and fair dealing with his fellow-men is of the best. He is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens and neighbors, who are best able to judge him correctly.

WILLIAM L. BEECHER, who is the incumbent of an important position in the United States Custom House at Philadelphia, Pa., is a descendant of the well-known Beecher family in America, and traces his ancestors to the Beechers in England. They were noted as "blacksmith-preachers," and Nathaniel Beecher, the first of the family in America, had his anvil set on the stump of a wide-spreading elm under which the famous John Davenport preached his first sermon before the New Haven Colony in Connecticut; and in a direct line the trade was followed by each succeeding generation in this family until 1903, when William L. Beecher's father retired in Berks county.

William Beecher, the grandfather of William L., who was a son of George Beecher who settled in Berks county about 1800, was a blacksmith by trade, and married Sarah Reifsnyder, by whom he had four children, the only survivor of whom is Levi R. Beecher, the father of William L.

Levi R. Beecher, who was for many years a blacksmith of Heidelberg township, where he is now living retired, married Ellen Louise Lake, a native of London, England, where her father carried on the business of a contractor for a time and whence he emigrated to America when she was a young girl. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher became the parents of four children: William L.; John A. m. Elsie Dundor; Katie E. m. Isaac Luckenbill; Howard died young.

William L. Beecher was born Oct. 1, 1870, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., about three miles north of Wernersville. He received his early education in the township schools, and then attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pott's Shorthand College at Williamsport, and the Reading Business College. When fifteen years old, he entered the Reading Hardware Works to learn the trade of molder, and while following this trade was licensed to teach public school. This was in 1889, and he taught for twelve terms, in West Reading, and Perry and Cumru townships, nine terms being in the last named, and during the summer months he worked at his trade.

In the summer of 1900, Mr. Beecher passed a very creditable examination for a position in the Philadelphia Custom House, and May 1, 1901, received an appointment as messenger. After serving in this position several months he was promoted to a clerkship and detailed for duty in the Custodian's office, where he has continued to the present time. His spare time is devoted to photography, entomology and painting. During the past five years, he has visited many battle-fields of the Army of the Potomac in the Civil war, photographing prominent places for the purpose of illustrating a book entitled "From Bull Run to Appomattox," of which he is to be the compiler. He has a fine collection of butterflies at his home, which he secured in his travels and mounted. Mr. Beecher took an active part in the Pennsylvania National Guard for a number of years, having been a sergeant of the Reading Artillerists, and serving as company clerk. He participated in the suppression of the labor troubles in the coal regions in 1900, having been summoned from his school in Cumru township, and was engaged in this service for forty days.

In 1891 Mr. Beecher married Clara S. Moyer, daughter of the late Elias Moyer of Robesonia. One child has been born to this union: Lew Wallace, who is now attending the high school in Philadelphia, preparatory to taking up the study of medicine. He is quite an athlete, has participated in a number of cross-country runs, and at one time, in company with his father, walked from Philadelphia to Reading in less than twelve hours. The father and son have a great fondness for music, both playing the cornet very efficiently, and the son assisting in the orchestras attached to the high school, and Palatinate Reformed Church.

WILLIAM W. FIELD, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Penn township, Berks Co., Pa., who is now acting in the capacity of director of the poor for Berks county, was born in 1851, in North Heidelberg township, son of Elias and Kate (Wenrich) Field, and grandson of William Field.

Elias Field was born in North Heidelberg township, and followed the occupation of a farmer there all of his life, his death occurring in his seventieth year, and his burial taking place at the Corner Church in Heidelberg township. He married Kate Wenrich, and to them were born children as follows: Rebecca died unmarried; William W.; Reuben died at Douglassville; Frank died in Union county; Thomas m. Erebell Knoll, and lives in Womelsdorf; Sybilla m. Albert Fisher, of Robesonia; Emma m. Frank Mattis, of Lebanon county; Kate m. Thomas Egart, of Reading; John lives in Maryland; and a daughter died in infancy.

William Wenrich Field attended the public schools of North Heidelberg township, Heidelberg, Jefferson and Lower Heidelberg, and until twenty-two years old, worked among the farmers of his locality. His first venture on his own account was made in Penn township, where he purchased the Daniel Strause farm of forty-eight acres, to which he added from time to time until he now has 138 acres of excellent land. He purchased forty-nine acres from William Phillips, in Penn township, a property which he has tenanted, and another of thirty-two acres from Samuel Roth, and in addition owns five acres of chestnut woodland in Upper Bern township. He has a fine home, fourteen miles from Reading and about one-quarter of a mile from the "Bagenstose Hotel," and supplies himself with water from a well 134 feet, 3 inches deep, over which is a fine wind pump. For the past thirty-two years he has been agent for the Clarks Cove Fertilizer, and has sold many carloads in his district.

In 1875 Mr. Field married Sarah Strause, daughter of Daniel S. and Rebecca (Berger) Strause, and they have had one child: Ida m. James Vargang, a business man of West Reading, by whom she has one daughter, Eva. Mr. Field is a stanch Democrat in politics, and in addition to having served his township as school director was elected poor director of Berks county in 1907, by a large majority. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 399, P. O. S. of A., of Scull Hill. He is a member of the Bernville Lutheran Church, and a director of the cemetery.

JACOB J. SEIDEL. Among the highly esteemed retired citizens of Shoemakersville, Pa., may be mentioned Jacob J. Seidel, who for some years was engaged in business at that place. He was born Oct. 11, 1849, in Windsor township, Berks county, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Seibert) Seidel.

Henry Seidel, great-grandfather of Jacob J., was born in 1732, in Strasburg, Germany, and in 1751 emigrated to America. He was a redemptioner, and in 1752 on obtaining his freedom located in Reading, participating in the French and Indian war three years later under Captain Hiester. He also served in the Revolutionary war, and during this time his wife and children conducted the farm. In about 1760, Henry Seidel married Elizabeth Rathmacker, and to this union were born: Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip, Jacob, Mary and Margaret.

Jacob Seidel, son of Henry, was born in 1786, and died in 1847. He was an extensive land owner in Windsor township, where his possessions aggregated 287 acres, a great portion of the territory now covered by the town of Shoemakersville being owned by him. He was a substantial citizen and was very influential in his district. He was a member of Zion's Church. Jacob Seidel married Elizabeth Bossler, and they had children: Benjamin; Jacob (m. Mary Fox); Solomon (m. Rebecca Shoemaker); David (m. Leah Haines); Henry (m. Elizabeth Seidel); Daniel (m. Mary Fox); Mary (m. David Moll); Sarah (m. Michael Seibert); Elizabeth (m. Jonathan George); and Amelia (m. Jacob Huey).

Benjamin Seidel, son of Jacob, born Sept. 11, 1811, was a farmer on the Seidel homestead, situated southeast of the village of Shoemakersville, this tract consisting of 180 acres of land, which he owned. He was a successful man

and prominent in his time, serving the district as school director and auditor. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Seidel and his family were connected with the Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination, and he helped to build the church in 1852, being one of the board of trustees. He died Feb. 9, 1881. On Jan. 13, 1846, he married Catherine Seibert, born Oct. 17, 1815, daughter of Jacob Seibert, of Jackson township, Lebanon county. She died April 22, 1900, the mother of children as follows: Alfred S., a business man of Reading, m. Helen Loose; Jacob J.; and Monroe S. m. Hannah Reber.

Jacob J. Seidel obtained his education in the local schools and at the Quaker Seminary at Carversville, Bucks county, after leaving which he was successfully engaged in school teaching for some years in Greenwich, Perry and Upper Bern townships. For four years he operated on the old Seidel homestead in Windsor township, leaving that occupation to spend several years in Ohio. He returned in 1880, and followed cigarmaking for ten years in Shoemakersville, and was then a salesman for some years. The last few years he has lived retired. Mr. Seidel is a Democrat in his political belief, and served the township of Perry as auditor for fifteen years.

In 1872 Mr. Seidel was married to Malinda Mengel, daughter of Samuel Mengel. No children were born to this union.

DANIEL H. ROTHERMEL, formerly a prosperous farmer in Richmond township, was one of the prominent and substantial citizens of this section. He was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Jacob Rothermel, and he died on his valuable farm of 150 acres, in 1885, aged thirty-nine years.

The earliest known ancestor of the old and honored family of Rothermel was Johannes Rothermel (also spelled Rodearmel). He was born in 1688, at Wachbach, and in 1730 crossed the Atlantic, dying en route to America. In his native land he married Sybilla Zimmerman, who bore him these children: Anna Maria m. Peter Fetherolf, a native of Wachbach, and they were the progenitors of the representative and intellectual Fetherolf family of Lehigh and surrounding counties and many of their descendants are professional people; Lawrence, born in 1738, settled in Windsor township, Berks county, and left many descendants; Paul settled in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; Peter; John, born in 1722, had a son, Jacob, whose son David had a son Lewis, born in 1837, who is the father of Prof. A. C. Rothermel (the honored principal of the Keystone State Normal School), Silas (an attorney), and Lewis (a physician); and Christian had children, Margaret, Sybilla, Magdalena, Amanda, Peter and John. It was this Peter Rothermel, who was the famous artist, who painted the "Battle of Gettysburg." Peter F., son of Peter, was once district attorney of Philadelphia.

Peter Rothermel, the fourth son of the ancestor, and the great-grandfather of the late Daniel H., in 1737 became the owner of 100 acres, and one year later acquired 250 acres of land. In 1743 he purchased 100 acres more, and thus became one of the largest land owners of this section. His property was all valuable, lying in the bottoms along Maxatawny creek, in Berks county. His children were: Daniel, Peter, Margaret, and Abraham. Some of them went far from home, and became the founders of families of the name in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Peter Rothermel, son of Peter and grandfather of Daniel H., was born in 1773, and died in 1856. His wife was Magdalena Iager and they had the following children: Maria, born in 1796; Catherine, in 1797; Daniel, in 1799; Susanna, in 1801; Peter, in 1802 (afflicted with blindness); Sarah, in 1805; Anna, in 1808; Jacob, in 1811; John, in 1812 (the father of Hon. John H. Rothermel, who was elected in 1907, a member of Congress, from the Berks and Lehigh Congressional District); Hannah, in 1814; Elizabeth, in 1816; and Abraham, in 1822 (died in 1904, the father of Hon. Abraham Rothermel, formerly district attorney of Berks county).

Jacob Rothermel, father of Daniel H., was born Jan. 14, 1811, and died June 10, 1888. His occupation was farming. He married twice, (first) a Miss Hoch and (second) a Mrs. Kauffman. His children were: Daniel H., Samuel, Amos, James, Mary, Esther and Catherine.

Daniel H. Rothermel was a man of business enterprise and of worthy citizenship. In connection with his farming industries he dealt extensively in horses. This business he thoroughly understood, and made it a success. At the time of his death he was able to leave his widow and children a large estate, the former of whom has since resided in a comfortable and attractive home on Main street, Fleetwood. Since 1901, the farm has been under the management of his son, Horace D. Mr. Rothermel was much interested in the cause of education in general and to his own children he gave advantages far beyond the ordinary, and thus prepared them for whatever might be their chosen field of labor.

In 1870, Daniel H. Rothermel was married to Deborah De Turk, who is a daughter of the late Daniel and Deborah (Knabb) De Turk, former residents of Oley township. Mr. and Mrs. De Turk had the following children: Esther m. (first) David Baer, (second) Samuel Melot; Sarah m. Lewis J. De Turk; Deborah; Abraham m. (first) Alice Herbein, (second) Catherine Bertolett; Ezra m. Alice Merkel; and Horace died aged twenty-four years.

To Daniel H. Rothermel and wife were born six children, namely: Clayton D., Elmer D., Ella D., Deborah D., Horace D., and Daniel J. Clayton D. is a graduate of the Baltimore Medical School and is engaged in medical practice at Philadelphia. Elmer D. married Hannah Schaeffer, and they have one daughter, Mabel. Ella D., residing with her mother, is a lady of literary culture and many accomplishments. She is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1895, and also of Neff's School of Literary Interpretation, of Philadelphia, class of 1901. Deborah D., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1897, married Augustus P. Merkel, an implement merchant and machinist, residing at Fleetwood, and their two children, Mary and William, both died in infancy. Horace D., born Feb. 5, 1879, manages the homestead in Richmond township; in 1900 he m. Emma R. Schaeffer, and they have one daughter, Elda S. Daniel J., a graduate from a school of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, is located in that city.

JACOB BAGENSTOSE, a highly esteemed retired agriculturist of Bern township, Berks county, who is acting in the capacity of school director of West Leesport borough, was born in Centre township, May 22, 1849, son of William and Margaret (Snyder) Bagenstose.

Ulrich Bagenstose, ancestor of the Bagenstose family of Berks county, was probably a passenger on one of the ships that brought Swiss emigrants to Philadelphia in 1743. These emigrants followed the waters of the Schuylkill river until they came to what is now Centre township, Berks county. This district was formerly a part of old Bern township, and among the list of taxables in 1752, we find the name of this pioneer settler. His long will is on record in Will Book B, p. 347, in which he disposes of a very large estate. It is written in English, the signature alone being in German "Ulrich Backenstoss." The document was made Nov. 20, 1793, and was entered for probate Jan. 20, 1794, therefore it is evident that his death occurred between those two dates. In item No. 1 in the will he makes abundant provision for his wife Catherine, among the things mentioned being: "Plenty of grapes from the one-acre vineyard; flax; one gallon apple-jack; one gallon rum; plenty of potatoes; plenty of cider and vinegar; plenty of winter apples and wood; plenty of everything she needs." This she was to receive annually, in addition to money and a home. Other items were: son John to receive the plantation; son Henry to receive the plantation in Bethel township, Dauphin (now Lebanon) county; and Jacob to receive the other plantation of 100 acres situated in Bethel township. The will, which also mentioned children Elizabeth, Susanna, Catherine Eckel

and Christina Moyer, was witnessed by Jacob Runkel and Jacob Himmelberger, and the executors were John Bagenstose and George Sharff.

John Bagenstose, the grandfather of Jacob, was born on the homestead farm in Centre township, and lived near Garfield P. O. all of his life, engaged in blacksmithing and farming. He was the owner of two properties, consisting of 150 and 160 acres respectively, and was a substantial and influential citizen. Mr. Bagenstose and his family were members of Belleman's Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation. He was married to Elizabeth Himmelberger, and they had these children: John, who died young; Jacob, Samuel; Jonah (Jonathan); Rebecca; Kate; John (2); Sallie; William and Benneville.

William (better known as Willhelm) Bagenstose, father of Jacob, was born in what is now Centre township, Berks county, July 3, 1814, and died Jan. 25, 1899. He was a farmer, and owned four tracts of land: one of 155 acres in Centre township; one in Bern township of 135 acres; another of 125 acres in Centre township; and sixteen acres of woodland at the Blue Mountains in Tilden township. He was an able business man and highly esteemed citizen, and one of the leading workers in the Democratic party in his section. With his family he attended Belleman's Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination. Mr. Bagenstose was married to Margaret Snyder, who was born Nov. 4, 1814, and died Dec. 27, 1899, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Klopp) Snyder, and they had these ten children: Sarah m. Jonah Spade; Keziah; Samuel S., born April 3, 1841, and now a retired farmer residing at West Leesport, m. May 3, 1862, Diana Loose, and has children, Clara, Ida, Saloma, Morris and Samuel; Catherine m. a Speicher; Isaac; Jacob; Ellen m. Cyrus Davis; Emma m. Cyrus Kauffman; Mary m. Howard Dietrich; and William.

Jacob Bagenstose was reared to agricultural pursuits, and until thirty-five years old worked for his parents, at which time he took to farming the old homestead, where he continued until 1899. He then erected a handsome brick residence on Main street, West Leesport borough, where he has since lived retired. Mr. Bagenstose is the owner of the old homestead in Centre township, which consists of 176 acres, and the present barn thereon was built by his grandfather, John, in 179—, the house being erected by his father in 1830. Mr. Bagenstose is a Democrat, and since 1901 he has served as a member of the board of school directors of West Leesport, having served as president thereof for some time. He is in comfortable circumstances and is the guardian of the late Isaac Bagenstose's children, his nephews and nieces. Mr. Bagenstose and his family are Lutheran members of Belleman's Union Church, in which he was a deacon in 1892, and at present is an elder.

On Dec. 25, 1885, Mr. Bagenstose married Katie Lengel, daughter of Levi and Catherine (Dundore) Lengel, whose children are: Nathaniel, of North Heidelberg; Emma m. William Kallbach; Tillie m. Adam Bohn; and Katie m. Mr. Bagenstose.

The grandparents of Mrs. Bagenstose were Jacob and Elizabeth (Reedy) Lengel, and their children were: Elias, a resident of Iowa; Benneville, of North Heidelberg; Joshua, of Millbach, Lebanon county; Jared, of Millersburg; Levi; Percival, of Spring township; Rebecca m. George Snyder; Amelia m. Harrison Geiss; and Isabella m. John Gaul.

AUGUSTUS L. WENTZEL, a prominent and influential citizen of Lower Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., where he owns and operates one of the best truck farms in the State, was born Sept. 20, 1842, in Alsace (now Lower Alsace) township, son of Jesse B. and Sarah (Lindenmuth) Wentzel.

John Wentzel, grandfather of Augustus L., was a farmer of Alsace township, and was the father of these children: Samuel, a carpenter and builder, married a Miss Keller, and they had children, Henry, Augustus, Frank, Wilson, Samuel, Savilla and Ida; John died single; Daniel, a farmer of Lower Alsace township, m. Mary Flickinger, and had children, Daniel, Mary, Amelia, Maria, Jerre, Augustus and Israel; Jerre, a tailor and later a hotel clerk, m. a Miss Leinbach, of Muhlenberg township, and they had six children, Thomas, Dallas, Frederick, Jane, Mary and Amelia; Harry, a tailor at Reading, m. Angeline Heineman, and they had three children, Henry, Jane and Clara; Jacob, a shoemaker at Philadelphia, m. a Miss Seidel, and they had one daughter, Hettie; Solomon, a tailor at Reading, m. Catherine Houder, and they had seven children, Frank, Solomon, Emma, Clara, Harry, Howard and Ellen; Hettie m. Abraham Kline, a cooper of Reading, and had four children, Henry (a plumber), Emma (m. William Heckman), Hettie (m. Nathan Rohrbach), and Amanda (m. a Mr. Lerch); Jesse B.; Mrs. Hartman, and Mrs. Ziebner.

Jesse B. Wentzel, father of Augustus L., was born Feb. 22, 1813, in Alsace (now Lower Alsace) township, and in early life was a carpenter and builder. In 1849 he engaged in trucking and purchased a farm, which he cultivated the remainder of his life. Mr. Wentzel married Sarah Lindenmuth, and to them the following children were born: Jonathan m. (first) Anna Madeira, deceased, and (second) Mary ————; Malinda m. Albert Burket, a brick layer at Reading, and has nine children,—Thomas, Harry, Sallie, Kate, Anna, Maggie, Nora, Bessie and Lillie; Sarah m. Charles Nagle, a blacksmith at Reading, where both died, and had four children, William, Emma, Ida and Hettie; Emma m. Harrison Hinnershitz, formerly a miller and now a dealer in flour, feed and coal at Mt. Penn, Pa., and has eleven children—Llewellyn, Charles, Edward, Clarence, Sallie, Laura, Emma, Maggie, Jennie, Esther and Harry; Augustus L.; Henry, a cabinet maker, died some years ago leaving one daughter, Lizzie (m. Irvin Eames); Frank, deceased, m. Ellen Reifsnyder, who survives him, and they had children, Harry, Ida, Zadie, George, Florence, Sallie, Emma, Catherine, Hettie, Elmer, Walter, Samuel and Helen.

Augustus L. Wentzel was reared at the home in which he now resides and was educated in the district schools, after leaving which he assisted his father in the work upon the farm. In 1871 he succeeded his father in business for twenty years, and after the latter's death managed it for the estate for one year. He subsequently purchased the main farm, and several years later, when the mother died, he bought that part of the property. Mr. Wentzel is still in possession of the old deeds and conveyances from the time his father bought the original tract, which at that time represented nothing more than an almost impenetrable wilderness. Where once was acre after acre of wild, unexplored timberland are now fertile fields crossed by miles of trolley lines; each farmer's home is equipped with the telephone and other modern conveniences, and the dense wilderness that was has given way before the march of civilization. Mr. Wentzel's property, which is one of the finest truck farms in the State, is supplied not only with the water found there, but also with Mt. Penn borough water. He and his family attend the Reformed Church. In political matters he is a Republican, and for three years was township auditor, although at no time has he ever sought office.

On Dec. 23, 1865, Mr. Wentzel was married to Hettie G. Price, daughter of Reuben and Angeline (Guldin) Price, who were residents of Jacksonwald, Exeter township. Nine children were born to this union: Katie, born June 18, 1866, died Nov. 10, 1870; Ellen, born Feb. 13, 1868, m. (first) John Meck, had one child, Clinton, and (second) Amos Wilder, and had three children, Viola, Nettie and Minnie; Maggie, born June 1, 1869, m. Charles Scholl, a dentist of Reading, and has three children, Esther, Dorothy and Carl; Anna, born Feb. 1, 1871, married John Kock, deceased, and had children, Pearl, Myrtle, Daisy, Clytia, Leah, Charles and Sarah; Charles, born July 19, 1872, died April 19, 1885; Harry, born Feb. 25, 1874, died April 19, 1885; Rosa, born June 28, 1875, m. (first) Harry Eisenbrown, deceased, had two children,

Robert and Mildred, and (second) Samuel Eisenbrown, of the Eisenbrown Marble Works, a brother of her first husband, and they have two children, Arthur and Marie Christine; Sallie, born Sept. 23, 1878, m. Charles Yeager, an engraver of Reading; and Emma, born Feb. 7, 1880, died young.

Mrs. Wentzel died April 19, 1889, aged forty-one years, twelve days, and for his second wife Mr. Wentzel married, Sept. 20, 1890, Miss Amanda Weidener, daughter of William and Emma (Himmelreich) Weidener. To this union there were born children as follows: Jessie, June 8, 1891; Augustus W., Sept. 2, 1892; and Amy, Dec. 14, 1893.

The following is an account taken from a local newspaper, which describes the sad accident that threw a great shadow over Mr. Wentzel's life: "On Sunday morning, April 19, 1885, a small outbuilding on the property of Augustus L. Wentzel was burned. At the time of the occurrence the two sons of Mr. Wentzel, Charles and Harry, and two workmen named Hettinger were sleeping there, and they perished in the flames. Daniel W. Noll, a weak-minded son of a neighbor, was arrested for the deed, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity," whereupon he was taken to an insane asylum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This awful accident produced a profound sensation and moved the hearts of the entire community. The funeral services, conducted at Zion's Church, were attended by a multitude of sympathizing people from all parts of the county.

ISAAC Y. BEIDLER, one of the venerable citizens of Sinking Spring, Berks county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born Jan. 21, 1826, in Cumru township, son of John and Magdalena (Yost) Beidler.

Conrad Beidler, his great-grandfather, was an extensive landowner and farmer of Cumru township, where he died in 1800, at a ripe old age. Two children are mentioned in his will: John and Peter, the latter the grandfather of Isaac Y.

Peter Beidler was born in Cumru township Oct. 3, 1768, and died June 12, 1805; he was buried at Hain's Church. On March 6, 1792, he married Barbara Spohn, and to them were born five sons and one daughter: (1) Wilhelm, born Dec. 12, 1792, died Nov. 20, 1795. (2) John was a farmer in Cumru township. (3) Henry, born May 13, 1798, died Feb. 22, 1869. He lived near Sinking Spring, where he is buried. On June 2, 1817, he married Maria Biehl (born May 16, 1799, died Oct. 13, 1859) and they had seven sons and three daughters, John Christian (1822-1871) being one of them. (4) Conrad was the owner of land at Poplar Neck, in Cumru township. (5) Rebecca was the wife of Jacob Biehl, of Kutztown, Pa. (6) Christian.

John Beidler, father of Isaac Y., was born in Cumru township May 18, 1794, and died Aug. 18, 1870. He was a farmer for about forty years in his native township, but in later life removed to Reading, where he died. He was a man of considerable means and was well known and very influential in his day. He married Magdalena Yost, who died in 1888, in her ninety-sixth year, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Hershey) Yost, of Cumru township. Mr. and Mrs. Beidler had these children: Jeremiah; Conrad Y., born June 17, 1820, died June 14, 1883, who married in 1844 Catherine Spohn, and they had one daughter, Sarah Ann, who married William P. High; Isaac Y.; Mary Ann, who married Samuel Brobst of Hamburg, Pa., and Abraham, who in early life was a farmer and like his father removed to Reading, where he died.

Isaac Y. Beidler attended school in the old academy at Seventh and Chestnut streets, Reading, and among those who studied with him under Professor Middlemiss may be mentioned Henry Felix, Peter Schearer, the late Judge George Bruckman and John Fredericks. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, working on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, at which time he engaged in driving a cart in Reading, whither his parents had moved. In 1848, with George Breiner, Mr. Beidler formed a partnership under the firm name of Breiner & Beidler, engaging in the shoe business at the present site of Whitner's large department store for a period of five years. At the end of that time Mr. Beidler resumed farming, taking up a tract of ninety acres at the Cacoosing Mill, which he cultivated for five years. He then removed to Sinking Spring, where he conducted a shoe store until 1862, when he was drafted into the Union army. Mr. Beidler was a sergeant in the 167th Pa. V. I., Colonel Knoderer, and served nine months and two weeks, during which time he participated in the siege of Richmond, and the various engagements of the Army of the Potomac, being mustered out of the service Aug. 12, 1863. He has an excellent army record, and was always known as a faithful and willing soldier.

Since his return from the war Mr. Beidler has led a partly retired life, occasionally doing contract work. He has a little over two acres of ground, which he cultivates and which serves to keep him busy and give him exercise. During a long life of thrift and usefulness he has accumulated a handsome competence, and is considered one of the substantial men of Spring township. He owns considerable real estate, including two houses in Reading and nine residences in addition to the old homestead in Sinking Spring, the latter being his home; he purchased the house in which he lives from David McKnight and Nicholas Jones, men well known in the early history of Berks county. He and his estimable wife have seen many changes during their long residence in Berks county, the latter often remarking on the great changes time will bring, especially when she remembers making linen from flax which was brought in from the field, and which she broke and dried herself. Mr. Beidler is a man of fine presence and careful of his personal appearance, and is very well preserved for his age. He has traveled to quite an extent, one of his many trips being to Florida. He and Mrs. Beidler are well known in their community, where they are respected and esteemed by all. They are Reformed members of St. John's Church, of Sinking Spring, which Mr. Beidler joined in 1845, and of which he has been a deacon. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, was assessor of Spring township in 1866, and from 1875 to 1878 was a poor director of the county, his associates in office being Jonathan Herbein and George Heckman. He holds membership in Lodge No. 660, I. O. O. F., at Sinking Spring, having been formerly a member of Salome Lodge, No. 105, I. O. O. F., at Reading, which he joined in 1850.

On Aug. 31, 1847, Mr. Beidler was married to Katie Ann Houder, born Sept. 11, 1830, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Ruth) Houder, of Heidelberg township, and granddaughter of Solomon and Catherine (Potteiger) Houder.

DANIEL YODER KNABB, who died in 1887, was born in 1804, the eldest son of Jacob and Hannah (Yoder) Knabb, the latter the daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Oyster) Yoder.

The Knabb family was founded in America by Michael Knabb, who was born at Pfeldesheim, Bavaria, April 17, 1717, and emigrated to America in 1737, with two brothers, John and Peter, the former of whom died single in the forty-eighth year of his age, while the latter died when seventy-four years old, having many descendants in Berks county. Michael Knabb m. Eva Magdalena Seltzer, only child of Jacob and Elizabeth Seltzer, of Heidelberg township. They became the parents of the following children: Nicholas, Peter, Jacob, Daniel, Susan, Sarah, Catherine and Mary. Michael Knabb died June 17, 1778, and he and his brothers are buried in the family burying ground in Oley township.

Jacob Knabb, the third son of Michael, was born in Oley township in 1771. In 1800 he married Hannah Yoder, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Oyster) Yoder. They moved to Union township, on the property now owned and occupied by Morris De Turk. He died in February, 1825, and his wife in August, 1824. Their children were: Daniel Y.; George, born in 1807; Margaret, in 1810;

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Catherine, in 1812; Hannah, in 1814; and Jacob, in 1817.

The Yoders are descended from John Yoder, who settled in Oley township in 1720, having emigrated from Switzerland with his wife and six children. John Yoder, Jr., son of John, married a Shenkel, and among their children were: Daniel; and Jacob, who moved to Ohio, and was the first person to go down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in a flat boat.

Daniel Yoder, son of John, Jr., married Margaret Oyster, and their children were: Hannah m. Jacob Knabb; Daniel; Martin; Catherine; Mary; John; Margaret; and David.

Daniel Yoder Knabb was married in 1855 to Malinda C. Armpriester, who was born July 22, 1827, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Cleaver) Armpriester, granddaughter of Jonathan Armpriester, and great-granddaughter of Matthias Armpreister. The Armpreisters are all buried at Amityville.

The children born to Daniel Y. and Malinda C. Knabb were as follows: (1) Franklin B., born March 9, 1857, married Miss Catherine Bush, who died Aug. 24, 1897, and is buried at Birdsboro. They had children: Arthur L. m. Rachael Wilson, and has a daughter, Dorothy E.; Clara m. George W. Clark, and has three children, Dorothy, Hilda and Robert. (2) David Y., born April 27, 1858, m. Emma Himmelberger, and has one daughter, Lydia. (3) Ida A., born Dec. 30, 1859, died Sept. 18, 1862. (4) Catherine D., born Feb. 6, 1861, died July 24, 1879. (5) Ella R., born Nov. 24, 1862, m. D. B. Derr, has two children, Mabel and Raymond, and resides in Reading. (6) Howard M., born Jan. 19, 1864, m. Annie Espenshade, and has one daughter, Marguerite. (7) Anna, born May 2, 1865, m. Irvin L. March, and has one son, Paul. (8) Malinda A., born June 15, 1866, m. G. Washington Hook, and has four children, Dora, Lee, Gail and Martha. (9) Sara K., born in 1867, lives with her mother. (10) Lillian M., born Jan. 24, 1869, m. William Mock, and has two sons, Frank and Howard. (11) Louisa A., born Dec. 7, 1870, m. Charles Herflicker, and has three children, William, Leanna and Marguerite.

Although Mrs. Knabb has passed her eightieth birthday, her memory is remarkable, and she takes a great interest in all that is transpiring, being a great reader. Her beautiful home is situated on the public road leading from Birdsboro to Monocacy. This was the property of Daniel Harrison, and was purchased by Mr. Knabb in 1867. Mrs. Knabb is one of the township's most venerable ladies, and is esteemed and beloved by all who know her.

WILSON M. RAHN, a highly respected citizen and property owner in Kutztown and in Richmond and Ruscombmanor townships, resided on Leibelsperger's farm at Moselem Springs, Berks county, for a period of twenty-two years. He was born June 17, 1851, in Maxatawny township on one of the Rahn farms.

Jacob Rahn, Sr., great-great-grandfather of Wilson M., was born Aug. 8, 1728, and he became a property owner in Ontelaunee township. He married a widow, Margaritha, born in 1714, and they had two sons.

Jacob Rahn, Jr., son of Jacob, Sr., was born July 16, 1757. He owned land in Ontelaunee township. His wife, Elizabeth Schneiderin, was born Aug. 26, 1765, and they had eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Jonathan Rahn, grandfather of Wilson M., was born July 17, 1796, and was an early settler of Maxatawny township. He was a large land owner, having four farms containing over 400 acres of the richest land in the township, most of this property still being in the possession of his descendants. He was a most honored and respected citizen. He and his family were prominent members of St. John's Reformed Church at Kutztown. In politics he was a Democrat, but never held office, being too busily engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He married Elizabeth Kutz, daughter of Daniel Kutz, of Maxatawny township, and they had these children: Jacob; John; William; Eliza, wife of Nathan Biber; Sallie, wife of Daniel Kohler; Charles; Mary, wife of August Geiger; James, who died in 1868; Isaac, who resides in Allentown, Lehigh county; and Hettie, wife of Henry Young, deceased.

William K. Rahn, father of Wilson M., is a prominent citizen of Maxatawny township, owning a farm of 114 acres of Maxatawny's best land, as well as 100 acres in Greenwich township, which is tenanted by his son William. He was married in 1850 to Caroline S. Merkel, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Sheradin) Merkel, substantial and early settlers of Richmond township, and these children were born to the union: Wilson M.; Franklin C., living at home; William, operating his father's farm in Greenwich township; Calvin M., a grocer of Philadelphia; Louisa, wife of William Bieber, of Reading; Daniel and Clara, at home; Nicholas M., a machinist of Kutztown, Pa.; Emma M., at home; James, a farmer af Maxatawny township; Jacob, a machinist of Kutztown; Katie, wife of Daniel Schucker, of Oakbrook, Pa.; and Fred M., a machinist, residing in Maxatawny township. Mrs. William Rahn, the mother of these children, died in 1900, in her seventy-first year, just three days after the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage, at which all of her children were present.

Wilson M. Rahn worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years of age, attending the public schools of his native township, and later studying at the Kutztown State Normal school. In 1876, he married Miss Lenora C. Machmer, daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Gift) Machmer, of Leesport, Pa.; and to them were born these children: Howard, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School and Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, is a bookkeeper for a prominent firm in the latter city; Cora m. Howard Bieler, a farmer of East Greenville, Montgomery county; Lewis M., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is now teacher of a grammar school at East Greenville; Clara m. Samuel Brancher, a farmer of Richmond township; Alfred M., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is now a senior in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, intending later to study for the ministry in the Theological Seminary of the same institution; Robert M., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, and afterward a teacher in Richmond township, is now a student of Pennsylvania State College, in the class of 1911; Gertie M.; Nicholas M. is a student of the Keystone State Normal, in the class of 1910; and Edna M. is at home.

In 1877 Wilson M. Rahn began farming on his father's land in Greenwich township, where he lived for eight years, and in 1885, he began operations on the Leibelsperger farm, where he farmed until March, 1907. He then retired and bought a fine brick house and lot on Noble street, Kutztown, and now resides there. He owns 102 acres of some of the best land in Richmond township, has substantial buildings thereon, and in every respect has a modern, well-cultivated farm; and he also owns a tract of wood land in Ruscombmanor township. Mr. Rahn and his family are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a delegate to numerous county conventions, and his vote decided the nomination, and ultimate election, of the late Daniel Ermentrout to Congress, when he was a candidate for that office the first time. In later years Congressman Ermentrout often stated that Mr. Rahn's vote caused a stampede in his favor, and that his political success in a great measure was due to that act.

WILLIAM S. RIESER, a highly respected citizen and retired farmer of Bern township, was born in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 5, 1841, son of Daniel and Catherine (Stoudt) Rieser.

Johan Jacob Rieser, great-grandfather of William S., was an early settler in this section.

Abraham Rieser, son of Johan Jacob, was born Aug. 16, 1781, and died July 9, 1857, aged seventy-five years, ten months and twenty-three days. He was married (first) Aug. 6, 1808, to Sarah Yrich, born Aug. 20, 1784, who died Nov. 23, 1822. He married (second) Anna Maria Yrich. His remains, as well as those of his two wives, rest in the burial ground at Bern Church. Abraham Rieser became a man of prominence in Bern township, where he acquired 350 acres of valuable land. He built the first Rieser mill in Bern township and operated it for many years. After retiring to his farm he improved it greatly, erecting all the buildings on the property now owned by his grandson, William S., and also all the buildings on the farm which was long owned by Jacob Rieser, and which is now owned by William Schlappich. The children of Abraham Rieser and his wife were: Daniel; Jacob and Jonathan both died in Bern township; Franklin, a physician residing at Reading, is the only survivor of that generation of the family; Mary m. John Bucks; Sarah m. Jacob Gerhart; and Hettie m. Washington Leinbach.

Daniel Rieser, father of William S., was born Dec. 18, 1808, and died Jan. 5, 1888, aged seventy-nine years and eighteen days. He was a well-known miller and a successful farmer. He bought 130 acres of the homestead farm, selling five acres later for a quarry. He owned also a farm of fifty-four acres on which he built a house and barn, and a farm of 225 acres in Spring township. He retired from active life a few years before his death. He was a worthy member of Epler's Reformed Church, in which he was an elder for twelve years, had also served as a deacon, was a member of the church building committee, and at all times was liberal in the cause of religion. He married Catherine Stoudt, daughter of Jacob Stoudt. She was born June 28, 1811, and died March 28, 1896, aged eighty-four years, nine months. They had two sons, William S. and Cyrus S., the latter of whom died aged forty-one years. His surviving children are: Pearson, George and Cora.

William S. Rieser attended the old subscription schools in childhood and later the district schools. In 1865 he began farming where he now resides, and continued until 1897, when he retired from active work. The old buildings erected by his grandfather still stand but he added to and remodeled them to suit modern ways of living. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of Epler's Reformed Church, and has been one of its elders since 1901.

William S. Rieser married Elizabeth Hahn, daughter of Daniel and Mary Hahn, and they have four children, as follows: (1) Irvin, residing in Bern township, married Emma Bucks, and has one child, Esther. (2) Jennie m. William Dietrich, residing in Centre township, and they have children, Florence, Helen, Paul, John, William, Carrie, Laura, Annie, Edna, and Wayne. (3) Edwin C., a stenographer and book-keeper, is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, afterward taking a post-graduate course at Perkiomen Seminary. While attending Pennsylvania State College he was a member of the class of 1905. He m. Edna S. Becker. (4) Harry H., the farmer on the old homestead, m. Carrie Spatz and they have one son, Arthur. They are all respected and representative people of Bern township.

JAMES L. GLASE, wholesale merchant at Philadelphia, was born at Friedensburg, Berks county, Jan. 10, 1855, and was brought up on his father's farm. He was educated in the township school, and in Oley Academy. Upon quitting school he assisted his father on the farm, and from 1875 to 1880, besides working on the farm, taught public schools, four terms at Oley, and one in Ruscombmanor. Then, being inclined toward a mercantile life, he entered the general store of E. S. Bear, at Friedensburg, and after remaining there as a clerk until January 1, 1882, he went to Philadelphia to become a traveling salesman in the wholesale dry goods business under his uncle, Peter W. Glase, who was connected with the firm of George A. Smith & Co., successors of the old firm of James, Kent, Santee & Co., on North Third street, and he continued with this firm until they retired. He then traveled for Howett, Glase & Co. for four years, Hall, Swoyer, Glase & Co. three years, and Hall, Glase & Co., for three years. Then the last named firm was reorganized as Glase, Hall & Co., and he was admited as a member of the firm, his uncle being the senior partner. This was at Nos. 405-407 Market street in 1904. On Feb. 3, 1906, the place was destroyed by fire, but they, in a week's time, resumed business at No. 513 Market street, where they have continued to the present time. Their trade extends throughout the United States, but more especially the Eastern and Middle States.

In 1889 Mr. Glase was married to Matilda Forster, daughter of Ferdinand Forster, of Philadelphia, and they have a daughter, Helen.

His father was William Glase, a farmer of Friedensburg, who married Hannah Leinbach, daughter of Benjamin Leinbach, of Oley; and by her he had a number of children, those surviving being Peter L., who married Anna Hill; Sarah; Hannah, who married Calvin Manwiller; and James L., above mentioned.

His grandfather was Peter L. Glase, also a farmer of Oley.

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HENRY M. SULLENBERGER, a truck farmer and representative man of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Millersburg, Berks Co., Pa., in Bethel township, April 9, 1849, son of Samuel and Sarah (Miller) Sullenberger, and grandson of Samuel, Sr., and Maria (Albright) Sullenberger.

Samuel Sullenberger, Sr., became the father of the following children: John; Joseph; Abraham and Samuel, all of whom lived in Cumberland county. The Sullenberger family name has been upon the records of Cumberland county for over a century. Like many of the early settlers, the Sullenbergers came from Lancaster county. John Sullenberger, a brother of Samuel, Sr., was a resident of that portion of Allen township, now Monroe, as early as 1799, record appearing of that date taxing him for both real and personal property. Therefore it is reasonable to suppose that he had settled there prior to 1799, for the records show that on May 21, 1795, Michael Ege conveyed to John Sullenberger 132 acres of land adjoining lands of George Brinkel, Samuel Irvine and heirs of James Crockett. This land lies on the eastern slope of the Stony Ridge in Monroe township, and is still in the family.

Samuel Sullenberger, Jr., was born Oct. 17, 1803, in Cumberland county, and when a young man he clerked in a general store. Later he became a teacher and taught school for twenty-one years in Berks county, in both Bethel and North Heidelberg townships, continuing in harness until two years prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1860, in Maiden-creek township, when he was fifty-six years old. His remains are interred at Shoemakersville Union church. His wife Sarah was a daughter of John Miller, of Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks county. Her death took place in April, 1894, when she was eighty-one years old. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sullenberger were: Mary, widow of Francis Reber, living at Newark, N. J.; Sarah, who married William Keim, and resides at No. 538 Eleventh street, Reading, Pa.; Rebecca, who married William Wolfe, of Shoemakersville; Henry M.; William, of Philadelphia; and Emma, who married James Kerscher of Reading.

Henry M. Sullenberger attended the schools of Bethel township, and for one session in Silver Spring township, Cumberland county. He worked among the farmers until he attained his majority, when he began teaching school during

the winter, continuing his farm work in the summer. Thus he continued for twelve years, and he then engaged in boating on the canal. In 1892 he purchased his present property, where he still resides. From his house can be obtained the best view of the surrounding country to be found in all of Berks county. Reading can be plainly seen, as well as the beautiful stretch of Lebanon Valley. Many visit his home to enjoy this charming view. Mr. Sullenberger conducts his property as a truck farm, attending the Reading markets, his stand being No. 136 at Ninth and Buttonwood streets, and he enjoys a large trade. His industry and business ability have placed him in his present position, while his pleasant manner has won him many friends.

In politics Mr. Sullenberger is a Republican, and served as county committeeman for four years, and is now township supervisor, acting as secretary of the board. Much of his time has been given to his township, he being a public-spirited man, deeply interested in the development and improvement of his community. For many years he has been a member of Epler's Lutheran church, of which he is elder, and in younger days he was very active in Sunday-school work.

In 1871 Mr. Sullenberger married Miss Henrietta E. Kleinginna, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Haak) Kleinginna. Their children are: Carrie, who married Robert Shearer and resides in Muhlenberg township; Rev. John K. a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1892; Samuel, at home; William, who died in 1885 aged five years.

The Rev. John K. Sullenberger taught school for three terms, and then attended Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in 1898. Later he attended Mount Airy Seminary at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1901, and he is now in charge of Grace Lutheran church at Allentown, Pa., being generally recognized as a young man of great promise, and an earnest and devout clergyman.

CALVIN D. SHOLLENBERGER, a highly esteemed citizen and prominent agriculturist of Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., was born Oct. 10, 1855, in Rockland township, son of Jonas M. and Mary (Dry) Shollenberger.

John Shollenberger, grandfather of Calvin D., owned and resided on the Shollenberger homestead near Fleetwood, in Richmond township, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-four years. He married Kate Merkel, who died aged eighty-two years, and they had the following children: Daniel, who married Mary Peters; Sarah, who married Peter Kunkel; John, who married Hetty Schlegel; Lucy, who married Jacob S. Yoder; Nathan, who married Malinda Merkel; Jonas M.; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Benneville Sassaman; Catherine, who married Henry Bear; Edwin, who married Carolina Merkel; Malinda, who died single; Lydia, the widow of Frank Martin, now a resident of Philadelphia; and Fianna, who died single.

Jonas M. Shollenberger, father of Calvin D., was born in Albany township, near Kempton, and when about seventeen years old went to the old Richmond township home, where young Shollenberger was reared. He received instruction in advanced schools here, after leaving which he engaged in farming, with which occupation he was identified the remainder of his active period. He was a stanch Democrat in politics, and his personal popularity, as well as his well-known ability, caused his election to a number of important positions in the township, and he was elected registrar of wills for a three-year term. In his earlier life he had taught school for several terms, and when the Civil war broke out he answered his country's call, serving nine months as captain of Company I, 167th P. V. I. Jonas M. Shollenberger was married to Mary Dry, daughter of David and Susanna (Yoder) Dry, and to this union there were born the following children: Catherine died young; Calvin D.; Edwin died young; Milton m. Valeria Kutz, and had seven children—Herbert, Clarence, Harvey, Elmer, William, John and Lizzie; Clara m. Dr. Eugene Moore, of Alburtis, and had six children—William, Mary and Hettie, deceased, and Clara, John and Eugene, living; Elmina m. George Merkel, and had six children—Walter, Robert, Wayne, Warren, Mary and Clara; Alice m. Lawson Dietrich.

Calvin D. Shollenberger was reared on the old homestead in Richmond township, where he received his early education. He also attended the Oley Academy. He followed farming on his father's place in his younger days, and that occupation he has made his life work. On Jan. 30, 1875, he was married to Sarah Louisa Angstadt, daughter of Reuben and Catharine (Wieant) Angstadt, of Rockland township, and she died of small-pox Feb. 15, 1877, leaving two sons: Samuel, who died aged four months, twelve days; and Charles, who is married and works in a flouring mill as head miller at Yellow House. Mr. Shollenberger was married (second) April 29, 1882, to Mary Ann Wieant, and to this union there were born three children: Miss Katie Alice, born April 28, 1883, who has taken charge of the home since the death of the mother on May 3, 1905; Eugene, born Sept. 10, 1886, a clerk in a Blandon store; and Howard, born Feb. 18, 1888, who assists his father on the home farm. Mr. Shollenberger is a Democrat in politics, and has held township offices, but has never aspired to any higher honors.

JACOB MOYER, one of the old and highly esteemed residents of Bethel township, Berks county, who is engaged in horse dealing at Millersburg, Pa., was born March 12, 1832, in Bethel township, son of Michael and Catherine (Deck) Moyer.

Michael Moyer was born in Bethel township, and there passed his entire life, being one of the leading agriculturists of his day, as well as prominent in Democratic politics. He was a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife was a Lutheran. Michael Moyer died in 1843, at the age of forty-five years, and his wife, Catherine Deck, daughter of John Nicholas and Polly (Koble) Deck, in 1889, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, married Wendel Long, of White county, Ind.; Catherine, deceased, m. Jonathan Holtzman, of White county, Ind.; Levi resides at Brookson, White Co., Ind.; Lucetta m. Jacob Zeibach, of White county, Ind.; Jacob; John D. died at Millersburg, where he was a tailor; and Jonathan, deceased, who was a shoemaker by trade but was seldom employed thereat, served as constable.

Jacob Moyer was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the common schools of Bethel township, after leaving which he learned the cabinet maker's trade at Millersburg, where he continued two or three years. He then engaged in the horse business, beginning in a modest way and gradually increasing his business, until he has become the heaviest dealer in northern Berks county. Mr. Moyer has owned over 30,000 horses, and has never gone into debt for one of them. He has bought horses in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Western Pennsylvania, and in Canada, and has disposed of them to the farmers and dealers in Berks county, and to the Eastern dealers. During the Civil war he furnished the Government with many animals. Mr. Moyer is still engaged in this business, and is considered one of the best judges of horse flesh in the State. Beginning life as a poor boy, with little but an ambitious spirit and the traits of thrift and economy, he has through good business ability and the faculty of recognizing an opportunity and grasping it, worked his way to the front ranks of the substantial men of Berks county. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of Salem Reformed Church.

On Sept. 11, 1856, Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Ellen Spangler, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Snyder) Spangler, and to them there have been born these children: Clara married Dr. Levi Zimmerman, of Richland, Lebanon Co., Pa., and has two children, Bertha (m. Dr. I. K. Light) and Curtis; Levi, a horse dealer residing at Lebanon, m. Emma Hunsicker, by whom he has children, Charles, Maggie, Mary, Robert, Daisy, Sallie, Carrie and Rufus; Catherine m. R. B. Heilman, of Lebanon county, and has one child, Banks (m. Catherine Holtzman, and has three children, Ammon, Roy and Annie); John H., who died at the age of thirty, m. Jane Merkey and had two children, Hattie and Vallie; Ella Valeria m. Peter H. Bordner, of Myerstown, and has one child, Minerva; and Sadie A. m. George Gable, of Millersburg, and has one child, June.

GEORGE N. PEIFER, of Sinking Spring, is descended from (I) Frantz Peifer, who was a farmer in the town of Marienberg, about two hours from Hachenburg, Nassau, Germany. He married Elizabeth Kessler, and they had children: Gerhart, Christ, Frantz, Martin, Barbara and Elizabeth.

(II) Gerhart Peifer, son of Frantz, was born in Germany on his father's farm Sept. 28, 1782. He married Catharine Miller, daughter of Johannes Miller, and they all came to America in 1818. The Miller family possessed some means, and paid Gerhart Peifer's passage. They settled at Sinking Spring, in Berks county, Pa., where the remainder of their lives was passed. Gerhart Peifer was a carpenter, and worked at his trade for some time. He died May 17, 1845, at the age of sixty-two years, seven months. The children born to Gerhart and Catharine (Miller) Peifer were: Mathias, Daniel, Gerhart, Catharine (m. John Luft) and Harriet (m. John D. Whittich).

(III) Mathias Peifer, son of Gerhart, was born in Germany Jan. 25, 1804, and died in Berks county, Pa., July 8, 1884, aged eighty years, five months, thirteen days. He accompanied his parents to America, landing first at Baltimore, Md. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he was the first blacksmith at Sinking Spring, becoming one of the much esteemed citizens of that place. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and kept well informed on public affairs. He owned his own home, and at his death was comfortably well off. He married Maria Neff (daughter of George Neff, of Lancaster county), born Oct. 17, 1809, died Jan. 3, 1888, aged seventy-eight years, two months, sixteen days. Both she and her husband are buried in the United Brethren cemetery at Sinking Spring. Their children were: John died young; Susan m. George Wittich, of Reading; Mary m. Daniel Bitler; Daniel N. is mentioned below; George N. is mentioned below; Reuben died young; Sarah m. Benjamin Weidman; Lizzie m. A. I. Noll.

(IV) Daniel N. Peifer, J. P., son of Mathias, was born at Sinking Spring, and attended the local schools. On Oct. 27, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company E, 167th P. V. I., and at the end of his nine months' term of enlistment was discharged at Reading Aug. 12, 1863. For three terms he served as justice of the peace in Spring township, and on his removal to Mohnton was for four years a notary public. In 1905 he was elected justice of the peace, and is still serving in that office. By his first marriage, with Sarah Bollman, who died during his service in the army, he had two children, Reuben and Sallie, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Peifer married (second) Mary A. Mohn, daughter of Benjamin and Harriet (Deeds) Mohn, They have no children. In politics Squire Peifer is a Democrat.

(IV) George N. Peifer, son of Mathias, was born in Sinking Spring, Pa., Oct. 19, 1838, and in that locality has passed his entire life. His early education was obtained in the old eight-cornered stone school building at the angle of the pike and the Van Reed road. This he attended for ten years, his teachers during that time being John Bush, Daniel Bitler and Henry Stetler. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade under his father, and this trade, in connection with coachmaking, he followed for a quarter of a century. This blacksmith shop, the oldest business stand in the village, stood half way in the road, and was the first building in Sinking Spring within the recollection of the oldest settlers. Mr. Peifer was successful, and as his business constantly grew he was obliged to employ others to assist him, part of the time having as many as ten men. In 1887 he retired from business, and has since devoted himself to the cultivation of his fine farm of forty acres. He resides on Main street, in the center of the village.

Mr. Peifer is prominent in Republican circles. He was his party's candidate for recorder of deeds in 1906, and was defeated by only a small majority. He has been committeeman of Spring township since 1897, and he has been delegate to many conventions. At the present time he is serving as roadmaster. For some years he held the offices of register and assessor. Fraternally he is a member of Knight of Pythias Lodge No. 155 (in which he is district deputy of the Fourth district of Berks county) and of P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 282. Mr. Peifer has the honor of having been the first chancellor commander of the K. P. lodge, the first president of the P. O. S. of A. camp, and the first noble chief of the K. G. E. castle in his village. He was also the first presiding officer of the Brotherhood of the Union, which was active some years ago. He has represented all of his lodges in the Grand Lodges of the State.

On Sept. 30, 1858, Mr. Peifer married Hettie Sharman, born Feb. 23, 1841, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Hartranft) Sharman. To this union have been born three sons and two daughters: John S., street commissioner of Reading, m. Ida Werner; George S., of Reading, a clerk for the Reading Railway Company, m. Mary Miller; Sallie m. George Werner, of Reading; Lizzie m. George Coneauff, a blacksmith, formerly of Lancaster county, now of Sinking Spring; Daniel M. died young.

ELIAS B. SUNDAY, a retired citizen of Windsor township, Berks county, who resides on Fourth street, Hamburg, was born Aug. 24, 1841, on his father's farm in Windsor township.

Tradition says that the ancestor of the Sunday family in America was Hans Adam Sontag, who emigrated on the ship "Snow Molly," which made port at Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1741. The district in Berks county in which he settled is not known, but he had two sons: (1) Christopher, who was born April 9, 1753, died Dec. 13, 1825. He married Anna Christina Bacharsin, born April 19, 1753, who died Sept. 7, 1825, and their sons, Jacob Heinrich, John and George were members of Dunkel's Church in Greenwich township in 1808. (2) Nicholas Sontag was a taxable in Windsor township in 1768, and had sons John, George and Martin.

George Sontag, son of Nicholas and the grandfather of Elias B., was a lifelong farmer in Windsor township, where he was born Jan. 13, 1780, and died Jan. 19, 1869. He owned over 400 acres of land, the farm now owned by Elias B. and the one owned by John S. Sunday being originally one farm and a part of his property. He was a successful farmer and he made occasional trips to Philadelphia (having from four to six horses on his large Conestoga wagon) where he sold his farm produce. On one of his return trips, when about eight miles from home, he fell from the wagon while asleep, receiving serious injuries. On Sept. 3, 1803, Mr. Sontag married Catharine Strasser, who was born Sept. 16, 1789, and who died March 5, 1853, and to them were born these children: Gideon; Hannah, born in 1807, m. Isaac Miller, and died in 1883; Polly m. Peter Raubenhold; Elizabeth m. Johann George Jacoby; and George m. (first) Mary Siegfried, and (second) Catharine Hoch.

Gideon Sunday, father of Elias B., was born Nov. 24, 1810, in Windsor township, and died Jan. 20, 1876. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, owning the farm now in the possession of Elias B. and considerable mountain land. He was a man well known and of ability and enterprise, and he built all the buildings on the farm which is now owned by his son. He served as school director and was much interested in public matters.

Mr. Sunday married Sarah Bieber, of Maxatawny township, who at this date (1909) is still active and living with her daughter in the city of Reading at the ripe age of ninety years. To them were born a son and a daughter: Elias B. is mentioned below; Fianna m. (first) Richard Dunkel, and after his death Scott Martin, and they reside in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Elias B. Sunday was reared on his father's farm, which he operated until 1904, when he removed to his present residence in Hamburg. He obtained a good education in the pay and public schools of his locality, and his life has been devoted to agricultural interests. This farm, which is a part of the original Sunday property, consists of 185 acres of fertile land, situated on the State road between Hamburg and Allentown, with excellent water supply, fine large residence, large barn and numerous sheds and out-buildings. When reference is made to this place it is usually spoken of as "the red roofed buildings to the west of the State road beyond Hamburg." This farm is now cultivated by Thomas A. Sunday, son of Elias B. Mr. Sunday now lives retired in Hamburg in his brick residence, No. 138 South Fourth street, South ward. He is in very comfortable circumstances, owning besides the farm to which reference has just been made, a valuable farm situated along the State road, and tenanted by his son-in-law, Jerome G. Trexler. This fine property, which consists of 133 acres of good, fertile land, is improved with a Swiss barn and a large brick house, surrounded by a spacious well-kept lawn. Mr. Sunday is possessed of just family pride, and the old "grandfather's clock" which has graced the family homestead for upward of a century, he has presented to his son, who lives upon the homestead. In political matters Mr. Sunday is a Democrat, and he has creditably served his township as school director for a period of seven years. He and his family worship at Zion's Union Church, in Perry township, of which they are Lutheran members.

On Nov. 28, 1868, Mr. Sunday was married to Hannah M. Leibensperger, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Merkel) Leibensperger, prosperous farming people of Richmond township, and to this union there were born four children—Annie; Sallie; Alvin, who died in childhood; and Thomas A.

Annie Sunday was born Feb. 5, 1871, and on Nov. 30, 1890, was united in marriage with Jerome G. Trexler, born Oct. 9, 1865, in Perry township. Mr. Trexler attended the public schools until nineteen years of age, and has been a farmer all his life. On April 1, 1895, he began operations on his father-in-law's farm in Windsor township, where he has since resided. He is prominent in the ranks of the Republican party, has been delegate to many county conventions, and was honored by his party with the nomination for county treasurer, receiving the highest vote ever given a Republican nominee in Berks county for that office. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Union Church. Mr. and Mrs. Trexler are the parents of four children: Thomas R., born Nov. 12, 1891; Mamie H., Oct. 17, 1896; Jerome L., Dec. 15, 1899; and Earl Sunday, June 29, 1905.

Sallie A. Sunday was born June 18, 1873. She was married Dec. 22, 1900, to Ammon C. Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich was born Nov. 22, 1875. He obtained a good education in the public schools of Greenwich township, and was reared on his father's farm. He and his wife reside in Hamburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias B. Sunday. Mr. Dietrich and his wife are Lutheran members of Zion's Union Church, Perry township.

Alvin Richard Sunday, born Jan. 1, 1875, died Aug. 24, 1875.

Thomas A. Sunday was born Dec. 21, 1876, and obtained a good education in the public schools; he was reared upon his father's farm which he is now operating. He is a deacon in the Lutheran denomination of Zion's Union Church. On Nov. 28, 1903, Thomas A. Sunday was united in marriage with Katie L. Baver, daughter of E. Franklin Baver, of Windsor township, and to this union have come three children: Florence Hannah, born July 29, 1905, who died March 19, 1906; Naomi Sarah Ann, born March 6, 1907; and Laurance Franklin, born Nov. 15, 1908.

ABEL H. BYERS, one of the well-known and highly-esteemed residents of Hamburg borough, who is serving in the responsible position of postmaster, was born at Danbury, Conn., in 1856, son of James Byers, who with his wife, Jane Ritchey, emigrated from the North of Ireland in 1846, and located at Danbury. When the Civil war broke out James Byers enlisted in Company B, 3d Regiment, Conn. V. I., and was killed while engaged with his company in the battle of Cedar Mountain.

Abel H. Byers attended the public schools of his native place until he was ten years of age, when he accompanied his mother to Brooklyn, and there worked at gas and steam-fitting for a time. He then learned the trade of wool hat-making in the large establishment of James H. Prentiss, following the trade at that place, and also acting in the capacity of foreman until 1877, when he removed to Reading, Pa. Here for six years he served as foreman in the wool hat factory of William H. Reinoehl & Co. Mr. Byers then became a member of the firm of R. H. Savage & Co., and acted as foreman for four years, when he and his brother Joseph Byers, under the name of Byers Brothers, engaged in the manufacture of fur hats, the first of the kind made at Reading. Within a year, on account of superior inducements, the firm removed their plant to Hamburg, and there organized the Byers Hat Company, continuing to manufacture fur hats under this name until 1895, when they were obliged to suspend further operations on account of the depressed condition of the hat business. Mr. Byers was then engaged by the Mohawk Valley Cap Company, at Utica, N. Y., and he continued with this company for two years, still maintaining his residence at Hamburg.

Being an earnest Republican from his early manhood, Mr. Byers naturally identified himself with the Republicans at Hamburg, and his services to the party were so highly appreciated that in 1898 he secured the appointment of postmaster of the place, notwithstanding the great contest for the office, and his management of its affairs has been so satisfactory that he has held the appointment to the present time. If Mr. Byers fills out his present appointment he will have served over twelve years, evidencing the high appreciation of his services by the community. The first Rural Free Delivery in Berks county was started at Hamburg in August, 1900, only a few routes in the whole State being earlier.

While residing at Reading, Mr. Byers assisted materially in re-organizing the Reading Artillerists as a military company of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He was selected as second lieutenant, and served one term. In this time the company attended the Wilkes-Barre encampment, and the men were accorded the second best record for neatness and efficiency.

Mr. Byers was married to Bertha Dehart, of Reading, whose father, Frederick Dehart, died in 1898.

AUGUSTUS G. BODY, a prominent citizen of Shillington, Pa., who is now living retired after many years spent in the hotel business in Cumru township, was born Jan. 13,

1847, in this township, son of John and Mary (Gaul) Body.

Johannes Peter Body, the grandfather of Augustus G., lived in Alsace township, where he was a lifelong farmer, and where he is buried at the Gernant's cemetery. He was born in Holland, and when seven years of age came with his parents to this country, owning a farm in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township. He was married three times, and his children were as follows: Henry (who died on the old homestead in Muhlenberg township in 1848, the father of George, Esther, Polly, Catherine and Sarah), Mrs. John Titlow (of Reading, who went to San Francisco, and there died three days later), Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Herbein, and John (father of Augustus G.), all by the first wife, and the following by the second wife: Abraham; Daniel (who had a son Andrew); George; Peter, who lived in Muhlenberg township, where he owned land and sold the same in 1813 to Henry Body; and two daughters, whose names are unknown.

John Body, father of Augustus G., was born in 1810, and was a well-known farmer in Cumru township, where he had a 145-acre farm of excellent land, a part of which is now embraced in the town of Edison. He died July 27, 1878, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen. He served in various township offices, including that of supervisor, and was a member of the Reformed denomination of Sinking Spring Church. He married Mary Gaul, daughter of Peter, and to this union there were born children as follows: Henry, born Dec. 25, 1834, died April 27, 1907, was a farmer in Cumru township, and a hatter by trade; Kate m. Enoch Gaul, a farmer of North Heidelberg township; Richard m. Ellen Schweitzer, and is a farmer and well-known politician of Berks county; John G., and Augustus G.

John G. Body was born on his father's farm in Cumru township, July 6, 1844, and for the past forty-five years has been working as a boss carpenter, erecting many buildings in Lower Berks county, and in Schuylkill county, he having lived at Ashland for eight years. He was assistant steward of the Berks county Alms House from 1875 until 1878, and he then engaged in the hotel business at Womelsdorf, continuing there for two years, in 1888 returning to Shillington, where he has since made his home, being engaged at his trade. He has been prominent in politics for some years, being postmaster of Shillington for four years during Cleveland's second administration, and in 1907 he was elected township supervisor of Cumru. Mr. Body was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith, of Wernersville, and they had these children: Harry, Maggie L., and Annie, who died in infancy; Eva, who lives in Reading; Adam S., who was associated with the *Reading Eagle* for some years and also taught school in Cumru township; and Jennie, who resides in Shillington. Mr. Body's second marriage was to Emeline Matz, Sept. 5, 1896. One son, John, was born to this union.

Augustus G. Body was reared upon the farm of his father, for whom he worked until starting out in life on his own account. He obtained his education in the public schools of Cumru township, Prof. D. B. Brunner's Business College on North Fifth street, Reading, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, which latter institution he attended under the principalship of Prof. John S. Ermentrout. He began teaching at the Cedar Top school in Cumru township, being only seventeen years of age at the time, and after two years there taught one year at White's and three at the Five Mile House, having secured his license from Judge James N. Ermentrout, President Judge of the Berks County Courts. In 1873 Mr. Body engaged in the hotel business at the Five Mile House in Cumru township, which he conducted for two years, spending a like period in farming the Joseph Hornberger property. In 1877 he removed to the Yellow House, in Amity township, where he remained for thirty consecutive years, gaining a reputation for honesty and integrity throughout this section of the State, his intimate friends including the leading business and professional men of Pennsylvania. Kindly and genial, quick to make friends and slow to lose them, Mr. Body made an ideal host, and his hostelry was one of the best known and most popular in the county. It was frequented by the best class of people, among whom Mr. Body's famous chicken and waffle suppers, enlivened by good music furnished by Mr. Body's daughters, were great favorites. In the spring of 1907, Mr. Body sold out his business to John M. Schearer and retired to Shillington, where he erected a handsome brick residence on New Holland avenue, near Lancaster avenue. Mr. Body is a Reformed member of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring, the rest of the family being identified with St. Paul's Amity Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving on numerous occasions as delegate to county conventions.

On Dec. 27, 1872, Augustus G. Body married Rebecca G. Lash, daughter of William and Maria Lash, of Spring township, and to this union there have been born nine children, as follows: Mary m. William Reeser, a merchant at Yellow House; Howard, a dairyman at the Yellow House, m. Alice Esterly; George died in infancy; John W. H., also a dairyman at theYellow House, m. Bertha Herbein; Alice, an accomplished musician, is engaged in music teaching and resides at home with her parents; Dora, a school teacher of Locust Dale, Pa., m. Chester Geiger; Laura is also a music teacher; and Cleveland and Daniel died in infancy.

PETER M. LEINBACH, one of the most prominent citizens of Bern township, Berks county, was born on the old Leinbach homestead, where he still resides, Oct. 28, 1855, son of William A. Leinbach, and member of an old family of this section of Pennsylvania.

The first known ancestor of the Leinbachs was Henry, of Langen-Weibolt, Wetterau, Germany, who married Barbara Lerch. From this worthy German couple the line to Peter M. is through Johannes Leinbach and Anna Elizabeth Kleiss; Johannes Leinbach, Jr., and Catharine Riehm; John Daniel Leinbach and his third wife, Mary Magdalena Hartman; Christian Leinbach and Susanna Althouse; and William A. and Mary Ann Miller. [The earlier generations are given in detail in the sketch of the Leinbach family elsewhere in this publication.]

John Daniel Leinbach, second son of Johannes, Jr., was born in 1746, and he died in Oley, April 8, 1817. He owned the farm, later the property of Jeremiah Hartman, former county commissioner, who is buried at Spies's Church. John Daniel Leinbach was married three times. On Nov. 9, 1768, he married Catharine Graul, who died April 6, 1783, the mother of six children: Salome, Maria Sybilla, Susanna, John, John Henry and John Daniel. By his second wife (name not known) he had two children: Abraham and Catharine. In 1789 he married (third) Mary Magdalena Hartman, and their children were: Jacob, Christian, Benjamin, Joseph, William, Samuel, Maria Magdalena, Thomas H., Salome, Frederick, Solomon, Rachel, and Charles.

Christian Leinbach, son of John Daniel, was born Nov. 24, 1791, and he died Oct. 15, 1866. Oley township was his native home, but he came to Bern township and settled at what is now Leinbach's Hotel. He cleared the land and built the first hotel, a building which is still standing and in good condition. This hotel, built in 1848, he ran for a few years in connection with his farm, the latter consisting of about sixty-eight acres. In politics Mr. Leinbach was an old-line Whig. He was singing master at Epler's Church, and taught music. He served as church treasurer many years. During the war of 1812 he served as a soldier, and during the last few years of his life received a pension from the government. He married Susanna Althouse, daughter of Peter Althouse and wife (whose maiden name was Knabb). She was born June 5, 1801, and died Feb. 17, 1871. Their children were: Wil-

liam A.; Elias A.; Richard A., who is living in Wyomissing; Mary, who married Henry Z. Van Reed; Joseph A.; George A., who served three years in the Union army in the Civil war.

William A. Leinbach, son of Christian, was born on Aug. 21, 1821, at the old homestead in Bern township. He attended the local schools, and after acquiring a common school education engaged in farming. He became the owner of the old homestead, and he added eighteen acres to the original tract. He was very successful and he had a high reputation for integrity. He died June 11, 1890, in the faith of the Reformed Church, in which he was serving as elder at the time of his death. He had served as a member of the building committee of the church. In politics he was a Republican, and assisted on the election board. He married Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Luft) Miller, of Sinking Spring. They had two sons: (1) Wellington, born Oct. 20, 1851, and now engaged in the real estate business in Reading, married Emma Kalbach, and has three children—Paul K., Wayne K. and Mark K.; and (2) Peter M.

Peter M. Leinbach, son of William A., attended the schools of Bern township and Prof. D. B. Brunner's College at Reading. He was licensed to teach by Prof. Brunner in 1872, but never engaged in teaching. He remained with his father until the latter's death, when he bought all his land in Bern township, and also the estate of Elias Leinbach, his uncle, consisting of the well known Leinbach's Hotel, woodland and farm land consisting of fifty acres. He has in all about 140 acres besides the hotel farm, and is among the most progressive farmers of the county. In 1899 he sold off all his stock, and moved to a private residence on the farm which was the home of his father. He has taken a prominent part in a number of enterprises and progressive movements in the county. He is a director and large stock holder of the Crystal Palace Public Market House Company of Reading, Pa. In politics he is a Republican, and for nine years served as school director, during which time he was secretary of the board. At the present time he is a member of the township committee, in which office he has served three years. He belongs to Epler's Reformed Church, in which he is elder and has been deacon. In his younger days he took an active part in the Sunday-school, and taught a class of young men—a duty his son now fulfills.

On March 18, 1880, Mr. Leinbach was married to Mary E. Reber, born Sept. 26, 1854, daughter of Benneville and Ellen (Dechert) Reber, of Bern township, the latter a sister of the late Adam Dechert. To this marriage has come one son, Ammon Reber, born Aug. 4, 1887, who graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, and is now engaged in teaching the Mine Hole school.

WILLIAM S. ODEAIR, one of the venerable citizens of Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., who for some years has been retired from active pursuits, was for a long period engaged in farming in this section. He was born Jan. 30, 1834, at Mount Penn Furnace, son of Patrick and Mary (Schnabel) Odeair.

Patrick Odeair, grandfather of William S., was a native of Ireland and emigrated to America in 1798, settling in the vicinity of the Mount Penn Furnace soon thereafter. Here he died, as did also his wife. Besides his son Patrick, Mr. Odeair had at least one daughter, Agnes, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Sheridan and second to a Mr. Kimbel. By her first marriage she had two daughters, both of whom married a Mr. Bechtel.

Patrick Odeair, father of William S., was born on the ocean while his parents were emigrating to America, and he died on his 100-acre farm in Cumru township in 1850, being buried on a private plot above Mount Penn Furnace, on the Blue Ball road. He started in life a poor man, but by industry and economy had his whole farm paid for at the time of his death. Mr. Odeair was married to Mary Schnabel, who died five weeks after her husband, being about the same age. They had these children: John died unmarried; Mary m. Edward Hartranft, a lumber merchant of Kansas; William S.; Deborah m. David Maurer, a shoemaker at Yocom's Church; and Patrick m. Elizabeth Miller, and had his home with his son, Patrick M., until his death, July 29, 1908, and he was laid to rest in Sinking Spring cemetery. Patrick M. Odeair married Mary Hartman, and they live at No. 318 Cherry street, West Reading; they have five children: Aquilla Gertrude, a young woman of eighteen years who lives with William S. Odeair, for whom she attends market three time a week; William H.; Estella H.; James M., and Dewey W.

William S. Odeair was reared on the home farm, and when twenty years of age learned the carpenter trade with Benjamin Matz, an occupation which he followed for fifty-one years. He purchased a tract of five acres of land in Spring township, between the Textile and Van Reed's paper mills, and here he built himself a house in 1862, and here he has lived for forty-seven years, retiring from active pursuits in 1906. In 1863 he built a barn, and carried on farming to some extent in the following years. In 1891 he bought eleven acres just below his home, and on it erected a frame kitchen, but in 1908 he sold this to Mr. Kohns. For eight years he also conducted a milk route to Reading.

On Jan. 12, 1861, Mr. Odeair was married to Harriet Rice, born June 19, 1841, daughter of David and Sarah (Spayd) Rice, of Walnuttown, Pa., and granddaughter of George Rice, of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Odeair are very highly esteemed in their community and are familiarly known by their neighbors as "Uncle" and "Auntie" Odeair. They have no children, but their grandniece, Aquilla G. Odeair, has made her home with them since her childhood.

ADAM R. GRUBER, who met an accidental death Nov. 25, 1903, will be well remembered by a large circle of friends as one of the good citizens and enterprising business men of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. He was born Feb. 29, 1864, in Penn township, Berks county, son of Franklin H. and Matilda (Himmelberger) Gruber.

Franklin H. Gruber was born Sept. 14, 1835, near Ronesonia, Pa., where he spent his early life. When a young man he was apprenticed to his cousin, John Henry, to learn the millwright's trade, and after his marriage in 1858, he located at Mt. Pleasant and established himself in business. After the Civil war he engaged in farming, but later returned to his old business, and conducted two large shops on his farm about one mile south of Mt. Pleasant until 1883, in which year he bought the William Penn Hotel property and the Eyrich Estate at the foot of the hill at Mt. Pleasant, and there established a large wheelwright shop, where he built up a fine business. He died July 3, 1898, and is buried at Bern Church, of which he was a member. Mr. Gruber married Matilda, daughter of John Himmelberger, and they had the following children: Amelia M., born Sept. 20, 1859, died Dec. 8, 1859; John W., born Oct. 4, 1860, m. Clara A. Staudt; James, born May 30, 1862, is deceased; Adam R.; Jacob H., born July 14, 1865, m. Annie Bright; Katie A., born Sept. 18, 1866, died March 22, 1871; George P., born Dec. 1, 1867, m. Kate Schrack; and Rev. Levi Franklin m. Amelia L. Hahn, of Rochester, N. Y. John W., Jacob H. and George P. Gruber are continuing the business founded by their father.

Adam R. Gruber learned the wagon manufacturing business with his father, and at the time of his death had charge of the paint shop department of the works. While on a return trip from Reading, while passing Blue Marsh, the horse which he was driving ran away, and he was killed. His death was a severe shock to the community where he had numerous friends and acquaintances. Mr. Gruber was buried at Bern Church, of which

he was a consistent member. Fraternally he was connected with the K. G. E.

In 1884 Mr. Gruber was married to Rosa K. Hiester, who is now conducting a fine twenty-four-acre farm in Penn township near Mt. Pleasant. They had two children: Lizzie m. Calvin Lando, who now conducts his mother-in-law's farm, and has one daughter, Erma H.; and Katie H. m. Elias H. Phillips, of Reading, and has one son, Elias H.

EDWARD K. BOHN, a representative farmer of Berks county, now living retired in the enjoyment of the competence won by years of patient industry, was born in Spring township, this county, May 4, 1835, son of Adam and Hannah (Krick) Bohn.

The first of the Bohn family in America was John Jacob Bohn, who arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam, Sept. 21, 1742.

Frederick Bohn, son of John Jacob, married a Miss Woomer. Frederick Bohn lived in Heidelberg township. He made his will April 14, 1814, and he died that same year. His executors were George, David and Frederick Bohn; and the witnesses, Philip Fidler and Joseph Greth. The children mentioned in this will were: George; Frederick; David; Philip; John; Elizabeth; Adam (taxable in Bern township in 1759); and Christina.

George Bohn, son of Frederick, is buried at Bern Church. His children were: Adam, Susan, Amos and Eva (who married Michael Gruber).

Adam Bohn, son of George, was born in Bern township, and that place was his home until 1840, with the exception of two years passed in Spring township, when he moved to North Heidelberg, there to pass the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He married Hannah Krick, of Spring township, and they had eight children: one that died in infancy unnamed; Edward K.; Matilda, Mary Ann, Amelia, and Sarah C. are all deceased; Rebecca m. Frank Moyer, who is engaged in the cold storage business in Philadelphia; and Adam m. Otillia Lengel, and has a son Nathaniel. Adam Bohn, the father, died March 17, 1893, and his wife passed away June 16, 1892. They are buried at Hain's Church.

Edward K. Bohn received his early education in the township schools, supplementing this with a year at Washington Hall, in Trappe, Montgomery county. After leaving school he returned to the home farm, and for twenty-three years engaged in its cultivation. In 1881 he bought a farm of seventy-three acres, moving on it the following year, and in 1888 he bought the adjoining farm of 114 acres, and this his son Daniel W. operates, also conducting a dairy. There is now one silo on it in operation, and another is being contemplated. Mr. Bohn has retired from active work now, and his only business is looking after his real estate holdings.

On March 10, 1858, Mr. Bohn was married to Catherine Warnes, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 15, 1845, daughter of George and Mary (Winckelepleck) Warnes; the former, a farmer in Holmes county, Ohio, died in 1847. Mrs. Bohn had one sister, Angeline, who became the wife of Henry Briel. To Edward K. Bohn and wife were born nine children as follows: (1) George W., born May 23, 1859, died Sept. 8, 1873. (2) Milton, born Sept. 7, 1860, graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1883, and taught seven years in the Pennsylvania State College. He now is engaged in slate roofing at Norfolk, Va., his business being incorporated under the name of Bohn Roofing and Cornice Company. They employ from twenty to forty men. He married (first) Charlotte Ake, who died in September, 1900, leaving three children: Catherine Mary, Richard Ake and Edward Howe. By his second wife, Hannah Rittenhouse, he has a daughter, Anna. (3) Daniel, born Oct. 25, 1861, graduated from the Reading Business College in 1882. He married Lizzie Lamm, and has had three children, Bertha C., who died young; Henry E. and Catherine. (4) Henry W., D. D. S., born Sept. 25, 1865, was educated at Trappe College and the University of Pennsylvania, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Reading, his well appointed offices being at No. 34 North Ninth street. He married Jennie Wartman. (5) Mary, born Feb. 24, 1867, married Frank N. Hill, of Chester county, Pa., and they have three children: Milton, Lizzie and Ella May. (6) Wellington, born Sept. 1, 1868, graduated in the electrical engineering course from the Pennsylvania State College in 1892, and is now in partnership with his brother, Milton, at Norfolk, Va. (7) Elizabeth, born Nov. 19, 1872, engaged in dressmaking until her marriage with Howard L. Snyder, a farmer on his father-in-law's farm, and she has one child, Myrtle. (8) Edward, D. D. S., born Sept. 18, 1875, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, June 9, 1897, and is engaged in practice at No. 715 Washington street, Reading. He married Jennie Miller, daughter of Adam Miller, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, and one son, J. Russel. (9) Amelia, born Oct. 8, 1876, was educated in the Keystone State Normal School. She married Daniel Bender, of Annville, Pa., who was killed on the railroad in May, 1906, and had one son Harold. Mrs. Catherine (Warnes) Bohn died March 28, 1906, aged sixty-four years, eleven months, fourteen days, and was buried at Hain's Church. Mr. Bohn takes a very great interest in public affairs, and for ten years served as school director. He is a Democrat in principle, but on local issues is not bound by party ties. He has always been active in agricultural societies, and has been a hard worker in the interest of the Granges, organizing all but one in the county. He belongs to Welcome Home Grange No. 551, Robesonia. He is a member of the Reformed Church, as was also his wife, and he was deacon and elder for many years. Mr. Bohn has many friends throughout the county.

ELI M. WITHERS, a farmer of Spring township, Berks county, residing along the Tulpehocken creek, is a native of Lancaster county, Pa., born Oct. 7, 1841, in East Cocalico township. He comes of a family of Scotch origin, his paternal great-grandfather having come to America from Scotland.

George Withers, the grandfather of Eli M. Withers, was born in Virginia, and when a young man came to Lancaster county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He engaged in farming and distilling, owned three large farms in East Cocalico township, and was a man of great influence in his section because of his wealth and standing. He died between 1845 and 1850, and is interred in a private burial ground on one of his farms. His wife was a Graybill, and they had three children: George, Curtis and John.

John G. Withers, father of Eli M. Withers, was born Nov. 26, 1798, in Lancaster county, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was an energetic man and enterprising in business. For many years he was engaged in boating, owning twenty-six Pennsylvania canalboats, which were operated by his sons and other help. He also followed droving, handling many cattle yearly, and was successful in both lines. Moving from Lancaster to Berks county in 1851, he bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son Eli M., living there until his death, which occurred June 13, 1867. He is buried at the Kissinger Church, of which he was a member and whose building he helped to erect.

On Feb. 18, 1823, Mr. Withers married Catharine Moyer, who was born Feb. 3, 1806, daughter of Johannes and Elizabeth Moyer, of Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., and died a few years before her husband, passing away Feb. 6, 1863. To Mr. and Mrs. Withers were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Dr. Franklin, born Feb. 19, 1824, died March 20, 1858; Eliza, born Dec. 2, 1826, m. Martin Heidler, Esq., and died Nov. 17, 1897; George, who lived at Hamburg, where he was

canal-boats

constable for many years, m. Joanna Kalbach; Rebecca m. R. Lando Loewen, of Reading; John M., born in 1832, was a resident of Reading, and died Oct. 24, 1881; Martin, born Oct. 18, 1836, m. Emeline Klohs, of Muhlenberg township, lived in Reading, and died March 17, 1884; Samuel M., born July 24, 1839, never married, and was making his home with his brother Eli at the time of his death, April 23, 1904; Eli M. is mentioned below; Catharine M., born Aug. 10, 1844, m. Henry Gass, of Ontelaunee township, and died March 22, 1878.

Eli M. Withers lived with his parents until they died, moving with the family in 1851 to Spring township, where he has ever since made his home. He was his father's mainstay for many years, learning the boating business in early youth on the Pennsylvania canal, and following it from the tender age of nine years until 1867. During this period he boated on the following canals: Union, Pennsylvania, Juniata, West Branch, North Branch, Tidewater, York Extension, Erie, Raritan, Morris & Essex, Bald Eagle, Schuylkill, Chesapeake and Delaware. He had many thrilling experiences in his career as a boatman, and barely escaped drowning on several occasions. He was obliged to be out in all kinds of weather, and had to undergo many hardships from exposure, falling overboard twice when in spite of the cold weather and water he was obliged to go on with his work, letting his clothing dry on his body. In 1867 Mr. Withers was employed in the hardware store of George Lerch, at the southeast corner of Fifth and Penn streets, Reading, and the next spring (1868) he bought the flour, feed, coal and wood yard located at the southwest corner of Washington street and Madison avenue (formerly called Ash street) from his brother Samuel, who succeeded our subject in Mr. Lerch's hardware store. After carrying on the business for eighteen months, Mr. Withers sold out to Samuel Boone.

In 1872 Mr. Withers began to follow farming on his own account, near Adamstown. With a partner he engaged in the ice business in 1880 on his farm, but after a year he bought out his partner's interest, and then sold a half interest to his brother Samuel. In 1886 they erected additional buildings so that they could store four or five thousand tons of ice annually. They carried on business under the name of "Tulpehocken Ice Company, operated by Withers & Bro." In 1892 Mr. Samuel Withers sold his interest to another party, and in 1894 Mr. Eli M. Withers bought out that partner's share, and ran the business along until 1899, when he leased the ice plant to the Reading Cold Storage Ice Company for a term of ten years. He then entered the racing business (in which his brother Samuel had been engaged for thirty years) as his brother's partner, and they followed the races all through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Virginia, and Mr. Withers is still interested in it, owning at the present time six good horses.

In 1882 Mr. Withers purchased his father's farm in Spring township from his brother John, who had bought his brother's and sister's interests, their father having died intestate. It comprises about fifty acres of good land, located along the railroad and Tulpehocken creek, and has been greatly improved during Mr. Withers' ownership by the erection of substantial outbuildings, etc. He also owns a farm of eighty-three acres in North Heidelberg township, one-half mile south of Bernville on the road leading from the latter place to Robesonia. This farm he rents. Mr. Withers has a valuable tract of five acres, at Glenside, in Bern township, and, as may be inferred, he is in comfortable circumstances, as the result of industry and intelligent management. He has a good income from the sienna mine upon his home farm, which is one of the most valuable mines of the kind in the country, and was discovered by the family while digging for iron ore. It is operated by the Keystone Ocher Company of Philadelphia, who have five men in their employ at this point.

Mr. Withers was married March 5, 1870, to Ella S. Madeira, who was born Feb. 24, 1848, daughter of Frank and Caroline (Merkel) Madeira, of Muhlenberg township, and granddaughter of Jacob Madeira. Mrs. Withers died June 15, 1898. To this union came but one son, John M., born March 21, 1871, who lives with his father and conducts the home place. He is married to Kate Schweitzer, and they have had children as follows: Samuel E., Mame, John C., Nora, Catharine and Helen.

Mr. Withers is a Reformed member of Kissinger's Church, in Spring township, with which his family have also been identified. He is treasurer of the cemetery company, in which office he has given much satisfaction.

HENRY C. BAER, one of the highly esteemed and venerable citizens of Rosedale, Muhlenberg township, Berks county, who is an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born Oct. 7, 1839, about one and one-half miles from Topton, Longswamp township, son of Charles and Anna (Carl) Baer.

Jacob Baer, great-grandfather of Henry C., settled in Lehigh county at an early date, and there became a prosperous farmer and the father of a large family, to each of whom he gave a farm. He died at an advanced age. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, in which they were very active. In political matters Jacob Baer was a Democrat, but it is not known whether or not he ever held political office. Among his children was a son, John.

John Baer, grandfather of Henry C., also carried on agricultural operations, having received a farm from his father, but later he sold his farm in Berks county, and removed to Mercer county, Pa., where he became a prosperous farmer, and his death occurred between 1840 and 1850, when he was in his eightieth year. His wife also attained advanced age. They had children as follows: Charles; Jonas lived and died in Berks county, Pa.; John also spent his life in Berks county; Peter married and removed to Michigan, where he died; Solomon; Eva married Jacob Shellenberger; Susan m. Samuel Smith; Lydia m. a Mr. Stoyer, and removed to Mercer county. The parents of these children were members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Baer was a Democrat.

Charles Baer, father of Henry C., was born in Lehigh county, where in early life he engaged in farming. As a youth he learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed in connection with farming practically until his retirement, and his death occurred in 1894, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died in 1889, when eighty-two years of age. They were the parents of the following children: (1) James married Sarah Anna Merkel, and had thirteen children, John, Sarah, James, Kate and Mary (twins, the latter dying aged fifteen years), Henry (died aged one year), Hettie, Susan, Ella, Lydia, William and Samuel (twins) and Daniel. James, the father, died Nov. 7, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years, five months, and fifteen days. His wife is still living. (2) Caroline m. John Frock, and has three children, Martin, Katie and Elizabeth. (3) Sally m. Reuben Geist, and had children, George, David, Henry, William, Melcina, Annie (deceased), Richard (who was killed in an accident), and Frank and Louisa (both died young). (4) Jonathan m. (first) Caroline Mogel, by whom he had a child that died in infancy, and (second) Hettie Buck. (5) Benjamin m. Catherine Bucher, and had seven children, Charles, Frank, George, John, Frederick, Katie and Carrie. (6) Henry C. (7) William m. Fianna Fry, and had one son Charles H., who died in infancy. They adopted three children, J. W. Kauffman, M. D., J. D. George and Lillian Morgan. (8) George m. Amanda Newbold, and had five children, Annie, Albert, Naomi, Margaret and Herman. (9) Elizabeth m. William Ker-

cher, and died in 1889, the mother of five children,—Frank, Harry, Thomas, Eddie and Emma. (10) Hettie m. Moses Sheirer, and has two children, Jennie and Carrie. (11) Amanda m. John Stout, and had six children, Henry, John, George, Jacob, Annie and Fred. In religious belief the parents were Reformed, and the father was elder in the church for many years. They were highly esteemed in the community in which they spent the major portion of their lives, had many warm friends, and were considered God-fearing, Christian people.

Henry C. Baer was educated in the common schools of Longswamp township, and as a boy he assisted his father on the home farm, later learning the trade of a carpenter. On completing his apprenticeship to this trade, Mr. Baer went to New Jersey, where in 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 31st New Jersey V. I., and served until his term of enlistment expired in 1863, when he returned to New Jersey and resumed his occupation. On Jan. 1, 1864, Mr. Baer returned to Topton, Pa., where he accepted a position as clerk for P. L. Deener & Co., in the coal, lumber and grain business, but in 1865 he resumed his trade, which he followed in Philadelphia until 1867. He then returned to Topton, where he remained until 1882, at which time he went to Lyons, remaining about one year, and subsequently located in Reading, accepting a position at Fink & Huyett's planing mill, where he remained for about eighteen years. He then resigned to accept a position with the Excelsior planing mill, where he remained until 1906, and in this year connected himself with the Riverside Planing Mill Company. Mr. Baer built a nice residence in Rosedale, Muhlenberg township, and also owns several valuable lots there, where he is highly esteemed and respected. Like his honored ancestors he has always been a firm believer in Reformation, and during his younger years was very active in Church and Sunday-school work, serving for many years as a choir leader. In his political views he is a stanch Democrat, and he was formerly connected with several fraternal organizations.

Mr. Henry C. Baer was married (first) in 1865, to Mary A. Bobst and to this union there were born two children: John H., died at the age of eight weeks; and Ella L., m. Einar Barfod, by whom she has two children,—Maria and Laura. Mr. Baer married (second) April 10, 1872, Lucy A. Lasher, daughter of Jacob and Lucena (Dietrich) Lasher, and to this union there were born five children, namely: William F., m. Ella Machamer, and has three children living, Charles E., Stanley L. and A. Marguerite; Anna L. m. G. A. Crotto, and has three children, George H. A., Frank B. and Charles A.; Naomi m. William S. Burg, and has one child, A. Ruth B.; Hannah m. Capt. Al. B. Risley, of New Jersey; and George makes his home with his father in Rosedale.

JACOB GEBHART, a retired citizen of Allegheny-ville, Berks county, was for many years engaged in farming on an eighty-acre tract near Allegheny Church. Mr. Gebhart was born Nov. 16, 1834, in Brecknock township, son of John and Susanna (Reaser) Gebhart.

George Gebhart, great-grandfather of Jacob, came from Germany to this country in about 1751, and settled in Brecknock, where he became the owner of a farm of 152 acres, now the property of Archibald Messner. Mr. Gebhart was buried in an unmarked grave at Allegheny Church. He and his wife had these children: Jacob, John, George, Mrs. Jacob Hartz, Mrs. Jeremiah Ziemer, and Mrs. Weiler of Lancaster county.

Jacob Gebhart, grandfather of Jacob, was born in Brecknock township, Jan. 9, 1775, and died May 2, 1833, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. He is buried at Allegheny Church. Jacob Gebhart married Catherine Lesher, born March 24, 1788, who died Nov. 12, 1872, and they had three children: John, father of Jacob; Mary married Jacob Becker, of Reading; and Elizabeth, born Jan. 5, 1814, died unmarried Nov. 15, 1897.

John Gebhart was born Jan. 4, 1806, and spent his life in farming, at the time of his death, March 17, 1887, owning the old homestead and the property now in the possession of his son, Jacob. He was a leading member and elder of the Allegheny Church, where he was buried, and was influential in public matters, being elected to the offices of school director, and delegate to county conventions for many years on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Gebhart married Susanna Reaser, born Aug. 16, 1809, who died March 27, 1886, and to them were born these children: William, born May 14, 1834, a prominent man of Brecknock township and official in the church for many years, married, in 1863, Mary Ann Raub (born in 1839, died in 1869); Jacob; Henry is a resident of Cumru township; Elizabeth m. Ephraim Steffy, of Edison, Pa.; Mary m. Henry Miller, of Brecknock township; John, of Brecknock township; Samuel died young; Daniel lives in Reading; Catherine m. Abraham Brendel, of Brecknock township.

Jacob Gebhart received his education in the schools of his native township, and early in life engaged in farming, acquiring a fine farm of eighty acres located near Allegheny Church, which since his retirement he has rented. In politics he is a Democrat, and he served for three years as school director, at present holding the office of auditor of Brecknock township. He is a Reformed member of Allegheny Church, where he has been treasurer for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Gebhart was married (first) to Eliza Steffy, born Nov. 1, 1838, who died April 16, 1882, daughter of John and Catherine (Eshelman) Steffy, and to this union there were born seven children, namely: Catherine, who died in childhood; John, who lives in Reading; Samuel, who died aged twenty years; Charles, who died aged fifteen years; Aaron and William, who died in infancy; and Nathan, of Brecknock township.

Mr. Gebhart was married (second) to Emma Kohl, born Feb. 21, 1860, who died March 15, 1897, and they had three children: Susan Elizabeth m. George Unger, of Gouglersville; Stephen, and Mabel.

THOMAS J. ZERBY, a justice of the peace, and one of the well-known educators of Penn township, Berks county, resides near the borough of Bernville. He was born March 18, 1872, in North Heidelberg township, son of William E. and Sariah (Kauffman) Zerby.

Daniel Zerby, grandfather of Thomas J., was a shoemaker by trade, and also had a small tract of land on which he carried on modest farming operations. He died in North Heidelberg township, and is buried at the Little Tulpehocken Church in Jefferson township. He married Catherine Eagle, and they had three children, namely: Reuben, William E. and Elvina (who married John Stettler and lives in Kansas).

William E. Zerby was born in North Heidelberg township, and when a young man engaged in boating in the summer, and in shoemaking and trapping during the winter months. After the closing of the Union canal, Mr. Zerby gave his entire attention to farming, and this was his occupation at the time of his death, in his sixty-first year. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company A, 167th P. V. I., and after being out nine months returned home, having contracted a severe case of typhoid fever. Mr. Zerby married Sariah Kauffman, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Speicher) Kauffman, and they had the following children: Henry E., a florist of Manchester, York county, married Hetty D. Groff; William F. is deceased; Miss Rebecca S. lives at Bernville; James A., John W., Charles C., and Morgan A. are all deceased; Thomas J.; and Annie L., married Harvey J. Bright, a teacher of Jefferson township.

Thomas J. Zerby attended the public schools of North Heidelberg township, and the Bernville Normal school, taught by Prof. M. A. Gruber, later going to Kutztown. He taught for three terms in Jefferson township, at the Yost or Cross Keys school, after which he came to his present school, Eyrich's, where he has continued for

thirteen terms. In 1893 he erected a fine home, and here he has his office. Mr. Zerby is a Democrat in politics, and was appointed justice of the peace to fill out the unexpired term of William Umbenhauer in 1897, was elected in 1898, and since that time has been serving in that office. He has served on committees since 1900, and has for many years been clerk of the election board. He is a member of the Little Tulpehocken Lutheran Church, is church treasurer, has been choir leader since 1902, and is superintendent of the Hill Sunday-school which has met at his schoolhouse for the past fifteen years. Fraternally he is connected with P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 113, Commandery No. 15, and I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 122, all of Bernville, having filled all the chairs in the first named and been financial secretary since 1898.

On Dec. 14, 1895, Prof. Zerby was married to Annie L. Long, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Wagner) Long, and they have one son, Earle T., who is attending school.

HENRY M. BRIGHT, who lives on the road leading from Reading to Bernville, Pa., is one of the prominent men and successful agriculturists of Penn township. Mr. Bright was born Dec. 15, 1847, in Penn township, where he attended the public schools, and later he became a student at Freeland Seminary. After completing his education he took up farming as his life work, and in 1870 located on his father-in-law's farm, which he has since increased to 415 acres, consisting of three adjoining farms. In 1891 he erected a substantial residence, and his other buildings and well-kept premises testify to his thrift and enterprise.

In 1869 Mr. Bright was married to Emma Geiss, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dundore) Geiss, and to this union there have been born the following children: Charles H. is engaged in clerking in Philadelphia; Elizabeth E. is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1897, and has taught school in Berks, Chester and Bucks counties; Sallie I. maried Alvin Blatt, of North Heidelberg township; Adam S. is a mining prospector of Montana; Emma I., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is, like her sister, a teacher in the public schools, and has followed her vocation in Berks, Bucks, and Montgomery counties and in New Jersey; Thomas, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1903, is now assistant paymaster in the U. S. Navy, located at the Samoan Islands; Anna, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1902, taught six terms in Penn township, and is now teaching in Bernville; J. Calvin, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1908, is now teaching in Center county; and Flora L. and Raymond M. are students.

Mr. Bright has always been a stanch advocate of education, and has given his children every advantage, fitting them to care for themselves in any station of life. A Democrat in politics, he has served many times as school director, and at present is township supervisor. He has served as deacon and elder in the Reformed Church at Bernville, of which he is a consistent member. Mr. Bright is one of Penn township's good citizens, and has the respect and esteem of his fellow men.

LEWIS F. MILLER, a retired agriculturist of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., was born near Cornwall, Lebanon county, Dec. 26, 1839, son of Lewis and Maria (Fernsler) Miller, and grandson of Nicholas Miller.

Nicholas Miller, great-great-grandfather of Lewis F., came from Germany to America in 1738. In the list of taxables of Heidelberg township, Lancaster county, in 1758, were the names of Nicholas Miller, Sr., and Jr., and Frederick Miller. The latter two were sons of the ancestor who planted this branch of the Millers in the New World.

The great-grandparents of Lewis F. Miller were Nicholas Miller and his wife, Anna Maria Maus, and they had issue as follows: Michael m. Margaret Stump; Ludwig m. Barbara Moyer, moved to Cumberland county, Pa., and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; Jacob m. Christina Phillippy; Valentine, born Sept. 28, 1759, died July 21, 1821; Frederick, born Sept. 14, 1762, died Sept. 9, 1843; Barbara m. Nicholas Zollinger; Eva m. George Wolfersperger; Nicholas; George, born May 6, 1774, died Aug. 29, 1839; and Henry, born Aug. 3, 1776, died Feb. 8, 1854.

Nicholas Miller, grandfather of Lewis F., was born in Lebanon county, April 22, 1771, and he died on his 142-acre farm near Schaefferstown, March 25, 1853. On this property he erected a barn in 1818, which is still standing. His wife was Catherine Troutman, who bore him twelve children: Catherine, born Sept. 9, 1797, died March 26, 1873; Elizabeth, born March 22, 1799, married George Royer; Samuel, born May 18, 1800, m. Mary Weiss; Sarah, born Feb. 21, 1802, m. Jacob Seibert; Angelica, born Oct. 16, 1803, m. David Royer; Joseph, born Dec. 25, 1806, m. Mary Sholl, and was killed April 2, 1877; Lewis; Anna, born Oct. 17, 1810, m. Benjamin Eckert; Mary, born Sept. 12, 1812, m. John Thomas; Magdalena, born Nov. 1, 1814, m. George Seibert; Susanna, twin to Magdalena, m. Peter Ream; and Henry, born Jan. 19, 1818, m. Anna Humerighous.

Lewis Miller, the father of Lewis F., was born on the family homestead, near Schaefferstown, Oct. 13, 1808, and died in 1891, in his eighty-third year, both he and his wife being buried at Schaefferstown. He was a successful farmer, and at the time of his death was the possessor of a good deal of property. Mr. Miller married Maria Fernsler, of Cornwall, and to them were born these children: Lewis F.; Leah, deceased, married Abel Shaak, of Lebanon county; Susan m. Abraham Filby, the owner of the old Miller homestead near Schaefferstown; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth m. Jere Snabely, and lives in Marion county, Kansas; and Sarah m. Henry Noll, of Kleinfeltersville, Pennsylvania.

Lewis F. Miller was reared on the old homestead, and began farming for himself in 1874, in Heidelberg township, on a small tract of land which he cultivated for many years. He retired in the spring of 1904, and purchased a fine home in Womelsdorf, where he has since lived in contented retirement. He is a Republican in politics, and for three years was a school director in Heidelberg township, and also served as supervisor for one year. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, 142d P. V. I., and while a member of that company participated in the following engagements: Fredericksburg, where he was wounded Dec. 13, 1862, in the left knee, this incapacitating him for six months; Hatcher's Run, Feb. 6, 1865, where he was wounded a second time, receiving a flesh wound in the side, which caused his honorable discharge at Washington, in June, 1865. He is a member of Keim Post, G. A. R., of Reading. After the war Mr. Miller again resumed his station in the ranks of private life as an agriculturist. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church, and he has a burial plot at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church near Robesonia.

In 1874 Mr. Miller was married to Susan Stupp, daughter of John and Sarah (Eckert) Stupp. Mrs. Miller is a lady of fine taste. She has an elegantly furnished home, and is fond of old chinaware and other relics, of which she has a large collection. Mr. Miller's hobby is reading, and he spends much time with his books.

LEWIS PHILIP KERSHNER, one of Bernville's most highly esteemed citizens, who is now living retired, and a veteran of the great Civil war, was born Aug. 6, 1841, in Penn township, Berks county, Pa., son of Peter and Catherine (Body) Kershner.

Peter Kershner, great-grandfather of Lewis P., was born in 1747, and he became the owner of 375 acres of land in Penn township, where he lived. He was a prominent man in Berks county, being county commissioner from 1794 to 1797. His death occurred on his farm, in 1809, and he is buried at Bern Reformed Church, of which he was a consistent member. His sons, Philip and John, received each a half of his land.

Philip Kershner, son of Peter, was born on the homestead in 1767, and he died in 1830 at Bern Church, in the vicinity of which he had spent his life in farming. He was twice married, his wives being sisters, and his only child, who was born to the first marriage, was Peter.

Peter Kershner, father of Lewis P., was born in April, 1803, on the old homestead place, and lived thereon all of his life, his death occurring in 1868, when he was buried at Bern Church. He served as treasurer of Penn township for many years, and from 1848 to 1853 was director of the poor. Mr. Kershner married Catherine Body, daughter of Henry and Christine (Stoudt) Body, and they had these children: Priscilla married Cyrus Davis; Mary m. Frank G. Hain; Catherine m. Abraham R. Koenig; Sydney m. John R. Koenig; Sarah m. Richard Reber; Rosebella m. Harrison K. Hiester; Susan died unmarried; Peter B. m. Mary Geiss, and had children, Mary, Laura, Ellen, John, Monroe, Thomas and Peter; Henry J. m. Sarah Faust, and had children, George, Edward, Palmer, Lewis, Jeremiah, Charles, Kate, Sarah, Walter and Warren; Lewis Philip; George W. m. Ellen Shoms, and has one daughter; James P. m. (first) Malinda Spangler, and (second) Priscilla Wenrich; Alfred and Eliza died in infancy.

Lewis P. Kershner remained on the home farm until October, 1862, when he enlisted, becoming a corporal of Co. G, 151st P. V. I., and served nine months, participating in the battles of Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. At the latter he was taken prisoner and held at West Chester, Pa., in the parole camp. He was mustered out of the service July 28, 1863, and returned to Bernville. He had secured a good education in the public schools as well as the pay school, and had learned the butchering trade, which he now took up and followed until 1867, at which time he began operating the old homestead, but after some years came to Bernville, where he has since lived retired. In addition to the old homestead, which consists of 144 acres, Mrs. Kershner owns a farm of 109 acres. Mr. Kershner is a Democrat in politics, and he has served as burgess three times, as councilman three sessions, school director six years and has been treasurer of the Jacob Haag cemetery board since 1897. He belongs to the Reformed Church, and is a comrade of G. A. R. Post, No. 16.

On Aug. 25, 1869, Mr. Kershner was married to Mary A. Miesse, daughter of Rev. Isaac and Ann (Moyer) Miesse, and to this union there were born five children, as follows: Dr. P. J. is a cattle and meat inspector of Topeka, Kansas; Harry C. lives at Bernville; Lizzie J. m. John C. Reed of Steelton, Pa., and has three children, James E., William K. and Philip T.; and Ann M. and Walter both died in infancy.

Jacob Miesse, grandfather of Mrs. Kershner, was born in Centre township, and there he spent his entire life, being a prominent man and for several years a justice of the peace. His children were: Dr. Gabriel; Dr. Jonathan was a writer of some prominence; Rev. Samuel was a Methodist minister; Rev. Isaac; Dr. Jacob was a dentist and also carried on farming operations; and Catherine married Andrew Lichty.

Rev. Isaac Miesse was born March 31, 1812, in Centre township, Berks Co., Pa., and was licensed by the so-called "Free Synod," coming with that body into the old or Mother Church in 1836. He had charge of several congregations in Berks county—Bern, Bellemans, Friedens, Rehrersburg and Blue Mountain—and lived in Reading until 1850, when he went to Penn township. He was connected with the Synod until 1863, at which time he declared himself independent, and so continued until his death Feb. 1, 1864, at the age of fifty-one years, ten months, one day being buried at Bern Church. Rev. Mr. Miesse married Annie Moyer, daughter of Jacob and Christine (Stoudt) Moyer, of Penn township, Berks county, and to this union there was born but one child, a daughter, Mrs. Kershner.

DAVID G. GROSS, an enterprising business man of Monocacy, Berks county, who is engaged in business as a dealer in lumber, coal, agricultural implements, farm supplies and vehicles, was born Sept. 12, 1862, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Alfred and Sophia Henrietta (Guldin) Gross.

John Gross, grandfather of David G., was born Feb. 19, 1801. He became a farmer in Earl township, and he died Oct. 15, 1836. He married Catharine Clouser, daughter of David Clouser, and among their children was a son, Alfred.

Alfred Gross, son of John, was born in Earl township, Aug. 8, 1827, and died Feb. 24, 1896, and is buried at Amityville. He was a blacksmith in early life, and later a farmer and cattle dealer in Exeter township, where he owned 104 acres of land. In 1885 he built thereon a substantial barn 45 x 90 feet. He married Sophia Henrietta Guldin, born in Amity Feb. 24, 1828, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Yeager) Guldin. She died Oct. 2, 1893. They had nine children, as follows: John Alfred; Samuel; James; Elizabeth; Isaac; David G.; Charles G., born Aug. 10, 1864; Simon Peter, who lives in Reading; and Guldin, a resident of Earl township.

David G. Gross attended the public schools of his native township, and later the Reading Scientific Academy, taught by Prof. D. B. Brunner, and the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which institution he graduated. For a year and a half after leaving school, he traveled east of Reading and throughout the State of New Jersey, for a Zanesville, Ohio, queensware firm, and then assisted his father on the farm for a time. In 1886 he went to Monocacy, and engaged in the coal business, succeeding Samuel Shirey, and in 1888 he added farm implements and vehicles of all kinds, and in 1892, lumber. He has a steady business, employing three assistants all the year, and extra help during the busy seasons. In 1903 he built a two-story warehouse, 40 x 80 feet.

On March 10, 1887, Mr. Gross was married to Miss Mary A. Bertolette (born in Jan. 1859, who died May 30, 1900), daughter of Jeremiah Bertolette. She is buried at Oley Church. Four children were born to this union, of whom Miss Anna B., born in 1896, is the only survivor. The others, Helen and the twins, died in infancy. Mr. Gross was married (second), in August, 1905, to Lenora K. Wise, nee Kauffman, of Leesport.

In politics Mr. Gross is a stanch Republican, and he has held the office of supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and for the past ten years has been president of the vestry. He lives in Monocacy, just across the Schuylkill river from his place of business, and his home is an elegant one, well cared for, and showing indications of energy and thrift. Mr. Gross is highly respected in this community, and is a popular member of Union Lodge, No. 479, F. & A. M., of Birdsboro; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection; and Philadelphia Consistory.

JOHN M. SPUHLER, one of Lower Alsace's well-to-do truck farmers, who is also engaged to some extent in carpentering, was born May 15, 1847, on the old homestead near Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., son of Joseph and Mary (Cook) Spuhler.

Gregory Spuhler, grandfather of John M., was a native of Switzerland, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years, the father of the following children: Xavier, who married a Miss Willy, and resided in Alsace township, where both died (no issue); Joseph; Frederick, who died in Camden, N. J.; John, who resided in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and left one child, John; and Margaretta, who married a Mr. Fisher, a boat builder, of Reading, and had four children, all deceased.

Joseph Spuhler, father of John M., was born in Switzerland in 1816, and there learned the carpenter's trade. He emigrated to America in 1836, and was here married to Miss Mary Cook, by whom he had the following children: George M.; John M.; Henry, a resident of Reading, who married Miss Kate Knapp, and had a large family of children; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Thomas Cronan, and resided in Reading, where both died; Louisa, who

married William Oberlin, who is carrying on a successful business on North Ninth street, Reading; and Catherine (Kate), who died when in her sixteenth year.

John M. Spuhler was educated in the public schools and at the age of sixteen years learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed very successfully for many years. On May 3, 1868, he was married to Francesco Flamm, born Oct. 4, 1847, daughter of Anthony and Victoria (Nebiller) Flamm, and to this union there have been born the following children: Rose died in infancy; Joseph H., who married Miss Mary Zimmerman, works with the P. & R. R. Co., and resides at No. 1202 Fidelity street, Reading; Frank and Emma are deceased; Edward; and Jennie.

WILLIAM H. RUTH, a leading citizen and school director of Spring township, Berks county, who is quite extensively engaged in truck farming, was born March 13, 1866, at Fritztown, Pa., son of Daniel and Catherine (Hatt) Ruth, and a member of one of the best-known and most numerous families of Pennsylvania.

Peter Ruth, great-grandfather of William H., was a farmer whose property was situated along the Cacoosing Creek, in Heidelberg township. He died in September, 1771. To him and his wife, Catherine, were born the following children: Michael, Jacob, Christian, Peter (born in 1764, died in 1819), George, John, Henry, Francis, Catherine, Mary, Barbara, Eve, Magdalena and Margaret.

Henry Ruth, son of Peter and grandfather of William H., was born Sept. 6, 1799, and died in 1855. He was an agriculturist of Fritztown, owning what is now the well-known Hill Side Stock Farm, the property of Harry Orr. Henry Ruth married, Sept. 26, 1819, Elizabeth Ruth, born July 19, 1796, and to them were born the following children: Abraham, born July 27, 1820; Charles, born Sept. 26, 1822, died June 11, 1823; Henry, born July 5, 1829; Aaron, born July 8, 1832; Charles, born Dec. 31, 1825; Henry, born July 27, 1824, died Nov. 3, 1829; Lewis, born June 3, 1831; and Daniel, born Jan. 11, 1836.

Daniel Ruth, father of William H., was born Jan. 11, 1836, in Spring township, and died Sept. 1, 1897. In early life he engaged in clerking in the country store at Fritztown, where later he became a partner, but subsequently embarked in agricultural pursuits, and for many years operated a twenty-five acre farm at Fritztown. Mr. Ruth was a well-known citizen of his community, and enjoyed a reputation for honesty, integrity and public spirit. He was buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a member. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years collected the tax in Spring township.

Daniel Ruth was married to Catherine Hatt, born in August, 1838, who now resides on the homestead at Fritztown, and to them there were born these children: Marcus D., a merchant of Sinking Spring; LaFayette R., who married Lizzie Whitman; Emanuel, of Gouglersville; Rebecca, who died unmarried; William H.; Jacob, who is unmarried and lives at home; Katie, who married Franklin Haas, of Fritztown; and Emma, who married Pierce Struk, of Mohnton.

William H. Ruth was educated in the township schools, and later attended Lebanon Valley College at Annville for two terms. In 1891 he engaged in truck farming, having prior to that time clerked in a store and engaged in cigar-making for one and one-half years. His twenty-five acres of good land are well cultivated, and he has been successful to a high degree. In politics Mr. Ruth is a Republican, and although the district is strongly Democratic, in the spring of 1902 he was elected school director, and three years later re-elected to that office by a large majority. He is greatly interested in educational matters, and is an intelligent and progressive official. He and his family are members of Zion U. E. Church, of Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

In 1891 Mr. Ruth was married to Rosa Rintz, born June 7, 1866, daughter of Casper and Rosa (Hoover) Rintz, of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth have had eight children, namely: Franklin P., who died aged two months, seven days; Catherine R.; Jacob D.; Annie E.; Charles H.; Hattie N.; Edna V., and Adam C.

GREGORY HEINE, a well-known and venerable citizen of Mount Penn borough, Berks county, was born not far from the ancient Republic of Switzerland, Feb. 27, 1825, and reared among the liberty-loving inhabitants of the historic Black Forest, in the south of Baden, near the source of the picturesque Danube river, in the hamlet of Tannheim.

According to the laws of the Fatherland, Mr. Heine attended school for eight years, and when seventeen years of age learned the blacksmith's trade. While working at this occupation in 1845, he was drawn in the usual annual draft of recruits for the regular army of the South German Confederation, and was mustered into service April 1, 1846. Tyranny and oppression bore hard on the people of Baden, but soon the spirit of liberty went abroad, inspiring them to rise and battle for freedom, equality and unity, and in the spring of 1849 Gregory Heine, with thousands of others, became a "soldier of freedom." The regular army was abandoned and the "Freie-Schaaren" (Liberty's Legions) were recruited and drilled. Gregory Heine was one of the recruiting officers, and was elected captain of a company of 219 men, and the war against the Gross Herzog of Baden was on. Royalty, however, crushed Liberty for a time, and so, like Hecker, Sigel, Schurz and other champions of freedom, Mr. Heine, too, sought liberty on American soil.

Mr. Heine first located at Lancaster, and later in Dauphin county, where he followed blacksmithing until 1850, in which year he removed to Reading, and in this city he and his father resided. After coming to Berks county he continued at blacksmithing at Eckert's Henry Clay furnaces, then at the old Reading Railroad shops, and for a short time in his own shop until 1858. He then conducted the "Neversink House," one of the oldest hotels in the State, built in 1768 and kept as a hotel during the Revolution by Colonel Lutz. From 1863 to 1870 he was engaged in the manufacture of tombstones, and general marble work, doing an extensive and successful business. In 1865 he purchased the Dr. Tyson tract of nineteen acres, just beyond the "Old Toll Gate" in the eastern suburbs of Reading, extending along the Perkiomen pike into Alsace township, which he farmed carefully and brought into a remunerative state of cultivation. In 1903 he laid out a portion of this farm into building lots, of which he has since sold a large number, but still conducts a small, attractive farm, of pleasant location, where he raises considerable fruit. His vineyard yields well, and his wines are known throughout the township for their excellence. For many years, beginning with 1851, Mr. Heine was prominently identified with successful building and savings associations, as president and director, all of which were successfully conducted for the members.

Mr. Heine is a successful, progressive and public-spirited citizen, and during his residence in Reading did much towards the material benefit of that city. He sub-contracted the digging of fully 150 cellars, also erecting numerous dwellings, and his thrift and progressive ideas have accumulated for him a comfortable fortune. In politics he is an uncompromising Democrat, has been delegate to various Democratic conventions, serving on the Democratic standing committee, and a member of the Democratic City Association. In 1868 he was elected a common councilman of the Second ward, and served in that office until 1876, with the exception of one term. He was an active and conscientious member of that executive body, and faithfully guarded the tax-payers' interests, being an incorruptible official, able to withstand any evil influences which might be brought to bear upon him. In 1884 he became a candidate for the nomination of county treasurer, but after making several attempts to secure the nomination, relinquished his efforts as he felt that his religion was against him. He and his family are Roman Catholics, belonging to St. Paul's Church, Reading.

On July 14, 1851, Mr. Heine was married to Balbina Kerner, born at the same place as her husband in the Fatherland, and on July 14, 1901, they celebrated their

Golden Wedding at their residence, No. 1924 Perkiomen avenue. High Mass was solemnized at St. Paul's Church at 7:30 a. m., when the couple renewed their marriage vows in the presence of many relatives and friends. The children all partook of communion, and special music was furnished for the occasion. The balance of this memorable day was spent at the residence, where guests from Reading and other places were in attendance, and the gifts to this aged couple were beautiful and costly. Mrs. Heine passed away Nov. 21, 1905, aged seventy-two years, six months, twenty-two days, and Mr. Heine's daughters, Josephine and Ida, now manage the home. To Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Heine were born these children: John C. K., an attorney of New York, who married Mary Gerard; Rosa, who married George Dieffenbach, of Reading; Josephine; Joseph A., a contractor and builder of Reading, who married Rosa Klos, and has two children—Leon and Karl; Clara, who married John P. Fink, of Reading; Amelia, at home; Philip, a carpenter and hotel proprietor at Frackville, Pa., who married Agnes Wachter; Catharine; and Ida, who married John A. Hagge, has a daughter, Catharine, and lives with Mr. Heine.

The Heine family was established in Baden by the grandfather of Gregory Heine, who came from Westphalia, Germany. He was a tailor by trade, married, and had a family, among whom was Philip Heine, the father of Gregory. Philip Heine came to America in 1850, and lived and died in Reading with his son, Gregory. In the Fatherland he had been a farmer. He married Maria Sigward, and to them were born three sons and one daughter, namely: Joseph, of Reading, who married Maria Strobel, and had four children, Susan, Floraian, John, and Jacob; Kungunda, who married A. M. Gages, of Germany, in which country they resided, and had one son, Gregory; and Philip, of Reading, who married (first) Amalia Turner, and (second) Krysante Steinel, and had children, Mena, Frank (who is now clerk of the Board of Health, Reading), Otto, Edward, and two daughters who were married in New York, where they now reside.

ADAM EMES, one of the venerable citizens of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, who has lived retired since 1905, was for many years engaged in farming in this township, where he is well and favorably known. He was born Sept. 5, 1826, in Cumru township, this county, son of John and Hannah (Weitzel) Emes.

Johan Georg Ems (Emes), born in Europe in 1694, came to America on the ship "Friendship," which arrived at Philadelphia, Oct. 12, 1741. In all probability he is the immigrant ancestor of this Berks county family, and the great-great-grandfather of Adam Emes. We find a record also of Valentine Emms, of Robeson township, Berks county, who in 1759 was a resident of that district and there paid a federal tax of ten pounds, which sum was equal in United States money to $26.60. This Valentine Emms may have been either son or brother of Johan Georg Ems.

John Ems (Emes), a farmer of Lower Berks county, below Reading, who also possibly owned a farm in Exeter township, was the grandfather of Adam Emes, and the father of these children: Abraham; James; William; John; Kate, who married Adam Weitzel, of Cushion Hill; and Polly, who married a Mr. Harner.

John Emes, father of Adam, was born below Reading, Nov. 16, 1802, and died June 25, 1881. He was a blacksmith and farmer and lived in Cumru, Bern and Spring townships, owning several different tracts of land. Mr. Emes married Jan. 15, 1826, Hannah Weitzel, born Dec. 22, 1799, who died aged eighty-two years, two months, two days, daughter of Christian Weitzel, and to this union there have been born the following children: Adam; Leah, born Sept. 15, 1827, married Elias Fry; Augustus; a twin to Augustus died at birth; Mary, born Aug. 31, 1832, married Jacob Dundor; Eliza, born Nov. 22, 1829, married Peter Hornberger; Miss Catherine, born Dec. 18, 1833, resides on the homestead; Hannah, born Nov. 17, 1835, married Jonathan Dondore; and Miss Jane, born April 8, 1837, lived with her sister Catherine, and died March 27, 1908.

Augustus Emes, of the foregoing family, was born Dec. 16, 1830, and was a farmer of Spring township. His powerful strength was demonstrated on one occasion when he lifted a horse from a well, into which it had fallen. He was found dead in a meadow when thirty-eight years of age.

Adam Emes commenced attending the old German pay school in Bern township when the German song books, Psalter and New Testament were the text books, and his first teacher was a Mr. Fisher. When twenty-one years of age he commenced farming on his own account, on his father's farm in Spring township, which he later purchased, and which he operated for one year and a half, at which time his first wife died and he returned to his parents in Lower Heidelberg township. After his second marriage he commenced farming in Lower Heidelberg township a tract of about fifty-four acres, which he operated until 1905, and in that year retired. Mr. Emes owns several farms, the home one at Cushion Hill, consisting of sixteen acres and another at Fritztown of thirty-three acres. He was also engaged in the hotel business at Fritztown for some years conducting the "Farmers' Hotel" until 1880. He now lives retired in a sandstone house in Upper Fritztown, which was built in 1780 and which is still in a good state of preservation. Although past his eighty-second year Mr. Emes is well preserved both in mind and body, and in full possession of all of his faculties. His success in life has been due to his own efforts and he is highly esteemed as one of Berks county's representative citizens.

On Dec. 2, 1851, Mr. Emes was married (first) to Lucy Schnader, who died Jan. 20, 1853, aged twenty-eight years, daughter of William Schnader and wife (whose maiden name was Aulenbach). No children were born to this union, Mrs. Emes dying in confinement. In 1856 Mr. Emes was married (second) to Mary B. Artz, born May 1, 1838, daughter of John and Sallie (Borkert) Artz, and to this union there were born twelve children as follows: John J., born Nov. 9, 1857, residing in Iowa; Lucy Ann, who married Charles Rintz, of Edison, Pa; Annie Mary, who married John Goodhart, of Fritztown; Hannah E., who married Frank Huntzinger of Fritztown; James A., also of Fritztown; William H., of Fort Russell, Wyo.; Sallie I., who married Adam Yoder, of Moselem Springs, Pa.; Katie E., who married Allen Mohn, of Reading; Christie A. and Nathaniel D., who died young; Harrison E., born Nov. 7, 1878, died Nov. 20, 1903; Christian, born Jan. 28, 1880, who married Oct. 26, 1901, Sarah E. Fleischer, and they have six children, Clarence, Lillie, Stella, Elmer, Mabel and Ethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Emes are Reformed members of St. John's Church, of Sinking Spring, where Mr. Emes was a deacon.

HARRY W. SHEELER, one of the substantial business men of Heidelberg township, Berks county, extensively engaged in the manufacture of hosiery at Robesonia, Pa., was born Aug. 27, 1865, near Womelsdorf, in Marion township, son of Henry and Elvina (Wenrich) Sheeler.

The first ancestor of this family in America came from Germany and settled in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. He spelled his name Schueler, and there are various other spellings, the most common forms being Sheeler, Schealer, Shuler and Schuyler. The date of birth, time of death and place of burial of the emigrant ancestor are unknown. His progeny are numerous.

John Schealer, the great-grandfather of Harry W., was a farmer and stone-mason of Exeter township, running the farm now owned by Jacob Spohn. He and his wife, Barbara, had eight children, as follows: Jacob and William, who died in Reading; Samuel, who lived in Robesonia; John (1793-1872), who lived in Exeter; Benneville, who lived at Robesonia; Ann, who died unmarried; Lydia, who married Jacob Wentz; and Harry, who lived at various places.

John Schealer, one of the sons of John and Barbara Schealer, was born in Exeter township Oct. 23, 1793, and died there Dec. 16, 1872, aged seventy-nine years, one month, twenty-three days. He was a farmer and stonemason by occupation, and during the winter months engaged in butchering. On Dec. 20, 1818, he was married to Catherine Gardner, born Nov. 20, 1800, who died Sept. 29, 1878, in her seventy-eighth year. Ten children were born to this union: William, born Sept. 10, 1819, died in May, 1894; Harriet, born Sept. 19, 1821, died while out West in 1904; Elizabeth, born Dec. 13, 1823, was married and lived in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Valeria, born Feb. 14, 1825, died Dec. 25, 1895; Susanna, born Oct. 14, 1827, makes her home at No. 1028 Chestnut street, Reading, Pa.; Lovinia, born Sept. 10, 1831, died Oct. 2, 1893; Catherine, born July 18, 1834, died in infancy; John G., born Oct. 15, 1836, lives at Boyertown, Pa.; Augustus, born March 15, 1839, died March 29, 1873; Samuel G., born in Exeter township Oct. 5, 1842, lives in his own residence at No. 1145 Chestnut street, Reading. The latter is a stationary engineer by occupation and a highly esteemed citizen of his community. He was married Dec. 26, 1868, to Adeline Wessner, born in 1848, who died in 1905. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being William O., Lucretia I. and S. Raymond, the latter of whom is a student at Lehigh University.

Samuel Sheeler, son of John and Barbara and grandfather of Harry W., was born June 20, 1805, in Exeter township, and died Dec. 26, 1882, being buried at the Corner Church near Robesonia. He was a stone-mason by trade, and owned a tract of ten acres of land, which he cultivated. He married Sarah Schauer, who was born Jan. 23, 1811, and died July 11, 1873, and she also sleeps her last sleep in the cemetery at the Corner Church. Mr. and Mrs. Sheeler had these children: Henry; Rebecca, who married Harry Weidman, of Womelsdorf; Isaac, who spent his whole life in Schuylkill county; Amelia and Lizzie, who died of diphtheria; Samuel, who died young; and John, an iron worker of West Lebanon, Pa., who married Emma Newman (they have had five children, George, Lizzie and Beckie, living, and two now deceased).

Henry Sheeler, father of Harry W., was born in Exeter township, Berks county, April 24, 1829, and died at Robesonia April 7, 1906. He was a stone and brick mason, and did considerable contracting in his time, the buildings he erected including the high school (in 1889), and Wagner Hall, the latter now the property of George W. Gerhart. In early life Mr. Sheeler settled at Robesonia where he owned the house in which he lived, as well as several others. He was a member of the Lutheran denomination, and held membership in St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. On March 18, 1852, Mr. Sheeler was married to Elvina Wenrich, born April 1, 1827, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Roether) Wenrich of Heidelberg township. Mrs. Sheeler died Dec. 26, 1905. To this union were born the following children: Lizzie, who married George Kreitz, resides on the Sheeler homestead at Robesonia; Ada, who married Pierce Weigley, lives at Lebanon; Ellen, who died in 1902, married Rankin Potteiger and lived at Lebanon; Charles W., of Robesonia, who married Lizzie Henry, daughter of John Henry, who erected the first hotel at Robesonia; Lewis, who died in youth; and Harry W.

Harry W. Sheeler was educated in the common schools of his native locality, which he was obliged to leave at the age of fifteen years to earn a livelihood, and for four years was a servant on a truck farm. Subsequently he went to Montgomery county, Ohio, for one year. Mr. Sheeler then learned the stone-mason's trade and became stonecutter for the Robesonia Iron Company, for whom he worked in the summer months while his winters were spent at carpet weaving. This he followed with success until 1890, when he entered the hosiery manufacturing field, commencing with four knitters in the old schoolhouse at Robesonia where he remained five years. In 1907 he erected a three-story brick factory, 32 x 50 feet in dimensions on Main street, in which are installed nearly one hundred machines and where from sixty to seventy employes are kept busy. His factory is complete in every detail, and is lighted by electricity. Mr. Sheeler is an able business man and a most public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a Democrat, has been auditor of the township for three years, and in 1905 was first elected school director, being re-elected to that office in 1907, by a large majority. Mr. Sheeler is fraternally connected with the Royal Arcanum at Reading. He and his family are members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, near Robesonia, of which he has been secretary and deacon and is now trustee.

On Jan. 3, 1888, Mr. Sheeler was married to Miss Margaret Miller, daughter of Adam P. and Amanda (Klopp) Miller, and granddaughter of Philip and Matilda (Greth) Miller. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheeler, namely: Earl W., born March 10, 1889, who died Sept. 10, 1889; Raymond W., born July 28, 1900, who graduated from the Heidelberg township high school in 1906, and from the Interstate Commercial College, Reading, 1907; Guy W., born Dec. 10, 1891, a graduate of Heidelberg township high school, class of 1908; and Margaret I., born July 14, 1893, also a graduate of Heidelberg township high school, class of 1908. The family occupy a fine sandstone front residence on Main street, surrounded by a beautiful yard.

KRAMER. The name is a common one in Berks county, and among those bearing it worthily in the present generation may be mentioned Daniel F. Kramer, present prison inspector of Berks county, and George F. Kramer, tax collector of Bern township, both also engaged in farming in Bern township.

Bernhard Kramer, the ancestor of most of the name in Berks county, settled in Albany or Allemaengel township. His wife was Susanna Catharina Lautz. They had a son, Johannes, born Sept. 11, 1777, and baptized in Weisenburg Church on Oct. 19th following, the sponsors being Johannes Furg Hand and his wife Anna Margaretha. The birth certificate is in the hands of Daniel F. Kramer, of Bern township, who has also an interesting relic in the shape of the old road tax book of Bern, showing expenditures in that line from 1774 to 1848. The first records are made in fine German script with a quill pen. In 1775, the amount expended was £46, 8s., 3d.; in 1789, £45, 12s., 8d.; in 1799, £94, 6s., 4d.; in 1815, $578.91; in 1830, $230.20; and in 1845, $244.07. In 1908 the sum spent was $6,000.

John (Johannes) Kramer, son of Bernhard, born Sept. 11, 1777, died at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife, Catharine Ruhl, born March 29, 1780, died at the age of sixty-eight years, and both are buried at Epler's Church. He became a stonemason and followed his trade in Bern township. He also owned a small tract of land situated in Bern township between Bern and Epler's Church. His children were: Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1803, m. Christian Roth, and died at the age of eighty-eight years; Anna Maria, born Dec. 17, 1804, married James Richardson and died at the age of seventy-five years; Catharine, born August 28, 1806, married John Christ Heister, and died at the age of eighty-two years; John, born in 1807, married Kate Bohn, and died at the age of ninety-three years; Margaret, born Jan. 12, 1809, married Peter Harbach, and died at the age of eighty-two years; Sallie, born in 1811, married Jacob Body, and died at the age of ninety-three years; Daniel R., born Oct. 20, 1813, married Catharine Fisher, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Susanna, born July 25, 1816, married Jacob Heister, and died at the age of forty-one years; Jacob, born Sept. 11, 1819, married Mary Krick, and died at the age of seventy-six years. The average length of life of this family was seventy-eight years.

Daniel R. Kramer, son of John (Johannes), was born in Bern township Oct. 20, 1813. By trade he was a stonemason and this trade he followed all his life in connection with farming a small tract of land in Bern township. For

twenty-five years he was assessor and tax collector, and he gave good service to the public, faithfully and conscientiously performing the duties of his respective offices. He died June 21, 1886, and is buried in Bern cemetery. He was a deacon and elder in the Bern Church, and in his political faith he was a Democrat. He married Catharine Fisher, daughter of John Fisher, of Heidelberg township, and this union was blessed with eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, as follows: (1) One son died in infancy. (2) John F., born May 24, 1837, served in the Civil war from 1861 until the close of the struggle. Afterward he settled in the State of Wisconsin, where he was married to Catharine Koenig, and they were blessed with four children, David, Charles, Lizzie (deceased), and Lawrence. (3) Daniel F. is mentioned below. (4) Benneville F., born in Bern township April 25, 1841, married Rebecca Lerch. None of their children are living. Mr. Kramer died at the age of sixty years. (5) Albert F., born in Bern township Sept. 27, 1843, married Anna De Turk, and their union was blessed with four children, Harvey, Edith, Esther and one deceased, all of Reading, Pa. (6) Catharine, born in Bern township May 17, 1845, married Jacob Snyder, and they were the parents of six children, Clara (married to Jonathan Reber), Ida (married to Jacob Kirkhoff), Eva (married to W. Spatz), Irwin (a farmer, married to a Miss Weitzel), Howard (married to a Miss Mogel, is at present a teacher in the West Leesport high school) and Allen (unmarried, and the overseer of public schools in New Jersey). (7) Eliza, born in Bern township Jan. 1, 1848, is unmarried and living in the same house where she was born. (8) Louisa, born in Bern township Aug. 8, 1850, was married three times, first to Franklin Winter (deceased), second to David Shiffert (deceased) and third to Daniel Lindemuth. (9) George F. is mentioned below. (10) Henry F., born in Bern township March 24, 1856, was married to Emma Dunkelberger, and they had three children—Bertha, married to Franklin Rothermel, of Reading; Macie, deceased; and John, at home. (11) Edward F., born in Bern township Jan. 9, 1860, married Emma C. Lieb on April 7, 1884, and their union was blessed with children as follows: Harry Lieb, Florence May and Daniel Joshua, all of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Daniel F. Kramer was born in Bern township May 23, 1839, and attended public school until he was twenty years of age, when he went to Perry county and assisted in building the county barn. This was in 1860, and at the end of six months he returned to Berks county, where for sixteen years he had a good force of men working for him all over the county, building houses and barns. He then engaged in farming, having a tract of twenty-two acres. He has served as assessor in his township for a period of nineteen years, the court of the county having first appointed him to that position upon the death of his father. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served the county for nine years as prison inspector. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Epler's Church, and has been deacon and elder. He has been married twice, his first wife, Lovina Lash, daughter of John and Susanna (Richard) Lash, dying Jan. 19, 1877, the mother of five children: Maria married Abraham Barr; Milton died in 1865, aged one year; Ellen died in 1875, aged ten years; Adam was married twice, first to Gertrude Stamm, who died leaving two daughters, Stella and Ellen, and second to Mary Rothenberger; Clara died in 1876, aged two years. Mr. Kramer married (second) Elizabeth R. Hartman, daughter of the late Samuel and Hannah (Rapp) Hartman, and by this union there were two children: George William, who died aged three years; and Carrie, who married Samuel Stout, of Reading.

George F. Kramer was born in Bern township March 1, 1853, and is at present a truck farmer and tax collector of his township. He was reared to farming, and when eighteen years of age learned the trade of stone-mason from his brother Daniel F. This he followed until 1895, working at different places. He was foreman for Howard E. Ahrens, a contractor of Reading for a number of years, for whom he worked in Steelton, Newport (Perry county), Reading and elsewhere, having under him all the time from twenty to thirty men. He was also in the employ of Joseph P. O'Reily, a contractor of Reading, for whom he worked at the Schuylkill avenue bridge at Reading and also at the Cross Key bridge. Since 1895 he has lived at the old home farm, having about twenty acres of good truck land, keeps two cows and an average of 125 chickens (besides what he uses for his family), and during 1908 sold five hundred and sixty-three pounds of butter from the two cows, the price ranging from thirty to thirty-four cents a pound, and ten hundred and seventy-one dozens of eggs, the price ranging from sixteen to forty cents a dozen. He attends the Reading market.

Mr. Kramer is a Democrat in politics, and his first public office was that of precinct inspector. Then he became judge of election, and in 1903 was appointed by the court, tax collector of Bern township, and three years later was elected to the same office. Mr. Kramer is a Lutheran member of Bern Church, while his wife belongs to the Reformed Congregation. He has served as deacon and elder.

Mr. Kramer has been twice married. On May 19, 1875, he married Louisa Suenders, daughter of George and Catharine (Eisenhard) Suenders, natives of Germany. Mrs. Kramer died at the age of thirty-five years. By this union there were two children: Charles M., born in 1878, married Rebecca Potteiger and has had three children, Luella M., Edna L., and one daughter who died in infancy; Jennie B., born in 1883, married Charles Gibson, and has two sons, Ira M. and C. Elwood. Mr. Kramer married (second) Susan E. Lerch, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Roth) Lerch, and by this marriage he became the father of two daughters, Annie R., born in 1895, and Mary C., born in 1903.

JACOB B. ESSER. Among the prominent family names in the history of Kutztown is that of Esser. From the information at hand it appears that the family have lived in that vicinity for more than a hundred years past, and there is a tradition extant that the first house erected upon the site of Kutztown was built by an Esser.

The earliest American progenitor of this well-known family of which anything is definitely known is Jacob Esser, who was born December 29, 1758. He was a cabinet maker by occupation, and long had a shop and place of business in Kutztown. One of his specialties was making cases for the old style grandfather's clocks, and specimens of his handiwork are still preserved in some Berks county houses. He died August 24, 1845, and was buried in the graveyard of the old Lutheran and Reformed Church in Kutztown. He was a soldier during the Revolutionary war, and fought in the battle of the Brandywine. He served as a private in a Pennsylvania company, Paul Groscup, captain, and Balser Geehr, colonel. He first enlisted in 1776. This entitles his descendant Jacob B. Esser to all Revolutionary honors. The records of his military service are on file in the Bureau of Pensions at Washington.

This Jacob Esser married Anna Maria Kroll, of whom little is known beyond the fact that she was born March 23, 1767, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and grew to womanhood in that locality. She died January 4, 1851. For some years before her death she was totally blind but bore her affliction in meekness and patience, and her Christian graces are still warmly commended whenever her memory is recalled by those who knew her in the flesh. She also is buried in the graveyard of the Lutheran and Reformed Church. Jacob Esser and Anna Maria Kroll, his wife, had issue as follows: Jacob, Daniel, Samuel, Michael, Hannah and George. Daniel m. Elizabeth Humbert; Samuel m. Hannah Overbeck; Michael died unmarried; Hannah m. Jacob Overbeck and George m. Elizabeth Overbeck. The Essers and the Overbecks of this generation were quite effectually intermarried, Hannah and Elizabeth Overbeck being sisters of Jacob Overbeck.

J. B. Esser

Jacob Esser, the oldest child in the family of Jacob and Anna Maria (Kroll), was born October 9, 1792, in Maxatawny township, where he engaged at farming nearly all his working days. He married Sarah Fister, a daughter of George and Margaret Fister, and a member of another old representative Berks county family. He died January 20, 1860, and his wife October 20, 1870, both dying in the house now occupied by D. A. G. Wink, the house in which they were married. The remains of both are buried in the Hope cemetery which adjoins the cemetery of the old Lutheran and Reformed Church.

To the union of Jacob and Sarah (Fister) Esser were born two children, namely: Charles W. and Mary. Mary m. Samuel Diebert, a merchant of Schuylkill Haven, by whom she had two children, both of whom are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Diebert are also deceased.

Charles W. Esser was born on the farm in Maxatawny township, but early in life learned the hat-maker's trade. After completing his trade he opened a store in Kutztown, using the back part as a shop in which to manufacture his goods and the front part as a salesroom. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat, and took great interest in party and public affairs. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace and several times was a candidate for nomination as sheriff, in which, though not successful, he always commanded a strong following. He was twice married. He first married Anna Maria Schwoyer (born March 12, 1832, died Jan. 15, 1859), by which union three children were born, two sons who died in infancy, and a daughter who grew to womanhood and married A. A. Kline, of Allentown. Mrs. Kline died in 1902, leaving issue two sons. Charles W. Esser m. second, Mary Bieber, daughter of John Bieber and Salome Fetherolf, his wife. Mary Bieber also was born in Maxatawny township, on Jan. 11, 1822, and was a member of one of the largest and most prominent families in this part of Pennsylvania. Charles W. Esser died Aug. 20, 1863; his wife, Mary (Bieber) Esser, survived him until Sept. 8, 1894. He and his two wives and his parents are buried on the same plot in the Hope cemetery.

To Charles W. and Mary (Bieber) Esser were born two children, namely: Sally M. (m. to Samuel Smith and lives in Kutztown), and Jacob B. Esser.

Jacob Bieber Esser was born Jan. 5, 1863, in the borough of Kutztown, where he grew to manhood and has spent nearly all his days. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and in the Keystone State Normal School, and selected for his life occupation the printer's trade, serving his apprenticeship with A. B. Urick in the office of the *Kutztown Journal*. After completing his apprenticeship he worked for two years as a journeyman in Philadelphia and for three years more in the city of New York, by which time he had acquired a thorough, practical knowledge of the art of printing. He then returned to Kutztown and in 1887 purchased the *Kutztown Journal* and the *Kutztown Patriot,* which two papers he has successfully conducted ever since. He gives every branch of his business close personal attention and under his energetic direction both papers have not only maintained the high prestige they enjoyed when they came into his possession, but have greatly increased in circulation and influence. His plant is complete and up-to-date in every respect, containing linotype, improved presses, folders and other modern machinery, and a very superior class of typographical work is turned out. The *Journal* is printed in German, the *Patriot* in English.

Mr. Esser is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and has done much to forward the best interests of his community. For a period of three years he was chief burgess of the town; for nine years continuously was secretary of the former Kutztown Fair Association, and one of the leading spirits and first president of the new association, which has already expended more than thirty thousand dollars for grounds and improvements. In the matter of politics he is a Democrat, both by inheritance and conviction, and has expended much time and labor for the success of his party. For six consecutive years he was a member of the Democratic county committee for Kutztown and for four of those years, secretary of the committee. In 1903 he was elected assistant chairman of the Democratic county committee and the following year, its chairman, in which capacity he served acceptably until April, 1905. He has repeatedly been delegate to county and State conventions and one of the best proofs that his political course generally met the approval of his party is the fact that in 1901 he was nominated and elected clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions of Berks county, it being the first time that his name was ever presented for county office.

Fraternally Mr. Esser belongs to Huguenot Lodge, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, of Reading; Reading Commandery, Knights Templar; Rajah Temple of the Mystic Shrine; is a Thirty-Second degree Mason; a Knight of the Golden Eagle; and a Junior American Mechanic. He is also a member of the Reading Press Club and of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association.

On Oct. 10, 1887, Mr. Esser married Miss Mary L. Hillegas, a daughter of John G. Hillegas, of Pennsburg, Montgomery county, and their union has been blessed with the following children: Florence O., Charles H., and Helen M.

MICHAEL KINTZFR, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, born Dec. 26, 1809, on the old Kintzer homestead there, died March 9, 1883. He was a great-grandson of Nicholas Kintzer, the founder of the family in this country, tracing his line through Jacob, son of the emigrant, and Adam, son of Jacob.

(I) Nicholas Kintzer, the progenitor of a family numerous in western Berks county, was born in Germany Nov. 15, 1715. When less than fifteen years old he crossed the ocean on the ship "Thistle," which arrived at Philadelphia, Aug. 29, 1730, and he came to live in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a substantial citizen. In 1759 he was assessed £16, which, reckoning $2.66 to the Pennsylvania pound, amounted to $42.56 of current coin. This pioneer settler died Jan. 20, 1794, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and he is buried at the Host Church, of which he was a member. His grave is marked by a brown sandstone the inscription on which is still legible. His will, which was made Dec. 15, 1791, and probated March 5, 1794, is recorded in Will Book B, page 355. The executors were his son Jacob and Thomas Kurr, and the following children are mentioned in the document: Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Kurr; Margaret, wife of Godfrey Real; Catharine, who died before her father, her children receiving her share; and Julian, deceased.

(II) Jacob Kintzer, son of Nicholas, obtained the plantation in Tulpehocken upon which his father lived and died, and there made his home, engaging in farming. He married Elizabeth Unruh, and they had a large family, among their children being: Johan (John), born in 1785, died in 1851; Adam, born July 28, 1788, died Feb. 24, 1860; George, born Oct. 18, 1795, died Aug 28, 1825 (married Dec. 17, 1820, to Maria Sailer).

(III) Adam Kintzer, son of Jacob, born July 28, 1788, in western Berks county, was engaged in farming there all his life. He died Feb. 24, 1860, aged seventy-one years, six months, twenty-six days. He married Anna Maria Leiss, born in 1789, died in 1872, daughter of Christopher and Maria Elizabeth Leiss. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kintzer are both buried at the Host Church. They had children as follows: Jacob; Michael; Isaac; William; Henry; John; Betzy, who married Gabriel Filbert; Mary, who married Andrew Schoener, and later John Leiss; and Amanda, who married Adam Moyer, of West Reading.

(IV) Michael Kintzer, son of Adam, was a lifelong farmer, living in Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned the old Kintzer homestead two miles north of Womelsdorf. Here he made his home for many years, and here he died March 9, 1883, at the age of seventy-three. He and his family were members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church at the time of his death, but he is buried at the

Hain's Church, in the new cemetery, where the Kintzers have a fine lot.

Michael Kintzer was married three times, first to Catharine Stupp, by whom he had four children, Frank, Israel, Adam and George. By his second marriage, to Maricha Jones, he had one son, Aaron, who died unmarried. By his third union, with Matilda Kurtz, who survives him, he had four children, all born on their old home in Lower Heidelberg township: (1) Charles Lewis, born May 22, 1861, is married to Alice Althouse, and lives at No. 311 West Oley street, Reading, Pa. (2) Michael H., born Jan. 17, 1863, married Kate Zacharias, and they have three children, Charles I., Chester W., and Leroy Z. (3) Rufus James, born April 11, 1866, a resident of Wernersville, Berks county, married Rachel Moyer, and they have two children, Lizzie M. and Michael N. (4) Annie M., born April 12, 1871, is the wife of Charles A. Greth.

Mrs. Matilda (Kurtz) Kintzer, widow of Michael Kintzer, was born Aug. 2, 1835, in North Heidelberg township, and was reared upon a farm. When twenty-five years old she became the wife of Michael Kintzer, as previously mentioned. After Mr. Kintzer's death she lived on a tract of eight acres which she owns until the spring of 1905, when she went to make her home with her son C. Lewis Kintzer, in Reading. She spends the greater part of the warm weather with her son, James, and her daughter, Mrs. Greth, in Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. Kintzer was a member of the Reformed denomination, but Mrs. Kintzer is a Lutheran in religious faith. She is an active woman, well preserved in spite of her advanced age, and is a pleasant conversationalist, taking an interest in the life of the community. She still uses the German language, having never learned English.

LEW BLOOM, who now makes his home in the village of Mount Penn, Berks county, is a man of versatile talents, having been actor, musician and artist. He was born in Philadelphia on the site where Penn made his famous treaty with the Indians, Aug. 8, 1859, son of Lewis and Louisa (Moyer) Bloom, the latter a sister of George Moyer, who was a central figure for so many years in Phoenixville, Pa., and who was the draftsman for the great bridge works at that place.

Lewis Bloom was born at Umpden, Germany, Oct. 5, 1823, and his wife at Wilheim, and they both came to America in youth. They were married at the old "Barto Hotel" in Reading, now the "Penn Hotel." Lewis Bloom had learned the carpenter's and cooper's trades in his native land, and was brought to Reading from Philadelphia by Frederick K. Lauer, the brewer of Reading, to make barrels and casks for the brewery. He was the first cooper in Reading, and the first in this country to erect the large vats for breweries, building these at different places all over the country, including Brooklyn and New York City. Well-buckets and wash-tubs which he made over fifty years ago are still in use in this country. He was engaged in business on his own account at different times, and is now living retired at the age of eighty-five years, his home being in Reading. Mrs. Bloom died in November, 1901. She was the mother of six children: Susannah Deborah, unmarried, at home; Louisa, wife of Fred Bartels, of Mount Penn; Lew; Charles, deceased, who was a trainer of harness horses and later connected with the Pittsburg fire department as assistant veterinarian; Adolph, who died in childhood; and Edward, a member of the Pittsburg Fire Department, who died Aug. 16, 1906, from the effects of injuries received at a fire when a falling wall struck him.

Lew Bloom was reared in Reading and was educated in the public schools and the academy at Williamsport, Pa. At the age of thirteen years he began riding as a jockey in running races for Peter Hurdick and "Kentucky" Schettler, of Reading. When still a youth he had a tendency for all kinds of show business, and was only a boy when he ran away and joined a circus, but was brought back home. He again ran away and found employment as a driver on a canal boat, the "Letitia King," on the old Pennsylvania canal. He started in the show business as a gymnast, for which he had trained while working as an oyster opener in a restaurant. He would practice on the horizontal bar in the back yard, with a neighbor's boy, Howard Cantner, who aspired to be a juggler, and who became his "side-partner" in the beginning of his stage career. Mr. Bloom's first venture which proved a financial success was acting the "wild man" at county fairs, his cage being an old crockery crate, and his acting was so perfect that even the most learned were deceived. The impersonation in which Mr. Bloom has won his most notable success, however, was that of the tramp, he being the originator of this "act." He was one of the "headliners" when Keith presented his first big "star" vaudeville bill in Boston and he has appeared at nearly every big vaudeville house in the United States and Canada, being recognized as one of the foremost and most popular comedians on the vaudeville stage.

In 1886 Mr. Bloom began the breeding of fine dogs, and since that time has developed one of the finest kennels in the country. In 1879 he was presented a fine English bull terrier, a white dog, named facetiously "Bloom's Blackberry" by Mr. Bloom, the giver being Colonel Snowden, president of the United States Mint. His kennels are made up of black and tan and Boston terriers, the head of his stud being "Champion Boney Boy," Manchester black and tan, the only champion dog ever owned in Berks county, which has taken prizes at many bench shows in this country and Canada. Mr. Bloom's kennels are the leading black and tan kennels of the world. He is fraternally connected with the B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 1, New York City.

AMANDON LAMM BICKEL, one of the prominent teachers of Lower Heidelberg, was born in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, Oct. 15, 1857.

Tobias Bickel, or Böckel as the name was then spelled, was born in Karlstadt, Bavaria, Germany, son of John Gotthard and Anna Sybilla (Gostenberger) Böckel. In the fall of 1736-37 (records differ), accompanied by his sister Maria Margaret and brother Frederick, he emigrated from Durkheim, Bavaria, to Pennsylvania. Tobias settled in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, south of Tulpehocken creek, on a farm that in 1768 had 120 acres; and Frederick in Bern township, on the Schuylkill, afterward moving to North Heidelberg, and in 1747 to Bethlehem, where he became farmer-general of the Bethlehem Economy. Maria Margaret married John Meyer, of North Heidelberg township. The farm belonging to Tobias passed to his son Anthony, then to Joseph, next to Elias, thus remaining in the Bickel family for a century and a quarter, but it is now owned by Peter Ruth.

The original Böckels were of the Reformed faith, but were converted to Moravianism. The two brothers and some of their neighbors listened to the preaching of Zinzendorf, the Moravian missionary, and were deeply affected thereby. They requested a preacher be sent them, and, as they had been of the Reformed faith, he sent them Jacob Lischy, who preached in private houses until September, 1743. He was succeeded in January, 1744, by Anthony Wagner, who at first resided with Tobias Böckel. In the summer of 1744, on land donated by Mr. Böckel, the North Heidelberg Church and parsonage were erected by the Moravians, and on Nov. 4th, of that year, the church was dedicated to the service of God in the opening sessions of a Synod presided over by Henry Antes. Later the church became Union—Reformed and Lutheran—and the members, it seems, returned to their original faith, the living descendants of Tobias Böckel being Reformed. The descendants of Frederick, in Bethlehem, still adhere to the Moravian faith. On Palm Sunday, 1734, Tobias Böckel married Christina Kuester, born May 6, 1714, daughter of Jacob Kuester and his wife, Elizabeth Dilkle. Two children were born of this union before the emigration to America. The wife and mother died in February, 1775, and Mr. Böckel married (second) in 1779 Widow Mary Elizabeth Glat, nee Tock, of Heidel-

berg. She died in 1790, when nearly eighty years of age. The tombstone of Christina was found in the North Heidelberg churchyard, lying flat on the ground in Moravian fashion, but those of Tobias and his second wife have never been found. The names and dates of birth of the fourteen children of Tobias are on record in the Moravian Archives at Bethlehem, and the names of those living in 1789 appear in his will, made that year and on record in the Berks county courthouse.

Anthony Böckel, one of the sons of Tobias, lived on the old homestead, but his burial place is uncertain, as his tombstone has not been found. He married Magdalena Romig, and was the father of twelve children.

Joseph Böckel, son of Anthony, was born May 11, 1785, and he died March 18, 1853. He was a blacksmith and farmer on the old home. He married Catharine Sohl. About this time the spelling of the name was changed from Böckel to Bickel, but the Bethlehem branch spell it Beckel. Joseph and Catharine had twelve children.

Jared Bickel, son of Joseph, was born March 1, 1837. He lived on a farm between Klopp's store and Robesonia, and was a prominent citizen of North Heidelberg, taking a great interest in political and religious affairs. For a time he was a member of the township school board. In 1884 he moved to Bluffton, Ind., and carried on farming there. He died Jan. 16, 1892. He married Leah Lamm, daughter of Daniel Lamm, and granddaughter of Peter Lamm. Both Daniel and Peter Lamm are buried at Hain's church. Daniel Lamm married Catharine Stoudt, daughter of Matthias Stoudt, son of Matthias, Sr., and both are buried at Bern Church. To Jared and Leah Bickel were born four children: Lewis, who died in infancy; Wilson and Catharine, who died in Indiana; and Amandon Lamm.

Amandon Lamm Bickel, son of Jared and Leah, attended the public schools of North Heidelberg in the winter and worked on his father's farm in the summer. During the spring and summer of 1878 he attended Oley Academy, then the leading school of its kind in the county. It was under the principalship of Dr. D. E. Schoedler at that time. The school term of 1878-79 he spent studying at the Bernville grammar school, presided over by Prof. G. A. Sellers; and in the spring and summer terms he went to the Bernville Select School, presided over by Michael A. Gruber, A. M. He then passed the teacher's examination under Prof. S. A. Baer, and began his career by teaching, a profession he has since followed with great success. He continued his studies in the spring and summer terms of 1883 at Oley Academy, and later he studied under private tutors. He has acquired a permanent certificate, and has taught in all thirty terms in Lower Heidelberg, giving excellent satisfaction not only to the trustees but to the patrons of the schools. In his long service he has witnessed the lengthening of the school term from five to seven months, the freeing of text-books, the introduction of school libraries and modern equipment and the doubling of the teachers' salaries. He is an active member of the Berks County Teachers' Reading Union, and has received a diploma for following out the course of reading recommended, since its organization by County Superintendent Zechman.

Mr. Bickel was formerly a member of the North Heidelberg Church, where he was confirmed by Rev. Thomas Leinbach. When he changed his residence to Lower Heidelberg he became a member of Hain's Reformed Church. He has served in the consistory as deacon and elder, and for a number of years he has been superintendent of the Marsh Sunday-school.

In 1884 Mr. Bickel was married to Ellen Magdalena Matz, born June 17, 1860, daughter of John and Susanna (Fisher) Matz, both of whom are buried at Epler's Church. Two children have blessed this union: Harvey Cleveland, born Feb. 6, 1885, private secretary to United States Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlain, at Washington, D. C.; and Paul Jared, born April 1, 1886, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and now an instructor in mathematics at Mercersburg Academy.

SOLON DANIEL BAUSHER, of Berks county, a leading manufacturer of underwear, proprietor of the Gotham Underwear Mill and Bleach Works, at Hamburg, Pa., was born March 5, 1869, in the borough of Hamburg, son of Jeremiah A. Bausher.

Daniel Bausher, his great-great-grandfather, was the progenitor of this family in America, coming from Germany. Tradition says that he emigrated about 1765 and that he was from the Palatinate. He had seven children, five of whom were: Philip, who settled on the old homestead in Albany; Jacob, who settled in Windsor; Anthony, who removed to Westmoreland county, Pa.; Henry, who removed to Somerset county, Pa., and Peter, who settled in Hamburg.

Of these, Philip Bausher bought land from the Penns in Albany township, Berks county, which is still in the family name. He had these children: Jacob; Christian, born in 1799, who died in 1875; Maria, who married Peter Laubenstein; Kate, who married John Dietrich; Rachel, who married John Dietrich, and Leah, who married John Hartzel. Christian Bausher, the second son of Philip, obtained the old homestead. His children were: Catherine, Lydia, Abby, Nathan and Henry, the latter of whom, born in 1832, obtained the old homestead, on which he has lived to this day. He is the father of six children: Daniel, Wallace, Thomas, Miss Annie (a well-known school teacher of Berks county), and two sons, Lewis and Oliver, who died young.

Jacob Bausher, great-grandfather of Solon D., was a large landowner, and was well known in his day. His son, Daniel, born at Windsor Castle, was also a large landowner and extensive farmer, and was a veterinarian. He was one of the organizers of the Windsor Mutual Horse Insurance Company, and was a prominent man of his district. He was married to Hannah Adam, daughter of Jacob Adam, of Perry township, and they had these children: William, Franklin, Jeremiah A., Daniel, Jacob, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Lovina, Amelia, Andora, and Elementa (who died in childhood).

Jeremiah A. Bausher was born at Windsor Castle, Berks county, Oct. 23, 1846, and was educated at the local schools and later at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. He then taught school for three terms, and in 1868 engaged in the general merchandise business, at Five Locks, below Hamburg, continuing there for one year. He then formed a partnership with A. S. Koller, under the firm name of Koller & Bausher, and engaged in a general merchandise business at Garfield, Berks county, Pa., this partnership lasting two years, at the end of which time Mr. Bausher removed to Hamburg, to engage in the grain and coal business. There he has continued successfully ever since. In 1899 he and Moses Seaman formed a partnership under the firm name of Bausher & Seaman, engaging in the manufacture of high-grade brands of flour, and this partnership lasted until the fall of 1906, when Mr. Bausher was elected to the office of recorder of deeds of Berks county in which position he has served faithfully and efficiently to the present time. In May, 1867, Mr. Bausher was married to Sarah Stoyer, daughter of Benneville and Catherine (Raubenhold) Stoyer, and to this union were born children as follows: Marice, who died aged eleven months; Solon D.; Harvey L., who married Susan Peters; and Evan J., who is unmarried.

Solon Daniel Bausher was reared in the borough of Hamburg, and received his education in the public schools. When but thirteen years of age he became a clerk in the general store of Aaron Koch, with whom he remained for two years, when he engaged with Daniel A. Heffner, a merchant of Hamburg, in whose employ he continued for three years. He then engaged with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as billing clerk at Phoenixville, remaining in that employ for two years, when N. A. Confer, of Hamburg, offered him a better salaried position in his large department store, which he accepted, continuing there for three and one-half years. J. C. Illig & Brother, the well-known merchants of Reading, were his next employ-

ers, and he acted as buyer of suits and cloaks for this firm until 1894, in which year he associated himself with the mercantile house of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, of Reading. Mr. Bausher has charge of the suit and cloak department, doing all the buying of cloaks, suits, furs, ladies' waists and wrappers, has a large force of clerks under him, and has made this department one of the largest and most profitable of the big store.

From youth Mr. Bausher has been enterprising and industrious, and after school hours during his boyhood managed to carry the Reading *News* to many readers in Hamburg every night. As mentioned at the opening of this sketch, Mr. Bausher is proprietor of the Gotham underwear mill and bleach works now reckoned among the leading industries of Hamburg. He is a director of The Berks County Trust Company of Reading, and of William Penn Fire Insurance Company, of Pottsville. In politics he is a stanch Democrat and has served the borough of Hamburg as director for six years, being president of the board for one year and its treasurer for four years. He was a delegate to a number of county conventions. He is a zealous campaigner, and his father's election to the office of recorder of deeds of Berks county was due in a great degree to his untiring efforts.

Mr. Bausher and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Hamburg, of which he has been deacon for three years and ever a stanch supporter. Mr. Bausher and his family reside in their fine residence on North Fourth street, Hamburg.

On Aug. 22, 1895, Mr. Bausher was united in marriage with Cora E. Miller, only daughter of Charles N. and Elizabeth (Becker) Miller, and to this union have been born two bright sons, Charles R. and J. Lee.

LEVI REESER, who is now living retired at his home in Bern township, Berks county, was born in the western end of West Leesport, Pa., Aug. 15, 1832, son of Samuel and Catherine (Phillips) Reeser.

Philip Reeser, the progenitor of this family in America, was a native of Switzerland, and on coming to this country settled in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., where he acquired much property and left a large estate. His will, which is on record, was made Aug. 23, 1786, and was probated June 4, 1798. He and his wife Elizabeth, who survived him, had nine children: John; Philip, Jr.; Anna Elizabeth, who married John Winter; Elizabeth, who married Christian Bossler; Daniel; John; Catherine; Mary and William.

Philip Reeser, Jr., son of Philip, came with his father to the United States and spent all the rest of his life in Bern township where he died. He married Amelia Reimert, and they had these children: Samuel; John, who lived in Centre township (he lost his five children in the terrible typhoid fever epidemic of 1858); Mary Ann, and Caroline.

The ancestor Philip erected Reeser's Mill in Bern township, which for many years was conducted by a descendant, Abraham Reeser, and which is now the property of John McGray. Philip Reeser, Jr., owned the land on which West Leesport borough is built, and he built the old stone house at the extreme western end on the north side which was his dwelling. His farm, which consisted of 140 acres, now belongs to his grandson, Levi.

Samuel Reeser, father of Levi, born Sept. 19, 1788, died May 29, 1869, and is buried at Epler's Church of which he was a Reformed member. He was a farmer by occupation and owned the old homestead, on which he resided all of his life. Mr. Reeser was married (first) to Rachel Neischwender, (second) to Catherine Phillips, and (third) to Magdalena Phillips, his second and third wives being sisters, and daughters of John Phillips. By his first wife Mr. Reeser had a daughter, Rachel, who became the wife of Thomas Eck. To his second marriage were born five children: William, of West Leesport; Philip, of Illinois; Leah, who married Elias Spatz; Samuel, who died at Molltown, and Levi. There were six daughters born to the last marriage, three of whom died young, the others being: Sarah, who married Joseph Mosser; Esther, who married Sampson Hoyer; and Lovina, who married Frederick Roth.

Levi Reeser was reared to agricultural pursuits and during the greater part of his active life engaged in farming at the old family home. He also for nine years operated a ferry-boat on the Schuylkill canal. In 1904 he came into possession of a sixty-four-acre tract situated at the present site of West Leesport borough, on which is standing the old stone house mentioned before. Mr. Reeser is a member of Epler's Reformed Church, where he has been a deacon and elder.

On Oct. 17, 1855, Mr. Reeser was married to Sarah Hafer, born Dec. 8, 1837, died Feb. 7, 1904, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rieser) Hafer. Nine children were born to this union: Levi M., born Feb. 9, 1857, married Helen Loose; Sara C., born Oct. 25, 1858, married James Baer; Amelia A., born Feb. 3, 1863, married Milton Nunnermacher; Kate E., born Sept. 22, 1865, married Albert Roth; one son died in infancy; Mahlon E., born Jan. 22, 1869, died Oct. 3, 1869; James R., born June 24, 1871, married Emma Churchoff; Rosie A., born Jan. 2, 1879, married Penrose Belleman; and Samuel, born Feb. 10, 1881, married Mary Albright.

ELI H. SWOYER, public school teacher for thirty-six years, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, April 3, 1848. During his youth he worked on his father's farm, attending public school in the winter months, and by assiduity and perseverance he became so proficient in his studies as to secure a teacher's certificate in 1867; and afterward he prosecuted his studies in the higher branches in the Keystone State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1873. He then engaged regularly as a school teacher, and continued to serve as such for thirty-six terms, one term in Lehigh county, seven terms in Lancaster county, and twenty-eight in Berks county, twenty consecutive terms of the latter period having been spent in the same schoolhouse in Lower Heidelberg township, near Vinemont. It is evident that as a teacher he gave entire satisfaction in his methods of instruction and in the treatment of his pupils. At the close of each school term, he assisted in farming operations, and also kept up his studies to render him more proficient as a teacher. His thoroughness and exactness are shown in his superior hand-writing, which he perfected by great perseverance, being obliged to write with his left hand on account of the partial disability of his right hand.

In politics Mr. Swoyer is a Democrat, and for many years he has exerted much influence in behalf of the party tickets in the vicinity where he has taught school. Upon the decease of his father, in 1904, he purchased the farm near Fritztown, and since then has carried on the farming operations in a successful manner, putting up a new brick dwelling-house and remodeling the other buildings. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring for nearly thirty years, and for upward of twenty-five years he was a teacher and superintendent of Sunday-schools.

His father was Peter Schweyer, of Maxatawny township, where he was brought up to farming, and he carried on that vocation in the the township until 1847, when he engaged in conducting the hotel at Rothrocksville for twenty-one years and at Fritztown for four years, when he purchased a farm near Fritztown and resumed farming operations. He was married to Elizabeth Dumn, daughter of Michael Dumn of Richmond township, and by her he had fourteen children: Levi A. (married Angeline Dresher), Peter (married Mary Strunk), Albert M. (married Caroline Zacharias), Willooghby A. (married Ella Belleman), Eli H., Sallie A. (married David Merkel), Hattie (married Daniel Walter and after his decease Elijah Krick who also died), Rebecca (married William Stitzel), Elizabeth, and five who died young. He died in 1904, aged eighty-nine years; and his wife died in 1900, aged eighty-two years.

The grandfather of Mr. Swoyer was Christian Schweyer, of Maxatawny township, born Feb. 7, 1776, died Sept.

22, 1858. He was also a farmer by occupation. He was married to Elizabeth Keiser of Longswamp township, born Sept. 7, 1779, died Dec. 20, 1860, daughter of John Keiser, and they had eight children: Peter; Christian, who married Rebecca Schmoyer; Jonathan, who married Susan Smith; Jacob, who died young; John, who married Elizabeth Folk; Matilda, who married Charles Boger; Elizabeth, who married Isaac Kemp; and Hettie.

ISAAC B. KLINGER, the subject of this sketch, was born at Millersburg (Bethel P. O.), Berks Co., Pa., May 1, 1851.

The Klinger family emigrated from Holland. Alexander Klinger, great-great-grandfather of Isaac B. Klinger, sailed in the ship "Albany", Robert Brown, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, and landed at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 2, 1749. He settled in Reading, Berks county, and was in the first taxable list on record of Reading, for 1759. His name also appears in the first United States Census of Reading, taken in 1790. He was a real estate owner in the city of Reading, as appears by patents taken for lots in 1753. He served as a private in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Conrad Shirman's Company, of Berks county volunteers. He died in the city of Reading in April, 1802.

George Adam Klinger, a son of Alexander Klinger, had previously settled in Mahantango, which at that time still was territory of Berks county. The Klinger family multiplied and by this time are quite numerous through Schuylkill and adjoining counties.

Absalom Klinger, a son of George, and a grandson of the aforesaid George Adam, was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born on the old Klinger homestead in Mahantango Sept. 20, 1817. In his younger years he came to Millersburg, Berks county, to learn the weaver's trade, which he followed through his active period; he liked Millersburg and settled down there and was married to Elizabeth Bordner, daughter of John Bordner and his wife Elizabeth (Hoffman). Four children were born to this union, viz: Elizabeth, Rebecca, Isaac B. and Sophia D. Absalom died April 6, 1901, and his wife, Elizabeth, June 27, 1901, aged respectively eighty-four years and eighty-one years.

Isaac B. Klinger was reared in Millersburg and received his early education in the public schools of that place, later attending the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, and the Palatinate College, at Myerstown. He learned the trade of weaver with his father, and followed it for some time. He then engaged in school teaching for eight years. On June 6, 1877, he was appointed Justice of the Peace for Bethel township, by Gov. John F. Hartranft, the duties of which office he filled efficiently and conscientiously up to May, 1903, when he refused a re-election. The same year he was commissioned by Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker a notary public for the State of Pennsylvania, with office at Bethel, to the duties of which office he now gives his attention.

Mr. Klinger has always affiliated with the Democratic party and had been honored by said party with election as a member of the standing committee of Berks county, sending him as delegate to county, State, and national conventions. In home matters he was always wide-awake and progressive. He was the founder of the cigar industry in his town. He was the promoter of the Bethel Shirt Works of his town, to which in conjunction with Mr. Isaac Barr he still gives his attention; these works were organized in 1897 and give continual employment to from fifty to sixty persons. He was also one of the prime movers in the organization and founding of the Blue Mountain Electric Company, a chartered organization to furnish light and power to rural towns, of which company he is treasurer; he is also treasurer of the board of supervisors of Bethel township. In business circles and in all deliberative assemblies, where experience combined with sound judgment are of consequence, Mr. Klinger's opinion is sought and always commands respect and consideration.

Mr. Klinger has also taken an active part in secret societies in his time. He is a charter member and past officer of the Bethel Lodge, No. 820, I. O. O. F.; a charter member of Washington Camp No. 214, P. O. S. of A.; and a member of the Tulpehocken Castle, No. 133, K. G. E.

In 1871 Mr. Klinger was married to Leanda R. Kurr, of Millersburg, daughter of William and Selecia (Geisler) Kurr. She died Dec. 27, 1890, at the age of thirty-nine years. Four children were born to this union, viz.: William, Agnes, Ellen and Mabel. Mr. Klinger and his family are members of the Salem Reformed Church of Millersburg.

HENRY REEDY, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Robesonia, Pa., whose attractive residence is situated beside the United Evangelical church, on Main street, was born Oct. 10, 1867, in Mill Creek township, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Jonathan and Isabella (Weiss) Reedy.

Wilhelm Reedy, the grandfather, was born at Sinking Spring in 1800, and died in 1853, and was buried at Millbach church, in Lebanon county. He was a carpenter by trade, and was the owner of a small farm which he cultivated and on which he resided. Mr. Reedy married Maria Bensing, who was born at Fritztown in 1801, and died in 1864, and to this union there were born six children: George, Jonathan, Samuel, Annie, Catherine, and a daughter who died young.

Jonathan Reedy, the father of Henry, was born in Mill Creek township, Lebanon county, Oct. 15, 1835, and there he still resides, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen. He was formerly a cooper and at one time employed ten men, doing much work all over Lebanon and the surrounding counties. He also engaged in plastering to quite an extent, but in 1866 purchased a nice farm, which he still owns. Mr. Reedy is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Union army through the greater portion of that struggle and participating, bravely and honorably, in some of the fiercest battles. He was drafted Oct. 15, 1862, became a member of Company I, 73d Pennsylvania regiment, served as corporal, and was discharged Aug. 15, 1863. Mr. Reedy is a pillar of Millbach Reformed church, in Lebanon county, of which he was a deacon for some years. He was married to Isabella Weiss, born July 10, 1835, daughter of Ludwig and Carolina (Kahl) Weiss, and to this union were born seven children: Elizabeth, who married George Strickler, of Millbach, Lebanon county; Jonathan, who married Hannah Gerhart, of Millbach, Lebanon county, by whom he has three children, William, Charles and Frank; Thomas, deceased, who married Tillie Spaydt, by whom he had four children, Calvin, Emma, Katie and Thomas, the last named being deceased; William, residing at Spring Mount, Pa., who married Sarah Wenrich, by whom he has had nine children, two of whom are deceased; Henry; Catherine, who married Claude Wilhelm, of Lebanon county; and Agnes, who married Calvin Lebo, of Millbach, Lebanon county, resides on the old Reedy homestead, and has one son, Lloyd Henry.

Henry Reedy secured his education in the schools of Mill Creek township, Lebanon county, which he left at the age of seventeen years to engage in farming, an occupation which he followed for eighteen years. He began farming on his own account in 1894 on the old Kinding farm in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, where he continued for three years. In the spring of 1897 he came to Robesonia and for a period of four years worked in a lumber-yard, after leaving which he began clerking in Thomas Tilbert's general store at Robesonia, where he has continued to the present time. Mr. Reedy is an obliging and pleasing employe, and his popularity is great in the borough, his friends including all who have met him. In 1905 Mr. Reedy erected a nice cottage on Main street, Robesonia, next to the Evangelical church. In his political belief he is a Republican. He and his wife attend St. Paul's Reformed church of Robesonia, of which he is a deacon, and toward the erection of which he contributed in 1904.

On Dec. 13, 1890, Mr. Reedy was married to Catherine Bennetch, born Dec. 26, 1866, daughter of Henry Bennetch, who is mentioned elsewhere in this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Reedy have had one child, Thomas Calvin, who died in infancy.

CYRUS B. LEVAN, a life-long resident of Exeter township, Berks county, died July 16, 1890.

The Levan family originated in France, where one branch became identified with the Huguenots. Four brothers left their native land to find a home in America, one of them, however, dying before his arrival here. The other three settled in Berks county, one in Oley township, one in Maxatawny, and one in Exeter.

Isaac Levan, the brother who settled in Exeter, became there the owner of a farm which has ever since remained in the family. On this he worked at clearing and cultivating, after the manner of other pioneers, experiencing many hardships.

Jacob Levan, son of Isaac, succeeded to the ownership of the farm, and passed his active years engaged in its improvement and cultivation. He married and among his children was a son named Abraham.

Abraham Levan, son of Jacob, was born on the farm, and in turn became its owner. He was very prosperous, and became very influential in public affairs. He married Maria Bechtel, who bore him three sons and two daughters.

Joseph Levan, son of Abraham, was born on the home farm in 1803, and became a farmer there, although he engaged also in other lines, accumulating quite a competency. He was widely known and very popular. As a stanch Democrat, he became a good worker in the party, but would never hold office. He was a member of the Reformed church, in which he served in a number of offices. His wife, Caroline Matilda Bechtel, was a daughter of John Tetter Bechtel. They had six sons and one daughter, namely: Joseph, who died young; Abraham F., living retired in Exeter township; Jacob, living retired at Jacksonwald; Cyrus B.; Nathan E., a retired farmer living in Exeter township; David, an attorney at Reading; and a daughter that died in infancy.

Cyrus B. Levan, son of Joseph and Caroline Matilda (Bechtel), was born Dec. 18, 1849, and became one of Berks county's prominent citizens. He was a life-long resident of Exeter township, and at the time of his death, July 16, 1890, was serving his second year as county commissioner, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He had filled a number of township offices, and was one of the most active men in public life in his locality, always looking to the best interests of the people. Mr. Levan was a member of the K. G. E., of Reading; Lexington Commandery, of Reading, and of Washington Camp, No. 230, P. O. S. of A. He belonged to the Schwartzwald Reformed church, in which he held the office of deacon. His widow, whose maiden name was Susan Trout, daughter of Benjamin, resides at Esterly with her sons, Joseph Henry, George M. and William.

The eldest child in the family, Jacob Edwin Levan, of Esterly, is a weaver in the Brumbach Woolen Mills; he married Elizabeth Pott, and has three children, Robert, Carl and Luther.

Joseph Henry Levan, son of Cyrus B., was born Feb. 27, 1880, was educated in the public schools and Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy, Reading, and also in the Inter-State Commercial College, from which he was graduated. He is a bookkeeper by calling. After working five years for John F. Lutz, the undertaker, at Reading, he started the furniture business for himself in which he is now engaged. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 230, P. O. S. of A.; and of Lexington Commandery, Reading. He is a member and financial secretary of the Schwartzwald Reformed church.

George M. Levan, son of Cyrus B., is a graduate of the Inter-State Commercial College, and is a student in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

William Levan, youngest child of Cyrus B., is also a student of the Inter-State Commercial College, and of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. ECKERT, a substantial farmer in Heidelberg township, where he owns a fine farm that has been in the Eckert name for several generations, was born there April 7, 1862.

The progenitor of the Eckert family in Berks county, Pa., was (I) Johan Conrad Eckert, who settled in Heidelberg township, where in 1759 he was assessed £25 (equal to $66.50) federal tax. On May 17, 1777, he was captain of the 6th Company, Col. Nicholas Lotz's 4th Battalion, of Berks county militia, in the Revolution. On May 10, 1780, he was captain of Lieut. Col. Joseph Hiester's 6th Battalion. The Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. V, p. 231, give John Eckert as ensign of the company. Among his children were: Philip and Johannes (John).

(II) Philip Eckert, son of Johan Conrad, was born June 18, 1756, and he died Sept. 10, 1828. He was married to Lydia Beck, born June 17, 1762, and their children were: George, born Sept. 9, 1782 (died Jan. 19, 1854); Mary, 1784; Susanna, 1785; Catharine, 1788; Peter, 1790; Sarah, 1792; Margaret, 1794; Elizabeth, 1795; Catharine (2), 1799; and Hannah, 1803.

(III) George Eckert, son of Philip, born Sept. 9, 1782, died Jan. 19, 1854. He married Sarah, born Dec. 16, 1787, daughter of Rudolph Resley, of South Lebanon township, Lebanon Co., Pa. She died Jan. 12, 1879. Their children were: Catharine, born 1809; Elizabeth, 1811; Mary, 1813; George, 1815; Cyrus, 1817; Philip, 1820; William, 1822; Rudolph, 1825; George John, 1827; and Aaron T., 1830.

(IV) George John Eckert, son of George and Sarah, was born Feb. 14, 1827, in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county. He graduated from Marshall College, Mercersburg, Sept. 6, 1852, and studied law in Hon. William Strong's office at Reading, being admitted to practice April 28, 1855. In 1865 he left a large practice to engage in business, in which he was very successful. On Nov. 26, 1857, he was married to Rebecca, daughter of Isaac M. Gerhard, of Sheridan, Pa., and their children were: Isaac G., Rudolph R., Mintie S., Emma R., George, William (deceased) and Ellen.

(II) John Eckert, son of Johan Conrad, the progenitor, was born Oct. 13, 1766, and passed his entire life engaged in farming on the land owned by his father and still in the family, it being now owned by William J. Eckert, and his brother Aaron. The land is the finest in the township, and has splendid water. John Eckert died Dec. 14, 1857. In 1792 he married Catharine Haak, born Aug. 7, 1774, who died Aug. 16, 1848, after fifty-six years of wedded life. They became the parents of five sons and four daughters, as follows: Jacob, William, Rebecca, John (Dec. 8, 1799-Jan. 27, 1871), Benjamin, Isaac, Sarah, Mary and Catharine (June 3, 1808-Oct. 31, 1829).

(III) Jacob Eckert, son of John, was born Sept. 7, 1793. He became the owner of the old homestead, upon which in 1810 he erected a stone house. He was very successful in his farming, and the improvements he made on the home place greatly enhanced its value. In religious work he was prominent as a member of the Corner Church, and there he now lies buried. He married Sarah Shepp, born July 15, 1806, daughter of Conrad Shepp, a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, who came over during the Revolution, and instead of returning to the country that had sold his military services became a farmer near Reading, Pa. Conrad Shepp married a Klohs, and was the father of Daniel, Elizabeth and Catherine, besides Mrs. Eckert. Mrs. Eckert died Aug. 1, 1866, her husband surviving her but ten months. They had children: James; Mary, born April 4, 1828, who married Daniel Henne (Aug. 8, 1827-Sept. 29, 1894), and died Dec. 10, 1905; Jacob, who married Susan Krick, and lived in Wernersville; and Amanda, born Feb. 28, 1845, who died Jan. 17, 1866.

(IV) James Eckert, son of Jacob, was born in Heidelberg township Sept. 20, 1832. He received such education as the common schools afforded, and worked on the home farm until twenty-eight years of age, or until his marriage, when he began for himself on the homestead. Here

he continued until 1883, when he moved to a smaller place, known as the John Spicher farm. He is now living in a comfortable little home at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., havng no active employment other than looking after his real estate. Mr. Eckert has been twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Hoyer, born Nov. 2, 1841, daughter of Simon and Catharine Hoyer. She died April 25, 1864, the mother of two children, namely: William J., born April 7, 1862; and Emma, born in February, 1864, who married Adam Leid, a farmer of Chester county, Pa., and has one son, James. In November, 1865, Mr. Eckert married (second) Lydia Hertzog, and to this union were born: Aaron, who is mentioned below, and Ida, born March 16, 1874. The family were reared in the German Baptist faith. In politics Mr. Eckert has been an active worker for Republican principles.

(V) William J. Eckert, son of James and Elizabeth (Hoyer), received his education in the public schools, and then turned his attention to the cultivation of the old homestead. He is now the owner of this property, which has come to him in direct line from Johan Conrad, the successive owners being John, son of Johan Conrad; Jacob, son of John; James, son of Jacob; and William J., son of James. This farm has been improved by each succeeding generation, and in 1901 William J. Eckert remodeled the house, practically tearing down the old structure with the exception of the gable end to the west, where just below the cornice is a stone bearing the inscription: "Erected in 1810 by Jacob and Sarah Eckert." The present house is modern and commodious, with large porches. A well-kept lawn, crossed by good stone walks, surrounds it, and makes it one of the most attractive places in the township. The barn, 45 x 86 feet, was erected in 1882. Mr. Eckert thoroughly understands farming, and he disposes of his produce at the Reading market, attending twice a week. His stand is No. 108, Kissinger's market house. He has also engaged in the raising of fancy poultry, and has a good dairy, keeping about twenty cows.

Mr. Eckert is a Republican and for nine consecutive years served his township as school director, for eight years being treasurer of the board. During this time two new school houses were erected—Mountain in 1900, and Fannery in 1905.

On May 25, 1882, Mr. Eckert married Fianna Mohler, born Aug. 5, 1859, daughter of Levi and Magdalena (Bitzer) Mohler, of Lancaster county, and four children have blessed this union: Louisa, born March 24, 1883; Levi J., July 22, 1887; Mabel A., April 15, 1890; and Verda E., March 9, 1899.

(V) Aaron Eckert, son of James and Lydia (Hertzog), was born on the old Eckert homestead April 5, 1867. He attended the Showers school and was at the Trappe one term. Farming has always been his occupation, and he gave his services to his father until he attained his majority, at which time he came into possession of one of his father's farms. This consists of sixty-nine acres of good land, which Mr. Eckert keeps in good condition and has well-stocked. In 1887 he married Annie Reber, daughter of William and Henrietta (Stoudt) Reber, of Bernville. They have no children. Both Mr. Eckert and his wife are members of the German Baptist church at Richland. They are highly esteemed people, and have many friends.

FRANKLIN M. GAUL, farmer, of Wernersville, Lower Heidelberg township, was born Dec. 16, 1849, in Spring township, Berks county, son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Marshall) Gaul.

Johannes Gaul, his great-grandfather, was born in Hermanien, in the Pfalz of Hebelbeim, Germany, Dec. 18, 1739, son of Henry Gaul. He emigrated to America in 1764 or 1770, and in 1785 was rated a large property owner in Berks county. He was married Sept. 4, 1767, to Barbara Arbogast, who came from a place on the Rhine, Germany, born Nov. 13, 1742, died Sept. 22, 1818. Johannes Gaul died on his farm Feb. 21, 1816, and from the inscription on his gravestone in the Sinking Spring cemetery we learn that he had ten children, seven sons and three daughters, among whom were the following: Abraham; Jacob, who married Catherine Sharp; William, born June 17, 1780, died March 30, 1857, who married Rosina Miller and had eight children, Solomon, David, Joel, Levi, John W. and Enoch (twins), Elenora (who married Ben Krick) and Lydia (who married Daniel Huyett); Christian, born Nov. 17, 1781, died June 9, 1851; Johannes, Jr.; and Georg, born Oct. 15, 1796, died April 22, 1861, who married March 11, 1826, Catherine Potteiger, and had two sons, Heinrich and Johannes.

Christian Gaul, son of Johannes, was a farmer of Cumru. He was born Nov. 17, 1781, and died June 9, 1851. He married Mary Ann Kissinger, born in 1795, died in 1877, and they had six children, namely: Abraham, born in 1815, died in 1891, married Mary Texter; Christian, born in 1817, died in 1871, never married; Jacob, born in 1819, died in 1859, married Mary Ann Huyett; Mary married Elijah Ruth; Reuben married Elizabeth Marshall; Hannah married Adam Hain.

Reuben Gaul, father of Franklin M. Gaul, was brought up in Cumru township, and carried on farming in Lower Heidelberg from 1865 until 1887. He married Elizabeth Marshall, a daughter of David Marshall, of Spring, and they had ten children: David M. married Mary Huyett; Franklin M. married Mary R. Bucks; Henry M. married Mary Ruth; James M. married Kate D. Huzzard; Mary married Frank Fisher; five died young.

Franklin M. Gaul was reared to farming, and has followed that vocation with success all his life. In 1875 he removed to Wernersville, where he has since lived, having a tract of thirty acres in the eastern end of the town, along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike. This place was formerly owned by William Werner, after whom the town was named, and is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Gaul is an honest and intelligent citizen, one who reads and takes a public-spirited interest in the advancement of his town, though he does not take a personal share in its public affairs.

Mr. Gaul was married Nov. 19, 1874, to Mary R. Bucks, born Jan. 13, 1851, daughter of Daniel B. and Elizabeth (Hain) Bucks, and they have an only daughter, E. Elizabeth, born Oct. 2, 1883, who resides with her parents at Wernersville. Mr. Gaul and his family are members of Hain's Reformed church.

Daniel B. Bucks, father of Mrs. Gaul, was born in Centre township, Berks county, June 21, 1821, and died March 24, 1874, aged fifty-two years, nine months, three days. He married Elizabeth Hain, born June 30, 1824, died Aug. 26, 1904, aged eighty years, one month, twenty-six days; she was a daughter of John A. and Catharine (Gernand) Hain, of Wernersville. Mr. and Mrs. Bucks were farming people, but for eleven years kept what is now J. H. Miller's hotel at Wernersville. They are buried at Hain's church. They had two children. Sarah, born Dec. 29, 1847, is unmarried and lives with her sister, Mary R., wife of Franklin M. Gaul.

Daniel Bucks, grandfather of Mrs. Gaul, was a native of Centre township, and died on his farm in Lower Heidelberg township, owning the place which is now the property of Benjamin A. Hain. He followed farming all his life. To him and his wife, Sarah (Bright), were born children as follows: David B., born May 8, 1817, died June 4, 1863 (his wife, Ellen H. Bucks, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hain, born March 16, 1817, died Feb. 4, 1887, aged sixty-nine years, ten months, eighteen days); Daniel B., born June 21, 1821, died March 24, 1874; Mary married Isaac Sohl and Henry Werner; Sarah married Jonathan Knorr; Catharine, unmarried, resides in Wernersville.

Abraham Bucks, great-grandfather of Mrs. Franklin M. Gaul, was a resident of Bern township, Berks county. His wife was a Himmelberger.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, one of the leading business men of Exeter township, Berks county, senior member of the well-known general merchandise firm of Adams Brothers, at Esterly P. O., village of St. Lawrence, is a native of Berks county, and a son of Israel and Susan (Hartman) Adams.

William Adams, the grandfather of William H., was reared in Lower Alsace township, this county, where he spent his life in stone-mason work and contracting, being a prominent business man of his day. He was an attendant of the Reformed church and consistent in his belief. He married Mary Kline, of Reading, and died when sixty-eight years old; his widow was about seventy-eight at the time of her death. They had the following children: Mary married Michael Miller; Rebecca married John Seidel; Israel married Susan Hartman; Lena married John Wanner; Catherine married Peter Wanner; William married Mary Seidel; Rosa married John Miller; James married Amanda Seidel.

Israel Adams was born in Lower Alsace township. He was a stone-mason by trade, although he gave most of his attention to farming, which he followed quite extensively in Exeter and Alsace townships, and finally in Amity township, until his retirement about 1897. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church, in the faith of which she died in 1887. They had a family of ten children, of whom six grew to maturity: Albert, a farmer of St. Lawrence, married Deborah Snyder; Sallie married Anthony Albright, of Boyertown; William H. is mentioned below; Abner, a farmer of Exeter township, married Catherine Heydt; Charles, of the firm of Adams Brothers, married Elsie Houck; Edward, bookkeeper at the Reading Glove and Mitten Works, Reading, married Carrie Fisher.

William H. Adams was educated in the public schools, and until 1899 followed farming. In that year the firm of Adams Brothers was started by William H. and Charles Adams, in a very small way, with a modest stock. Business grew rapidly, however, and since the establishment of the firm the floor space has been doubled, and the patronage is drawn from a large territory, extending even into the city of Reading. Both brothers are able business men, and are affable and courteous to patrons. Their establishment presents as fine an appearance as any in this section of Berks county. Mr. Adams was a trustee and one of the organizers of the St. Lawrence Water Company, and is a stockholder in the Montello Brick Works, the Perkiomen Brick Company, the U. S. Brick Company, and other enterprises. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., being a trustee therein. He and his son are members of the Reformed church, he being a trustee of Union Sunday-school Chapel, while his wife is a member of the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Adams is a Democrat, and has served as delegate to county conventions on numerous occasions.

In 1888 Mr. Adams was married to Miss Annie Wise, daughter of Rebecca and William Wise, of Douglass township, and two children have been born to this union: Harry W. and Ella M. The former is a graduate of the public schools of Exeter township and of the Inter-State Commercial College.

FOCHT BROTHERS. Among the many German immigrants to Pennsylvania in the first half of the eighteenth century was one Johann Georg Focht, who was born Jan. 14, 1758, and died Oct. 26, 1841. He owned a farm of 212 acres in Windsor township and there spent the rest of his life. This property descended to his son Jacob and remained in the family for some time, but is now in the possession of Joseph L. Smith. Johann Georg Focht married in 1783 Susanna Loy, who was born Dec. 28, 1764, and died Sept. 26, 1843, and they had nine children, namely: George Peter; Jacob; John; Jeremiah; Katie, Mrs. Samuel Stoyer; Susanna, Mrs. Michael Loy; Hannah, Mrs. John Baver; Betz, Mrs. Conrad Jacoby; and Dinah, who never married. There is a large branch of the family descended from the oldest son, who was born Nov. 4, 1786, and who died Feb. 7, 1852. He married Magdalena Heinly, born in 1791, died in 1854, and their family numbered ten, four sons and six daughters.

Jacob Focht, second son of Johann, was born Nov. 18, 1794, and died Sept. 6, 1863. He was a resident of Windsor township, and quite prominent there, as he carried on both farming and distilling on a large scale for those days. His farm consisted of 212 acres and was brought to a high state of cultivation. In the distilling line he brewed applejack, rye and other whiskies and hauled his products by team to Philadelphia for sale. Jacob Focht married Maria Dewalt, whose life covered almost a century, as she was born March 26, 1802, and died Jan. 25, 1899, in her ninety-seventh year. Their children were: Polly, Mrs. Jacob Miller; Dinah, Mrs. William Miller; Jeremiah, of Port Clinton, Pa.; Samuel; Annie, Mrs. William Shiffert; Julia, Mrs. Henry Herb; Lydia, Mrs. Joseph Gust; Hannah, Mrs. Joel Strasser; Catherine, Mrs. Daniel Knepper; Henry, of Hamburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; George, who married Miss Maria Strasser; and Daniel, who died young.

Samuel Focht, the father of the Focht brothers, was a life-long farmer in Windsor township, and succeeded to the Focht homestead. He was born there in 1829, and passed away amid the same familiar surroundings, Oct. 3, 1894. His wife, Beckie, daughter of Peter Zettlemayer, survived him only one day, dying in her sixty-fifth year. She had suffered for several years from an incurable disease and grief for her husband's death hastened her end. The children born to this couple were as follows: Samuel, founder and editor of the Hamburg *Item*, who married Miss Rosa Derr and died in 1895, aged thirty-five; Adaline, Mrs. William Rothermel; Amos; Jacob, and Charles, who married Miss Alice Strasser.

Amos Focht, son of Samuel, was born in Windsor township, Sept. 23, 1857. Although he went to the district school till he was sixteen years old, it offered only a limited education, of which, however, he made the most. When seventeen he learned the trade of blacksmith and the next year added that of wheelwright, two lines of work which he has successfully followed ever since, in addition to farming. He owns a tract of forty-one acres of fine land, located one and a half miles southwest of Hamburg. He is very industrious, keeping his farm in a high state of cultivation. In 1891 he built a substantial Swiss barn, which adds considerably to the value of his property. The dwelling, erected in 1822, is still good for another century.

The wife chosen by Amos Focht was Miss Minnadora Anna Schaeffer, granddaughter of Ferdinand and daughter of Elias and Anna (Rothermel) Schaeffer, of Greenwich township. Two daughters were born to this union, namely: Vinnie C., who married Jacob Epting; and A. Birdie, Mrs. William Ketner. Mr. Focht and his wife are members and regular attendants of Zion's Lutheran church.

Jacob Focht was born July 11, 1859. His early years were spent like his brother's, attending school and helping on his father's farm. He continued to assist his father for some time after leaving school, but in 1885 began farming for himself. He now owns a good place of forty-three acres, well managed and splendidly kept up, and receives encouraging returns from his labor. All the men of the Focht family are Democrats in their political views and stand for the best type of citizenship.

The bond of kinship uniting Amos and Jacob Focht has been drawn even closer by the fact that they married sisters. Mrs. Jacob Focht was Miss Louisa Schaeffer, and was born Aug. 14, 1862. Four children have been born to them, as follows: Gertie, Sept. 5, 1884 (who married George Dunkel); Mamie R., March 1, 1887; Katie L., June 7, 1889; and Milton J., Nov. 19, 1895.

FISHER. The Fishers are a numerous family in Berks county, where they have been settled since the middle of the eighteenth century. The first known ancestor,

(I) Peter A. A. Fisher, settled in Heidelberg township, Berks county, prior to 1756, in which year he paid a federal tax of £4. He resided in what is now Spring township. His wife's name was Appolino.

(II) John Fisher, son of Peter and Appolino, born in Lower Heidelberg township, established a paper-mill (since converted into a woolen mill) there and engaged

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in the manufacture of paper. He married March 20, 1796, Rosina Hain, born in Heidelberg township, daughter of John and Anna Margrathe Hain, and they had children as follows: Elenora, born June 2, 1797, married John Sohl March 5, 1816; Samuel, born Oct. 28, 1799, married Elizabeth Loucks Dec. 28, 1821; Peter, born Dec. 13, 1801, married Mary Klopp Aug. 24, 1823; Anna Catharine was born Sept. 12, 1804; Elizabeth, born Oct. 6, 1805, died in youth; John, born March 15, 1808, died in early life; Anna was born March 17, 1810; Elijah, born Aug. 28, 1812, married Callinus Shouer, Sept. 7, 1834; Daniel was born Oct. 10, 1815; Sarah, March 28, 1818; Jeremiah, Jan. 9, 1821.

(III) Samuel Fisher, born Oct. 28, 1799, on the old homestead, died Jan. 16, 1875. He spent his life as a farmer in his native township, held several township offices, and was a useful citizen. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the German Reformed church, in which he was an active worker. On Dec. 28, 1821, he married Elizabeth Loucks, born in 1800 (daughter of Peter Loucks, of the same township), died Jan. 12, 1883. To them were born six children, as follows: Reily L., born Nov. 12, 1822, is mentioned farther on; Mary, born March 27, 1824, married Peter Marshall, who died in 1887; Adam, born March 25, 1825, married Amelia Filbert, and they lived in Marion township, this county, where he was engaged in farming; David, born April 7, 1829, died in 1867, married March 15, 1853, Catharine K. Loucks, who lived near Robesonia; Elizabeth, born May 14, 1834, died when four years old; Benjamin, born Dec. 19, 1854, died young.

(IV) Reily L. Fisher was born Nov. 12, 1822, in Heidelberg township, and in that locality passed all his long life, dying Jan. 28, 1903, aged eighty years, two months, sixteen days. He received his education in the pay schools which were in vogue during his boyhood, and at Collegeville, Montgomery county, and then for a short time assisted his father with the work on the home farm. Farming was always his principal vocation, but he was engaged in merchandising for a time, in his young manhood leaving the farm to become a clerk at Sinking Spring. Except as his work called him elsewhere, he lived at home until his marriage. After his marriage he was on the farm again for a year, and then embarked in mercantile business on his own account, at Sinking Spring, carrying on a general store for six years. Returning to the home farm, he engaged in its cultivation for sixteen years and then bought another place near by, upon which he lived for fifteen years. Retiring from farming, Mr. Fisher lived at Wernersville for two years, and in 1889 he purchased the Madeira residence at Robesonia, in Heidelberg township, known as "Maple Villa," which has since been the family home. It is now owned and occupied by his daughters, Amelia and Rosa.

Being successful in the management of his own affairs, and well known for his probity of character, Mr. Fisher was often called upon to act as guardian, trustee and administrator of estates, and his scrupulous regard for the duties of such trusts showed that the confidence of his fellowmen was not misplaced. He deservedly enjoyed the high esteem of all who knew him. He was a stanch Democrat in political sentiment. In his earlier years he was a member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife and family belonged.

On Jan. 23, 1851, Mr. Fisher married Matilda B. Reber, born Feb. 24, 1827 (daughter of Conrad and Magdalene (Bright) Reber, of Bern township), died Oct. 5, 1889. Seven children were born to them, viz.: Mary Magdalena, born March 13, 1852, married Albert D. Wenrich, a cattle dealer and farmer of Robesonia, Heidelberg township, and they had four children, Annie, Reily, Esther and Tillie; Samuel R., born Jan. 10, 1854, is mentioned below; Annie Elizabeth, born Sept. 21, 1856, died June 7, 1864; Sarah Rebecca, born March 8, 1859, married Dr. David H. Hain, of Wernersville, and had three children, Edna, Estella and Raymond; Amelia Catherine was born June 9, 1861; Rosa Ellen, Jan. 2, 1865; Matilda Lucetta, born March 21, 1872, died March 9, 1873.

(V) Samuel R. Fisher, son of Reily L. Fisher, born Jan. 10, 1854, at Sinking Spring, resides at Wernersville, Berks county, and is engaged in farming the old Fisher homestead in Heidelberg township. He has spent the greater part of his life in agricultural work, to which he was reared, working for his father until he was past twenty-five. In 1876 he went West for a short time. In 1880 he commenced farming on his own account, taking the management of the old homestead, which he cultivated until 1891, when he moved to Robesonia, living with his father at "Maple Villa" for two years. He purchased his present home at Wernersville in 1894, and lived there from that time until 1899, when he moved back to the homestead for a while, returning to Wernersville in 1904. Mr. Fisher has been engaged in the cultivation of the homestead ever since his return to the place, as above mentioned, in 1899. He is now the owner of this homestead. He is a director of the Wernersville Water Company, which he helped to organize in 1895. He is devoted to his private interests and has never taken any part in public affairs or politics, though an earnest Democrat in political opinion.

On Dec. 25, 1879, Mr. Fisher was married at Myerstown, Pa., to Ellen C. Ruth, daughter of Michael and Catharine (Hain) Ruth, and granddaughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Weinhold) Ruth. Both her father and grandfather were farmers in Lower Heidelberg township and members of the Hain's Church, where they are buried. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher also belong to the Hain's Church. One son, Reily M., was born to them Feb. 18, 1893.

(III) Jeremiah Fisher, son of John, born Jan. 9, 1821, in Lower Heidelberg township, died July 7, 1876. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, at Reading. For a number of years he was in business in Reading, conducting a clothing store in the Eagle building, at Sixth and Penn streets (where the Eagle shoe store is now located), in partnership with George Heckman of Reading. They were associated for over ten years, Mr. Fisher eventually selling his interest to Mr. Heckman. Two years later he engaged in the shoe business, which he followed for a period of four years, when, his wife's stepmother—Mrs. Elizabeth (Hain) Beidler—dying, he moved with his family upon the farm of his father-in-law, in Lower Heidelberg township, where he passed the rest of his life. He had been living there for five years, engaged in farming, at the time of his death. He was a member of the Hain's Reformed Church.

In 1846 Mr. Fisher married Leah Beidler, who was born Oct. 9, 1825, in Robeson township, daughter of William and Susanna (Yost) Beidler. Her father was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg, formerly of Robeson township, this county. The mother, born Aug. 30, 1795, died Aug. 5, 1838. William and Susanna (Yost) Beidler were married July 19, 1818, and two sons and two daughters were born to them. After the death of his wife Susanna, Mr. Beidler married Elizabeth Hain.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born children as follows: Amanda married John K. Howden, of Reading, and has children—Edward, Rosa and Howard; Valeria died young; Rosa died young; Walter B., who resides at Robesonia, where he is employed at the furnace, married Sarah Sharman, and they have two children, Lillie and Edna; William H. married Annie Kintzer, and their children are Charles A., Frederick M., Harvey W. and Leah E. William H. Fisher and his family live with his mother at Wernersville.

Since Mr. Fisher's death his widow has resided in the large brick residence in Wernersville which she owns, situated on the main street in the western end of town. Though past eighty-two years of age she is active and passes her days in serene contentment, esteemed and respected by the many who know her. She is intelligent and interested in the life of the community, and is an

earnest member of Hain's Reformed Church. She speaks both English and German fluently.

JAMES GASS, for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Lower Heidelberg township, was one of the prominent business men of Berks county, and in his death, which took place Feb. 13, 1893, the community lost one of its most substantial citizens. Mr. Gass was born Oct. 29, 1838, son of Jacob and Hettie (Delp) Gass.

Jacob Gass, father of James, was born in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., whither his father had come from Germany, and there spent a number of years in agricultural pursuits, owning several farms. He was also engaged extensively in the coal business, having his yards along the pike in Muhlenberg township, dealt in lime and stone, and was successful in his business ventures, becoming very substantial. Mr. Gass was married to Hettie Delp, daughter of Daniel Delp, of Richmond townhip, and to them were born eight children: James; Daniel, who lived in Schuylkill county, and is buried at Epler's Church; Mary, who married Frank Hahn; William, of Leesport, Pa.; Amanda, who married Ephraim Hartman; Adam, who owns and conducts the "Blind" Hartman's Hotel on the Princeton road, in Alsace township; Louis, of Tuckerton, Pa.; and Emma, who married Christian Oxenwald. The father was buried at Alsace Church, of which he was an official member belonging to the Reformed congregation.

James Gass was born in Alsace township on the property on which his grandfather had first settled, and there he was reared. On reaching his majority he began boating on the Schuylkill canal, in connection with farming, for about seven years, and he also leased a stone quarry and for quite a period dealt in limestone, having a large trade in Schuylkill county. For this he received a dollar a ton, and at this rate accumulated quite a competency. In 1873 he erected a house along the pike in Muhlenberg township, where he lived for over six years, and in 1880 bought a fine farm of eighty acres near Wernersville, on which he carried on farming until his death. In addition to this Mr. Gass owned a farm of 100 acres in Alsace township, which during his life was rented, but since his death has been sold, as well as his home property. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at Hain's Church, of that denomination.

On Dec. 24, 1864, Mr. Gass was married to Charity Ann Yoder, who was born in Richmond township Oct. 24, 1839, daughter of John and Magdalena (Breyfogel) Yoder, and granddaughter of John and Froenica Yoder, farming people of Maxatawny township. To Mr. and Mrs. Gass were born children as follows: Hannah M. married Monroe Becker, of Wernersville, Pa.; John Jacob, who married Gussie Shoemaker, of Philadelphia, is a dairyman, and lives at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia; Sallie E., born in 1870, died aged ten years; Mary E. married James Erb, a ticket agent at Lorane, Berks county, and has a son, Harron.

Mrs. Gass, who is a faithful member of Hain's Reformed Church, is one of Wernersville's most highly esteemed ladies. She owns a large double brick three-story house on Main street, the upper story of which was used for some time as a lodge hall by various fraternal organizations. She is in very comfortable circumstances and her youngest daughter and her family reside with her.

RICHARD LECHNER, whose excellent farm of 113 acres is in Marion township, Berks county, is a representative of that industrious German element that has placed Pennsylvania in the front rank of the prosperous States of the nation. His birth occurred on his present farm Dec. 9, 1834.

John George Lechner, the emigrant ancestor of the family, was born in Anspach, Germany, March 28, 1704 (old style), son of Peter and Sibilla Lechner. Late in 1731 he sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the "Adventurer," and he landed in New York in the early days of 1732. He came to Pennsylvania, and located near Reed's Church, on the Tulpehocken and Millbach creeks, purchasing a large tract of land. He died in 1784. He married Margaretta Wechleim, and both became members of the Second Lutheran Church in 1743. Their children were: John, who died young; and George, whose wife was Mary Elizabeth.

The latter George Lechner, son of John George Lechner and Margaretta, was a soldier in the Revolution, and did service in the trying campaign around Philadelphia and Valley Forge in the years 1777-78. He belonged to, and was quartermaster of, the 5th Battalion, composed of eight companies and 442 men, mostly from the Tulpehocken district, now Marion township, of which regiment Henry Spyger was colonel. George Lechner and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, became the parents of three children; George Nicholas, who had a son John George; John; and Christopher.

Christopher Lechner, son of George, married Catharine Werheim, and four children were born to them: David, who married Elizabeth Eckhert and had a daughter Eliza (who married William Stupp); Elizabeth, who married Michael Reith, and had two children, Levi and Ellen (who married A. J. Hain); Catharine L., who married David Himmelberger and had a son Adam (of Reading); and John George.

John George Lechner, son of Christopher, married Catharine Reith, daughter of Stoffel and Catharine (Illig) Reith, of Marion township, Berks county, and granddaughter of Valentine Reith. To this union were born six children: (1) Elizabeth married Samuel D. Gockley, and their daughter Nora is a school teacher in Marion township. (2) John, a "forty-niner," died in California soon after his arrivel there. (3) George W. also went to California in 1849, but returned and later went to Denver, Colo., his present home, and engaged as a civil and mining engineer. He married a Miss McLaughlin, now deceased, and had four children, Laura, Richard, Kate and Dolly. (4) Richard. (5) Mary Ann died young. (6) Franklin C. went to South Carolina, where he is a teller in a bank and engaged in the raising of tobacco and grapes. He married a Miss Thummel and had one daughter, Bertha. The father of these children was an active Republican, and he held a number of minor offices.

Richard Lechner, son of John George, received a good education in Stouchsburg Academy, and after leaving school taught twelve winter terms in Lebanon and Berks counties, and then began farming on the old homestead. This consists of 113 acres, which were bought by John George, the emigrant, and George Lechner, his son, and originally were the property of Thomas and Richard Penn. Eighty-seven acres of this land have been in the Lechner family for nearly a century and a half, having passed through five generations of Lechners, namely: John George, the emigrant; George, the son; Christopher, son of George; John George, son of Christopher; and Richard, son of latter and present owner. The house was built in 1775. The early Lechners built a woolen carding mill, the first mill of any kind in Marion township. They also had an oil mill, manufacturing linseed oil. The first Sunday school ever held in the township was held in this last mentioned mill in 1834. Mr. Richard Lechner owns a large cider press, and has done a great deal of custom work, frequently having made over one hundred barrels of cider a day. He came into possession of his property after the death of his parents. Besides his farming he has had other business interests. For three years he was a director of the Sinking Spring Fire Insurance Company, and was recently again elected to that office to serve for three years, from Jan. 1, 1909. In 1905 he was its president, and at present (1908) is its collector.

Mr. Lechner's religious belief, like that of his progenitors, was of the Lutheran persuasion. He has served as deacon and elder in Christ Lutheran Church, near Stouchsburg, but latterly, though still a nominal member, has become a confirmed liberal in his religious views—an evolutionist. He does not believe that the Bible writers were divinely inspired in their erroneous cosmogonical statements, where they conflict with demonstrated science and astronomy and the present enlightened higher

criticism on historical and traditional religion. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and has been inspector of elections and for many years chairman of the township committee. During the Civil war he became a member of the State Guard, and rode his own horse to Chambersburg, where the Guard remained until the emergency was apparently over. They then returned home, and the attack occurred on Chambersburg the following week. During Lee's invasion Mr. Lechner enlisted at Harrisburg, becoming second lieutenant in Company H, 31st P. V. I. (Capt. William A. C. Oaks), and was mustered into the United States service under the proclamation of the President June 15, 1863 (General Orders No. 43). His commission was signed by Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, and is dated June 18, 1863. He was mustered out Aug. 7, 1863. Mr. Lechner is the owner of a grandfather's clock, made by Jacob Guthart, of Lebanon, Mass. He has a secretary made about 1775, and ornamented with inlaid wood; and also an old corner closet, for which he has been offered a large sum. Fraternally Mr. Lechner is a Mason, being past master of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; he is also past noble grand of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, I. O. O. F., of Womelsdorf.

Mr. Lechner married Lizzie Deppen, born in Womelsdorf, Jan. 22, 1842, daughter of Adam Deppen (born in Womelsdorf Jan. 20, 1817, died 1845), a shoemaker and farmer. To this union came children as follows: George, born Dec. 14, 1865, is a photographer and farmer in Marion township; Harvey, born Oct. 26, 1870, died March 29, 1871; Maud, born March 27, 1874, resides at home; Paul, born Oct. 27, 1875, died March 6, 1876; Charles, born April 26, 1877, is at home; and Ella, born Aug. 7, 1883, died Feb. 25, 1892.

ADAM E. DUNDOR, a retired citizen of Mt. Pleasant, Berks county, was born Dec. 1, 1829, in Bern (now Penn) township, and has passed practically all his life in the same locality. He is a descendant of one of the old families of Huguenot origin, of which we have the following account:

(I) John Dondore, a Huguenot, left his native land during the Revocation period, and settled in Alsace.

(II) Jacob Dundore (Dondore, Dundier, Dundon, Dunder, Dunden, Dundare or Dondor), son of John, was born July 25, 1720, and was educated in the German language. In 1741 he came to America in the ship "Friendship," and on April 10, 1760, was naturalized by the "Supream" court, sitting at Philadelphia, thereby becoming an English subject. In 1771 he bought a farm east of Bernville, Berks county, but continued to reside, it is presumed, for some years on his farm in Tulpehocken township several miles east of Host Church (where in 1749 one of his children's births is recorded), as according to the court records he owned that farm until 1785. In this year we find a deed recorded conveying same to Valentine Heberling. It is certain that he resided on the Bern farm at the time of his death. This farm he conveyed by deed to his eldest son, John (signing "Jacob Dunder" in German), from whom it passed to his son John Adam, by deed signed "John Dundore" in bold round English; John Adam divided the farm between his two sons, Samuel E. and Adam E., signing "Adam Dundor" in German—Adam E. obtaining the portion on which was the old house—the farm being in their possession in 1908. Jacob is buried in the Bern churchyard, and the inscription on the substantial yellow sandstone is still visible. His will is dated March 3, 1787, and the original and a translation are recorded in Reading. It was approved June 12, 1789, and it is an outpouring of his soul's thanks to God for health and prosperity, and such an example of equity and justice in the distribution of his estate as could come forth only from a Christian's heart. About 1745 he was married to Anna Maria Brecht, who died in 1793 or 1794. Their children were: Maria Catharine, born March 19, 1749, who married John Smith (some of their descendants still live in the Wyoming Valley); Susanna, who married Frederick Gerhart, and lived in the vicinity of Host Church, where their descendants still reside; John, born March 20, 1751, who died Oct. 14, 1823; Michael, born Dec. 4, 1754; John Jacob, born March 19, 1756, who died Sept. 22, 1821; David, born July 21, 1758; Catherine Elizabeth, who married Adam Schauer; and a son whose name is not known.

(III) John Dundore, son of John and Anna Maria (Brecht), was born in Tulpehocken township March 20, 1751, and died Oct. 14, 1823. He settled in Bern township, near the present site of Bernville, and his descendants are known as the "Bern Branch" of the Dundore family. He married Catherine Geiss, born Dec. 23, 1753, who died Jan. 12, 1827, and they are both buried at Bern churchyard. Their children were: John Jacob, born Aug. 13, 1776, died Oct. 23, 1861; John Adam, born Aug. 2, 1778, died June 17, 1850; John, born June 30, 1780, died April 14, 1858; Catherine, born Nov. 24, 1782, died Jan. 17, 1840; Frederick, born April 30, 1786, died Aug. 30, 1864; John George, born Oct. 6, 1788, died Dec. 24, 1803; Philip, born Feb. 28, 1791, died Oct. 5, 1867; Christian, born June 6, 1793, died Oct. 11, 1872; and Elizabeth, born March 10, 1794, married Daniel Miesse (1789-1823), and died about 1867. This family is remarkable for the average age attained. With the exception of John George, who died of lockjaw at about the age of fifteen, the remaining eight averaged fully seventy-five years, although two had their deaths hastened by accidents—Catherine dying from being thrown out of a sleigh, and Frederick losing his life by being run over by a railroad train.

(IV) John Adam Dundore, son of John and Catherine (Geiss), was born on the old homestead Aug. 2, 1778, and died June 17, 1850; he was buried at Bern Church. He was an agriculturist all of his life, and owned the homestead which in later years became the property of his son, Samuel E. He was a substantial and influential citizen of his day, was director of the poor, when the present almshouse was erected, and was well known and universally respected. Mr. Dundore was married (first) to Elizabeth Miesse, by whom he had nine children, namely: Susanna, Maria, Elizabeth, Leah, John (born April 17, 1818), Daniel, Sarah, Benneville and Jacob (born in 1820, died in 1853). Mr. Dundore married (second) Elizabeth Ernst, daughter of Johannes Ernst, of Heidelberg township. She was born April 10, 1791, and died April 10, 1870, and was buried in Bern churchyard. Three children were born of this union: Samuel E., born Feb. 1, 1827, now living retired in Womelsdorf; Adam E., born Dec. 1, 1829; and William E., who married in Plainfield, Ill., and had one son (William E. was a soldier in an Illinois regiment, during the Civil war, and lost his life in battle by the bursting of a shell).

(V) Adam E. Dundor, son of John Adam and Elizabeth (Ernst), was educated in the pay schools of his district. He was reared to farming, working for his father until 1850, when he began on his own account on his father's farm, and he still owns the old homestead of 115 acres in Penn township—land taken up by his ancestors long ago. He himself continued to farm until 1873, when he gave up that occupation and settled in Mt. Pleasant, a village in Penn township, where he built the fine home which he has since occupied. He is regarded as one of the substantial men of his district and is much respected. Mr. Dundor is interested in the welfare of his community, and served six years as school director of Penn township. He is a Republican in political opinion. His chief interest outside of his home, however, has been in the church. He is a prominent member of the North Heidelberg Reformed Church and has long been active in its work, serving as deacon and elder, and at the present time he is a trustee.

In 1852 Mr. Dundor married Rebecca Miller, daughter of Peter Miller, of Spring township, and they lived in wedlock for more than fifty years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dundor, namely: One son died in infancy; Valeria married Edwin F. Feather, of the J. L. Stichter Hardware Company, resides in Reading, and has three children, Howard, Florence and Mabel; Kate died young; Sara married Jacob H. Rohrbach, principal of a public school in New York City; Eleanor married Henry

Kunkle, M. D., a prominent practitioner of Kingston, Pa., and they have one son, Henry.

LAMM. The Lamm family, so long settled in Berks county, had its early home in Germany, but about the middle of the eighteenth century there came to America the great-great-grandfather of the brothers, Lewis F. and Charles F. Lamm, of Lower Heidelberg township. He came to Berks county, Pa., and made a home in Heidelberg township.

John Lamm, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born Dec. 1, 1759, and died Oct. 28, 1817, aged fifty-seven years, ten months, twenty-seven days. He owned a farm of 150 acres in Heidelberg township, and became one of the most influential men in that locality. He married Anna M. Brossman, born Sept. 29, 1764, died Feb. 28, 1826, aged sixty-one years, four months, twenty-nine days. Both are buried at Hain's Church in Lower Heidelberg township. Their children were: John, who retained the old home, married Catherine Klopp; Rosina married Philip Zerbe; Elizabeth married William Werner; Daniel married Catherine Staudt; Peter married Nellie Gruver; Anna Maria married John Wenrich; Benjamin; and Margaret married Henry Miller.

Benjamin Lamm, son of John and Anna M. (Brossman), was born in March, 1807. He grew to manhood on his father's farm. For a period of eighteen years he was chorister and school teacher (German) at the Little Tulpehocken Church, now located in Jefferson township. He then went to farming in North Heidelberg, where he owned 163 acres of land, and he continued there until his death, when he was sixty-one years of age. He married Lydia Ruth, daughter of Frederick and Anna M. Ludwig. Both rest in the cemetery at North Heidelberg Church. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters, as follows: Mary, who married William Bright; Joshua; Rebecca, who married Amandon Kissling; Catherine, who married Richard Shoup; Elizabeth, who married William Gerhart; James, of North Heidelberg township, who married Rebecca Weitzel; and Ellen M., wife of John W. Fisher, of Robesonia, the well-known ex-poor director.

Joshua Lamm, son of Benjamin and Lydia Ruth, was born Oct. 23, 1832, was brought up in North Heidelberg township, and carried on farming until 1870, when he moved to Robesonia. There for two years he engaged in the grain business with Samuel R. Deppen. He then purchased a farm of 187 acres in Heidelberg, and resumed farming. In 1873 he erected the present buildings on this farm, now the property of Edwin K. Bohn and divided into two tracts. This he continued until 1887, when he sold the place and retired, taking up his residence in Robesonia. He died Nov. 1, 1896, aged sixty-four years and eight days. He married Caroline Brendel, of North Heidelberg, daughter of Frederick Brendel, and by her had eight children: Lewis F.; Amanda Elizabeth, who married (first) John L. Kalbach, (second) Evan Hiester, and (third) Allison Fidler; James, who died young; Charles F.; Lizzie, who married Daniel K. Bohn, of Heidelberg; Kate Margaret and Mary Jane, both of whom died in infancy; and Emma, who married Charles Deppen, of Womelsdorf. Joshua Lamm, the father, was a school director for many years, both in Heidelberg and North Heidelberg townships, and was secretary of the board most of the time, taking a great interest in bettering educational facilities.

Lewis F. Lamm, son of Joshua and Caroline, and now a farmer in Lower Heidelberg, was born in North Heidelberg and was brought up to farming. His education was obtained in the township schools, Palatinate College and the Krumbine Academy, at Womelsdorf. He was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and in 1873 began teaching in Heidelberg township, continuing for five consecutive terms. He next turned his attention to farming in North Heidelberg and continued there for twenty-six years on the same farm. In 1904 he purchased of the John Gaul estate the farm on which he now resides, consisting of seventy-nine acres, and he attends the Reading market once a week. He also owns a farm of 101 acres located in Jefferson township, known as the Joseph Feeg homestead, and on this in 1899 he erected a barn 40 x 80 feet; in 1895, he remodeled the house, putting the property in first-class condition. He has it rented now. While residing in North Heidelberg he served as school director for three years, and as township auditor for nine years. For several terms he was deacon and elder in North Heidelberg Church.

Mr. Lamm was married Aug. 7, 1875, to Rebecca, daughter of John and Maria Moyer, of Heidelberg township. Eight children have been born of this union: Rose Ann, who married Calvin Klee; B. Franklin, a conductor on the Reading & Womelsdorf trolley road, who married Minnie Brown, and resides at Womelsdorf; John H., who married Bessie Brossman; Charles C., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and for one term a teacher in Cumru township, but now a merchant in West Reading, who married Minnie Klopp; Lloyd Joshua; Alvin Lewis; Frederick Edwin; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Charles F. Lamm, son of Joshua and Caroline, now a successful farmer of Lower Heidelberg, was born in North Heidelberg, Oct. 19, 1859. He was reared on the home farm, giving his parents the benefit of his labor, until he was twenty-one. He then married and began work for himself, in 1883 settling in North Heidelberg, where he remained two years. He next tenanted for seven years in Heidelberg, after which he removed to his present farm, the property of John K. Gehart. This consists of 140 acres, and Mr. Lamm has considerable stock, and runs a fine dairy. His milk is sold at the Wernersville Milk Depot, whence it is sent to Philadelphia. He uses the best and latest improved machinery. He owns a sixty-acre farm in Lower Heidelberg, which he purchased in 1901, and this, too, he cultivates, as it lies adjacent to the place on which he lives.

In politics Mr. Lamm is a Democrat, and keenly interested in the success of his party, having frequently served as delegate to county conventions under the old delegate system. For one term he filled the office of school director. He and his family are Reformed members of Hain's Church. While living in Heidelberg he was deacon and elder in St. Daniel's (Corner) Church.

In January, 1881, Mr. Lamm was united in marriage with Sallie Gaul, daughter of John Gaul and his wife Catharine (Sharman). Five children have blessed this union: Nora C., wife of Charles Freeman, a merchant of Sinking Spring; and Alice C., Ellen M., George J., and Earl F., at home.

SPOHN FAMILY. The name of Spohn is well represented in Berks county in the present generation by the two brothers, Evan M. and Lewis E. Spohn, of Spring township. The family has long lived in this county, and several members have been conspicuous in its history. The cemeteries show some of the early records of the family: Henry Spohn, born March 10, 1729, died Jan. 21, 1813; and his wife, Maria Katharine, born March 12, 1736, died Jan. 25, 1810. Adam Spohn (son of Henry), born Jan. 25, 1758, died Jan. 18, 1831; and his wife, Elizabeth, born Dec. 15, 1764, died Sept. 23, 1829. Maria Katharine Spohn, wife of Henry, was a famous nurse in her day, and attended the births of 1,114 children. During the war of the Revolution, Philip Spohn became, May 17, 1777, first lieutenant in the Eighth Company, Berks county militia; on May 31, 1781, he was a private in Col. Joseph Hiester's Battalion and Sebastian Miller's Company; he was captain of the Eighth Company, Sixth Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hiester, May 27, 1780. Henry Spohn, presumably the Henry mentioned above as born March 10, 1729, was court-martial man in the Eighth Company, of which Philip Krick was captain, May 17, 1777.

Joseph Spohn, father of Henry, grandfather of Adam, and great-grandfather of Samuel, mentioned just below, settled under a big oak tree on the farm later owned by Abraham Goul, now owned by John Barbey.

Samuel Spohn, son of Adam, born in Spring town-

ship, on what is now known as the Sailor farm, Feb. 28, 1797, died Aug. 30, 1869. He was a farmer and distiller, and was a very substantial citizen, deeply interested in public questions. He helped to establish the boundary line between Cumru and Spring townships. He owned the farm that is now the property of his grandson, Lewis E. He helped to build the Reformed Church at Sinking Spring, was always one of its active and most interested members, and was buried in the cemetery there. On May 16, 1820, he married Mary Rollman, who was born Oct. 3, 1803, and who died Sept. 30, 1882, daughter of John Rollman. They became the parents of children as follows: Richard, born March 3, 1821, who died Jan. 25, ——; Ellen, James and Daniel, who all died young; and Adam R.

Adam R. Spohn, son of Samuel, was born on the Spohn homestead in Spring township, July 14, 1831, and died Sept. 26, 1904. He was a farmer and for some years was a clerk in a store at Sinking Spring. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring, in which he served both as deacon and elder. He and his wife both sleep in the cemetery there. The farm now owned by his son Lewis E. was his home. He was a most useful citizen of his community, and one highly respected. His wife, Sarah Ann Yost, born Oct. 10, 1833, was a daughter of Nicholas and Susan (Seidel) Yost, and died Sept. 30, 1905. Their union was blessed with two sons, Evan M. and Lewis E.

Evan M. Spohn, son of Adam R., and now a retired farmer and good citizen of Sinking Spring, was born in Spring township, on the old Spohn homestead, March 30, 1857. He obtained a good education in the township schools and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years old, and in 1882 began farming for himself on the home place. This he continued for twenty-four years, in the spring of 1906 retiring and moving to Sinking Spring, where he owned a good residence on Cacoosing street. He was treasurer of the Liberty Chemical Fire Company of Sinking Spring for some years. His only employment at present is the general management of his property. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he takes a keen interest in the success of his party. He is a member of Lodge No. 660, I. O. O. F., at Sinking Spring. With his family he belongs to St. John's Church at Sinking Spring, being a Lutheran member thereof. For two years he served as deacon.

On May 29, 1880, Mr. Spohn was married to Lydia H. Kurtz, born Feb. 22, 1857, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Haines) Kurtz. To Mr. and Mrs. Spohn have been born two children: Ammon K., born July 18, 1882; and Sarah K., born May 17, 1887, who married Charles Wengert, of Sinking Spring.

Lewis E. Spohn, son of Adam R., and an influential and representative citizen of near Sinking Spring, was born on the old Spohn homestead, which he now owns, March 22, 1859. He was given a good education, and for two terms taught school, was brought up to farming, and worked for his father until he was twenty-two years old. After his marriage he worked one year for his father-in-law, and in 1883 he moved to Wernersville, and for three years worked in E. M. Huyett & Co.'s lumber and coal yard. In 1887 he began farming on the Charles Huyett farm of seventy-six acres, near Wernersville, and lived there two years. He next farmed for his father-in-law three years, and then sold out his farm stock. In the spring of 1891 he moved to his uncle Richard Spohn's place, near Sinking Spring, where he now lives. He superintends the work on the farm, and engages in trucking, visiting the Reading market once or twice a week. He owns two good tracts, in all eighty-five acres, one of which is now rented by his son, Adam F. Mr. Spohn is a well-read man, and he takes a great interest in agricultural societies, being connected with those in Berks county. He is a man of progress and enterprise, and is highly esteemed. In politics he is independent. With his family he belongs to St. Daniel's Lutheran Church.

On Dec. 3, 1881, Mr. Spohn was married to Sarah G. Ruth, daughter of Francis and Magdalena (Gerhart) Ruth, of Heidelberg township, and they have had two children: Magdalena, who died aged eight months; and Adam Francis, who married Mary Kissling, and has two children, Adam Francis and James Lewis.

Martin DeTurck Hunter. Among the representative citizens and prominent business men of Lower Alsace township, Berks county, probably none is better known than Martin DeTurck Hunter, of Stony Creek Mills, who has been closely identified with the public, business and social interests of this section since attaining his majority. Mr. Hunter was born Sept. 30, 1867, in Oley township, son of Daniel Kemp and Esther Ann (DeTurck) Hunter.

The Hunter family, which is one of the oldest in Oley township, was founded by Nicholas and Anthony Iager, brothers, whose name was later changed by legislation to Hunter. They emigrated in 1738, from the Palatinate, on the Rhine, and Martin D. Hunter is descended from both, Nicholas being the ancestor of his grandfather, Daniel V. R. Hunter, and Anthony the ancestor of his grandmother, Mary Hunter, born Kemp, who was a grandfather of Daniel Hunter, a colonel in the Revolutionary army. Col. Daniel Hunter was the only son of Anthony Hunter. DeWalt Kemp, the progenitor of this branch of the Kemp family, emigrated from Germany about 1720.

Isaac DeTurck, or as then known, DeTurk, who was one of the first to take out land patents in Oley township, emigrated to Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1709, also coming from the Rhine. He settled in Oley township in 1711, and was the progenitor of the DeTurck family in this section of the State. He was a descendant of the French Huguenots. Martin Yoder DeTurck, grandfather of Martin D. Hunter, after whom he was named, was a great-great-grandson of Isaac DeTurck, and was married to Rachel Levan, a descendant of Abraham LeVan, who was born in 1698, and was one of the early settlers of Olney township, being also a descendant of the Huguenots. Martin D. Hunter has one brother and two sisters: Dr. Allen D. Hunter, of Savanna, Ill., and Mrs. Annie D. Hechler and Mrs. Mary D. Manwiller, of Stony Creek Mills.

Martin D. Hunter was educated in the public schools of Oley township and the Oley Academy, and lived on the farm until sixteen years of age, at which time, ambitious to enter into some business, he left Oley and moved to Stony Creek Mills, where he accepted a position with Louis Kraemer & Co., this place having been his home ever since. He worked his way up from position to position, becoming shipping clerk, and later bookkeeper, and in 1893 he was admitted into the firm, being now associated with Louis F. Kraemer and Louis F. Grebe, the business still trading under the name of Louis Kraemer & Co. They are engaged in manufacturing woolens and cut up their product into ready-made garments. Mr. Hunter was one of the incorporators of the Stony Creek Mills Building and Loan Association, and was secretary thereof from the time of its organization to its successful termination in 1903. In that year the present Stony Creek Mills Building Association was organized, and he was again elected secretary of the enterprise, a position which he still holds. He was assistant postmaster for a number of years, and in 1900 was appointed postmaster of Stony Creek Mills, succeeding Louis F. Kraemer, who resigned. He still holds this important office and in 1906 established a rural delivery route which has been successful, and is appreciated by all the patrons of the office. Mr. Hunter was one of the incorporators, and is now secretary and treasurer of the Mt. Penn Suburban Water Company, which has several miles of mains supplying Mt. Penn, Stony Creek Mills and Black Bear. He is president of the W. A. Lutz & Co., Inc., Shippensburg, manufacturers of clothing, and for years has been a member of the board of managers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Berks county. He is a trustee of the Bethany Sunday school, and was a mem-

ber of the building committee when the chapel was built, and it was due to his influence that the chapel was erected on the site on which it now stands. Mr. Hunter is very fond of travel, and has visited all of the West Indies with the exception of Haiti and San Domingo; and has been to British Guiana and the Republic of Colombia, South America, and Cost Rica, Central America.

In 1890 Mr. Hunter was married to Sarah B. Hill, daughter of John Y. and Angelina (Breidegam) Hill, and a member of one of Oley township's old and honored families. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter: Edna M., Louis H. and Ellis D.

MEHARG. The Meharg family, for over a century known in Pennsylvania, had its origin in Londonderry, Ireland, and there in 1773, in Tobermore, was born William Meharg, son of John and Sarah (Wallace) Meharg. He emigrated to America in 1791, and settled in Londonderry township, Chester Co., Pa. By trade he was a charcoal burner. On June 28, 1797, he married Hannah Conner, a native of Ireland, born in 1778, who came to Pennsylvania in 1795, and died Aug. 4, 1820. She had three sisters: Sarah, who married James Dunn; Margaret, who married James McIlhaney; and Martha, who married Adam Reese, all of Chester county.

To William and Hannah (Conner) Meharg were born eleven children, all in Chester county: (1) John, born June 1, 1798, died in 1804. (2) Mary, born June 18, 1799, died Aug. 2, 1864. She married July 26, 1821, George Fritz, born July 26, 1792, died Sept. 1, 1853. (3) Ann, born June 5, 1801, died Feb. 9, 1870. She married David W. Irwin, born March 17, 1810, died March 10, 1875. (4) Margaret, born June 11, 1803, died April 8, 1890. She married, April 15, 1830, Levi Baker, born Dec. 22, 1800, died June 3, 1876. (5) Rebecca, born June 11, 1803, twin to Margaret, died May 2, 1877, unmarried. (6) Sarah, born Oct. 15, 1805, died Aug. 15, 1893. She married Jacob Bryan. (7) James, born March 29, 1807, married Margaret Rogers (no date of death found). (8) Martha, born March 22, 1810, died Jan. 31, 1883. She married in May, 1834, Jehu Baker, born June 18, 1809, died June 18, 1881. (9) Hiram, born March 13, 1813, died in 1827. (10) Hannah, born July 29, 1815, is still living. On Oct. 23, 1843, she married Daniel Tucker, born Feb. 8, 1815, died June 26, 1887. (11) William, born Dec. 11, 1817, died Nov. 25, 1893. For his second wife William Meharg, the father of the foregoing children, married Mary Harris, but by this union he had no children. He and his two wives are buried in Hepzibah Church cemetery in Chester county. In religious faith they were Presbyterians.

William Meharg, son of William the emigrant, was born in Chester county, Pa., Dec. 11, 1817, and died in Reading, Nov. 25, 1893. He was a drover and dealt extensively in cattle during the major portion of his active life. In politics he adhered strictly to the principles of the Republican party. He and his family were lifelong members of the Methodist Church. On Dec. 23, 1852, Mr. Meharg was married to Hope Pettit, born Oct. 19, 1819, died May 3, 1875, in the fifty-sixth year of her age. Their children were: George F.; William A., a druggist at Philadelphia; and John, deceased, who was connected with the Reading *Times*.

GEORGE F. MEHARG, son of William and Hope, is a representative citizen of Hamburg, Pa., member of the firm of Snell & Meharg, well known manufacturers of engines. He was born at Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1853, attended the public schools of his native village, and later studied at the Parkesburg Academy. He has a good practical education, and is a student of the times. He learned the machinist's trade in the Scott Foundry and Machine Shops, at Reading, where he was employed for a period of four years and for one year he was in the employ of the Heckdorn & Wilhelm Machine Shops at Reading. In 1880 Mr. Meharg entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, John H. Snell, under the firm name of Snell & Meharg. They commenced business in Reading, where they operated a machine shop with success until 1889, when their entire plant was moved to Hamburg, at which point they had previously erected a substantial brick building 200x40 feet. Here they manufacture a superior grade of vertical and horizontal steam engines that find a ready domestic and foreign market. The firm suffered a severe loss in 1894, when the plant was destroyed by fire. The old structure was immediately rebuilt, with two wing additions, and now the firm of Snell & Meharg have one of the finest and most complete, as well as best located, plants in the State of Pennsylvania. They employ about fifty men and manufacture upward of five hundred engines annually. Mr. Meharg has charge of the clerical and financial end of the business, while his business associate attends to the mechanical details.

Mr. Meharg is secretary and treasurer of the Hamburg Electric Light Company, which he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Snell, were instrumental in organizing in 1892. Since 1904 he has been vice-president of the Hamburg Savings Bank; and he is president of the Windsor Water Company, succeeding Peter D. Wanner, of Reading. He is a member of the Board of Trade of Hamburg, and is interested in every movement tending to advance the town of his adoption, and the welfare of its people. He is a successful business man, held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens.

In politics Mr. Meharg is a strong Republican, taking an active interest in the welfare of his party. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum at Hamburg, and of Mt. Penn Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Reading.

Mr. Meharg was married Feb. 1, 1877, to Sallie A. Snell, daughter of Jacob Snell, and to this union was born a son, John S., who was educated in the Hamburg high school and later in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, and is now associated with his father in business. Mr. Meharg and his family reside in a handsome brick residence which he erected in 1904 on the main street of the beautiful borough of Hamburg.

GEORGE M. SPUHLER, one of the well known residents and influential citizens of Lower Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., was born near Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Jan. 12, 1846, son of Joseph and Mary (Cook) Spuhler.

Gregory Spuhler, the grandfather of George M., was a native of Switzerland, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years, the father of children as follows: Xavier, who married a Miss Willy, and resided in Alsace township, where both died (no issue); Joseph; Frederick, who died in Camden, N. J.; John, who resided in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, and left one child, John; Margaretta, who married a Mr. Fisher, a boat builder of Reading, and had four children, all deceased.

Joseph Spuhler, father of George M., was born in Switzerland in 1816, and there learned the carpenter's trade. He emigrated to America in 1836, and was here married to Miss Mary Cook, by whom he had the following children: George M.; John M., who married Francesco Flamm, and has had six children, Rose, Frank and Emma, (all three deceased) and Joseph, Edward and Jennie (living); Henry, a resident of Reading, who married Miss Kate Knapp, and has a large family of children; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Cronan and resided in Reading, where both died; Louisa, who married William Oberlin, in business at Reading; and Catherine (Kate), who died when in her sixteenth year.

George M. Spuhler was educated in the public schools of his native district and early learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for a number of years in Berks and Schuylkill counties. He was married (first) to Lina Neuberger, who bore him one son, Frank, now living in California. He married (second) Mary Drake, by whom he has had five children: Andrew, Augustus, Peter and George, all single and at home; and Theresa, deceased. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

REESER. The Reeser family is an old one in Berks county. There are several different branches, and the name is variously spelled, Reeser and Riesser being the most common forms. As early as 1759 John Reeser was a

tax-payer in Maiden-creek township. In that year he paid a tax of £26, and he was one of the largest land-owners in that district. He was the ancestor of William D. Reeser of the Yellow House. In 1765 John Reeser bought land from Samuel Lightfood, located in Maiden-creek township. Lightfood was a Quaker. In 1768 John Reeser bought land from James Hutton, and in 1769 from Thomas Lee, both Lee and Hutton being Quakers of Maiden-creek township, which was largely settled by Friends. In 1785 Daniel Reeser bought land in Maiden-creek for which he paid £100 of gold and silver money. In 1805 Henry Reeser bought land and located in Maiden-creek township. In 1809 Jacob Reeser bought land from Henry Reeser, of Maiden-creek township. This Jacob was probably the great-grandfather of William D. Reeser, of Amity township.

Jacob Reeser was a farmer in Maiden-creek township and owned one of the farms on which the Reading Cement Company is now located, at Molltown. He is buried at St. Peter's Reformed Church. His children were: Jacob, who lived in Maiden-creek township, near Molltown; William, who lived on an adjoining farm; Abraham, who lived in Ontelaunee township; Isaac; Katie, and Elizabeth.

Isaac Reeser was a native of Maiden-creek township, born Feb. 6, 1809, and died at Fleetwood, where he is buried, in February, 1878, when aged sixty-eight years. He was a farmer and lived on his property the greater part of his life. He beloged to the Reformed Church. His wife was Lydia Hoch, daughter of David and —— (Gerst) Hoch, born March 28, 1808, died in Jan., 1886, in her seventy-eighth year. They had these children: Hannah, deceased, who married Benneville Hoch, of Fleetwood; Jacob H., of Reading; Caroline, deceased, who married Daniel Everhart, now of Colebrookdale township; Lydia, deceased, who married Monroe Eby, of Reading; Jarius H.; Amanda, married to James Koch, of Reading; and Simarias of Reading.

Jarius H. Reeser, a prosperous farmer in Oley township, was born in Maiden-creek township, Feb. 17, 1847. He was reared upon the farm, and when seventeen learned the painter's trade, which he followed in Oley and Richmond townships. In 1868 he began farming in Earl township, where he lived four years, and then came to Oley township, settling on the Griesemer farm near Griesemer's mill. There he continued farming for five years more, and then moved back to Earl township and farmed for two years. Back he went to Oley and farmed the Solomon DeTurk farm near the Oley Churches. In 1887 he moved to the Col. Weaver farm, in Amity township, and there lived for seven years, in 1894 purchasing the Daniel Guldin farm, located in Oley township near the Yellow House. This fine farm consists of thirty-one acres, which he has greatly improved, making it into a very fine piece of property. He also owns a good farm of 127 acres in Amity township, near Yellow House, which he has rented. It has excellent spring water and is well situated.

Mr. Reeser is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in politics. From 1891 to 1893 he was county commissioner. During his administration a number of bridges were built, among them being the Schuylkill avenue and Cross Keys. The court-house was also improved. He was supervisor of Oley for two years, and has always done what he believed to be his duty. He and his family are members of the Oley Reformed Church.

In 1869 Mr. Reeser was married to Barbara Drumheller, a daughter of the late David and Sarah (Lease) Drumheller, of Oley township, and they had children as follows. Jacob D., a farmer of Oley township, married Amelia Bachman, and they have five children, Hilma, Viola, Amy, J. Warren and Paul; William D. and Sallie D. are unmarried and at home.

William D. Reeser, a prominent citizen of Berks county, residing at Yellow House, in Amity township, was born in Oley township Sept. 17, 1871. He was reared to farm life and was educated in the public schools of his district and in the Amityville Seminary. At the age of twenty years he became a clerk in the Yellow House creamery and held the position a year, and in 1892 became clerk in the county commissioner's office, where he proved so useful that he was retained there for nine years. Later he served as docket clerk in the county controller's office for two years under the administration of John F. Ancona. During most of the years Mr. Reeser served the county in clerical capacities he conducted the general store at Yellow House. He embarked in this mercantile venture in 1895, and has since continued in it, meeting with marked success.

Mr. Reeser has been an active Democrat and has been the leader in lower Berks county since 1895. He has served his township of Amity as delegate to county conventions during those years eight times. He was State delegate three times, and was State delegate when William H. Berry was nominated for State treasurer; Mr. Berry was subsequently elected, being the first Democratic State treasurer in a quarter of a century. Fraternally Mr. Reeser is a charter member of Wohlink Tribe, No. 179, Improved Order of Red Men, of Yellow House; of Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Reading, and of Mt. Penn Castle, No. 52, K. G. E., of Reading. He is a member of the Oley Reformed Church, of which he is a deacon and the secretary of the consistory, having held the latter office since 1903. He was active in Sunday school work in earlier life.

On June 6, 1895, Mr. Reeser was married to Mary M. Body, a daughter of Augustus G. Body, of Shillington, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reeser is a prosperous merchant, carrying a full line of general merchandise, and enjoys the patronage of a large trade gathered from the surrounding district, Yellow House being in the center of a rich and populous community. Since 1895 he has been assistant postmaster at Yellow House. In addition to his other interests Mr. Reeser was for three years a director of the Sinking Spring Fire Insurance Company, an old-established concern of Berks county.

HENRY T. KACHEL, a highly esteemed resident and old-time school teacher of Berks county, now resides near Knauer's in Brecknock township, where he was born Jan. 17, 1850, son of Reuben and Cassia (Trostle) Kachel.

Reuben Kachel was born in 1820 in Brecknock township, where he became one of the early school teachers; his salary was but twenty dollars per month. He also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was the tenant on the Trostle farm at the time of his death, in 1852. Mr. Kachel married Cassia Trostle, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Griffith) Trostle, and two children were born to this union: Henry T. and Reuben Samuel, the latter a school director of Spring township, who married Rebecca Fisher and has five children, Milton, Wellington, Paul, Estella and Viola.

Henry T. Kachel was reared on his grandfather Henry Trostle's farm, his father having died when he was about two years old, and he worked on the farm and at coopering until he began his carcer as a school teacher, in Cumru township in 1871. Mr. Kachel was first licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, who was then county superintendent, and after teaching two terms in Cumru township he taught in Brecknock township, where he continued his profession for sixteen terms. He was one of the old-time schoolmasters, and during the early days experienced all the trials of the pioneer educator, when the children were ill supplied with books and the public school system but poorly organized. In 1877 he located on his present property, which consists of three tracts, two at Knauer's of eighteen acres each, and one of thirty-five acres in the township. He was a storekeeper and gauger at Mount Etna, Berks county, during President Cleveland's administration, was committeeman of his township for two years, and was a delegate to a number of county conventions, including that which nominated Prof. D. B. Brunner for Congress, and that which renominated Judge Ermentrout for the President Judgeship of Berks county. He was also auditor, and is at

present serving his second term as school director, having been president of the board for two years. He and his family are members of Allegheny Union Church, he being of the Reformed and his wife of the Lutheran congregation; he was deacon for eight years and associate treasurer for a long period; was for many years superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school; the whole family are members of the choir, and his daughter is the present church organist.

In 1876 Mr. Kachel was married to Emma F. Slouch, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Seyfrit) Slouch, farming people of Brecknock township, and one daughter was born to this union, Carrie E., who is unmarried and resides at home.

George Trostle, Mr. Kachel's great-great-grandfather on his mother's side, was born in Brecknock townshin Feb. 17, 1730. There is still in existence an old deed, bearing date 1749, showing that he got a patent for the Trostle homestead. How long he lived there before that time may be only conjectured. He married Rosina Seidabenner, and they became the parents of the following children: Heinrich, John, George, Jacob, William, Abraham, Margaret (wife of Jacob Merkle) and Elizabeth (wife of David Miller). Of these, Abraham was a private in Capt. Sebastian Miller's Company, Col. Joseph Hiester's Battalion, in the Revolution, May 31, 1781. He settled in Lancaster county. Jacob and George were also in Lancaster county. John married and lived in Brecknock township, but had no children. He was a blacksmith, engaged for the most part in making chains.

Mr. Henry T. Kachel has found parts of an old deed showing that a patent was applied for George Trostle's (the great-great-grandfather's) farm in 1749, and that this property was sold, the deed, dated June 29, 1805, showing that all signed over the homestead to Heinrich; the document is torn, but the signatures of all the children are visible. George Trostle died Sept. 11, 1804.

Heinrich Trostle, son of George, was a blacksmith by trade, and did a great deal of work for the Indians, with whom he was on the friendliest terms, many stories of his association with the Red men being familiar to the older members of the family. He had two teams on the road hauling goods from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. His will was probated in 1824. He married Elizabeth Sweikhart, and they had children: Henry (2), to whom the homestead was bequeathed; John, who was survived by his wife Catharine (who was executrix of his will made Jan. 18, 1857, and probated Feb. 23, 1857) and children, Levina, Sarah, Caroline and Wallace; Barbara, born Jan. 6, 1786, who married Benjamin Remp, and died March 15, 1857; Peggy, who married George Fritz; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Isaac Griffith.

Henry Trostle (2), born Jan. 15, 1794, died Aug. 15, 1875, and is buried in the cemetery of the Allegheny Church, of which he was a stanch member. He married Elizabeth Griffith, and their children were: Benjamin, Isaac, Henry (3), John, Eliza, Katie, Cassia and Susan (who married Louis Eckenroth and had four sons and four daughters), of whom Benjamin, Isaac, Eliza and Katie died unmarried. In about 1800, when Henry Trostle was six years of age, he witnessed the parting of the Indians and his father, the Indians informing the latter that they were going on the warpath, and proving their words by beginning to murder when only a short distance away. At the age of thirteen young Henry made his first trip to Pittsburg with his father's team. It had not been intended that the lad should make the entire trip, but to drive only until he could find some one to take the team. This was not to the young man's liking, however, and he made the long drive without looking for anyone to do the work. This was the beginning of this work for him, and he drove his father's teams until he was twenty-one years of age. He then started out for himself and made many long and ofttimes dangerous trips. Later he was engaged in hauling charcoal to Mt. Penn Furnace for a number of years. When not engaged with his teams he devoted himself to farming—doing the work the other boys did while he was absent. His wife Elizabeth died in 1842, and from that time until 1848 his household was looked after by his daughter Cassia. In the latter year she wedded Reuben Kachel, who rented the farm until 1852, when he died. Then again Cassia became her father's housekeeper, continuing until he died, in 1875.

ADAM DECHERT. Among the representative citizens of Berks county none was more worthy of mention in this volume than Adam Dechert, late a retired citizen of Sinking Spring, who for many years was prominent in business and religious circles in Spring township. Mr. Dechert was born Aug. 23, 1823, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of Daniel and Maria Magdalena (Lerch) Dechert.

Records prove that the first of this family to come to America was Peter Dechert, who emigrated from Rotterdam to Pennsylvania in 1752. He settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he owned a farm of 185 acres, and in the cultivation of this land he was engaged until his death in 1784. He became the owner of the hotel at Sinking Spring, Sept. 26, 1768. On July 19, 1784, his widow, Elizabeth, applied for an order of sale to dispose of certain real estate. In a later petition the children named are John, William, Jacob, Peter, Michael, Daniel and the petitioner, George. Peter Dechert, the emigrant, was a captain in the Revolutionary war from Jan. 5, 1776, to Feb. 3, 1777. His company, which was raised in the vicinity of Reading, was in active service in New York, and on Nov. 16, 1776, was captured by Howe's army.

John Dechert, son of Capt. Peter, was a farmer in the western section of Berks county. He married Deborah Davis, daughter of James Davis. They had five children, namely: (1) Elijah was a prominent member of the Reading Bar and on account of ill health moved in 1852 to Philadelphia, where he died in 1854. He married Mary Williams Porter, and their son, Henry Martyn, is well known in Berks county and also in Philadelphia, where he resides. (2) Johan, born May 5, 1790, died Dec. 5, 1864, aged seventy-four years, seven months. He married Maria Strunk, born Feb. 24, 1793, died Oct. 14, 1881, aged eighty-eight years, seven months, twenty days. (3) Daniel is mentioned below. (4) Hannah, born June 4, 1795, died Aug. 18, 1815. (5) Samuel settled in Miamisburg, Ohio, and was engaged in the mercantile business. He married and had two children, George L., and Clara (who married Isaac Kay, M. D.), who both reside at Springfield, Ohio.

Daniel Dechert, father of Adam, born in Berks county June 4, 1793, died Sept. 17, 1884, aged ninety-one years, three months, thirteen days, and is buried in the family lot at Sinking Spring. He was a Lutheran in religious belief. He was a carpenter by trade, but in middle life he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Lower Heidelberg, his farm passing into the possession of his son, Adam. His wife, Maria Magdalena (Lerch), was born Feb. 23, 1791, daughter of John Lerch, of Heidelberg, and died Sept. 30, 1872, aged eighty-one years, seven months, seven days. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dechert, as follows: Adam is mentioned below; Ellen, born Jan. 11, 1826, married Benjamin B. Reber, and died March 7, 1895, aged sixty-nine years, one month, twenty-seven days; Angelina married Adam Althouse; James, born Sept. 1, 1832, died March 18, 1900, aged sixty-seven years, six months, seventeen days.

Adam Dechert was educated in the old German pay schools of his day, when the Psalter and the New Testament were the text-books, and the school term consisted of from two to three months. He received an ordinary education in German, and afterward became fairly conversant with the English language and kept well posted on the topics of the day; he read the Reading *Eagle* continuously from 1862 until his death, Oct. 3, 1907. Though advanced in years, Mr. Dechert was well preserved in body and mind. He was brought up to farm work, and remained at home with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account in Heidelberg township, continuing there until locating in Sinking Spring in 1859. He purchased

Adam Dechert

the old John Heffner stand, which included the present Sinking Spring hotel and twenty-eight acres of land, but this he sold after three and one-half years to Hertz & Rathman, also disposing of some of the land. In 1863 he erected his late residence near the toll-gate, where he afterward made his home. After selling the hotel property Mr. Dechert engaged in farming, but after 1895 he lived in retirement. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never cared for public office. For ten years he was manager of the Berks and Dauphin turnpike from Reading to above Sinking Spring, a distance of five miles, serving capably and faithfully in this position. After 1860 he was treasurer of the Sinking Spring cemetery, rendering good service until his death. He was one of the building committee of the two Sinking Spring churches, and was a liberal contributor to both, giving $2,600 toward the building of St. John's Lutheran church, in which he was deacon and elder. His remains rest in the family lot at Sinking Spring, where are also interred those of his wife and brother. He purchased an acre of ground for the Lutheran congregation at Sinking Spring, this plot to be used for burial purposes for the poor who were unable to buy lots. This he presented to the congregation free of all costs, as an addition to their new cemetery.

Mr. Dechert lived a clean, honest and upright life, and was a useful man in his community. He was a good manager, and at his death his estate was valued at upward of $50,000, including among other property the old homestead in Lower Heidelberg, of 182 acres, and an adjoining farm of 132 acres.

In 1851 Mr. Dechert was married to Maria Weitzel, born March 31, 1819, who died Oct. 11, 1891, aged seventy-two years, six months, eleven days. They reared as their own daughter a niece, Maria Weitzel, who married Frank Hertz, and had a daughter, Sallie R. On Oct. 6, 1894, Sallie R. Hertz married Elmer F. Miller, who came to Adam Dechert's family when ten years of age and was in his family for twenty-eight years, up to the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two sons, Adam E. and Mahlon M. They resided with Mr. Dechert, taking the best of care of him in his later years, and at his death they were bequested the home at Sinking Spring.

JOHN H. MILLER, proprietor of "Miller's Hotel," at Wernersville, and director of the Union Bank at Womelsdorf and of the Wernersville National Bank, at Wernersville, was an organizer of both these banks, and he is considered one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens in this section of Berks county. He was born in Lower Heidelberg township, July 1, 1849, son of Abraham and Ellen (Hain) Miller, and grandson of Henry and Christina (Ruth) Miller and of John Hain.

Henry Miller, the grandfather, was a farmer in Lower Heidelberg for many years. He was twice married, his first wife being Christina Ruth, and his second Isabella Hoyer. By the first union there were four children, namely: Hannah married John Evans; Kate married Adam Leiss; Polly married Richard Klopp and (second) Addison Eyrich; Abraham married Ellen Hain.

Abraham Miller, born in 1818, died in 1897, aged seventy-nine years. He occupied himself with farming all his life. His wife, Ellen Hain, was a daughter of John Hain, of Lower Heidelberg, one of the very prominent men of that vicinity. They were the parents of nine children: Catharine married Michael Newman; Sarah married Isaac Hain; Hannah became the wife of Sebastian Miller, of Illinois; Mary married Daniel Glass; Elizabeth wedded John L. Bowman; Sebastian moved to Illinois in his younger days and there married; John H. married Sarah A. Kintzer; two died young.

John H. Miller received his early education in the public schools, later attending the Millersville Normal School and the Frederick College. After leaving school he engaged in farming for six years, and then located in Wernersville, where he made his headquarters while carrying on butchering among the farmers of the neighboring townships, also assisting them during the summers in harvesting for eight years. For two years he farmed on his own account. In 1888 he purchased the Wernersville hotel property, and began conducting a public house, which he has since carried on in a very successful manner. The old building had been erected by his grandfather, John Hain, in 1857, when the Lebanon Valley railroad was opened up. In 1895 on the lot adjoining Mr. Miller put up the fine four-story brick hotel, with all modern improvements, now known as "Miller's Hotel," which is recognized as one of the best conducted hotels in the county. It is a very popular stand during the whole year and especially in the summer, when many travelers register there, all speaking in high terms of the management. Mr. Miller has also erected four of the most handsome houses in Wernersville, with all the latest improvements.

Mr. Miller is not only very enterprising in his own affairs but also in those concerning the public welfare. He has been connected with a number of important improvements at Wernersville and many others outside of town. He encouraged the establishment of a waterworks system by supplying the people with superior spring water from the South mountain, and he was one of the first persons to suggest the organizing of a national bank there, and from their organization he has been a director of both these local institutions. He also gave his financial assistance to organize the Union bank at Womelsdorf, in 1903, and has served as its director. For ten years he gave his fellow-citizens most efficient service as township treasurer.

In 1871 Mr. Miller was married to Sarah A. Kintzer, daughter of Adam Kintzer, of Marion township. Ten children blessed this union, as follows: J. Adam, who married Eura Derr; Annie, wife of Dr. Leonard Hain; Elizabeth, who married Henry Fitler; Eva; Frederick; George; Nora, and three who died in infancy.

EDWARD H. CHRISTIAN, a substantial citizen of Mount Penn, superintendent of erection for the monument manufacturing firm of P. F. Eisenbrown Sons & Co., was born March 12, 1859, near Neversink Station, Exeter township, Berks county, son of Edward D. and Catherine (Hoffmaster) Christian.

John Christian, his grandfather, was born in 1786 in Switzerland, and came to this country when seventeen years of age, first locating in Reading, where he married a Miss Deem. He was a distiller by trade, and this vocation he followed for some years in Reading, but later purchased a farm in Exeter township, where he died at the age of eighty-five years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Schwartzwald. He was the father of three children: Henry, a contractor on the erection of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and later superintendent of the company's wharves at Port Richmond, Philadelphia, married Mary Esterly, and died in the company's service; Edward D. is mentioned below; John, a railroad contractor in the erection of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and later appointed roadmaster of the Lebanon Valley division, married Mary Ann Goodhart.

Edward D. Christian was born March 12, 1817, in Reading, Pa., and there spent his boyhood, receiving his education in the public schools, which he left at the age of sixteen years. He then went to the Hertzog mill, and after serving his apprenticeship to the business went to the mill at Antietam Lake, in Alsace township, operating there several years. Mr. Christian then turned his attention to farming, and for the next forty-one years carried on operations on the old homestead in Exeter township, which he purchased of the estate after his father's death, the property consisting of forty acres. He was a Democrat in politics, and was very active in the ranks of his party, holding numerous positions of honor and trust, among them those of school director and supervisor of his township. He was also a director in the Allenbaugh Cemetery Association. Being a man of keen judgment and knowledge of law, he was as a consequence entrusted with the settlement of many estates. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Encampment at Reading. Mr. Christian lived for the last twenty or twenty-one years

of his life at No. 1216 Chestnut street, Reading, where he died Oct. 6, 1901. He was married to Catherine Hoffmaster, born Feb. 12, 1824, who died Feb. 19, 1907, and to them were born these children: Ellen, the widow of George Esterly, lives at Reading; Jacob H., a machinist with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, Reading, married Emma Haas; Daniel, superintendent of the Neversink Mountain railroad, who was killed by an electric shock, married Catherine Houck; Edward H. is mentioned below; Solomon, a hardware merchant of Reading, married Ella Althouse.

Edward H. Christian was educated in the public schools of Exeter township, Berks county, and at the age of fifteen years went to Shamokin, Pa., and engaged in railroad work as a section hand. He continued thus until nineteen years old, when he was promoted to section foreman on the Philadelphia & Reading line, and was employed in that capacity for four or five years. He was then given charge of a gang of twenty-five men on construction work during the summer months and in the winter seasons returned to the section, continuing at this line of work until 1890, when he returned to Berks county and took charge of a section in Reading for some eighteen months. He then retired from railroad work, and entered the employ of P. F. Eisenbrown Sons & Co., the monument manufacturers, as an all-round man. During recent years he has been superintendent of erection for this company, a line of work which necessitates his traveling over the entire United States, in the setting of valuable shafts. Fraternally Mr. Christian is connected with the P. O. S. of A., in which order he is very popular. He and Mrs. Christian are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. In 1906 they erected a fine residence on Twenty-third street, in Mount Penn, which has been their home ever since, and in which community they have a large social circle.

On June 16, 1881, Mr. Christian was married to Miss Catherine Holpp, of Shamokin (born at Minersville), daughter of Daniel and Mary Holpp, natives of Baden, Germany. She died Feb. 6, 1885, leaving two children, one of whom, the infant son George L., followed her to the grave a few days later. The eldest, Willard Arthur, born Aug. 23, 1883, is residing with his uncle, William E. Martz, of Shamokin, Pa., and is paymaster for the Penn Coal Company. The second marriage of Mr. Edward H. Christian, on Oct. 8, 1889, was to Miss Alice C. Eisenbrown, daughter of Penrose F. and Sarah S. (Smith) Eisenbrown, of Reading. Six children have been born to this union: Sarah May and Anna, deceased; George Edward; Penrose Frederick; John Franklin; and one who died in infancy.

SEIDEL FAMILY. (I) Ernst Sidel, the ancestor of a large and representative family of lower Berks county, was a native of Sweden, and crossed the ocean on the ship "St. Andrew Gally," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1737. In 1752, when the country was still wild, and the year the county was organized, Ernst Sidel was already a tax-payer of Alsace township. In 1759 he paid a federal tax of £6 in Alsace township. Tradition states that he is buried at the long established Spies's Church, where some of his sons have tombstones erected to their memory in the old burial ground. There is some uncertainty as to the number of Ernst Sidel's children, but among them were: Frederick, Ludwig, Nicholas, Philip, Benjamin, and Jacob, who, perhaps, was the eldest. Concerning these the following information has been gathered:

Ludwig moved to ——— county, Pennsylvania.

Nicholas became an ironmaster of Berks county early in its history. In young manhood he resided in Alsace township, but later he removed to the vicinity of Seidelstown, now Gibraltar. He operated Yocums forges in Cumru township for some years.

Philip also moved to the vicinity of Gibraltar. His wife Elizabeth died in 1830. His will was dated Sept. 11, 1822, and was proved two years later. His children were: Jonathan; Benjamin; Nicholas; Henry, who died before 1822; Catherine, who married Samuel Gring; Susanna, who married Nicholas Yost; Elizabeth, who married Henry Thompson; and Mary, who married Daniel Yocom

Benjamin was associated with his father in the iron forge at Stony Creek.

Jacob was a tax-payer of Alsace township, in 1752. He had sons Jacob, Jr., and John. The line of John, from whom James H. Sidel is descended, spell the name without the "e," while those descended from Frederick (among them Benjamin H. Seidel) use the "e."

(II) Frederick Seidel, son of Ernst, was born in Alsace township, where he became a farmer and carpenter. He became the owner of over 100 acres. He is buried at Spies old burial ground. The maiden name of his wife was Keller, and they had these children: John, who lived in Ruscombmanor; Polly, who married Jacob Neutzel; Frederick, who lived in Alsace township; Betsy, who married a Mr. Miller; Henry; Jacob, of Alsace township, who resided on the present location of the reservoir; Nicholas, who never married (he lived with Jacob); and Catherine, who never married. All of these are now deceased.

(III) Henry Seidel, son of Frederick, was born in Alsace township. He farmed sixty acres which he owned. His wife was Judith Herb, daughter of John Herb, and their children were: Polly, who married George Heckman; Benjamin, of Oley; Susan, who married John Heckman; Frederick, of Alsace township; Harrison; Jonathan, who lives on the homestead; and Hettie, who married Isaac Masser (both are now deceased).

(IV) Harrison Seidel, son of Henry, and father of Benjamin H. Seidel, was born in Alsace township, Dec. 9, 1839, and until he was twenty-six years of age resided on his father's farm near Spies's Church. During this time he learned the wheelwright's and millwright's trades, and at the age of twenty-six he began working at mill building, erecting the Penn street paper mill in 1866. Having married the previous year, in 1865, he and his wife removed to West Reading, where they lived two years, in 1868 again moving, this time to Exeter, where they remained three years. They then went to Blandon, and after one year, in 1872, settled at their present home in Oley township, near Friedensburg, on a nine-acre tract, where in 1878 Mr. Seidel built the present residence; he had erected a barn there eighteen months before, but it was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 27, 1877. Mr. Seidel has a wheelwright and millwright shop that he built all by himself in 1886, which year was known as the locust year. He is a skilled mechanic and is kept busy with orders.

In politics Mr. Seidel is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of Spies's Church, which he served as a member of the building committee when the new church was erected, in 1887.

In 1865 Mr. Seidel was married to Adaline Snyder, a daughter of Benjamin Snyder. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Seidel: Benjamin H.; Ellen, who married Elmer Schearer; Jefferson, of Ruscombmanor; Frederick, of West Reading; Annie, who died in childhood; Harry, who died in infancy; a son who died in infancy unnamed; and Ida, who married William O. Mayer, of Friedensburg.

(V) Benjamin H. Seidel, coach-maker and councilman of West Reading borough, was born in Spring township April 19, 1866. He obtained his early education under his parents and in the district schools, and later attended the Oley Academy under Prof. John Dengler. From the time he was eleven until 1890 Mr. Seidel worked on the farm, and then for thirteen years lived with Henry Faust of Spring township, still farming. In 1890 he began learning coach-making under Frank R. Himmelberger, of West Reading, in whose employ he has continued ever since. During his long term of service the relations existing between Mr. Seidel and his employer have been of the most pleasant and the large trade enjoyed by the establishment is in great measure due to Mr. Seidel's efforts. He is now in full charge of the wood-working department of the concern, having a number of men under him.

In political sentiment Mr. Seidel is a strong Democrat.

When the town of West Reading was incorporated he was honored by being elected to a seat in the first council of the borough, which office he still holds. He is also a member of the West Reading Fire Company, and is now its capable president, discharging his duties in such a manner as to win the confidence and approval of all the residents of the community, who feel that their property is safely protected under his rule. Fraternally he is a member of the K. G. E. Castle No. 302, and the P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 676, both of Reading, and he is a trustee of the first named order. Mr. Seidel is a member of St. James Reformed Church and since 1901 has acted as one of its deacons.

On Aug. 27, 1887, Mr. Seidel was married to Ida Fisher, born July 26, 1866, a daughter of William and Matilda (Fisher) Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Seidel have had children as follows: Warren Arthur, who died in infancy; Harry A., who is a pattern-maker; Claud B.; Earl William and Harold Irvin, who died in infancy; and Edna Matilda.

JAMES HENRY SIDEL, a collector for the Metropolitan Gas Company of Reading, comes of another branch of the family, tracing his lineage back to John, son of Jacob, who was a son of Ernst Sidel, the common ancestor of the family.

(III) John Sidel, his grandfather, was born in the vicinity of Gibraltar, which once bore the family name, in Berks county, and he died in Brooklyn, N. Y. During the gold craze of 1849, he and his two sons left home for the Pacific coast, but en route he changed his mind, sold his ticket and returned to Brooklyn, where he had been a real estate dealer, and where he owned considerable property. His children were: Elhanner; David, who was in business with a brother; Theophilus, who has an extensive cattle business in California; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried at New Lebanon, N. Y., a Quakeress.

(IV) Elhanner Sidel, father of James Henry Sidel, was born July 30, 1815, and died Dec. 27, 1896. He was a wheelwright by trade and followed this calling for some years, but he was in the service of the Reading Railway Company for many years. For some time prior to his death he lived at home, retired from active work. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Elhanner Sidel was married to Matilda Kendall, born Sept. 29, 1823, died Aug. 14, 1907, aged eighty-three years, ten months, sixteen days. She was a daugher of John and Elizabeth Kendall. They had one son, James Henry.

(V) James Henry Sidel was born in Reading April 16, 1845, and after completing the common school course attended high school for one year. When seventeen years old he learned the trade of machinist in the Philadelphia & Reading shops, and followed his trade at Lancaster, and also at Reading for several years. After this he was timekeeper for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for eighteen years. In 1892 he entered the employ of the Metropolitan Gas Company, and is now one of its most trusted collectors. Since 1886 Mr. Sidel has resided at No. 927 Oley street, Reading.

In 1872 Mr. Sidel married Miss Amanda C. Greinther, a daughter of Gustavas Greinther. They have one son, Harry D., a clerk at Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Sidel are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a member of the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 435, of Reading and K. G. E. Castle No. 159, also of Reading.

This old and honored family has many other branches, and it would be interesting to follow the history of each, for its representatives are numbered among the sterling, progressive men and women of the several communities in which they are to be found. The good, honest traits of character which belonged to Ernst Sidel, the Swedish ancestor, have come down to those who bear his name, and they may all be proud of him who made so good a record in the early history of Berks county.

WALTER M. RAUBENHOLD, a foremost citizen of Hamburg, who for over twenty years has been engaged in the hardware business at that place, was born May 3, 1860, in Greenwich township, Berks county, on his grandfather's plantation, son of William Raubenhold.

Adam Raubenhold, great-grandfather of Walter M. Raubenhold, was of Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was engaged in farming. He was the father of three sons and two daughters, namely: (1) Peter; (2) William, who had two sons, Adam and George; (3) Jonathan (Jonas), who had three children, Hiram, William and a daughter; (4) Mrs. George Mengel; and (5) Mrs. Ketner.

Peter Raubenhold, son of Adam and grandfather of Walter M., was born Aug. 19, 1801, and died Oct. 16, 1883. He married Maria Sunday, born Dec. 23, 1804, died July 12, 1893, in the eighty-ninth year of her age, and to them were born five children, as follows: Joseph, who married Elizabeth Dreibelbis, and had two sons, Peter and George; Catherine, who married Benneville Stoyer; George, who married a Miss Luckenbill, and had three sons, Alfred, Albert and William; Polly, who became the wife of Daniel Smith; and William.

William Raubenhold, son of Peter, was of Windsor township, born there in 1835. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his decease in 1871. He married Hannah Merkel, born Oct. 9, 1839, daughter of John and Esther Merkel; she died April 16, 1878, aged thirty-eight years, six months, seven days. To this union were born three children: Walter M.; Thomas, who married Mary Schaeffer; and Mary, who died young.

Walter M. Raubenhold was educated in the public schools of Windsor township and at Hamburg, to which place his mother had removed on the death of the father, in 1871. When sixteen years of age he entered the store of James L. Merkel, as a clerk, and there continued until 1884, attending school at Collegeville in the meantime, for the purpose of acquiring a business education. Then he opened a general hardware store for himself at Hamburg, and has continued in the same business in the same building up to the present time, a period of more than twenty-four years.

Mr. Raubenhold, having become thoroughly interested in the cause of education, was elected a school director from the south ward for four consecutive terms, covering a period of twelve years, serving as secretary and treasurer for six years, and while on the board he was one of the building committee which superintended the erection of the handsome and commodious public school building on North Third street, in 1893. He was an active and prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church when the congregation determined to rebuild immediately the edifice which had been destroyed by fire on April 4th, 1898, and he was selected as one of the building committee. The beautiful edifice whose erection this committee superintended reflects in a high degree their taste, ability and enterprise. When the citizens of Hamburg were making arrangements for the erection of a public library, in 1903, Mr. Raubenhold, on account of his experience, was placed on the building committee, and the superior and attractive structure which the committee erected is a credit to every citizen of Hamburg borough, as well as to the committee itself. Mr. Raubenhold, upon the expiration of his term, was re-elected to office, becoming treasurer of the public library. He again showed his ability when the subject of supplying Hamburg with water arose as a public question. He took an active part in its discussion, and on the organization of the company was elected a director, a position he has held to the present time, having also acted as treasurer of the company for eight years.

In 1880 Mr. Raubenhold was married to Catherine Miller, daughter of David G. Miller, of Hamburg, and two sons have been born to this union, Franklin and William.

CHARLES W. UNGER, a general merchant of Stouchsburg, Berks county, was born Aug. 27, 1861, on the Unger homestead near Shoemakersville, in Perry township. We give herewith something of the early history of the family in this country.

(I) Christian Unger, the first of the name in America, emigrated in the ship "Edinburgh," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1752. In 1756 he was a taxable resident of

Greenwich township Berks county. He had these children: Michael, who was a taxable in Greenwich township in 1759; John, who settled in the vicinity of Shamokin, Pa.; Herman; one son (name unknown) who settled in Maryland; Susanna, who married John Schappel; Elizabeth, who married George Heffley; and Mrs. Christian Reeser.

(II) Herman Unger was born in Greenwich township. He married Elizabeth Keim, and they had the following children: Daniel, who settled in Windsor township; Samuel, who also settled in Windsor township; Jacob, who settled in Wabash county, Ind.; Abraham, who settled in Sandusky county, Ohio; Christina, who married John Hollenbach; and Mrs. Coleman.

(III) Daniel Unger, son of Herman, married Elizabeth Smith, and their only son was Isaac Unger, late of Windsor township.

(IV) Isaac Unger was born Jan. 22, 1829, and died Mar. 16, 1884. On Nov. 18, 1849, he married Syria Weidman, who was born in Windsor township April 17, 1828, and died March 28, 1907. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Unger resided on his farm, about one mile east of Shoemakersville, which consisted of 210 acres, and was considered one of the best farms in Perry township. Here they prospered and reared their family. Mr. Unger left his widow and children a large estate. He never held any political office, but was active in the church, for several terms serving as one of the trustees of the Lutheran congregation at Shoemakersville. He and his wife joined the Lutheran Church in 1850. They were the parents of the following children: John married Ella Dieter, and they have had three children, Gertrude and Grace, and one whose name is not known; Sarah died at the age of four years; Sylvester died at the age of two years; Catherine, who married Newton Moyer, died in 1900, aged forty-four years (she had four children, among them Ralph Abner); Laura is the wife of Franklin W. Seidel, M. D., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School and of the medical department of the University of Michigan, who practices his profession in Chester, Pa., and has two children, Roy and May; Annie, who married David Wolf, was a teacher and a highly accomplished woman, and died in 1902, aged thirty-nine years (she had four children, Ramon, Pearl, George and Charles); Charles W. married Sallie Koenig and Anna M. Oschman; George W., a prosperous business man and manufacturer of Boyertown, married Legora Deppen, daughter of Dr. D. D. Deppen, of Bernville, and has the following children, Earl, Laura, John and Daniel.

(V) Charles W. Unger passed his boyhood days upon the farm, and did farm work until he was twenty years old. He then became a clerk in the general store of J. W. Kerchner, at Lenhartsville, Berks county, where he remained one year. The next three years he was employed in J. B. Miller's general store at Bernville, after which he worked two years for Charles A. Mory, at Boyertown, in the dry goods and notions store. Mr. Mory then recommended him to L. & W. C. Beecher of Pottstown, in whose employ he remained four years, following with a year's experience in the large establishment of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, at Reading. Since leaving their employ Mr. Unger has been in business for himself at Stouchsburg, where he settled Oct. 15, 1893. He has carried on a general mercantile and hardware trade, and has found the venture profitable. During his first three years in Stouchsburg Mr. Unger was located in the old Fisher & Yocum building, in the eastern end of the town, and when the place was sold he erected in 1896 his present store, a frame building 25 x 60 feet in dimensions, three stories high, which has become one of the well-known business places of the town. Mr. Unger carries a full line of general merchandise, and he enjoys a high reputation for honesty and square dealing, especially among the country people, commanding a large share of their patronage. His annual business often amounts to more than $10,000. Two people are kept constantly busy in the store, which is justly popular in Stouchsburg.

Mr. Unger was married while a resident of Reading to Miss Sallie Koenig, daughter of John and Sydney (Kerchner) Koenig, and they had one son, John Leroy, born Nov. 7, 1894. Mrs. Unger died Oct. 5, 1906, at the age of forty-one years, nine months, twelve days, and sleeps her last sleep in the family lot in the Charles Evans cemetery. On June 11, 1908, Mr. Unger married (second) Anna Margurite Oschman, daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Kern) Oschman, who emigrated from Europe to this country in 1847, landing at New York City. After three years' residence in that city they removed to Reading, Pa., where Mr. Oschman has since been a resident and taxpayer.

Mr. Unger is a member of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and though not particularly active in such matters takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party.

JOHN A. FLANNERY, manufacturer of high-grade roller flour and dealer in grain and feed at Monocacy, was born in Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., July 4, 1861. His father, Patrick Flannery, was a native of Ireland, and coming to America located upon a farm in Amity township. This property he owned and cultivated until his death, March 24, 1862, when he was only forty years of age. Patrick Flannery married Ann Hanley, born April 23, 1832, a daughter of John Hanley, also a native of Ireland. Mrs. Flannery resides with her son John A. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flannery had these children: Mary, who died in childhood; Ella, who is the widow of Elmer Strunk and resides at Philadelphia; Michael, living at Greensburg, Pa.; Amelia, deceased; Harry P., who lives at San Francisco, where he is a prosperous merchant; and John A.

John A. Flannery attended the public schools, and later a private school at Unionville, Union township, this county. In 1880 he went to learn milling from Gobel, Bertolet & Co., at Pottstown, and in 1889 he started in this business for himself, at Douglassville. After ten years, in 1899, he bought the Irwin Griesemer mill, at Monocacy, and there he has continued ever since, building up the large Monocacy Roller Mills, where he manufactures both spring and winter wheat flour. His brand is the "Premium," a name chosen because for twelve successive years his flour took the premium at the Pottstown fair. Mr. Flannery also makes a brand of baker's flour which he sells to bakers in his vicinity, and which is a great favorite with the trade. Perhaps one of the secrets of his remarkable success lies in the fact that he is very enterprising, and that he never allows an opportunity to escape him.

Mr. Flannery is a director of the Conestoga Telephone Company, and is largely interested in many enterprises, the fact that he is identified with an undertaking being considered sufficient guarantee of its ultimate success. All of his prosperity is the result of his own efforts, and he may be well said to be a self-made man and one of the most substantial citizens in his district.

In religion Mr. Flannery is a Catholic, being a member of St. Aloysius Church at Pottstown. In politics he is a Democrat and under President Cleveland, during his first term, was a messenger in the custom house at Philadelphia.

In 1881, Mr. Flannery was married to Gussie Mellon, daughter of the late Joseph and Caroline (Weber) Mellon, of Schuylkill Haven. Their children are: May M., who is a graduate of the West Chester State Normal School, class of 1901; Edna A., married to Edward R. Meredith, superintendent of the P. H. & P. division of the Reading railroad; and John A., Jr., a miller assisting his father.

WILLIAM BACHMAN, a well-known citizen of Centre, Cumru township, who is engaged in blacksmithing and carriage-making, was born in 1852, in Ruscombmanor township, this county, son of Joseph and Barbara (Miller) Bachman.

Joseph Bachman was also a native of Ruscombmanor township, where he received his education. Most of his life was spent, however, in Chester county, and there he died at the age of seventy-four years, his widow surviving until December, 1906, when she passed away in her eighty-second year. Both were buried at Saint Peter's Church in Chester county. Their children were: David, of Oakbrook, Berks county; Joseph, of Lebanon; Noah, of Chester county; Rebecca, the wife of John Dries; Sallie, of Norristown; Emma, wife of Augustus Bloch, of Tuckerton, Pa.; Lizzie, the wife of Samuel Fritz, of Cumru township; and William.

William Bachman attended the schools of Leesport and Ruscombmanor township, and when a boy worked at farm labor. At the age of nineteen years he began to learn the trade of blacksmith with John Bussler, of Leesport, with whom he remained a few years, then engaging in journeyman work for seven years. Mr. Bachman next embarked in business for himself at the "Kurtz House," in Cumru township, but since 1878 he has been located at his present stand. He has a large and growing business and employs a number of skilled workmen throughout the year.

Mr. Bachman was married to Miss Elizabeth Clara Fritz, daughter of Jeremiah Fritz and granddaughter of Elias Fritz, and to this union have been born five children: Robert, who married Eva Schmehl; Alvin; Harry; and Alice and Luke, at school. Mr. Bachman is a Democrat in politics and has served his township as tax collector. He and Mrs. Bachman attend Yocum's Lutheran Church.

Jeremiah Fritz, father of Mrs. Bachman, was born March 6, 1840, and now resides at Centre, Cumru township, where he is engaged at blacksmithing. He married Annie Wagner, daughter of Daniel Wagner, and to them were born children as follows, besides Mrs. Bachman: Elias, of Reading; Alice, who married Hiram Heckman, of Reading; William of West Reading, married to Estella Rick; and Sallie, who married Alvin Kohl, of Centre, Berks county.

JOEL B. SCHAEFFER, the well-known creamery man of Moselem Springs, Richmond township, is a son of Henry S. Schaeffer of Moselem. He was born March 20, 1864, and worked on the farm from his youth until his seventeenth year, when he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for two and one-half years, serving an apprenticeship of two years. In 1884 Mr. Schaeffer was engaged as clerk for Librant & McDowell, iron manufacturers at Moselem, Richmond township. Two years later this firm changed hands, Sheble & Stillwagon being the new proprietors, with whom Mr. Schaeffer continued for another year, when he connected himself with Melot & Schaeffer, in whose employ he remained one year, his next employers being Kelchner & Co. With this firm he spent two years. He then went to Wernersville, being employed as clerk in the store of H. Shappell. Here he continued five years. At the end of this time Mr. Schaeffer purchased twenty-six acres of some of the best soil in Richmond township, near Moselem Springs, and here he has since resided. In connection with his farm work, he has conducted the creamery at Moselem Springs for three years. His farm is in an excellent state of cultivation.

Mr. Schaeffer is a strong Democrat, and for seven years served the township as supervisor; he is now serving a three-year term as township assessor.

In 1885 Mr. Schaeffer married Miss Emma L. Merkel, the respected daughter of James and Mary (Kelchner) Merkel of Richmond township, and their family consists of children as follows: Lloyd M. and Henry M., graduates of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown; Solon, who died aged two years; Mary F.; Flora M.; Ella M.; Mabel M.; Emily M., and Elmer M. Mr. Schaeffer is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Moselem Church, in Richmond township. Mr. Schaeffer is domestic in his tastes, and finds his greatest joy and contentment at home with his family. He is conservative, reliable and a good and useful citizen, his reputation being the best. He is now in the prime of life, having started right, and being possessed of those qualities which insure success in life.

WILLIAM H. RUTH, a well-to-do business man of Berks county, who conducts the "Railroad House" at Sinking Spring, was born Jan. 7, 1863, in Brickerville, Lancaster county, son of Henry F. Ruth.

Philip Ruth, the great-grandfather of William H., was born Aug. 1, 1776, and died June 9, 1833, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits in Spring township. He is buried at Sinking Spring, where the remains of his wife, Elizabeth, are also interred. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth had these children: Peter settled in Lancaster county; Molly, who married Jacob Pahm, died in Sinking Spring; Elizabeth, who married Bennewell Boyer, died in Heidelberg township; Absalom was the grandfather of William H.; Thomas lived in Spring township.

Absalom Ruth, born Jan. 4, 1807, in Spring township, died April 13, 1873. He was a farmer all of his life, carrying on operations in Spring and Heidelberg townships. He married Annie Fisher, born May 20, 1802, who died Dec. 3, 1890, daughter of William and Margaret (Krick) Fisher, and to this union there were born: Isaac, who died when four years of age; Samuel, who died in Heidelberg township; Henry F., father of William H.; Abraham, who died in Exeter township; Mary, who married Samuel Eckenroth; Absalom W., living at Adamstown; Ellen, deceased, who married George Kintzer; Catherine, who married Jacob Behm; Lemon, who resides at Reading; and Richard and Emma, who died young.

Henry F. Ruth was born in Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 28, 1863. After attending the common schools of Spring township, he began farming, first in Spring township, and then in Clay township, Lancaster Co., Pa., locating there in 1861. After six years in that locality he returned to Spring township where he made his home for fifteen years. His next move was to Muhlenberg township, near Hyde Park, and for two years he farmed and then entered a hotel business at West Reading. After three and one-half years there he operated the "Bellview Hotel" at Hyde Park, for two and one-half years. The following six years he spent at Reading, where he was a successful grocer until his retirement, in 1898, when he returned to Hyde Park. He now lives retired. In addition to his work as farmer, hotel man and grocer, Mr. Ruth served his country in her extremity, enlisting in Company F, 179th P. V. I., and after nine months' faithful service received his honorable discharge at Heidelberg, July 27, 1863.

On Sept. 10, 1857, Mr. Ruth was married to Rebecca Bertrem, daughter of Jonathan and Ellen (Rader) Bertrem. Mrs. Ruth died March 25, 1906, aged seventy years, and is buried at Sinking Spring. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruth: Hannah A. married Peter Leisz and lives at Zion City, Ill.; Martin L. married Anna Addams, of West Reading; William H. is mentioned below; Anna F. married Charles Hoffman, of Columbia, Pa.; Absalom was killed on the East Pennsylvania railroad, at the age of twenty-three years; Ellen N. married Harry Homan, and resides at Hyde Park; Emma E. married William Yoder of Hyde Park; Milton B., unmarried, resides at Reading; Debbie M. is the widow of Jacob Hoffman, who met his death on the Lebanon Valley railroad bridge; Sadie C. married George Minker, of Reading. With a good business record, a gallant war service, and a large family of children all in comfortable circumstances, Mr. Ruth is enjoying his present ease in his declining years, and is looked up to not only by his family, but by those who have been his companions and friends for many years.

William H. Ruth during his youth attended school in Spring and Lower Heidelberg townships, Berks county. He also learned the butcher's trade while farming, and when he had mastered this occupation engaged in butchering for sixteen years at Tuckerton, thus continuing until 1898, when he branched out into a produce business, which he developed successfully, continuing it until 1902, when he purchased the "Railroad House." He has since carried

this place on to the satisfaction of his visitors and his own financial profit.

Mr. Ruth was married to Isabella Kocher, of Berks county. They have no children. In political faith he is a Democrat, and has always been actively interested in the welfare of the community. He is a prominent member of the Reformed Church at Tuckerton, Pa., and a liberal contributor. Fraternally Mr. Ruth is a member of the Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 47, Reading; the I. O. O. F., also at Reading, and the P. O. S. of A., at Hyde Park. He is genial and enterprising, and a man who understands his business and the principles of true American citizenship.

ROGER S. HOOVER, station agent and despatcher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Tuckerton, Berks county, was born Aug. 22, 1861, in Penn township, Berks county, son of John H. and Elvina K. (Snyder) Hoover, and a grandson of John Hoover.

John Hoover, the grandfather, settled in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he followed the trade of millwright for a number of years. He died, however, in Heidelberg township. He married Katharine Hottenstein, and their children were: Joseph, of Reading; Catherine; John H.; Henry, deceased; and Mary, who married Samuel Kehr. In religious belief the family were Reformed, and in politics the men were Democrats.

John H. Hoover, father of Roger S., was born in Maiden-creek township, where he received most of his education. After attending a school at Holyoke, Mass., he commenced school teaching, which he followed for many years, abandoning this profession to go into the general mercantile business at Brownsville, with his brother Joseph. Subsequently he engaged in farming. He died in Penn township, Jan. 1, 1904, when he had reached his seventy-third year. His wife is still living at the age of seventy-three. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were born these children: Catherine, who married (first) Edwin Rickenbach and (second) Franklin Bagenstrose; Calvin, who in 1892 was appointed professor in History in the university at Valparaiso, Ind.; Roger S.; David S., who married Emma Knoll; Mary, who married Adam D. Bagenstrose; Samuel S., who married Katie Hain; Francis, at home; Helen, who married Thomas Degler; and John and Jacob, who died in infancy.

Roger S. Hoover was educated in the common schools of his native township, and his first work after his schooling was over was as a farm laborer. At the age of eighteen years he went to work on the canal, where he was employed for seven years, and then learned telegraphy. In 1887 he engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as telegrapher, and March 5, 1890, he accepted the position of night operator at Tuckerton, being appointed in 1892 to the position of station agent and despatcher.

In 1891 Mr. Hoover was married to Anna K. Madeira, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (Koller) Madeira, and four children have been born to this union: Byron, Miles, Lillian and Emily. In religious belief the family are Reformed. Mr. Hoover is independent in politics, and is fraternally connected with Leesport Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F., the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association, and the Loyal Protective Association.

KINTZER. (I) Nicholas Kintzer, the progenitor of a family numerous in western Berks county, was born in Germany Nov. 15, 1715. When less than fifteen years old he crossed the ocean on the ship "Thistle," which arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730, and he came to live in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a substantial citizen. In 1739 he was assessed £16. which, reckoning $2.66 to the Pennsylvania pound, amounted to $42.56 of current coin. This pioneer settler died Jan. 20, 1794, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and he is buried at the Host Church, of which he was a member. His grave is marked by a brown sandstone the inscription on which is still legible. His will, which was made Dec. 15, 1791, and probated March 5, 1794, is recorded in Will Book B, page 355. The executors were his son Jacob and Thomas Kurr, and the following children are mentioned in the document: Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Kurr; Margaret, wife of Godfry Real; Catharine, who died before her father, her children receiving her share; and Julian, deceased.

(II) Jacob Kintzer, son of Nicholas, obtained the plantation in Tulpehocken upon which his father lived and died, and there made his home, engaging in farming. He married Elizabeth Unruh, and they had a large family, among their children being: Johan (John), born in 1785, died in 1851; Adam, born July 28, 1788, died Feb. 24, 1860; George, born Oct. 18, 1795, died Aug. 28, 1825 (married Dec. 17, 1820, to Maria Sailer).

(III) Adam Kintzer, son of Jacob, born July 28, 1788, in western Berks county, was engaged in farming there all his life. He died Feb. 24, 1860, aged seventy-one years, six months, twenty-six days. He married Anna Maria Leiss, born in 1789, died in 1872, daughter of Christopher and Maria Elizabeth Leiss. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kintzer are both buried at the Host Church. They had children as follows: Jacob; Michael; Isaac; William; Henry; John; Betzy, who married Gabriel Filbert; Mary, who married Andrew Schoner and later John Leiss; and Amanda, who married Adam Mover, of West Reading.

(IV) Michael Kintzer, son of Adam, was a lifelong farmer, living in Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned the old Kintzer homestead two miles north of Womelsdorf. He was born there Dec. 26, 1809, and died March 9, 1883. The farm on which he lived was a fine place of over one hundred acres, not far from Robesonia, now owned by Joseph Snyder. He and his family were members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church at the time of his death, but he is buried at the Hain's Church, in the new cemetery, where the family has a fine lot. Mr. Kintzer was a member of the Reformed denomination, but his widow belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Michael Kintzer was married three times, first to Catharine Stupp, by whom he had four children, Frank, Israel, Adam and George. By his second marriage, to Maricha Jones, he had one son, Aaron, who died unmarried. To his third union, with Matilda Kurtz, who survives him, four children were born, on their old home in Lower Heidelberg township: Charles Lewis, Michael H., Rufus James and Annie M.

(V) Israel Kintzer, son of Michael, was born Nov. 9, 1830, and died Oct. 29, 1898. He and his wife are buried at Hain's Church. He was a lifelong farmer and a self-made man, starting out in the world with nothing and at the time of his death being one of the substantial men of his community and the owner of two fine farms. He was a deacon and elder in Hain's Reformed Church. Mr. Kintzer married Mary Ann Fidler, born Nov. 11, 1833, who died Jan. 10, 1890, daughter of David and Hannah (Ulrich) Fidler, and six children were born to this union: two daughters who died in infancy; Katie H., who married Michael Wenrich; David M.; Mary, who married William H. Brown; and Wilson, who married Adda Baer and resides at Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania.

(VI) David M. Kintzer, son of Israel, a farmer and business man of Heidelberg township, at the eastern end of the village of the Robesonia, was born Oct. 4, 1861, in Lower Heidelberg township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed all his life, working for his father until twenty-eight years of age, after which he was a tenant at the homestead for eight years. In 1900 he purchased his father's farm at the eastern end of the village of Robesonia, and there he has since resided. This tract is one of the best for its size—about sixteen acres—in the township. He also owns the seventy-two-acre tract adjoining, which was also one of the father's farms, and here he carries on general farming and truck raising, having stand No. 98, at Fourth and Penn streets, Reading market. He has a fine herd of live stock, his buildings are comfortable and substantial, and he owns the latest and most improved farm machinery. In addition Mr. Kintzer conducts a livery stable, having six horses and commanding a good trade. In politics he is a Democrat,

and has been school director since 1898, having been honored with three successive elections. Since 1902 he has been the treasurer of the Robesonia Hose Company. Mr. Kintzer and his family are members of Hain's Reformed Church, of which he has been a deacon and elder.

On Feb. 13, 1886, Mr. Kintzer was married to Clara Greth, daughter of Joshua and Sophia Greth, the former a stonemason at the Blue Marsh. Three children have been born to this union: Bertha, who attended the West Chester State Normal School, is now a teacher in the public schools of Heidelberg township; Bessie, who graduated from the West Chester Normal School, is also a teacher; Robert S. is assisting his father on the farm.

(V) George Kintzer, son of Michael, was born Dec. 17, 1838, in Marion township, Berks county, and died Jan. 23, 1907, aged sixty-eight years, one month, six days. He was reared to farming, which vocation he followed all his life. When he was seven years old his parents moved to the Big Spring, in Heidelberg township, where he grew up. On Nov. 11, 1862, Mr. Kintzer was mustered into the United States service, having enlisted at Reading in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment; the captain of this company from its organization was Jonathan See, who was later promoted to the rank of major for meritorious service. This regiment did much severe marching, built rifle pits, forts and trenches, was in the battle of the Deserted House (where their colonel, Charles A. Knoderer was fatally wounded) and in the fight at Suffolk, Va. It was mustered out at Reading Aug. 12, 1863.

Mr. Kintzer married Oct. 29, 1864, Elizabeth E. Ruth, born Sept. 29, 1845, daughter of Absalom and Annie (Fisher) Ruth, and three children came to this union: (1) Annie M., born Aug. 23, 1865, married William H. Fisher, and they have four children, Charles A., Frederick M., Harvey W. and Leah E. (2) Adam O., born Jan. 1, 1867, lives at his father's late residence in Berks county. He married Eva A. Stoudt, and they have two children, Ellen C. and Annie M. (3) Michael, born Aug. 24, 1870, lives at Hain's Church. He married Lydia A. Ruth, and they have one son, Lloyd A.

Mr. Kintzer purchased his late home in 1900. It consists of thirteen acres of good land in the vicinity of the Hain's Church, and on this place he died. He is buried at Hain's Church, in the East End cemetery, and was a prominent member of the Hain's Church, in which he served as elder. He was a Republican in his political convictions. He was a substantial farmer and much respected citizen, and his widow is held in equally high esteem. She still occupies the property at Hain's Church. Mr. Kintzer also owned a farm of sixty-six acres near Hain's Church, known as the Werner's old homestead in Lower Heidelberg township, a quarter mile east of Wernersville. This place he bought in 1890. It is now tenanted by his son Michael.

HAIN FAMILY. Among the old and honorable families of Berks county none are more numerous that that of Hain, representatives of which name have for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural, educational and official interests of their several communities. Prominent among the present-day members of this family may be mentioned Benjamin A. Hain, a prosperous farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, and Prof. Milton I. Hain, one of the best known educators in that section of Berks county.

George Hean (also spelled Hane, Hehn and Hain) was a native of Germany and early in the eighteenth century came to America, landing at New York. From Schoharie, N. Y., he came to Heidelberg township, Berks county, in about 1723, and settled along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike in what is now known as Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned 2,100 acres of land. He had eight sons, Peter, Adam, George, Frederick, Heinerich, Joseph, Casper and John, one of whom (probably Joseph) went to live with the Indians. He suddenly disappeared from home, and nothing was heard of him for many years, when Indians told the family that he was well cared for. George Hean gave 300 acres of his property to each of his seven remaining sons.

Henry Hain, the great-great-grandfather of Benjamin A., lived in Lower Heidelberg township, where he carried on farming. He had these children: John; Adam, who settled near Harrisburg; Frederick; Daniel; Joseph; and a daughter who married a Mr. Locksley.

Joseph Hain, the great-grandfather of Benjamin A., lived on the farm on which the State Asylum is now situated, which was then a large property, but which has since been divided and subdivided. Born May 21, 1759, he died Jan. 21, 1834. He was married in 1782 to Catherine Shower, who was of English extraction, and they had these children: Benjamin S.; Hannah, who married Abraham Guldin; and Elizabeth, who married (first) Leonard Schaeffer and (second) George Gernand, the latter of whom was at one time sheriff of Berks county.

Benjamin S. Hain, grandfather of Benjamin A., was born May 23, 1785, in Lower Heidelberg township, and died Oct. 27, 1867; he was buried at Hain's Church, of which he was an official member. In the early days, when the church was surrounded by a dense forest, in which wolves and other wild animals still roamed in great numbers, Mr. Hain assisted in protecting the worshippers from these beasts. He was one of the well-known men of his day, and was well-to-do, owning three farms, one of which is now the property of the State of Pennsylvania and occupied by the Wernersville State Asylum. The house which stood near this institution was erected by Mr. Hain. He married Elizabeth Hain, who was born Oct. 11, 1788, and died April 7, 1861, and to this union were born the following children: Maria, who married Michael Nunnemacher; Catherine, who married Michael Seltzer; Joseph, who was a farmer near Wernersville and who died when comparatively young; Hannah, who married Peter Hill; Amelia, who married John Miller; Ellen, who married David Bucks; Harriet, who married Jacob Beaver; Adam, who lived on the original Hain farm and later in Reading, where he died; George; Eliza, who married John Huyett; and Sarah, who married William Zimmerman.

George Hain, the father of Benjamin A., was born in Lower Heidelberg township March 26, 1824, and died Feb. 11, 1903, being buried in the old cemetery at Hain's Church. He was a lifelong farmer, owning the property now in the possession of his son Benjamin A., on which the present house was erected in 1902, and the barn in 1828 (built by Daniel Bucks). Mr. Hain was one of the township's most esteemed citizens, was progressive and enterprising, and a stanch Republican. He was a member of Hain's Reformed Church, of which he was a deacon and elder for many years.

On Oct. 6, 1853, Mr. Hain was married to Elizabeth Ruth, born Jan. 8, 1829, who died Feb. 8, 1901, daughter of John and Margaretha (Ulrich) Ruth, and ten children were born to this union: A son died in infancy; Frank, born June 1, 1855, died Nov. 14, 1896 (he was a farmer in Spring township); George, born Nov. 5, 1856, is a farmer near Dixon, Ill.; Daniel, born Nov. 2, 1858, met his death in 1900, when he accidentally fell from an overshoot in his barn, on his farm at Wernersville; Benjamin A.; Rebecca, born Oct. 16, 1862, m. Abraham Schanover, a clerk at Wernersville; a daughter died in infancy; Sallie, born Feb. 25, 1865, m. Samuel Wenrich, of near Hain's Church; Mary, born June 24, 1866, m. Jacob M. Greth, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Kate, born Feb. 28, 1868, m. James Kegerise, and resides with her brother Benjamin A.

Benjamin A. Hain was born on the farm of his grandfather, Benjamin S. Hain, in Lower Heidelberg township, March 3, 1861, and attended Bucks school, in his native district, and a school near Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., for two terms. He worked for his father until forty-one years of age, in 1902 commencing operations on his own account on the homestead, which became his in 1905. This property, which is situated about one mile from Wernersville, is one of the finest truck farms in this section of Berks county, and is furnished with fine machinery and good farm stock. Mr. Hain has been very successful in his operations, and readily disposes of his produce at stand No. 68, in the market at Ninth and

Buttonwood streets. His father attended this stand for more than thirty years, and the trade built up by him is being supplied by his son. Mr. Hain's sisters, Mary and Kate, keep house for him, in the large, comfortable residence, and all are very well known and highly esteemed in this community. They attend Hain's Reformed Church, where more than one hundred of the family name are buried.

Johannes Hain, the great-great-grandfather of Prof. Milton I. Hain, was a farmer in Heidelberg township. He was a son of Adam and grandson of George Hehn, the German ancestor of the family who came hither from the Palatinate.

Adam Hain, son of Johannes, was a native of Heidelberg township, where he was extensively engaged in agricultural operations, and where he died, being buried at Hain's Church, of which he was a member. He married a Miss Gushour, and they had these children: Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Hain; Catherine, who married John Gernand, of Maiden-creek township; Johannes A., and Peter, of Lower Heidelberg township.

Johannes A. Hain, grandfather of Milton I., was born Aug. 15, 1791, on a part of the original Hain homestead, and died Jan. 4, 1865. He followed farming all of his life. He is buried at Hain's Church, of which he was an official member. On Sept. 21, 1817, he was married to Catherine Gernand, born Dec. 25, 1799, who died Jan. 2, 1882, and they had these children: Maria, Ellen, Elizabeth, Sarah, Hannah, Reuben, Kitty, Ann, and Barbara (born in 1835, died in 1865, married Jacob Schepp). The parents spent a happy married life of forty-seven years.

Reuben Hain, father of Milton I., was born Nov. 23, 1828, in Heidelberg (now Lower Heidelberg) township, and is now living retired, after a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits. He is a Democrat in politics, and was township auditor for some years; he served as deacon and elder in Hain's Church. In 1849 Mr. Hain was united in marriage with Susanna Beidler, born Dec. 29, 1830, daughter of William Beidler, and five children have been born to this union, as follows: John W., born Nov. 22, 1852, who is a farmer near Mount Pleasant, in Penn township; Lewis A., born June 4, 1857, who is a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Prof. Milton I.; Mary E., born May 13, 1865, who married Jacob W. Snader, of Reading; and Emma I., born Jan. 27, 1869, who died Aug. 13, 1879.

Milton I. Hain was born July 9, 1862, in Lower Heidelberg township, and his preliminary education was gained in the common schools. Later he attended the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., the Reading Academy, and Business College, under the direction of the late Prof. D. B. Brunner. Professor Hain was first licensed to teach in the public schools in 1880, by Dr. S. A. Baer, who was then superintendent of schools, and since that time he has continued to teach in Lower Heidelberg township, where perhaps no educator is better known or more popular. He was granted his professional certificate by Prof. D. S. Keck in 1889 and his permanent certificate was awarded him in 1890 by the State. During his long incumbency Mr. Hain has seen many changes made in the school system, and he has done his part to bring about these changes. He has kept pace with the times, and his methods are modern and calculated to bring about the best results.

Mr. Hain is active in church work, being a member of Hain's Reformed Church, of which he is at present deacon, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for one year and assistant superintendent for a like period. He is a Democrat in politics, and served his township very efficiently for six years as auditor.

REV. HENRY V. MOHN, whose labors in the United Brethren and Congregational Churches have made him well known throughout Berks county, is now a resident of Shillington, Cumru township, and a leader in public-spirited movements. He was born Aug. 9, 1842, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of Henry A. and Catherine (Von Neida) Mohn, and grandson of Daniel Mohn.

Daniel Mohn was born Dec. 24, 1767, at Mohn's Hill, Berks county, and there married Barbara Albright, born Feb. 25, 1773. In 1793 he purchased the homestead from his father, upon which he erected two houses; the eastern one, built in 1828, is still standing, being one of the landmarks of Berks county. His son, Henry A., born Dec. 20, 1810, in Cumru township, acquired a fair education and then learned the blacksmith's trade at Adamstown. For several years he carried on this business at Muddy Forks, and then purchased a mill property, operating the mill in connection with agricultural pursuits for ten years. He died at Fritztown, Pa., June 18, 1866, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Von Neida, passed away Sept. 12, 1888.

Henry V. Mohn attended the public schools in his youth, and in August, 1861, enlisted in Company H, 1st Battalion, 15th United States Infantry, in the regular service, under Captain Curtis. He served three years and three months, and participated in a number of battles, including Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge, being wounded at Chickamauga in the left leg, and on Aug. 7, 1864, Sunday afternoon, at Atlanta, Ga., in the elbow joint of the right arm, the latter wound still causing him some inconvenience. He was mustered out at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1864, and returning to his home at Fritztown, Berks county, attended the People's Commercial College at Reading, from which he was graduated. He then attended Westfield College in Illinois for a period of two years, and on his return home entered the ministry, his first charge being the Susquehanna circuit of the United Brethren Church in Snyder county. After one year there Mr. Mohn was appointed Sunday-school missioner, in which position he served two years in eastern Pennsylvania, when he again entered the ministry, serving the Harrisburg circuit, and being later at Columbia, Allentown and Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. On account of throat trouble he was obliged to retire, and returned to Allentown for five years, at the end of this time accepting a call to Baltimore, Md., where he continued for five years. In 1887 he returned to Pennsylvania, and, locating in Reading, built the United Brethren Memorial Church at the corner of Buttonwood and McKnight streets, over which he presided for eight years. In 1892 Mr. Mohn located in Shillington and erected his fine residence there, one of the finest structures in Cumru township. He has been very much interested in all movements which have had as their object the advancement of this place, the first meetings of the organization committee to make Shillington a borough being held in the study of his residence. He is a clear, convincing, forcible speaker and is fearless in his exposition of the Word of God. In political matters he is a Republican.

Rev. Mr. Mohn was married (first) to Alvesta Schmeyer, daughter of Tillman and Elizabeth (Vickert) Schmeyer, and she died in 1874, the mother of three children: Naarah, John and Harry, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Mohn was married (second) to Emma Mark, daughter of Rev. J. H. and Hettie (Van Reed) Mark, of Allentown, and to this union there were born: William, deceased; Rhoda R.; Mark, deceased; Vaniah, deceased; Hervin, deceased; Chester and Emma.

MORRIS B. REBER, now connected with the Bell Telephone Company, but formerly secretary of the Acme Manufacturing Company, of Reading, and later associated with the firm of Wood, Harmon & Co., of New York, was born at Reading, Feb. 28, 1860, son of James T. Reber.

Morris B. Reber was educated first in the public schools at Reading and then attended the Myerstown College, Palatinate College, and Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, where he was graduated in 1881. After leaving college Mr. Reber engaged for a time in the hardware business and then went West where he remained fourteen years, engaged mostly in the real estate business in Minnesota. He then removed to Salt Lake City, where for six years he did an extensive business in handling mining lands, and mining stocks, and served as secretary

of one of the great developing companies of that locality. Returning to Reading, he went into the bicycle business, becoming secretary of the Acme Manufacturing Company, in partnership with his father, who was the president and his brother, James C., was treasurer and general manager. After the company was absorbed by the bicycle Trust, he retired for seven years. In 1901 he became connected with the firm of Wood, Harmon & Co., the largest real estate operators in the country. This firm owns 2,000 acres of undeveloped land in Brooklyn, which is laid out in residence lots which are purchased largely by all classes of investors all over the country. The company also handles large blocks of territory in Reading and other places and Mr. Reber is the superintendent of agents for Eastern Pennsylvania and supervises the development of the company's business in this part of the State. He has quite recently accepted an important position with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, and is actively engaged in furthering the interests of this company throughout this part of the State.

Mr. Reber is a member of the Reformed Church. He belongs to the Goethean Society of Franklin and Marshall College. He is a young man of enterprise, ability and spirit and in all his ventures has been remarkably successful.

ISAAC HAAS, one of Tulpehocken township's representative citizens, who is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born April 8, 1843, in Bethel township, son of George and Maria (Deppen) Haas.

Daniel Haas, grandfather of Isaac, was a prominent citizen of Reading, Pa., where he died in middle life. He was the father of four children: Benjamin, a resident of Klopp's Store and later of Womelsdorf, where he died aged about eighty years; George, the father of Isaac; and two whose names are not recorded.

George Haas was reared near Klopp's Store, being apprenticed to a Mr. Kalbach until of age, when he learned the art of weaving linens, carpets, etc., and also the coloring thereof. He subsequently engaged in the hotel business along the canal between Klopp's Store and Mount Pleasant, and remained in this business for four years, when he purchased a farm near Mount Aetna and engaged in weaving and farming. Later he purchased a tract of more than 240 acres, to which he moved and there he died in April, 1890, aged eighty-seven years. He married Maria Deppen, who preceded him to the grave by about eighteen years, and they were the parents of these children: (1) Rebecca died unmarried aged about seventy-four years; (2) Edward was a farmer of near Meckville, but later retired and moved to Hamlin, Lebanon county; he had one child, Sophia (m. Jeremiah Swope); (3) Harriet married Daniel Klopp, a farmer of Livengood's Mill, and had two children—Maria (m. Jacob Zigler) and Peter (m. Fyetta Potteiger, and died in early life); (4) Catherine m. John Stamm, and died on a farm near Mount Aetna; she had three children—John Henry, Clara and Isaac; (5) Jonathan m. Mary Miller, by whom he had seven children; he moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and there died; (6) Maria m. John Forry, lived below Rehrersburg, and had two children—Jonathan and Catherine (m. Frank Fieman); (7) Emma m. Henry Shugar, and resided near Schaefferstown, where she died when comparatively young, the mother of six children—James, John, William, George, Mary and Emma; (8) Isaac.

Isaac Haas was educated in the district schools of his native locality, and until his marriage assisted his father on the home farm. When twenty-three years of age he married Lovina Dubbs, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunn) Dubbs, and they now reside on one of their farms north of Mount Aetna. To Mr. and Mrs. Haas the following children have been born: Landis S., a miller of Myerstown, is now operating for the American Iron & Steel Company, in Lebanon county (m. Susan Newcomer, daughter of Theodore Newcomer, and they had two children, both deceased); Emma E. died single, aged twenty-eight years; Hiram T., who graduated from the Keystone State Normal school, took a course in shorthand and typewriting at Pierce School, Philadelphia, completing the course in 1905, and has since been engaged in school teaching in Berks and Lebanon counties (m. Bertha Sherman, daughter of Simon and Alwilda (Blatt) Sherman); George Edwin operates one of his father's farms at Mount Aetna (m. Sadie Holdeman, daughter of Frank and Lizzie (Miller) Holdeman, and they have one child, Ammon F.); and Mary K. m. Henry Huber, and resides in Hamlin, where they conduct a general store.

The family are members of Rehersburg Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Haas has been deacon and elder. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been delegate to county conventions, and has held the office of assistant assessor and other township positions.

J. THOMAS K. REEDY, a retired citizen of Sinking Spring, Pa., who has resided at his own home on Main street since the spring of 1879, has been prominent in the political life of Spring township for some years. He was born at Sinking Spring, Dec. 27, 1855, son of John S. and Hannah F. (Krick) Reedy, and is a descendant of Peter Reedy (Redey, Redie), who settled in Heidelberg township prior to 1758.

Jacob Reedy, grandfather of J. Thomas K., was an agriculturist all of his life and owned a farm near "Beshore's Hotel," where he died June 11, 1872. He became one of the well-known citizens of Bethel township, and ample provision was made for his wife in his will, which provided that she was to live in a certain part of the new house on the homestead, and was to be furnished with food, fuel and sixty pounds annually. He married Molly Stroh, and their children were: Jacob (who obtained the homestead); John S.; Leah (m. William Yoder); Molly (m. Samuel Lick, and died prior to 1872); and Caroline (had a son, Cyrus Smith, who was a legatee in the will).

John S. Reedy, father of J. Thomas K., was born in Tulpehocken township, Oct. 22, 1812, and died July 24, 1902. After leaving Tulpehocken township, he settled in Reading, but for the last sixty years of his life resided in Sinking Spring, where he died. He was a stationary engineer in a tannery at Sinking Spring, where he was sexton of Sinking Spring Union Church for many years, being a Reformed member thereof. In politics Mr. Reedy was a Democrat, and for three years was supervisor of Spring township. On May 8, 1838, Mr. Reedy married Hannah F. Krick (born April 16, 1817, died Sept. 5, 1895), daughter of Adam and Catherine (Fisher) Krick. They had children: Rebecca K., born Dec. 27, 1838; Catherine K., Jan. 28, 1840; William K., Dec. 6, 1842; Adam K., April 7, 1849; and J. Thomas K. William K. Reedy was a soldier in the Civil war, and was shot in the chest in camp near Newcastle, June 4, 1864. He was taken to White House Landing, where the bullet was taken from his back, and there he died aged twenty-one years, five months, twenty-four days, and was buried. His name was written on a board and placed at the head of his grave.

J. Thomas K. Reedy was educated in the public schools of his district, and was reared in Sinking Spring, where all of his life has been spent. He drove cattle when a young man for Samuel G. Wenrich of Sinking Spring, then clerked that gentleman's sales, and later purchased cattle for him at Buffalo, N. Y., and Lancaster, Pa. He continued in Mr. Wenrich's employ for thirty-eight years, and it may be said that much of Mr. Wenrich's success is due to Mr. Reedy's long, faithful, able assistance. In 1901 Mr. Reedy was appointed first docket clerk of the comptroller's office of Berks county, in which he served efficiently one year, when he was legislated out of politics. He is an active Democrat in politics, and was the first elected committeeman of Spring township to the county standing committee, an office which he held for four years, served the township as its last assistant assessor for three years, and assisted many men to office, being elected several times delegate to the Democratic county conventions. Since leaving the Court House position, Mr. Reedy has lived a semi-retired life. Fraternally he is a member of Lexington Lodge No. 155, K. P., in which for years he

held the office of financial secretary; Washington Camp, No. 282, P. O. S. of A., in which he long served as financial secretary, finally resigning; Loyal Chamber, No. 43, K. of F. (which now has 117 members), in which he was elected financial secretary the night the Chamber was instituted March 7, 1896, an office he has held ever since, his present term expiring June 30, 1909, and in this organization he has been representative to the Grand Chamber of the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Reedy is a member of the Liberty Chemical Fire Engine Company, No. 1, of Sinking Spring, in which he was elected to serve on the committee on By-Laws, being one of the organizers of the Company. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Sinking Spring. Mr. Reedy and his wife are members of St. John's Reformed Church of Sinking Spring, of which he has been deacon and secretary.

On Nov. 16, 1878, Mr. Reedy married Catherine A. Heffner, daughter of Joel D. and Sarah (Zechman) Heffner, of Penn township, Berks county. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Reedy, who died aged three days.

Mrs. Reedy is descended from Johann Georg Heffner, of Germantown, Pa., who had three sons: Jacob; Johann Georg; and Anthony (Black). Of this family Jacob was born Nov. 11, 1736, and died May 31, 1829, being buried at Mertztown burial ground. In 1760 he married Elizabeth Lyatz, born in 1736, died in 1806, of Hingstadt, Germany, and they had five children: Henry, born July 8, 1763; Anthony (The Red), born in 1767, died in 1849; Elizabeth, born July 11, 1769; Johannes, born Jan. 14, 1772; and Daniel, born Dec. 5, 1773.

Johannes Heffner married Elizabeth Kline, and they had Elizabeth, born in 1798; and Johann Georg, born Dec. 24, ——.

Johann Georg Heffner married Anna Deisher, of Maxatawny township, and to them was born Joel D. Heffner, father of Mrs. Reedy.

WAYNE A. REED, a well known business man of Robesonia, Pa., where he is engaged in the manufacture of ice cream and as proprietor of a popular restaurant, is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and was born Sept. 3, 1846, at Stouchsburg, Pa., son of Samuel and Leah (Rutter) Reed.

Johan Leonhard Rith, who was born in 1691 and died in 1747, was the ancestor of this numerous family, was a German by birth, and was one of the many of that nationality who suffered under the terrible oppression of Governor Hunter of Schoharie, N. Y. His was one of the twenty-three German families who in 1723 fled through the wilderness in the deep snow, to the land of the Tulpehocken Valley in Penn's province. That these early pioneers suffered terribly is well known. The awful cold, the primitive conditions, hunger, and the savage Indians made the journey nearly unbearable, but their undying faith in their Maker, and the comforting solace of the Bible inspired them to superhuman efforts, and they finally reached their destination, where peace was found beyond the power of the tyrant. Johan Leonhard Rith married Analisa Catrina, and their union was blessed by the birth of these children: (1) Johan Nicolaus (born June 4, 1715, died Jan. 7, 1788) m. Maria Barbara Seibert (born May 18, 1722, died Oct. 14, 1807), and had children,—Jacob, Mrs. Jacob Schaeffer and Mrs. Jacob Anspach. (2) Johan George (born in 1717, died in 1791) m. Catrina Elsa, and they had children.—John Leonard; Catherine (m. Henry Minnich, who removed to Virginia), Jonas, Peter and Frederick. (3) Johannes Friderick (born March 15, 1718, died Dec. 24, 1794) m. Maria Engel, and they had a son,—Jacob, whose son was John Jacob (m. Eva Maria Seibert). John Jacob Rith was born April 10, 1770, and died Nov. 1, 1835, and George and Edward Reed, living at Ottawa, Ill., are of his descendants. (4) A daughter, Margaretha or Wilhelmina, m. Heinrich Zeller. (5) Leonhard, Jr. (born Sept. 10, 1723, died April 28, 1801 or 1803). (6) Peter m. Maria Catarina Ziegler, and they had three children,—John, Barbara (m. Jacob Moyer), and Catarine (m. Adam Lehman). (7) Jacob (born in June, 1746, died March 28, 1821) m. Margaret, and their children were: John Jacob, John and several daughters. John Jacob married Margarid Emerich, and among other children they had a son, John. John Jacob in 1840 sold his farm and went West, and some of his descendants now live in the vicinity of Dayton and Martinsburg, Ohio.

Johan Leonhard Rith was not the only one of that name, however, who had settled in Schoharie, N. Y., later to come to the province of Pennsylvania before 1740, as it is thought that the following were all relatives, they coming from one place and settling permanently in the Tulpehocken valley: Michael, Casper, Adam, George and Peter. Michael Reith's will was entered in the Berks county court-house in 1754, and in it these children are named: John Casper, John Michael, Daniel, Catrina Katterman (whose first husband was George Anspach), Margared Emerich, Anna Maria Rosina, Anna Madlena Haffeur, Elisabett Dries and Maria Barbara Schengel. Daniel Reith, son of Michael, in his will, which was entered in the court-house in 1797, mentions these children: Christian, Benjamin, Daniel, John, Catherine, Christina, Elizabeth, Barbara and Maria Lydia. Benjamin, above mentioned, was the father of Daniel, grandfather of Franklin B. and great-grandfather of Elmer Reed of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Leonhard Rieth, son of Johan Leonhard and Analisa Catrina, and great-great-grandfather of Wayne A. Reed, of Robesonia, was born Sept. 10, 1723, at Schoharie, N. Y., and died April 28, 1801 or 1803. The year of his birth, or in the following spring, he was brought by his father into what is now the Tulpehocken section of Berks county, and here in the new, unexplored forest was reared by pious parents to sturdy youth and useful manhood. It is but natural to assume that he tilled the soil, and it is a matter of record that he acquired a tract of land and erected a house. He was married to Elizabetth Knoll, born June 10, 1729, who died Aug. 11, 1797, and they became the parents of these children: (1) Valentine (born Sept. 18, 1749, died May 6, 1825) was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; he m. Eva Catherine Selser (1759-1828), and they had issue—Christopher, Eva and Margaretha. (2) Jacob J. (3) Johan Adam (born July 17, 1756, died in 1815) m. Julianna Braun (1766-1826), and they had these children,—Elizabeth, Barbara, Sarah, Eva, Adam, Johannes, Rebecca, Katherine and Mary. (4) John (born Dec. 17, 1758, died Sept. 17, 1801) had four children. (5) Elisabeth (born April 15, 1766, died Sept. 22, 1830). (6) Catherine. Christopher, the son of Valentine of the above family, born Nov. 6, 1783, died Nov. 2, 1865, m. Margaret Illig (1744-1842), and had two children, John and a daughter.

Jacob J. Rieth, great-grandfather of Wayne A., died in 1824, but his place of death and burial are uncertain. He married Rosina Schaeffer, and they had these children: Christian; Michael; Jacob; John; Magdalena (m. Jacob Philippi); Barbara (m. Christian Phillippi); and Katerine (m. William Lutz).

Christian Reed, grandfather of Wayne A., born April 17, 1777, was a stone mason, and built the farm house below Robesonia now owned by James Ruth. He also assisted in building the historic Reed Church, which is named after Leonhard Rieth, one of the founders of this old family, and here he was buried. Mr. Reed owned the property above Womelsdorf, now owned by William Fidler. He died April 22, 1847, while his wife, Eva Magdalena Mayer, born Sept. 16, 1777, died March 25, 1864. The tombstone states that they were the parents of nine sons and one daughter, but by consulting records and relatives, only the following eight sons and one daughter are found: William, John C., Jonathan, David, Daniel, Michael, Samuel, George and Poly.

Samuel Reed, the father of Wayne A., was born in Marion township, April 13, 1822, and died May 27, 1885, being buried at Reed's Church. Mr. Reed was a tailor by trade, and resided at Stouchsburg, where he owned a home now the property of his son Frank. He was married

to Leah Rutter, born at Newmanstown, Aug. 6, 1824, who died Nov. 15, 1906. They had ten children, as follows: Frank G.; Wayne A.; Edmond; Samuel C.; William (died in infancy); Alice (died aged twenty-two years); Mary (m. Dr. Frank J. Eckert, of Ephrata, Pa.); Ida (unmarried); Emma (m. Martin Wenrich); and a daughter (died in infancy).

Wayne A. Reed was reared in the village of Stouchsburg, and at the age of fourteen years left school and learned the trade of tailor with his father, an occupation which he followed at various places, on and off, for a period of thirty years. When the Civil war broke out, young Reed was a mere lad, and until his eighteenth year could not enlist in his country's service. On July 18, 1864, however, he became a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, Pa. V. I., enlisting at Harrisburg for 100 days, and was honorably discharged Nov. 11, 1864, having done brave service during his time of enlistment and participating in the retreat from Chambersburg, when that town was destroyed by fire. After the war Mr. Reed took a trip to Fremont, Ohio, but about one year later returned to Pennsylvania and spent the succeeding years in various occupations, including those of railroad employe, tailor, butcher and bar-tender. Since 1892 Mr. Reed has conducted a restaurant, confectionery, ice cream parlor and tobacco store on Main street, Robesonia, and in this business has been very successful. He takes much interest in the growth of the borough.

On March 15, 1873, Mr. Reed married Amelia Filbert, born Aug. 12, 1852, daughter of J. Frank and Maria (Forry) Filbert, and granddaughter of John and Sally (Potteiger) Filbert. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed there was born one child: Ella A., now the widow of William C. S. Groh, a merchant of Halfway, Lebanon county, who died Dec. 14, 1896, aged twenty-four years, four months, eleven days.

Since 1894 Mr. Reed has resided in his own home at Robesonia, where he is fraternally connected with G. A. R. Post, No. 471. He and his family are members of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church. Mr. Reed is the possessor of a very valuable collection of Civil war relics and coins, included in which is a powder horn made by David Reed, in 1837.

OWEN B. ROBERTS, one of the best known citizens of Blandon, Pa., was born in Maiden-creek township, May 9, 1854, son of Thomas and Anna (Barlet) Roberts.

Thomas Roberts, grandfather of Owen B., was a member of one of the earliest families of Exeter township, Berks county, and was of Quaker extraction. He married Catherine Body, and to them there were born five children, as follows: Joseph, who died single in 1862; Elinor, born April 6, 1813, died unmarried May 25, 1885; Elizabeth, who died unmarried in 1862; Sarah, who died young; and Thomas.

Thomas Roberts, father of Owen B., was born Jan. 7, 1817, in Maiden-creek township, where he was a post fence-maker practically all of his life, and where he died June 13, 1901. He married Anna Barlet, born July 24, 1820, daughter of John and Susannah (Bowman) Barlet; she died Sept. 22, 1889. They had two children: Amos B. and Owen B. Amos B. Roberts, born Jan. 24, 1845, died July 27, 1900. He was a surveyor by occupation. He married Lizzie Banghart, born Feb. 2, 1844, who died in 1903, and they had two children: Alice (died Aug. 12, 1870) and Sarah (m. James Weidner, of Reading).

Owen B. Roberts was reared and educated in his native locality, and after leaving the public school attended a private institution taught by Prof. P. Y. Taylor, at Blandon. He learned fence-making with his father, and for many years worked with the gang. When twenty-one years of age he was chosen committeeman by the Republican party, and at that time was the youngest man on the county committee. He has remained active in the ranks of his party, having served as notary, school director and township assessor. Mr. Roberts is a surveyor and conveyancer by occupation, and owns a farm, and much other valuable real estate, which he manages himself.

On April 2, 1898, Mr. Roberts married Sarah A. Oswald, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gambler) Oswald. Mr. Roberts is a member of Camp No. 250, P. O. S. of A., at Blandon, of which he was one of the founders; Rock Castle No. 80, K. G. E.; a charter member of Blandon Lodge No. 1084, I. O. O. F.; Court Blandon, No. 266, Foresters of America; Fleetwood Castle No. 153, A. O. K. M. C., and Yuma Tribe No. 438, I. O. R. M. In some instances he also belongs to the insurance branch of these various organizations. Mr. Roberts is one of his community's representative citizens, and justly merits the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow townsmen.

NICHOLAS G. ROTHERMEL, proprietor of an extensive coal, lumber, feed and flour business at Blandon, Pa., who owns a fine residence at Hyde Park, where he now lives, was born in 1853, in Maiden-creek township, son of John B. and Marie (Griesemer) Rothermel, the former of Maiden-creek, and the latter of Oley township.

Leonard Rothermel, grandfather of Nicholas G., was the owner of the old Rothermel homestead in Maiden-creek township, which he operated all of his life, and which is still in the possession of his heirs. He married a Miss Barnard, and to them were born the following children: David m. Pracilla Rothermel; Leonard m. Catherine Schaeffer; Jeremiah m. Lydia Brown; John B.; Mary m. Wellington Hartman; Hannah m. Leonard Moyer; and Catherine m. Aaron Heckman.

John B. Rothermel followed in the footsteps of his father and made agricultural pursuits his life work. He died on the homestead in 1894, when eighty-six years old, and his wife in 1854, when aged thirty-seven years. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel, eight of whom grew to maturity as follows: Louise m. (first) Valentine Schmeck and (second) Henry Neiman; Harrison m. Amanda Guldin; Susanna m. Albert Guldin; Enoch m. (first) Isabella Rothermel and (second) Ida Schler; John m. Emeline Schmehl; Albert G. m. Mary Rothenberger; Jeremiah m. Emeline Rahn; and Nicholas G. In politics Mr. Rothermel was a Republican, and during his long and active life he was honored by election to various township offices.

Nicholas G. Rothermel was educated in the common schools, Friedensburg Academy and the Hill school at Pottstown, and the Keystone State Normal school, Kutztown, after leaving which he entered the employ of Louis Leonard, as clerk in his store at Molltown. He also clerked in J. B. Miller's store at Bernville for two years, when he started a general store at Blandon, in company with A. G. Rothermel, this partnership, under the name of Rothermel Bros., lasting for ten years, at the end of which time he sold his interests to his brother and started on a long trip through the West, visiting eighteen States. He spent one year in Vermilion county, Ill., where he taught school, and then returned East to superintend a store at Yellow House. Later he engaged in the hotel business, having charge of the "Union House," Reading, in company with Daniel Schmeck, under the firm name of Rothermel & Schmeck, but after three years he sold out his interest and purchased a hotel at Moss and Buttonwood streets, which he conducted for twelve years. Mr. Rothermel then became instrumental in organizing the company which built the Muhlenburg brewery, of which he was a salesman and collector for two years, at the end of which time he purchased the "Temple Hotel." After conducting this hostelry for seven months he sold out to Smith & Moore, of Philadelphia, and returned to the Muhlenburg brewery as manager for six years, and then spent two years in retirement. He then purchased Dunkle Brothers coal, lumber and feed business at Blandon, which he has conducted since 1904. Since locating in Hyde Park, Mr. Rothermel has erected a large, two-story brick residence, equipped with all modern improvements and conveniences, which is considered one of the handsomest in the borough.

In 1892 Mr. Rothermel was married to Ida P. Wenrich, daughter of Adam Wenrich, and to this union two children have been born: Helen E. and Nicholas R. Mrs. Rothermel is a member of Alsace Lutheran Church. Mr. Rothermel is a Republican in politics and has served as

delegate to State and county conventions and held the office of assistant postmaster. In addition to the enterprises mentioned above, Mr. Rothermel has been instrumental in helping to organize some of the large industries of this section, including the Fleetwood National Bank, and the Reading and Southwestern Railroad.

AMOS BOYER, a representative agriculturist of Robeson township, Berks county, who is carrying on operations on the old Jacobs farm, was born May 14, 1842, in Robeson township, son of William and Susanna (Beard) Boyer.

John R. Boyer, great-grandfather of Amos, was a native of Berks county, whence he went to Tennessee in 1835 and there acquired a large tract of land, which is today very valuable. There he died. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church, and in political belief Mr. Boyer was a Whig. They had two children: Thomas and John.

Thomas Boyer, grandfather of Amos, was born near Boyertown, Berks county, where he was educated in the common schools, and early in life removed to Robeson township, where he spent the remainder of his days as a collier, burning much charcoal for the furnaces. He also for some time worked at the furnaces at Warwick. In 1862 while on a visit to his son Thomas, Mr. Boyer died, aged eighty-one years. His wife, Elizabeth McGowan, preceded him to the grave by several years. They were Methodists in religious belief. Their children were: William, John, Thomas, Isaac, Mary A., Elizabeth, and Susanna.

William Boyer, father of Amos, was born in Union township, on the line of Robeson. Early in life he engaged in farming by the day among the neighbors, and later purchased a farm, which he operated in connection with hauling iron for the Joanna furnace. He died March 7, 1892, aged seventy-seven years, his wife surviving until 1904, when she died, aged eighty-two years. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, as follows: Levi; Amos; John; Henry; William; Leah (m. Levi Fox); Mary A. and Susanna (unmarried); Emily Ida (m. Jacob Peterman); and Ellen C. (deceased). In religious belief the family were Methodists. Mr. Boyer was first a Whig, and later a Republican in politics, and held the office of assessor and supervisor.

Amos Boyer was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and his first teacher, at the old Hay Creek school was Levi Scarlet. After leaving school he engaged in driving his father's team, but in 1862 he went to Robesonia to engage in charcoal burning for the old Penn furnace for three or four weeks. At this time, fired by the news of his brother's death, who had enlisted in the 3rd Pennsylvania Reserves, Mr. Boyer enlisted, Aug. 5, 1862, at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, under Capt. Heber Smith, in Company A, 128th Pa. V. I., 12th Army Corps. At this time he found that the news of his brother's death was false. He left Harrisburg Aug. 17, 1862, and on Sept. 14th following participated in the battle of South Mountain; Sept. 17th at Antietam; May 1, 2, 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged May 19, 1863, and re-enlisted in July in Company C, 194th Pa. V. I., serving until Nov. 18, 1863, when he was again discharged. In February, 1864, Mr. Boyer again enlisted, this time in Company D, 213th Pa. V. I., serving until the close of the war, when he returned to the peaceful occupations of farming and teaming. Later he engaged as a clerk in the store of G. H. Zerr, with whom he remained about six months, and then rented the Pierce stand at Scarlet's Mill, which he operated until 1871, when he erected the store now occupied by J. H. Eschelman. He was appointed the first postmaster at Scarlet's Mill, where he remained until about 1880, then purchasing the Thomas Lewis property, formerly owned by the Scarlets. Here he remained until 1890, when he sold out to John A. McLannigan, and purchased the old Jacobs farm, better known as the Miller farm, a tract of fertile, well-cultivated land comprising 145 acres. Mr. Boyer is a good, practical agriculturist and works his farm with the latest improved machinery. He has the record of a brave and faithful soldier during the Civil War, and as a man of sterling integrity is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Boyer was married to Harriet Beard, daughter of Ezekiel Beard, and a sister of the late George W. Beard, of Reading. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, namely: William; George; Howard; Martha J.; Susanna, who married Richard Leeds of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Mary, who died in 1876, at the age of three years. Mr. Boyer is a popular comrade of McLean Post No. 16, G. A. R., Reading. He is connected with the Methodist Church, where he has been president of the board of trustees for thirteen years, and was a member of the building committee in 1892, when the church was remodeled. In political matters he is a Republican.

FRANKLIN REEDY. In naming the old and honored families of Berks county, mention is frequently made of that of Reedy, a worthy representative of which is found in Franklin Reedy, a prosperous agriculturist residing in the central part of Marion township. Mr. Reedy was born Dec. 23, 1857, on his father's farm in Tulpehocken township, son of George and Sarah (Trautman) Reedy.

The Reedy family, also spelled Riedy, Ready, Redy, etc., is found mentioned as early as Aug. 27, 1739, when there appear to have landed at Philadelphia persons evidently of German origin, having that surname, as follows: Otto Riedy, aged nineteen years; John Jacob Riedy, aged nineteen; and John Peter, aged sixteen. The Proprietary and State tax lists of Berks county for the years 1767-68-79-80-81-84-85, show a John Peter Reedy (also Riedy, Ready, Redy and Rieder) as of Heidelberg, he being credited with from 100 to 189 acres. He was the ancestor of this family of western Berks county. The tombstone inscriptions at the Corner Church show persons of the name as follows: Catherine Riedi, born May 16, 1800, died March 4, 1865, second wife of Joseph Klopp. Maria Riedy, born Sept. 7, 1794, died April 14, 1868, in wedlock about fifty-three years with John Adam Gruber (Dec. 20, 1798-July 7, 1876). In the graveyard of the North Heidelberg Church is found: Elizabeth Riedy, born Sept. 19, 1795, died Feb. 26, 1850, wife of Jacob Lengel (1796-1858). At Womelsdorf is buried: Amelia Reedy, born April 14, 1815, died Nov. 18, 1898, wife of Daniel M. Fidler (1806-1848). At Hain's Church in the old graveyard is buried Elizabeth Reidi (1794-1854). She was the wife of Philip Bohn (1781-1861).

Christian Reedy, grandfather of Franklin, married Marie Spatz, and their children were: Daniel, of Tulpehocken township, who married Rebecca Troutman; Peter, of Marion township, who married Hannah Inyum; Jacob, of Bethel township; John, who was unmarried; George; Amelia, who married Isaac Kintzer; Gradel, who married a Mr. Lebo; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Bohn; Sallie Reedy, married to John McCormick; Molly Reedy, married to John Cammerer.

Jacob Reedy, son of Christian, married Molly Straw, and his children were: Jacob obtained the homestead; John; Leah m. William Yoder; Molly m. Samuel Lick; Polly m. Thomas Peiffer; and Caroline had a son Cyrus Smith. Jacob Reedy died between June 1 and June 11, 1872, the dates of the making and probating of his will.

George Reedy, son of Christian and brother of Jacob, was born in 1809, and died in 1882, in North Heidelberg township, and was buried at Host Church. He was a tailor by trade and in connection therewith carried on agricultural pursuits on his 160-acre farm. Mr. Reedy was active in church affairs, being deacon and elder for many years. He married Sarah Trautman, born April 14, 1825, daughter of Jacob Trautman. She died April 14, 1888, and their children were as follows: Henry, who is living retired at Albany, Whiteside Co., Ill., where until 1904 he cultivated a farm of 1300 acres, married Lena Lutz, and they have six children,—Ida, William, Minnie, Bert, Edwin and Bessie; Mary married Adam Klee, of North Heidelberg township; Miss Amelia; Philip; Emma married Ezra Leiss, of North Heidelberg township; and Franklin.

Franklin Reedy remained under the parental roof until twelve years of age, at which time he was hired out among the farmers of his locality, and worked in this manner until 1877, at which time with Adam Klee he went to Whiteside county, Ill. In 1884 he returned to his native county, and the following year was married. Until 1887 he farmed in North Heidelberg township, and in that year went again to Whiteside county, Ill., with his family, where he cultivated 360 acres of land, of which he owned 120 acres and rented 240, for nine years, during which time he had no failing crops. He had about 160 head of cattle and thirty-eight horses, and his operations proved very successful. In 1901 he returned to Marion township, where he purchased the Adam Hain farm of 135 acres of the best land in the county. This tract was originally settled by Hermanus Walborn in 1723, and the Reedy farm is the lower part of this tract, as shown on the Charles Lindenmuth map of early settlers of the Tulpehocken valley. The farm is supplied with good water, the buildings are in excellent condition, and the place is equipped with the latest models of farming implements. Mr. Reedy has about twenty head of cattle, and has ten fine draft horses. In politics he is a Democrat, and since 1903 he has served as a member of the Marion township school board. He was also a school director while he lived in Illinois. He and his family are members of Host Reformed Church, of which he has been a deacon and elder.

In 1885 Mr. Reedy married Susan Ruth, daughter of Jacob and Annie (Reinhold) Ruth, and granddaughter of Christian and Susan (Ludwig) Ruth, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Harry is a conductor on the Philadelphia trolley lines; Gertrude m. Herbert Klopp, of Marion township; and Mabel, Tillie, George, Pearl and Earl are all at home.

ALBERT D. WENRICH, a prominent citizen and retired farmer of Berks county, Pa., who for many years operated in Heidelberg township, is now living a quiet life at Robesonia. He was born June 5, 1850, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of David L. and Molly (Gockley) Wenrich.

Mathias Wenrich, grandfather of Albert D., was born in Lower Heidelberg township, on the Wenrich homestead, and was an extensive farmer all of his life. He died at the farm along the Berks and Dauphin pike, and is buried at the Corner Church, of which he was a member. He married Sophia Kalbach, and to them were born: David L.; Adam, the father of Dr. Reuben; Richard, the father of Robert and Elwood; Franklin, the father of Charles; Emma, Mrs. Frank Miller, of Womelsdorf; and Angemina, Mrs. Jacob Yoder of Wernersville.

David L. Wenrich was born on the Wenrich homestead, and for many years was a prominent farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, on the farm on the pike, now owned by John E. Moyer. Mr. Wenrich was a most substantial citizen and also owned the farm that is now the property of Silas Gaul and that of James Hill. He was a stanch Democrat in politics, was county commissioner from 1857 to 1860, and from 1863 to 1866, prison inspector from 1868 to 1871, and served Lower Heidelberg township as auditor and school director for many years. He was prominent in church matters, being deacon and elder of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of Heidelberg township. Mr. Wenrich married Molly (Mary) Gockley, daughter of Dietrich and Eve (Moore) Gockley, and to this union there were born children as follows: Mary, deceased (m. Daniel Althouse, of Womelsdorf); Joanna (married Frank Sheeler, of Robesonia); Elmira G., born Dec. 21, 1841 (m. William Himmelberger, deceased, who conducted the "Eagle Hotel" at Robesonia for many years); Henrietta (died at the age of five months); Wellington, of Waynesboro (m. Hannah Mohler); Aaron M., of Robesonia, warden of the county jail for many years (m. Emma Yost); Albert D.; and Michael A., a farmer of Cumru township (m. Kate Kintzer).

Albert D. Wenrich was educated in the common schools, and later attended Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa., for two years. He was reared upon the farm, and successfully followed farming until 1887, when he purchased the unfinished Frank Brown mansion, immediately back of Robesonia, which he finished, this being a large, fine brick residence of eleven rooms and all-modern conveniences, which is surrounded by porticos and a well-kept yard. Mr. Wenrich owns one of the finest farms in Berks county, a square tract of 161 acres of the most fertile land, forty acres of which he cut up into building lots, a number of which he sold. This property is the old John L. Fisher farm, and was the Fisher homestead. Fine buildings and spring water are added advantages on this property. For twenty years Mr. Wenrich dealt extensively in cattle. He is one of the most popular men of his community, and is respected and esteemed by all who know him. As a man of good judgment and large means, he is prominent in all public matters in his township and may always be found casting his influence in the direction of progressive movements which promise to be of permanent benefit to his locality. He is a strong Democrat in political matters, for six years was a member of the school board, of which he was also secretary and treasurer, and he is now serving his township in the capacity of supervisor. Mr. Wenrich and his family are members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, near Robesonia, of which he has been an official member. This is one of the old churches of Berks county, and many of Mr. Wenrich's ancestors are buried there. Mr. Wenrich owns a fine lot in the cemetery.

On Sept. 30, 1871, Albert D. Wenrich was united in marriage with Mary Fisher, born March 13, 1852, daughter of Riley L. and Matilda (Reber) Fisher. Four children have been born to this union, one son and three daughters, as follows: Annie, who became the wife of Charles Brossman, a leading manufacturer of Reading, Pa., and has four sons,—John, Luke, Mark and Paul; Riley D., who makes his home at Columbus, Ohio, where he is in the service of the American Tobacco Company; Esther, who became the wife of William Dundore, of Womelsdorf; and Matilda May, who died Sept. 27, 1891.

ALBERT H. ADAMS, a prominent citizen of the town of St. Lawrence, Pa., who is engaged in general farming and dairying on his excellent fifty-acre farm in Exeter township, was born Sept. 18, 1859, in Alsace township, son of Israel Adams, and a member of the old Adam family, the present spelling of the name being of recent adoption.

Albert H. Adams was educated in the public schools of Alsace and Exeter townships, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. After attaining his majority he entered the Brucknow Rolling Mills in Douglass township as a heater, where he continued for four years, when he returned to the farm and for one year conducted an eighty-nine-acre property in Douglass township. At this time he removed to the Breneiser farm in Exeter township, a property of 120 acres which he operated for eleven years, and then located on the farm which he now owns, and which he purchased in 1898, thirty-five acres of the fifty being under cultivation. He has good, substantial buildings and the latest farm machinery, and has been very successful in truck farming, fruit growing and dairying, the latter of which he has followed for nineteen years, conducting a route to Reading, and keeping from fourteen to sixteen cows. Mr. Adams is a stockholder in the St. Lawrence Water Company, in which he has been a director and vice president since its organization. He is also a stockholder in the Oley Turnpike Company, and a director and member of the board of managers of same. In politics he is a Democrat, and since 1898 has been a member of the Exeter school board, and Treasurer since 1899. He takes a deep interest in public school affairs in his township, and in spite of strong opposition he succeeded in getting a four-room building erected in the village of St. Lawrence.

On April 23, 1881, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Deborah T. Snyder, daughter of William and Hannah (Tobias) Snyder, the former for many years a justice of the peace in Exeter township. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have

had a family of fifteen children, namely: William is deceased; Katie m. William Leinbach, of St. Lawrence, and has three children,—Sarah, Elizabeth and John; Warren, a teacher in the public schools, is now attending Perkiomen Seminary; Harvey, formerly a schoolteacher, is attending State College, Pa.; Charles is a teacher in the public schools; Daniel; Ralph; Milton is deceased; Israel; Albert; Edward is deceased; Hannah; Esther; John; and a son died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of Spies's Reformed Church, while their children attend Schwartzwald Church of that denomination.

GEORGE H. HUNTZINGER, a representative citizen of Sinking Spring, Pa., where he has for a number of years been engaged in the cabinet-making business, was born at his present home on Main street, April 2, 1864, son of Daniel and Maria (Heck) Huntzinger.

On Oct. 2, 1742, there landed at Philadelphia, from Germany, two brothers, George and Bernhard Huntzinger, the latter settling in Sullivan county, Pa., and engaging in farming. George went to Schuylkill county, and he, too, became a farmer. He was the father of six sons—Michael, Jacob, George, Henry, John and Daniel—and three daughters.

Michael Huntzinger, son of George, was born March 30, 1789, in Schuylkill county. In young manhood he came to Berks county, and settled near the village of Brownsville, where he improved a good farm. His death occurred June 10, 1845. He married Eva Freiberger, born Dec. 12, 1787, died Nov. 19, 1845, who bore him seven children; Jared, who died Dec. 27, 1892; Daniel; William, a resident of Sinking Spring; and four daughters.

Daniel Huntzinger, son of Michael, was born at the Blue Marsh, Berks county, Nov. 11, 1817, and died Jan. 14, 1906, in his eighty-ninth year, being buried at Sinking Spring, where he was engaged in cabinet making the greater part of his life. For about thirty-five years he was also the leading undertaker of the village, and was a highly esteemed and useful citizen. Mr. Huntzinger was also the owner of a fine farm of thirty-five acres, where he lived for twenty-three years during the early part of his life. In religious belief he was a Lutheran and a member of the Sinking Spring Church, of which he was deacon and elder for many years. Mr. Huntzinger married Maria Heck, daughter of John Heck, and to them were born these children: William, who lives in Reading, and works for the Reading Railroad; Mary, unmarried; Sarah, who married Garson Bickel, a farmer of Heidelberg township; Eve, unmarried; George H.; and Daniel, who died in infancy. Mary and Eve reside on the old family homestead.

George H. Huntzinger obtained a township school education, and when eighteen years of age learned the carpenter's trade from A. L. Crouse, being in that gentleman's employ for four years. He then engaged in the undertaking and cabinet-making business, which he followed twelve years, in 1902 retiring from the latter line to give all of his attention to cabinet-making. He has done all of the wood-work of the Sinking Spring Foundry Company, and still does; he also enjoys a large local trade, which gives him all the work he can do. On discontinuing the undertaking business Mr. Huntzinger took charge of the branch office of Francis F. Seidel, the well known undertaker of Reading. Mr. Huntzinger's fine home in Sinking Spring is situated on Main street, and his shop is located in the rear, he also owning another dwelling house in the town. In 1903, when Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F., was organized, he was elected its treasurer, an office he has held to the present time. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Sinking Spring, of which he was deacon for two years.

On April 22, 1899, Mr. Huntzinger was united in marriage with Lizzie Hibshman, daughter of John Hibshman. Mr. and Mrs. Huntzinger have had three children: Frank K. and Adam H., who died in infancy; and Henry H., born Oct. 3, 1906.

HOWARD M. HAFER, the popular proprietor of the "Seltzer House," and a leading citizen and councilman of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Reading, Oct. 1, 1864, son of William H. and Elizabeth (Miller) Hafer.

Henry Hafer, the progenitor of this family in America, was a native of Mensen, Germany, whence he came to this country and settled in eastern Berks county. He was a redemptioner and had been in bondage for several years.

Henry Hafer, great-grandfather of Howard M., was a farmer in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county. He died in Muhlenberg, and was buried at Alsace Church. His wife was a Lorah, and they had the following children: Matthias; Jacob m. Anna Mee and had a son, Jonathan; Henry m. Harriet Snyder, and resided in Muhlenberg township; Jonas m. Miss Boyer, lived in Muhlenberg township, and had a son Romanus; Katie m. John Moyer, and moved by team to Indiana; and Julia m. George Mee, a miller of Tulpehocken township.

Matthias Hafer, son of Henry, was born in Ruscombmanor township, Nov. 28, 1811, and died in Reading, Feb. 28, 1891, aged eighty years. He was a tailor and farmer by occupation, and in about 1832 removed to Muhlenberg township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits on a small scale and did rough tailoring for the people of his vicinity. He married Hannah Himmelreich, born May 10, 1811, who died July 22, 1875, aged sixty-four years, and to them there were born two children: (1) James H., born in Alsace township in 1835, resides in Philadelphia, where he is a tailor and clerk in a clothing store; he married Hettie Foos, and they had children—Frank, Kate, Tyson, and Alice (deceased). (2) William H. is the father of Howard M.

William H. Hafer was born Feb. 13, 1840, in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, and was brought up on the farm, on which he worked until twenty-one years old. He came to Reading, in 1861, where he has since made his home, with the exception of four years when he carried on farming in Exeter township. Mr. Hafer was the proprietor of the "City Hotel" from 1889 to 1895, and from 1896 to 1898 conducted the "Hotel Penn," both of Reading, and made himself well known as a hotel keeper to the traveling public. In politics he is a Democrat, and is much interested in public affairs. He and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 10, 1864, Mr. Hafer was married to Elizabeth Miller, born Dec. 4, 1840, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Goodman) Miller, the former a blacksmith of Reading, and granddaughter of Jacob and Mary Miller who resided at the old Miller homestead at the northwest corner of Eighth and Franklin streets. Mr. and Mrs. Hafer have been the parents of four sons: Howard M.; Allen H., a carpet store proprietor at Pottsville, Pa., m. Clara Herr, of Philadelphia, and had four children—Elwood (deceased), Claude, Ralph and Allen J.; William, Jr., died in childhood; and Edwin L., who resides at Reading, m. Helen Ott, and has one son, Earle R.

Howard M. Hafer obtained his education in the Reading public schools, after leaving which he learned the coachmaker's trade, and for some time was engaged with George W. Biehl, whose employ he left to enter that of D. S. Esterly, wholesale grocer of Reading, where he remained six years. He then assisted his father in conducting the "City Hotel" for about four years, and Jan. 1, 1893, he purchased the well-known "Seltzer Hotel," at Womelsdorf, Berks county, one of the oldest hostelries in the county, which has had the patronage of the traveling public and the town trade for many years. This hotel, which is still in good condition, was erected in 1798, and is situated on the Dauphin turnpike, midway between Reading and Lebanon. In early days it was the changing place for horses, and President Martin Van Buren stopped at this hotel in 1838. Mr. Hafer keeps a fine house, and has the reputation of keeping one of the best tables of any hotel in Berks county.

In politics Mr. Hafer is an influential Democrat, and has been honored by his townsmen by election to the coun-

cil since 1899, by overwhelming majorities. He has also been a delegate to numerous county conventions. He was the organizer of the Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company, of which he has been chief since its organization in 1895. He is fraternally connected with Williamson Lodge No. 307, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter No. 237, R. A. M., Reading; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, I. O. O. F., of Womelsdorf; Washington Camp, No. 89, P. O. S. of A., of Reading; and the K. G. E., of Womelsdorf. He and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading.

In 1890 Mr. Hafer married Miss Jennie Shulley, born Nov. 7, 1863, daughter of Frederick and Lucretia (Riley) Shulley, farming people of Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hafer, namely: Marie E., a student at school; and a son, who died in infancy.

MILTON N. WEIDNER, a progressive farmer residing near Friedensburg, Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Oley township, June 5, 1856, and he comes of an old and honored family, a partial record of which is given below:

(I) Jacob Weidner, great-grandfather of Milton N., was a native of Greshville, Douglass township, where he owned three farms and engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits. One of these farms is now owned by Wm. Davidheiser. For his times Jacob Weidner was a man of wealth and was very influential. He is buried at Boyertown, Pa. To him and his wife, Barbara Weidner, were born children as follows: Peter, Jacob, Daniel W. and Mrs. Albright and one who married and settled in Lancaster county.

(II) Daniel W. Weidner, son of Jacob, was born in Douglass township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1815, and he died about 1878, aged sixty-three years, and is buried at Lobachsville. He married Sarah Reichert, who died about 1881, aged eighty years. Their children were: David, Levi, Mahlon, Daniel R. (father of Milton), Rebecca, Matilda, Wilhelmina, Sarah and Harriet.

(III) Daniel R. Weidner, son of Daniel W., was born in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., March 30, 1834. He was reared to farm life, following farming all of his days. He owns a farm of twenty-one acres, but now resides with his son, Milton, having been with him since the death of his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Noll. She was born Dec. 20, 1833, and died Feb. 2, 1907, aged seventy-four years. Their children were: Milton N., and Mary, who married Norvin Zimmerman, and died in 1889, and is buried at Lobachsville, Pa. Mr. Weidner learned the trade of a wheelwright, but never followed it.

When Milton N. Weidner was nineteen years of age he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for twenty-three years, having helped to build many of the handsome residences of Friedensburg, as well as many of the barns of Oley township. In the fall of 1887, he bought his present home, and owns a fine farm of thirty-three acres. The buildings and premises are in excellent order. The house was built by Daniel Leinbach, a brother of Mrs. Weidner. In addition to the home farm, Mr. Weidner owns a tract of woodland, forty-six acres in extent, located in Oley township. In politics Mr. Weidner is a Democrat. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, while his wife is a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1884 Mr. Weidner married Elizabeth Leinbach, daughter of Samuel Leinbach, and granddaughter of Samuel Leinbach. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner have four children: Edna I., Verna and Hettie, all at home; and Daniel, who died in infancy. Mr. Weidner and his family are highly respected in their neighborhood.

JACOB C. GOTTSHALL, who is conducting a thriving business in the beautiful borough of Fleetwood, Pa., with his bakery situated on Main street, was born March 18, 1856, at Schwenkville, Montgomery county, son of Rev. Moses H. Gottshall.

William Gottshall of Schwenkville, Pa., grandfather of Jacob C., was married to Magdalena Hunsberger, and to them were born these children: Dillman; Abraham, who died in infancy; William; Adam; Joseph; Moses; Andrew; John; Jacob; Abraham; Elizabeth and Hannah. The father of these children died in his ninety-second year, his son, William also attaining advanced age, dying in 1901, aged ninety-five years. Numerous members of the Gottshall family have been Mennonite ministers, and at present Moses H. Gottshall (father of Jacob C.), Abraham Gottshall (uncle of Jacob C.), William Gottshall (a brother), and Harvey Allebach (a nephew) are ministers of that faith in Montgomery county.

Rev. Moses H. Gottshall was born March 25, 1815, and died in 1888, having been a New Mennonite minister of the Gospel for nearly fifty years, preaching at Schwenkville for forty-two consecutive years. This charge was supplied by members of the Gottshall family for more than sixty years. In addition to his ministerial duties Rev. Mr. Gottshall operated a farm of 100 acres which had been in the family name for over a century. He was first married to Hannah Clemens, and to this union were born children as follows: Katie m. John Allebach, of the Skippack; Lizzie, deceased, m. Jacob R. Allebach, merchant at Green Lane; Maggie m. David Wasser, miller, at Schwenkville, and both are deceased; Henry died aged twenty-four years; Moses and Hannah died in infancy from croup; Moses (2) m. Annie Stauffer, of Kraussdale, Montgomery county; and Jacob C. Mr. Gottshall m. (second) Mary Shelly, and two children were born to this union: Hannah died in infancy; and William m. Nancy Von Neida, of Lancaster county.

Jacob C. Gottshall received his education in the schools of his native place, and was reared to farm work. In 1893 he removed to Fleetwood and engaged in the baking business, which he has continued with much success to the present time. His business has grown rapidly, and he now employs two teams, his bakery being fitted up with the latest and most improved machinery. On Sept. 4, 1880, he married Sarah W. Urffer, daughter of Daniel Y. and Susannah (Weigner) Urffer, of Sassamansville, Montgomery county, and to this union have been born: Alice U., m. to Howard Brown, of Fleetwood, Pa.; Howard U.; Ezra U.; and Jacob U.

Mr. Gottshall is a member of the Mennonite Church, which he attends regularly and supports liberally. He is a Republican, but he has never taken more than a good citizen's interest in political matters, preferring to give his time and attention to his business. He is greatly esteemed in his community, where his many sterling traits of character and mind are recognized and appreciated.

JOHN F. RENTSCHLER, proprietor of the "Farmers and Drovers Hotel," at Centreport, was born in Centre township, Berks county, Oct. 30, 1868, son of George K. and grandson of Michael Rentschler. The Rentschler family is of German origin, and was planted in the New World about the close of the war of the Revolution.

Michael Rentschler lived near St. Michael's Church in Centre township, and was there engaged extensively in farming. He was a very large land owner, and was one of the influential men of that locality. He married a Miss Kauffman, and their children were: Joseph K., born Feb. 16, 1842 (died Feb. 29, 1876), Michael and George K.

George K. Rentschler was born in Centre township, and there lived all his life engaged in farming, and also to a very large extent in burning lime. He married Amanda Fichthorn, and their children were: Frank, born Sept. 17, 1852, living at Lititz, Pa.; James, born May 24, 1854, of Lititz; Elmira, born Dec. 20, 1856, who married Adam Heydt; Fayetta, born Dec. 26, 1858, who married John Zechman; George W., born April 12, 1861, living in Alsace township; Alfred, born Oct. 22, 1863, of Bernville; Michael, born April 26, 1867, who died young; John F.; Emma R., born Jan. 1, 1871, who married Lewis Weirich, and is now deceased; Isabella, born May 19, 1872, who died young; Charles, born May 8, 1874, of Bernville. Mr.

Rentschler died Aug. 20, 1891, aged sixty-seven. His wife died in 1898. They were both buried at Bernville.

John F. Rentschler attended the Penn school in Penn township, and worked with his father until he was twenty-one years old. He then for eleven years was employed as clerk in the Morris Rentschler Hotel at Bernville, becoming thoroughly familiar with the duties of "host." In 1900 he came to his present pleasant location, buying out the well known "Farmers and Drovers Hotel." There is a hall connected, known as the "Philo Hall," wherein all the business of the town is transacted, such as the meetings of the township school board, and those of the election board, road commissioners, etc.

On Oct. 22, 1898, Mr. Rentschler was married to Miss Pruella, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Kantner) Daniel. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Rentschler is a member of Camp No. 113, P. O. S. of A., of Bernville; Bernville Lodge No. 122, I. O. O. F.; and Shepherds of Bethlehem, No. 60, of Centreport. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served efficiently on the election board in Bernville. In their religious faith he and his wife are members of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, respectively. They are highly esteemed, and very popular in the community that knows them so well.

MORRIS J. GEISS, one of West Reading borough's well known citizens, who has for a number of years been engaged in the carpenter business, was born Dec. 16, 1867, at Bernville, Berks county, son of Harrison and Amelia (Lengel) Geiss.

The first American of the Geiss family was George Adam Geiss, who was born Jan. 4, 1725, and who emigrated to this country from his native land. He married Anna Barbara Haag, born July 31, 1738, and died Aug. 17, 1814. He died Jan. 29, 1784. Their children were: George Adam, born April 11, 1759; Catherine, June 19, 1760; John Michael, Jan. 12, 1762; Philip Jacob, Sept. 6, 1763; and Barbara, March 7, 1765.

John Geiss, son of George Adam and grandfather of Morris J., was a successful farmer of Bernville, Penn township, where he owned 400 acres of land. He died at the age of seventy-three years, the father of these children: Samuel, Jacob, Levi, John, Mary (m. Peter Kershner) and Harrison. All of the foregoing children are deceased with the exception of Jacob, who lives in Reading.

Harrison Geiss was born in Penn township, where early in life he followed coopering. At the time of his father's death he received seventy-three acres of land as a share of the latter's estate, and here he made many improvements, erecting all the buildings on this farm, which is now owned by ex-Sheriff Fahrenbach of Berks county. Here Mr. Geiss died at the age of seventy years, and was buried at Bernville. Mr. Geiss m. (first) Amelia Lengel, who died at the age thirty-eight years, leaving children: Monroe (a sawyer of Reading); Darius (a farmer of Lancaster county); Violanda (m. Frank Stoudt, of North Heidelberg township); Henry (of Bernville); Rosabella (m. Isaac Bear); Milton (a farmer of Schaefferstown); Morris J.; and Katie (m. Isaac Lash). Mr. Geiss m. (second) Sarah Smith, daughter of Isaac Smith, of Schaefferstown, and to this union there were born four children: Aaron; Alice (m. Edward Stirner); Harrison (of Bernville, m. Edith Eagen); and Mary (m. William Long, the historian of this family).

Morris J. Geiss attended the schools of Penn township until sixteen years of age, and then worked for his father for a few years, after which he learned the milling trade at Hiester's Mills, which he followed for twelve years. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade with George W. Beard & Co., of Reading, being identified with this company for seven years. He was with Mr. Fissler for two years, and since June, 1905, has been foreman for H. J. Raudenbush, the well known contractor. In 1896 Mr. Geiss located in West Reading, purchasing a home at No. 524 Penn avenue, where he has ever since resided.

On April 20, 1889, Mr. Geiss married Katie A. Wahl, daughter of James and Rebecca (Krick) Wahl, of Berks county, and to this union have been born two children: Raymond and Florence. In politics Mr. Geiss is a Democrat, and in September, 1907, he was elected to the council of West Reading borough, to take the place of James N. Hain, whose death occurred in August of that year. He is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at West Reading, has served in the church council, and for six years was a deacon therein. Fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A., the Carpenters' Union, and the Knights of Malta. He is a skilled mechanic, and has the full confidence of his employer and the respect and esteem of his fellow workmen.

HENRY MARTYN DECHERT. In considering the prominent and representative men of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., the name and personality of Henry Martyn Dechert comes readily to mind as lawyer, financier and citizen. Mr. Dechert was born at Reading, March 11, 1832, son of Elijah and Mary Williams (Porter) Dechert. His father was a prominent member of the Reading Bar.

The family is of German extraction, descending from Capt. Peter Dechert, who emigrated from Rotterdam to Pennsylvania in 1752, and became the owner of a farm of 185 acres in Cumru township, Berks county. From Jan. 5, 1776, to Feb. 3, 1777, he was captain of a company recruited, for service in the Revolution, in the vicinity of Reading, and saw service in New York; they were captured, Nov. 16, 1776, by Howe's army. On July 19, 1784, his widow Elizabeth applied for an order of sale to dispose of certain real estate. In a later petition the children named are John, William, Jacob, Peter, Michael, Daniel and the petitioner, George.

John Dechert, son of Capt. Peter, was a farmer in the western section of Berks county. He married Deborah Davis, daughter of James Davis. They had five children, namely: (1) Elijah is mentioned below. (2) Johan, born May 5, 1790, died Dec. 5, 1864, aged seventy-four years, seven months. He married Maria Strunk, born Feb. 24, 1793, died Oct. 14, 1881, aged eighty-eight years, seven months, twenty days. (3) Daniel married Maria Magdalena Lerch. (4) Hannah, born June 4, 1795, died Aug. 18, 1815. (5) Samuel, born Jan. 7, 1808, in Berks county, settled in Miamisburg, Ohio, and was engaged in the mercantile business. He died in Springfield, Ohio, April 7, 1884. He married Caroline E. Hoff, born in Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 7, 1808, died Dec. 4, 1886, in Springfield, Ohio, and they had six children: Frank William, born Nov. 14, 1830, died in California; Clara Maria, born Nov. 25, 1832, married Dr. Isaac Kay, Nov. 4, 1852, and they live in Springfield, Ohio (they have had two sons, Charles S., now aged fifty-four years, and Clarence K., now aged fifty-two years, both living in Springfield); George Leonard, born Dec. 29, 1834, died March 1, 1891; Henry David, born Jan. 1, 1836, died Oct. 29, 1853; Margaret Deborah, born Nov. 18, 1838, died Aug. 10, 1875; Clay Harrison, born Sept. 2, 1841, is living in Germantown, Ohio.

Elijah Dechert, son of John, who was born in Spring township, Berks county, Oct. 15, 1799, died in Philadelphia June 14, 1854. He married Mary Williams, daughter of the Hon. Robert Porter, president judge of the judicial district comprising Berks, Northampton and Lehigh counties. Mr. Dechert was a prominent member of the Reading Bar, and on account of ill health moved to Philadelphia in 1852. Two of his sons became prominent there, Henry M. and Robert P. The latter, Robert Porter Dechert, was a distinguished soldier as lieutenant-colonel of the 29th Pennsylvania Volunteers from 1861 to 1865; was city controller for six years; and at the time of his death, May 12, 1894, was brigadier-general commanding the 1st Brigade, N. G. P. He was a leading member of the Philadelphia Bar at the time of his death.

On the maternal side Mr. Dechert is of Irish extraction. The Porter family derives descent from Robert Porter,

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who emigrated from Belfast, Ireland, in 1720, and became a farmer at Norristown, Pa. He was the father of Col. Andrew Porter, of the Fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania artillery. The mother of Mr. Dechert was a daughter of his son, Hon. Robert Porter, once presiding judge of the judicial district comprising Berks, Northampton and Lehigh counties, a lieutenant of the Fourth Pennsylvania Line during the Revolutionary war.

Henry Martyn Dechert was educated primarily in the schools of his native city, and then entered Yale College, where he was graduated in 1850. After two years of experience as principal of Mt. Pleasant Academy for Boys, at Boyertown, Pa., he took up the study of law, first in his father's office at Reading, and later in the office of Charles B. Penrose, Esq., of Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Bar in 1854. Being of studious habits, a ready and effective speaker, he soon achieved success in general practice, particularly in the trial of cases before the various courts. He early adopted as a specialty real estate and Orphan's Court practice. In 1862 and 1863 he volunteered for service in the Union army and served as lieutenant of the 23d and the 40th Pennsylvania regiments.

Mr. Dechert practised law for thirty-two years, becoming prominent in the profession. In 1886, on the foundation of The Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company, he was chosen its president and held the position until 1906, when after twenty years' service, he declined re-election on account of his age and was chosen chairman of the board and of the executive committee, which position he continues to occupy. The corporation, which has become an important factor in the financial life of Philadelphia, has been notably successful. The stock is held by lawyers, capitalists, conveyancers and real estate brokers.

Mr. Dechert is a director in several other financial institutions; is president of the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, the institution situated at South Mountain, Berks county; is president of the West Philadelphia Institute, of the Young Men's Institute, of the Western Home for Poor Children and of the Midnight Mission for Wayward Girls; and is vice-president of the Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty. He is a member of Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R.; of the Sons of the Revolution; and of the Art, Lawyers, Belmont and University Clubs, of Philadelphia, and of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is treasurer of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge of the F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dechert was married Sept. 15, 1857, to Esther S., daughter of Thomas S. Taylor. She died Nov. 6, 1890. Of their four children two sons and one daughter survive: Henry T. Dechert, a leading member of the Bar of Philadelphia, and late colonel of the 2d Regiment, N. G. P.; Edward P., a journalist; and Bertha M., wife of Charles H. Gale, a lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio.

CHARLES S. KACHEL, who is engaged in truck farming in Brecknock township, is one of the most popular citizens of his locality, and has been prominent in church, public and business circles. He was born on one of the Kachel homesteads in Brecknock township, April 19, 1854.

After leaving the public school, Mr. Kachel engaged in farming on his father's place until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he learned the carpenter's trade with August Hartz, in whose employ he continued for upward of ten years. He then engaged in this business for himself, being so employed for twenty-two years, during the last eight years of which he worked as a boss carpenter. Mr. Kachel is a jack-of-all-trades, being a blacksmith, wheelwright, painter and carpenter. In 1888 he removed to Knauer's where he had during the previous year purchased a seventeen-acre tract, and here in 1898 he erected an entirely new set of buildings, having one of the most valuable farms for its size in the township.

Mr. Kachel was organist of Allegheny Church from 1882 until 1904, and during these twenty-two years he officiated at 332 funerals; his diary, in which he records the date of funeral, age of deceased, and the text of the sermon, makes a very valuable register. He also was organist at the Wyomissing (Gouglersville) Church, from 1889 to1893, and he and his family now worship at Allegheny Church, the old burial place of the Kachels. Mr. Kachel was a member and attendant of the Sunday school from the age of fifteen years, and since eighteen years of age has been superintendent of the Allegheny and Maple Grove Sunday schools. In political matters he is a stanch Democrat, and has served the township as school director, assessor, tax collector and township committeeman for several years, and is at present treasurer of the road master's board.

On June 27, 1885, Mr. Kachel married Ellen E. Kramer, daughter of Samuel and Julia (Ziemer) Kramer, and five children were born to this union: Elsie M., Lewis M., Howard L., Julia E. and Mamie E.

DAVID E. BAVER, a well known citizen of Windsor township, who conducts a farmers' dairy and a small farm, situated along the State road, east of Hamburg, was born Jan. 20, 1860, on the old Baver homestead, son of Joseph and Mary (Focht) Baver.

Christoph Baver, grandfather of David E., was born Jan. 14, 1777, and died March 5, 1865, after a lifetime devoted to farming and blacksmithing. He is said to have been an excellent mechanic, and to have enjoyed a large trade, the blacksmiths at that time being very scarce and living far apart. He also raised considerable flax, which was woven into clothes in the winter months by his faithful wife. On July 14, 1805, Christoph Baver married Susanna Elizabeth Boyer (born Jan. 6, 1787, and died Jan. 25, 1865). These sturdy pioneers lived together for the unusual period of fifty-seven years, seven months and twenty-one days, their married life being made happy by the birth of the following children: Polly (m. Jacob Stitzel); Samuel (m. Lydia Focht); John (m. Hanna Focht); David (m. Maria Miller); Elizabeth (m. Jeremiah Focht); Daniel, born in 1825, died single in 1849; Joseph (father of David E.); Ann (m. Jacob Miller); and Amelia (m. Bill Marshall).

Joseph Baver, who was a blacksmith, a trade he had been taught by his father, owned the old Baver homestead now in the possession of Albert Smith, of Windsor township, this farm consisting of 110 acres which Mr. Baver worked with the assistance of his children. A disastrous fire occurred on this place in May, 1888, in destroying all of the buildings, even the pump being burned, the furniture in the house and the contents of the barn and outbuildings, the poultry, a mule and a calf. The fire which was caused by the children who were left alone in the house, occurred on a windy day and it was impossible to check it. This was a very severe blow to Mr. Baver, as there was little insurance on any of the property. He was well and favorably known in his community, serving his district as school director and auditor, and was captain in the State Militia, belonging to one of the companies from upper Berks county. He was deeply interested in public matters, and took a prominent and influential part in politics. Mr. Baver married Mary Focht, daughter of Jeremiah Focht, and to them were born children as follows: Amanda (m. Samuel Wolfe); Frank (m. Priscilla Schappell); Simon, twin of Frank (m. Annie Luckenbill); Alfred F. (m. (first) Ellen Seidel, now deceased, and (second) Lizzie Williams); Joel (died aged twenty-five years); Sarah (unmarried, keeps house for her cousin, Frank Focht); David E.; Louisa (widow of William Starr); Senora (m. Jacob Rausch); Andora (m. Thomas Rausch); Samuel (died of whooping cough when a child).

David E. Baver was educated in the local schools and at the age of twenty-two years learned the trade of coachmaker from his brother, who had a large shop on the old homestead. He worked at this trade for six years, and in 1886 commenced farming on his father-in-law's estate, and after the latter's death, Mr. Baver purchased the property. It consists of thirty-two acres of fertile land, and because of the richness of the soil, its proximity to

Hamburg, the excellent buildings thereon and the beautiful lawn surrounding the residence, this home has been admired by many visitors to the community. Mr. Baver also owns four acres of woodland in the Blue mountains. He has a home cream separator and with his own milk and that brought him by farmers of his vicinity he manufactures a fine quality of print butter that is in much demand in the homes of this section. He also deals in eggs and produce, being a sort of clearing house for the agriculturists of his district. Mr. Baver is an honest, industrious and enterprising citizen, of much business acumen, and he is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. In political matters he is a Democrat and supports the ticket of that party loyally. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Union Church, of Hamburg, of which Mr. Baver has always been a liberal supporter. Mrs. Baver is well known in church and society circles, and she and her husband have many friends.

On Dec. 4, 1886, Mr. Baver married Miss Mary M. Gerhart, daughter of Francis S. and Diana (Becker) Gerhart, and granddaughter of Jacob and Mary (Sallada) Gerhart. To this union there has been born one son, Earl Raymond, Nov. 21, 1899.

THOMAS W. REED, who is cultivating one of the Reed homesteads near Stouchsburg, Marion township, was born in Marion township, Berks county, Feb. 14, 1856, son of Daniel B. and Jermina (Klopp) Reed.

Michael Ritt (Reith, Reed), one of the pioneers from the Livingstone Manor, and later from the Schoharie, N. Y., came to the Tulpehocken settlement in Berks county in 1723, and there took up land lying adjacent to the land of John Leonard Rith and George Reith. The relationship of Michael, John Leonard and George Reith is not known, but there is no doubt that they were related, probably being cousins. The map of the Tulpehocken settlement, made by Mr. Charles Lindenmuth, a very accurate work made with much difficulty, shows the location of the Reith settlements. This map was published in the "Pennsylvania German," Volume V, in October, 1904, and appears also in this work. Michael's will was made March 15, 1754, and it was entered Oct. 11th of that year, consequently his death must have occurred between these dates. In the will he bequeathed to his wife Barbara all the estate during her widowhood; to his eldest son, John Casper, that tract of land at the Swatara consisting of 150 acres, valued at £100; to his sons John Michael and Daniel the plantation he then lived on, with 202 acres therewith belonging, at 600 pounds valuation; to daughter Anna Catrina Katterman even share with the rest of the children, except seventy pounds for the land signed to her husband Jacob Katterman, they helping the children she had by her first husband, George Anspach; the children of his deceased daughter Margaret, wife of Jacob Emerich, —Andreas, Catrina and Elizabetha, to have their mother's equal share of the estate, and the remainder of the estate to all children, viz.: John Casper, John Michael, Daniel, Catrina Katterman, deceased daughter Margaret's children, Anna Maria, Rosina, Anna Magdalena Haffner, Elizabeth Dries and Maria Barbara Schwengel. The executors of the will were Michael's wife Maria Barbara, and his son-in-law, Niolus Schwengel, and it was witnessed by Jacob Artz, Peter Ritt and Samuel Weiser.

Daniel Reed, son of Michael, and great-grandfather of Thomas W., was born Feb. 25, 1735, and died June 14, 1797. He made his will March 20, 1797, and this was probated July 1, 1797, extracts therefrom being as follows: "To oldest son, Christian, fifty pounds; to son Benjamin, my plantation whereon I now dwell in Tulpehocken containing 101 acres for 1,350 pounds; to the other children, viz.: Christian, Daniel, John, Catherine, Christina, Elizabett, Barbara and Maria Lydia, 150 pounds each." He also provided amply for his wife. The executors of the will were his sons John and Benjamin, and it was witnessed by Jacob Reith and Jacob Miller.

Benjamin Reed, grandfather of Thomas W., was born Feb. 8, 1777, and died April 7, 1828. He was married to Eva Maria Wagner, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Wagner, who was born March 18, 1776, and died May 9, 1847. On the tombstone of Benjamin Reed is an inscription stating that he had two sons and four daughters, but it is probable that one son died in youth, as no trace is obtainable of him. The other children were: Catherine (born June 13, 1805, died Aug. 9, 1834) m. John Reed (born in 1806, died in 1835); Sarah m. Daniel Burkholder; Maria (Polly) m. George Peter Peiffer; a daughter died aged seventeen years; and Daniel B.

Daniel B. Reed was born Jan. 8, 1812, and died at Stouchsburg, June 26, 1891, in his eightieth year. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned one of the old Reed homesteads of 104 acres, on which in 1855 he built a barn, and several years later a brick house. He was a Republican in political matters, and his religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, where he held an official position, and where he was buried. He married Jermina Klopp, and their children were: Franklin B., who died on one of the Reed farms in 1903; Clarissa, who died aged seventeen years; Fianna, who died young; John A., who died in infancy; Almon, who died on Thanksgiving Day, 1905, aged fifty-nine years; Mary, deceased wife of Edmond Fisher, and Thomas W.

Thomas W. Reed remained on the home farm with his parents until seventeen years of age, at which time he learned the trade of cigar making, an occupation which he followed for sixteen years at Stouchsburg. In 1892 he engaged in farming a fifty-four acre tract, which he had purchased during that year from the John Potteiger estate, and here he has since made many improvements, including the erection of a number of substantial buildings. His farm is supplied with modern machinery, and he keeps nine head of cattle and four horses. In addition to this property, Mr. Reed owns eight acres and an excellent residence at Stouchsburg, where a son-in-law, Clayton Potteiger, now resides. Mr. Reed is a Republican in politics. He belongs to Reed's Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon, elder and trustee for more than seventeen years.

In 1888 Mr. Reed married Kate Richardson, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Deppen) Richardson, and they have had three children, namely: Mary J.; Maggie S. (m. Clayton Potteiger, of Stouchsburg); and Charles T. (at home assisting his father).

FREDERICK MOYER, a prominent agriculturist of Heidelberg township, Berks county, who is also engaged in operating a saw mill in the South Mountains, above Robesonia, Pa., was born at Millcreek, Lebanon Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1855, son of Daniel U. and Sarah (Painter) Moyer.

Frederick Moyer, grandfather of Frederick, was but nine years old when his father, who was a Revolutionary soldier of the Hessian forces, sent here by England to fight against the Colonists, died. Frederick Moyer was born about 1796, and died near Robesonia, in his eighty-second year, and was buried at the Corner Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was reared in Millcreek, Lebanon county, and when a young man located at the South Mountains, where he built a home and barn and cultivated a tract of eighty acres of land until his death. Mr. Moyer married Katie Ulrich, daughter of George Ulrich, and to them were born these children: Jonathan (a farmer of near Robesonia); Catherine and Rebecca (died unmarried); Daniel U.; Susanna (m. Peter Boyer); John (died unmarried); and Mary and Peter (died young).

Daniel U. Moyer was born March 14, 1831, on the Moyer homestead in Millcreek, Lebanon county, and died Jan. 25, 1875, having been a farmer and iron worker all of his life. He was also interred at the Corner Church. Mr. Moyer married Sarah Painter, who was born Sept. 29, 1834, and now lives with her son, David, at Robesonia. She is a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Hossler) Painter, of Heidelberg township. To Mr. and Mrs. Moyer these children were born: Mary, m. Charles Burkholder of Sheridan, Pa.; Frederick; Rebecca, m. the late Frank

Kepley, and resides near Robesonia; Daniel lives at Richland, Pa.; Susan m. Samuel Mardarness, of Robesonia; Jacob died young; Urias is of Robesonia; Sallie m. Samuel Wortluft, of Wyomissing; Katie died aged eight years; Amanda m. John Deppen, of Womelsdorf; and David is of Robesonia.

Frederick Moyer was reared to farming, and when nineteen years of age commenced working in the furnace at Robesonia. This work he was compelled to give up after twenty-one years on account of ill health, and he then purchased his sawmill property in the South Mountains, a tract of nine acres. He soon began to prosper, and by earnest effort and strict attention to business was able in 1903 to purchase the old Putt homestead near his sawmill, a property of sixty-two acres of fertile land, furnished with good, substantial buildings, the barn having been erected in 1897. In 1901 he purchased another sawmill, which he has operated to the present time, employing from five to ten men, and in addition he owns several dwellings in Robesonia, which he has rented.

Mr. Moyer married, Sept. 19, 1885, Annie Hoover, daughter of Benjamin and Emma (Fox) Hoover, and to them eight children were born: Harvey D., born July 10, 1886; Calvin L., April 29, 1888 (died Oct. 8, 1889); Frederick A., Jan. 18, 1889; Benjamin F., Sept. 23, 1892; Charles W., Nov. 25, 1894; Emma M., Feb. 8, 1900; an infant daughter; and Virgie S., Jan. 3, 1903. Mrs. Moyer died March 28, 1908. Mr. Moyer is a well known Lutheran member of St. Daniel's Church, near Robesonia, to which Mrs. Moyer also belonged.

GEORGE W. SHAFFNER, postmaster at Host, Pa., where he is engaged in a general mercantile business, is a representative citizen of Berks county and belongs to one of the early established families of Pennsylvania. Mr. Shaffner was born at Host, Berks county, Pa., March 5, 1851, son of William and Louisa (Rick) Shaffner, whose other children were: Celesta, Mary, Ellen, Lizzie, Nora and John.

George W. Shaffner secured his education in the public schools of his native township. Prior to 1866, he resided for a time at Rehrersburg, Berks county, but in the above year he became a member of the household of his uncle, the late Jacob Shaffner, at Host. He worked as a clerk in his uncle's general store until 1882, when he formed a copartnership with his uncle, and this association lasted until November, 1907, when he purchased the entire interest. Since then he has conducted the business alone. Mr. Shaffner is unmarried, and for the past forty-one years has made his home with his estimable aunt, Mrs. Amelia Shaffner.

In politics Mr. Shaffner is affiliated with the Democratic party, and he has frequently been a delegate to both county and State conventions. Since 1898 he has been postmaster. He is a director of the Sinking Spring Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

W. H. BITLER, an auctioneer, merchant and justice of the peace of Gibraltar, Pa., where he is known as a representative and substantial citizen, was born March 14, 1844, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of Elisha and Ellen (Wolf) Bitler.

Daniel Bitler, grandfather of W. H., was a native of Robeson township, where he owned a farm of 214 acres of land, now known as the Robeson Dairy Farm. There his death occurred. He and his wife were Methodists in their religious belief. Their children were: John married Susan Bixler, and had two children, Mary and Elizabeth; Jacob m. Margaret Wamsher, and had two children, both of whom are now deceased; Daniel m. Eva Freese, and had eleven children, Levi, John, Samuel, Henry, Michael, Mary, Hannah, Eva A., Elizabeth, Christiana and Daniel; Elisha; David was never married; Michael m. Elizabeth Kachel, and had one child, Susanna; Henry m. Mary A. Kennedy, and had two children, George W., and Mary (m. Simon Clouser); Charles m. Christian Geiger, and had one child, Elizabeth; Polly m. Silas Yocum; and Abigail m. Eli Dickinson. In politics Daniel Bitler, the father, was a stanch Whig.

Elisha Bitler, father of W. H., was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he learned the wheelwright's trade, an occupation which he followed in connection with farming practically all of his life. He died in 1889, at the age of eighty-nine years, and his wife, Ellen Wolf, in 1874. He was a Republican in politics, and for some years served as township auditor. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bitler, seven of whom grew to maturity: Samuel, deceased, m. Jane O'Neil, and had children, Elias (now deceased), Benjamin, Heber, William, Jacob, Mary E. and Annie; Sarah A. m. William Hagy and had children, Mary E., Emma C., Anna E., William K., Sarah J., Harry B. and Irvin; Eliza m. John Wells and had three children, Scott, Lydia and Sally; David m. Mary Keim, and had children, Clara, Annie, Florence, George, Elizabeth, Sally, David and Nellie; Elias m. Mary Stauffer, and had children, Charles, William, Edward, Elmer, David and Heber; Ellen m. Daniel Z. Kline, and had three children, Emma, Harvey and George, M. D.; and William H. In religious belief the family were Methodists.

William H. Bitler was educated in the schools of Robeson township, where he taught for a period of fourteen years. He left home at the age of eighteen years to attend Chester Academy, and he later took a course at the Keystone State Normal School. Engaging with the Seyfert McManus Iron Company, he worked as puddler, but after several years he returned to farming, which he made his chief occupation until 1901. He accumulated a fine property of seventy-two acres, in Robeson township, and in this year purchased the grocery stock of J. J. Eshelman, at whose old stand he has since carried on a successful general mercantile business. Since 1877 he has served as an auctioneer. A stanch Republican in politics Mr. Bitler was commissioned a justice of the peace in 1884. He and his family are Methodists. He is fraternally connected with Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of Birdsboro, Pa., and Washington Camp No. 592, P. O. S. of A.

On Jan. 16, 1868, Mr. Bitler married Lucinda Kennedy, daughter of Thomas Kennedy, and eight children have been born to this union: Laura m. B. F. Hohl, and has five children, Alice, Annie, Mabel, Willie and Laura; Charles m. Annie Moyer, and has two children, Beulah and Oralea; Britton m. Minnie O'Neal, and has one child, Hazel B.; Annie m. Harry Peiffer, and has three children, Harry, Emily and Bessie; Elizabeth m. George O. Starke, and has children, Warren, Lester, Ruth, David, Naomi and Mathew; Mary m. Lewis Hadley, and has three sons, George W., Lester and Noble; William K. m. Sallie Lebo, and has one son, Matthew W.; and Harry B. m. Gussie Moyer, and has one son, Russell M.

FRANK R. WANNER, now living retired from active work in West Reading, is a native of Spring township, born Feb. 5, 1853.

The first of the family to come to America was Michael Wanner, who left his home in Germany in 1733. He had six children, namely: Christian; Jacob (m. Mary Elizabeth Dreibelbis); Peter (m. Magdalena Dreibelbis); Margaret (m. a Burghart); Mrs. Muthart; and Mrs. Angostadt. On coming to America Michael Wanner settled in Richmond township. Old settlers, as well as those who have delved deeply into genealogical records, claim that the Wanners were Huguenots and of French descent, the early home being in Alsace-Lorraine, whence they went into Bavaria.

Daniel Wanner, father of Frank R., was a respected citizen of Spring township, and he devoted his active years to farming. He died Jan. 11, 1888, aged seventy-three years, ten months and twenty-three days, and was buried at Sinking Spring. His wife, Elizabeth Rothermel, died Feb. 18, 1894, aged seventy-seven years, two months and sixteen days. Their children were: John, Sarah (deceased), Daniel R., Catherine (died June 14, 1897), William, Frank R., Emma, Mary and George. The children were all reared in the faith of the Reformed church. Daniel Wanner, the father, was a Democrat.

Frank R. Wanner, son of Daniel and the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood upon his father's farm, on which he worked until he was of age. He then began farming it for himself, so continuing for seven years. In 1893 he came to West Reading, and in 1895 he erected his large brick residence on Penn avenue, where he makes his home. This is a beautiful three-story brick dwelling, tastefully furnished, and surrounded by a well-kept lawn.

In his political principles Mr. Wanner is a stanch Democrat, and he has taken an active interest in party work. On Nov. 6, 1888, he was elected jury commissioner of Berks county, receiving the remarkable vote of 17,987, and in this office he served most acceptably for three years. With his family he belongs to the Reformed congregation at Sinking Spring. He is a man who can count his friends by the number of his acquaintances, and he bears an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity.

On Feb. 14, 1875, Mr. Wanner married Emma Williams, born Feb. 13, 1856, daughter of Conrad and Mary Ann (Miller) Williams. She died Nov. 14, 1895, leaving one daughter, Lillie Medora, who married William H. Riegel, a clerk in Obold's hardware store, and has three children, Marion E., Helen C. and William F. Mr. and Mrs. Riegel reside with Mr. Wanner, keeping his home bright and cheerful.

SYDNEY M. DE TURCK, merchant at Philadelphia and lineal descendant of Isaac De Turck, of Oley, was born at De Turksville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 23, 1866, a son of Samuel G. and Catherine (Greenawalt) De Turck.

The founder of the De Turck family was Isaac, who settled in Oley in 1712. The grandfather of Sydney M., was Jacob De Turck, the fourth son of Samuel, who was the fourth son of John, who was the only son of Isaac, the immigrant.

Samuel G. De Turck was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., near Friedensburg in 1835, and there he grew to manhood on a farm, later moving to Sylliman, now De Turksville, where he engaged in a general store business which he still carries on. He married Catherine Greenawalt, daughter of Amos Greenawalt, of Greenwich township, Berks county. She died in 1867, the mother of four sons: Howard, Horace, Lyman and Sydney Milton. In 1869 he m. (second) Leanda Levan Smith, widow of Jonathan Smith, and they had seven children, namely: Helen, Annie, Luta, Stella, William, Harry and Samuel, the latter of whom died in Cuba in 1899.

Sydney Milton De Turck was educated in the local schools and followed teaching in that vicinity from 1882 to 1887. He then served as clerk in the Schuylkill County Prison until 1891, when he went to Philadelphia and entered the store of his uncle, Jacob G. De Turck, who was engaged in a wholesale upholstery and hardware business at No. 1009 Filbert street. He continued there as a clerk until his uncle's death in October, 1901. In July, 1902, he started into his present business, and has met with excellent success, his trade name being Sydney M. De Turck & Company.

In 1889, Mr. De Turck was married to Margaret E. Forbes, daughter of John Forbes, of Minersville, Schuylkill county, and they have one daughter, Genevieve.

DANIEL N. SCHULTZ, a leading citizen of Hereford township, Berks county, living near the Lehigh county line, was born Nov. 9, 1855, on one of the old Schultz homesteads, and is a son of Enoch K. Schultz.

Mr. Schultz received his education in the public schools of his home township (Hereford) and was reared on his father's farm, acquiring at an early age, in addition to the general knowledge of farming gained by a youth under such circumstances, some familiarity with the blacksmith's trade and later with the carpenter's trade. That he was a natural mechanic is shown by the fact that he picked up his knowledge of these trades by himself. He was trained to sawmill work, assisting his father to saw large quantities of lumber. In 1883 he started on his own account, for two years living as a tenant at the homestead, which came into his possession in 1885. There he has since lived and conducted the farm and mills, having both a sawmill and a gristmill, which latter he established in 1888, putting up a separate building. He also has a cider press, run by water-power attached to the gristmill. His farm consists of 160 acres, six perches, and is a valuable piece of land, which has steadily increased in value under his intelligent management. Mr. Schultz is a man of influence in his district, commanding the respect and confidence of all who have dealings with him. He is a thorough business man, and has taken an interest in other enterprises besides his immediate undertakings, having been a director of the East Greenville National Bank from 1892 to 1897, and he has been a director of the Farmers' National Bank at Pennsburg, Montgomery county, for many years.

Mr. Schultz's thrift and tastes are evidenced in the neat appearance of his home, which shows excellent care in every detail. The buildings on his farm are large and in good repair, the yard is laid with cement walks made by Mr. Schultz himself, and all the surroundings show thought and constant oversight. Part of his farm lies in Lehigh county, and his residence, as previously stated, is near to the county line. It is a large house, and contains many relics and other articles of interest, including an old Andrew Krauss pipe organ. Krauss, who was one of the first organ manufacturers in America, lived in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa. The instrument is seven feet, three inches high, two feet deep and three and one-half feet wide. The keys are covered with bone. The organ has a full, round, soft tone, and is much admired by musicians. Another of Mr. Schultz's cherished possessions is a bread closet made by a pioneer Schultz in 1750, which is still in good condition. There is also a black walnut writing desk, fully as old. Mr. Schultz has made considerable furniture in his day, and he has made a number of the bedsteads and other pieces of furniture, including picture frames etc., now in use at his home. He also made his first carriage.

On Jan. 20, 1883, Mr. Schultz married Susan G. Schultz, daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Gerhard) Schultz, and four children were born to them, namely: Clara, Elwood (who died in infancy), Rosa and Adam. Clara and Rosa are graduates of Perkiomen Seminary, and the son is a student there now.

Mr. Schultz and his family are true to the principles of their forefathers, belonging to the Schwenkfelder Church, of which he has been a deacon. He is independent in politics, considering principle before party.

AARON L. LIEB, a farmer of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Penn township March 8, 1860, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Lash) Lieb, grandson of Nicholas Lieb and great-grandson of Michael Lieb.

(I) Michael Lieb was a large landowner in Bern township and a man highly respected for his sterling integrity and uprightness of purpose. He and his wife, Anna Margaretta, had these children: Susan (Hetrech), Mary, Nicholas, Zechman, Margaret, Elizabeth, Catherine and Sarah.

(II) Nicholas Lieb, born Nov. 16, 1793, died Dec. 9, 1857. He is buried at the Bern Church, of which he was a consistent member. Nicholas Lieb owned a farm of about 100 acres on the Bernville road, between the Bern Church and Mt. Pleasant, in Penn township. In addition to farming he followed the tailor's trade, traveling through Berks and the surrounding counties, as was the custom in those days. He was one of the most representative men of his times, and one of the most popular in his neighborhood. When his father died he was the executor of the estate; the will, which was made Feb. 26, 1818, was probated July 25, 1818. His wife was Catherine Dundore, a daughter of Jacob and Anna Dundore, born Sept. 6, 1796, died March 4, 1881, aged eighty-four years, five months, twenty-eight days. Their children were: Elizabeth married Joel Kantner, and died in Penn township; Annie married John Gicker and died in Heidelberg township; Joshua is mentioned below; Aaron married Louisa Adams and died in Bern township (they had children: John, of Spring township, Eliza, of No. 1818 Perkiomen

avenue, Reading, the mother of Rev. M. L. Herbein, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and Amanda, who married Louis Klopp and is living at No. 324 North Front street, Reading, Pa.). Nicholas Lieb was a prominent and highly respected farmer and tailor and built up for himself a lasting reputation as a man possessing most excellent personal traits of character. Upright and honorable in his business transactions, and imbued with that generous public spirit that was always ready to assist in whatever was calculated to promote the welfare of his county and community, he made his worth felt and his loss was long mourned.

(III) Joshua Lieb, born May 3, 1826, died May 13, 1878, aged fifty-two years, ten days. He was born in Penn township on the old Lieb homestead, and for years remained with his father, engaged in farming. Marrying Miss Rebecca Lash (born Dec. 17, 1823, died Aug. 23, 1859, aged thirty-five years, eight months, six days), daughter of George Lash, he settled on the farm and there remained until five years prior to his death, when he removed to State Hill and built a home, there living retired until his demise. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of the Bern Church. He was a man of substance, and one who won the confidence of the community. Never aggressive, he nevertheless bore his part in the development and advancement of his community, and left the lasting heritage to his children of an unsullied name and spotless honor. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lieb: Ellen, who married Andrew Lotz, of Reading; Nathaniel W.; Rosa, who married John Hain, of West Reading; Emma, who married Edward Kramer, of Reading; Aaron L., of Bern township, married to Kate E. Yoder; Sallie, who married Frank E. Kauffman, of Reading.

(IV) Aaron L. Lieb attended the township public schools. He worked for his father until 1890, when he embarked in farming on his own account, in Lower Heidelberg township, but after a year he removed to Bern township, and resided on the Lash farm of 240 acres. After another year he went to Douglassville, and four years later settled on the Nicholas Dick farm, in Cumru township. His next location was at Poplar Neck, where he remained seven years, and then in 1902 he removed to Bern township, purchasing a farm at State Hill, of twenty acres, which later he sold.

Mr. Lieb married Kate E. Yoder, a daughter of William and Susan (Strunk) Yoder, and they had children as follows: William J., Howard N., and Harry P., deceased; A. Calvin, Annie F., John A., Katie R., Cora S. and Paul E., at home. Mrs. Lieb died Sept. 19, 1907, aged forty-one years, six months, nine days, and is buried at Hains Church cemetery, in Lower Heidelberg township.

Mr. Lieb is a member of the Bern Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Leesport. He is genial and pleasant in manner, and a man who has a host of warm personal friends. The Lieb family is widely known throughout Berks county.

HENRY H. YOST, one of the farmer residents of Sinking Spring, Spring township, Berks county, was born in Cumru township, this county, July 8, 1856, son of Amos S. and Catherine (Yocom) Yost, and grandson of Nicholas Yost.

Amos S. Yost was born in Cumru township, at Poplar Neck, in 1820, and died in 1889, aged sixty-nine years. He is interred at the Sinking Spring Church. During his useful life, he followed farming, owning two farms, and was a well-known and much respected resident of Berks county. His wife was a daughter of Nicholas Yocom, of Cumru township. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos S. Yost: Rosa, who married Joel Stiffey; Emma, who married A. I. Torbert; Abraham, of Bern township; Henry H., and Rebecca, who died young.

Henry H. Yost received his education in the common schools of Spring township, and has always been engaged in farming. One of his pleasant experiences was a seven months' trip he took through the West, doing farm work in Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa, and gaining an insight into different methods and ways of conducting farms. Upon his return he purchased the old Stitzel farm of 207 acres in Lower Heidelberg township, near State Hill, which he now rents out under contract, he having in 1899 removed to Sinking Spring and built himself a pleasant home, his present residence, in that community.

Mr. Yost has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, and is a Republican in politics. He has served as school director, and is now chairman of the board which is working toward the incorporation of Sinking Spring as a borough. One of the characteristic traits of Mr. Yost is his activity, for he keeps himself fully occupied with his private affairs as well as those of the community, and is rightfully regarded as one of the representative men of Berks county.

Mr. Yost married Emma C. Pottieger, daughter of Henry Pottieger, and they have had two children: Stella married Raymond S. Brubaker, and has one child, Henry Yost Brubaker; Florence died young.

In his religious affiliations Mr. Yost is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and has filled all the offices in that body. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 660, and has many friends in that organization, as he also has throughout a wide area, for he is a man of pleasing personality and kindly intent, and has few if any enemies.

WILLIAM S. LEVAN, of Mount Penn, Berks county, who is now serving as a member of the borough council, was born Jan. 12, 1869, on the old Stauffer homestead, near "Black Bear Hotel," in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Emma (Stauffer) Levan.

Mr. Levan was educated in the schools of Exeter township, and at the age of fourteen years entered the A. J. Brumbach woolen mills at St. Lawrence, being first engaged at burling cloth. He was then promoted to weaver, then to cloth finisher and finally to foreman carder. After about two years at the head of this department, Mr. Levan resigned, and he has since bought out the French Sanitary Coffee Company, of Reading, Pa., which business he now conducts at Mount Penn. He is an active Republican and is serving his second term as a member of the borough council. He is connected with the Mount Penn Fire Company, of which he was a charter member and its recording secretary. He is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., Reading Lodge of Perfection, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., St. Lawrence. He is a member of Unger's Band of Reading, and is its president. Mr. and Mrs. Levan attend the Schwartzwald Reformed Church, in which he is a member of the choir.

On Jan. 25, 1890, Mr. Levan was married to Miss Sallie Stoner, daughter of Solomon and Susan (Quinter) Stoner.

Solomon Stoner, who was one of the leading citizens of Mount Penn, was born at Stonersville June 10, 1838, and died Oct. 28, 1900, at his home in Mount Penn. His education was obtained in the local schools, after leaving which he engaged in a mercantile business, which he continued until 1893. In connection with this business he acted as clerk at many sales, owned and operated an extensive farm and conducted the "Red Lion Hotel" at Baumstown. In political matters he was a Democrat, but was never active in politics. He was a member of the Reformed Church. In 1893 Mr. Stoner associated himself with the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Berks county, as secretary, and served in that capacity until the illness that ended in his death caused his retirement. For some years he held a commission as notary public. In 1889 he located at Dengler's, now Mount Penn, and there made his home for the remainder of his life, his residence being one of the pleasant homes of that thriving borough. Mr. Stoner was a quiet, unassuming man, a lover of home and family, kind and gentle, a deep thinker and great reader. He was noted for his business ability, and as a

man of honor was intrusted with the settlement of various valuable estates.

Mr. Stoner was married to Susan Quinter, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Romig) Quinter, and granddaughter of Peter and Susan (Treugel) Quinter. Peter Quinter was a shoemaker at Suckertown, in Exeter township, and he and his wife lived to advanced ages, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Among the children in their large family was Joseph Quinter, the father of Mrs. Stoner. Joseph Quinter was born at Suckertown, and grew up in Exeter township, where he spent his life, operating a small farm. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following thirteen children: Ephraim, deceased; Sarah, deceased, wife of Simeon Snyder; two who died in infancy; Mary Ann, who died unmarried; Anna, who died in childhood; Samuel, a laborer of Birdsboro, married to Emma Schell; Peter, of Reading, married to Kate Ganster; Susan, widow of Mr. Stoner; Daniel, of Mount Penn, who married Amelia Faber; Joseph, of Buttertown, who married Christina Hill; Charles, of West Reading, who married Hannah Hill; and Levi, of Suckertown, who married Catherine Fisher.

To Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Stoner were born these children: (1) Calvin Stoner, a carpenter of Philadelphia, died there Feb. 20, 1908, aged forty-one years, ten months, nineteen days, and was buried in the family plot in Schwartzwald cemetery. He married Emma Bright and they had two sons, Paul A. and Solomon J. (2) Laura died Sept. 3, 1881, aged fourteen years. (3) Sallie is the wife of Mr. Levan. (4) Bessie is at home. The family are members of the Reformed Church at Schwartzwald, at which place Mr. Stoner was buried.

JAMES B. REBER, who has become well known to the people of Berks county, Pa., as an educator, was born in Windsor (now Perry) township, March 13, 1850, son of Joseph and Mary (Rothermel) Reber.

Joseph Reber, father of James B., was born in Windsor township, where he learned the carpenter's trade, following this occupation for some years. He then removed to Hamburg, Pa., being there employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, for a period of twenty-five years as boss carpenter and bridge builder. He was killed at Wayne Junction while working with a force of men on a bridge. During the Civil war he served as a subforeman in the construction corps. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Reber was twice married, his first wife being Mary Rothermel, daughter of Peter Rothermel, by whom he had these children: F. Leonard; Annie died aged thirteen years; and James B. The first wife of Mr. Reber died at the age of thirty-two years, and he married (second) Susan Mayer, who bore him these children: Joseph, Edward, Erastus, Samuel, Claude, Lewis, Minerva, Lilly, Laura and Iva.

James B. Reber resided in his native township until twenty-four years of age, with the exception of one year when he lived in Hamburg. He was educated in the schools of his native township and later at the Keystone State Normal school, which latter institution he attended for two terms. Mr. Reber began teaching in the fall of 1869, in a private stone dwelling along the pike, north of Hamburg, and the next two years taught at Hoffman's school in the same district. The next six terms were spent at the Windsor Castle school, Mr. Reber then removing to Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, where he taught Fisher's school for one term, and Becker's for three terms. At the end of that time he returned to his native township, where he has resided ever since, teaching Hoffman's school for one term and one term at Engel's. Mr. Reber became an agriculturist and painter, and as such has since continued, with the exception of the winter of 1896-97, when he completed the unexpired term at Hoffman's of his son, who met an accidental death. Mr. Reber served his township faithfully for nine years as auditor, and has been reelected for the next three years; and he has been drawn on many juries, both in Federal and local courts. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are consistent members of Salem United Brethren Church of Shoemakersville, where he has served as trustee, steward, deacon, secretary and treasurer, and for the last eight years as class-leader. He represented the church at several annual conferences, and has been assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years.

Mr. Reber was married Aug. 15, 1874, to Susan C. Schearer, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Schearer, and to this union there were born children as follows: Calvin A., born Oct. 30, 1874, was a teacher, and died by drowning while in swimming, July 12, 1896; Lillie A. is a masseuse at Bethlehem, Pa.; Laura L. married Charles Strauss of Bethlehem; Robert E., born Oct. 16, 1882; James A., born April 28, 1885; Elsie M.; Estella M.; and Llewellyn G., born July 27, 1892, died on Feb. 25, 1897, ten days after his mother.

JEROME S. BALTHASER, dealer in farm implements at Centreport, Berks county, has been engaged in that line since 1894. He was born March 15, 1864, in Upper Bern township, this county, and is a great-grandson of Jacob Balthaser.

Samuel Balthaser, his grandfather, lived in Penn township, Berks county, and followed farming, owning 110 acres of land. He died there at the age of fifty-six years, and is buried at St. Michael's Church, in what is now Tilden township. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Kissling, is buried beside him. They had children as follows: Jared K.; Levi; Aaron; William; John; Monroe; Mary m. Abraham De Turk; Lydia m. William Folk; Amelia m. Levi Kauffman; Isabella m. John L. Wagner, of Bernville.

Jared K. Balthaser was born Sept. 12, 1843, and died Jan. 31, 1903. He is buried at St. Michael's Church. He was engaged as a farmer and implement dealer in Upper Bern township and also in Upper Tulpehocken township, being in business for about thirty years. He owned two tracts of land, one of 103 acres and one of forty-eight acres, and he was well known throughout his section. He married Harriet Stoudt, daughter of David Stoudt, of Upper Bern township, and ten children were born to them: Jerome S.; Hon. Francis W., of Fleetwood, served in the State House of Representatives in 1906; Milton resides at Kutztown; Kate m. John Griffi, of Seipstown, Lehigh county, Pa.; Annie m. William Nies, of Tilden township; Rosa m. Ambrose Neff, of Seipstown, Lehigh county; Daniel C. is a baker, of Shoemakersville, Pa.; Wilson lives on the old homestead in Upper Tulpehocken township; Ida is unmarried; and Anson is a member of the class of 1909 at the Keystone State Normal School.

Jerome S. Balthaser attended the public schools in Upper Bern township, and in assisting his father learned the details of farming and the implement business, both of which lines he has continued to follow. In 1888 he began farming on his own account at the old homestead in the corner of Upper Bern township, and after remaining there four years came to Centreport in 1892. In 1894 he bought the old Michael Rentschler farm, the farm of his father-in-law, formerly the Benneville Loose place, which comprises thirty acres of good land, most of it lying outside of the borough, in Centre township. His fine residence, which he built in 1894, is just about ten feet outside of the borough line, and there he and his family have since resided. Mr. Balthaser started the implement business in 1894 and has built up a large trade, handling all kinds of farm machinery and devoting his time principally to this line, in which he has made such a decided success. He owns the hotel property at Centreport, one of the best of its kind in the county. Outside of his business and personal affairs he has various interests which keep him busy and in touch with the life of the community, at present serving as health officer of Centre township, to which office he was appointed. He was elected school director, and held that position for three years. Socially he holds membership in Camp No. 446, P. O. S. of A., at Centreport, of which he has been treasurer since 1896; in Castle No. 53, K. G. E., of Leesport; and in Lodge No. 60, Shepherds of Bethlehem, of Centreport. He plays bass in the Central Band of Centreport, which was organized

in 1894; is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Balthaser was married to Emma Rentschler, daughter of Michael G. and Caroline (Schock) Rentschler, of Upper Bern township, and they have become the parents of four children: Emerson; Oliver, who married Herma Bucks, daughter of Levi Bucks; Walter, and Rufus.

ALVIN WEISER, general farmer, residing on his excellent farm of seventy-five acres, which is situated in Maxatawny township, was born on the farm on which he lives, in Berks county, Pa., April 12, 1863, son of William and Sallie N. (Fenstermacher) Weiser.

William Weiser was born April 12, 1825, on the farm above mentioned, and died here June 24, 1900. He was a prominent farmer, owning 115 acres of valuable land and he made many excellent improvements, building the comfortable residence in which his last years were spent after he retired from active pursuits. For a considerable time he was a partner in the firm of Schweyer & Leiss, in the marble business. For many years he was an elder in the Christ Reformed Church at Bowers. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and on many occasions he served on the township school board. He married a daughter of David and Rebecca (Smith) Fenstermacher, who died June 27, 1906, aged eighty-four years, seven months and eight days. The children born to William Weiser and wife were as follows: (1) Leanda, born March 19, 1847, died Nov. 27, 1908. She married Francis J. Schwoyer, and they had children: Eliza, William, Eugene, Cyraneus, Endora, Astor and Neda. (2) Alfred, born July 24, 1849, married Amanda Hilbert, and died leaving two children, Edwin and Elizabeth. (3) David A., born March 12, 1852, was accidentally killed in a stone quarry, at Bowers, March 12, 1873. He was unmarried. (4) Cyraneus B., born Feb. 19, 1854, was accidentally killed in a mine explosion in Colorado, Jan. 7, 1892. He was not married. (5) Hannah R., born June 22, 1856, married Reuben L. Smith and resides in Rockland township. They had three children, Harry, Helen and Harvey. (6) Oliver W., born July 26, 1858, resides with his sister, Mrs. John D. Grim, at Bowers Station. He is foreman for the firm of Schweyer & Leiss. (7) Allen, born Jan. 28, 1861, died Dec. 13, 1863. (8) Alvin. (9) Ellen S. A., born March 19, 1865, died July 17, 1866. (10) Amanda P., born Sept. 9, 1867, married John D. Grim, residing at Bowers Station, and they have three children, William E., Sallie M. and George A.

Alvin Weiser attended the township schools through boyhood and always remained assisting his father on the home farm. In 1901 he bought seventy-five acres of the farm, made an addition to the house and made improvements all over the place. The substantial barn was built by his father in 1877. Mr. Weiser has an excellent location, being but a short distance from Bowers Station, making the transportation of his products and commodities a comparatively easy matter. This farm was known as the old Jacob Seibert farm and it became the property of Hannah Stout, grandmother of Alvin Weiser. A barn built in 1814 was rebuilt in 1877 by Mr. Weiser, and a house built in 1813 still stands, having been improved by Mr. Weiser.

In 1889, Alvin Weiser married Evella Kutz, daughter of David F. and Caroline (Haas) Kutz, and a granddaughter of Daniel and Catherine Fister. Mr. and Mrs. Weiser have the following children: Edgar D., Minnie E., George W., Paul A., Mary E., Annie E. and Lillian C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weiser are members of Christ Reformed Church, at Bowers, in which he has served as deacon. In politics he is a Democrat, and on that ticket served on the township election board, and in 1904 was elected a member of the school board of which he was made president and treasurer. He belongs to Lodge No. 634, I. O. O. F., at Lyon.

SOLOMON E. BAER, a highly esteemed retired citizen of Hamburg, Pa., where for a number of years he was engaged in agricultural operations, was born Aug. 9, 1856, on the old Jacob Baer farm in Perry township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lesher) Baer.

John (Hans) Baer, founder of the family in America, came from Zweibrücken, Germany, on the ship "Phoenix," landing at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 30, 1743. He spent a few years at Germantown, but before 1750 settled in Weisenburg, Lehigh county, on what is now the Kersher's farm, about one mile south of Claussville. He was an influential citizen and one of the builders of Ziegel's Church in 1750. He had these children: John; Jacob, progenitor of the Baers of Eastern Berks; Adam, progenitor of the Baers of Lehigh county; and Barbara, who married Henry Fetter, and lived in Allentown.

John Baer, son of John (Hans), was born in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, about 1750, and removed to Windsor township, Berks county, soon after the Revolutionary War, at which time his oldest daughter, Elizabeth, had already married and remained in Lehigh county. He lived on the David Baer farm, dying in the old home, full of years and with a comfortable competence. He married Katharine Rieser, and to them were born: John Jacob; John lived near Muncy, Lycoming county; Elizabeth m. a Mr. Schneck; Maria m. Henry Becker; Bevy m. John Seltzer; Katharine m. David Phillips; Susan m. Jacob Stertzler; Magdalena m. John Reber; Margaret m. Jacob Reber; and Lizzie m. John Brensinger.

John Jacob (Hon. Jacob) Baer, son of John and grandfather of Solomon E., was a farmer on the Baer homestead, and owned a valuable property consisting of over 300 acres. He married Katharine Fink, daughter of John Fink, and to them were born the following children: Jacob; Katharine m. John Balthaser; John m. (first) Betsy Baltzer and (second) Betsy Zettelmoyer; Susanna m. Henry Engel; Mollie m. Jacob Boyer; and David m. Sarah Miller.

Jacob Baer, father of Solomon E., was a farmer in Perry township, and owned the old Baer homestead on the pike, one and one-half miles north of Shoemakersville, consisting of 180 acres. He married Elizabeth Lesher, daughter of William Lesher and wife (whose maiden name was Heffner), and to this union there were born the following children: Catharine m. Daniel Lenhart; Elias m. Amena Strasser; Henry m. Lizzie Lenhart; J. William m. Nora Tobias; Hettie m. Zeth Klein; Solomon E.; Jacob m. Amanda Jacobi; Daniel, born May 10, 1862, died young; and Frank m. Lillie E. Heckman.

Solomon E. Baer obtained his education in the local schools and at Prof. R. G. Unger's academy at Shoemakersville, Pa. He worked on his father's farm until 1872, when the father died, and Mr. Baer conducted the farm for his mother for three years. After a short residence at Virginville, he moved in 1878 to Windsor township to a farm he had purchased about one and a half miles northeast of Hamburg, and this he farmed until the spring of 1904. This was a part of the Benneville Krick farm and consisted of twenty-five acres. He greatly improved it, erecting a barn, a summer home, a wagon shed, and outbuildings. In 1882 he planted an orchard of apples and peaches, which have yielded abundantly ever since. He used a part of the farm for trucking purposes, and raised all kinds of garden products for the market, which he sold in different towns in the coal regions. He has been thrifty, and has prospered accordingly. In politics Mr. Baer is a stanch Democrat, but he has never held office. He and his family are connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church in Windsor township. In 1904 Mr. Baer was a very heavy stockholder and director of the McConnellsburg, Fulton County Water Company, also a stockholder in the Windsor Water Company of Hamburg. At the present time he is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Hamburg.

On April 7, 1876, Mr. Baer married Elizabeth Krick, daughter of Benneville and Catharine (Shraer) Krick, and granddaughter of William Krick, whose wife was a Ziegenthaler. To Mr. and Mrs. Baer have been born children as follows: Wilson H. is single and lives at home; Eugene M. m. Cora Adam; Miss Minnie A. resides at home; and Elva E.

SOLOMON H. SAILER, one of the most prosperous farmers of Berks county, where he was actively engaged in farming during the whole period of his life, was a son of Henry and Sarah (Hahn) Sailer, and was born in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township Feb. 8, 1845. He died Feb. 23, 1891, on his farm in Muhlenberg township. He had intended to retire in the spring of 1891 and move in a new house which he had built on his farm, and there his widow lives at the present time.

Philip Sailer, great-grandfather of Solomon H., was born in Alsace, France, and came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century on account of the persecution of the Huguenots. He located at Sixth and Franklin streets, Reading, Pa., where he conducted a meat market. He was accompanied to this country by two of his brothers, who located west of the Susquehanna river, and all traces of them and their descendants have been lost. His wife was also a native of Alsace, France, and their union was blessed by the birth of three sons, namely: Phillip, who lost his life in the Revolutionary war; Frederick, who followed farming on a farm in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township; and Henry, the grandfather of our subject, who followed farming.

Henry Sailer was born in Reading, Feb. 29, 1764, and through all his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm owned by Governor Hiester. He married Anna Maria Magdalena Rothenberger, who was born Dec. 12, 1770, and reared two sons, Henry, the father of our subject; and John, a farmer of Alsace township.

Henry Sailer, father of Solomon H., was born in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, Berks county, Dec. 16, 1796, and he worked on the farm with his father, who died before middle life. Governor Hiester asked him to take charge of the farm made vacant by the death of his father, but he was a young man without means, and so informed the Governor. The latter, in his usual brusque manner, replied that he had money to loan him and for him to go on with the farm. This he did. He was a hard and industrious worker, and proved that the Governor's confidence in him was not misplaced. He returned the money advanced him from time to time, and became a very prosperous man. The Governor was so pleased with his work that a few years later, when the farm on which the Charles Evans cemetery is now located, was offered at sheriff's sale he insisted upon loaning him the money with which to buy the farm. After buying the farm Mr. Sailer still continued to live upon the Governor's place until the latter's death, and cultivated both tracts. He then moved upon his own farm, and became one of the representative farmers of the county. He remained there for a number of years, and after selling the property to Charles Evans, moved to Reading where he lived in retirement. He died March 20, 1880. He was a very wealthy man and at the time of his death owned eight farms, leaving one to each of his eight children. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. He married Sarah Hahn, daughter of Adam Hahn, a farmer of what is now Muhlenberg township, and they became the parents of six sons and two daughters, those besides Solomon H., being: Sarah, deceased, m. the late John H. Mertz, a farmer of Richmond township; Adam H., deceased, lived in Exeter township; Henry H. is a retired farmer of Muhlenberg township; Samuel H., deceased, lived at Reading; William H., deceased, was of Oley township; Franklin H. has his home in Amity township; and Catherine H., deceased, m. (first) the late William Lauer, and (second) Jeremiah Guldin, a retired farmer of Muhlenberg township.

Solomon H. Sailer was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the common schools of his native township and Reading. After completing his education he engaged in farm work, which he followed all his life. At the time of his death he owned two farms of 111 acres and 86 acres, respectively. As a man of good judgment and large means he was prominent in all public matters in his township, and was always found casting his influence in the direction of progressive movements, which promised to be of permanent benefit to his locality. His word was as good as a bond and he has been missed alike by family and friends of church and township.

On Jan. 24, 1867, Mr. Sailer married Sallie Ann Rahn, daughter of William and Susan (Merkel) Rahn, of Ontelaunee township, and eight children were born to this union, three of whom died in infancy; Milton R., of Reading, m. Deborah Boyer, and has five sons—Solomon B., William B., Milton B., Luke B. and Elmer Henry B.; Lydema M. m. William B. Rothermel, and has had two children—one who died in infancy, and William S.; Katie A., deceased, m. Adam G. Hahn, and had two children—one who died in infancy, and Adam S.; Estella A., m. Daniel Ebling, and has two children—Clarence D. S. and Estella S. A.; and Flora L., m. Wilson S. Becker. Mr. Sailer was a consistent member of the Reformed church, in which he was a deacon and elder for several terms. In politics he was a Democrat, and held the office of school director for several terms in Lower Heidelberg and Muhlenberg townships.

HENRY L. RITTER, a farmer in Colebrookdale township, near Boyertown, was born Nov. 4, 1854, on the farm where he now lives, and which he has owned since 1902. He is a son of Daniel Ritter and a grandson of John Ritter, being a descendant of a family which has been identified with this region for many years. Its history is complicated and difficult to trace, but the yearly reunions held of late have awakened interest and stimulated research to the extent that many hitherto little known facts have become matters of general knowledge and added materially to the store of information possessed by the Ritters concerning their origin. The family in America is now a large and prosperous one.

The name, which signifies "knight," originated during the middle ages, when the Crusaders organized over central Europe to redeem the Holy Land, and a society having for its object the defense of the faith, the protection of the weak and the honor of womankind also came into existence in central Europe, known as the Ritterschaft, that is, Knighthood. It flourished for a few centuries, and many people of rank as well as of the middle and lower classes belonged to it, but in time the organization became corrupt and was disbanded. About this time surnames began to come into general use, and many if not all who belonged to this society assumed the surname of Ritter. Thus there were a large number of the name in central Europe, their principal stronghold being apparently in the Palatinate, as nearly all who emigrated to America came thence. Emigration began during the middle of the eighteenth century, and many of the name are recorded as having entered at the various ports, many sailing from Rotterdam. Among these entries we find the names of Martin and Casper Ritter, who are supposed to have been brothers, Casper Ritter arriving in 1750 in the ship "Friendship" and Martin Ritter in 1749 in the ship "Phoenix." Most of the Ritters sailed from Rotterdam.

According to tradition Casper and Martin Ritter first settled in Delaware, but the soil and climate did not suit them, so they moved to Pennsylvania. Casper Ritter proceeded to Easton, then the county seat of what is now Lehigh and Northampton counties, and was granted a patent for a tract of five hundred acres on Fels creek, a few miles west of the confluence with the Lehigh river. The present town of Laury's is situated where the Fels creek joins the Lehigh river, and the farms now owned by Reuben Saeger, Prof. David S. Keck and John and Jeremiah Schneck, with perhaps a few smaller tracts, were all part of the original Casper Ritter farm. The land was undoubtedly in the woods and had to be cleared, and the old log hut which was occupied by Casper Ritter and his family stood until a few years ago. Whether he brought his wife with him or married her in this country is not known. They had six children who reached maturity: Jacob, Mrs. Johannes Frantz, John, Heinrich, Mrs. Nicholas Saeger and Mrs. Heinrich Frantz. Casper Ritter and his wife were buried on their farm on a small elevation a short distance from their dwelling. Except some of the

children of Mrs. Heinrich Frantz, who settled in Clinton county, their descendants settled in the same community, and of late they have held yearly reunions. Most of the Ritter families living in Lehigh and Northampton counties north of Allentown, and many living in Allentown, are the descendants of Casper Ritter, and they are a thrifty, honest class, noted for industry and longevity, and honorably engaged in various vocations and professions.

Martin Ritter, who came to this country in 1749, secured a patent for a tract of land in what is now Salisbury township, a few miles south of Allentown, and his descendants live principally in Allentown and south of that place, between Macungie and Freemansburg. He was the father of seven children: Martin, Henry, John, Daniel, Michael, Jacob and Gretchen (Mrs. Solomon Kline).

Francis Ritter, born in 1741, died in 1825, seems to have been the forerunner of the Ritter family in Berks county, and he was the son of Jonathan Ritter. His children were Daniel, John, Jacob and Samuel, of whom John was a prominent citizen of Berks county, owned and published the Reading *Eagle* for many years, served two terms as representative to Congress during Polk's administration, and refused the nomination for another term.

Originally the Ritters were located in Oley and Exeter townships, and the pioneers are buried in the cemetery near the Schwartzwald Church. According to tradition the first of the family here secured a large tract of land from the Indians, bargaining for a tract around which he could walk between sunrise and sunset. But later, when William Penn came into Pennsylvania, he claimed that the Indians had no right to sell land which the king of England had granted him, and thus the pioneer of the Ritter family lost his claim.

John Ritter, grandfather of Henry L. Ritter, was from the upper end of Colebrookdale township. He is buried at Boyertown. He was reared to farming, and lived for many years on the farm now owned by his granddaughter Aquilla Ritter, comprising over one hundred acres, in addition to which he owned the farm which is now the property of Henry L. Ritter. He was married three times. His first wife, Henry L. Ritter's grandmother, was Rosanna Kemmery, and one his wives was a Rhoads. Among his children were: Daniel, father of Henry L. Ritter; George, who lived and died at Norristown, Pa.; Henry, who had a son Augustus; John, who was the father of Aquilla Ritter (she is blind); Lydia, wife of Thomas Shoener; Mrs. Shell; Mrs. Daniel Moyer; and Mrs. Zoller.

Daniel Ritter, son of John, was born in Colebrookdale township, in 1827, and died on Thanksgiving Day, 1901, at the age of eighty-four years; he is buried in Fairview cemetery, in Boyertown. He was a lifelong farmer and a prosperous man, for many years owning the farm which now belongs to his son Henry, and in 1856 he built the large brick house which stands on the place. It is surrounded by a large lawn, which is inclosed by an iron fence, the whole place having an air of neatness which is a credit to the owner. Mr. Ritter was a Lutheran in religion, belonging to St. John's Church, with which his children also became identified, and he was a Democrat in political opinion. For nine years he served as school director in Colebrookdale township.

Daniel Ritter was married twice. His first wife was Sarah Guldin, who bore him two children, Jeremiah, of Reading, and Mary Hartman, of Philadelphia. He married (second) Anna Mary Landis, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Schall) Landis, and to them were born children as follows: Catharine, who is the widow of Edwin Knouse; Daniel, who died young; Lydia, married to Aaron Moyer and living on a farm which adjoins the property of her brother Henry; Henry L.; Matilda, who married Wallace Riegner; John, who lives on a farm formerly owned by his father, in Montgomery county, directly across the Berks county line and adjoining the farm of his brother Henry; and Ellen, wife of Alexander Buchert and living at Worman, Berks county.

Henry L. Ritter was reared to farming and passed his early years on the place where he now makes his home. He attended the common schools at Englesville, and I. B. Hankey's Academy of Boyertown, and continued to work for his father until he reached the age of nearly twenty-five years. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account on the homestead where he has since lived and which he has owned since 1902, and which has been the property of grandfather, father and son in turn. He is serving his fifth term as school director of Colebrookdale township, and is a Democrat in politics.

On Jan. 21, 1893, Mr. Ritter married Annie B. Drumheller, daughter of John and Maria (Batz) Drumheller, and granddaughter of William and Mary (Bricker) Drumheller; both her father and grandfather were residents of Earl township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ritter: Mamie D., Paul D. and Norman H. All this family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Boyertown.

JONATHAN K. BASHORE, a practical agriculturist of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., whose fine farm, the old Beshore homestead, was originally a grant from the Penns, was born Nov. 11, 1852, in Bethel township, son of Michael and Sallie (Kline) Bashore.

George Bashore, the great-grandfather of Jonathan K., received a grant of land in Bethel township, from the sons of Penn in 1747, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married and had children: Isaac, Jacob, John and Michael.

Michael Bashore, grandfather of Jonathan K., was born on this grant of land, and followed farming all of his life there, dying at the age of eighty-five years. He married a Miss Royer, who bore him seven children as follows: (1) George, a farmer and shoemaker, lived in Bethel township for some time, and died at the age of eighty-three years, the father of children as follows: William, John, Daniel, Carolina, Sarah and Mrs. Rigel. (2) Benjamin, a farmer of Ohio, had five children. (3) Jonathan, who resided in Bethel, married and had children: Levi, Amanda, Leah, Benjamin, Fianna, Henry, Emma and Wilson. (4) Daniel, also a resident of Bethel, and for many years a very prominent landlord on the road leading across the Blue Mountains to Pinegrove, Schuylkill county, died at the age of seventy-three years. He married a Miss Lesher, and they had five children: Peter, Hannah, Sarah, Lovina and Eliza. (5) John died unmarried aged about sixty-five years. (6) Michael. (7) Hannah, who married John Keeny, died in 1905, aged eighty years, the mother of Tyrus, Michael, Fyetta, Hannah and Maria.

Michael Bashore, father of Jonathan K., was born in 1816, on the old homestead in Bethel township, and there he engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life. He married Miss Sallie Kline, who still survives him and resides with her son, Jonathan K., being ninety years of age and enjoying very good health. She was born Nov. 3, 1817, daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie (Streiphauer) Kline. To Michael and Sallie (Kline) Bashore were born besides Jonathan K., the following children: Elias, who resided on his farm near Fredericksburg, died aged sixty-two years, the father of ten children; Eliza, m. William Murkey, and died young, leaving two children (her husband died in Virginia); Sarah, m. John Kline, and also died young, leaving two children, one of whom is living; Rebecca, m. Benjamin Moyer, resides in Kansas, and has four children, Frank, Milton, Charles and Rebecca; Israel resides in Missouri and has a family; and Emma died young.

Jonathan K. Bashore was educated in the public schools and assisted his father on the home farm, where he was married, and where he has always lived. His wife was Mary Royer, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Royer) Royer, and to them there have been born the following children: (1) Calvin, a resident on one of the farms near his father's, was for some time engaged in school teaching. He then went to Huntingdon to finish his studies and enter a profession, but failing health compelled him to re-

move to the farm, where he now is. He m. Miss Mary Reedy, and has three children—Ralph, Earl and Myrtle. (2) Cora m. Ira Gibble, of near Freystown, and has five children—Naom, Mary, Elmer, Paul and Stella. (3) Elmer, who resides at home, m. Emma Moyer, and has four children—Harvey, Herbert, Paul and Elmer. (4) Miles m. Miss Lizzie Price, and has four children—Edna, Stella, Verna and Lester. (5) Miss Mable lives at home. Harvey, Ella and Pamilla died young.

Mr. Bashore is a Republican in politics, and has been a delegate to county conventions and a school director, although the district is strongly Democratic. Like his father and grandfather he belongs to the Church of the Brethren.

JAMES M. HILL, a well known farmer and mule dealer of Berks county, who resides in his beautiful home east of Robesonia, along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, in Lower Heidelberg township, was born Feb. 21, 1865, in Mill-creek township, Lebanon county, son of John and Sarah M. (Groh) Hill.

Johannes Hill, great-grandfather of James M., was born July 15, 1759, and died Oct. 25, 1821. He was twice married, his first wife being Susanna Rollman, but there are no records to be found of their children, if they had any. He married (second) Hannah Pennebacker, who died Oct. 5, 1846. To this union were born two children, Peter and John.

Peter Hill, grandfather of James M., was born June 15, 1809, and died Jan. 8, 1891, and was buried in the family plot at Womelsdorf, where there is a fine monument erected to his memory. He was a farmer, and owned a property near Sheridan, on which he resided for many years. He married Hannah Hain, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Showers) Hain, born July 21, 1812, who died Aug. 12, 1897, and they had two children: Catherine, born Dec. 24, 1832, married Dr. James C. Levingood, and died Sept. 27, 1905; and John.

John Hill, who is a farmer and horse and mule dealer, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Feb. 19, 1836, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, an occupation in which he engaged for many years. At the close of the Civil war he engaged in trading horses and mules, in which business he has continued to the present time. In 1891 he came to Womelsdorf, where he has since resided, and in addition to his residence here he owns two farms in Marion township, which became his after the death of his sister Catherine, the old Hill homestead at Sheridan, Lebanon county, where he lived for thirty years, and a valuable tract above Womelsdorf in Heidelberg township. On Nov. 16, 1862, Mr. Hill married Sarah M. Groh, who was born on her father's farm near Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Aug. 12, 1839. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill the following children have been born: James M.; Hannah, who died in infancy; Katie S., born June 11, 1868, died Feb. 1, 1904, aged thirty-five years, seven months, twenty days; and Sallie E., wife of Dr. Evan Menzer of Reading, died July 23, 1903, aged twenty-eight years, nine months, sixteen days.

Abraham Groh, grandfather of Mrs. Hill, was a farmer near the "Half-Way House" in Jackson township, Lebanon county. He married Elizabeth Halderman, and their children were: Henry, Jacob, John, Abraham, Christian, Michael, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Michael Groh, father of Mrs. Hill, lived near Myerstown, Lebanon county, and was a farmer and well known citizen. He married Susanna Moyer, daughter of John and Kate (Wolfensberger) Moyer, and they had these children: John; Israel W.; Sarah (m. John Hill); Susanna H.; and Michael (died in infancy). Mrs. Hill has the two old family Bibles, the one belonging to Peter and the other to the first John, or Johannes, Hill. She also prizes very highly the two grandfather clocks, one of which belonged to her great-grandfather John Moyer and the other belonging to Johannes Hill, her husband's grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Hill reside in a very nice residence on High street, Womelsdorf, and are in comfortable circumstances, the only shadow on an otherwise happy existence being the loss of their two daughters.

James M. Hill was educated in the public schools and at the Lock Haven Normal school, being brought up at the parental home, where he lived until 1889. In this year he began farming for himself on his father's farm at Stouchsburg, where he carried on successful operations for ten years, and then removed to Womelsdorf, where the following three years were spent in the mule business. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Hill moved upon his present fine farm in Lower Heidelberg township, situated along the trolley track on the pike, an excellent property of twenty-nine acres, the soil of which yields abundant crops. His substantial buildings present a fine appearance, and the brick residence is surrounded by large shade trees. He also has a good farm of ninety-two acres located in Marion township, which he has tenanted. Mr. Hill, who presents a commanding appearance, being tall and well-built, is of a genial and courteous disposition, and is favorably known throughout this section of Berks county. He commenced to deal in mules in 1885, when comparatively a young man, and now handles from 200 to 250 mules annually, principally Kentucky bred. He has regular customers among the farmers of his district, as well as among the coal regions of Schuylkill county, also doing a good business with a large firm at Palo Alto, the telephone playing an important part in the transactions. He is a man of integrity, and enjoys an enviable reputation for honesty and square dealing with his customers. In politics Mr. Hill is an independent Democrat, voting rather for the man than the party.

On Oct. 31, 1889, Mr. Hill was married to Carrie Hauder, the estimable daughter of William Hauder, deceased, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Hill worship at Zions Union Church of Womelsdorf, of which they are Reformed members, and in the cemetery adjacent to this church is the Hill family burial plot, on which is erected a handsome monument.

ISAAC M. ROTHENBERGER, general merchant at Wernersville, was born in Ontelaunee township, Aug. 22, 1866, son of Franklin and Catharine (Miller) Rothenberger.

Daniel Rothenberger, his grandfather, was of Muhlenberg township, and carried on a farm adjoining the Alsace Church until 1876, when he retired and removed to Reading, where he died in 1890. He married Elizabeth Gehret, and by her had ten children: Franklin; Obediah m. Amelia Eyrich; Frederick m. Catharine Fisher; Jacob m. Sallie Mengel; Levi m. Lizzie Miller; Daniel m. Amelia Schmehl; Mary m. Mayberry Hartman; Catharine m. William Fisher; Leah m. Ben. Fox; and Elizabeth.

Franklin Rothenberger, father of Isaac M., was a farmer of Ontelaunee township for many years, retiring in 1896. He was twice married, and by his first wife Catharine Miller became the father of twelve children: Mary, m. A. G. Rothermel; Urias, m. (first) Ella Balthasar, and (second) Mary Deturck; Milton, moved to Windsor, Ill.; Daniel, moved to Lancaster; Isaac M.; Sarah m. J. J. Kelchner; Clayton m. Ella Rickenbach; Franklin m. Sallie Miller; Morris, is unmarried; Kate m. John Stoudt; and two died young. Catharine (Miller) Rothenberger, who was a daughter of Isaac Miller, died in 1894, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. Rothenberger married (second) the widow of John Koller.

Isaac M. Rothenberger was educated in the public schools, and after leaving school assisted his father in his farming operations until he was of age. He then engaged as a clerk in the store of A. G. Rothermel, his brother-in-law, at Blandon for five years, and then was in the dry goods store of J. Mould & Co., at Reading for two years. With this experience he became a partner in the business of Mr. Rothermel at Blandon, and they traded under the firm name of A. G. Rothermel & Co. for five years, from 1895 to 1900. He then sold his interest in the store and formed a partnership with Ephraim Dunkel, and they

carried on a coal, lumber, grain, flour and feed business at Blandon, under the name of Dunkel & Rothenberger, for two years. Selling his interest in this business to Mr. Dunkel's son, he purchased a general store at Wernersville, and removing to this city, took his brother Franklin in as a partner, and they carried on the business as I. M. Rothenberger & Bro., for three years. In the spring of 1906 he purchased his brother's interest, and has since carried on the business alone.

Mr. Rothenberger served as a school director of Maidencreek township for three years. While at Blandon he took great interest in the Sunday school and officiated as superintendent thereof for three years. He was also the leader in th singing, accompanying on a cornet during the exercises. When he located at Wernersville he manifested the same interest in the Reformed Sunday school, being the teacher of the Ladies Bible Class, and acting as chorister at the same time. Both he and his wife were members of Hain's Church choir. He was one of the first men to agitate the establishment of a bank at Wernersville, and upon its successful organization he was elected one of its directors.

In 1894 Mr. Rothenberger married Anna Weidenhammer, daughter of Wellington Weidenhammer, of Montour county, and they had one daughter who died in infancy. Wellington Weidenhammer served as justice of the peace in the town of Limestoneville for forty consecutive years.

WILSON P. KRUM, one of the well-known residents of Krumsville, Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., where he is prominently identified with business interests, was born July 2, 1841, at Saegersville, Lehigh county, son of Jonas and Catherine (Peter) Krum.

At the early age of fourteen years Wilson P. Krum left home to make his own way in the world. He attended the public schools of his native locality for several terms, later enrolled as a student in the Allentown Seminary, and subsequently took the prescribed course at the Millville Normal school at Millville, Columbia Co., Pa., after which he taught school for five terms in Columbia county and two terms in Lehigh county. In 1867 he came to Berks county, and began the mercantile business as a clerk in the Smithville store, and after one year purchased the store at Wessnersville, which he conducted until 1876, at which time he sold out to E. D. Kistler and removed to Slatington, Lehigh county, engaging in the mercantile and slate business. In 1889, however, he returned to Berks county, and settled at Krumsville, where he has since been located.

By close attention to business and perseverance, Mr. Krum has amassed quite a competency. He is interested in the E. D. Peters & Co. Ltd. General Merchandise Company, at Slatington, Pa., and also owns a large slate factory at Slatington. It requires five engines to operate the factory and the quarries. He has his office at Krumsville, where he solicits orders for roofing and slate material. As his business card says of these products: "Strictly unfading—a test proof sixty years—where used no other wanted." In addition to these interests, Mr. Krum is interested in the Blue Mountain Slate Company, in which he is associated with James Owens, and is president of the Berks and Lehigh Fire Insurance Company. He owns a beautiful home in Krumsville, a large store building, the hotel, and a large farm of fertile land. In politics he is a Republican, and he is the Republican committeeman of his township. He is a member of Bethel's Zions Reformed Church, at Grimville, Pa., and for more than sixteen years has been a member of the church consistory.

LEWIS M. KIEFFER, a prominent auctioneer of Berks county, also engaged in the farming implement business, is a resident of Fleetwood, Pa. He was born May 8, 1858, in Richmond township, near Lyons, on land adjoining the original Kieffer homestead, which is now in possession of Nicholas Kieffer, a cousin of Lewis M.

Jacob Kieffer, grandfather of Lewis M., lived in Richmond township, and owned the excellent farm just referred to. He married Annie Sell, and to him and his wife were born these children: Peter; Rebecca, the wife of Jonathan Bieber, a prosperous farmer of Maxatawny; and Valentine.

Valentine Kieffer was a farmer and resident property owner of Richmond township, owning 150 acres of excellent farm land near Lyons. In politics he was a Democrat, but never cared for office. He married Maria Merkel, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Sheridan) Merkel, of Richmond township, and they had children as follows: Sarah, the wife of Abner Hoch, of Lyons, Pa.; Andora, the wife of Frank Schaeffer, of Fleetwood; Lewis M.; Alvin J., of Reading; George A., of Reading; Laura, who died at the age of ten years; Edward, of Reading; Emma, who married Levi Rhode of Lyons; Charles D., of Reading; Ella, who married Harry Herbine, a farmer of Exeter township; and Valentine M., who resides in Reading.

Lewis M. Kieffer was reared to farm work, living upon his father's homestead until twenty-five years of age. His early intellectual training was secured in the common schools of his native township, and this was supplemented by a course at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. Upon leaving the latter institution Mr. Kieffer engaged in school teaching, which he followed successfully in Richmond township for eight terms, and about this time became prominent as an auctioneer, his services since that time having been sought in every section of Berks county east of the Schuylkill, as well as across the river in Schuylkill county. With possibly a few exceptions he has cried more sales than any other man in Berks county, averaging more than 100 sales per year for the past quarter century. Mr. Kieffer has also engaged in selling farming implements, being employed by the Schaeffer, Merkel Co., of Fleetwood, for more than seventeen years, and is now selling harvesters and mowers for the Milwaukee Harvester Company.

Mr. Kieffer was married July 9, 1887, to Miss Mary E. D. Schlegel, daughter of Abraham and Annie (Deysher) Schlegel, of Richmond township, and to this union were born: Nora E., Lloyd R., F. Geneva, Paul A., and Oliver E. Mr. Kieffer has been honored on several occasions by his fellow citizens who have elected him as councilman, in which capacity he served most efficiently, acting as secretary of the council for two years, and as president of that body for one year. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of St. Paul's Union Church of Fleetwood, belonging to the Reformed denomination. Mr. Kieffer and his family live in his fine brick residence in Fleetwood.

GEORGE B. MOSER, implement dealer at West Leesport, was born on the Moser homestead in Bern township April 24, 1864, son of Benneville and Mary Malinda (Schaffer) Moser.

Valentine Moser, his great-grandfather, was born in Bern township, and is buried at Epler's Church, the sandstone tombstone still marking his grave though the inscription has long since been obliterated. He married Rosina Fisher, and among their children were Fildy, Wily and Samuel.

Samuel Moser, son of Valentine, was born June 23, 1801, and he died June 6, 1862. He owned the homestead of 300 acres in Bern township, a large part of which was woodland. He hewed down trees and erected log cabins on the land, and he became one of the substantial men of his day, and was very well known. He conducted the Moser distillery on his farm for many years, and he was also a great fisherman, his death occurring while he was fishing at Moser's dam (now abandoned). He was buried at Epler's Church, of which he was an active member. He married Maria Body, daughter of Henry Body. She was born Sept. 29, 1796, and died Dec. 23, 1870. Their children were: William, who died on the old homestead; Valentine, and Benneville, who both died in Bern township; Samuel, who died in Alsace township; Maria, who married Jacob

Bittner; Rose, who married Llewellyn Schelly; Eliza, unmarried; Sarah, who married William Klopp; and Louisa, who married Levi F. Dietrich, of Garfield, Centre township.

Benneville Moser, son of Samuel, was born in Bern township Jan. 24, 1831, and was a farmer there until his retirement a few years before his death, which occurred Nov. 24, 1892. He owned the old homestead of 160 acres, on which he erected all of the buildings except the house, and that was built by his grandfather, Valentine Moser, in 1801. The barn was built in 1882. Mr. Moser also owned two other farms, one adjoining the homestead, and the other of thirty-three acres in Centre township. He was a member of Epler's Reformed Church, and served as deacon and elder, ever being active in religious work. He married Mary Malinda Schaffer, born May 21, 1842, daughter of George and Malinda (Kissling) Schaffer. She died April 20, 1902. Three children were born of this union: Samuel H., living on the homestead; George B., of West Leesport; and Sallie S., wife of Daniel Lamm, of Penn township.

George B. Moser was brought up to a thorough knowledge of farm work, and he gave his services to his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, at which time he started out for himself on one of the Moser farms, adjoining the original tract, and there he lived for seven years. Then in the spring of 1894 he moved to West Leesport, and engaged in the livery business, conducting this most successfully until 1907, when he sold out to John W. Rahn. Since then he has engaged in the sale of farm implements, handling the McCormick machines, and he has made an enviable record. He resides in a charming little cottage near the Station, and this he owns, besides three other pieces of valuable property on Railroad street, and three on River street, all of which are rented.

In poltitics Mr. Moser is a Democrat, and he has been exceedingly active in his party's welfare. Since 1904 he has been committeman for the borough, and since the spring of 1901 he has been constable. He has served as delegate to a number of county conventions, and in 1905 was a delegate to the State convention. Socially he is a member of Camp No. 165, P. O. S. of A.; Castle No. 503, K. G. E.; Ontelaunee Council, No. 985, O. of I. A., all of Leesport. He and his family attend Leesport Church, belonging to the Reformed Congregation. While living in Bern township, Mr. Moser was a deacon in Epler's Church.

On June 19, 1886, Mr. Moser married Clara R. Tobias, born June 29, 1867, daughter of Jacob G. Tobias. She died June 30, 1902, the day following her thirty-fifth birthday. The three children of this union were: Stella m. Clayton Koller; Jennie m. Wayne Bagenstose; and Jacob. Mr. Moser m. (second) Mary R. Weisner, daughter of James R. and Lucy Ann (Frederick) Weisner, and widow of Nelson N. Thomas. By her first marriage Mrs. Moser had two sons, J. Samuel and Howard W.

WILLIAM KLINE SHALTER, one of the substantial citizens of Cumru township, Berks county, who is the owner of a fine 156-acre property, and the secretary-treasurer and manager of the Mount Penn Ice Company, organized in 1900, was born on the place which he is now operating, Sept. 29, 1856, son of George and Eliza (Kline) Shalter.

George Shalter was born Feb. 29, 1808, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and died in Reading in 1890. His home was in Maiden-creek township until he purchased the old Schwartz estate in Cumru township in 1855, and there he was engaged in farming and manufacturing charcoal iron until 1872. Mr. Shalter was a successful business man and highly esteemed citizen, and at the time of his death had accumulated a comfortable competency. On May 29, 1833, Mr. Shalter was married to Eliza Kline, born April 30, 1815, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Kline, and to this union there were born children as follows: Isabella m. William M. Kauffman; Richard M.; Sarah S. m. Cyrus J. Hunter; Eliza J., born Oct. 21, 1841, died May 23, 1842; Emma K. m. John G. Kalbach; Elmira, born Sept. 22, 1845, died Sept. 9, 1846; George, born Aug. 3, 1847, died Aug. 29, 1848; Mary M. m. C. K. Whitner, the well-known Reading merchant; and William K.

William K. Shalter obtained his education in the township schools, the Reading high school and the old Chester N. Farr Business College of Reading, after leaving which he worked for Lerch & Bro., hardware dealers, and the Bard & Reber Hardware Company of Reading for about ten years. In 1883 Mr. Shalter began farming in West Point, Cuming Co., Nebr., but after nearly three years returned to Cumru township and engaged in farming his father's farm. This property he acquired in 1889, and it now consists of 156 acres of some of the most highly cultivated land of Cumru township. Mr. Shalter is also the owner of the old Mount Penn Furnace property, on which was a well-known iron industry during the early part of the nineteenth century and until after the Civil war. He is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Mount Penn Ice Company, organized in 1900, which employs five teams regularly and houses 7,000 tons of ice annually, all of this being sold in Reading. Mr. Shalter is a Republican in national affairs, while in local matters he is independent, and for one term served as auditor of the township. He and his family are Reformed members of Yocum's (Christ) Union Church.

On March 20, 1881, Mr. Shalter was married to Mary Ann Kurtz, born Dec. 9, 1856, daughter of Henry and Amanda (Schwartz) Kurtz, and to them were born six children: Isabella K.; Henry K.; Nora K., born Sept. 7, 1888, died March 21, 1891; William G.; Carrie K. and Mary K.

JASPER Y. LIGHTFOOT, a well-known retired citizen of Blandon, Pa., who was for many years engaged in painting in Maiden-creek township, was born Jan. 26, 1849, near the old Friends' Meeting House, in that township, Berks county, son of David and Harriet (Kerchoff) Lightfoot.

Samuel Lightfoot, grandfather of Jasper Y., married Rachel Yarnell, and they had these children: David; Susan m. Joseph Wright; and Margaret m. Jesse Willits.

David Lightfoot, father of Jasper Y., married Harriet Kerchoff, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Kerchoff, and to this union there were born the following children: Eliza K. m. Daniel Melot; Margaret and Jane both died single; and Jasper Y.

Jasper Y. Lightfoot was reared in his native vicinity, where he attended the public schools, later going to Tremont Seminary at Norristown. He then clerked for some time in a store, but subsequently learned the trade of painter, which he followed until recent years, when he retired, and now only occasionally handles odd jobs. Mr. Lightfoot was married to Sarah C. Mengel, daughter of John and Mary (Hix) Mengel, and to this union there were born three children: Susan Eliza is deceased; Mary Jane m. Harris Redcay, and has had two sons, Harris (who died aged four days) and Linwood S.; Emma Lizzie is deceased. Mr. Lightfoot's wife and daughter are members of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Republican, but he has never aspired to office outside of his township.

JOHN D. ROBERTS, a farmer of Washington township, where he has served as supervisor since 1894, is a native of Hereford township, Berks county, born July 3, 1861. He is a son of Everard Roberts, grandson of John Roberts, and great-grandson of Everard Roberts, who may have come to America with his son, though it is possible the latter emigrated alone when a young man, before his marriage.

John Roberts, son of Everard and Sarah Roberts, born Oct. 10, 1778, died Nov. 20, 1854, and is buried at Quakertown, Bucks county. He came from England, and was a Quaker in religious faith. He married Sarah Myers,

daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Myers, born April 20, 1777, died Aug. 15, 1855, and they had a large family, born as follows: Elizabeth, in 1802; Anna, 1803 (died in 1881); Everard, 1805; Abigail, 1807; Hannah, 1809; Edward, 1810 (died in 1880); John, 1812 (died in 1870); Susan, 1813; Sarah, 1816; Lewis, 1818.

Everard Roberts, father of John D. Roberts, was a native of Bucks county, Pa., born Nov. 11, 1805, near Quakertown. He died Sept. 16, 1891, aged eighty-five years, ten months, five days, and had never known sickness of any kind. He is buried at Zionsville. Mr. Roberts was a farmer by calling. He married Deborah Foulk, daughter of Hugh and Catherine Foulk, born Nov. 25, 1804, died March 3, 1852, and by this union there were five children, as follows: Joseph, born in 1834; Edwin, in 1838; Charles, 1842; Deborah, 1844; and Everard, 1846. For his second wife Mr. Roberts married Mary Deischer, daughter of Peter and Mary Deischer, born Nov. 27, 1823, died June 20, 1898, aged seventy-four years, six months, twenty-three days, and five children were also born to this marriage: Sarah m. Daniel Hoffman; Amanda m. Samuel S. Schultz, Esq., of Hereford township; James resides in Hereford township; John D. is mentioned farther on; Allen is a resident of Illinois.

John D. Roberts attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home and was reared upon the farm, continuing to work for his parents until he was twenty-one years old. Then he and his brother, James H., began farming the old Benjamin Yeakel homestead in Hereford township, continuing together for five years, and having their parents with them. When at the end of the five years they dissolved partnership, James H. went to Red Hill in Montgomery county, and John D. and his wife remained one year longer on the farm. In April, 1888, Mr. Roberts moved to the tract upon which he has ever since resided, twenty-four acres located three-quarters of a mile north of Bally, and he follows farming. He has made a number of improvements upon the place during his ownership, has repaired the barn, and in the fall of 1908 remodeled the house, adding to the value of his property in many ways. He has a cozy home, which he has acquired through his own industry, and he is much respected wherever known. As supervisor for many years he has become well known all over his home township. Though a stanch Republican in a strong Democratic district he was elected to that office in the spring of 1894 over William M. Kase, Democrat, who had held the office for seventeen years continuously. Throughout his long experience in that office he has performed his duties faithfully, winning the confidence of his fellow-citizens to an unusual degree.

Mr. Roberts married Sept. 29, 1885, Ida S. Batz, daughter of William and Sarah (Schell) Batz, of Hereford township, and they have had two children, Elwood and Mary A. Mrs. Roberts worships at Huffs Church. Mr. Roberts is a member of Council No. 1019, Order of Independent Americans, which is located at Eshbach, Berks county.

GEORGE B. GRUBER, who is engaged in farming and huckstering in Perry township, Berks county, was born March 29, 1843, in the district in which he still resides, son of John S. and Elizabeth (Baer) Gruber.

Christian Gruber, the great-great-grandfather of George B. Gruber, was the first American ancestor of this family. He was born Oct. 12, 1712, and died Nov. 11, 1781. His home was in Heidelberg township, Berks county. He married Anna Kunigard Shep, by whom he had children as follows: John m. Elizabeth Emerich and went West; Christian; Mary Catherine and John Adam died single; John Albrecht left Berks county in 1806, settling in West Virginia (he m. Susanna Knapp); and Anna Margaret m. William Grisman.

Christian Gruber, son of Christian, was born Jan. 5, 1745, and settled in Windsor township after the Revolutionary war. He married Susanna Sliger and their children were: Christina m. Frederick Bailey; Barbara m. John Hoffman; John George; Susannah m. George Body; John Adam m. Susannah Reeser; and Elizabeth m. Christian Berger.

John George Gruber, grandfather of George B., was born Aug. 9, 1778, and died Jan. 26, 1866. He was a blacksmith by trade, and lived on his farm of twenty-seven acres of land near Virginville. He was a remarkably strong man, standing six feet and two inches, and weighing about 225 pounds, could manage any horse, and by main force could throw it to the ground. He never met the man who dared fight him, and was feared by those who boasted of their physical powers. He was an uncompromising Democrat, and was county poor director in his district for fifteen years. Mr. Gruber married Hannah Savage, daughter of John Savage, born Jan. 16, 1786, and she died Oct. 13, 1846. Their children were: Susanna (m. Solomon Mengel, of Shartlesville, Pa.) and John S.

John S. Gruber, father of George B., was born Feb. 4, 1807, was a farmer near Virginville, Berks county, and died Oct. 11, 1889. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation for many years, also carrying on operations on his 164-acre farm. He also conducted a blacksmith shop, and did all work of that kind in his neighborhood. Mr. Gruber was greatly interested in educational matters, serving as school director for several terms. He is buried at Zion's Union Church, of which he was a regular member. Mr. Gruber married Elizabeth Baer, daughter of John and Susannah (Reeser) Baer, and to this union there were born: Hannah m. (first) William Ramer, and (second) William Morgan; Elizabeth m. Israel M. Becker; and George B.

George B. Gruber secured a good education in the common schools of his native township, which he left at the age of nineteen years, and his boyhood was spent on his father's farm, on which he has lived all of his life. In 1888 he embarked in business as a huckster, buying butter and eggs from the farmers of his district and in Windsor, Greenwich and Richmond townships, and has an extensive weekly route. In 1873 he purchased part of the Daniel Becker estate, consisting of thirty-eight acres of good land, which Mr. Gruber has greatly improved. He rebuilt the wagon shed and other buildings, remodeled the house and beautified the property in many ways. He now has a fine little home, there being few places that are kept in better repair. As a citizen Mr. Gruber stands high in his community, being intelligent and progressive. He enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow-men. In political matters, like all of the Grubers, he votes the straight Democratic ticket. He and his wife attend the Shoemakersville Church, he being a Lutheran member, while she clings to the Reformed faith.

On Feb. 20, 1869, Mr. Gruber was married to Tillarah F. Hamscher, daughter of William and Angelina (Fenstermacher) Hamscher, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Ada E. m. R. E. Clevenstine, of Spring City, Pa.; Ella M. m. J. Edward Tyson, also of Spring City, Pa.; John M., unmarried, is manager of a large grocery store in Philadelphia; George M. m. Marguerite Saul; William M. m. Lavada Seidel; Harvey M. m. Laura Baver; Cora H. m. Thomas Naftzinger; Joseph I. W. m. Anna Latshaw, and is living at Spring City, Pa., where he is a manager of a large factory; Norman I. m. Lydia Boyer; Robert C. m. Fannie Kurtz, and is assistant manager with his brothers in Spring City, Pa.; and Virgil M., Wilmer A., Sallie T. and Katie A. are all at home with their parents.

MARX REIMER, engaged in the real estate business and formerly proprietor of the "Textile Inn," at Wyomissing, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Prussia, June 18, 1869. He was educated in the local schools and also the high school, attending until he was twenty-two years old, and then he emigrated to America, arriving at Reading, Pa., Nov. 3, 1891. He worked first for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and afterward in different iron mills in Reading, in the State of Connecticut and in the Pencoyd works in Pennsylvania until 1894, when he entered the employ of Nolde & Horst, hosiery manufac-

turers of Reading, in their finishing department at Philadelphia, and he remained with them in that city until 1897, when they removed this department to their large plant in Reading. He continued working for them until January, 1903, when he removed to Wyomissing to take charge and possession of the "Textile Inn," a large and substantial three-story brick building with modern improvements, which he had erected in 1902, on a large lot of ground at the corner of Penn Avenue and Van Reed road, and he conducted this hotel in a successful manner until the spring of 1908, when he sold out to Frank Lauer. During 1907-08, he erected six houses on Hill avenue, Wyomissing, and has during the the winter of 1909 established a real estate office in Wyomissing and secured the agency for a considerable number of lots and houses in that place.

In the incorporation of Wyomissing into a borough Mr. Reimer took a very active part; and at the first election in 1906 he was chosen one of the school directors. In April, 1907, Mr. Reimer and his family went to Germany, and there spent five months, visiting his old home and other points of interest. In 1899 Mr. Reimer married Mrs. Lizzie Sanders, widow of Nathan Sanders (who died in 1893), and by her had two sons: Robert Marx and Carl Friederich. His wife had a son, Elwood Paul, by her first husband. Jonathan Tobias, father of Mrs. Reimer, was a farmer of Bern township, and was killed in Leinbach's stone quarry. He married Isabella Shalter, and by her had five children: Charles, Kate, Lizzie, Rose and Thomas (deceased).

Mr. Reimer's father was Hans Reimer of Schleswig-Holstein, who died at the age of thirty years. He married Margaretha Hensen, of the same place, and upon his death the son Marx, who was still a small boy, was taken by the grandmother Hensen who brought him up and educated him.

WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, who has been identified with the agricultural interests of Berks county, for a number of years, and who now resides in Robeson township, was born in that township, Oct. 14, 1840, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lykens) Kennedy.

Thomas Kennedy, it is believed, was born in the lower part of Chester county, was reared upon a farm, and early in life was engaged in work around the old Hampden furnaces, hauling and cutting wood. He also did boating on the Schuylkill Canal, and in 1840 he purchased the farm now owned by his son, William H. Here Mr. Kennedy engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement, eighteen years prior to his death, in 1891, when he was aged ninety years, and twelve days. Mrs. Kennedy died in 1878, when seventy-four years old. The children born to Thomas Kennedy and his wife were: Sarah m. Joel Moyer; Elizabeth m. Abram Snyder; Mary m. John Clouser; Hannah m. William Lloyd; Lucinda m. William H. Bitler; Lucetta died in infancy; Edwin is mentioned elsewhere; and William H. The family attended the M. E. Church, although not members. In politics Mr. Kennedy was a Republican.

William H. Kennedy was educated in the common schools of Robeson township, and when a boy worked about his father's farm. At the age of eighteen years he left home and enlisted in Reading, Nov. 28, 1861, in Battery M, 5th United States Light Field Artillery, serving for two years and three months. He re-enlisted at Brandywine Station, Va., in the same battery, and his service covered five years, two months, fourteen days, he having been promoted to sergeant and corporal, being discharged as such at the close of the war. He was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and served in all in twenty-seven battles, his experiences being many and varied. Mr. Kennedy's record is that of a brave and faithful soldier and a capable officer.

After his discharge at Fort Jefferson, Dry Tortugas, Florida, Mr. Kennedy returned home, and for one year worked on the farm, at the end of this time engaging with Benjamin Grubb, at whose stone quarry he was employed for two seasons. In company with his brother, Edwin, Mr. Kennedy then rented the Kirby farm, which they operated six years, afterward moving to a farm near White Bear, on which they remained for four years. Mr. Kennedy next spent one year on Edwin Kennedy's farm, and in 1881 he purchased the old homestead, a tract of about fifty-nine arces, which he devotes to general farming and trucking.

Mr. Kennedy married Mary M. Wicklein, daughter of Daniel Wicklein, and eight of the thirteen children born to this union are living, namely: Annie m. Alvin Lykens; Hannah m. Heber Glass; Laura m. William Hahn; Grant m. Jennie Bechtel; Daisy m. Charles Fagan; Luther; Elwood; and Elmer. Those deceased are Maggie, William, Harriet, and two others. In religious belief the family are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Kennedy is a Republican in politics, and has held a number of minor township offices. He is an elder in the church, and was formerly connected officially with the Sunday-school.

LEVI ALFRED WALBERT, residing at Topton, where he is successfully conducting a grain, coal and lumber business, has a similar establishment at Hancock Station on the same line of railroad. He was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Nov. 27, 1857, son of Levi and Mary Ann (Benner) Walbert.

Jacob Walbert, grandfather of Levi Alfred, was a farmer who resided at Hynemansville, Lehigh Co., Pa. He died there and was buried at Zeigler's Church. He had a large family but all are deceased.

Levi Walbert, son of Jacob, owned the old homestead, on which he died aged fifty-six years. He married Mary Ann Benner, a daughter of George Benner, and they had the following children: Diana (deceased) married (first) Ephraim Ritter and (second) Stephen Lentz; Isabella (deceased) m. Manoa Heffner; Milton m. Susan Wert; Levi A.; and Mary Alice m. Dr. Frank Holben.

Formerly Levi Alfred Walbert owned the old homestead, but he has sold that property and for some years has been engaged in his present enterprise. He is a good business man and is prosperous. He married Arabella Dornblaser, daughter of Benjamin Dornblaser, and they have five children, namely: Levi (m. Sallie Harbine, and has had three children—Earl, Mary and Lulu, the last named deceased); Mamie (unmarried); Thomas (m. Menerva Hiser); Clistie and Paul. Mr. Walbert is a member of Zeigler's Reformed Church. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

JOHN B. BAUS, proprietor of the "Barto Hotel," in Washington township, Berks county, has been carrying on that place since 1902. He was born Feb. 29, 1864, in Longswamp township, this county, in which vicinity his family has been settled for many years.

William Baus, his grandfather, was born July 31, 1796, and died May 8, 1884, aged eighty-seven years, nine months, eight days. He married Catharine Stauffer, born Jan. 26, 1795, died Jan. 17, 1864, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, twenty-one days, and both are buried at Huff's Church. There is a John Baus, born in 1810, died in 1859, aged forty-eight years, nine months, fourteen days, buried at Huff's Church, who was probably a brother of William Baus. Mr. and Mrs. William Baus passed all their lives in the neighborhood of Huff's Church, and he was engaged as a farmer and charcoal burner. He was a tall, strong man, of honest nature and happy disposition. His family consisted of four children: Johannes S., born Sept. 29, 1821, died May 25, 1884, aged sixty-two years, seven months, twenty-six days, married Elizabeth Geisinger; William, born May 26, 1825, died Jan. 4, 1899, aged seventy-three years, seven months, eight days, married Lucy Ann Weidner (1823-1866) and had a son Allen (1861-1880); Samuel S., born Jan. 12, 1830, died Feb. 22, 1893; Jacob, born Jan. 11, 1835, died Sept. 1, 1889, aged fifty-four years, seven months, twenty days.

Samuel S. Baus, son of William, was born Jan. 12, 1830, and died Feb. 22, 1893, aged sixty-three years, one month, ten days. He was buried at Huff's Church, of which he was a member. Mr. Baus was a farmer and shoemaker at Huff's Church, where he owned a twenty-four-acre tract upon which he lived for twenty-three years. He married Elizabeth Buzzard, daughter of Adam Buzzard, and she survives him, now making her home with her son Alfred at East Greenville, Montgomery Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Baus had eight children: George, Alfred, Clara (m. George Strubel), John B., David, Mary (m. Isaiah Ziegler and lives at Pennsburg, Pa.), Fianna (m. John Wannamaker, of Rahn Station, Pa.), and James (m. Annie Gabel, and lives at Trumbauersville, Pa.).

John B. Baus attended school at Huff's Church and was reared to farm work, which he followed for a number of years, at first working for farmers in Hereford and Washington townships, Berks county, and in North Wales, Gwynedd township, Montgomery county. In 1885 he went out West to West Point, Cuming Co., Nebr., where he worked on a farm about one year, and returning to Berks county he worked among the farmers around his father's old homestead at Huff's Church. He continued thus until 1896, and for the next six years sold milk at North Wales, buying it from the farmers and retailing it among his customers. On Jan. 8, 1902, he became the proprietor of the "Barto Hotel," which he has since conducted. The property is owned by George J. Raub, of Reading. Mr. Baus is a good business man, and being of a sociable disposition is well-fitted for his present line of business. He is a member of the K. G. E. at North Wales, the Order of Independent Americans at North Wales, and the P. O. S. of A. camp at Alburtis. In politics he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and he takes quite an interest in party affairs.

On Jan. 8, 1902, Mr. Baus was married to Clara Johnson of North Wales, daughter of Frank C. Johnson, of that place, and they have two children, Helen and Nellie. This family belong to the Reformed congregation of Huff's Church, of which all the Baus family have been members, and many of the name are buried there.

WILLIAM R. HAUDER. In the death of William R. Hauder, which occurred at the old Mull residence on Main street, Sinking Spring, March 15, 1905, Spring township lost one of its highly esteemed citizens and a prominent member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Hauder was born March 14, 1833, son of Daniel and Catherine (Ruth) Hauder.

Solomon Hauder, the grandfather of William R., was born on the old homestead in Heidelberg township, Dec. 25, 1785, son of Ulrich Hauder, the first of the name to settle in Heidelberg township, from whom he received the property which he operated all of his life. He died May 13, 1869, and was buried at Sinking Spring graveyard, immediately back of the church. Solomon Hauder was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was married to Catherine Potteicher, of Strausstown, born Nov. 3, 1788, who died June 5, 1855, and they had only one child, Daniel.

Daniel Hauder, father of William R., was born Sept. 22, 1806, on the old homestead in Heidelberg township, and died Feb. 1, 1880, being buried at the graveyard at Sinking Spring. He was a lifelong farmer, became very successful, and was a leading member of Sinking Spring Church. Mr. Hauder married Catherine Ruth, born Oct. 28, 1808, who died April 14, 1887, daughter of George and Catherine (Gernand) Ruth. To this union there were born three children: Catherine m. Isaac Y. Beidler, whose record appears elsewhere in this volume; William R.; and Eliza m. Cyrus Ruth, an agriculturist of Spring township.

William R. Hauder was reared to manhood at the old Hauder homestead, which has been in the family name since the days of the American Revolution, and commenced farming when about twenty-six years old on this property, which he continued to operate for many years. He then removed to a farm which his wife had acquired, a property of twenty-eight acres of good land in Lower Heidelberg township, which has been tenanted since Mr. and Mrs. Hauder's retirement to Sinking Spring.

In 1859 Mr. Hauder married Catherine E. Mull, born May 2, 1839, daughter of Henry and Theresa (Steltz) Mull, formerly of Montgomery county and later of Sinking Spring, and to this union there were born four children, namely: Solomon died when seventeen years of age; William H. died in infancy; Carrie m. James Hill, of near Wernersville, Pa.; and George, unmarried, resides with his mother.

Mrs. Hauder obtained her education in the public schools, and a private school at Reading, in charge of Prof. William Good, a former county superintendent, and is a lady of culture and refinement. She is in prosperous circumstances, and is a liberal contributor to St. John's Church of Sinking Springs, of which she is a Reformed member, and of which Mr. Hauder was a deacon for two years.

FRANKLIN W. LESHER, a prosperous agriculturist of Perry township, Berks county, who is engaged in cultivating his fine 134-acre farm, was born Nov. 9, 1854, in Greenwich township, near Heinley's Mill, formerly Lesher's Mill, son of William Lesher.

John Lesher, a native of Germany, born Jan. 5, 1711, who was the only son and heir-at-law of Nicholas Lesher, of the Fatherland, emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1734 and was naturalized in 1743. He first settled in Bucks county, and later in Oley township, Berks county, where he became very prominent as an iron-master. He represented the county in the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and from 1776 served until 1782 in the General Assembly, helping to prepare the "Declaration of Rights," and being extremely prominent during the Revolutionary war, rendering valuable service to his adopted country. He died in Oley township, April 5, 1794, aged eighty-three years, leaving a widow, five daughters—Barbara, Hannah, Maria, Catherine and Elizabeth—and two sons—John and Jacob, of Oley township.

Among the sons of John Lesher, son of John, was Jacob Lesher, grandfather of Franklin W., who was the proprietor of Lesher's Mill in Greenwich township, where he lived for many years. He owned over 100 acres of land, which he farmed in addition to his milling business, and here he died in 1857, aged seventy years. He married Esther Heffner, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Dietrich) Heffner, and to them were born children as follows: Jacob (m. Lucinda Dietrich); Kate (m. Daniel Dietrich); Abraham (m. Rachel Fegley); Hettie (m. John Kline); Benneville (m. Mary Heinly); Betsey (m. Jacob Baer); Solomon (m. Kate Hollenbach); Fayette (m. David Hollenbach); Isaac (m. Maria Stoyer); and William.

William Lesher, of Richmond and Perry townships, was an agriculturist and owned the farm now occupied by his son, Franklin W. He was born in May, 1829, and died April 2, 1893, aged sixty-four years. In politics he was a Democrat, serving as supervisor of his district for four years, while he was a prominent member and for many years deacon and elder, of Dunkel's Reformed Church, assisting to build the present church edifice. Mr. Lesher married Theresa Zettlemoyer, daughter of Adam and Mary (Miller) Zettlemoyer, and they had these children: Fietta, who died in childhood; Franklin W.; Jacob Z., a farmer of Perry township; Hettie, single; and Mary, who married Henry Young.

Franklin W. Lesher was one year and a half old when his parents removed to a small farm in Richmond township, there residing for eleven years. In this district and in Perry township he attended the common schools, receiving a limited education, and after leaving school he at once engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has continued to the present time. In 1885 he began farming on his present place, continuing there until 1890, when he purchased a thirty-acre tract in Maiden-creek township, near South Evansville, but in 1902 purchased his father's farm, and here has continued to the present time, selling his Maiden-creek farm in 1905. His property, which

consists of 134 acres of good gravel soil, and is the only farm in Perry township lying exactly square, having but four corners, is well cultivated and is improved with modern barns and outbuildings and a fine residence. He is a good, honest citizen, and is esteemed by his fellow-townsmen for his many sterling qualities of character. In his political belief he is a Democrat, although he has never held public office. He and his family are Reformed members of Dunkel's Union Church.

On March 9, 1878, Mr. Lesher was united in marriage with Eva Catherine Stump, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Zettelmoyer) Stump, granddaughter of Samuel and Rachel (Leiby) Stump. To Mr. and Mrs. Lesher there have been born these children: Samuel William, born Sept. 15, 1878, died June 20, 1879; Solomon Sylvester, born Sept. 25, 1880, died aged seven days; and Augustus Adam, born Jan. 10, 1884.

Augustus A. Lesher received his education in the public schools of his native locality, from which he was graduated March 25, 1901, and he is now working with his father, acting as his clerk on the farm, and conducting practically all business transactions for him. Since early youth he has been a Reformed member of Dunkel's Union Church, and has taken a great interest in the Sunday-school, being superintendent thereof for one year. On New Year's day, 1908, he was elected deacon of Dunkel's Reformed congregation and at the re-organization of the united congregations was elected president threof. On May 10, 1908, was elected as Reformed Superintendent of the Dunkel's Church Union Sunday-school. Mr. Lesher was also president of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Virginville, Pa., of which he is still an active member. He is highly respected by everybody. At the present time he is president of the newly organized cemetery association, of his church, which, although in its infancy, is making steady progress, and he is one of the most talented young men of the entire community and has the energy, perseverance and good judgment necessary to win success, in anything he undertakes.

HENRY MUHLENBERG OTTO, at the time of his death a retired merchant at Reading and director of the Commercial Trust Company, was born at Reading, Jan. 4, 1826, and died there April 12, 1909. He was educated in private schools, which were then maintained successfully in the borough, and in the Reading Academy. After completing his education he entered a large country store, carried on by Horatio and William Trexler, brothers, at Longswamp, Berks county, situated in the East Penn valley, twenty-two miles northeast of Reading, and there he continued fourteen months. He then returned to Reading and served in several stores until 1845, when he became a clerk in the employ of his brother, John A. Otto, at Taylorsville, in Schuylkill county, who was engaged in the manufacture of iron. While there he received the appointment of postmaster at the place from President James K. Polk, and he served in that capacity four years, from 1845 to 1849.

Mr. Otto returned to Reading in 1849, and after acting as a clerk for a short time opened a dry goods store for himself on Penn street, between Third and Fourth, which he carried on successfully until 1863. During this time, in September, 1862, he was enlisted for a short period in the Civil war, serving as a private in Company G, 2d Regiment, Pa. V. I. In 1863 he sold out his store and removed to Williamsport to engage in the lumber business with his brother, John A., and others, operating as John A. Otto & Co. for three years. Afterward for four years he was in the wholesale lumber business, having purchased a large area, several thousand acres, of hemlock timber, in Elk county, Pa., and formed a partnership with his son and son-in-law. The firm produced and disposed of great quantities of timber, lumber and bark and carried on a successful business until 1882, when the father retired. He then moved to Baltimore, remaining there until 1891, after which he was located at Reading, living in retirement.

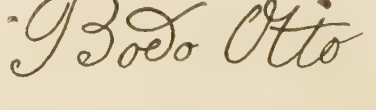
While at Taylorsville Mr. Otto showed great interest in the cause of temperance, which at that time was agitating the whole State of Pennsylvania, and he organized Rural Fount Division No. 310, Sons of Temperance, which exerted a strong influence in the community. At Reading he identified himself with the Odd Fellows in their early history, and for some years was an active member of Emblematic Lodge. While at Williamsport he served in select council for one term. He was an adherent of the Democratic party, though independent in his selection of candidates for office. In 1904 he assisted in organizing the Commercial Trust Company of Reading, and served as a director in its management until his decease. With his wife he was an active member of Calvary Reformed Church, of which he had been serving as elder for seventeen years.

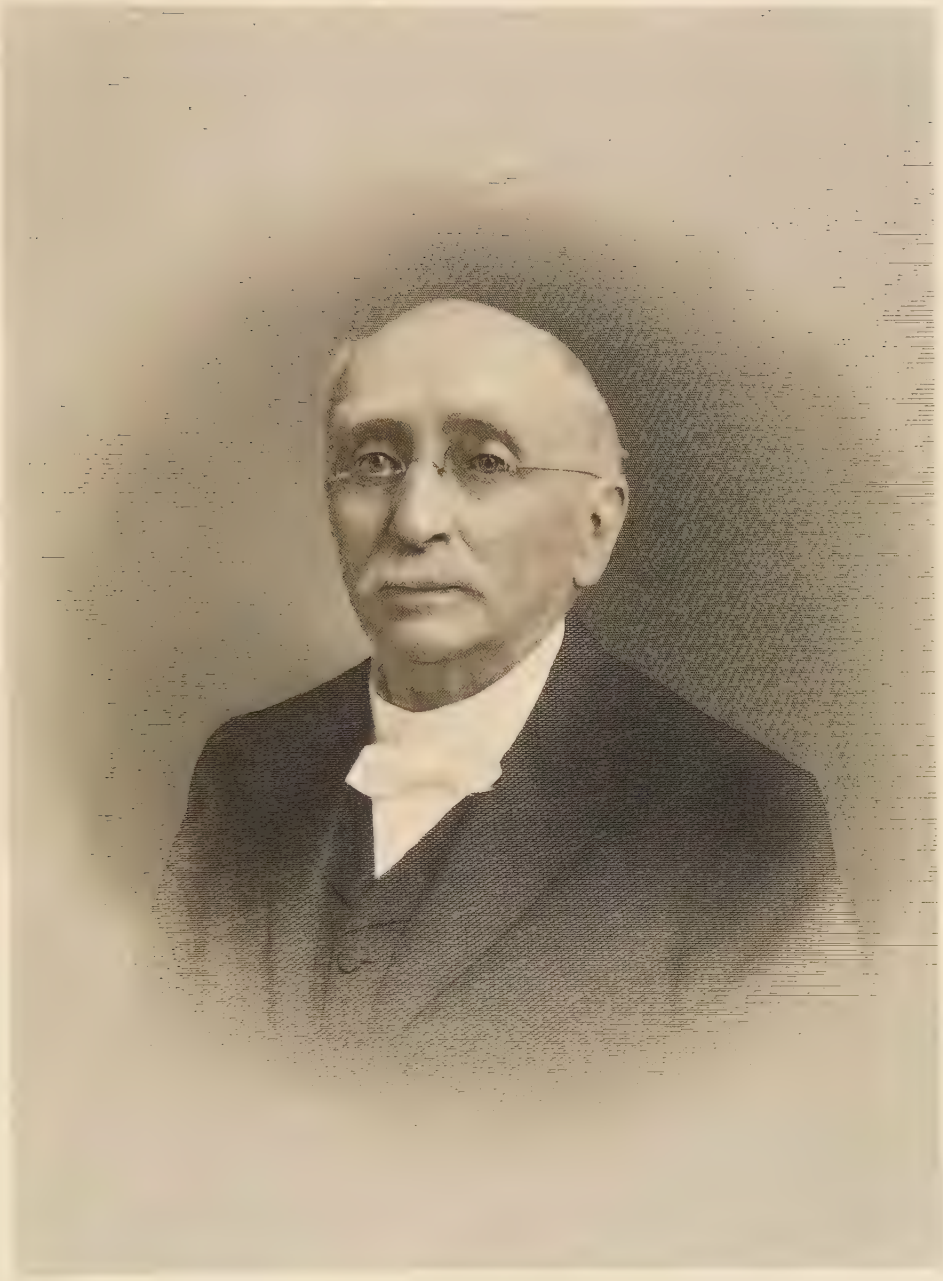
In 1850 Mr. Otto married Susan B. Goodhart, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Beidler) Goodhart, of Reading, and by her had two children: John Bodo, residing at Williamsport, m. Lillie Ladd, and after her death m. (second) Ida Pray; Mary Irene m. Dr. John W. Lowe, of Baltimore. The mother died in Baltimore in 1884. In 1894 Mr. Otto m. (second) Sarah Agnes Hain, daughter of Jacob H. Hain.

Mr. Otto's father was John Bodo Otto. He was born at Reading in 1785, and became a highly educated physician, graduating from Princeton College in 1806, and from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1808. He practised his profession in a most distinguished manner until he died in 1858. His wife, Esther Green Witman, daughter of Hon. William Witman, of Reading, was a highly educated woman, a graduate of the Moravian Seminary at Bethlehem, and showed much devotion and liberality to the interests of the Lutheran Church and to public charities. She died in 1880, aged eighty-four years, the mother of six children: John Augustus m. Caroline Mohr; Bodo m. Annie Weimer and after her decease Emma Yundt; Emma m. Samuel A. Filbert; Henry M., above; Maria m. Jacob Geise; Matilda m. George W. Miller.

Dr. John Augustus Otto, the grandfather, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1751, and accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania when they emigrated in 1755. He was thoroughly educated in the schools of Philadelphia and studied medicine under his father. He settled in Reading in 1773 and carried on an active and lucrative practice until his decease in 1834. He was prominently engaged in the Revolution as a surgeon, and filled various public positions with distinction. He m. in 1776 Catharine Hitner, daughter of George Hitner, of Marble Hall, in Philadelphia county (now Montgomery), and by her had seven children: Margaret m. Benjamin Whitman; Mary m. Gabriel Hiester, a prominent local and State official; Sarah m. Jonathan Hiester, Esq., an attorney at Reading; Elizabeth m. Hon. Henry M. Richards, of Reading; Maria m. Joseph Wood; Daniel Hitner m. Sarah Whitman; and John Bodo, above.

Dr. Bodo Otto, the great-grandfather, was the most distinguished physician and surgeon at Reading from 1773 to 1787. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1709, and was thoroughly educated as a physician. He emigrated to this country on account of political dissensions and revolution, landing at the port of Philadelphia Nov. 10, 1755. After practising his profession at Philadelphia until 1773 he removed to Reading, and the spirit of revolution beginning to assert itself in the community he distinguished himself by his patriotic devotion to the cause of freedom. He was conspicuously engaged as surgeon-general during the whole period of the Revolution, from 1776 to 1783. He was thrice married, and had five children, the sons being Frederick Christopher, Dr. Bodo and Dr. John Augustus. We present Dr. Bodo Otto's signature herewith.





Henry A. Otto.

Mrs. Henry M. Otto is a lineal descendant of Casper Hoehn, the Palatinate immigrant, who settled with other immigrants along the Tulpehocken creek in 1728. Her father was Jacob H. Hain who engaged in the saddlery business at Reading for many years. He officiated as clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Berks county, from 1872 to 1875. He died in 1891. He married Mary Ann Goodhart, daughter of Jacob Goodhart, and had three children: Clara Louise m. George P. Zieber; Alice V. m. Jonathan P. Mengel; Sarah Agnes m. Henry M. Otto. Her grandfather was John Hain, of Lower Heidelberg, who was a son of Daniel, a grandson of Heinrich, and a great-grandson of George.

WILLIAM E. ZIEBER, one of the well-known hotel men of Berks county, Pa., who is conducting the "Millmont Hotel" in Cumru township, was born July 26, 1865, son of Henry L. and Annie (Kuser) Zieber.

John Zieber, grandfather of William E., was born July 28, 1798, in Sumneytown, Montgomery Co., Pa., and when fourteen years of age located in Reading, where he became a well-known paper manufacturer. He died June 19, 1887, at the age of eighty-eight years, ten months, twenty-one days, and was buried at Aulenbach's cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Church. He was one of the first members of the Rainbow Fire Company. Mr. Zieber married Maria Lease, who died Jan. 29, 1879, aged eighty-one years, and who was buried beside her husband. Their children were: Sufiah died unmarried; Peter, deceased, m. (first) Mary Hoyer, (second) Julia Leaf, and (third) Mrs. Mary Jones; Barbara m. John Keller; Mary m. George Garst; Israel went South; John m. Gemila Gilson; William m. Edith Wilson; Isabella m. Nathaniel Gery; Henry L.; Lease died in infancy; and Francis m. Lena Becker, and died in March, 1907. The great-grandmother of William E. Zieber lived to be ninety-six years old and died in Reading. Derrick Cleaver, Mr. Zieber's great-grandfather on his mother's side, was a farmer in Oley township, where he died, and a soldier of the war of 1812.

Henry L. Zieber, father of William E., was born Feb. 11, 1836, in Reading, in the schools of which city he obtained his education. Early in life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until twenty-nine years of age, then entering the Philadelphia & Reading car shops as a laborer, but later becoming a painter, his last work being at lettering and numbering cars. He continued the latter occupation until March, 1906, when he was put on the retired list and pensioned, since which time he has resided at No. 745 Lance place, Reading, where he owns his own home. On Feb. 4, 1864, Mr. Zieber married Annie C. Kuser, daughter of Henry and Mary (Cleaver) Kuser, and granddaughter of Peter Kuser, who was a cabinet maker of Oley township, Berks county. Henry Kuser was a miller at the old Sixpenny mill, and his death occurred at the age of thirty-two years, his widow surviving him until eighty-one years of age. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Zieber, as follows: William E.; Mary E. m. John H. O'Bryan, of No. 1139 Church street, Reading, and has one son—Henry J.; Edwin Boone died in infancy; and Westley A. also died in infancy. Mr. Zieber is a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association, and of the Otterbein United Brethren Church.

William E. Zieber attended the schools of Reading, after leaving which he engaged in farm work for Joseph Hartz, near Reading. He then became errand boy for Benjamin Brown, proprietor of a dry goods store, was next for two and one-half years in the employ of J. S. Wisler, a tobacconist, and subsequently was engaged with the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. For one year he drove a team through the country and clerked for Wells & Phillips, grocers, and for the four years following was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, where he learned the car building trade, at which he was later employed by Harlan & Hollingsworth of Wilmington, Del,. for one year, and the Pullman Car Company for four years. Mr. Zieber then went to Long Island City, N. Y., as assistant chief car inspector of the Long Island Railroad, a position he held for four years, at the end of which time he returned to the Pullman Car Company, with which he was connected for nine months. In 1892 Mr. Zieber returned to Reading, and accepted a position as foreman in the Reading Knitting Mills, where he remained three years. He then entered into the knitting business under the firm name of Zieber, Herbine & Co., the members of the firm being William E. Zieber, Charles W. Herbine and Eugene Keech. After a successful business of a few years the Pennsylvania Knitting Mills of Reading, incorporated under the laws of West Virginia, capital $50,000, was formed in order to accommodate the fast increasing trade. The officers were: Mr. Otto C. Heinze, president; Mr. Max Schultze, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Theodore Spitz, manager; William E. Zieber, superintendent. Later Mr. Zieber sold out his interest and returned to the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, with whom he remained one year, subsequently spending a like period in selling cigars for John T. Brossman. For some time he was also engaged as a wine and liquor salesman for the S. W. Smith Company, Philadelphia, and on Sept. 10, 1906, he purchased his present place, the well-known "Millmont Hotel," from Levi Snyder. Mr. Zieber's house has become one of the most popular hostelries in Cumru township. He fully understands the wants of the traveling public, and takes care that these wants shall be supplied. He has made many improvements on the property since obtaining possession of it, and is himself an ideal host, courteous, affable and genial.

In 1883 Mr. Zieber married Sallie J. Good, and three children have been born to this union: Grace, Edgar and Allen. In politics Mr. Zieber is a Republican. He and his family attend the United Brethren Church. Fraternally he is a popular member of Reliance Lodge, No. 776, F. & A. M., of Brooklyn, N. Y., being made a Mason in 1890; of Camp No. 163, P. O. S. of A., and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.

WILLIAM H. FROM. As far back as the family history can be traced there were two brothers, William and John Fromm, who came to this country from Germany and settled in Upper Bern township where they were engaged in farming all their lives. The name was originally spelled Fromm, but Mr. John B. From adopted the shorter form, though some members of the family retain the double "m."

The one brother, John Fromm, was the grandfather of William H., and he became the father of four children, namely: Joseph, Jacob, Rebecca and John B., the first three dying young. John Fromm served as a captain in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Baltimore.

John B. From, son of John Fromm and father of William H., was born in Upper Bern township, and learned the shoe-making trade, following it many years. He was also track foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. In 1849 he married Eliza Hemmig, who was born in Cumru township, March 5, 1827, daughter of Benjamin and Anna Mary (Fritz) Hemmig; the former was a carpenter and died in 1831 at the age of twenty-five. Benjamin Hemmig was captain of the Light Horse Company under General High, and this company took charge of his funeral. To Mr. and Mrs. John B. From were born seven children, namely: (1) Emmaline R. m. Hiram Gottshall, who conducted a shoe store at Sixth and Bingaman streets, Reading, and they had three children: Mary E. and F. Walter, who both died young; and J. William, who is married and resides at Reading. Mr. Gottshall was very prominent in secret orders, belonging to quite a number, and was a Mason and Knight Templar. He was killed in a wreck at Rose Glen, Pa., on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway in 1893. (2) Mary E. m. Oliver F. Horning, an ice dealer, at Wyomissing, Pa., and their only child, Effie Naoma, died at the age of fourteen. (3) William H. was born in Reading, Nov. 7, 1854. (4) Lizzie H. m. John A. Elliott, W. & R. tobacco, formerly of Pottstown, now of Philadelphia. Mr. Elliott was a color

bearer in the Civil war and was wounded in a battle in front of Richmond. (5) Thomas H., a hatter by trade but now engaged in the shoe business at Shillington, Pa., m. Anna F. Eshelam, and has one child, E. Earl. (6) John S. died at the age of twenty. (7) Annie C. died young.

William H. From, son of John B., received a liberal education in the schools of Reading and also in Cumru township. He worked on the farm until the age of twenty when he learned the carpenter's trade, and also that of wood pattern maker. The latter trade he followed for twenty years. In 1889 he came to Sinking Spring where he purchased a valuable tract of eight acres of land. Upon this land he erected a house and the following year the barn and necessary outbuildings. He then engaged in trucking and fruit raising, to which he has devoted his entire tract. He also later built a number of forcing houses. Mr. From retails his product at Stalls Nos. 60-61 Opera House Market, Reading. He makes specialties of horse-radish and asparagus, and owns one of the largest and finest asparagus beds in this section. Mr. From is a man of progressive ideas and is keenly interested in the incorporation of Sinking Spring into a borough. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and his wife is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Sinking Spring. He is also a fine musician.

On Aug. 16, 1883, Mr. From married Miss Mary Moyer LeVan, daughter of Wellington R. and Kate (Seitzinger) LeVan, of No. 114 South Fourth street, Reading. Three daughters and one son blessed this union: Mayme L. m. Charles E. Stott, who is connected with the Reading *Eagle*, and they have two children, Ruth Geraldine and John William; and Geraldine L., John Wellington and Anna Dorothy.

JOHN G. ROTHERMEL, farmer near Stony Creek Mills, in Lower Alsace township, is a substantial citizen of this part of Berks county.

The Rothermel family originated in Holland and from that country the great-grandfather of John G. Rothermel emigrated to America, locating in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. His five sons were named Peter, Leonard, Jacob, John and Paul. He owned the farm near Blandon which is now the property of his great-grandson, Oscar Rothermel. The original homestead was large, but divisions reduced it in acreage. The lower part became the inheritance of his son Leonard.

Leonard Rothermel, grandfather of John G., was born on the homestead where he spent the whole of his life. He married (first) Susan Kauffman, and (second) Mary Bernet. He was the father of nine children, two, Samuel and Susan, being born to the first union; and John B., David B., Leonard B., Jeremiah B., Hannah (wife of Leonard Moyer), Mary (wife of Valentine Hartman), and Catherine (wife of Aaron Heckman) to the second.

John B. Rothermel, father of John G., was born on the old homestead, March 29, 1809, and almost all of his life was spent there. He died Oct. 7, 1894, aged 85 years. He married Maria Griesemer, daughter of William Griesemer, and his wife Margaret, nee Yeager. She died April 30, 1854, aged thirty-seven years. They had the following children: Louisa, residing at Lebanon, m. (first) Valentine Schmeck, and (second) Henry Neiman; Harrison G., residing in Maiden-creek township, m. Amanda Guildin; Susanna m. Albert Guildin, and both died in 1902, within five months, in Maiden-creek township; Enoch G., residing at Shoemakersville, m. (first) Isabella Rothermel, and (second) Ida Schlear; John G.; Napoleon and Jared, both died young; Albert G., residing at Blandon, m. Mary Rothenberger; Jeremiah G., residing near Maiden-creek station, m. Elmina Rahn; Nicholas G., residing in Muhlenberg township, m. Ida Wenrich.

John G. Rothermel was born on the old homestead Jan. 3, 1845, and was educated in the local schools, and in the Philomathian Institute at Birdsboro, once an ambitious institution which is no longer in existence. He spent one term at Hill school at Pottstown, and later attended the Keystone State Normal School. Although thus prepared for almost any career, he chose farming for his vocation, and has given it the greater part of his time. He owns two farms in Oley township; a farm in Lower Alsace, where he resides, besides other valuable real estate. He has been a life-long Republican, and despite the fact that he resides in a Democratic community, he has frequently been elected to local office, having served as township auditor, school director, and tax collector. When elected to the last office, he received every vote polled by both parties. He is now serving his fourth term as township assessor, having always been elected with a majority which testified to his personal popularity.

In 1872, Mr. Rothermel married Emeline H. Schmehl, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth D. (Hoffmaster) Schmehl. They had four children: (1) A son died in infancy. (2) John S., born in the year 1876, attended public school and is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1899. He taught public school for nine terms, his first term having been when seventeen years old. He married Katie R. Hartman, and they have one child, Eva Mae. (3) Marie S. attended the Oley Academy, and (4) Irene S. is a graduate of the Inter-State Commercial College, Reading, and both remain at home taking the place of their deceased mother in directing the household affairs for their father.

Mrs. Rothermel died Aug. 26, 1902, aged fifty-seven years, eleven months and nine days. She had been ill but six days, suffering with membranous laryngitis. She was a life-long member of the Lutheran congregation of Spies's church, and highly appreciated for her Christian character. Her remains were buried on the family plot in the cemetery adjoining that church.

WILLIAM D. BRUMBACH, who is prominently identified with the business interests of Exeter township, was born on the Brumbach homestead in this township, son of A. J. Brumbach.

Mr. Brumbach received his early literary training in the public schools, after leaving which he went to Oley Academy at Friedensburg, and the Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa. After leaving the latter institution he entered the woolen mill of A. J. Brumbach, in Exeter township, where he took charge of the shipping department, and later of the books, in which latter capacity he has continued to the present time. Mr. Brumbach has always been in the foremost ranks of the leaders in any movement calculated to be of benefit to his community, and has been identified with many large enterprises. He was one of the incorporators of the St. Lawrence Water Company, being secretary thereof, and was secretary of the St. Lawrence Building Association. In politics he is a Republican, and he is now serving his third commission as notary public. Mr. Brumbach is superintendent of the St. Lawrence Union Sunday-school, and a member of Schwartzwald Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A.

On Nov. 28, 1891, Mr. Brumbach married Edwina Jack, daughter of Dr. John A. Jack, of Friedensburg, Pa., and to this union there have been born three children, a daughter and two sons, namely: Amy J., Claude A. and William Clifford.

PETER H. SNYDER, a well-known citizen of lower Berks county, who since 1906 has made his home on a part of the old Isaac Levan property in the southern part of Mount Penn borough, was born Dec. 27, 1852, in Oley township.

Mr. Snyder attended the public schools of his native locality, and later entered Freeland Seminary, at Collegeville, Montgomery county, which institution he left at the age of sixteen years to assist his father in the work on the farm. When twenty-two years of age he began farming as a tenant on his father's farm and this he cultivated one year, the following two years being spent on the well known Yeich property near Schwartzwald Church in Exeter township. Mr. Snyder then came into possession of the old Nein farm in Oley township, a tract

of one hundred acres of fertile soil, and this he cultivated very successfully for twenty-eight years. In the spring of 1906 he purchased a part of the old Isaac Levan property, located in the southern part of Mount Penn borough, and on these seven acres he has continued to the present time, growing much fruit. Mr. Snyder is a good practical agriculturist, and a public-spirited citizen, being esteemed by those who know him for his many sterling traits of character. He is a stanch advocate of education, and gave his sons the benefit of a college career, while his daughters received a Normal school training. In politics he is a Democrat, and served as school director for three years in Oley township. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., No. 1109, of Griesemersville. He and his family are consistent members of Schwartzwald Union Church, belonging to the Reformed denomination, and he has served as deacon for eight years and elder for three years.

On July 23, 1872, Mr. Snyder married Mary E. Moyer, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Moyer) Moyer, and granddaughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Keller) Moyer. To Mr. and Mrs. Snyder the following children were born: a daughter died in infancy; Sallie m. William Jackson, of St. Lawrence, Pa.; Henry, Professor of Chemistry and Physics, in the High school, Wilmington, Del., m. Minnie Hunsberger, of Lancaster; Aaron at present holds the Harrison Fellowship in Psychology, University of Pennsylvania; Mary is bookkeeper for a large Reading firm; Rev. Elam, Reformed pastor of the Alsace Church of Berks county, m. Miss Lovie Shalter; a son died in infancy; Hettie is a public school teacher in Berks county; and Hannah is a milliner at Lord & Gage's establishment, Reading.

CHARLES V. SEIDEL, one of the substantial agriculturists of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, was born in Windsor township, son of William and Susanna (Dreibelbis) Seidel.

George Seidel, great-grandfather of Charles V., was a resident of Windsor township, where he made linseed oil and distilled whiskey and apple-jack. He had three sons, George, Andrew and John, the latter of whom was the grandfather of Charles V. Seidel.

John Seidel followed in the foot-steps of his father, and for many years was a well known distiller of spirits in Windsor township. He married a Miss Mantillius, of English descent, and they had children: Godfrey, Daniel, John, Joseph, Reuben, William, Elizabeth (m. Gideon Fesselman) and Catherine (m. Nathan Crause).

William Seidel, father of Charles V., was born and reared on the old homestead, and in early life learned stocking weaving, which he followed for many years, at the same time conducting a farm. The last ten years of his life were spent in retirement, and he died at the age of eighty years, five months, eleven days. He m. (first) Clarissa Gerhart, and to them five children were born: Mantillius m. Annie Landis; Henry m. Emma Balthaser; Francis m. Matilda Rentschler; John m. Helena Leiby; and William died in infancy. Mr. Seidel m. (second) Susanna Dreibelbis, whose son by her first marriage, Hiram Kauffman, m. Missouri Seip. Mr. and Mrs. Seidel had these children: Ellen m. Paul Smith; Charles V.; William F. m. Barbara Klein; Fannie I. m. W. A. Frauenfelder; Mahlon D. m. Veleria Schaeffer; Susan C. m. William L. Moyer; Mary M. m. Henry O. Dietrich; George D. m. Angeline Luckenbill; and Richard D. died young.

Charles V. Seidel was reared in Windsor and Greenwich townships, whence he removed to Albany and later to his present farm in Maiden-creek township. This farm is one of the oldest in this section of the county, and has the very best, most substantially built buildings. The spring house on the farm, erected in 1754, and the house, built in 1761, both of which are of lime rock, have cellars arched in massive masonry, and stand along the Angelica creek, close to the celebrated Peter's Spring. Mr. Seidel has had much success in his agricultural operations, and is considered one of the progressive, energetic farmers of his section.

On Oct. 6, 1881, Mr. Seidel m. Sarah E. Dietrich, daughter of Moses A. and Caroline (Dressler) Dietrich, and to this union there have been born children as follows: William m. Katie Moyer, and has two children, Sadie May and Katie Emma; Grover C. died Oct. 12, 1907, aged twenty-three years, seven days; Charles F. is a senior at the Keystone State Normal school, Kutztown; Annie F. is at home; George A. and Adam George, twins, both died young; and Maud Helen attends the public school. The family are members of the Lutheran faith.

CHARLES AMMON MAURER, a well known citizen of Hamburg borough, Berks Co., Pa., engaged in the baking and catering business, was born Sept. 28, 1859, near Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., son of James D. and Sarah (Lorah) Maurer.

David Maurer, great-grandfather of Charles A., built the "Black Bear Inn," and later conducted a hotel at the southwest corner of Fifth and Penn streets, Reading. He was twice married, and had a son by each marriage, the son of his first wife being Dr. George Maurer.

Dr. George Maurer was born in Reading in 1809, and died in 1841, in New Jerusalem, Berks county, where he had enjoyed a large practice. He was married to Julia Dry, of Rockland township, a lineal descendant of the Henry Hartman family of Orwigsburg, of Indian massacre and abduction fame. They had children as follows: Jacob, Allen, Charles and James D., the latter being the father of Charles A., of Hamburg.

James D. Maurer was born Feb. 14, 1839, in Longswamp township, and was a cobbler by trade. For several years he was engaged in huckstering, and lived in Topton, but later became a messenger for the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co., running between Reading and Philadelphia. He died in Reading April 14, 1871. His wife was Sarah Lorah, daughter of George and Leah (Beck) Lorah, and their children were: Charles A.; James H.; and Harry E. James H. Maurer, who was born April 15, 1864, was wedded on his birthday, and both of his children, a son and a daughter, were born on April 15th, although in different years. His wife is Mary J. (Missimer) Maurer. Mr. Maurer was unanimously nominated for Governor on the Pennsylvania Socialist ticket, May 21, 1906. He toured the State and made one hundred speeches.

Charles Ammon Maurer was taken by his parents to Topton, Berks county, when two years of age, his father engaging in the produce business at that place, and in 1864 removing to Reading, where young Maurer's education was secured. He attended Mrs. Shoemaker's private school, and later the public schools until twelve years of age, at which time his father died. When but ten years of age Mr. Maurer was a *Reading Eagle* carrier, and had the largest route in the city, serving more people with the newspaper than had any boy before or since that time. After his father's death he entered the employ of Hendel Bros., hat manufacturers, and he continued with this firm for twenty-five years. In 1886 he joined the Wool Hatters' Local Assembly No. 6287, K. of L., and was elected treasurer the first night. One year later he was elected delegate to D. A. No. 130, K. of L. He was elected the following year Master Workman of District No. 130, placing him at the head of 7,000 workmen. Mr. Maurer was chairman of an independent movement which sprung up in 1890 to elect two men to the legislature over the regular nominees of the two large parties, their candidates not being successful, however, although they received over 1,400 votes. In 1892 Mr. Maurer was elected county chairman of the People's Party, an office which he held for five years. In 1896 he represented his Congressional district at the national convention of the Populist party, St. Louis, Mo., as delegate. He was later delegate to numerous county and State conventions. He was active in politics for many years and was offered the nomination for Congressman-at-large of Pennsylvania, but refused to accept. He is in-

timately acquainted with the great labor leaders of the country. In 1908 he stumped Berks, Schuylkill and Lebanon counties for Eugene V. Debs, candidate for President on the Socialist ticket.

On Aug. 20, 1881, Mr. Maurer was married to Mary J., daughter of Jonathan and Judith (Beaver) Wartman, and to this union there have been born these children: Charles J. m. Evelyn Meck; Mary G. m. Harry Sunday, deceased; James P., Warren L. and Harry W.

JOHN STARR PEARSON, an extensive farmer of Ontelaunee township, Berks county, who for more than thirty years has also been engaged in the lime business, was born Jan. 1, 1843, in Maiden-creek township, son of Mordecai Wright and Debora (Parvin) Pearson.

As early as 1682 John Pearson came to this country with William Penn, from Chester, England, and it is recorded that while voyaging up the Delaware river, Penn turned to him and said: "Thou hast been the companion of my trials; what wilt thou have that I call this place." Pearson returned: "Call it Chester, in remembrance of the place from which I came." This occurred 225 years ago. In 1683, Thomas Pearson, brother of John, came and it is probable that he lived somewhere between Chester, Chester county, and Gwynedd, Montgomery county. Of his children we know of but one son: Lawrence, who is supposed to have resided at the same place. He was married and left a son, Benjamin, who, it is supposed, settled at or near Reading, about the year 1760. He was married, and among his children was a son Thomas, the great-grandfather of John S.

Thomas Pearson's principal vocation so far as is known was that of teacher. He married Sarah Starr, a member of a family that was quite numerous in this section, where they were large land owners. The farm now occupied by John Starr Pearson was originally a Starr property, and the old home, which was erected in 1729 and stood only a short distance from the present family residence, was razed about twenty years ago. Thomas Pearson had one son by his first marriage: John Starr. He subsequently removed to Maryland, where he was married a second time, and had two children: Thomas and Sarah, who afterward came to this section, becoming well known and highly esteemed citizens.

John Starr Pearson was a farmer, and lived to the age of fifty years, dying in 1831. He married Mary Wright, and reared one child to manhood: Mordecai Wright.

Mordecai Wright Pearson was born Aug. 10, 1816, and was fifteen years of age when his father died. In 1842 he married Debora Parvin, daughter of Francis and Susanna Parvin, of Berkley, Pa., and died July 4, 1878, his widow surviving him until January, 1890. They had four children: John Starr; William is a resident of this section; Susan; and Charles, who died in 1893, aged forty years, married Beulah Kahler, of Reading, and had two children, Helen K. (born Sept. 30, 1884) and Lawrence J. (born Nov. 8, 1888).

John Starr Pearson attended first the subscription school of his native locality, later attended the public schools, and subsequently entered the De Kalb Institute near Norristown. He has been engaged in farming ever since reaching his majority, and has also followed the lime business very successfully since 1874, an occupation that has given him a large acquaintance throughout Berks county.

Mr. Pearson married (first) Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Charles and Leah C. Smith, of Sadsbury, Pa., and to this union there were born two children: Mary m. Charles Canby, of Philadelphia; and Edward L. died aged four years. Mr. Pearson's second marriage was to Maria S. M. Smith, daughter of Jesse and Hannah Marsh, of Sadsbury, Pa. Mr. Pearson, as also his brother and sister, continues membership with the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and resides close to the old meeting house.

DAVID HORACE SCHALL, who since 1893 has been holding the responsible position of bond clerk in the United States Custom House at Philadelphia, Pa., was born at Dale Iron Works, in Washington township, Berks county, Feb. 24, 1842, son of Hon. David Schall, for many years a prominent ironmaster of Berks county and Associate Judge of the county from 1856 to 1866.

D. Horace Schall was educated in the township schools and in the York County Academy until 1860, when he became a clerk in the iron works of his father, filling that position until in July, 1863. At that time he answered the call of his country, and became second lieutenant of Company H, 42d Pa. V. I., was mustered into the service just after the battle of Gettysburg, moved to the front, and after rendering important service was mustered out in August, 1863. Upon his return home, he passed a successful examination to teach public school, and taught school in Washington and Hereford townships for two terms, after which he entered the iron works again as a clerk, and continued there four years. During this time he was also engaged in carrying on a stone quarry and lime operation.

About 1869, the Colebrookdale Railroad was opened for traffic from Pottstown to Barto, and he then formed a partnership with Andrew Bauer and Daniel S. Schultz, Esq., for the purpose of carrying on a coal and lumber yard at the latter place. He continued in this business until 1880, when he sold his interest to his brother William and directed his attention to farming on the homestead. He carried on the farm until 1887, and having then received the appointment of assistant coin-teller in the United States Sub-Treasury at Philadelphia, he filled this position for four years. Returning to farming, having in this time become part owner of the homestead, he carried on such operations for two years, when he received the appointment of bond clerk in the Custom House at Philadelphia, and assumed the duties of this position in 1893. He removed his family to Philadelphia in 1894, and upon establishing his residence there, he joined the famous G. A. R. Post No. 2, keeping up an active membership ever since. While residing on the farm he was elected a justice of the peace of the township, and he filled the office by re-election for fifteen years. He also served as school director of the township for six years, and postmaster of the Dale office for a like period. This postoffice had been established by his father in 1828, who, after continuing himself as the postmaster for fifty years, was succeeded by some member of his family until 1900. In 1907 Mr. Schall and his son John became the owners of the homestead farm, and take great pride in the ownership of one the most picturesque places in the county.

Mr. Schall married Mary A. Fogel, daughter of the Hon. John H. Fogel, of Lehigh county, and they have two sons: David Horace m. Hannah Hasfelt, of New York City, and resides in Berlin, Nebr., where he practices medicine; and John lives with his parents.

NICHOLAS HOFFMAN FISHER, of Windsor township, Berks county, who for a number of years has been engaged in school teaching, was born in that township, Sept. 22, 1867, son of Samuel K. and Hannah Hoffman Fisher.

Henry Fisher, grandfather of Nicholas H., was a farmer in Windsor township for several years. About 1860 he removed to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he conducted a grist and saw mill. He was a leading man of his time, assisted in building Dunkel and Lenhartsville churches in Greenwich township, and was the owner of 342 acres of good land in Windsor and Greenwich townships, including the original Fisher homestead near Dreibelbis Station, now owned by Wallace Herber. He married Lovinia Keller, and to them were born children as follows: Jacob and Philip settled in Lycoming county; Samuel K.; Daniel died aged thirty years; Nicholas died aged thirty-six years; John m. Medora Ramer; Sally Ann m. Jacob Merkel; Eliza m. Jacob Dreibelbis; Maria m. Jacob Sonday; and Florenda m. William Filbert.

Samuel K. Fisher, ex-county commissioner from 1881-1884 and a prominent farmer and citizen of Windsor

township, was born near Dreibelbis Station. He owned the Fisher homestead of 227 acres of land, was a school director of his district for a number of years, and with his family attended Dunkel's Church. He married Hannah Hoffman, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Dunkel) Hoffman, and to this union there were born these children: Caroline died aged two years; Lovina m. Jacob Stetzler; Nicholas H.; Walter H. m. Mary Lesher; Annie m. Charles Gerber; Hannah m. (first) Henry Phillips, and (second) Jacob Graeff; Mary m. Ed Strohecker; Florence m. Daniel Schlonecker; Samuel H. resides at Chico, Cal.; and Hettie m. Charles Hepner.

Nicholas H. Fisher spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, where he worked when quite young, and secured his first educational training in the district schools, this later being supplemented by a course in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. At the age of eighteen years, when still in his junior class, Mr. Fisher left school to begin teaching, was licensed to teach by former superintendent D. S. Keck, and was given a professional certificate in 1893 by superintendent William M. Zechman. Two years later he was awarded a permanent certificate by the State, after passing a severe examination. Mr. Fisher began teaching in Greenwich township for two terms, went thence to Perry township for four terms, and spent six terms in Richmond township, and nine in Windsor township. In this time he instructed over 500 different children. In the spring of 1894 Mr. Fisher taught select school at Virginville. He was selected by Professor Rapp to audit the accounts concerning the county institute expenses for the past six years. In politics Mr. Fisher is a Democrat, and has served his town as auditor for six years. He and his family worship in the first Reformed Church of Hamburg, where he is assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also greatly interested in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

On Jan. 21, 1889, Mr. Fisher was married to Fianna H. Lenhart, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Heinly) Lenhart, and to this union were born these children: Robert James, William Hiram and Samuel Paul.

JACOB S. WANNER, proprietor of the "Stonetown Hotel" in Exeter township, and a man well known in business circles, was born Oct. 25, 1859, just across the street from where his hotel is located, son of Jacob and Susanna (Stripe) Wanner.

Jacob Wanner and his wife Susanna were natives of Baden, Germany. They came to this country with two children, and first settled in Reading, where they remained for two years, at the end of which time they located in Stonetown, Exeter township. Here the father, who was engaged in laboring, and also kept a small cigar and tobacco stand, died in 1869, at the age of fifty-five years. His widow, who survives him and lives with her son Jacob S., celebrated her ninety-third birthday Nov. 5, 1908. Mr. Wanner was a Democrat, and he and his family were members of the Reformed Church. Five children were born to him and his wife, namely: Catherine m. Samuel Harner, of Gibraltar, Pa.; Margaret m. James Quinter, of Exeter township; Susan m. Charles L. Kline, of Reading; Hannah m. Benjamin Meck, of St. Lawrence, Pa.; and Jacob S.

Jacob S. Wanner was educated in the township public school of his native locality, and when about sixteen years of age became employed with the E. & G. Brooke Company, at Birdsboro, becoming a proficient mechanic during his fourteen years stay with this firm. He then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at the Walnut street yards, Reading, as freight and passenger car inspector, but after four years engaged in the dairy business, conducting a milk route in Reading for nine years. In 1902 Mr. Wanner erected his present hotel at Stonetown, and here he has successfully continued to the present time. Mr. Wanner also conducts a grocery, which, with the hotel bar, occupies the lower part of the building, while the hotel rooms, ten in number, are located in the upper floors. This hotel, which has become one of the most popular resorts for large dinner parties, is supplied with a large banquet hall and dancing pavilion, horses and equipages for the use of guests, and the most modern improvements of all kinds. As many as 164 guests have been served in one night. Mr. Wanner is a genial, hearty host, popular with all, and is a competent hotel man. He is also the owner of a twenty-acre farm adjoining his hotel property, stocked with the best machinery and finest farm stock, and here he has two good tenant houses.

In politics Mr. Wanner is a Democrat, and during his career as a politician in this township he has never been defeated. For seven years he was postmaster at Stonetown, for four terms has been county committeeman, has been inspector of elections and treasurer of the township, and in 1905 received the second largest vote ever given a candidate in the township for registrar of wills. He was a State delegate in 1908, having over 5,000 votes, and so far no opposition has developed against him for the same position in 1910. Fraternally he is connected with Birdsboro Lodge No. 479, F. & A. M.; Reading Royal Arch Chapter No. 152; De Molay Commandery, No. 42, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., both of Reading; with the P. O. S. of A., No. 230; K. G. E., Syrius Castle, No. 63; Progressive Lodge No. 470, I. O. O. F., of Reading; and the F. O. E., also of Reading.

In 1894 Mr. Wanner married Miss Annie Weinerth, daughter of Adam and Dorothy (Loose) Weinerth, and one child,—Warren Leroy, has been born to this union. Mr. Wanner is a member of the Schwartzwald Reformed Church, while his wife attends the Kindig Lutheran Church, Reading.

MORDECAI S. PARVIN, one of Ontelaunee township's substantial citizens, who is extensively engaged as a tanner and currier, resides on the old Parvin homestead, and is the fifth in descent to operate this old, historic property.

About 1729 Francis Parvin, the great-great-grandfather of Mordecai S., built a log house, which stood in the orchard close to the present home. The Parvins, being a family of Quakers, were on friendly terms with the Indians, and always left the latch string of their home out for the accommodation of the red men. It was a common occurrence for the Indians to enter the house at night, sleep on the kitchen floor and leave at day break when the family arose. In 1758, Francis Parvin's son, also named Francis, built a house close to the old log house, at what is now known as Berkley. It was of stone and well and substantially made, consisting of two rooms and a hall below. In 1856 Jacob Parvin, father of Mordecai S., built an addition to this at the east end and plastered the whole building on the outside, thus destroying the original appearance of the place somewhat, but adding to its attractiveness. This is the home of the Parvin family today. The elder Parvins also interested themselves to some extent in the welfare of the colored people, and several of them lived at the Parvin home, namely: Joe, Bill and Frisbie Loyd, the latter of whom removed to Reading and became engaged in the restaurant and lottery ticket business.

Jacob Parvin, father of Mordecai S., and the fourth in descent to occupy the old homestead, died Feb. 6, 1905, the father of the following children: Miss Sibilla S. resides with her brother Mordecai; Susanna m. Thomas Sharpless, a farmer of near West Chester, Chester county, and has three children, James F., Thomas K. and Francis P.; Ellen S. m. T. Francis Warrington, of West Chester, and has two children, Anna L. and Debora P.; and Mordecai S.

Mordecai S. Parvin was born in 1858, just 100 years after the house where he now resides was built, and he has followed in the footsteps of his forefathers, and is successfully engaged in business as a tanner and currier. On Nov. 19, 1903, he married Carrie Hartman, daughter of George C. and Rebecca J. (Leinbach) Hartman, and

two children have been born to this union: Jacob H., born Jan. 11, 1905, who died Jan. 16, 1905; and Mordecai H., born Feb. 24, 1907.

ALBERT GAUL MILLER. One of the prominent citizens of Mohnton, Berks county, is Mr. Albert G. Miller, who is now living retired, after many years spent in a mercantile business. Mr. Miller was born Feb. 27, 1860, in Mohnton, son of Jonathan H. and Mary A. (Gaul) Miller.

Mr. Miller attended the Cumru township schools and Mount Joy Seminary, after which he learned the hatting trade and followed that occupation until 1880. In this year Mr. Miller purchased his grandfather Joseph Gaul's store property at Mohnton, where he engaged in the mercantile business for ten years, being very successful. In 1890 he organized the Mohnton Lumber & Planing Mill Company, of which he was elected treasurer, a position in which he served until the firm sold out. During the ten years of his mercantile enterprise he served as assistant postmaster. In 1894 Mr. Miller engaged with the hat manufacturing firm of J. H. Miller, Son & Co., in which he continued two years, when he entered the manufacturing field on his own account, continuing therein until 1902, when he re-engaged in the mercantile business, organizing the firm of Mohn & Miller. This firm had the largest store in the borough and commanded the best trade, being very successful. In 1906 Mr. Miller retired.

In 1881 Mr. Miller was married to Mary A. Dietrich, daughter of Charles C. and Sophia (Gehret) Dietrich, of Richmond township, Berks county, and to this union there were born three children: Elmer D., who graduated from the township schools, the Reading Classical school in 1900, the State College in 1902, and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1906, is now bookkeeper in the Schuylkill Valley Bank, Reading, Pa.; Arthur D., who graduated from the township schools, the high school at Shillington in 1904, and the Keystone State Normal school, Kutztown, Pa., in 1906, is now enrolled as a student in the Electrical Engineering course at State College, class of 1911; Alvin died at the age of fifteen months.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and he has been prominent in the ranks of his party. He served as auditor of Cumru township in 1885, 1886 and 1887; and as school director from 1900 to 1903, being secretary of the board for the last two years of his term of office, and was also an instigator of the erection of Cumru high school in 1902; and he was auditor of Mohnton borough during its first year. He is a member of Zion United Evangelical Church, where he has been secretary of the board of trustees since 1894, a teacher of the Sunday-school for twenty years, and a member of the building committee, which erected the present structure in 1894. He is a member of Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 485, where he has been through the chairs, and Knights of the Golden Eagle Castle No. 137, being a charter member of both organizations. He has a fine residence on Church street, which commands an excellent view of the surrounding country.

EDWIN D. HAHN, who resides on his well-cultivated farm of fifty-one acres in Muhlenberg township, was born Dec. 21, 1865, in that township, son of Henry and Rosie (Bernhart) Hahn, and grandson of Daniel Hahn.

Daniel Hahn, who until 1852 pursued the trade of a hatter in Reading, located in that year on the Ulrich farm, now owned by his grandson, which he had purchased two years previously. Here he carried on farming until 1867, when he retired, and thereafter lived a quiet life until his death, March 15, 1886, when he was aged seventy-eight years. His wife preceded him to the grave. They had children as follows: Emma m. William Kauffman; Mary Ann m. Jacob Spangler; one died in infancy; Elizabeth m. William Reeser; Henry; and Franklin. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Daniel Hahn was a Democrat in politics, and for some years held the office of tax collector of Muhlenberg township.

Henry A. Hahn, father of Edwin D., was born in the city of Reading, Pa., and was a lad of eight years when his father located on the farm. On his father's retirement, in 1867, he took charge of the home property, which he continued to cultivate until he died in 1900, at the age of fifty-seven years. In 1865 he married Rosie Bernhart, daughter of John Bernhart, a farmer of Muhlenberg township, and to this union there were born children as follows: Edwin D.; and Katie A. m. Harrison Rothermel. Mr. Hahn was a member of the Hinnershitz Lutheran Church, in which he served as elder. In politics he was a Democrat, and for some years served as a school director. Mrs. Hahn is still living, and is a highly esteemed lady of Muhlenberg township.

Edwin D. Hahn was educated in the schools of his native township, also taking an advanced course at the Keystone State Normal school, Kutztown, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Philadelphia. After leaving the latter he commenced teaching school in Muhlenberg township, but in 1885 gave up this profession to engage in the fruit and produce business at Philadelphia. After one year in that city he returned to Muhlenberg township, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in which he has been engaged ever since.

In 1885 Mr. Hahn married Sallie A. Sailer, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Ahrens) Sailer, and four children have been born to this union: Olivia P.; Effie M.; Harry S.; and Edna S. In religious belief the family are Lutherans, Mr. Hahn being an elder and deacon in the Hinnershitz Church, and organizer and for eighteen years superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Democrat in politics, and for ten years was a member and secretary of the board of school directors. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Berks county. Fraternally he is connected with Muhlenberg Castle, No. 372, K. G. E., Hyde Park. Mr. Hahn's residence, which was built in 1770, was plastered with mortar which is mixed with grass instead of hair, as is used to-day, and when occasional cracks have appeared the grass has shown itself to be as green as the day it was mixed with the mortar. The log barn, with thatched roof, which stood on the farm, was razed in 1876 to make way for a modern structure.

NATHANIEL W. LIEB, of West Reading, Berks Co., Pa., was born on the old Lieb homestead, in Penn township, Oct. 29, 1850, son of Joshua and Rebecca (Lash) Lieb, grandson of Nicholas Lieb, and great-grandson of Michael Lieb.

(I) Michael Lieb was a large landowner in Bern township, and was highly respected for his sterling integrity and uprightness of purpose. To him and his wife, Anna Margaretta, were born: Susan (Hetrech); Nicholas; Mary (Zechman); Margaret; Elizabeth; Catherine; Daniel; Sarah.

(II) Nicholas Lieb was born Nov. 16, 1793, and died Dec. 9, 1867, and is buried at the Bern Church of which he was a consistent member. Nicholas Lieb owned a farm of about 100 acres of land on the Bernville road, between the Bern church and Mt. Pleasant, in Penn township. In addition to farming, he followed the tailor's trade, traveling through Berks and the surrounding counties, as was the custom in those days. He was one of the most representative men of his times, and one of the most popular in his neighborhood. When his father died, he was the executor of the estate, and the will which was made Feb. 26, 1818, was probated July 25, 1818. He married Catherine Dundore, born Sept. 6, 1796, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria Dundore; she died March 4, 1881, aged eighty-four years, five months and twenty-eight days. Their children were: Elizabeth m. Joel Kantner, and died in Penn township; Annie m. John Gicker, and died in Heidelberg township; Joshua; Aaron m. Louisa Adams, and died in Bern township, the father of John (of Spring township), Eliza (of No. 1813 Perkiomen avenue, Reading, the mother of Rev. M. L. Herbein, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work), Amanda (m. Lewis Klopp, and is living at No. 324 North Front street, Reading). Nicholas Lieb was a prominent and highly respected farmer and tailor, and built up for himself a lasting reputation as a

man possessing most excellent personal traits of character. Upright and honorable in his business transactions, and imbued with that generous public spirit that was always ready to assist in whatever was calculated to promote the welfare of his county and community, he made himself felt, and his loss was long mourned.

(III) Joshua Lieb was born in Penn township on the old Lieb homestead, May 3, 1826, and he died May 13, 1878, aged fifty-two years and ten days. For years he remained with his father engaged in farming, but after his marriage he settled on the farm, and there remained until five years prior to his death, when he removed to State Hill, and built a home, there living retired until his demise. He married Rebecca Lash, born Dec. 17, 1826, daughter of George Lash. She died Dec. 4, 1891, aged sixty-five years, five months and six days. In politics he was a Democrat, while religiously he was a member of the Bern church. Though never aggressive he always bore his part in the development and advancement of his community, and left a lasting heritage to his children of an unsullied name and spotless honor. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lieb were: Ellen m. Andrew Lotz, of Reading; Nathaniel W.; Rosa m. John Hain, of West Reading; Emma m. Edward Kramer, of Reading; Aaron, of Bern township, m. Katie Yoder, and died in 1907, leaving Calvin, John, Annie, Katie, Cora and Paul; Sallie m. Frank E. Kauffman, of Reading.

(IV) Nathaniel W. Lieb attended school in Penn township, and later the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, during 1868. He then taught two years in District township, being licensed by Prof. D. B. Brunner. After this he removed to Reading and worked for the *Reading Eagle* as collector, remaining about two years. He then embarked in farming operations in Heidelberg township, and at the expiration of six years, he removed to Centre township, but after five years he made another change and took up his residence in Bern township on the William Staver farm, where he resided for some eighteen years. In 1902 he came to West Reading, and for some six years has resided at No. 334 Penn Street.

For eighteen months he was engaged with Brossman, in the manufacture of stockings, with plant at No. 111 Lenore street, Reading, but, selling his interest, he went in with the Felix Oehring Furniture Van Company, of Reading. Mr. Lieb was appointed executor of the Staver estate, and Nov. 3, 1907, he purchased the Staver farm, a property of 203 acres of excellent farming land, perhaps the best in Bern township. The water power facilities are unsurpassed, and the farm is very valuable, as is all of the property of the large Staver estate. In politics Mr. Lieb is a Democrat. He is a member of the Bern Lutheran Church.

On Oct. 17, 1872, Mr. Lieb married Miss Valeria Yoder, daughter of Frederick and Mary (Shartle) Yoder, and their children were: George R. is unmarried and at home; Mary m. Harry Ammarell, a teacher in Bern township; Arabella m. Allison Kramer, a teacher in Bern township; Sallie C., a graduate of the Central State Normal School, class of 1900, m. Elder P. De Turk, and they live in New York City; John E., at home, m. Sadie Wagner.

Mr. Lieb is a gentleman possessing those natural abilities and qualities which constitute the true man and valuable citizen. He is honored and respected by his associates in business, church and social life. As a teacher he bore his part in educational matters, and has always been interested in school matters, giving his children excellent advantages. Perhaps no one could have been selected who is better fitted for the office of executor of so large an estate as the one in the charge of Mr. Lieb, and this is demonstrated by the satisfaction he has given. His own interests in Berks county are very large; he is a man of wealth and influence, and he administers his properties wisely and honorably.

JOHN M. S. WINTERS, one of the successful agriculturists and good, reliable citizens of Penn township, was born Jan. 21, 1856, in Marion township, Berks Co., Pa., son of John R. and Amanda (Spatz) Winters.

Christian Winters, grandfather of John M. S., lived near Centreport, where he followed farming and lime burning, although in early life he had been engaged at shoemaking. He married Elizabeth Rick, and they had twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

John R. Winters was born near Centreport, and followed farming in Upper Bern township throughout life, his death occurring in Reading in 1904, aged seventy-six years, and he was buried at Belleman's Church. He married Amanda Spatz, one of the twelve children—three boys and nine girls—born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Zellers) Spatz. The following children were born to John R. Winters and wife: Helen S. m. George F. Minker, of Reading, and died in 1908; Valeria S. m. Joshua Bucks, and lives in Reading; John M. S.; Alice S. m. Isaac L. Graeff, of Reading; Sarah A. S. m. Franklin Z. Dunkelberger, of Lower Heidelberg; William S. m. Matilda Christ, and lives in Philadelphia; Samuel S., of Kutztown, m. Elmira Lindenmuth; Annie S. is deceased; Elizabeth S. married William Guaer, of Philadelphia; Elam S., of Philadelphia, m. Mary Frantz; and Llewellyn S. is deceased.

John M. S. Winters was reared to the life of a farmer, and in 1880 began farming on his own account on the Samuel G. Strouse farm, which belonged to his father-in-law. He also owns a forty-four acre property adjoining this tract and he farms it in connection therewith. On Oct. 20, 1877, Mr. Winters married Amelia E. Strause, daughter of Samuel G. and Lydia (Kissling) Strause, and they have had these children: Samuel L., of Bernville, m. Katie V. Blatt, and has one child, Estella E.; Laura and Florence are deceased; and George lives at home. In politics Mr. Winters is a Democrat, and he has served his township as school director for six years; as judge of election; in 1901 as grand juror; and twice as petit juror, besides being delegate to county conventions. He is a member of Belleman's Church and served as deacon thereof. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 122, I. O. O. F., Bernville, of which he has been treasurer since 1902; and Camp No. 113, P. O. S. of A., Bernville.

Mrs. Winters' paternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Gerhart) Strause, who had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Kate (Gerhart) Kissling, had ten children, six boys and four girls.

DANIEL K. RITTER, who is carrying on agricultural operations on the old Captain Schaeffer farm in Exeter township, Berks county, was born Nov. 11, 1853, on the old Ritter homestead in this township, son of John D. and Henrietta (Knabb) Ritter, the latter the daughter of Abraham Knabb, who was the first steward of the Berks county almshouse.

John D. Ritter was born and reared in Exeter township, where he died in 1866, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a farmer all of his active period, was a Democrat in politics, holding various township offices, and in religious belief was Reformed, serving as deacon and elder of the Schwartzwald Church of that denomination. He and his wife, Henrietta Knabb, were the parents of nine children: Samuel K., a farmer of Exeter township, died in his fiftieth year; John K., also a farmer of Exeter township, died when fifty-five years of age; Elizabeth m. (first) Daniel Snyder and (second) Franklin Sailor; Mary Ann m. Zacharias Wiest, a carpenter of Reading; Josephine m. Henry Kline, a clerk of Reading; Daniel K.; Calvin K., proprietor of the "Gechter Hotel," m. Catharine Hartman; William, a farmer of Exeter township, m. (first) Judith Hartman, and (second) Mandilla Herbine; and Henrietta m. Nathaniel Rhoads, of Amity township.

Daniel K. Ritter was educated in the public schools of Exeter, and was reared on the farm, but spent two years in a grist mill at Oley, then returning to farm life. After his marriage he located on the Herbine farm in Oley township for four years, and he then came to his present fine farm of 152 acres which he farmed as a tenant for ten years, and then purchased. He does general farming and

dairying, keeping about twenty cows, and conducting a milk route to Reading, which latter is operated by his son, Charles H. In politics Mr. Ritter is a Democrat, and he has served as school director and supervisor. He is a member of Schwartzwald Reformed Church, and has served as deacon therein for three terms.

On April 12, 1878, Mr. Ritter was married to Miss Emma Heckman, daughter of Joseph and Louisa (Masser) Heckman, and five children have been born to this union: Charles H. m. Matilda Goodhart, and has a daughter Margaret; Monroe, a bookkeeper for the Roebling Construction Company, of New York City, was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Exeter township; Sadie m. Jacob Levan, a weaver of St. Lawrence, and they have twin daughters, Anna and Emma; and Annie and Brooke are at home.

ADAM S. ROTHERMEL is a resident of the western end of Richmond township, where he owns a fertile farm of seventy-six acres, which is in a fine state of cultivation. On this property is a substantial stone residence, surrounded by a large, well-kept lawn, the property as a whole being one of the finest of its size in the township. Mr. Rothermel was born Aug. 14, 1850, son of Leonard Rothermel.

Johannes Rodarmel (Rothermel), the progenitor of this numerous Berks county family, was born in Wachbach, Germany, in 1688, and was married in 1708 to Sybilla Zimmerman, a native of his country. On Aug. 29, 1730, his widow and six children landed at Philadelphia, Pa., he having died on the voyage to this country and been buried at sea. The children were: Anna, Lawrence, Paul, Peter, John and Christian.

Leonard Rothermel, grandson of Johannes, was born in 1751, and died Oct. 26, 1829. He was a farmer and extensive land owner of Maiden-creek township, and married Susannah Berndt, born in 1762, daughter of John Berndt; she died in April, 1819, the mother of a large family.

Leonard Rothermel, son of Leonard, was one of the old pedagogues of Berks county, teaching in the German language a pay school of twelve pupils in Maiden-creek township, and in addition he performed the duties of his farm, which was situated not far from the present home of Mr. Adam S. Rothermel. Leonard Rothermel was an intelligent man, and became well and favorably known as an educator. He espoused the principles of the Democratic party, but although he took a great interest in its success would never allow his name to be used as a candidate for public office. He was married to Catherine, daughter of Henry Schaeffer, a farmer of Richmond township, and to this union were born children as follows: Elias died at the age of thirteen years; Amanda married William Stoudt, a farmer of Maxatawny township; Emma m. Milton Weidenhammer, of North Reading; Adam S.; Catherine m. Elias Stein, of Mertztown; Enoch died aged twenty-two years; Angelina m. James Heiter, a farmer of Richmond township; and Henry became an agriculturist of Exeter township.

Adam S. Rothermel was reared on his father's small farm, and was mentally equipped in the schools of his township, which he attended until he was sixteen years of age. He then learned the tailor's trade, working three years as an apprentice with Benjamin Schucker, at Molltown, after which he served one year with practical tailors. He then engaged in business for himself, tailoring two years at Evansville, Berks county, and then carried on the business at his home in Perry township. In connection with his trade he also conducted a small farm.

On Feb. 15, 1873, Mr. Rothermel married Mary M. Deturck, daughter of John and Susan (Mengel) Deturck, and to them were born these children: Alice m. Howard Smith, a farmer of Windsor township; Hettie m. Morris L. Schaeffer, a farmer of Richmond township; Laura m. Luther D. Moyer, who conducts a general mercantile business at Eshbach, Berks county; and Harris graduated at the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1902, since which time he has been teaching school, having taught two terms in Richmond township and one term each in Perry and Alsace townships, and he married Clara Idella Kline, daughter of Amos Kline of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rothermel died Dec. 22, 1904, in her fiftieth year.

Mr. Adam S. Rothermel was a farmer in Perry township for seventeen years, and in 1890 purchased the excellent property on which he now resides. He takes a keen interest in educational affairs, and while in Perry township his fellow-townsmen elected him school director three times, he filling that position most acceptably, and serving as treasurer of the board during the six years of his incumbency. After his removal to his native township he was again elected school director for three years, again serving as treasurer of the board. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. Mr. Rothermel attends the Becker's St. Peter's Church.

HENRY F. SIMMON, a popular citizen of Robesonia, Berks Co., Pa., where he is carrying on a successful blacksmithing business, was born May 10, 1865, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Steffe) Simmon.

The paternal great-grandfather of Henry F. Simmon was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Daniel, John, Michael, Nancy, Elizabeth, Nettie and Peter.

Michael Simmon, grandfather of Henry F., was born at Schaefferstown, where he secured his education, afterward coming to Berks county to engage in the tanning trade. Later he returned to Lebanon county, where the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring near Sheridan, at the age of seventy-eight years, and he is buried at Hain's Church. His wife was Annie Gittleman, who died when eighty-eight years old. They were the parents of these children: Susan; Benjamin; Michael, Jr.; Daniel; Henry; William; Hannah, who died young; and Elizabeth, who married Sullivan Frey, residing in Ohio.

Daniel Simmon, father of Henry F., was born July 15, 1832, in Lower Heidelberg township, where much of his life has been spent in laboring. He now resides in his own home near Wernersville, where he is a highly esteemed citizen and prominent member of Hain's Reformed Church. Mr. Simmon married Elizabeth Steffe, born in 1840, daughter of John Steffe, and to this union there were born eleven children: John; Daniel; Ellen; Hannah; Henry F.; Elizabeth m. Adam Klopp, and died aged about twenty-three years; Mary; Sallie; Charles; Emma, and one died in infancy.

Henry F. Simmon was reared to agricultural pursuits, and when nineteen years old learned the trade of blacksmith with N. R. Wenrich, at Robesonia, in the shop which he now conducts. After continuing in Mr. Wenrich's employ for four and one-half years, Mr. Simmon contracted a partnership with him, and the firm of Wenrich & Simmon continued to do business until the senior partner's retirement in 1903. Since this time Mr. Simmon has carried on the business by himself, and, assisted by one skilled mechanic, holds the bulk of the trade in this section. Mr. Simmon has his own home on Main street, and he is known as a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and a business man of much ability. In politics he is a Democrat, and his popularity in his neighborhood has been proven on a number of occasions when he has been elected a delegate to county conventions. Fraternally he is connected with Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 119, of Robesonia. He is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he has been a deacon, elder and trustee, and a member of the building committee which erected the present edifice in 1904.

On Jan. 1, 1886, Mr. Simmon was married (first) to Ellen C. Spatz, born Sept. 30, 1860, who died April 12, 1894, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Werner) Spatz, the former a shoemaker of Robesonia. Three children were born to this union, namely: Annie N., born April 29, 1887, who died Nov. 3, 1891; Franklin D., born Aug. 4, 1890; and Mary E., born April 6, 1894.

Mr. Simmon married (second) Rebecca H. Fidler, daughter of Adam and Sophia (Hall) Fidler, of Bern township, and three sons have been born to this marriage: George F., born June 9, 1896; Paul A., March 8, 1901; and Luther C., May 26, 1903.

Michael Simmon, Jr., son of Michael, who was born at Schaefferstown, was born in 1830, and died near Shillington, Berks Co., Pa., March 17, 1907, aged seventy-seven years. He is buried at Shillington. He was a carpenter by trade, and for many years lived in Lower Heidelberg township. His wife was Susannah Steffey, who was born July 6, 1834, and is now living with her son, Frank, near Wernersville. They had these children: Frank; Lydia m. Enos Conrad; George, deceased; Henry; John; Alice m. Daniel Boyer.

Frank Simmon, son of Michael, Jr., was born in Lower Heidelberg May 12, 1855. He learned the gunsmith's trade in Alsace township, and later learned blacksmithing, and these trades he followed many years in Lower Heidelberg and Alsace townships. He married Katie, daughter of John Huey. They have one son, Daniel H., born at Frush Valley, April 8, 1878, who follows blacksmithing at Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

MILTON D. SHOLLENBERGER, a well known resident and successful agriculturist of the southwestern end of Richmond township, Berks county, was born June 7, 1858, on the place where he now resides, and where he has spent all his life, son of Capt. Jonas M. Shollenberger.

The Shollenberger family of upper Berks county had its origin in Frederick and Gerhart Schollenberger, the former of whom emigrated to America on the ship "Loyal Judith" and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1742. Both Schollenbergers, who very likely were brothers, were residents of Greenwich township in 1759, and both were there married, a single man, by name Henry Schollenberger, being also a resident of the township at that time.

John M. Shollenberger, grandfather of Milton D., was the original owner of the Shollenberger homestead, which was purchased by him in 1848. He was a native of Albany township, and there followed gun and sickle making. He married Catherine Merkel, of Richmond township, and to them were born these children: Sarah, Daniel, Catherine, John, Louisa, Nathan, Jonas M., Elizabeth, Edwin, Malinda, Lydia and Fianna, all deceased with the exception of Lydia.

Capt. Jonas M. Shollenberger, born on the homestead, was a leading citizen of Berks county. On Oct. 23, 1853, he married Mary Dry, daughter of David and Susannah (Yoder) Dry, and to this union were born children as follows: Catherine died in infancy; Calvin was twice married, both wives being now deceased; Milton; Edmund died in youth; Clara m. Dr. Eugene Mohr, of Alburtis, Lehigh county; Elemina m. George M. Merkel, a farmer of Muhlenberg township; and Alice m. Lawson G. Dietrich, Esq., of Moselem Springs, one of Berks county's leading citizens. Jonas M. Shollenberger was captain of Company I, 167th P. V. I., this regiment being made up exclusively of citizens of Berks county. When General Lee invaded Pennsylvania, this regiment was sent to demonstrate in the direction of Richmond, Va., under the command of Col. Charles A. Knoderer. Upon its return it was ordered to join the Army of the Potomac in the pursuit of Lee's army in Maryland. Captain Shollenberger was drafted Oct. 26, 1862, and was honorably discharged Aug. 12, 1863, after which he resumed his agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he was elected by the people of Berks county to the responsible position of register of wills, which he served with credit and ability.

Milton D. Shollenberger received his education in the common schools of this township, which he left to work on his father's farm at the age of seventeen years. After the death of his father he purchased the property, consisting of ninety-four acres, which is now in an excellent state of cultivation. The home is surrounded by large and neat grounds, and the barn and outbuildings reflect credit on the management. The family are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Fleetwood. In politics as his father did before him, Mr. Shollenberger espouses the cause of the Democratic party.

On Feb. 26, 1881, Mr. Shollenberger married Valeria Kutz, daughter of Davis and Catherine (Haas) Kutz, and to this union were born: Herbert K., m. to Sally Koller; Clarence K., m. to Cora Schlegle; Lillie who died in her third year; Harvey K.; Elmer J., who died at the age of nine years; William G.; John K., and Lizzie K.

JOHN B. AMMARELL, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., who is acting in the capacity of organist at Epler's Church, was born at Reeser's Mill, in Bern township, Aug. 25, 1862, son of Robert and Catherine (Beecher) Ammarell.

Frederick Ammarell, grandfather of John B., was a son of Frederick Ammarell, Sr., who died in Germany. The grandfather was born April 16, 1809, at Weimar, Saxony, Germany, and was educated in the schools of his native country, where he also learned the trade of a carpenter. He came to America in August, 1854, landing at New York after a voyage of eight weeks in a sailing vessel. For a short time he remained with relatives in that city, and then came to Northampton county, Pa., where he was engaged in boat-building, later, however, coming to Berks county and locating at Felix's Dam, in Bern township. He died at the home of his son in Bern township, Jan. 3, 1886. Frederick Ammarell married Rosalie Manz, who died in Germany when about sixty-five years of age, and to them the following children were born: Louisa m. a Mr. Beck, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert; Charles died in infancy; Charles (2), of Reading, Pa.; Lena m. a Mr. Danz; and Alma m. Draugott Hot.

Robert Ammarell was born Jan. 3, 1840, at Weimar, Saxony, Germany, and accompanied his father to America in August, 1854. In Newark, N. J., the youth learned the saddler's trade, but did not immediately take up that occupation. He traveled to Reading, Pa., walking part of the way and finishing the journey by rail, and soon thereafter became a canal-boat driver. He made only one trip, however, this consuming two weeks, after which he settled in Bern township, taking up his residence at the home of the widow of Samuel Althouse, where he lived five years. He then lived for two years with George Zacharias, and on Sept. 14, 1861, was married to Catherine Beecher, who was born Aug. 9, 1838, in Bern township, daughter of John and Susan (Smith) Beecher. After his marriage, Mr. Ammarell worked for Jonathan Reeser for three years, when he engaged in farming for himself for two years on a tract near Stouchsburg, in Marion township. The next quarter of a century, Mr. Ammarell spent on the Althouse farm in Bern township, and at the end of this long period of faithful, industrious effort, he took up his residence on his own six-acre tract in Bern township, at Epler's Church, where he still lives. Since 1898 he has been conducting and operating a cider press at the "Leinbach Hotel," and during the season has a large and lucrative trade. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Ammarell has served for nine years as school director, and has been supervisor for thirteen years. He is a Lutheran member of Epler's Church, in which he has served in all the offices, and is now acting in the capacity of elder. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: John B.; Kate, born Oct. 22, 1864, m. James Reeser, and is living at Reading; George, born May 25, 1867, m. Emma Shadel, and resides in Ontelaunee township; Emma, born April 20, 1869, m. Mayberry Mengel, and lives in Reading; Mary, born Aug. 30, 1870, m. Lawrence Wagman, and lives in Muhlenberg township; Robert, born Dec. 25, 1871, m. Lillie Olinger, and is a railroad man of Reading; Harrison, born Aug. 25, 1874, m. Mamie Leib, and is now teaching Stoudt school, in Bern township; and Frederick, born Dec. 3, 1877, m. Nora Aulenbach, and is a rural free delivery mail carrier, in charge of route No. 2, from Reading.

John B. Ammarell received his preliminary mental training in the public schools, later spent two terms at the Kutztown State Normal School, and also attended the Mine Hole Summer School in Bern township for a time.

Until twenty years of age he worked for his father, and 1880 received his license to teach from County Superintendent S. A. Baer. In 1882, under Prof. David S. Keck, then county superintendent of schools, he received his professional certificate. In all he taught five terms, having charge of the Mine Hole, Mechanicsville and Epler schools in Bern township, and he then left the profession to take up farming, at which he was occupied for five years. In 1890 Mr. Ammarell came to his present place, where he has charge of the church property, a tract of about ten acres, and is also engaged as organist of Epler's Church, Gernant's in Ontelaunee township, and Hinnershitz Church, in Tuckerton. Mr. Ammarell's enterprise has extended in various directions, and he is engaged in the monument business, hiring three skilled workmen at his yard at the church. He belongs to the Lutheran denomination. He is secretary of the church, and is also secretary of the board of trustees of the cemetery. In political matters Mr. Ammarell is a Democrat, and he has served very acceptably as township auditor, and school director for six years, part of which time he was secretary. He served as delegate to the State Democratic Conventions at Altoona and Harrisburg. In 1908 he was appointed clerk in the Berks county recorder's office, his duties being to transcribe old indexes, which in addition to being a very important task is a very large and tedious one. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 165, P. O. S. of A., at Leesport, which he has represented as State delegate several times; Leesport Castle, No. 503, K. G. E.; and Leesport Camp, No. 9284, Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1882 Mr. Ammarell was united in marriage with Catherine R. Matz, daughter of John and Susan (Fisher) Matz, of Bern township, and three children have been born to them, namely: Winfield H., Raymond R. and John S.

Winfield H. Ammarell, M. D., who has recently been elected resident physician at the Reading Hospital, is a senior in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He was born Jan. 10, 1883, in Bern township, and attended the schools there until 1900, when he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. In the spring of the first year he received his first provisional certificate, under Prof. E. M. Rapp, and for two successive years he taught the Mine Hole school in Bern. In the spring of 1902 he entered the middle year class of the Keystone State Normal and was graduated from that institution in 1904. The following year he taught the Mechanicsville school in Bern. While a student at Normal Dr. Ammarell took great interest in Y. M. C. A. work. He was a delegate of the organization to Lebanon, Bucknell University, and to the Northfield, Mass., Students Conference in the spring of 1903. For two years he served as *Eagle* correspondent at the Normal, doing excellent work. During the spring of 1905 he taught at the Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, at the same time studying subjects along the medical line. In the fall of 1905 he entered the Freshman class of the University of Pennsylvania, Medical Department, at which institution he is now a member of the senior class. He is a member of the Omega Upsilon Phi fraternity, of the Charles K. Mills Neurological Medical Society, and is secretary of the Berks County Club of the U. of P. He is also a member of the Kappa Phi fraternity.

Raymond R. Ammarell, a member of the sophomore class of Muhlenberg College, was born July 29, 1887, in Bern township, and attended its schools until 1903, when he was granted a township graduation diploma by Prof. E. M. Rapp. In the same spring he entered the junior class of the Keystone State Normal and was graduated from that institution in 1905. While a student at Normal Mr. Ammarell was a member of the Keystone Literary Society and an ardent supporter of the Y. M. C. A. In 1905 he served as a delegate to the State convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Johnstown, Pa. After graduation Mr. Ammarell taught the school at Mechanicsville, Bern township, for one year. The following year he was called to East Catasauqua, Hanover township, Lehigh county, where he taught the grammar school very successfully for one year. In the spring of 1907 he was awarded his teacher's master diploma by the Normal School. While a teacher and during the summer months Mr. Ammarell did special work in German and Greek. In the fall of 1907 he entered the Freshman class of Muhlenberg College at Allentown. He is a member of the Euterpea Literary Society and secretary of the Keystone Club.

John S. Ammarell, born March 1, 1898, in Bern township, is a student in Stoudt's Union School.

JOHN D. BARTH, a retired citizen of Mount Penn borough, Berks Co., Pa., has been prominent in public affairs, and was for some years superintendent of the famous Barth vineyard farm along the mountains of Mount Penn. Mr. Barth was born March 18, 1859, in Reading, son of Everhart F. and Caroline (Epple) Barth.

Everhart F. Barth was born Feb. 4, 1823, in Wittenburg, Germany, and when a young man came to America, landing after a sixty-two days voyage at Philadelphia, where he remained a few months. He then came to Reading, and followed the trade of stone-cutter, during the winter months following butchering. In 1873 he located upon John Fair's vineyard property along Mount Penn, which he purchased the year following, and he conducted this tract until his death, Nov. 19, 1896. Mr. Barth made as much as 3,000 gallons of wine annually, and it found a ready sale in the markets of the vicinity. In 1878 the vineyard produced 3,700 pounds of grapes. Mr. Barth was married to Caroline Epple, who was born in Wittenburg, Germany, and who came over to this country in the same ship as her husband. To them were born the following children: Frederick, deceased, who was a contractor of Reading, married Barbara Sparely; Caroline married John Fair, a wine dealer of Reading; Mary died in childhood; Henry E., a resident of Mount Penn, married Emma Hilbert; Catherine died in childhood; John D.; Mary married Calvin Canfield, the owner and operator of the old Barth vineyard; and Miss Ellen makes her home with Joseph D. Hornberger, of Cumru township.

John D. Barth began to work when but eight years of age, hauling mason stones from the mountains with a three-horse team. He was a hard-working young man, and when only fourteen years old went out butchering among his neighbors, a trade which he has followed in season to the present time. He was known as an excellent sausage maker, and his services were much in demand, he being engaged on a number of occasions as far as a year in advance. He is a natural mechanic, and readily turns his hand to any work that he undertakes. He is a skilled horseman, and has trained many valuable animals, owning some of the fastest ever raised in this community. In 1873 Mr. Barth became the superintendent of the famous Barth homestead vineyard along the mountains of Mount Penn, caring for the thirty-five acres, seven of which were vineyard, and on this tract he remained until 1898, since which time he has done considerable work on the place on different occasions. Mr. Barth is a stanch Democrat, and takes a great deal of interest in the success of his party. He was constable of Lower Alsace township, and at the third election of the borough became a councilman. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

In the year 1880 Mr. Barth was married to Martha Reider, born July 20, 1857, daughter of Hiram and Lequetta (Fulton) Reider, and granddaughter of Daniel Reider, of Exeter township. To Mr. and Mrs. Barth were born three children: (1) Harry W., born March 4, 1881, was a school teacher, and is now a clerk for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Pine Grove, Pa.; he married Annie Ely. (2) Lizzie J., born March 13, 1883, died Jan. 30, 1885, and is buried at Aulenbach cemetery. (3) Elsie J., born Jan. 17, 1885, died Jan. 6, 1887.

JAMES I. GOUGLER, a highly esteemed citizen of Mohnton, Berks Co., Pa., engaged in the butchering business, was born at Gouglersville, this county, Jan. 6, 1862, son of Philip and Susan (Spohn) Gougler.

Philip Gougler, the grandfather of James I., was a farmer of Chester county, and also engaged in the cabinet-making and undertaking business at Yellow Springs. He was a true Christian man, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and was held in the highest esteem in his community. He married Catherine Pool, who died aged sixty-five years, and he passed away in his sixty-seventh year; both are buried at the Pikeland cemetery in Chester county. Thirteen children were born to Philip Gougler and his wife, namely: Nicholas died single at the age of twenty-five years; Henry died in Illinois; John, born May 15, 1806, married Maria Bomberger, and had these children, Emeline B., Mary A. B., Jeremiah, Catherine, Henry, Harriet and John; Philip became the father of James I.; Samuel married Elizabeth Longecker, who died at Pottstown, Pa., the mother of one son, John; William died single in Philadelphia; Isaiah died unmarried in Boston; Elizabeth, who married John Lafferty, died in Indiana; Kate married James Watkins, and died in Philadelphia, the mother of these children, Isabella, Esther, Mary and William; Esther married (first) a Mr. Louter, and had children, Louis, Harry and Emma, and married (second) John Elliott, by whom she had one child, Howard (she died in Philadelphia); Rebecca, who married George Walters, died at Phoenixville, Chester county, the mother of seven children, all of whom died in infancy except Noah; Christiana, who married Henry Ramsey, also died at Phoenixville; and Mary died young.

John Gougler, of the above family, with his brother, Philip, founded Gouglersville, at which place the brothers established a post-office in 1855. In 1813 an inn had been established at the place by Jacob Reedy, and it was later kept by William Kohl, from whom it was purchased in 1842 by John Gougler, he greatly enlarging it and making many improvements. During the days of the stage coach, before the advent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, this hotel was one of the main stopping places, and here horses were changed. In 1843 John Gougler established his store at this place, and here he and his wife died, being buried at the place.

Philip Gougler, father of James I., was born near Springfield, Chester county, and when a young man came to Berks county. He was employed by his brother John in the general store, and later engaged in the hotel business, bought out his brother's interest in the store, and for thirty-one years was proprietor of both enterprises. Some years prior to his death he retired. He was also engaged in the undertaking and furniture business and was one of the leading men of his community. In political matters he was a Democrat. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church and was buried at the Gouglersville cemetery. Philip Gougler married Susan Spohn, and to them were born children as follows: Lewis, who married Ellen Moore, died at the age of twenty-six years; twins died in infancy; Rosa, who married Jefferson Marks, resides at Vinemont, Pa., and has twin boys, Calvin and Irwin; and James I.

James I. Gougler obtained his education in the schools of his native locality, and remained with his father until the latter's death, which occurred when James was eighteen years of age. He learned the butchering business with his brother, Lewis, and in 1881, when nineteen years old, embarked in business on his own account, starting in a very humble way. Through his business ability and good management, his honesty and straight-forwardness in all dealings, and his general popularity, he has built his business up until it is now one of the largest in its line in the county. He owns the meat market at Ninth and Penn streets, Reading, attends the Kissinger market, having two stands there, and employs ten skilled butchers. He kills from forty to fifty steers weekly, finding a ready sale for his product in Mohnton, Reading and the surrounding country, and has three wagons constantly delivering his goods. He deals both retail and wholesale, and the business is steadily reaching larger proportions. At one time Mr. Gougler went West for his cattle, but he now secures his meat in Lancaster county. He is a large property owner, having nine dwelling-houses in Mohnton and several in Shillington, and in 1896 erected his present modern residence on Wyomissing avenue, which is provided with the most modern improvements. He is a director in the Mohnton National Bank of Mohnton. His fraternal connections are with Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 485 and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Gougler was married to Miss Susan Tothero, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Whitman) Tothero, and granddaughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Frederick) Whitman. To this union have been born children as follows: James B., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, class of 1906, is now teaching in Mohnton; Naomi A., a graduate of the Shillington high school, class of 1907, is a student of Maryland College, Lutherville, Md.; Clarence T. is a butcher by trade.

In political matters Mr. Gougler is a Democrat, and he has always interested himself in movements calculated to be of benefit to his community. He was elected the first chief burgess of Mohnton by a large majority. He attends St. John's Lutheran Church.

FRANCIS Y. HEMMIG, a well-known wheelwright of West Reading, Pa., is a member of a family for many years well and favorably known in Berks county.

Johannes Hemmig, the emigrant ancestor of the Hemmigs, was a native of Switzerland. He left his country in the middle of the eighteenth century, and in 1759 is of record as a resident of Pennsylvania, where he was a taxable in Brecknock township, Berks county, paying a £5 tax. By occupation he was a farmer, and he owned much land and stock in Brecknock township, where he died. His will made May 20, 1776, was registered Jan. 21, 1777, the year of his death. His wife, Eva Maria, survived him, and they were the parents of Johannes (Hans), who was willed the homestead; Elizabeth; Anna, and Eve.

Johannes Hemmig (2) was born Nov. 2, 1742, and died Nov. 14, 1820, aged a little over seventy-eight years. A farmer like his father, he located in Cumru township, and there became the possessor of 600 acres, including what is now the Samuel Kurtz farm, the William R. High farm and a part of the present property of the Berks County alms-house. As might be inferred he was a man of both riches and prominence in the county. Twice married, his three sons were the children of his first wife, Elizabeth, who was born June 26, 1749, and died Aug. 26, 1804, aged fifty-five years, two months. John, the oldest son, who lived in Cumru township, married a Miss Yeitch and had three sons, John, Joseph and Benjamin. David, owner of the Angelica Mill on Angelica creek, married Miss Catherine Wanner. Joseph is mentioned below.

Joseph Hemmig, grandfather of Francis Y. Hemmig, lived on the old Morgantown road, and for many years was a farmer of Cumru township. He married a Miss Wanner, sister of his brother David's wife, and they became the parents of children as follows: Benjamin; Daniel; Thomas; Mrs. Isaac Hoshouer; and Samuel. Mr. Hemmig died in Cumru township at the age of eighty years, five months, eleven days, and is buried in the well-known Yocum's Church cemetery in Cumru township.

Samuel Hemmig, son of Joseph and father of Francis Y., was born in Cumru township, Berks county. By occupation he was a wheelwright and wagon-maker, and followed his trade in connection with a small farm which he cultivated, in Lower Heidelberg township. In religious connection he was a member of Yocum's Church, and he was known as a good Christian man. He passed away in 1881, and is buried in the Sinking Spring cemetery.

Samuel Hemmig married Mary Yost, a daughter of Nicholas Yost, and to them were born the following children: Martha, who died in Lower Heidelberg; Lewis, who died there; Francis Y., who is mentioned below; Catherine, the widow of Alfred Eyrich, who resides in Spring township; Susan, who died in Cumru township; Lydia, who

married Hiram Bickel, and resides in Cumru township; Alice, who married B. F. Leinbach, of Bern township; and Louisa, who married Alfred G. Lincoln, of Exeter township.

Francis Y. Hemmig attended the schools of Cumru and Bern townships and was employed on different farms until he commenced to learn the wheelwright's trade with his father and a Mr. Pifer. For five years he was thus engaged, and then he began business for himself in Robeson township, at the "Junction House," in 1871, and remained there for eight years. In 1880 he located in West Reading, where his place of business at the corner of Penn avenue and Fourth avenue is well patronized. The two-story brick residence in which he and his family make their home was built in 1884.

Mr. Hemmig married Catherine Dippery, a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Steinmetz) Dippery, and they became the parents of the following children: Clara A. married Charles Eyrich and they have had four children, Charles, May, Lester, and Leon (deceased). Irwin, Frank S. and James died young. William J., who is unmarried, is a wheelwright by trade, and is well known as a member of West Reading Fire Company, No. 1, the P. O. S. of A., K. G. E., K. of P. and I. O. R. M. Ellen married John Burd, and they reside in West Reading. They are the parents of one son, Francis.

In politics Mr. Hemmig is a Democrat and in religion a member of the Sinking Spring Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a member of Charity Chamber, No. 23, O. K. of F., Reading; P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 676, West Reading; and the K. G. E., Castle No. 302, of Reading.

JOSEPH S. HEPNER, a representative citizen and retired school teacher of Berks county, who is now carrying on agricultural operations in the vicinity of Hamburg, was born in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 9, 1852, son of Jacob Hepner, also of that township.

Christian Hepner, of Windsor township, the grandfather of Joseph S., was born Sept. 16, 1775, and carried on farming until his decease, May 25, 1856, at the age of eighty. He was married to Anna Maria Hoffman, of Perry township, who was born Sept. 5, 1781, and died Nov. 9, 1861, aged eighty years. They had four children, namely: Eliza, who married Samuel Hampsher; Samuel, who married Catherine Borkey; Jacob; and William, who married Hannah Stoyer.

Jacob Hepner, father of Joseph S., was born March 28, 1814, and died March 2, 1890. He was a farmer by occupation and also carried on the business of a building contractor. He was the principal contractor for the Schuylkill Navigation Company, between Pottsville and Reading, and he laid the foundation of St. John's Union Church at Hamburg, and reconstructed the big Blue Mountain dam in the Schuylkill river, north of Hamburg, after its destruction by the flood of 1850. He married Elizabeth Stoyer, of Windsor township, born Oct. 25, 1817, who died April 25, 1898, and they had six children: Jacob; Alfred, Christian and Henry, who died young; Samuel, who married Hannah Hollenbach, by whom he had three daughters, and later Hattie Behler, unto whom were born two daughters; and Joseph S. Mrs. Jacob Hepner was a daughter of Samuel Stoyer of Windsor township, who was born Feb. 13, 1791, and who carried on farming and broom-making until his decease, Aug. 20, 1878. He married Catherine Focht, of the same township, born Nov. 6, 1792, died July 14, 1845, and they had seven children: Catherine, who married John Billman; Hannah, who married William Hepner; Sarah Ann, who married William S. Deisher; Samuel, who married Catherine Weidman; Daniel, who married Annie Miller; Benneville, who married Catherine Raubenhold; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacob Hepner.

Joseph S. Hepner was educated in the public schools of his native township and at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, after leaving which latter institution, in 1869, he engaged in teaching in Windsor township, and at Kutztown for a period covering twenty-five years. In 1885 he recived a permanent certificate to teach. During this time he was also engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Hepner later conducted the hotel known as the "Washington House," at Hamburg, and then he turned his attention to farming in the vicinity of the borough, which occupation he has followed ever since. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat. He was elected a school director of the South ward in the spring of 1904, and is now serving his second term of three years. He has been the very efficient secretary of the board since 1905. Mr. Hepner is one of the foremost and most enterprising school directors Hamburg has ever had. He is profoundly interested in the success of the schools.

Mr. Hepner married Sinnorah Yeager, of Windsor township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Yeager, and to their union there were born three children: Alvin J. J., of Kutztown, married Mamie Angstadt, and they have been blessed with a bright and promising daughter, Lona V. Hepner; Laura is a highly esteemed teacher in the borough schools of Mount Penn; Mamie married Oscar Rhode, of Kutztown, and one son has been born to them. In the fall of 1907 the First National Bank of Hamburg, Pa., was organized and the business men of the borough placed Mr. Hepner at the head of this institution. He is also a stockholder in and director of the Hamburg Hoist Manufacturing Company, which is a local concern but recently organized by the people of Hamburg; is a heavy stockholder in the Hamburg Savings Bank; is the owner of a valuable tract of twenty-eight acres of land in Greenwich township, a double dwelling house on Washington street, one on Main street and a number of valuable building lots, some located at Hamburg, and some in Brooklyn, New York.

MABRY S. SEIDEL, a leading busineses man of Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., who is the proprietor of the Physicians' Supply Company, at Hamburg, was born Aug. 20, 1863, in Windsor township, son of Jonathan and Matilda (Sheidy) Seidel.

Johann Heinrich Seidel, the progenitor of the Seidel family in America, was born in 1732 at Straussberg, Germany. He crossed the Atlantic ocean on the ship "Brothers," and on landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1751, was sold as a "redemptioner" for his passage. One year afterward he was set free, and at once proceeded to Reading, Pa. In time he became a large property owner in Bern township, Berks county, also owning a tract of 400 acres in Maiden-creek township, where for many years he was a successful farmer. Farming was his principal vocation in life, but at times he engaged in mercantile ventures. In 1786 Mr. Seidel returned to Germany. In early life he saw considerable military service, participating in the French and Indian war under Captain Hiester, and later took part in the war of the Revolution. While he was in the army his wife and children carried on the farming operations. In 1760 he married Anna Catharine Rodmacher, who was born Jan. 19, 1738, and died Feb. 9, 1808. He died Aug. 21, 1801, at the age of sixty-nine years, four months, twenty-one days. Their last resting-place is in the graveyard of Zion's Union Church, in Perry township, and the spot is marked by a heavy marble slab. Their children were as follows: Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip, Jacob, and three daughters, but two of whom, Mary and Margaret, are recorded by name. It is supposed that the third daughter died in infancy. From the second son, Henry, comes one large branch of the Seidel family. Henry Seidel was born Nov. 12, 1765, and died Aug. 7, 1847. He married Elizabeth Reber, and from 1791 on they made their home upon the Seidel homestead in Windsor township, Berks county. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom the following reached mature age: Daniel, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catharine, Mary, Hannah and Rebecca.

John Seidel, the fourth son of Johann Heinrich, and the great-grandfather of Mabry E., was born in 1777 and

died in 1856. He was an extensive land-owner in Windsor township, owning several large properties, one of which was on the State road near St. Paul's Church, in Windsor township, where he was buried. He was a well-known and prominent citizen in his day, and took a leading part in public-spirited movements. Mr. Seidel married Catharine Stitzler, who bore him the following children: Godfrey, born in 1800, married Mary Sunday, and died in 1868; Daniel was a resident of Wessnersville, Pa.; John settled in Illinois; Joseph went West; Reuben was the grandfather of Mabry E.; William, born in 1818, married (first) Christina Gerhart and (second) Susanna Dreibelbis, and died in 1899; Catharine married Nathan Krause; Elizabeth married Gideon Fusselman.

Reuben Seidel, grandfather of Mabry E., was born in Windsor township in 1816, and died in 1887. He was a well-known distiller of Windsor township, but in later years retired, removing to Hamburg, where the latter years of his life were spent. He married (first) Catharine Fister, who had the following children: Elemena, who married Daniel Sheidy; Jonathan; Emanuel; Peter F.; Reuben F.; Catherine, who married Frank Bausher; Wallace B.; and John H., who settled in Nebraska. Reuben Seidel's second wife was Mrs. Hettie Seidel, nee Becker.

Jonathan Seidel, son of Reuben, was born in 1839, in Windsor township, but for a number of years resided in Greenwich township, where he owned a farm of fifty acres. In 1878 he sold out, and with his family removed to near Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, where he owned a farm of more than two hundred acres. At this place he conducted a sawmill, while his son managed the farm, and at the time of his death Mr. Seidel was in very comfortable circumstances. In 1860 he married Matilda Sheidy, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Hollenbach) Sheidy, and to them were born these children: Agnes, who married Jacob Saul; Mabry E.; and Alva L. and Annie E., unmarried.

Mabry E. Seidel attended the schools of his native district until he was fifteen years of age, when his father removed to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, having purchased a large farm one mile east of that place. The father attended to the management of the sawmill, while Mabry, with outside help, cultivated the farm, and also attended school for three winters. He remained in his father's employ until he was twenty-four years old, at which time he removed to Pottsville, and for five years worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He then went back to Pine Grove, and became a traveling salesman for the Keefer Pharmaceutical Company, of South Bend, Ind. In 1898 Mr. Seidel located in Hamburg and engaged in his present business, having a wholesale drug and physicians' supply house, which he has carried on to the present time. His business, which is a large and profitable one, is rapidly increasing, and his goods are well and favorably known throughout eastern Pennsylvania. His place of business is situated at Nos. 5 and 7 North Fourth street, Hamburg, and not only in this borough, but in every place in this section of Pennsylvania, Mr. Seidel is known as a business man of upright principles, his fair dealing and the high standard of his goods having won the confidence and patronage of the trade of his section. In politics Mr. Seidel is a Democrat, and he has served his town as school director and delegate to county conventions; at the present time he is a member of the borough council. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which he has been a deacon and is now serving as trustee.

Mr. Seidel has been twice married, his first wife having been Esther A. Keefer, daughter of Reuben and Susan (Barr) Keefer, of Pine Grove, Pa., to whom he was married June 30, 1888. They had these children: R. Warren, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; and Edna M. and Esther A., both of whom are at home. Mrs. Esther A. Seidel passed away at Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 8, 1895, and was buried at Pine Grove.

Mr. Seidel's second marriage, on May 26, 1898, was to Fannie M. Christ, daughter of Lewis Christ. To this union has been born one daughter, Evelyn M. Socially Mr. Seidel is a member of the Royal Arcanum; of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., Hamburg, of which he was an officer for three years; and of Reading Lodge of Perfection.

PETER GRIMES, of Womelsdorf, Pa., who is engaged in carpentering, and who is a veteran of the Civil war, was born Aug. 29, 1846, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of Peter and Sarah (Wenrich) Grimes.

Henry Grimes, his grandfather, was of Heidelberg township, where as a lad he was bound out as a servant in a family. Later he engaged in agricultural pursuits and became the owner of a tract of 150 acres in the mountains in Heidelberg township, cultivating his land in addition to teaching the "three R's" in German subscription schools, the principal text-books being the Psalter and the New Testament. Mr. Grimes married Susanna Leininger, who after his death married George Becker. Mr. Grimes is buried at the Corner Church. He and his wife had these children: Peter; John; Anna; Benjamin; David; Henry; Joseph; Franklin, of Marion township; Daniel, of Mill Creek township, Lebanon county; Mary, of West Philadelphia; and Jacob, of near Denver, Lancaster county.

Peter Grimes, father of Peter, was born Aug. 29, 1819, and died May 11, 1882, in Heidelberg township, after having spent his life in various places. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits and fence making. He was a member of Zion's Lutheran Church, where he was buried. Mr. Grimes married Sarah Wenrich, born June 14, 1821, died Dec. 21, 1895, daughter of David Wenrich, who was married three times, having five children by his first wife, five by the second, and nine by the third. Mrs. Grimes was of the second marriage, her mother's maiden name being Henry. To Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were born: John, who died during the Civil war at Beaufort Hospital, S. C.; Peter; Henry, of Womelsdorf; Franklin, deceased, who had a son Franklin; and Sarah, who married William Thompson, of Philadelphia, in which city she died.

Peter Grimes spent his youth upon the home farm, where he worked until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time his youthful heart was fired by patriotism, and on Oct. 27, 1862, he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company A, 167th Pa. Vol. Inf., being then but sixteen years old. He served nine months, and was mustered out Aug. 12, 1863, at Reading, having participated in the battle of Black Water (where Colonel Knoderer was killed) and the siege of Suffolk. He re-enlisted Feb. 19, 1864, at Womelsdorf, becoming a private of Company B, 55th Pa. Vol. Inf., Capt. John C. Shearer, of Robesonia, and Col. Richard White, of Indiana county, Pa. He was mustered into the service at Reading, and received his honorable discharge at Petersburg, Aug. 30, 1865, the war having closed. During his long and faithful service Mr. Grimes participated in the battles of Old Town Creek; Proctor's Creek; Drury's Bluff; Cold Harbor, June 3-10, 1864, where he was wounded in the head by a piece of bursting shell; Petersburg, June 16-17-18, 1864; Cemetery Hill; Chapin's Farm; Hatcher's Run, March 30-31; Fort Gregg; capture of Petersburg, April 2; Rice Station, April 6, and surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865. Mr. Grimes was always a faithful and willing soldier, gallant in action, and cheerful during the long and tedious marches. He was popular among his comrades and respected by his officers, and his war record is one of which any man might well be proud.

On his return from the war, Mr. Grimes located in Womelsdorf, and took up carpentering and fence making at which he gained quite a reputation. He has long been known as an expert carpenter, and has done much work in Womelsdorf and vicinity. In 1864 he purchased a house on South Front street, with his bounty money. In poli-

tics he is a Republican, and twice against his will, he was elected to the town council, in which body he served very efficiently. He is a member of Capt. William Tice Post, No. 471, G. A. R., of Myerstown, Pa. He and his family are members of Zion Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation.

On Jan. 22, 1871, Mr. Grimes was married to Henrietta Borry, daughter of Samuel Borry, of Lancaster county, Pa., and they have the following children: John B., of Lebanon, who married Annie Walmer; Charles D., who resides at Newmanstown, Pa., married to Nora Zimmerman; Calvin P., of Womelsdorf, who married Emma Trexler; Katie S. and Monroe O., unmarried, who are at home; Samuel, of Womelsdorf, who married Katie Nester; and Mary, who is unmarried and resides at home.

CHRISTIAN S. FLICKINGER, who is proprietor of a successful butchering business at Shillington, Pa., was born June 7, 1852, in Spring township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Sophia (Snader) Flickinger.

Christian Flickinger, grandfather of Christian S., was a native of Berks county, where he engaged in farming and cattle dealing all his life. He married a Miss Reiger, and they had six children: Samuel, John, Jacob, Bennewell, Catherine and Elizabeth. The old couple are buried in Gehman cemetery, at Adamstown.

Jacob Flickinger, father of Christian S., obtained a fair education in the schools of his native locality, and in early life followed farming, later engaging in the cattle and butchering business both in Lancaster and Berks counties. He died in Spring township. Mr. Flickinger was twice married, his first wife being Harriet Bitzer, by whom he had children as follows: Rufus, who is deceased; and Elizabeth, who is living at Terre Hill, Lancaster Co., Pa. By his second marriage, with Sophia Snader, there were nine children: Christian S., Harriet (Mrs. Ream, of Reamstown, Lancaster county), Frank (of Reading), and Maggie (Mrs. Eberly, of Ephrata, Pa.), living, and Jacob, Amanda, Mary, Katie and Robert, deceased.

Christian S. Flickinger attended the schools of Spring township, and spent his early life in agricultural pursuits. For a period of thirty years he has been in the butchering business, and in 1897 settled in Shillington, where he has since continued with much success. In 1877 Mr. Flickinger married Mary Fritz, daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Burkhart) Fritz, and to them were born: Alva, who is unmarried and at home; Clinton; and Lillie. In politics Mr. Flickinger is a Republican, and though no office seeker he takes a great interest in public matters. Any movement in the line of education finds him its stanch supporter, and he has always been found in the front ranks of those promoting any public-spirited enterprise. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

ROTHENBERGER. The Rothenberger family of Berks county can lay claim to being one of the oldest families in this section of Pennsylvania, and members thereof are found in nearly every township in the county, representing the various professions and prominent in business, social and public life.

There were four of the Rothenbergers who came to this country in the pioneer days, cousins, two brothers on each side. One of them settled with his cousin at Spring Valley, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, and the other two settled at the Leize's bridge, in that township. According to the records,

As early as 1738, Hans Peter Rosenberger arrived in the ship "Nancy and Friendship," from the Palatinate, and on Sept. 3, of the following year, Nicklas Rodenberger, who (although it is not definitely known) is supposed to have been the originator of the branch of the Rothenberger family with which this biography deals, arrived in the ship "Royal Judith," Edward Painter, commander, from Rotterdam, last from Deal. There was also a Johannes Rothenberger, who came Oct. 22, 1754, in the ship "Henrietta," John Ross, captain. Since he spelled his name in the same manner that it is spelled today, it is not at all improbable that he may have been the progenitor of the family. The three emigrants came respectively from Franconia, Wurtemberg and Hesse. There is no doubt as to the authenticity, however, of the following history.

Frederick Rothenberger, the great-grandfather of Clayton M. and Frank M. Rothenberger of Maiden-creek township, was born Nov. 25, 1771, and died Dec. 5, 1833. He married Catherine Saylor, and they had seven children: Samuel; Daniel; Polly (Mary), who remained single; Sarah, who married John Fisher; Elizabeth, who married a Homan; Rebecca, who married Daniel Bernhart; and Judith, who married John Hartman.

Daniel Rothenberger, son of Frederick, was born Nov. 26, 1801, and died Dec. 5, 1890. He married Elizabeth Gerhart, and they had the following children: Frank; Obediah; Frederic; Jacob; Levi; Daniel; Urias; Catherine, who married William Fisher; Leah, who married Benneville Fox; Elizabeth, who married Henry Fisher; and Mary, who married Mabery Hartman.

Frank Rothenberger, father of Clayton M. and Frank M., was born in Alsace township Sept. 3, 1830. He was married Nov. 11, 1854, to Catherine Miller, daughter of Isaac and Magdalena (Weidman) Miller, born Nov. 16, 1834. By this union there were twelve children, as follows: Mary, born Sept. 11, 1855, who married A. G. Rothermel; Urias, born July 31, 1857; one that died in infancy, born June 2, 1859; Owen, born Aug. 5, 1860, who died March 15, 1863; Milton, born June 8, 1862; Daniel, born March 24, 1864; Isaac, born Aug. 22, 1866; Sallie, born Dec. 20, 1868, who married J. J. Kelchner; Clayton M. and Frank M.; Morris, born July 10, 1875; and Catherine, born April 16, 1877, who married John K. Stoudt. The father of these children died Jan. 30, 1907, aged seventy-six years, four months, twenty-seven days.

CLAYTON M. ROTHENBERGER was born June 20, 1871, in Ontelaunee township, on the old family homestead near Leesport, and received his education in that locality. Until thirty-three years of age he worked on the home farm, but in the spring of 1906 he formed a partnership with his brother Frank, and they are now engaged in a successful general merchandise business at Blandon. On Sept. 26, 1896, Mr. Rothenberger was married to Lizzie A. Rickenbach, daughter of Edward and Ellen (Roth) Rickenbach, and a descendant of one of Berks county's oldest and most honored families, and one child was born to this union: Elwood, born Dec. 15, 1897, on the old Rickenbach homestead in Ontelaunee township, who now attends the grammar school at Blandon. Mr. Rothenberger is a member of Blandon Lodge, No. 1084, I. O. O. F.; Leesport Camp, No. 165, P. O. S. of A., and Leesport Castle No. 503, K. G. E. The family are members of Gernant's Church, Mrs. Rothenberger being of the Lutheran and her husband of the Reformed faith, and he at present is serving as deacon of the church, taking much interest in church and charitable work.

FRANK M. ROTHENBERGER was born July 4, 1873, on the old homestead in Ontelaunee township, was reared on the farm, and for a time was in the employ of the New York Silk Company at Fleetwood, Berks county. Later he clerked in the general store of A. G. Rothermel & Co., in the building where he is now located, and subsequently entered the employ of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, after leaving which he became a carpenter in the Reading shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. Mr. Rothenberger then formed a partnership with his brother Isaac, at Wernersville, under the firm name of I. M. Rothenberger & Brother, general merchandise dealers, which continued until the spring of 1906, at which time the partnership with his brother Clayton was formed, the business being known as Rothenberger & Brother.

On Nov. 29, 1900, Mr. Rothenberger was married to Sallie S. Miller, daughter of Peter and Amanda (Schmehl) Miller, and a descendant of an old and highly respected

family of Berks county, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Ralph M., born May 31, 1902, at Reading; a daughter, born April 22, 1903, at Wernersville, who died the same day; Paul P., born Oct. 16, 1904, at Wernersville; and Earl Edward, born Dec. 2, 1907, at Blandon. Mr. Rothenberger and his family are members of the Reformed denomination, and attend Gernant's Church. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 165, P. O. S. of A., and Blandon Lodge, No. 1084, I. O. O. F.

Both of the Rothenberger brothers are men of much business ability, and they have built up a large and lucrative patronage. They carry a full line of first-class general merchandise, and their ability to judge the needs of their community, as well as their well-known business integrity, has aided much in making their establishment so popular in Blandon and the surrounding country. The post-office is located in their place of business, Frank being assistant postmaster and Clayton rural free delivery carrier. They are worthy representatives of this old and honored family.

JOHN S. OXENREITER, a highly esteemed citizen of Ontelaunee township, Berks county, was born July 8, 1858, in Marion township, near Womelsdorf, son of Benneville and Annie Magdalena (Spatz) Oxenreiter. His grandparents, John and Sallie (Haas) Oxenreiter, were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: John, Kate, Michael, Benneville, Mary, Moses, Adam, Elizabeth, Isaac, Elias, Harrison, Rebecca and Jesse.

Benneville Oxenreiter, who was a farmer by occupation, married Annie Magdalena Spatz, daughter of Jacob and Leah (Zeller) Spatz, and five children were born to this union: Elvina, who married John Shware, has two children, Frank and George; John S. is mentioned below; Mary died unmarried; Aaron married Emma Wallace, and had three children, Charles, George and Harry (the latter deceased); Frank died young. The mother died Jan. 8, 1908, and the father Aug. 24, 1908. Both are buried at Host St. John's Church, in Jefferson township, Berks county.

John S. Oxenreiter was reared and educated in his native locality, and his youth was spent in assisting his father on the home farm. On Sept. 26, 1885, he was married to Sarah C. R. Leinbach, daughter of Washington and Esther (Rieser) Leinbach, and to this union there have been born three children: Alberta Esther, Hattie Lulu and Paul Washington, all unmarried.

In politics Mr. Oxenreiter is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office. In his religious belief he is a Lutheran, while the rest of the family belong to the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 237, P. O. S. of A.; Fraternity Castle, No. 302, K. G. E.; and Ontelaunee Council, No. 985, O. of I. A.

W. ADAM FRAUENFELDER, a representative agriculturist and substantial citizen of Berks county, whose valuable property is situated in Windsor township, was born in Greenwich township, Oct. 6, 1854, son of Henry and Fietta (Stump) Frauenfelder.

Heinrich Frauenfelder, the great-great-grandfather of W. Adam, was born in Switzerland, and came to America when a mere lad. He became a substantial farmer of his locality, settling in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, Pa. His son Adam, the great-grandfather of W. Adam, owned the property now in the possession of Michael Hoffman. He married a Miss Bassler, and to this union were born children as follows: Adam, who settled in Circleville, Ohio; John, who served in Capt. Jeremiah Schappell's Company, 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, during the war of 1812, being in active service from Sept. 1 to Nov. 1, 1814; Jacob; and Heinrich.

Jacob Frauenfelder, grandfather of W. Adam, was born in Perry township Oct. 1, 1801, and died Dec. 9, 1870, in his seventieth year. He married Magdalena Baer, daughter of John and Catharine (Reeser) Baer, and they had these children: Adam, who married Lovina Lenhart; Matilda, who married Joseph Leiby; and Henry.

Henry Frauenfelder, born Feb. 12, 1834, in Perry township, died April 5, 1889, aged fifty-five years. He was a lifelong farmer on the property now owned by his son, W. Adam, and was well and favorably known, serving his township as supervisor, assessor and auditor for many years. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and he and his family were constant attendants of the Zion's Union Church of Perry township, of which he was treasurer, deacon and elder. Mr. Frauenfelder married Fietta Stump, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Dietrich) Stump, and two sons were born to this union, W. Adam and Daniel J. The latter married Lenora Jacoby and has two children, Lovie and Curtis.

W. Adam Frauenfelder attended the public schools of his district until sixteen years of age, obtaining a good common school education. He commenced farming for himself in Maxatawny township, where he lived one year, then removing to the old Michael Dietrich homestead, one-half mile northeast of Klinesville, in Greenwich township. This valuable property he bought, and lived upon it for eight years, making various improvements. He built the present barn in 1884 and the large summer house soon thereafter. In 1889 he sold the farm to his brother, Daniel J., and embarked in a general mercantile business at Klinesville, where he was engaged with much success for nine year. In 1898 Mr. Frauenfelder sold his store, stock and good-will to Hamscher Brothers, and removed to his 120-acre farm in Windsor township, two miles west of Lenhartsville. In recent years Mr. Frauenfelder has improved this property greatly, and it now compares favorably with any in the township.

In political matters Mr. Frauenfelder is a Democrat, and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving as delegate to numerous county conventions and to three State conventions, and was for twelve terms committeeman of his district. He has served Greenwich township as school director, for nine years was postmaster of Klinesville, and announced himself as a candidate for the office of jury commissioner of Berks county in 1909. Mr. Frauenfelder is a prominent member of New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church, belonging to the Reformed denomination. He has served this church as deacon, trustee and elder, and was on the building committee when the church tower was erected and was instrumental in procuring the bell, upon which his name is inscribed in letters of bronze.

Mr. Frauenfelder has been twice married, his first wife being Catherine I. Lenhart, with whom he was united July 10, 1875. She died Nov. 6, 1886, aged twenty-eight years, eight months, sixteen days, leaving two daughters: Laura S., who married Robert E. Dietrich; and Estella C., married to Howard Luckenbill. On Jan. 26, 1888, Mr. Frauenfelder was married to Mrs. Fannie I. (Seidel) Trexler, daughter of William and Susanna (Dreibelbis) Seidel, and to this union were born children as follows: Susan F. (a school teacher), Elton A., Fannie I., Esther M., and George Henry Seidel. Mrs. Frauenfelder had two sons by her first marriage, namely: Edward N. Trexler, living with the parents, and William B. Trexler, M. D., who is located at Fullerton, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania.

ALBERT S. YOCOM, of Sinking Spring, the well-known and popular auctioneer, was born in Cumru township, Berks county, Oct. 31, 1855, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Spohn) Yocom.

Samuel Yocom, born Feb. 4, 1817, followed farming as an occupation, and by industry and good judgment, won a comfortable competency. He died Jan. 25, 1890, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, twenty-one days. Mr. Yocom was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Spohn, daughter of William and Catharine Spohn, was born July 22, 1819, and died Feb. 26, 1864, aged forty-four years, seven months, four days. His second marriage was to Mrs. Susan (Zacharias) Yocom, widow of Samuel, born Aug. 17, 1822, died Oct. 3, 1903, aged eighty-

one years, one month, sixteen days. Samuel Yocom's children were: Nicholas, William S., Samuel, Henry, John (deceased), Charles (deceased), and Albert S.

Albert S. Yocom passed his youth on the farm, and gave his services to his father until he had attained his majority. In his young manhood he was elected supervisor of Spring township, in which office he served ably for three years. In 1884 he began farming for himself on the homestead, where he continued for eight years, in 1892 purchasing a lot and building a brick house, in which place he made his home until he became proprietor of the "Central Hotel," which he conducted with great success for two years. He then sold it and bought the home in which he now resides, on Main street, Sinking Spring. Mr. Yocom was formerly assessor of Spring township, serving as such for eighteen years, his long continuance in that office being good evidence of the perfect satisfaction he gave. He is at present roadmaster. He began crying sales in 1882, and since then has been the auctioneer at nearly three thousand sales. During the months of February and March he is in daily demand, and his popularity and wide acquaintance—to say nothing of his ability, which is far above the average—insure him success in his work.

Mr. Yocom is a Democrat, and is an active worker in the ranks of his party. In the spring of 1907, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, he ran for the office of high sheriff of Berks county, for which there were nine competitors; he received the fourth highest vote cast. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Castle No. 334, Sinking Spring; the Sr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 77, Sinking Spring; Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 155, Sinking Spring; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 66, of Reading; and the Sons of America. He is a Lutheran member of St. John's Church.

On Jan. 10, 1874, Mr. Yocom married Lydia B. Mosser, born Oct. 24, 1857, daughter of Franklin Mosser, of Ontelaunee township. To this union came twelve children, as follows: Irene, who married F. P. Ernfield; Gertrude, who wedded Cortland Fisher; Jennie, who died young; Sallie, who married John E. Nunnemacher; Maggie, who married Thomas Monday; Clayton, who died young; Alvin, of Green Bay, Ill.; Ellen, who died young; and Nora, Edward, Emma and Cora, at home.

HARTMAN.* The Hartman family is an old and honored one of Berks county. There are many representatives of the name scattered all over the country, and the Hartmans are numerous in the eastern counties of Pennsylvania. As the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, record about seventy of this name that emigrated to Pennsylvania between 1727 and 1808, it is evident that the present day Hartmans are not descended from a common pioneer. In Berks county there are Hartmans to the east and south of Reading, while another branch live in the valley north of the city, and whether even these come from a common pioneer is not certain, although this is not probable. This family of Hartmans originally located to the north of Reading, but its descendants have since scattered through Schuylkill, Columbia, Lycoming and other northern counties of Pennsylvania, as well as into the Middle West.

John Hartman (I) was the name of the earliest known ancestor of the branch in which we are interested. No definite records have been discovered up to this time to indicate when he came to America, but it is known that he came from the Rhine country—Erbach in the district of Odenwald, a mountainous region between the Main and Neckar rivers, probably some thirty miles from Frankfort-on-the-Main. Tradition gives a romance in connection with his emigration to the New World, which is related in Vol. VII, page 344, of "The Pennsylvania German." He settled in Exeter township, now a part of Berks county, where he was employed as a miller at the Bishop Mill, which is now the property of George Wamsher. Later he settled on what is now the old Hartman homestead, lately owned by Henry Hartman (deceased) and still in the possession of his estate near Temple. John Hartman's happy married life lasted but one year, when his wife died without issue. His second marriage was to Agnes Bleiler, widow of Jacob Bleiler, and to this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters, viz.: Michael, John, Juliana (wife of Michael Gereth), Catharine Elizabeth (wife of Henry Silvis), and Catharine. John Hartman (I) died Oct. 18, 1786, aged fifty-five years within two months and ten days, which would bring the date of his birth to Dec. 28, 1731. His wife, Agnes Hartman, died between the 2d and the 18th of April, 1791. They are both buried at Reading on the present site of Trinity Lutheran Church.

John Hartman (II), son of John, the emigrant, was born June 23, 1771, in Exeter township, and was, therefore, only fifteen years of age when his father died. He was younger than Michael, and probably the youngest of all the children. In his father's will, written Sept. 1, 1786, he is the only one spoken of or treated as a minor child. He was a farmer and spent the greater part of his life on the old homestead at Temple. He owned several farms besides the homestead, as well as extensive woodland property now owned jointly by Frederick S. Hartman, the Estate of Henry Hartman, and George C. Hartman. The Temple hotel property and the farm adjoining the homestead were also included among his possessions. He married Sophia Mary Maurer, daughter of Frederick Maurer, and died Sept. 3, 1823, of biliary fever, aged fifty-two years. His wife survived him and died about 1852. Their remains now rest side by side in Alsace Church graveyard, whither their bodies were removed by their sons in 1860. They were originally interred in the burial-ground of Trinity Lutheran Church. They left three sons and three daughters, namely: John, Daniel, Frederick, Elizabeth (wife of John Huyett), Esther, and Mary (who was married to Daniel Maurer).

Michael Hartman, the eldest son of John, the emigrant, obtained possession by his father's will of the mill property in Exeter township and about eighty acres of woodland in the same township. It appears that some years later he purchased a mill property and a considerable tract of land in Brunswick township, Berks (now Schuylkill) county, and many of his descendants may still be found in that vicinity.

John Hartman (III), son of John (II), was born on the homestead at Temple and there passed his entire life. After his father's death he became owner of all the latter's real estate except the hotel property, which was sold. He followed farming and became wealthy, becoming prominently known as a money lender. His possessions included an iron ore mine, situated in the woodland tract on South Mountain, east of Temple, the ore from which was taken by team to Eckert's Furnace at Reading, Mr. Hartman receiving a royalty on the product. He married Mary Schaeffer, and to them were born six children, five sons and one daughter, viz.: Amos, John, Frederick S., Daniel, Henry and Sophia Maria; the parents are buried in Alsace Church cemetery.

Amos Hartman (IV), son of John (III), was like his brothers and sister born on the homestead at Temple. Before his father's death he lived on and farmed the property adjoining to the west, but afterward he bought the homestead and moved upon that place, his mother and brothers Frederick and Henry taking possession of the farm he vacated. Subsequently Amos Hartman sold the homestead to his brother Henry, the property adjoining to the west previously mentioned becoming the property of Frederick. Amos bought and moved to a large farm in Spring township near Cacoosing, and later still he bought the Jacob Kirst place, near North Reading, to which he moved. He also purchased an adjoining tract now owned by Garson Huyett, where he died. He and

* Acknowledgment is due to Mr. Winfield L. Hartman, of Perkiomen Seminary, who has spent much time and labor in securing the data for the compilation of the major portion of this sketch.

his wife Rebecca (Yost) are buried in the Alsace Church cemetery. They had a family of four children, viz.: Frank Y., Mary (married to Adam Rothermel), Susan (married to Garson Huyett), and Clara (married to William Krick).

Frank Y. Hartman (V), son of Amos, was born at Temple. He bought the Kirst farm near North Reading, which he now occupies. He married Sarah Reber, and they have had three children: Edwin R., Nora and Paul, Paul dying in infancy.

John Hartman (IV), son of John (III), journeyed out to Ohio when a young man to what in those days was considered the "far West." He died at the age of about twenty-three years in Ohio, and is buried there.

Frederick S. Hartman (IV), son of John (III), was born on the homestead at Temple. For a time he lived on the farm adjoining to the west, which he still owns, and later he bought a property near Cross Keys, where he now lives. He is a man of intelligence and business ability, and is the owner of a number of large farms. He married Amanda High, and to them were born six children, John H., James (deceased), Mary A. E., Sallie H., Bertha S. and Emma M.

John H. Hartman (V), son of Frederick S., in early manhood went to Arkansas City, Kans., where he was employed in a bank and interested in real estate.. He married Mrs. Augusta Wardman, of Kansas, and they have one son, John R., who lives in Philadelphia.

Daniel Hartman (IV), son of John (III), died unmarried at the age of twenty years.

Henry Hartman (IV), son of John (III), became the owner of the homestead, buying it from his brother Amos. He was a farmer and also owned a limestone quarry near Evansville, Berks county. His wife was Sarah Dunkel, and they had three children, viz.: John D., married to Elnora Potteiger; Bertha, married to Valentine Hartman; and Nora, who lives with her mother at Temple.

Daniel Hartman (III), son of John (II), was born Dec. 8, 1799, in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, at Temple, and died April 5, 1876. In his early manhood, when traveling was usually done on horseback, except when it was possible to go by steamboat, he saw considerable of the country, going west as far as Ohio and Indiana, and north into Canada. For a while he lived in Chester county, where he was in the employ of a Quaker family. He also lived near Faust's Mill, in what was then Maiden-creek (now Ontelaunee) township, where his son George C. was born. Later he moved to the Bodey property, near Bodey's schoolhouse in Muhlenberg township, now owned by Frank Hahn, where he and his family lived about two years, after which he bought the place now owned and occupied by Jacob Reeser, in Bern township. He also bought the adjoining Fox property, and there lived until his death. He and his wife are buried in Epler's Church cemetery. At the age of thirty-seven Daniel Hartman married Anna Ulrich, and to them were born six children, viz.: George C., Daniel, John, Mary (who died in infancy), Ellen and Mary.

George C. Hartman (IV) was born May 2, 1838, in Maiden-creek (now Ontelaunee) township, and moved with his father to Bern township when scarcely three years old. In 1861 he married Rebecca J. Leinbach, and during the first year of their married life they lived with his father on the home farm. About that time Daniel Hartman bought a property in Penn township near Bern Church, on which George C. Hartman and his wife moved, remaining there two years. They then returned to Bern township, again taking his father's farm. The following year Daniel Hartman bought the Hain farm in Bern township, along the Schuylkill river above Felix's dam, and his son, George, moved to that place and there resided for twenty-three years. Some time before his father's death George C. Hartman bought this property. Although farming was his principal business for so many years, he was also engaged in the lime and coal business in company with two partners under the firm name of Hartman, Kramer & Ulrich. The lime was shipped by canal-boat along the Schuylkill to Reading, the lower part of Berks county, and Montgomery and Chester counties. In 1886 Mr. Hartman bought the large quarries of Leinbach & Brother, located just above Felix's dam, at Cedar Hill, and adjoining the former property. In 1888 Mr. Hartman moved with his family onto this property and devoted himself more especially to the lime business until 1898, when he moved to West Leesport, Berks county. He has since lived there in retirement. He still owns the Cedar Hill property and the farm adjoining it, as well as retaining a number of other interests. He is an intelligent, broad-minded man, and has always appreciated the value of a liberal education, a fact which he has shown practically by giving all his sons college training. Eight children, six sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hartman, viz.: John Daniel, George Washington, Irvin Henry, Franklin Oscar, Harrison Edwin, Winfield Leinbach, Mary Ann and Carrie Jane; all of this family, with the exception of Mary, have at various times been students at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and all the sons are pursuing professional or business careers.

John D. L. Hartman (V) was born in Penn township Aug. 9, 1865. He taught two terms in the public schools of Bern township, and in 1883 was appointed a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point by Daniel Ermentrout, the Congressional representative of his district. He is at present a captain in the 1st United States Cavalry and has seen service in practically all the Western and frontier States, Cuba and the Philippines. Lately he was an instructor of military art in the United States Infantry and Cavalry School and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and still later he was engaged in the same kind of work at Fort Riley. He is at present doing service in the Philippine Islands. In 1894 he married Helen C. Ward, whose father is now colonel of the 2d United States Cavalry.

George W. Hartman (V) was born Oct. 5, 1867, in Bern township, where all the children except John were born. After teaching for several terms in the public schools he entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which institution he graduated in 1895. He later attended the Harvard Physical Culture School, and the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster. While attending the latter institution he held the position of physical instructor in Franklin and Marshall College. He was also, for several terms, a member of the faculty of the Kutztown State Normal School. He is at present in the Reformed ministry and is located at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. He married in 1901 Carrie M. Reed, of Doylestown, Pa., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School. They are the parents of two children, a son, George E., and a daughter, Esther L.

Irvin H. Hartman (V), M. D., was born May 22, 1869, near Epler's Church in Bern township. He was reared on the farm and received his early education in the common schools, later attending the Normal School at Kutztown and Palatinate College at Myerstown. He taught in the public schools for five terms. He entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in October, 1892, graduating in June, 1895. After graduation he was elected resident physician of St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, for one year. He has since been engaged in private practice and established himself at West Reading, where he remained until settling at his present location in Reading, No. 137 South Fourth street, in 1902. In addition to his private practice Dr. Hartman serves as examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., and the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. He is associated professionally with the Berks County Medical Society, the Reading Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows Fraternities, holding membership in Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., and

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Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and in Progressive Lodge, No. 470, I. O. O. F. He and his family are members of the Second Reformed Church, of Reading. On June 20, 1899, Dr. Hartman married Miss Frances E. Moser, of Greenville, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Catharine Moser. Dr. and Mrs. Hartman have one child, Katharine Nella.

Frank O. Hartman (V) was born Jan. 9, 1872. After teaching in the public schools he prepared for college at Palatinate College and entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1894, graduating in 1898. Since then he has served as principal of the Leesport (Pa.) high school, professor of natural sciences in the City High School of Franklin, Pa., principal of the Bernville and Sinking Spring high schools, and is now supervisor of the public schools at Woodbine, N. J. He married in 1901 Elizabeth A. Kaufman, of West Leesport, Pa., and their family consists of two daughters, Clara R. and Mary E.

Harrison E. Hartman (V), who is conducting a very prosperous real estate business in the Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company building, Philadelphia, as a member of the firm of Barber, Hartman & Co., was born Jan. 23, 1876, in Bern township, Berks county, son of George C. and Rebecca Jane (Leinbach) Hartman.

Harry Edwin Hartman received his preliminary education in the township school, and after attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown for one term secured a teacher's certificate. He then taught public school, for three terms near his home and one term in West Leesport, meanwhile attending the Normal school for three spring sessions to increase his qualifications as teacher. In 1896 he went to Philadelphia and took a business course in Palm's Business College, and after following bookkeeping for two years became a teacher in the college mentioned, where he continued two years. He then engaged in the real estate business with Benjamin F. Teller & Brother and Felix Isman for five years, when he formed a partnership with Edward Barber and George W. Presker in the same line of business, under the firm name of Barber, Hartman & Co. They have since carried on operations in a very successful manner, with rooms in the Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company building at Twelfth and Chestnut streets, as successors to the well-known firm of Benjamin F. Teller & Brother.

Winfield L. Hartman (V) was born April 25, 1880. He graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1897. After teaching in the public schools he prepared for college in Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa. He entered Princeton University in 1900, graduating from that institution with high honors in 1904. While a student at Princeton he was the successful competitor for the Thomas Wanamaker prize on the English Language, The Class of 1870 prize, in Old English, and was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which is an honorary society for scholarship. Since that time he has held the position of instructor in Latin and Greek in Perkiomen Seminary, and is now the head of that department. He is a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M. In 1905 he married Sophia E. Zerr, of Geiger's Mills, Pa. They have one child, Helen Elizabeth.

Mary A. Hartman (V) was born March 25, 1862, in Bern township. In 1886 she married James G. Kauffman, a progressive young farmer of Centre township, Berks county. Their union has been blessed with nine children, seven sons and two daughters, viz.: Winfield (deceased), David, Laura (deceased), George, Mabel, James, John (deceased), Irvin and Harry.

Carrie J. Hartman (V) was born Nov. 11, 1873. She graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1899, and taught in the public schools of Ontelaunee township for four years. In 1903 she married Mordecai S. Parvin, of East Berkley, Pa. They have one child, Mordecai Hartman Parvin.

Mary Hartman (IV), daughter of Daniel (III) and sister to George C. (IV), died in early childhood at the age of about one year.

Daniel Hartman (IV) also died in childhood, at the age of about two years.

John Hartman (IV) was born in Bern township and died at home in the twenty-fifth year of his age.

Mary Hartman (IV), the second daughter of Daniel who was named Mary, died at her home in Bern in her eighteenth year.

Ellen Hartman (IV) was the only member of Daniel Hartman's family besides George C. who lived to rear a family of her own. She was born in Bern township in 1845. She became the wife of Jacob Reeser, of Centre township, and for a time they lived in Bern with her father. In about 1873 Mr. Reeser bought the farm of Daniel Hartman, located near Leize's Bridge, in Bern township, and Mr. Hartman had his home with him until the time of his death, in April, 1876. Mrs. Reeser died in August, 1902, and was buried in Epler's Church cemetery. She was the mother of four children, one son and three daughters, viz.: James, Valeria, Mamie and Elizabeth.

CYRUS E. WERLEY, a well-known citizen of Oakbrook, whose pleasant residence is situated near Noble street, is a skilled mechanic in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, where he has charge of a department. Mr. Werley was born Feb. 4, 1866, in Oakbrook, Cumru township, son of Obediah and Kate (Zimmerman) Werley.

Obediah Werley was born in Cumru township March 9, 1839, and now resides at Oakbrook, after a long and useful life spent at the carpenter's trade. He married Kate Zimmerman, born May 16, 1845, daughter of Anthony Zimmerman, and to this union there were born five children, as follows: Cyrus E. is mentioned below; James, who married Kate Miller, by whom he had one daughter, Edna, died in his twenty-fourth year; Emma married Irwin Berg, of Oakbrook, who is mentioned elsewhere; Howard, an iron worker, who resides at Oakbrook, married Kate Obold; Maggie married Walter Kline, also an iron worker at Oakbrook.

Cyrus E. Werley was reared on the home farm, and began working for the Reading Iron Company when eighteen years of age, continuing with that concern for nine years. In 1892 he learned the boiler-maker's trade with Orr & Sembower, Millmont, where he worked until 1903, since which time he has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, being now in charge of a gang of boiler-makers. He is an excellent mechanic and an industrious and faithful workman, and his services are valued highly by his employers. Fraternally he is connected with the K. O. T. M. and the Reading Relief Association. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Redeemer Church of Oakbrook, of which he is treasurer. Mr. Werley built his brick residence on Fern near Noble street, Oakbrook, in 1896, and there he has since made his home.

In 1888 Mr. Werley was married to Emma Hatt, born June 2, 1868, daughter of Philip and Emma (Reed) Hatt, lifelong farming people of Spring township. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hatt, as follows: John, who died young; Maria, who married John Bitting, deceased; Lewis, who is unmarried and lives at home; Emma, wife of Mr. Werley; Susan, who married John H. Fichthorn, of Mohnton, Pa.; Daniel, who died young; George, who married Alice Hinnershitz, and lives in Mohnton; Kate, who married David Lonacker, of Mohnton; Mary, who died young; James, who married Fianna Kauffman, and two who died small. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Werley: Maud A., Ellis W., Ammon E., George W and James D.

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DANIEL DUNKEL, of Hamburg, is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the upper section of Berks county. He was born Aug. 18, 1857, in Maiden-creek township, son of Jacob L. and Anna (Rothermel) Dunkel.

Conrad Dunckel, great-grandfather of Daniel Dunkel, was an early resident of Maiden-creek township, where he carried on wheelwrighting and blacksmithing and owned considerable property, owning land in that township prior to 1794 and in Ruscombmanor township in 1805. His elder brother, Michael Dunckel, who had vast property holdings in Maiden-creek township, was a resident of the township in 1757, when the first tax was levied. He died in 1800, ripe in years, leaving his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, John and Peter. Of these sons, Peter died in 1838, leaving three children: Elizabeth who married Abraham Hottenstein; Maria, who married Jacob Reeser; and John. John Dunckel, the other son of Michael, had these children: William, Benjamin, Elizabeth, George, Catherine, Caroline and Esther.

Jacob Dunkel, son of Conrad, and grandfather of Daniel, was born in Maiden-creek township, where in 1796 he purchased of his father a farm of 121 acres, paying therefor £500 of lawful money of Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Leibelsperger, who died when within a few months of being one hundred years old, and to them were born six children: Jacob L.; Benneville, who married Mary Miller; Reuben, who married Sallie Graeff; Catherine, who married John Y. Moser; Elizabeth, who married Reuben Leibelsperger; and Gideon.

Jacob L. Dunkel was born in 1834 in Maiden-creek township, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, this being his occupation throughout life. He died in 1902. Mr. Dunkel married Anna Rothermel, daughter of Daniel Rothermel, of Maiden-creek township, and to them were born seven children: Thomas, who married Sallie Fisher; Alice, who married Wilson S. Fox; Jacob, who married Anna Madeira; Annie, unmarried; Daniel; one child who died young; and William, unmarried.

Daniel Dunkel received his education in the common schools of Maiden-creek and Ontelaunee townships, after which he learned the trade of butcher, an occupation which he followed for nine years, in 1893 embarking in the hotel business at Blandon. There he remained three years, at the end of that time removing to Shoemakersville, where he conducted a hotel for four years, and spent the following three years in the same business at Hamburg. In 1904 he engaged in his present enterprise, the wholesale liquor business, in which he has continued to the present with much success. Mr. Dunkel is a business man of much ability, and he has gradually built up his trade until it now extends throughout the upper section of Berks and into Schuylkill and Lehigh counties. While at Blandon Mr. Dunkel served as school director for one term, this being the only public position he has found time to fill. However, he is a public-spirited citizen as well as an enterprising business man, and his success in the commercial world is due to his integrity in business dealings.

In 1880 Mr. Dunkel was married to Clara A. Madeira of Blandon, and to them have been born two daughters: Jennie M., who married Robert Hinnershitz; and Mabel.

Nicholas Madeira, the grandfather of Mrs. Dunkel, was a son of Casper Madeira, a refugee from France, who settled in Reading. He was married twice, first to Margaretta Yeich, by whom he had an only child, Nicholas, the father of Mrs. Dunkel, and second to Rebecca Reeser, by whom he had two sons and two daughters.

Nicholas Madeira, Mrs. Dunkel's father, is a highly esteemed citizen and substantial agriculturist of Maiden-creek township, where he owns a fine property. He married Anna Keller, daughter of George and Polly (Specht) Keller, of Rockland township, and to them were born twelve children: James, who removed to Ohio in 1866 and there married a Miss Bower; Levi, who married Ellen Deisher; Mary, unmarried; Angelina, who married Augustus Bierman; Eliza, unmarried; Nicholas, who married Lydia Koller; Edwin, who married Catherine Thomas; Samuel, who married Ellen Liess; Franklin, Susan, and Lewis, all unmarried; and Clara Anna, who became Mrs. Dunkel.

CHARLES A. BOYER, owner of the celebrated "Center Square Hotel" in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, and of an excellent farm of twenty-five acres which he devotes to poultry raising, was born Feb. 5, 1866, at Ninth and Spring streets, Reading, Pa., son of Gotleib and Rosina (Lineamoyer) Boyer, a full sketch of whom will be found on another page of this publication.

Mr. Boyer was educated in the schools of Reading, and when a boy was employed in his father's hothouse, also engaging in truck farming for some years. At the age of twenty-five years he purchased the old Leinbach stand in Muhlenberg township, known for miles around as the "Center Square Hotel," on which he spent several thousand dollars in improvements and repairs, and which he converted into one of the best stands in the rural districts of Berks county. Mr. Boyer conducted this well-known hostelry until June 10, 1907, when he leased it and erected a fine residence on his property adjoining the hotel, which he will devote to poultry raising.

Mr. Boyer married Naomi Susan Schlottman, daughter of Mark and Naomi (Hoyer) Schlottman. They have no children of their own, but ten years ago adopted a daughter Mabel Ray. Mr. Boyer is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Leesport, and the Rebekah Lodge (of which Mrs. Boyer is also a member); of the I. O. R. M. (his wife being a member of the Pocahontas Auxiliary of that order); of the P. O. S. of A., and the F. O. E. He is a Democrat in politics.

MOSES B. SEAMAN, a substantial citizen of Hamburg, Pa., who carries on an extensive milling business at State and Canal streets, was born Aug. 14, 1854, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks county, son of David and Mary (Becker) Seaman.

Johan Ludwig Seaman, his great-great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and prior to coming to America was for eight years a member of the body-guard of Frederick the Great of Prussia. He emigrated to America in 1748, landing at Philadelphia October 25th of that year, and soon thereafter removed to Bern, which later became Upper Bern and now is Tilden township. He had at least three sons: Eberhart, Ludwig and John.

John Seaman married Elizabeth Schlappig, and to them were born children as follows: John, Christian, Samuel, Catherine, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Christiana, Maria, and Johan George (the grandfather of Moses B.).

Johan George Seaman, who owned the old homestead in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, a tract which then consisted of 275 acres, lived on the place now occupied by John Becker. He was in comfortable circumstances and was well and favorably known in upper Berks county. Mr. Seaman married Magdalena Kauffman, and to them were born these children: John; William; George, Jr.; David, the father of Moses B.; Reuben; Mary, who married Samuel Kline; Rebecca, who married William Loeb; Hester, who married Benneville Machmer; Catherine, who married William Machmer; and Eliza, who married John Geschwindt.

David Seaman, who is a well-to-do retired farmer of Tilden township, was born Jan. 27, 1827. His whole life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, and his valuable farm, which consists of 100 acres, contains some of the best land of the section and is a part of the original Seaman homestead. Mr. Seaman is well known throughout his section of the county as a hardworking, progressive agriculturist and one of the pillars of St. Michael's Union Church, his membership being with the Lutheran denomination. He has served the congregation as deacon, trustee and elder for many years, and did much toward the erection of the present church, which was built in 1875, in the way of money, material and hauling.

Mr. Seaman married Mary Becker, daughter of John Becker, whose wife was a Kauffman. To this union have been born children as follows: Moses B. is mentioned below; Percival married Adeline Kauffman; Levi B. married Ida Seibert; George married Kate Savage; Harrison died aged fourteen years; Annie married Nathaniel Wagner; Milton died when ten years old; Lizzie married Frank Meck.

Moses B. Seaman spent his boyhood days on the old Seaman homestead, a part of which belonged to his father, and received his education in the public schools, attending until eighteen years of age. At this time he learned the milling trade with Jonathan Marburger, of Upper Bern, with whom he continued for three years, then taking charge of the Laurel Run mill, in Alsace township, which he successfully conducted during 1878. In 1879 he removed to Hamburg, and for twenty years operated the Union Roller Mills with much success, his business increasing rapidly. In 1899 Mr. Seaman leased the Hamburg Rolling Mills for three years, and in 1903 he purchased this valuable property, which he has conducted to the present time. This large plant is situated at the corner of Canal and State streets, Hamburg, and here Mr. Seaman manufactures thirty-five barrels of flour every twelve hours, or about 10,000 barrels per annum. His trade extends through Berks and Schuylkill counties, and into the larger cities of the East, including Philadelphia and New York. He manufactures a variety of high-grade brands of flour, among the best known being the "Excelsior," "Michigan Empire" and "Silver Spray." Mr. Seaman is possessed of much business acumen, and he sustains an honestly won reputation for integrity and fair dealing. He is a prominent member of the Pennsylvania Milling Association. In political matters he and his sons are stalwart Republicans, and manifest an interest in the success of that party. Mr. Seaman and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Hamburg, to the erection of which church Mr. Seaman contributed liberally.

On April 9, 1876, Mr. Seaman was united in marriage with Rebecca S. Clauser, daughter of Harrison and Rebecca (Snyder) Clauser, and to this union were born the following children: Dr. Stephen W.; Capt. Claudius M.; Aaron and David, who died in childhood; Henry L., a graduate of Hamburg high school, class of 1903, and of Dickinson College, class of 1908; Thomas E., who was educated in the public schools and learned the trade of machinist with Snell & Meharg, Hamburg; Harrison F., a graduate of the Hamburg high school, class of 1906, now learning milling with his father; Evan F., a graduate of the Hamburg high school, class of 1908; Eva, twin of Evan, at home; and Florence and May, also at home.

Dr. Stephen W. Seaman graduated from the Hamburg high school and the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, and first practised medicine at Wernersville, Pa., in 1900 locating in the practice of his profession at Lenhartsville. He had an extensive patronage and was a very successful young physician, but his career was cut short by death Aug. 11, 1903, in his twenty-seventh year. Dr. Seaman married Lizzie Stump, daughter of Tilghman Stump, and to them was born one son, Kermit George.

Capt. Claudius M. Seaman, a graduate of the Hamburg high school, class of 1897, joined Company E, 4th Pa. N. G., when but fifteen years old, and accompanied his regiment through the Porto Rican campaign, serving as first sergeant. In 1899, after he had passed a very creditable examination, he was appointed by President William McKinley second lieutenant of Company E, 43d Regiment, United States Volunteers. This regiment saw active service in the Philippines, and for gallantry in action Lieutenant Seaman was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and in that office served in the regular army of the United States, being attached to the 21st Battery, Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill. In April, 1907, he was promoted to the rank of captain, after passing a highly creditable examination, and is now stationed at Fort Williams, Portland, Maine.

ABRAHAM L. CROUSE, a popular salesman and prominent citizen of Sinking Spring, was born near Reinholds Station, Lancaster county, Oct. 11, 1860, of sturdy Revolutionary stock.

Michael Crouse (or Krouse), his great-grandfather, was a German physician and surgeon, but his profession was not to his liking, and he turned to comb-making for an occupation. Emigrating to America he settled in Reading, Pa., but later went to Adamstown. At the outbreak of the Revolution he entered the Patriot army, and during his spare moments in camp he made combs from the horns of cattle that were slaughtered for food for the soldiers. He was the father of five sons, all of whom followed the father's trade.

William Crouse, son of Michael, inherited the business from his father, and in 1824 erected the present factory, in which he worked until his death, in 1872, when he was aged seventy-eight years. He made his combs by hand until 1850, when his son William M. took the initiative and added modern machinery.

William M. Crouse, son of William, was born at Reinholds Station, Aug. 10, 1828, and there he always lived. Besides conducting the old comb factory he carried on a small farm. He married Annie G. Eberly, born June 12, 1838, daughter of Harry and Annie (German) Eberly. Today Mr. and Mrs. Crouse are said to be the oldest comb-makers in America. They have long since had their son, George W., as an assistant. They are great entertainers, and Mrs. Crouse knows well how to prepare the popular German dishes, which she serves on plates that are a century and a half old. She has many relics that the emigrants brought over from Germany nearly two hundred years ago. To William M. Crouse and wife were born seven sons and seven daughters, namely: Abraham L., Henry V. E., Mary, George W. (who lives on the homestead), Kate, William E., Annie, Calvin M., Bertha, Amy, Bessie and John, all living; and Edwin and Margaret, who both died in infancy.

Abraham L. Crouse, son of William M., lived at home until he was sixteen years old. Because of the large family his educational advantages were limited, but he managed to secure a practical training that has stood him in good stead. In 1877 he last attended school as a student, and in 1878 he taught the Marshall school in Spring township. He then learned the carpenter's trade under Michael Grimes, of Denver, Pa., an occupation he followed until 1889 with different employers, working as a carpenter foreman for O. B. S. Wilder, of Reading. In 1889 he began traveling for Morgan & Ruth, paint manufacturers of Reading (a firm later incorporated as Morgan, Ruth & Moore Paint Manufacturing Company). He traveled for this house all over the United States east of the Mississippi until 1891, and the following year he entered the employ of L. D. Krause, of Allentown, wholesale shoe dealer, as traveling salesman. He made the change because the less extended territory enabled him to spend more time at home. His territory comprised Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster and part of Montgomery counties. He remained with Mr. Krause until 1895, when he entered the employ of Knorr & Ruth, wholesale shoe dealers, and he travels over Berks, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Lancaster, Dauphin and part of Chester counties, having been the head salesman for this firm since 1902. He also helped to institute the Wernersville National Bank of Berks county.

Mr. Crouse has long been active in the Republican party, and for fourteen years was the committeeman from his township, during eight of which he was secretary of the committee. For one term he was school director, and three terms township clerk in a Democratic district. He is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and is a past master by merit, having served in 1902. He was a director of the Reading School of Instruction

for four years. He also belongs to Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M., in which he holds office; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; and Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F., in which he has been a trustee and chaplain since its institution, in 1903. With his family he belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church of Sinking Spring.

On Dec. 18, 1880, Mr. Crouse was married to Annetta C. H. Umbenhauer, born April 12, 1862, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Huyett) Umbenhauer. They have had children as follows: Jennie M., who married Solomon Steffy, of Sinking Spring; Mamie A., who died in infancy; and Estella K., a stenographer at Reading.

JOHN C. KLEINSCHMIDT, a well known farmer in Exeter township, Berks county, was born in Reading, Pa., May 13, 1865, son of John George Kleinschmidt. The father was born in the village of Balfanz, Prussia, Germany, Aug. 22, 1809. In 1835 he married, his wife's maiden name being Klemtz, and their union was blessed with four children, Augustus, Frederick, Caroline (wife of George Mayer) and Earnst. The mother of these died in Germany in 1844, and in 1847 he married her sister, Dorethy Henrietta Klemtz. To them were born eight children: Mollie, who married Rev. E. Meister, a minister of Lancaster, Pa.; Wilhelmina, who became the wife of George P. Ganster; Julius; William; Emelia, wife of Jacob Baureithel; Mary, who married Adam Moyer; John C., and George.

Mr. Kleinschmidt with his wife and family emigrated to America, locating in Reading, Pa., June 21, 1862, and there he was engaged as carpenter; for many years he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. His second wife died Jan. 24, 1869, and he died Aug. 5, 1874. Both were buried at Reading.

John C. Kleinschmidt attended the parochial schools and also the public schools, and when old enough to go to work found employment among the neighboring farmers. He then learned shoemaking at Oley Line, and this trade he followed for several years. On Sept. 17, 1886, he located at Allentown, Pa., where he carried on the shoemaking business successfully for six years. Failing health caused him to abandon his trade, and he returned to farming at Pleasantville, in Oley township, where he remained two years, at the end of that time going to Yellow House, where he farmed for eight years. His next location was at Stonersville, Exeter township, and after two years there he took possession of Judge Endlich's farm, in Lower Alsace township, where he was for three years. In 1907 he bought the Augustus Schlegel farm of 150 acres in Exeter township, located along the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, between Neversink and Lorane. Mr. Kleinschmidt's success is wholly the result of his own industry and business ability, and he deserves great credit for the position he has attained.

On May 19, 1888, Mr. Kleinschmidt married Amanda E. Fetzer, daughter of Edwin and Mary Fetzer, of Allentown, Pa., and they have had children as follows: Katie, George, Claude (deceased), Chester, Howard, Minnie, John, Bertha (deceased), Jacob, Mabel and Walter. In politics Mr. Kleinschmidt is a stanch adherent to Democratic principles, and for five years he gave very efficient service as justice of the peace, of Oley township. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. With his wife and family he attends the Faith Lutheran Church, of Mt. Penn, Pa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kleinschmidt are highly esteemed.

FREDERICK S. HARTMAN, of Ontelaunee township, is a member of one of the oldest and most numerous families of Berks county, members of which are to be found in all parts of this section. It is not definitely known, but it is supposed, that all of these Hartmans descend from a common ancestor. A great many of the name are found throughout eastern Pennsylvania, and in Berks county one branch of the family lives to the east and south of Reading, while another is to be found in the valley to the north of that city; whether these two branches are closely related has not as yet been determined. This sketch pertains to that branch of the family originally living to the north of Reading, the descendants of which have spread over Schuylkill, Columbia, Lycoming and other northern counties of Pennsylvania as well as into the Middle West.

The earliest pioneer of this family was John Hartman, the great-grandfather of Frederick S., who came to America in 1767 from the Rhine country in Germany, making the passage across the Atlantic in the ship "Crawford," and landing at the port of Philadelphia. A romance is connected with the story of his immigration to America. He was in love with a girl whose name is unknown, but who was not regarded with favor by Hartman's parents. In spite of opposition he decided to marry the girl of his choice, and in order to overcome parental prejudice and interference emigrated to America. They settled in Exeter township, Berks county, where he was employed as a miller in Bishop's Mill, a property now owned by George Wamsher. Unfortunately their happiness was short-lived, for in the first year of their wedded life the young wife died, without issue. Afterward Mr. Hartman married a widow named Bleiler, and to this union were born five children, as follows: John, Michael, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Harry Sylvis and Catherine. Mr. Hartman later settled on what is now the old homestead, recently owned by the late Henry Hartman, and still possessed by the Hartman Estate, near Temple, Muhlenberg (then Alsace) township, Berks county. He and his wife were buried in Reading, at the present site of Trinity Lutheran Church. As this church was built in 1799, both must have died prior to that date.

John Hartman, son of the emigrant, was born probably at Bishop's Mill, Exeter township, and was a farmer, spending practically all of his time on the old homestead at Temple. He married Sophia Maurer. Mr. Hartman was possessed of considerable real estate, owning besides the homestead several farms and an extensive tract of woodland, and later increased his possessions by the purchase of the Temple (now Graul's) hotel property, which was later sold by his heirs. He had also bought the farm adjoining the old homestead on the West. John Hartman and his wife had been buried in the burial ground of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, but were subsequently re-interred at the Alsace church graveyard by their sons about 1860. Mr. Hartman had died prior to 1830 at the age of fifty-four years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartman: John, Daniel, Frederick, Elizabeth and Mary.

John Hartman (3), father of Frederick S., was born on the old homestead at Temple, and lived there all of his life. After his father's death he became the owner of all of his real estate with the exception of the hotel property, which was sold. Mr. Hartman carried on farming, and also owned an iron ore mine in the woodland tract on South Mountain, east of Temple, was in good financial circumstances, and was widely known as a money lender. He married Mary Schaeffer, and they had six children: Amos, John, Frederick S., Daniel, Henry and Sophia Mary. Both parents are buried in Alsace Church cemetery.

Frederick S. Hartman was born March 17, 1830, on the old homestead near Temple, as were his brothers and sister, and after the death of his father he obtained possession of the property adjoining the homestead on the west, which he still owns. He later bought a property along the Reading & Pottsville turnpike near Cross Keys, and there he resides. Mr. Hartman is well educated, having attended school at Trappe during his youth.

Mr. Hartman married Miss Amanda R. High, who died March 10, 1908. To this union were born the following children: John H., Daniel (deceased), James V. (deceased), Mary A. E., Sallie M., Bertha S. and Emma M.

John H. Hartman, son of Frederick S., born at Temple, Pa., m. Augusta C. Wartman, of Allentown, Pa.; they have one son, John Raymond, and reside in Philadelphia.

Mary A. E. Hartman graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1883. She m. John A. Bechtel, of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, who is prominently identified with the *Pottsville Miners' Journal*, and they have had seven children, all girls: Esther (deceased), Ruth, Martha, Bertha, Laura, Marian and Florence.

Sallie M. Hartman m. Charles S. Krick, who holds an important position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and is located in New York City. They have had ten children: William (deceased), George, Catherine, Charles, John (deceased), Frederick, Helen, James, Daniel and Robert.

Bertha S. Hartman and Emma M. Hartman, who are both graduates of the Keystone State Normal School, reside with their father at Tuckerton. They are unmarried.

DANIEL W. SHIREY, proprietor of the "Douglassville Hotel," at Douglassville, Berks county, was born Sept. 15, 1868, at Monocacy, in Union township.

According to tradition the ancestor of this Shirey family was Joseph Shirey, who settled in Rockland township, Berks county, where John Shirey, the great-grandfather of Daniel W., was born. The latter moved to Amity township and settled on the tract now owned by Calvin Ludwig, at Monocacy Station, building the house which still stands on that property as well as the barn now (1908) being rebuilt by Mr. Ludwig. He was a stonemason and bricklayer as well as farmer. John Shirey is buried in the graveyard at Amityville. His first wife was a Berndt, his second a member of the Schrack family. Among his children were the following: William B.; Samuel, who lived at Monocacy Hill; Hannah, who married Michael Woodley and lived on the north side of Monocacy Hill; Betzy, who married Levi Bechtel, of Reading; Polly, who married Abraham Dreber, of Amity township; Esther, and Sally.

William B. Shirey, son of John, born Nov. 2, 1807, died June 18, 1861, aged fifty-three years, seven months, sixteen days. He was a native of Amity township, and passed all his life there. He married Sarah Harner, and to them were born twelve children, namely: Elizabeth married George Davidheiser, who is deceased; Mary Ann married George Weidner, of Friedensburg; John is deceased; Frank is mentioned below; Nathaniel, unmarried, still lives at the old home; Jeremiah, of Lebanon, Pa., married his cousin, Margaret Shirey; Caroline married her cousin Jacob Shirey; Jacob is deceased; William is deceased; Maberry, who is a deaf mute, lives with John Shirey at Monocacy; Amanda married her cousin Harrison Shirey; Emanuel, unmarried, still lives at the old home.

Mrs. Sarah (Harner) Shirey, the mother of this family, was born Sept. 16, 1812, and though in her ninety-seventh year is remarkably well preserved. She still lives in the old home at Monocacy Hill, on a farm of thirty acres one and one-half miles east of Monocacy, and is able to do much of the housework herself, her energy and activity being proverbial among the many who know and esteem her. When her husband died, over forty years ago, she was left with a family of nine, the youngest but four years old, yet on the ninety-fifth anniversary of her birth, when asked for a recipe for longevity, she said: "Work hard, live moderately, don't worry, and you will have a fair chance to become old." It has been the custom of her relatives and friends for a number of years to gather at the old home to celebrate her birthday, and none enjoys these occasions more than Mrs. Shirey herself, who has retained her interest in all the affairs of life along with unusual vitality and cheerfulness. She is beloved by a large circle of friends and relations, and on her ninety-fifth anniversary over one hundred were present. A Reading paper, in commenting upon the affair, said: "Although lacking but five years of the century mark, Mrs. Shirey is still well preserved and there was none in the party who was happier than she. She moved among her visitors with a kind word for each. She wore a happy smile which told of a life well spent and of a conscience void of offense." Her reminiscences of the old days are enjoyed by all. Her father, Henry Harner, was a soldier in the war of 1812, to which she refers as the Baltimore war; her grandfather Harner was a soldier in the Revolution, which she calls Washington's war.

Frank Shirey, son of William B. and Sarah (Harner) Shirey, was born in Amity township Feb. 20, 1838. He began his education in the old-time pay schools, later receiving the benefits of the public schools when they were introduced. Farming has been his chief occupation, and since 1870 he has lived at his present home near Monocacy, having a tract of eighteen acres which he cultivates. He and his family are members of the Amityville Church. In 1865 Mr. Shirey married Rebecca Breidenstein, born July 7, 1838, and three children were born to them: Annie, unmarried, who lives at home; Daniel W., who lives at Douglassville; and Davilla, who died young.

Mr. Shirey is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served under two enlistments. In October, 1862, he became a private in Company K, 79th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months and eighteen days. Later he enlisted in Company D, 213th Regiment, with which he served to the close of the war, this term also lasting nine months and eighteen days. He receives a pension.

Daniel W. Shirey, son of Frank, attended school at Monocacy during his boyhood and early began to work upon the farm, continuing thus until he was about twenty years old. He then became a member of the repair gang on the Reading railroad, between Birdsboro and Douglassville, and was employed at that work for nine years, during the last two years of that period acting as section boss, with from six to twelve men under him, the average number being eight. In 1898 he became proprietor of the "Bramcote Hotel." In the spring of 1900 he moved to the "Palace Hotel," at Reading, where he lived until 1901, when he moved to Douglassville and became proprietor of the "Douglassville Hotel," which he has since conducted so successfully. The building is commodious, and not only contains the twenty-five rooms appropriated for the use of the hotel, but also a store in the western end and a hall in which the Sons of America, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen meet.

Mr. Shirey has a number of fraternal connections, belonging to Camp No. 240, P. O. S. of A., of Douglassville; Court No. 137, Foresters of America, of Pottstown; Aerie No. 626, F. O. E., of Pottstown; Sanatogo Tribe, No. 123, I. O. R. M., of Pottstown; Sanatogo Council, No. 106, Pocahontas Lodge (to which Mrs. Shirey also belongs); and the Twenty Century Quakers, of Reading, No. 1. He also belongs to the Hook and Ladder Fire Company, of Pottstown, and to the Retail Liquor Dealers Association of Reading.

On March 21, 1891, Mr. Shirey married Mary Fortna, daughter of Henry Fortna, of Robesonia, and they have had two children, Walter E. and Ria R. The eldest child is now attending high school at Pottstown, and both are receiving musical instruction.

WILLIAM SPAYD, who for many years was one of the early inn-keepers of the Blue Marsh district, was a native of Bern township, Berks county. The early spelling of the name was Spathe.

Mr. Spayd was educated in the pay schools of his native locality, and as a young man it is supposed that he was a lock tender on the Union Canal. Later he purchased the property now owned by a Mr. Reifsnyder, in the Blue Marsh district, in Bern township, near the State Road,

and here he operated a farm of ten acres and conducted what was then known as the "Blue Marsh Hotel." There the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring in 1862, at the age of fifty-six years. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Bern Church. For many years Mr. Spayd was engaged in the manufacture of fish nets, which he sold in Reading and vicinity.

William Spayd married Mary Moyer, a native of Hanover, Germany. To this union were born five children, as follows: Louisa, who married Henry R. Miller, of Hyde Park, and has two children, Katie and Wallace; William H., who died young; Henrietta; Amanda, who died single; and John, who married Jennie Campbell, has one son, George H., and lives at Frush Valley. In religious belief Mr. Spayd was Reformed, while his wife was a member of the Lutheran Church, in which faith she died in October, 1876. Mr. Spayd was a Democrat in politics, but only took a good citizen's part in public matters. By his first marriage, to a Miss Shower, Mr. Spayd had two children, George W., who died single; and Lydia, who married James Fromm, and had four children—Adam, Mary, Clara and Melinda.

Miss Henrietta Spayd was eleven years of age when she went to live with the family of Israel B. Sallade, Mrs. Sallade keeping a millinery establishment, in which Miss Spayd clerked until twenty-one years old, at which time she went to Philadelphia and clerked in a notion store for four years, and then returned to Reading and clerked in H. R. and A. S. Boyer's store, at No. 528 Penn street, for ten years. Miss Spayd then resigned to engage in the millinery business, at the place formerly occupied by Mrs. Sallade, where with Misses E. L. Grotevent and M. M. Rorke, she conducted the business for eleven years. Miss Spayd then sold out, and in 1898 went to live with Mrs. Sallade, remaining until the latter's death. She now resides in Hyde Park, and is a member of Alsace Lutheran Church. She belongs to the Ladies' Mite Society, and is a contributor to all worthy Christian causes.

OLIVER F. KAUFFMAN was considered one of the most reliable and promising young business men of Reading, and the news of his untimely death was received with widespread regret. His store at No. 48 North Eighth street was an evidence of prosperity not always attained within a few years, and his high standing was due directly to a degree of enterprise and irreproachable business methods not always found in combination. Mr. Kauffman was born in Tilden township, Berks county, in 1873, son of Nathaniel S. and Catherine (Focht) Kauffman, the latter of whom died in 1877.

Nathaniel S. Kauffman, who is now connected with a music house at Detroit, Mich., was born March 11, 1847, and received his early education in the common schools and Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy, Reading. He subsequently attended the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, after which he followed teaching very successfully for a period of sixteen years, becoming one of the best known educators in this section. His fitness for public position was recognized by his fellow-townsmen, and he proved himself very valuable in the various offices to which he was chosen. He served as justice of the peace for sixteen years, constable for seven years, judge of elections one year, postmaster one year, and representative in the State Assembly one term, 1887-88. For two years he clerked in a general store, also followed conveyancing and surveying, was a director in the W. M. A. and Fire Insurance Company, and served as vice-president of that company for a time. He is a prominent man in St. Michael's Church, which he served as secretary. He was the father of five children: Oliver F., Agnes (wife of Milton Lamm), Ethan (of Shoemakersville, in the bicycle and automobile business), and Robert and Lillie (deceased).

Oliver F. Kauffman attended the public schools and later a summer school, and at the age of sixteen years began teaching, being thus engaged one term in Tilden township and one in Upper Bern township. He came to Reading April 3, 1892, entering the music store of C. H. Lichty as a salesman, and remaining with him until Aug. 5, 1895, when he embarked in the music business on his own account, at No. 25 South Seventh street. He was located there but a short time, however, removing to No. 104 North Eighth street, where by straightforward and honest methods of doing business he gained confidence and built up a large trade. Finding that larger quarters were necessary, owing to the great increase in business, he erected his place of business at No. 48 North Eighth street, a large and commodious three-story building 16 x 130 feet. He carried a complete line of musical instruments, of all kinds, as well as sewing machines, and commanded a high class of trade. Mr. Kauffman dealt in the Krakauer, Fischer, Kroeger and Franklin pianos, the well known Miller organ, the White sewing machine, Standard sewing machine, and as a jobber of Edison phonographs, records, and other musical merchandise. He was very successful in business, and attributed his prosperity to honest dealing. He also had a place of business at No. 911 Penn street, the Reading Phonograph Company, where he established a trade in phonographs and records really remarkable, but this store was discontinued in 1907. His four delivery wagons were to be seen on the streets of Reading almost any time.

Mr. Kauffman was married in 1894 to Susan A. Balthaser, of Hamburg, Berks county, and two children were born to the union, Arthur N. and Grace I. The family occupy a fine home at No. 1508 Perkiomen avenue, Reading.

Mr. Kauffman was prominently connected fraternally, being a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was also connected with the Eagles, the Knights of Malta and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was one of the victims of the wreck of the Shriners' special train at Honda, Ca., May 11, 1907, having been instantly killed. Mr. Kauffman was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, with Knight Templar honors, his funeral being attended by the Grand Commander and staff of the Knights Templars. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

REUBEN F. BEHM, proprietor of the St. Lawrence, Berks Co., Pa., meat market, and dealer in fresh and smoked meats, who in 1902 became the successor of Darius Weidner, is a business man of ability and enterprise. Mr. Behm was born in Oley township, Berks county, Oct. 3, 1853, son of Jacob and Lydia (Fulmer) Behm.

George Behm, grandfather of Reuben F., was a native of Rockland township, where he spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He was a large powerfully built man of fine appearance, and lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight years, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. He married Mary Walb, also of Rockland township, and they were the parents of these children: Reuben; William; Benjamin; Polly and Susan, who died single; Sarah, who married Samuel Endy, and Jacob.

Jacob Behm, father of Reuben F., who has reached the age of eighty-one years, is still strong and hearty, and continues to work at butchering and post fence making in Friedensburg, Oley township. His wife died Dec. 20, 1906, when seventy-six years of age. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held the offices of supervisor and constable. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. They had sixteen children, of whom eight grew to maturity: Reuben F.; George, a butcher of Reading; Jacob, a cook at Norristown, Pa.; Sarah, who married Elmer Angsted, of Friedensburg, Pa.; Rebecca, who married Arthur Barckle, of Reading, Pa.; Emma, who married (first) Isaac Boyer, deceased; Kate, who married John Moyer, of Rockland township; and Miss Mary, who resides at home.

Shoemakersville

Reuben F. Behm was reared in Oley township, where he attended the public schools. When twenty-one years of age he started to learn the trade of butcher, having previously learned the house painter's trade, and these two occupations he followed as a journeyman until 1902. In this year, seeing an opportunity for establishing a good business, Mr. Behm purchased the meat market of Darius Weidner, at St. Lawrence, who was then doing but an indifferent business. He rebuilt and remodeled the entire plant, installing modern and up-to-date machinery, making this establishment one of the leading shops of Berks county. He slaughters all of his own cattle, hogs and sheep, which are selected stock fattened in Berks and Lancaster counties, and he prepares and smokes all of his own meats, consequently controlling one of the best trades in this section. Enterprising and energetic, Mr. Behm has always been thrifty, and as a consequence is rapidly amassing a competence. He may be found at No. 36 Kissinger Market, Reading. Since coming to St. Lawrence he has erected a fine residence property.

In politics Mr. Behm is a Republican. He is a member of the K. P., and the K. G. E., in both of which he is a member of the Grand Lodge; and Mystic Star Commandery, Knights of Malta.

In September, 1872, Mr. Behm was married to Miss Susan Sheetz, daughter of John Sheetz, and she died June 10, 1889, the mother of seven children: Edwin, a partner of his father in the meat business, who married Laura Ibach, and has two children, Arthur and Stewart; Charles, a machinist, who entered the army for service in the Spanish-American war, serving one year in the South and two years in the Philippines, as a member of Company M, 12th U. S. Regular Infantry, and was mustered out as corporal; William, a bar tender of Reading; John, a butcher; Walter, a weaver in the woolen mills; Vesta, who married Morris Beck, an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway; and Beulah, who married John Schwambach, of Reading. Mr. Behm married (second) April 12, 1890, Rosie Long, daughter of Daniel and Rachel Long, of Exeter township. Mr. and Mrs. Behm are members of Schwartzwald Lutheran Church.

ADAM S. STIELY, a well known resident of Fritztown, Spring township, where he is foreman in the hosiery factory of William G. Leininger, was born Sept. 13, 1858, at Wernersville, Berks county, son of Elijah and Ellen (Stiely) Stiely.

Dietrich Stiely, great-grandfather of Adam S., was a native of Germany, whence he came to America in, or about, 1735. He was a farmer, owning land where Hain's Church cemetery is now located; and Stielytown, a village in Heidelberg township, is named after his grandsons, who were in that vicinity until after 1902, members of the family still residing there at the present time (1909). The burial place of this family is at Hain's Church. Dietrich Stiely's children were: Wilhelm; Daniel; George; Philip, who was the father of Francis, Daniel, John, Mary, Kate and Susan; Mary; Kate; Margueretа; Rev. Isaac; and John, who died in 1823, leaving a daughter under fourteen years old.

Francis Stiely, son of Philip, lived in Lower Heidelberg township, where he died in 1874, aged eighty-one years, the father of Reuben (who had a son Reuben), Anna, Francis, Jr. (who died before 1873), Ellen, Levi and Joel (who had Ellen, Valaria, Riely, Jared, Franklin, William, Charles, Maggie, Clara and Catherine.

Wilhelm Stiely, grandfather of Adam S., was born in Berks county, on the day on which the Declaration of Independence was signed, July 4, 1776, and died Nov. 21, 1846, aged seventy years, four months, seventeen days. He was a farmer and weaver, and owned the old Stiely homestead (which is now the property of Jonathan, Adam and Leonard Stiely, sons of Elijah), at Stielytown. He is buried at Hain's Church. He and his wife, Catherine Reifsnyder, had eight children, namely: Joseph, who died aged eighty-four years, the father of Emma, Adam W., Tamsen and Mary; Benjamin, whose children were Elias, Aaron, William, Malinda and Sarah; Samuel, who died aged eighty-seven years; Henry; Elijah; Matilda, who married Samuel Paff, of Reading; Catherine, who m. John Fisher, of Pottsville, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who m. John Showers, and died aged eighty-seven years.

Elijah Stiely, father of Adam S., was born Sept. 6, 1822, and died April 22, 1902, aged seventy-nine years, seven months, and sixteen days, and was buried at Hain's Church, of which he was an official member. He was a school teacher of Berks county, teaching in the old pay schools of Spring and Lower Heidelberg townships, and for two years also taught under the present school system. He was a member of Company K, 167th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and served gallantly for nine months. On Oct. 27, 1844, Mr. Stiely married Ellen Stiely, born Sept. 23, 1823, and who died Nov. 27, 1877, aged fifty-four years, two months, four days, daughter of Francis and Maria (Marks) Stiely, of Wernersville. To this union there were born eight children: Franklin died in youth; Catherine died in childhood; Miranda died young; a son died in infancy; Jonathan m. Valeria Stiely, and has three children, William, Nora and Leah; Adam S.; Eva m. Benias Schaeffer, of Lancaster county, and resides on the old homestead, and has two children, Carrie and Clarence; and Leonard m. Rebecca Oyler, has three children, Herbert, Minnie and Pearl, and lives in Reading.

Adam S. Stiely received his education in the township schools of Lower Heidelberg, and later attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., for two terms, also taking a course at the Reading Academy under the late Prof. D. B. Brunner. Mr. Stiely taught school in Lower Heidelberg township for four terms, from 1879 to 1884, and then learned the cigar making trade at Terre Hill, Lancaster county. This he followed from 1884 until the spring of 1907, being engaged in business on his own account, and employing as many as eight assistants. His factory was located at Fritztown. In January, 1907, Mr. Stiely became assistant foreman and engineer in the Fritztown Hosiery Mill, a position which he has filled very acceptably to the present time. In political matters he is a Democrat, and has been very active in the ranks of his party, serving the township for nine years as school director, eight years of which he has been secretary of the board. In 1892 the board erected the Fritztown Grammar School, in 1903 the West Reading high school, and in 1894 the Sinking Spring high school, and in many ways advanced educational interests in Spring township. In 1900 Mr. Stiely was a delegate to the State School Directors Convention, which meets annually at Harrisburg. He holds membership in the K. G. E., Castle No. 334, of Sinking Spring; Lodge No. 335, I. O. O. F., at Wernersville; and Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., of Wernersville. He and his family are consistent members of Hain's Reformed Church, in which he is a deacon and elder, and where he has a fine burial lot.

On Feb. 9, 1884, Mr. Stiely married Amanda M. Brightbill, born Dec. 10, 1858, daughter of Washington and Sarah (Knauss) Brightbill, retired farming people of Fritztown, Mrs. Stiely being their only daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Stiely there have been born two children: Laura M. and Florence E.

CHARLES H. SCHLEGEL. Among the well known contractors and builders of Berks county, Pa., may be mentioned Charles H. Schlegel, who is carrying on extensive operations in the borough of Mt. Penn. He was born Jan. 19, 1872, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, son of Amos R. and Mary (Haas) Schlegel.

John Christian Schlegel, the American ancestor and progenitor of this family, was a native of Germany, and undoubtedly was the Johanis Schlegel who emigrated on the ship "Bilander Townshead," which landed (qualified) at Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1737. On Aug. 16, 1738, and also

Nov. 7, 1754, he obtained proprietary warrants for land situated in Berks county, Pa. In 1759 he paid six pounds tax in Richmond township, where he had lived since coming to the New World. He was a farmer and owned more than 300 acres of land, and in 1797 built a stone house which is still standing and in good condition, and is owned and used by his great-grandson, Abraham, and his children and grandchildren. To John Christian Schlegel and his wife Esther were born a number of children, among whom were: Peter; Wilhelm; Christian, born March 25, 1765; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1767; Johannes, born Sept. 7, 1768, and Heinrich, born July 15, 1779. Peter and Wilhelm left this section, traveling on horseback across the Blue Mountains, and settled in the Mahantango Valley (in Schuylkill), then a part of old Berks county. They visited their brother Heinrich at the old home every two, three or four years, coming on horseback and remaining for a week or two. One of the sons of John Christian Schlegel lived with the Indians, liking their manner of life. He was greatly admired by them, because of his courage, strength and marksmanship, and when he was quite an aged man, he and some of his adopted brethren of the forest came to visit his old home near Fleetwood. Because of the great journey on which they came, and the effects of his strenuous life with the red men, he became exhausted at Dreibelbis Spring, and he died soon thereafter, and fills an unknown grave. This account is based on tradition, and the old family papers give brief accounts of it.

Heinrich Schlegel, great-grandfather of Charles H., was born in Richmond township, July 15, 1779, and died March 29, 1860. He was a farmer and bought from his father the "Schlegel Adventure," so named by the Provincial Government of Pennsylvania in a deed dated the twenty-first day of the seventh month, 1752. The tract consisted of 252 acres, and in 1803 he bought another patent of forty-six acres near his other land in Richmond township. He erected the grist mill three-fourths of a mile above Fleetwood, and was a man of considerable importance in his day. He was a Democrat in politics, which has always been the political faith of the Schlegel family. Heinrich Schlegel was married, in 1800, to Esther Keim, born Dec. 28, 1771, who died Dec. 21, 1843. They had children as follows: Samuel, born in 1801, died in 1892; Magdalena (1802-1886) m. Reuben Yoder (1802-1838), a farmer; Jacob m. Hattie Engstadt; Sally m. George Scholl; Abraham (1809-1900); Solomon died aged forty-five years; John; Daniel died aged ninety-seven years and is buried at New Jerusalem; Katie m. Jonas Herbine, a farmer of Richmond; Barbara m. Jacob Wanner, of Richmond township; and Susannah m. Simon Rothermel, a farmer of Richmond township. Heinrich Schlegel and his wife are buried in a private burial ground on his farm near Fleetwood. They were Lutherans, which is generally the faith of the Schlegel family. He was an official of New Jerusalem church for many years.

Samuel Schlegel, one of the sons of Heinrich, married Betzy Hoch, daughter of Solomon Hoch, and to them were born these children: Henry m. Hettian Kutz, daughter of Joseph, and had children: Albert, Sarah, Cyrus, Cecelia, Samuel, Cyranius, Tilmus, Carolina and Mahlon (of Topeka, Kans.); Hannah m. Jacob Rahn; Hettie m. John Shollenberger; Samuel had a son, Samuel, who had Ahiah A.; Reuben m. Catherine Kutz, daughter of Joseph; David lives at Berkley, Pa.; William, deceased, lived at Topeka, Kans.; Caroline and Maria live at Fleetwood, both being single; Joshua; Uriah is an undertaker at Reading; Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-one years; and Lydia died when eighteen years old.

Abraham Schlegel, son of Heinrich and grandfather of Charles H., was born on the old Schlegel stand near Fleetwood in Richmond township, June 26, 1809, and died Sept. 8, 1900, in his ninety-second year. He was a lifelong farmer on the place on which he was born, his fine property of 135 acres being now in the possession of his son, Abraham, who lives upon it. He also had an eighty-acre farm in Ruscombmanor township. In 1861 he erected the present large Swiss barn on the homestead. His wife was Esther Reddinger, daughter of Heinrich Reddinger, (whose wife was an Angstadt), and they had the following children: Peter; Amelia m. Peter Merkel; Abraham, born Feb. 4, 1842, a successful farmer on the homestead and at one time director of the poor of Berks county, m. Annie Diesher, and they had children—Charity, Mary, William, Robert, Emily, Oliver, Minerva and Lloyd; Orlando lives at Fleetwood; Amos resides at Mt. Penn; Amanda m. William Schaeffer; Joseph makes his home at Spring Valley, Ill.; Augustus is at Fleetwood; Clara m. Joel Hoch, postmaster of Fleetwood; Nicholas died young; Annie died at the age of six years; Israel resides at Topeka, Kans.; and Adeline died in infancy.

Amos R. Schlegel, father of Charles H., was a farmer in Ruscombmanor township, and there resided on his father's property for a number of years, later removing to a farm in Exeter township and in 1902 to Mt. Penn, where he owns a nice home, being employed with his son, Charles H. He was born in Richmond township, Jan. 27, 1844, and married, Nov. 23, 1867, Mary Haas, daughter of John and Katie (Brown) Haas, and to this union there were born the following children: Katie m. Benjamin Hartman, of Reading; Adam, a moulder of Mt. Penn, m. Sallie Kinsey; Charles H.; Heber, a carpenter of Mt. Penn, m. Harriet Rohrbach; John, a machinist of Mt. Penn, m. Annie Zieber; Abraham, a machinist of Mt. Penn, m. Annie Leopold; Albert H., a painter of Mt. Penn, m. Dora Fies, and they have a daughter—Frances; and Amos died in 1892 when seven years of age.

Charles H. Schlegel obtained his education at Fry's school in Ruscombmanor township, which he left at an early age to go to work on the farm. When eighteen years of age he learned the carpenter's trade with John R. Weidner, of Reading, with whom he worked four years and then engaged with Levi H. Focht, who was his employer for ten years, eight years of which he was foreman. On Nov. 1, 1903, William Lutz, of Lorane, Pa., requested Mr. Schlegel to build him a house, which he completed in sixty days, this being his first contract. Liking the business he decided to continue therein, and this he has been engaged in ever since with almost phenomenal success. Since engaging in the business he has erected upward of seventy-five buildings, including William Scull's fine summer home at Pleasantville; the fine mansions of Hiester Killian, Harvey Clouser and Charles Eshelman, at Gibraltar; the mountain home of Rump & Son, of Philadelphia, located in the mountains above Gibraltar; the George F. Lance residence at Wyomissing; the William Hafer home at Neversink; the Lutz furniture factory at St. Lawrence; the handsome large summer residence of Isaac Eckert, at Dingman's Ferry, Pike Co., Pa.; and the Mark A. Keeport and George Dengler homes and the Mt. Penn City Hall, at Mt. Penn. Mr. Schlegel is a man of much business ability and enterprise, and his standing is that of a substantial, far-sighted citizen of excellent judgment. He employs on an average twenty-five skilled mechanics. He is a director of the Commercial Trust Company, of Reading, and a heavy stockholder in the Reading Bone & Fertilizer Company, whose large plant he built after doing all of the grading therefor.

In political matters Mr. Schlegel is a Democrat, like all of the members of this numerous family, but has never cared to hold public office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his growing business. He is popular in fraternal circles, and is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of St. Lawrence, and the Patriotic Sons of America, Camp No. 130, of that place. He and his family worship at Spies's Union Church, of which they are consistent Reformed members, and they reside in their handsome residence situated on Perkiomen avenue, Mt. Penn, which Schlegel purchased in 1905, and where their many friends are always welcome.

On Jan. 12, 1893, Mr. Charles H. Schlegel married Miss Amanda B. Noll, daughter of Levi and Sarah (Bloch) Noll, the former of whom was a farmer in Alsace township and the father of these children: Daniel, Emma, Sallie, Maggie, Louisa, John, Amanda and Albert. Mrs. Schlegel's grandparents were John and Magdalena (Fox) Noll. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Schlegel there has been born one son, Lloyd W., born July 9, 1894, and now a member of the class of 1911 of the Reading high school.

WILSON RICHARDSON, manufacturer of fine creamery butter at Bern Station, Berks county, is a son of Emanuel Richardson and grandson of William Richardson. William Richardson lived in Bern and Ontelaunee townships, Berks county, and died in the latter township, leaving one son, Emanuel. During the Civil war he was located at Baltimore.

Emanuel Richardson was born in Ontelaunee township, and there followed farming, also engaging in milling to some extent. Moving to Exeter township, also in Berks county, he bought the old Daniel Boone homestead, containing 153 acres, upon which he carried on farming until his death. He married Lydia Miller, and they had children as follows: Charles M., who is extensively engaged in the creamery business in Berks and Susquehanna counties, Pa.; Kate, wife of Edward Beck; Owen, who lives in Reading; Mary, wife of Daniel R. Snyder; Frank, a traveling man, of Reading, Pa.; Wilson; and Ella, wife of George Lee, of Reading.

Wilson Richardson was born Feb. 10, 1873, in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, and received his education in Exeter township, attending the Friends' school. He worked at home with his father for a time, and gained his early experience in the business he now follows with his brother, Charles M. Richardson, at Bernville, being in his employ for a period of ten years before he went into the business on his own account. His brother conducts a number of creameries located in various parts of Berks and Susquehanna counties, and is a member of the well-known firm of Ahrens & Richardson. In 1901 Wilson Richardson embarked in the creamery business at Bern Station, where he has his principal establishment, also conducting four branches, at Stoudt's, Upper Bern, Lesher's Mill and Spangler's Mill. Mr. Richardson employs seven men and has a steady patronage for his product, which includes between five hundred and six hundred pounds of fine creamery butter daily, and which is marketed in the coal regions of Schuylkill county. He also supplies dealers with fresh cream and eggs. Mr. Richardson is one of the prominent citizens of his district, where he has many friends among his personal acquaintances as well as among his business associates. He has prospered by good management, and his standing is of the highest.

Mr. Richardson married Miss Tansey Rentschler, daughter of Charles and Cassia (Fleisher) Rentschler, and they have had one child, Paul W., who is now attending school.

As a Mason Mr. Richardson belongs to Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Hamburg; to Excelsior Chapter; to Reading Lodge of Perfection, No. 142; and also to Reading Commandery, No. 42, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in politics, and has served as tax collector of the borough of Bernville.

WILLIAM I. GOLDMAN, whose elegant studio is situated at No. 516 Penn street, Reading, comes, on the paternal side, from ancestors who have lived in Berks county for generations.

John Goldman, his grandfather, was a farmer.

Isaac Goldman, son of John, was a merchant-tailor of Wernersville, Berks county, but died in Reading, in 1870, aged forty-seven years. He married Wilhelmina Ibach, daughter of Gustave Ibach, who came from Germany when six years old, settling in Newsmantown, Pa., where he died. Eleven children were born to Isaac and Wilhelmina (Ibach) Goldman, four of whom are now living: William I.; Charles I., of Chicago; Elmer E., of Philadelphia; and Henry H., an undertaker of Chicago.

William I. Goldman was born in Wernersville, Berks county, March 27, 1856, and was educated in Reading, in which city he worked in stores until 1876. He then became an apprentice at photography, and worked at it for others fifteen years. In 1891 Mr. Goldman engaged in business on his own account, at the corner of Penn and Sixth streets, the site of the present colossal department store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart. There he remained until 1900, when he removed to his present location, where he produces photographs the equal of any in the State.

Mr. Goldman belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as well as a member of the Harrisburg Consistory. Mr. Goldman also belongs to the B. P. O. E., the Odd Fellows, the State Photographers' Association, of which he has been treasurer from the date of its organization in 1896, and of the Photographers' Association of America, a national organization which numbers among its members first-class photographers from all over the country.

FRANK M. NICE, M. D. It is believed that the Nice family had its origin in Jacob Nyce, who emigrated to this country Sept. 15, 1754. It is traditional that the name was spelled Nyce, and, in fact, old documents that were signed by Dr. Benjamin R. Nice bear out that fact. The Nyce family are descendants of the early French Huguenots.

Dr. Benjamin R. Nice, the founder of the family in this section, came to Hamburg about 1821, from New Jersey, where he was born April 12, 1794. He died July 14, 1862. His wife, Margaret Brugler, a native of New Jersey of English descent, was born Jan. 10, 1800, and died Nov. 12, 1848, the mother of the following children: Margaret (m. John Sunday); Milton B. (was thrice married); John (m. Louisa Harpt); Dr. Franklin Benjamin; Anne (m. Rev. Fred Kulp); Dr. George (m. Angelina Bond); Angeline (m. Enoch Koller); and Walter (m. into the Beard family).

Dr. Franklin Benjamin Nice, grandfather of Dr. Frank M., was born in 1830, and died June 29, 1905. He obtained his early education in the public schools of Hamburg, and in 1852 was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He began practising medicine in 1852, in Hamburg, where he spent fifty-two years, and was very successful, at the time of his death leaving a fortune estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000. In 1851 he married Elizabeth Heffner, daughter of John and Kate (Gehret) Heffner, and to this union were born Dr. Benjamin and Lizzie H., the latter residing at home.

Dr. Benjamin Nice, of Hamburg, born Aug. 20, 1855, graduated from the Hamburg high school; the Scientific course of Ursinus College, class of 1874; Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1877; and the Polyclinic School in New York City, 1883. He began practising in the town of his nativity in the latter year, and here he had a very large and successful clientele. He was an expert on gynecology. He died in 1907. In 1878 he married Etta Mickley, daughter of Lewis and Kate (Gift) Mickley, and to this union was born one child, Dr. Frank M., born Feb. 14, 1879. Dr. Nice married (second) Ada Derr, and to this union was born one son, Benjamin Nice, Jr.

Dr. Frank M. Nice received his early education in the schools of his native town—Hamburg—and in 1897 graduated from the Hamburg high school. In the fall of that year he entered the celebrated Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in June, 1901, and at once he began practice in Hamburg, where he is very successful. He became a specialist on the nervous system. While a college student he was prominently iden-

tified with the H. C. Chapman Physiological Society. He is a close student and constant reader, and when not busy visiting patients is engaged in study in his library, which is filled with the choicest works on the various sciences. The Doctor is a forceful and convincing debater, and was very popular on this account during his college days. In politics a Jeffersonian Democrat, he was in the spring of 1906 elected to the office of chief burgess after a spirited contest. He is socially connected with Ontelaunee Tribe, No. 312, Order of Red Men. The Doctor besides being a very successful practitioner is a deep student of the Theory of Evolution by means of which he solves religious, sociologic and scientific problems.

On June 10, 1903, Dr. Nice was married to Mayme Motes, daughter of Martin H. and Caroline (Behler) Motes, and to this union was born a son, Frank M., Jr.

REILY M. FORNWALD, a retired locomotive engineer and honored veteran of the Civil war, who since 1905 has made his home in Robesonia, was born April 15, 1842, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., son of George and Susan (Moyer) Fornwald.

George Fornwald, his grandfather, was a farmer of Heidelberg township, where he owned a small tract, and both he and his wife are buried at the Corner Church. They had four children: George; Isaac, who lived and died at Jonestown, where he is buried; Jonathan, who died at Myerstown (his children were Adam, Nora, Agnes, Amelia, John and Emma); and Sarah, who married Jacob Stiely, who died in Reading in 1905, at a very advanced age.

George Fornwald, father of Reily M., was born Feb. 15, 1822, in North Heidelberg township, and died Dec. 12, 1893, aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-seven days. He was a farmer by occupation, owning a small tract of land in Heidelberg township, near Robesonia, and is buried at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. He married Susan Moyer, born July 16, 1819, who died Feb. 27, 1895, aged seventy-five years, seven months, eleven days, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Belleman) Moyer, and to this union were born two children, Reily M. and William. William Fornwald, who is cupola runner for the Federal Government, married Susan Rhoads, and they have had these children: Howard, deceased; Franklin; Charles; Samuel; and Erb, who met his death on the railroad at Port Clinton.

Reily M. Fornwald was educated in the common schools and the Millersville State Normal, at Millersville, Pa., and after attending the latter for three years left school to enlist, Sept. 11, 1861, to serve three years or during the war. He was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 18, 1861, as a private in Capt. Charles B. Mickley's Company G, 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. Tilghman H. Good, commanding. The regiment proceeded to Washington, D. C., arriving on Sept. 21st, and encamped at Fort Ethan Allen, where it took part in a minor engagement and later was assigned to the 3d Bridgade, Smith's Division, thence moving to Camp Griffin and Bailey's Cross Roads. Later the regiment was assigned to the 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 19th Corps, and participated in the battle of Pocotaligo, S. C., Oct. 22, 1862; moving thence to Key West, Fla., they garrisoned Forts Taylor and Jefferson, the military importance of these positions at this time being very great, remaining there until Feb. 25, 1864, when they embarked on the steamer "George Thomas" for Louisiana, arriving at Algiers; moved via Brashear City, to Franklin and thence with Banks' Red River expedition. Mr. Fornwald participated in the following engagements: St. John's Bluff, Fla., Oct. 3, 1862; Pocotaligo, S. C., Oct. 22, 1862; Moneti's Bluff and Cane River, La., April 23 and 24, 1864; Natchitoches, La., May 5, 1864; Mansura or Marksville, La., May 14 to 16, 1864; Bayou de Glaize, La., May 18, 1864; Atchafalaya River, La., July 28, 1864; Summit Point, Berryville and Flowing Springs, Va., Aug. 21, 1864; Halltown, Va., Aug. 24 to 27, 1864; Berryville, Va., Sept. 3 and 4, 1864; and a number of minor engagements and skirmishes. The 47th Pennsylvania was the only Pennsylvania regiment taking part in the Red River Expedition. Mr. Fornwald was promoted to the rank of corporal, Feb. 15, 1862, for faithful and meritorious service. He was wounded at Pocotaligo, S. C., Oct. 22, 1862, in the head and groin, by the bursting of a shell, and spent four weeks in the field hospital, afterward returning to his regiment. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment except while confined in the hospital, and rendered faithful and meritorious service. Mr. Fornwald received his honorable discharge at Berryville, Va., Sept. 18, 1864.

After his return from the war Mr. Fornwald was employed in operating a blast for White & Ferguson, at Robesonia, for four years, and then operated an engine for Wright, Cook & Co. for one year, at Sheridan. For ten years he ran an engine for William M. Kauffman, and in 1884 he came to Reading, where he resided until 1905, when he erected a fine residence on Upper Main street, Robesonia, at which place he has lived in retirement since. Mr. Fornwald also owns four other houses and a great deal of real estate in his section, and is considered one of the borough's substantial men.

On Sept. 28, 1867, Mr. Fornwald was married to Emma S. Bechtel, born July 11, 1848, daughter of Isaac Bechtel, Sr., who died at Robesonia in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Fornwald had two children: William F., born in 1868, died Nov. 6, 1870; Allen L., born Dec. 29, 1869, married Katie Zimmerman, daughter of George Zimmerman, of Lebanon, Pa., and they have two children, Earl Ethan Allen and Dorothy Katie. Allen L. Fornwald is a clerk at the Oley street mill for the Reading Iron Company, Reading.

Reily M. Fornwald is an active member of the Union Veteran Legion, No. 43, of the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 68, and Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf.

MRS. ANNA ELIZA BECKER, of Womelsdorf, widow of Willoughby Becker, is a daughter of John and Amelia (Hain) Miller, born in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., on the same farm where the pioneer, John Miller, settled and where all of her ancestry in America were born and raised. She lived with her parents on this farm for some time, until they moved to Wernersville, Pa. She was married to Willoughby Becker, son of John and Carolina (Stump) Becker, and moved to Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., on what was known as the Holstein farm, which Mr. Becker then purchased. They resided peacefully together on this farm until Mr. Becker's death. Mrs. Becker has always been highly esteemed and respected by her friends and neighbors. In the spring of 1904 she and her two step-daughters, Mary C. and Sallie A. Becker, purchased a fine residence on High street in Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., in which they moved together and are now residing.

Mrs. Becker's ancestry is as follows: John Miller emigrated from Metz, Germany, sometime between 1732 and 1734. He settled in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., on a farm now (1908) owned by Lewis Spohn. He had one son, John Michael, born in Metz, Germany, A. D. 1731.

John Michael Miller was married to Susanna Hecker, and they lived together for forty-four years and were the parents of one son and two daughters. Susanna Miller died Feb. 6, 1804, aged seventy-six years. John Michael Miller died Jan. 6, 1807, aged seventy-six years.

John Miller, son of John Michael Miller, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., March 18, 1757, and married Elizabeth Eckert Jan. 16, 1781. He died March 13, 1824, aged sixty-six years, eleven months, twenty-six days. Elizabeth Miller, born April 26, 1764, died May 15, 1842. They had two sons, named Michael and Jonas.

Michael Miller, son of John Miller, born in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1782, died Dec. 26, 1843. He was married to Anna Maria Gaul, of Spring

township, Berks Co., Pa., born in Spring township Nov. 2, 1777, died Feb. 4, 1858, aged eighty years, three months, two days. They had three children, one son and two daughters, namely: John; Eliza, married to Daniel Fidler; and Maria, married to David Klopp.

John Miller, son of Michael Miller, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1815, and died in 1888. He was married to Amelia Hain (daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hain) Hain), born Oct. 4, 1814, died Jan. 22, 1872, aged fifty-seven years, three months, eighteen days. They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughter, namely: Levi, Anna Eliza, Adam H., Sarah, Mary H., and Ellen.

Adam H. Miller, son of John Miller, was born Feb. 3, 1845, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., and was married to Mary Anna Leiss, Oct. 8, 1868. They are the parents of three children, one son and two daughters: John Harry, Anna Helen, and Millie Elizabeth. Levi Miller died in his youth. Sarah Miller died in infancy. Mary H. Miller is residing in Womelsdorf. Ellen Miller was married to William Binkley and they lived a happy life together in Wernersville, Pa., until her death. Anna Eliza Miller was married to Willoughby Becker.

All of the Miller ancestry were members of the Reformed Church and all the dead are buried at the Hain's Church burial grounds.

Willoughby Becker, who died at Millbach, Lebanon Co., Pa., April 29, 1903, was a retired agriculturist and for more than forty years had been one of the prominent men of his locality. The Beckers for many generations had been successful tillers of the soil.

Jacob Becker, the founder of the American branch of the family, came from Germany before 1734 and settled in Lebanon county, Pa., where in 1734 he was granted land by John, Thomas and Richard Penn. The deed, written on parchment, is still in the family. Jacob Becker's sons were John, George, and others.

John Becker became the father of seven children, Michael, John Adam, Catherine, Elizabeth, Barbara, Anna Amelia, and Margaret.

John Adam Becker, son of John, was born in Mill Creek township, and there grew to manhood, engaging in agriculture, the pursuit for which his early training had best prepared him. Success attended his efforts and he made a good home for his family. His four children were John, Michael, Sarah (who married Captain Tice, a soldier of the Civil war) and Elizabeth (who married George Moyer).

John Becker, son of John Adam, was born in Mill Creek township in 1813 and early showed his inherent industry and self-reliance. He, too, became a farmer in Mill Creek township, Lebanon Co., Pa., making many improvements on his place, and there in 1884 he died. He was a Democrat in politics and was independent in religious views. He became quite wealthy and was a large stockholder in the Lebanon National Bank, in which for a quarter of a centruy he had been a director.

About 1833 he married Carolina Stump, daughter of Leonard Stump, and a member of a pioneer family. To this union were born children as follows: Willoughby; John Adam, of South Lebanon township; Mary, deceased wife of Henry J. Bennetch, a farmer in Mill Creek township; Elizabeth, wife of J. M. Zimmerman, of Mill Creek township; Emma, who married Aaron Bollinger, both deceased; Amanda, who married the late George U. Seibert, of Richland; Thomas L., of Millbach; Ida, deceased; and Agnes, deceased, who was married to Levi Bollinger, of Richland.

Willoughby Becker was born on the old Mill Creek township homestead, March 10, 1836. After reaching manhood he followed farming a while on the home farm. In 1863 he came to Berks county, and for twenty-four years engaged in farming here. In 1887 he returned to Mill Creek township, Lebanon county, and purchased the Holstein farm of 195 acres. He directed the work of this valuable farm with great ability and then purchased the old Zeller farm of 152 acres at Newmanstown. On the latter farm was an old stone house erected as a fort in 1745. Mr. Becker added other valuable real estate to his possessions. He was a man of marked integrity. He was a good manager and was uniformly successful in his undertakings. He was an ideal husband and father. He was a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church at Robesonia and there he is buried.

In 1860 Mr. Becker married Sarah Kahl, daughter of David and Maria (Moyer) Kahl and granddaughter of Leonard Kahl, father and grandfather in turn being owners of the Livingood farm in Heidelberg township.

The ancestor of the Kahl family was Jacob Kahl, who died in 1767 and was buried at the St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, Robesonia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Sarah (Kahl) Becker died in 1878, the mother of six children: Monroe K., John D., Henry S., George K., Mary C., and Sallie A. John, Henry and George are all deceased.

Sarah (Kahl) Becker had the following sisters: Maria, deceased, who was married to Uriah Stewert, Millbach, Pa.; Eliza, married to Jacob Bechtel, Reading, Pa.; and Ellen, deceased.

Mr. Becker married, second, Anna Eliza Miller, daughter of John and Amelia (Hain) Miller.

JACOB FRIES, the senior member of the firm of Jacob Fries & Son, plumbers, on Perkiomen avenue, one of the leading business establishments of the city of Reading, Pa., was born in Reading, Aug. 30, 1860, son of John J. and Margaret Fries, the former a railroad man who was killed in an accident while acting as conductor. At this time Jacob Fries was a child and when he was but six years of age his mother died, leaving him an orphan. He was reared by August Ernst and his wife, receiving a good education in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen years apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, where he is still employed. He is a skilled mechanic and faithful employe, and is very popular with his fellow workmen in the shops.

In 1881, Mr. Fries married Rosie E. Reif, daughter of Henry P. and Barbara Reif, and to this union there were born the following children: Bertha; H. Jacob; Arthur, the junior member of the firm of Jacob Fries & Son; Charles; Paul; Raymond; Lillie; George, and Leonard. In religious matters they are identified with St. Andrew's Reformed Church. Mr. Fries is independent in politics, and has served as judge of election. Fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A. and Royal Arcanum.

JACOB GRILL HATT, a representative citizen of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he owns much land, is now living retired at his home near Fritztown, after many years spent at hard work. Mr. Hatt was born Dec. 15, 1835, on his father's farm in Spring township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Catherine (Grill) Hatt.

Conrath Hath (Hatt), Sr., the great-grandfather of Jacob G., and the ancestor of this family in America, came from Switzerland about the middle of the eighteenth century, and soon after arriving in this country settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he purchased land, a property which he continued to operate until his death in 1789. His will, which was probated in that year, mentions these children: Henry, who had a son Henry; Philip; Conrath, Jr.; Margaretha, who bore her mother's name; Maria Elizabeth; Anna Maria; Juliana; and Catherine, who was the wife of John Kleinginna, of Cumru township.

Philip Hatt, grandfather of Jacob G., was born in Cumru township, where his death occurred in 1824. He owned his own farm, which he operated all of his life, and in his will, which was probated Sept. 3, 1824, the following children were mentioned: Philip (1788-1856) m. Magdalena Bohmer (1796-1847) and died intestate; Daniel m. Susan Heverling, and had these children—

Richard, Elizabeth (m. Adam Behm), John (1814-1882), Daniel (1815-1893), Catherine (m. A. Kegerise) and Polly (m. a Hoffman); Susanna; Catherine; John; Conrad; Jacob, the father of Jacob G.; William, born April 17, 1802, died June 26, 1868; and Elizabeth.

Jacob Hatt, father of Jacob G., was born May 12, 1800, and died Aug. 5, 1876. He was a lifelong farmer in Spring township, where he owned a fine property of 130 acres, now in the possession of his grandson, Jacob Hatt, and was also a stave-maker and cooper. Genial and affable in manner, Mr. Hatt was very popular in his community, and was esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Hatt married Catherine Grill, born Oct. 29, 1802, who died Nov. 26, 1866, and to them were born these children: Louisa (m. Abraham Matz); Samuel, a farmer of Spring township; Kitty (m. Henry Wertz); John, a farmer, who died in Lower Heidelberg township; Jacob G.; Catherine (m. Daniel Ruth); Sally (m. Henry Matz); Betz (m. Fred Hain); Polly (m. William Ruth); and Levi, who died unmarried.

Jacob G. Hatt attended the old pay schools of his day, which were in charge of German teachers, and was reared upon his father's farm in Spring township, where he began farming for himself at the age of twenty-four years. In 1864 he purchased a farm of thirty acres in the Blue Marsh, where he lived for six years, and this he then sold to remove to the old Sauder farm in Lower Heidelberg township, which he tenanted for ten years. In the spring of 1882 he purchased a tract of 120 acres near Fritztown, where his son, William Hatt, now lives, and he also purchased a small property of eighteen acres, on which he lives engaged in truck farming, attending the Reading market from one to three times a week. In addition Mr. Hatt owns about thirty-seven acres of woodland. In political matters Mr. Hatt is a stanch Democrat. He and his wife are members of St. John's Reformed Church of which he was elder for two years. Mr. Hatt is a successful man, and his success has been won honestly, his reputation as a business man of integrity and fair dealing being an enviable one. He is well known to the people of his vicinity as a public-spirited citizen and Christian gentleman.

In 1858 Mr. Hatt married Rebecca Miller, born Jan. 23, 1836, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Stiely) Miller, of Cumru township, and to this union there were born eight children, of whom the only survivor is William G., who is married to Annie Wenrich and has five children: Elsie, Jacob, Leah, William and Elmer. Three of Mr. Hatt's other children died within three weeks, of diphtheria, his eldest son, Adam, also succumbing to that disease, when nineteen years old.

HON. EDMOND L. SMITH, who was generally known by his military title of Major, was a native of Reading, born in 1829. He was sent to college in Georgetown, D. C., and received his degree of B. A. in 1853. He then read law, and four years later was admitted to the Reading Bar. Young as he was politics had already received much of his attention, and he was so favorably regarded that in the fall of 1857 he was elected to the Legislature, and re-elected in 1858.

In 1861 at the very beginning of the war, Major Smith, to use his later title, enlisted in Ringgold's Artillery of Reading, one of the first companies in the State to respond to the President's call for troops. They passed through Baltimore just the day before Gen. Butler's troops were attacked in that city. On May 14, 1861, he was commissioned captain of the 19th U. S. Infantry and joined McClellan for the Peninsula campaign. He was in much active service and took part in the battle of Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and in the Chickamauga campaign. During the last he had a horse shot under him, but he himself escaped injury. In that battle Major Dawson was shot, so that the command fell upon Capt. Smith, and he was brevetted for his bravery in the engagement. At the beginning of the second day he was captured, and for about thirteen months was imprisoned in the infamous Libby prison. He was among the 110 men who dug the celebrated tunnel, and so escaped, but unfortunately he was also one of those who were captured after ten days of suffering, and taken back. After that Major Smith was moved from place to place, being finally sent to Macon, Ga. While on the way thither, he again succeeded, with four others, in escaping by jumping from the train, but was brought back after six weeks of untold hardship, and then sent to Charleston, S. C., where he was placed under fire from Union guns. At last, Oct. 1, 1864, Major Smith was paroled, and after a month's leave of absence, returned to his command, and was with them at Lookout Mountain and at Augusta, Ga. When he finally resigned, in 1868, he had seen seven years of hard service in his country's cause.

Immediately after resigning from the army, Major Smith, in July, 1868, went to Colorado, and resumed his practice of law, in partnership with his brother, J. Bright Smith. Again he combined politics with his legal business and was elected to the Territorial Legislature from Arapahoe county, his brilliant war record being really the cause of his election. He remained in Colorado until his death Sept. 9, 1891. Both as a man and as a soldier Major Smith offered a fine example of what American citizens may be.

Major Smith married Magdalena Reiner, who was born in Germany, where her father, John Reiner, died. She left her native land when seventeen years old, and came to America, where her marriage took place. She survives her husband and makes her home at No. 519 Walnut street, Reading. She was reared in the Catholic faith, and is now a communicant of St. Peter's Church. To Major and Mrs. Smith were born six children, viz.: Edmond L., who lived only four years; John Philip, a clerk in the Orphans' court; Susie A.; Harry, a reporter; Charles F., a civil engineer; and Margaret, at home.

HAIN. The Hain family has been prominent in Berks county, Pa., for several generations, and members in each generation have been active in furthering the advance of religious and social life. The first of the family of whom there are well authenticated data is George Hean, who settled in the vicinity of Hain's Church. He was one of the chief donors to that church, and was a very prominent man in his community. He engaged in farming and was accounted one of the wealthy men of the day. At his death he left much property. To him and his wife, Veronica, were born children as follows: Peter, Adam, George, Frederick and Heinrich (or Henry).

Henry Hain married and became the father of the following children: Adam, who settled in Dauphin county; Frederick; Daniel; Otto; Joseph; and a daughter who married a Mr. Locksley. The family belonged to the Reformed Church.

Daniel Hain was born at the old homestead near Hain's Church. He, too, became a prosperous farmer. He was twice married. By his first marriage he had a son, John.

John Hain, son of Daniel, married Magdalina Haak, and their children were: Jacob, William, Ellen, Hannah, Absalom, Mary, Daniel, Elizabeth and Rebecca. The children were all reared in the faith of the Reformed Church.

Jacob Hain, son of John, was a harness-maker by trade, and was located at No. 321 Penn street, where he carried on a flourishing business for many years, becoming one of the best known men of his day in the city. He married Mary Ann Goodhart, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Beidler) Goodhart. This union was blessed with three children, namely: Clara L. m. George P. Zieber, and has two children, Blanche and Florence (m. Clarence Fencil, and has two sons, George P. and John N.); Alice V. m. Jonathan P. Mengel, and had three children, Ralph H. (m. Deborah De Turk), J. Hain and Mary A. (deceased); and

S. Agnes m. Henry M. Otto. Mr. Jacob Hain was a member of the Second Reformed Church, of which he was one of the organizers, and in which he held the offices of deacon and elder. He was a prominent worker in the Democratic party, and held the office of clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court of Berks county. His fraternal connections were with Salome Lodge, I. O O. F. He was a man who kept well abreast of the times, and was well posted on matters of public import, and was looked up to as an authority, his advice being often sought and carefully followed. His word was as good as his bond, and he had the unqualified esteem of all men.

EDWARD C. HECHT (deceased). One of the leading industries of Reading, Pa., is that of paint manufacturing and in this connection may be mentioned the late Edward C. Hecht, a prominent business man of the city, whose death occurred Dec 21, 1893. Mr. Hecht was born in January, 1831, in Easton, Pa., son of Rev. John Peter and Mary (Ziegler) Hecht.

"Rev. John Peter Hecht was born in Bucks county, Pa., Feb. 28, 1790. Bereft of his father in infancy, he was taken charge of by kind friends connected with the German Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, who perceiving the germ that sparkled in the little casket, began the process of development, with the view of making a preacher out of him. So successful were they that at three years of age he began to read, and the promise of a Bible, to be all his own, if at the end of two more years he would read any chapter that might be designated, operated as it was intended to do, upon him, and the years that should have been spent in getting his little hands and face dirty with mud pies and kindred employments were passed in hard laborious study. He gained the Bible and the applause of his admiring friends, but sealed his own fate against any physical culture or mental rest. Forthwith began uninterrupted schooling and drilling. At ten years of age he had advanced in mathematics to surveying, and the boy of sixteen stood up one Sabbath in the church, corner Fourth and Cherry streets, in Philadelphia, to preach. Tremblingly he turned to his preceptors, Drs. Helmuth and Schmidt, and said: 'I cannot preach to-night.' Without a sign of the pity they felt for him, they both said: 'You must.' Knowing that it would be useless to offer further resistance, he stammered through a few sentences, but found his fearfulness passing away as he proceeded, until towards the close he was perfectly calm. He was well repaid when those who had carefully watched him so many years, congratulated him and bade him God-speed in his studies.

"At eighteen years of age he had charge of two congregations near the Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa. His mother and sister were to live with him, and having completed the arrangements of the parsonage on the Saturday afternoon before his regular services were to begin, these three were resting under the shade trees in front of the house. Reluctantly the mother said, after considerable anxiety about it: 'Well, John, our house is now all ready and very comfortable, but there is not a thing in the house to eat.' Without a moment's hesitation, her son answered: 'Mother, the Lord will provide.' But a few minutes afterwards a carriage was before the gate and a man asked where the 'new preacher' was. The preacher approaching and announcing himself met with the salutation: 'Why you are only a boy.' 'Well,' said the preacher, 'I can't help that; I was sent here, and I suppose I am the one you mean.' The man studied a minute, and then blurted out: 'Well, well, come Betsy. We want to be married, and if you are the new preacher, why I guess you can marry us.' The fee provided for them over their first Sabbath. It was during his stay at the Trappe that he became acquainted with the school teacher, Francis R. Shunk, and a friendship formed between them that continued during life.

"From the Trappe he was called to Carlisle, Pa. Here he became acquainted with Mary Ziegler of Harrisburg, Pa., whom he married, and in whom he had a faithful wife through all his pastoral labors. Removing to Easton, Pa., with their infant daughter, Eliza (later the wife of Judge W. L. Sebring), Mr. Hecht commenced his labors in St. John's Lutheran and Reformed congregations jointly owned and worshipped in the present Reformed Church on North Third street. Did our space permit, a volume of incidents and personals might be written, which would illustrate the pains and pleasures of a thirty years' pastorate. Let it suffice, for the present, to say that Mr. Hecht's labors were perhaps more severe than any other pastor in Easton has ever been called upon to perform. Preaching in German and English three sermons each Sabbath, one German and one English lecture during the week, and attending innumerable funerals, sometimes as many as fifteen in a week, at all of which custom demanded a sermon and regular service in the church. For many years St. James' Church in Phillipsburg, N. J., was attached to St. John's, Easton. This church is now under Rev. S. Henry's charge.

"Mr. Hecht's reputation as a scholar and pulpit orator induced many young men to place themselves under his instruction during his earlier years. Among these was the world's greatest surgeon, Prof. Samuel D. Gross, M. D., LL. D., D. C. L. Oxon. Rev. Joseph B. Gross, a brother of the learned professor, was also a pupil of Mr. Hecht's. He studied theology with him, was many years a faithful and successful pastor, and is spending the declining years of his life in writing and publishing the results of careful and sanctified meditation upon the great truths of our holy religion. The Rev. Henry S. Miller, one of his earlier disciples, still lives in peaceful retirement at Phoenixville, Pa. 'Some have fallen asleep' who fed their minds from John P. Hecht's instructions, not however before they had faithfully imparted to others that which they had received. Among these were Rev. W. B. Kemerer, Rev. Richard Collier and Rev. Nathan Yaeger.

"Mr. Hecht's interest in the public schools induced him to accept the office of director, at a time when such a position was by no means as popular as at present. The board at one time elected him superintendent of the schools in the hope that order might be brought out of confusion and want of system prevailing. This, however, required too much of his time and attention, and he had to resign.

"During all these years the records of the grand 'old mother Synod' of Pennsylvania (Lutheran Church) show that either as secretary or president, or chairman of the most important and laborious committees, John P. Hecht's talents and qualifications were in constant requisition, and while in the Synod of New York, to which he appears to have been frequently delegated, he was always received with distinguishing marks of respect and esteem.

"Notwithstanding all these duties, his work among the poor, the sick and prisoners, received his most cheerful attention. Often when he found that fear of contagion deprived some one of proper care, Mr. Hecht became almost nurse and physician to him, always manifesting the same faith in Divine Providence for himself and his own numerous family that he exhibited when as a boy (in years) he began his ministry. Busy 'in season and out of season' with his Master's work, he yet found time for much study and research. He was especially fond of the languages, and his Hebrew Bible, in the possession of his son, is a monument of his diligence and patient toil. Rabbi Cohen, himself a distinguished linguist, pronounced him the best Hebrew scholar he ever knew. The late Hon. Washington McCartney and he would often study their Latin and Greek together. He was completely 'at home' with the German, and his sermons and addresses in that language often started the inquiry as to his fatherland. He was for some time professor in German in

Lafayette College. Of this institution he was also a trustee.

"In the effort to summarize the business of thirty-nine years, we are amazed at the magnitude and diversity of labors performed by this man. And when it is remembered that not one year of his life was given to the strengthening of his physical being, but for over fifty years his mind and brains were on a continued strain, the wonder is that the whole man did not give way before. Loved and respected by his people, as well as the entire community, many of whom he had married, whose bereaved hearts he had comforted with the promises of a loving Saviour, whom he baptized and laid his hands upon in confirmation, with the most confiding nature in all mankind that anyone ever possessed, he moved in a sort of home circle everywhere, with a kind word for everyone, and receiving from all the affectionate tribute of love and respect.

"As if jealous of such a peaceful relationship, some evil spirit suddenly injected the question of party politics into the congregation of St. John's, and in a very short time the worst passions ruled, and the once quiet and contented became mad and unreasonable. The shock that the pastor then experienced utterly overcame him, and in May, 1845, he resigned his charge. In vain did his people beg of him to recall his resignation. Other and more zealous counsels prevailed with him, and from his life of toil and constant employment he fell into one of listless melancholy. The heart that before throbbed only with love for all mankind broke, and the manly form bent, the eloquent tongue lost its power, the light of genius went out. With 'heart bowed down' he would gather his children about him on the Sabbath and expound some portion of the Holy Word, when the old familiar hymns would be sung. Passers-by would stop to listen, and at last asked permission to unite in these services. The doors once opened, the house was crowded with those who had not lost their love for the enfeebled pastor. The young men made benches and placed them where they could be distributed through the house, in order to seat the throngs who came. At length it was proposed to rent the Armory on Second street and hold services there. This Mr. Hecht thought might look like an effort to form a new congregation. Indeed it was already charged that such was his purpose, but very unjustly. He decided that he would lecture on Sabbath afternoons to a congregation of Christian worshippers, which was to be independent of all denominations. Such services were held for a few weeks, at which Mr. Hecht repeated some of the sermons he had formerly delivered at St. John's and other churches. These manuscripts are in the hands of his son, and are marked by the author in a trembling hand. These services were very abruptly brought to a close, however, when Mr. Hecht learned that they were to be perverted from their original purpose. This closed his attempts at a public ministry. The infirmities of a premature old age were crowding fast upon him; tne unwise course pursued with him in his early life was bearing its bitter fruit now. The precocious preacher, at the age when mind and body ought to be, and is when properly educated, at its perfection, was a feeble, decrepit old man, and to-day there are men who saw him in the last years of his life, who can scarcely believe that he was but fifty-eight years old.

"In less than three years after his resignation of St. John's, Mr. Hecht was taken away to 'rest from his labors'. The month of January, 1849, saw him wasting away very fast. Repeated attacks of paralysis prevented distinct articulation, while his helpless body relied upon kind hands that never wearied in administering to him. His last night on earth, however, saw a remarkable change. Awakening from what was feared was his death sleep, he asked to be helped to his chair. His family gathered around and hung tenderly upon his words, now to their surprise as clear as when he proudly stood up before his audience to preach Christ crucified. Once again he was permitted to testify for his Lord and Master, and for an hour and a half, perhaps, he spoke to each one present in such tender, loving words as only a pure, true Christian, and a tender, loving father knows to utter. Many circumstances he recalled that some of the family had forgotten, showing the complete return of all his faculties, it may be, for the opportunity of confessing his Saviour once more. Acknowledging his own sins, he had yet only joy in the assurance that all were borne away by the sacrifice on Calvary. With a final farewell and a loving message to three of his daughters absent, he calmly asked to be helped to bed. Having fallen into the last heavy sleep of the dying, one of his daughters vainly attempted to arouse him. She had just reached his bedside, and in her agony she declared that she wanted but a word of recognition before he died. She whispered in his ear, 'Jesus,' and instantly the heavy breathing ceased and raising his hands he said: 'O yes! I know Him and I love Him.' Only this, and he at once relapsed into the same comatose condition until he ceased to breathe. This state lasted for several hours, and many kind friends visited the chamber where their old pastor was dying. Chief among the mourners was the Rev. Thomas Reardon, pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He, too, wished to look once again in the face of the man who had met him as a Christian brother, and when a stranger in Easton had called upon and encouraged him. Mr. Reardon said, in speaking of the death of his friend: 'That solemn deathbed scene is indelibly impressed on my memory. I retain a vivid recollection of the sacred stillness of that supreme hour in which amidst the tears and prayers of all the members of his numerous and most affectionately attached family and a few steadfast and devoted friends, he calmly yielded up his spirit to that Divine Master to whose services he had consecrated the best years of his life, and through whose atoning mercy he humbly hoped to be admitted to the enjoyment of a blissful immortality.'

"The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. George Diehl, then pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. The body was laid in St. John's graveyard, whence it was removed to the Easton cemetery, then just begun. His widow, whose memory is enshrined in the hearts of all the older members of this community, died in 1858. Their eleven children were: Eliza, Sophia, Louisa, Henrietta, Caroline, Anna, Amanda, Emma, Matilda, Edward and Mary Z."

Edward C. Hecht was educated in the schools of Easton, and at an early age entered the dry goods store of his cousin, Mr. Gross, with whom he remained for some time, and then returned to his home place and clerked in a dry goods store until he engaged in the drug business, continuing therein for some years, and then turning his attention to the manufacture of paint at Easton, where he continued until 1881. He then came to Reading and for four years was identified with A. Wilhelm in the same business. From that time until his death, in company with B. Frank Ruth, he conducted the Lehicton Paint Mills, located on the Bushkill Creek, which furnished ample water-power for many factories in the district. Their structure, a substantial, three-story building, 30 x 50 feet, had a capacity of 1000 tons of paint annually, these being of all varieties, colors and grades. The specialties of these mills were the "French Parlor Paint," which became very popular on account of its superior glossy appearance and snowy whiteness, and a special paint used for railroad cars, made from the best mineral colors. A fine article of coach and car "filling" was also manufactured, this being for the purpose of filling the pores of the wood, to create a high polish. In addition to these mills, Mr. Hecht was the proprietor of a large talc or soapstone quarry, covering about sixty-five acres. He was a shrewd and capable business man, and any enterprise with which he was connected was bound to prove successful. A consistent member of the Lutheran Church, he was active in church work, and was a director of the

Lutheran cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa. In politics he was a Republican, and while at Easton served as a notary. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Mt. Penn Council, Royal Arcanum.

In 1855 Mr. Hecht married Matilda Evans, daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Davis) Evans, and to them were born these children: John P., M. D., of Summerville, N. J.; Leila, wife of Joseph A. Byers, of Reading, Pa.; Herbert T., superintendent of the Reading Iron Company's mill at Danville, Pa.; Edward C., of Massachusetts; and Mary Z., who married Charles W. Haug, and has one child, Charles Edward.

F. P. HELLER, a prominent business man of Reading, Pa., and president of the Board of Trade from 1905 to 1907, was born in this city in 1834, son of George and Catherine (Smith) Heller, and a grandson of Frederic Heller.

Ludwig Heller, the great-grandfather of F. P., came from Germany in 1763, and settled in Reading. He was a very prominent man of his day and very wealthy. His son, Frederic, also a prominent business man of Reading, married Catherine Bright, a sister of Michael Bright. Mr. Heller was a saddler by trade and owned the properties where Krick's Cafe, the Sellers building and Mengel & Mengel are now located. He was a Whig in politics. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church and in 1794 he was a member of the building committee which built the Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Washington streets. Mr. Heller was made a Mason in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of which he was treasurer in 1796, his grandson, F. P., being its treasurer a hundred years later (1896). He died in 1837, aged about seventy years, the father of sixteen children, ten of whom grew to maturity, among them being George.

George Heller, born in 1800, died in 1886. He was educated in the schools of Reading, and learned watchmaking and the trade of a silversmith, working at these occupations all his life. His first wife passed away in 1837, aged twenty-five years, leaving three children: F. P.; and Joseph and James, both deceased. Mr. Heller married (second) Caroline Kern, who bore him six children: Francis K., who died in the army; Charles H.; Philip K.; Mary C.; Emily C. and Rosa A. Politically Mr. Heller was a Whig, later becoming a Republican.

F. P. Heller was first educated in the subscription school conducted by Henry F. Felix and later attended the common schools. He learned the watchmaking business of his father, and this he carried on from 1857 to 1867, when he went into the lumber business at Second and Penn streets, carrying on this enterprise successfully for thirty years. At the end of this time he sold out to Mr. George F. Lance. Mr. Heller with others then organized the Central Lumber Company, which is doing a thriving business on Walnut street. Mr. Heller is a heavy stockholder in this company and has built many of the finest homes in the city. It may be said that nearly all of the residences on Walnut street between Thorn and Second streets, and also forty homes on West Buttonwood, six on Tulpehocken and twelve on Heller streets were built by him. Many of these he still owns. They are valuable, well kept up and contain all modern conveniences. They are sold at sums ranging from $1,250 to $3,000.

Mr. Heller has always been a very public-spirited man, and he has always been greatly interested in anything that has tended to advance Reading socially, materially or financially, devoting much time and energy to its causes. He joined the Junior Fire Company when sixteen years old, and still holds membership, being one of the oldest in the department. No member of any fire company is more universally respected than he. He is a man averse to any company that tolerates intoxicating drinks among its members. No man in the State would applaud quicker the deeds of our brave and gallant firemen than would Mr. Heller. He has always opposed club houses operated in connection with fire companies, taking a stand in which many of the best citizens of Reading have agreed with him.

Mr. Heller's many fine qualities, and his fitness for the position, caused him to be chosen president of the Board of Trade in 1905, in which position he served two years. He is a Mason, having been made such in Lodge No. 62 in 1885, and for the past twenty-three years has been its treasurer. He is a past master, past high priest and past eminent commander, belonging to Reading Chapter, Reading Commandery, Lodge of Perfection, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Heller served as a member of the common council from the Fifth ward and a member of the select council, and was president of that body in 1876. He has taken a great interest in educational matters and was a member of the school board from the old Northeast ward, and also from the Fifth. He has been a member of the board of water commissioners for the last sixteen years, and was recently elected for his fifth term of four years. He was a delegate to the county convention, and vice-president of that body, which indorsed the candidacy of Judge Endlich. He was one of the organizers of the present Board of Trade.

Mr. Heller married in 1859 Rose E. Snyder, daughter of Solomon L. Snyder, and two children were born to this union: Kate m. W. A. Huff, of Greensburg, Pa., and has these children, George F., William A., Jr., Rose, Edith and Catherine; Carrie S. m. William H. Kessler, of Reading, and has four children, Fred H., Rose C., Anna M. and Catherine. Mrs. Heller died in 1909.

Mr. Heller's Reading home is a handsome three-story double brick dwelling at Nos. 234-236 Penn street, upon which site, until he bought the property in 1870, stood a one-story stone house which had been built by his grandfather, Frederic Heller, who bought the property from John and William Penn and Julianna Catherine Penn and erected the one-story house for his father-in-law, Michael Bright. Mr. Heller has also a splendid country residence, in Muhlenberg township, adjoining the Bernhart reservoir and the new filtration plant.

Mr. F. P. Heller is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Besides being a prominent Mason, he is connected with the I. O. O. F. and the K. G. E. He was one of the organizers of the Washington Library, and was chosen its first president, a position he has held to the present time—a period of forty-eight years. He built and owns the "Brighter Hotel," one of the most up-to-date hotels in Pennsylvania, four stories high, 120x150 feet.

GEEHR. The Geehr family of Kutztown, Berks county, is one of the old and very prominent families of this section of Pennsylvania, the ancestry being easily traced as far back as Conrad Geehr, of Germantown, Pa., whose children were: Philip; Balzer; Hannah, born in 1743, m. DeWalt Bast; Margaret married Michael Croll; and Samuel.

Balzer Geehr was born at Germantown, Pa., Jan. 22, 1740, and when a young man removed to Amity township, Berks county. In 1767 he was living in Oley township, where he married Catherine, daughter of Anthony Hunter, and sister of Col. Daniel Hunter, of Revolutionary fame. In 1771 he purchased a large plantation of 500 acres in Bern township, several miles south of the Blue Mountains, and moved upon it in 1772. When the war of the Revolution began he was a man of large influence in the northern section of the county, and upon the selection of a standing committee in 1774, for a proper guidance of a popular sentiment in its behalf, he was naturally chosen to represent that section in this important committee. In the formation of the Associators of Pennsylvania, Balzer Geehr was one of the five delegates who attended the meeting at Philadelphia in August, 1775. These delegates were known as "The Colonels of the Associated Battalions." He also took an active part in the county militia. In 1775 and 1776 he was lieutenant-colonel of the fourth battalion, and in September, 1776, his

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battalion participated in the campaign about New York. He officiated continuously as a judge of the county courts from 1775 to 1784. and represented the county in the General Assembly for the years 1782 and 1786, and from 1792 to 1799. Balzer Geehr carried on farming extensively on the Bern plantation until 1796, when he removed to a farm of 231 acres, in Maxatawny township, several miles north of Kutztown, which he had purchased shortly before. He died June 19, 1801, and his remains were interred in a private burial ground on his last mentioned plantation. By his decease without a last will, and the decease of two sons, John and Jacob, also, and his two granddaughters, the children of Jacob dying intestate without issue, the Maxatawny farm became involved in a very tedious and costly ejectment litigation, covering a period of fifteen years. One of the cases involving the trial is reported in Outerbridge report (Pennsylvania State), Vol. 9, page 577, 1884, and another in Crumrine report (Pennsylvania State), Vol. 28, page 311, 1891. The trials excited general interest in the legal profession, and the cases reported are regarded as leading cases on the subject to title of land by descent.

Philip Geehr, son of Conrad, was born in Germantown, Pa., and died in 1817 in Kutztown. He attended the schools of Philadelphia, later taught school for two or three years in Maxatawny, and also served as justice of the peace in Kutztown. Philip Geehr married Catherine Levan, widow of Jacob Levan, who already had these children: John, Jacob, Daniel and Maria (m. a Deisher). To Philip and Catherine Geehr were born: Benjamin, Susannah (m. Jacob Kutz), Hannah (m. Joseph Hurst) and Kittie (m. John Gettich).

Benjamin Geehr was born in Maxatawny, Oct. 22, 1785, and died in 1847. He was active in public affairs and served as justice of the peace. He was organist of the old Union Church of Kutztown, which position was also filled by his sons Jacob and James, the family having musical gifts. He married, Nov. 25, 1813, Catherine von Schmull, born in North Whitehall township, Northampton Co., Pa., March 13, 1793, died April 19, 1865, daughter of George and Susanna (Le Van) von Schmull. She is represented as having been a woman of energy and ambition, and of infusing the same spirit into those with whom she came in contact. Her brothers and sisters were: Peter, born Oct. 11, 1794; Maria, Aug. 18, 1796 (Sept. 20, 1813); John, May 27, 1798 (m. Harriet Pauli, and died Aug. 20, 1841); Charles, Feb. 3, 1800; Susanna, May 21, 1802; Lydia, Dec. 3, 1803; Sarah, Sept. 19, 1805; Thomas, Aug. 20, 1806; George, Sept. 11, 1808; and Joanna, Dec. 5, 1810.

The father of this family, George von Schmull, or to give him his proper title, George, Count von Schmull, was born July 22, 1764, at the ancient country seat of the family, near Yodesburg, on the Rhine. To escape religious persecution in the Old World he came to America at the close of the Revolutionary war. His estate, bearing the title of Von Plosh, was confiscated by the Government, and the castle was converted into a convent. Von Schmull settled near Germantown, Pa., where he was married June 22, 1792, to Susanna Le Van, born March 12, 1770, died Aug. 18, 1826, daughter of Abraham and Catherine Le Van—a Huguenot family. He died Oct. 5, 1815, at Germantown, and was there buried.

The children of Benjamin and Catherine (von Schmull) Geehr were: Mary Ann, born Dec. 24, 1815, m. Jonathan Grim, and died Sept. 27, 1836; Samuel Philip, born Dec. 25, 1817, m. Letitia Kline; John Balzer, born in Kutztown, Jan. 18, 1820, m. Lizzie Ross; Jacob Conrad, born March 25, 1822; Charles Herman, born June 8, 1824, m. Martha Thompson; and James Monroe, born Oct. 22, 1826, m. Mary Le Van. All this family have passed away.

Jacob Conrad Geehr, late of Kutztown, was born there March 25, 1822, and died Sept. 4, 1896. He was a man of fine personal appearance, extraordinary memory and agreeable manner. During the progress of the Civil war he spent a time in the army. He was one of the principal figures of the famous Kitty Geehr law suit, which occupied the attention of the people some years ago. On July 8, 1849, he married Mary Elizabeth Hoch, daughter of David and Leah Hoch, who was noted for her warm-hearted hospitality. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Hoch) Geehr was born in Maxatawny township, Nov. 19, 1832, and died at Kutztown, March 2, 1905. She was of retiring manner in the presence of strangers, but with her own kindred she was particularly pleasant and cordial, and was admired for her wit and humor. During the whole of her long life she was an earnest Christian, and was ever ready to comfort the distressed, on many occasions offering a prayer or singing a hymn in a manner which invariably moved the hearts of the listeners. The children of this marriage were as follows: Titus E., Mary Martha, Thomas Benjamin, Florence Mabel and Katie L.

Titus E. Geehr was born July 20, 1850, at Kutztown, and died Dec. 24, 1901. At the age of fourteen he enlisted in the Civil war, surviving to return, and he had the unusual record of never having touched a cent of the money so hardly earned in his country's service, generously giving it all to his mother, to whom he was intensely devoted. During his whole life it has been said he never entertained a selfish thought, living only for others. It seemed as if all his ambition was that he might bring happiness into the lives of those that were near to him. He graduated from Eastman Business College, and subsequently went into the hide and leather trade, in which he continued until his fatal illness. Those who were his associates in business had this to say of him: "Whose many good qualities of mind and heart endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Possessing a happy and always cheerful disposition, his presence was welcome, and invariably left a pleasant remembrance. In business matters integrity was his motto, and no one enjoyed a greater degree of respect among his associates. His long illness was endured with that fortitude which comes to those whose abiding faith is placed in the promises of our Saviour."

Mary Martha Geehr was born at Kutztown, and like her brother is of a sunny disposition, unselfish, devoted, generous and self-sacrificing. She was married Dec. 1, 1896, to Stanly J. Kirby, of Maiden-creek.

Thomas Benjamin Geehr was born at Kutztown, Nov. 15, 1866, and died Sept. 6, 1870.

Florence Mabel Geehr was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1875. She was baptized May 4, 1876, by Henry Ward Beecher. At the age of sixteen she graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, and taught school for two years. On Feb. 25, 1897, she married Edward Young Miller, of Bloomington, Ill. Mr. Miller is a man of unusual mental equipment, and has made a distinguished name for himself in military life. During the Cuban campaign, he served as captain of the 30th Inf., N. G., entering the regular army at the close of his former service. He was commissioned first lieutenant of the 29th Infantry, at Fort Sheridan, Ill. From this military post his regiment was ordered to the Philippines, and later he was appointed to his present position of governor of the province of Palawan. Mrs. Miller has accompanied her husband throughout the whole of his military career. They have one son, Gordon Geehr, born Sept. 29, 1898.

Katie L. Geehr was born at Kutztown, where she completed the public school course, later continuing her studies at Brooklyn, N. Y. Subsequently she took a special course in music and literature at the Keystone State Normal school. For several years she was an acceptable teacher. Miss Geehr is a very talented lady, an ardent student, and a gifted writer, and occupies a very high social position at Kutztown. She is a devoted Christian, conscientiously discharging her duties in all departments of church work.

REV. DANIEL R. KLEIN was born Aug. 20, 1837, in Bethel township, son of Daniel and Christina (Reber) Klein, and died Nov. 1, 1899. His boyhood was spent on the old Bethel homestead of the Kleins, and his education was secured in the public schools and the Trappe Seminary in Montgomery county. For eight years Mr. Klein taught school in his native township, during vacation periods following farming to which he later gave his entire attention, continuing in agricultural pursuits until his retirement, and becoming one of the most progressive and successful farmers of his section of the county. Early in life he became a communicant in the Church of the Brethren, the Little Swatara Church being his place of worship throughout his life, and at its close he was laid to rest at Ziegler's Meeting House in Tulpehocken township. He was chosen a leader in his church and ordained to the ministry, to which he gave his attention throughout the balance of his life. He was a liberal contributor to his church, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He married (first) Miss Elizabeth Frantz, who died in 1870, the mother of these children: Frank F., of Reading, is mentioned below; Dr. W. F., of Lebanon, Pa., a physician and surgeon, m. Caroline Stoyer; Pamela R. m. Morris D. Yeagly, of Lebanon, Pa.; Emma m. Nathan G. Lentz, of Lebanon county; Mary F. m. Henry Lang, of Bethel township; and two died in infancy. The second marriage of the Rev. Mr. Klein was to Rebecca Long, who survives him and resides in Bethel township, and one child was born to this union: James Monroe.

FRANK F. KLEIN, son of the Rev. Daniel R. and Elizabeth (Frantz) Klein, was born Aug. 7, 1858, and was educated in the schools of Bethel and Huntingdon, and in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He is now a commercial traveler with his residence in Reading. On Dec. 5, 1880, he married Catharine E. Hetrich, of Bernville, and they have children as follows: Minnie Irene, born Nov. 5, 1882, m. March 17, 1902, Solon K. Snyder; Howard F., born Oct. 2, 1885, is an operator; Emily K., born Sept. 22, 1890, is at home. The family all attend St. Mark's Reformed Church, Reading.

JAMES MONROE KLEIN, who is well known to the residents of Bethel township, Berks county, as an educator, was born April 10, 1873, in that township, only son of the second marriage of the Rev. Daniel R. Klein. He was reared on the farm and received his primary education in the public schools, Juniata College, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and Potts Shorthand College, Williamsport. After graduating from the latter he was employed in Williamsport for some time, and later in Philadelphia. He then entered Tamaqua Business College as instructor in shorthand and typewriting, after which he began teaching in the public schools. He graduated from the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown with honor, in 1900, and since that time has engaged in teaching in Bethel township. He takes a great interest in educational work, and is one of the most popular and efficient teachers of Berks county.

On Dec. 22, 1900, Mr. Klein married Mrs. Martha Gettel, widow of Daniel R. Gettel, and daughter of John G. and Anna (Bashore) Frantz of Bethel township. They have one child, Paul F., born Feb. 12, 1904. Since 1895 Prof. Klein has been a member of the Church of the Brethren, in which he is very active, being one of the stanch supporters of the Sunday-school, of which he is assistant superintendent.

DIETRICH. The Dietrich family, well known and numerous not only in Berks county, but throughout this section of the State of Pennsylvania, was founded here some one hundred and fifty years ago. Kutztown at the present time numbers among her citizens several of the family, who are living good and useful lives to the honor of the name they bear, among these being Josiah S. and Lewis S. Dietrich, brothers, the first named being now retired from active work, but the latter still successfully engaged in the contracting business.

(I) Adam Dietrich was a native of the German Palatinate, born there Oct. 28, 1740. In 1767 he came to America and after some years passed in looking over the ground in eastern Pennsylvania he settled near Dunkel's church, in Greenwich township, where he became the owner of a large farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he gave his energies. There he died March 1, 1817, at the age of seventy-six years, four months, three days, and was buried at Moselem Church. He and his wife were both Lutheran members of this church, and both sleep in the burying ground there. He was a man five feet eight inches tall, with full broad face and black hair. He had beautiful white teeth, which remained perfect as long as he lived. He married Maria Barbara Steinbruch, who was born March 13, 1741, and died June 6, 1821, aged eighty years, two months, twenty-three days. Eleven children were born to them: Johann Adam, Johann Georg, Johann Michael, Johann Jacob, Johann Heinrich, Johann, Polly (Maria Magdalena), Maria Barbara, Catharine, Johann Christian and Beckie (Anna Margaret).

(II) Johann Dietrich, son of the emigrant, was born on his father's farm in Greenwich township, Jan. 7, 1779. He engaged in farming in that same district, not far from Dietrich's mill, on a farm consisting of 100 acres. He died upon his place July 28, 1830, aged fifty-one years, six months, twenty-one days, and is buried at the Grimville church. In 1807, he married Elizabeth Ohl, who survived him many years, and they became the parents of thirteen children, the names of three of them not being known. The others were: John, Samuel, Anna Maria (born 1809), Jonas, Hanna (born 1812), Benjamin (born 1813), David, Eva, Daniel (1828-1834) and Joseph.

(III) John Dietrich, son of Johann, was born in Greenwich township, June 28, 1806, and he died March 5, 1885, aged seventy-eight years, eight months, seven days. His remains were buried in the cemetery at Moselem church, of which he was a Lutheran member. By occupation he was a weaver, and he lived two miles southwest of Kutztown, Pa. In 1830 he purchased his father's homestead for $1,750, but through litigation did not hold this, and it was sold at public sale that same year to Benjamin C. Dietrich, a cousin. This farm was located in Greenwich. After the death of his father Mr. Dietrich remained in Berks county, while the mother and several of the children went to Ohio, where the daughter Eva died of homesickness, and tradition says another daughter also died from the same cause, but several of the children returned to Pennsylvania, and settled near Carlisle, where their descendants are still living. John Dietrich married Catharine Schearer, born April 14, 1812, daughter of Michael Schearer; she died June 5, 1893, aged eighty-one years, one month, twenty-one days, and is buried at the Moselem church. They had a family of twelve children: Hettie Ann m. Solomon Klotz; Caroline m. Daniel Marx, and has children and grandchildren; Charles S. m. Susanna Haupt, and has two children, Lewellyn (who has a daughter Mabel) and Clara (who has a daughter Perma); John S. m. Mary Schucker, and had children, Wilson, Levi, Henry, Samuel, Alvin, John, David, Sylvanus and Sally Ann (and some grandchildren and great-grandchildren); Josiah S.; Isaac S. m. Jane Werley, and has a daughter, Laura, and four grandchildren living and one dead; Lucinda died aged three years; Catharine, born 1842, died in 1869; Peter S., unmarried, resides with his brother David S.; David S. m. Catharine Ziegler, and had ten children, among them a son, John (also several grandchildren); Daniel S., born in 1845, m. Amanda Arndt, and has had two children, Minnie (born in 1901) and one deceased; and Lewis S.

(IV) JOSIAH S. DIETRICH, son of John, was born in Greenwich township Sept. 7, 1837, and is now living retired at Kutztown. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm, and the greater part of his life was passed in

Greenwich and Maxatawny townships. He is now residing on Greenwich street, in Kutztown, where he owns a comfortable home, which he purchased when he came to this borough to make his home. Mr. Dietrich is a large man, his very appearance indicating the strength he enjoys, and he is able still to do a full day's work that would tire most men much younger than he. He is honest and upright in his dealings, and has won the merited respect of all who know him. In his political principles he is a Democrat, and has taken a keen interest in the success of his party. On different occasions he was nominated and elected to township offices, but always refused to serve. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by the late Rev. Mr. Roeller, then pastor of the Moselem church, and at the present time is a member of St. John's Church.

On Nov. 18, 1873, Mr. Dietrich married Mrs. Mary Ann (Brenzinger) Fahringer, widow of Benjamin Fahringer, and daughter of Manuel and Elizabeth (Bower) Brenzinger. Two children blessed this union: Elizabeth m. Charles K. Deisher, of Kutztown; and William B., a stone cutter of Reading, m. Lillie Reber, of Frackville, Pa., and has a daughter Carrie E. Mrs. Josiah S. Dietrich died of heart disease on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1907. She was born March 15, 1844, and her death occurred when she was sixty-three years, six months and thirteen days old. She was a genial and industrious woman who had many friends.

(IV) Lewis S. Dietrich, son of John, was born in Maxatawny township, Aug. 17, 1847. He was early trained to farm work on his father's farm, but as a young man learned the brick layer's trade, which he followed in his native locality, and also at Reading, Norristown, Philadelphia, Bloomsburg, Hazleton and other places. For a period of fifteen years he lived at Brooklyn, a suburb of Kutztown, where he built his own home. He then moved to a farm in Greenwich township, the farm having come into his possession through his wife, and this he cultivated for seven years, but now has it rented. In the spring of 1904 he came to Kutztown, and has since been very successful as a contractor. Mr. Dietrich is a good mechanic, and besides the trade learned in his younger days is a carpenter, and thoroughly understands what good and perfect workmanship means, and this he tries to give. He is well known for his honesty and industry, and is highly esteemed throughout the county.

In the year 1870 Mr. Dietrich married Charlotte R. Zimmer, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Wright—also spelled Reit) Zimmer, farming people of Greenwich township. Two sons have been born of this union, namely: Oscar V., of Alburtis, Pa., born Oct. 9, 1870, m. Catharine Bobb, and had a daughter, Flossie, who died in childhood; and Jonathan A., born Dec. 21, 1871, a brick layer at Fort Smith, Ark., married Clara Heffner, and has four children—Mabel, Margaret, Alice and Alberta.

JACOB W. ALBRIGHT, of Shartlesville, Berks county, is one of the most prominent citizens of the Tulpehocken District, where he has maintained the high reputation enjoyed by his family during the several generations the Albrights have been settled here. The name has many creditable associations with the history of the Dutch in Pennsylvania.

(I) Christian Albright, the ancestor who emigrated from Germany and settled in what is now the upper part of Berks county, Pa., married Elizabeth Rick, and they had children: Peter R. (who died in Schuylkill county), Solomon R., John Christian, Henry R., Jacob R., Daniel R., John R., John George, and Justus Yost R.

(II) John Christian Albright, son of Christian, was born Feb. 26, 1748, and died Feb. 28, 1820. He was twice married, first to Maria Elizabeth Althouse, born May 27, 1776, died in May, 1799, and second to Maria Kauffman. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Maria Catharine, Anna Maria, Annie Magdalena, George, John Jacob, John, Solomon, Gabriel and Elizabeth. Of these, Maria Catharine m. George Wagner, and had children: Daniel, Benjamin, Kate, Elias, George, Elizabeth, Samuel, Solomon, William and Lucy. Anna Maria m. Jacob Shartle, and had children: George, William, Sallie, Eliza, Maria and Julian. Annie Magdalena m. George Kauffman, and had two children, Hettie and Samuel. John Albright m. Elizabeth Ruby and they had two children, Samuel and Leah. Solomon Albright m. (first) Maria Miller and (second) Elizabeth Shoemaker, and his children were: John, Henry, Gen. Charles, Mary, Eliza, Kate and Harriet. Elizabeth m. Joseph Kauffman, and had three children, William, Harrison and Kate (Mrs. John Grime).

(III) John Jacob Albright, son of John Christian, was a farmer in Upper Bern township and one of the prominent men of that section in his day. He m. Maria Shartle, and to this union were born seven children: Sarah m. William Shearer, and had two children, William A. and Frederick A. William m. Hettie Fenstermacher, and they had five children, Willoughby, Mary, Emma, Lafayette and Henry. John m. Sarah Huey, and had three children, Jacob, John and Sophia. Jacob S. is mentioned below. Daniel was the next in the family. Moses and Elizabeth were twins.

(IV) Jacob S. Albright, son of John Jacob, born Jan. 7, 1816, died April 4, 1905, aged eighty-nine years, two months, twenty-seven days. He was an intelligent, progressive man, and in his death the community lost a valuable citizen. He was a wheelwright by trade, which vocation he followed and also conducted his farm, during his active years, but he lived retired for many years before his death. In religious belief he clung to the tenets of the Reformed Church, and was a Reformed member of the Frieden's Church at Shartlesville, in whose work he took an active part, at the time of the erection of the present edifice serving on the building committee and himself giving liberally of his means as well as his time. For many years he was trustee of that church. He and his wife are both buried in the cemetery of the church. Mr. Albright married Matilda Wagner, born Sept. 1, 1834, died March 24, 1892. They had the following children: Howard and Sallie Ann, who both died young; Jacob W.; and twins who were still-born.

(V) Jacob W. Albright was born Nov. 6, 1865, at the home in Upper Bern township where he still resides. He began his education in the public schools of his native township, and later attended the Palatinate College at Myerstown, Pa. His schooling over, he returned home to assist his father with the farm work and remained with him until his death, since which time he has been the owner of the homestead. It is a fine tract of 115 acres, located at Shartlesville, and has become valuable through years of methodical cultivation. Mr. Albright has other interests outside of farming, his principal business connection being with the Windsor Mutual Assistance and Fire Insurance Company, of Berks county, of which he is the treasurer. He has also taken part in the local civil government, having served as township auditor, and, since 1897, as justice of the peace of Upper Bern township; he was elected to that office May 3d of that year, as the candidate of the Democratic party, which he stanchly supports by his vote and influence. His high personal standing has made his work in this office particularly effective. As a man of high standards, with an irreproachable name in business and social relations, he exercises an influence for good which is appreciated and felt by his fellow-citizens of all classes, and he is accordingly respected wherever he goes. Mr. Albright is a member of the Frieden's Church (Reformed), in which he holds the office of trustee, having succeeded his father in that position upon the latter's death.

In fraternal life Mr. Albright is well known all over his section of Berks county. He is a member of Camp No. 133, P. O. S. of A., serving that body as recording secretary for many years, and is also past officer and ex-district president of same; he is a member of Camp No.

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97, P. O. S. of A.; of Lexington Commandery, Sons of America, No. 2, of Reading, Pa.; of Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F., of Strausstown, Pa.; and of Shartlesville Tent, No. 351, K. O. T. M.

Mr. Albright married Miss Anna Kate Berger, daughter of John Adam Berger, and they have had four children, born as follows: Clara, March 24, 1893 (died June 25, 1894); John Jacob, March 26, 1896; Howard, Jan. 6, 1902; Paul, March 1, 1906.

MILTON R. STRUNK, general factory superintendent of the large Boyertown Casket Company, Boyertown, Pa., was born in Milford township, Upper Bucks county, Pa., March 2, 1859, son of Daniel Strunk, and grandson of Christian.

Peter Strunk, the great-grandfather of Milton R., married Susanna ————, and they had two children: Christian, who is mentioned below; and Heinrich, born Nov. 8, 1803, died Jan. 14, 1866, married Rebecca Boyer (1808-1900). They were Mennonites and are buried in the Hereford Mennonite Meeting House cemetery.

Christian Strunk was born in Berks county May 16, 1802, and at his death April 19, 1838, was buried at the Mennonite Meeting House at Bally. He followed farming, and had a good farm in Washington township, Berks county. He was accidentally killed at Allentown by the running away of his team. In religious faith he was a Mennonite. He married Barbara Latschar, who was born Feb. 20, 1798, and who died Oct. 9, 1891, in her ninety-fourth year, and was buried at Bally Meeting House. Their children were: John, 1825-1838; Hannah, born Nov. 22, 1827; Susanna and Peter, twins, born Oct. 21, 1829; Maria, 1831-1834; and Daniel, born Jan. 17, 1834. Christian Strunk had a sister who married Henry Schultz, of Kraussdale, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Strunk, son of Christian, was born in Washington township, Berks county, Jan. 17, 1834, and his death occurred Aug. 2, 1905. He is buried at Aulenbach's cemetery at Reading. By occupation he was a shoemaker, and for a number of years carried on that trade in South Bethlehem, Pa., later moving to Reading, where he died. He married Anna Reader (also spelled Roeder), born April 5, 1833, daughter of John Reader, of Bucks county. He died at East Greenville, and is buried at New Goshenhoppen Church. To Daniel Strunk and wife were born the following children: Edwin, of Reading; Adeanianna, who married Richard Webb, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Milton R.; Cornelius, of Boyertown; Emma Jane, who died in infancy; and Laura, who died aged six years.

Milton R. Strunk, son of Daniel, attended the common schools of his district, and at the age of eighteen began learning the carriage builder's trade at Spinnerstown, Bucks county. This engaged his attention for sixteen years. In the fall of 1893 he became general superintendent of the Boyertown Casket Company, a position in which he is still employed. In 1892-1893 he came to Boyertown, and in 1905 he built a modern home on North Reading avenue.

Mr. Strunk is a broad-minded business man, and is a man of large business capacity. When he took charge of the casket factory there were employed only about forty men, and now the number is over three hundred. It is the leading industry in lower Berks county.

On Jan. 31, 1880, Mr. Strunk married Catharine C. Breisch, daughter of William and Barbara (Clymer) Breisch, of Milford township, Bucks county. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Sadie. Mr. and Mrs. Strunk are members of the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd, and he has served it in official capacity. They are highly esteemed in the community.

LUKE M. DEEDS, late superintendent of the Deeds Floral Company, of Shillington, Berks county, Pa., who was known as the leading florist of this section, and throughout eastern Pennsylvania as a trainer of horses, was born July 21, 1874, in Shillington, son of Owen and Mary (Miller) Deeds.

Thomas Deeds, the progenitor of the family in America, was a native of England, and came to this country long before the Revolutionary war, settling in Chester county, Pa. Among his sons was Henry, the great-grandfather of Luke M. He came to Cumru township about 1794, and at the time of his death owned a farm there.

Henry Deeds was born Oct. 10, 1771, and died Dec. 31, 1845, after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits. He married Mary Warner, born June 19, 1775, daughter of Joseph and Susan Warner, and she died Nov. 16, 1856. To them were born children as follows: Mary, born in 1800, died unmarried in 1823; Susan m. Isaac Young; Leah m. John Lloyd; Harriet m. Benjamin Mohn; Nellie m. William Hornberger; and Henry W. The Warner family, with which the Deeds is intermarried, came from the same section of England, and settled in Cumru township.

Henry W. Deeds, grandfather of Luke M., was born on the Deeds homestead Sept. 8, 1811, and died Nov. 30, 1888. He was a manufacturer of gun barrels all his life, having learned that trade from his father-in-law, William Pennypacker. He owned the old Fisher mill property in Bern township, Berks county. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Schnader) Pennypacker and to them were born children as follows: Angelina m. Richard Schnader; Elizabeth m. John F. Leib; Owen; Henry m. Kate Krick; and Mary m. Adam Rollman.

Owen Deeds was born Jan. 19, 1841, in Cumru township, where he now lives, engaged as a veterinary surgeon, and well known horseman. He was married March 21, 1872, to Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Catharine (Hornberger) Miller, of Cumru township, and one child was born to them, Luke M.

Luke M. Deeds attended the schools of Shillington, Steward Academy and Stoner's Business College of Reading, and then took a special course in shorthand and typewriting, becoming one of the ablest stenographers in the county. He was employed for about a year at the "Mansion House," Reading, as a stenographer, and then engaged in the show business. Later he drove race horses. In 1903 he embarked in the florist's business, and at his death had seven greenhouses, 70 x 23 feet, on Miller street. On Sept. 15, 1907, the Deeds Floral Company was incorporated; E. M. Deeds is president; A. J. Fink, Jr., treasurer; and A. B. Stein, secretary. They do both wholesale and retail business, and have a fine equipment.

In August, 1895, Mr. Deeds married Ella M. Hain, and two children were born to them, Mabel Catharine and Alice E. Mr. Deeds' death, which occurred Dec. 1, 1907, was accidental and most untimely. He was overcome by coal gas in his greenhouses where he had gone at night to look after the heating before retiring. He is buried in the Mohnton cemetery, and is mourned by many friends. He is survived by his wife and daughters.

Mr. Deeds was a member of the United Evangelical denomination. Fraternally he was a member of Oley Lodge No. 218, I. O. O. F.; Mohnton Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Reading Tent, Knights of the Maccabees; Knights of the Golden Eagle; and the P. O. S. of A. In politics he was a Republican, and served as township committeeman.

AMOS HORST, accountant in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Reading, has lived in that city since 1889. He is of an old Lancaster county family, and was born at Vogansville, that county, July 1, 1863, son of Amos and Amelia (Wingenroth) Horst and grandson of John Horst. John Horst, the grandfather, was a farmer near Blue Ball, Lancaster county, where he lived and died.

Amos Horst, son of John, was born in Lancaster county, and died on his farm there, in Ephrata township, aged forty-seven years. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. He was a well-known school teacher, first teaching the pay schools and later public school, and he was also engaged for a time at the Millersville State Normal School. He retired a few years before his death. He married Amelia Wingenroth, and their children were: Frank, of Philadelphia; Amos, of Reading; and Edwin H., who is in the West.

Amos Horst, son of Amos, received his education in the schools of his home locality, and taught school for three years in his native county. He then clerked for a few years before coming to Reading, in 1889. In this city he was first employed as a clerk in a clothing store on Penn street, and on Sept. 10, 1890, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as a clerk. He now has charge of the accounts in the office of the Superintendent of the Reading Division.

Mr. Horst married Miss Sarah A. Sweigart, daughter of Jared and Susanna (Miller) Sweigart, of Lancaster county, and they have had two children, R. Walter and Grace I. The family reside at No. 524 North Eighth street, Reading. They are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Horst is a high Mason, having originally joined the fraternity in Blue Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M. Later he became a charter member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, upon its organization, in October, 1908, and served as its first senior warden. He is a member of Reading Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, and of Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree.

NATHAN E. LEVAN, a representative citizen of Exeter township, Berks county, and the owner of an excellent 215-acre farm, was born July 5, 1854, in Exeter township, son of Joseph and Caroline (Bechtel) Levan.

Abraham Levan, grandfather of Nathan E., was the son of Jacob, who was the son of Isaac, who came from France, being a French Huguenot, and who is supposed to have settled in Berks county and spent the remainder of his life there. Abraham Levan was reared on the old home farm in Exeter township, where he lived to the age of seventy-eight years, his whole life being spent in agricultural pursuits. He owned four farms, aggregating 1,200 acres, his home farm being at Jacksonwald. He was one of the most influential men of his day in Berks county, and was a pillar of the Reformed Church, his father having been a member of the building committee of the Schwartzwald Church. Abraham Levan married Maria Bechtel, and they had seven children: Jacob, Susan, Elizabeth, Joseph, Abraham, and two who died in childhood.

Joseph Levan, father of Nathan E., was born June 9, 1803, and died Dec. 10, 1872. He was a farmer all of his life and was the owner of five different tracts, consisting in all of 1,500 acres of land. Like his father he was very prominent in his day, and was an active Democrat, serving as delegate to county conventions, and as a member of the school board. He was a member of the building committee of the new Schwartzwald Church, in 1870. Mr. Levan married Caroline Bechtel, born in 1817, who died in February, 1907, daughter of John T. Bechtel, of Caernarvon township, Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Levan had these children: Mary and Joseph are deceased; Abraham; Jacob N. died in October, 1906; Cyrus is deceased; Nathan E.; and David died July 10, 1904.

Nathan E. Levan was reared on the home farm, and received his education in the public schools of his native district, also spending one term at Prof. D. B. Brunner's school in Reading. As a youth he took up farming as his life work, and this he has followed throughout his career. He is now the owner of a fine 215-acre farm, which is in a high state of cultivation, and here he resides in comfort. Mr. Levan is a man of more than the ordinary intelligence, is a great reader, and possesses a well-chosen library. In political matters he is a Democrat, and his fellow townsmen have elected him to positions of trust and responsibility, including the offices of auditor, inspector and judge of election. He is a member of the Reformed Church, while Mrs. Levan is a Lutheran.

On June 18, 1881, Mr. Levan was married to Miss Mary Amanda Kerper, daughter of John and Joanna (Moore) Kerper, of Exeter township, the former of whom died Nov. 25, 1889, at the age of eighty years, and the latter in August, 1887. Daniel Kerper, grandfather of John, was the first sheriff of Berks county. John Kerper was a wheelwright by trade, but early in life he gave up that occupation and engaged in farming in Exeter township, on the old Kerper homestead, the place of his birth, as well as that of his daughter, Mrs. Levan. He was an expert post fence maker, and many of the farms of Berks county bear evidence of his skill in this line. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. His children were: Joseph is a farmer of Berks county; Henry is deceased; William is a farmer; Sallie m. Abraham Trout; Irwin is deceased; Mary Amanda m. Mr. Levan; Jonas is deceased; Elizabeth m. Jacob Levan, deceased; Euphemia, Howard, Nathan and Matilda are deceased.

Nathan E. Levan and his wife are the parents of ten children: Mary m. George E. Wise, a member of the firm of Case & Wise, cathedral glaziers and art glass makers; Joseph D., a brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., served four years in the U. S. Navy; Annie m. George Goodhart, who is employed in the car shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; John is a weaver in Brumbach's woolen mill; Abraham is a machinist; Aaron is also employed in the woolen mill; and Margaret A., Arthur, Grace E. and Ruth.

JOSEPH WESLEY ESSICK, prominently engaged in the insurance business at Reading since 1894, was born at Royersford, Pa., in 1877, and there educated in the public schools until he was seventeen years old, when he located at Reading and engaged in the insurance business as the agent of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, and he has continued to be its agent until the present time. His agency embraces nine counties —Berks, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Lancaster—and through his well-directed efforts he has developed his agency into the third largest in the State, the other two ahead of it being Philadelphia and Pittsburg; and in the volume of personal business he has made it the second largest, the first being at Pittsburg. During this time he has also represented the casualty lines of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., for which Company he has also been very successful.

In 1901, Mr. Essick married Bessie H. Barr, daughter of William U. Barr, of Reading, chief clerk to the General Superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and they have one child, Elizabeth McFarland. Their home is in the suburban town of Springmont, four miles west of Reading.

Mr. Essick's father is William Somerfield Essick, born in 1852, at Coventryville, in Chester county, and there educated and brought up on his father's farm where he remained until 1881, when he became the secretary of the Buckwalter Stove Company at Royersford, and he held this position for thirteen years. He then moved to Reading and filled the position of general manager of the Reading Stove Works for five years, when he became associated with his son Joseph W. in the insurance business, and has continued with his son until the present time, being in charge of the Harrisburg branch office, which he established at that place. He married Charlotte March, of Phoenixville (daughter of Hiram March and his wife, Esther Greenwood), and they have two children: Evelyn and Joseph Wesley.

Mr. Essick's grandfather was John Essick, Jr., of Philadelphia, a lineal descendant of Rudolph Essick who

emigrated from Wittenberg, Germany, in 1760. His grandfather on his mother's side, Hiram March, was a son of Jacob March, of Chester county, who was married to Ellen Oberholtzer of same county. His wife's grandfather was Elias Barr, of Lancaster City. He married Anna Eby, daughter of Christian Eby, a descendant of Peter Eby who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1720 and settled in that section of the province which became Lancaster county.

CHRISTIAN WILLIAM GEISSLER, a highly esteemed retired citizen of Mt. Penn, Berks Co., Pa., is a native of Germany, born June 6, 1844, in Wurtemberg, son of John George and Rosina (Eben) Geissler, natives of that country.

John G. Geissler was a tin and copper smith and conducted an extensive business in his native country and after coming to this country in 1845 located in that business in Reading. His first location was at the present site of the Reading National Bank, and he became one of the city's substantial and highly respected citizens. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he died in 1880 at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Geissler was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Wetzel, who bore him nine children, of whom the following came to America: George, late of Womelsdorf, was engaged in the tin and stove business; John M. is a resident of Minnesota and an ex-member of the Legislature; Fredrica, widow of Christian Mack, of Reading, died in February, 1909, aged eighty years and Christianna is the widow of Martin Streng, of Reading. Mr. Geissler was married (second) to Rosina Eben, by whom he had these children: Henry C., who married Emma Knabb, is a stove dealer; Christian W.; Franklin P. for the past ten years has been steward of the Almshouse, and is now a resident of Reading. The second Mrs. Geissler died in 1876, at the age of sixty-six years.

Christian W. Geissler came with his parents to America and received his education in the public schools of Reading. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 128th Pa. V. I., and was honorably discharged and mustered out of service, in May, 1863, having seen much active service, participating in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, at the latter place being wounded in the left shin by a piece of shell, a wound that has troubled him to this day. After recovering sufficiently to resume business, he associated himself with his father and brothers in the tinning and stove business, and in 1881 the firm of Geissler & Otto was formed. This partnership was continued sixteen years with much success, at the end of which time Mr. Geissler withdrew and purchased a country seat near the Springs in Lower Alsace township, which property he sold in 1906 to purchase his present residence. Since that time he has lived a retired life in Mt. Penn. For some years he has taken an active part in public matters, being interested in the success of the Democratic party. In 1875-76 he served as a member of the common council of Reading, and from 1879 to 1880 was president of that body, which was one of the strongest bodies ever formed in Reading. During this time he signed the ordinance proposing the construction of Antietam Lake, the filter beds which filter this water being quite near to his present home in Mt. Penn. In 1878 he was the Democratic party's nominee for the Legislature, and was defeated by but twenty-eight votes, and from 1883 to 1887 he served as a member of the school board. He has been active in secret organizations, belonging to Teutonia Lodge No. 367, Excelsior Chapter No. 237, Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Keim Post, G. A. R., and to many other fraternal bodies.

Mr. Geissler married Miss Alice C. Fritch, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Haas) Fritch. She was a native of Longswamp township, but was reared in Reading. Both Mr. and Mrs. Geissler were confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

J. ALLEN RIEGEL, a well-known citizen of Reading, who holds the responsible position of chief clerk in the Reading post-office, was born in 1846, in Bernville, Berks county, son of William B. and Mary (Lengel) Riegel, and grandson of Jacob and Christiana (Bohn) Riegel. Grandfather Jacob Riegel was a soldier of the war of 1812-14.

William B. Riegel was born on his father's farm near West Leesport, Pa. He learned the watchmaker's trade with a Mr. Gift, of Hamburg, and later went to Philadelphia and worked under instruction. Returning to Leesport, he there continued until 1845, in which year he went to Bernville, where he engaged in the watchmaking and jewelry business until 1860. During the war he was engaged at the P. & R. shops, Reading, as a machinist, and although he had never learned the trade was considered a first-class mechanic. After the war he resumed the trade of watchmaker, in Reading, and this he continued until his death, Aug. 22, 1897, at the age of seventy-five years. He was one of the best clock and watchmakers in the city, being especially expert at repairing "grandfather" clocks, which he repaired for nearly all the prominent families and banks in the city. He was the only clockmaker in the city who practically made a new clock out of an old one, manufacturing any part needed. He was a genius. He could make almost anything out of iron, brass or wood; he made fishing reels, fishing rods and fishing nets of all kinds and sizes, and manufactured nearly all the tools he used in making clocks and watches. He was a fisherman and a hunter, a good marksman, having shot many deer, bears, wild turkeys and other game. He and his wife had one child, J. Allen.

J. Allen Reigel was educated in the schools of Bernville and also the old Reading Academy, after leaving which he served his time to the watchmaking trade until the war broke out. He enlisted in Company E, 46th Regt., Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served his term of enlistment, being honorably discharged. On his return to Reading he clerked in Col. John Fritz's mercantile establishment, and when in 1869 Col. Fritz was appointed postmaster, he took young Riegel with him, recognizing the young man's ability. Forty consecutive years of public service have made Mr. Riegel one of the best known men of Reading. Capably filling every position given him, he has been steadily promoted, and since 1875 has been chief clerk.

In 1866 Mr. Riegel married Anna Fulmer, a native of Van Reed, Berks county, and a foster daughter of Henry Z. and Mary A. Van Reed, of the well known Van Reed Paper-mill near Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Riegel have the following children: Harry A., purchasing agent for the Textile Machine Works; William B., a druggist of Philadelphia, who has been a machinist and professional bicycle rider; Charles H., also a druggist of Philadelphia; Allen F., a jeweler and watchmaker of Reading; Mary E., a teacher in the public schools and a graduate of the Girls' High School, living at home and engaged in teaching; and Rosa E., a foster daughter, who is a dressmaker. In religious belief the family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Riegel is a member of Emblematic Lodge, I. O. O. F., and McLean Post, G. A. R., in which he has held positions.

SHOUP. Among the leading citizens and substantial agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., may be mentioned the brothers, Henry and James G. Shoup, who are prominent residents of Spring township, and worthy representatives of this old and honored German family. The name has been variously spelled—Schorb, Shorp, Shaub, Shoub, Shaup, Sharp and Schaub.

Adam Shaup, the pioneer of the family, in 1774, had settled in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in the territory now embraced in Cumru township, Berks

county. In the tax lists preserved in the Historical Society of Berks county from 1774 to 1778 inclusive he is rated a landlord. His name does not appear after 1778 and it is very probable about this time he died. Tradition says he was buried on the bank of the Wyomissing Creek about one half mile northwest of the road leading from Sinking Spring to Wyomissing. The plow share now turns the sod of the old burial-place there.

Johannes Schaub, the great-grandfather of Henry and James G. Shoup, was born in Cumru township, Sept. 24, 1758, and died upon his farm in the same district Aug. 13, 1838, aged seventy-nine years, ten months, 19 days. He was a farmer, and in 1800 paid $3.78 tax; in 1805, paid $5.70 tax; in 1810, $3.90 tax; in 1818, $10.60 tax; in 1830, $11.02 tax. On the tax lists the name is spelled Shoup and Shoub, but his tombstone spells it Schaub. He is buried on the graveyard at Sinking Spring at the side of his wife, Elizabeth Pannebecker. They had a son Johannes, born March 20, 1780.

Johannes Schaub, son of Johannes and Elizabeth, and grandfather of Henry and James G. Shoup, was born March 20, 1780, in Cumru township. He owned the old family homestead in Spring township, and was a lifelong farmer and highly esteemed citizen. He died Dec. 15, 1869, on the homestead, and was buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a leading member. On June 2, 1808, Mr. Schaub married Catherine Huyett, who was born Feb. 13, 1785, and died Sept. 20, 1859. To this union were born: Daniel, July 9, 1809; John, Aug. 21, 1811 (lived in Spring township); Samuel, Feb. 16, 1813 (lived at Sheridan, Pa.); Catherine, April 10, 1815, (m. Solomon Gaul); Abraham, Jan. 8, 1819; Peter, Oct. 16, 1822 (died young); Richard, April 4, 1824 (owned part of the homestead in Spring); and Elizabeth, Sept. 11, 1827 (died in infancy).

Abraham Shoup, father of Henry and James G., was born Jan. 8, 1819, and died Jan. 18, 1899. He spent his entire life on the old farm, and was a useful, industrious citizen. In 1880 he built the large Swiss barn now standing on the property, and made many other improvements. Mr. Shoup was a member of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring, of which he was a deacon and elder, and where he is buried. He married Jan. 18, 1858, Angeline Gicker (who still lives on the homestead), daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Huyett) Gicker, and granddaughter of Daniel Gicker, and to this union there were born three children: Henry; Mary Ann and James G. Mary Ann, twin of James G., married John Warren of Mohnton, Pa., and resides on the homestead with her mother.

Henry Shoup was reared upon the old homestead, on which he worked for his parents until 1887, and in this year started operating it on shares. After his father's death, Mr. Shoup acquired the property at appraisement, and here he has continued to the present time, with much success. The land is fertile, is well located, level and produces good crops, under Mr. Shoup's able management, and is furnished with excellent buildings and up-to-date machinery, including gasoline engine and chop mill. In politics Mr. Shoup is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church of Sinking Spring, of which he has been deacon and elder, and is now one of the trustees, and toward the erection of which he contributed liberally.

On October 30, 1886, Mr. Shoup married Mary Weitzel, daughter of Harrison and Sarah (Reber) Weitzel, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bichert) Weitzel, the latter of whom still survives, being more than ninety-four years old. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shoup: Evan Lloyd, born Sept. 12, 1887, and Elenora, born Aug. 5, 1890.

James G. Shoup was born on the old homestead, June 22, 1862, and there worked for his parents until twenty-one years old, when he started farming on a property adjacent (which also belonged to his father and now owned by his sister, Mary A. Warren), continuing there four years. In 1887 he removed to Reading, and for seven months conducted the livery and boarding stable of the United States Hotel. At this time Mr. Shoup purchased the store stand at No. 900 North Tenth street, corner of Windsor, and there conducted a grocery for one and one-half years, but in 1890 removed to Albany, Whiteside Co., Ill., where he remained for some time. Subsequently he removed to Columbus Junction, Louisa Co.,Ia., where he operated a live stock farm for about thirteen years, and in 1902 sold this property, which was a tract of 310 acres, at a handsome figure, and in the following March returned to Berks county. In October, 1903, he settled on Laird street, Springmont, in a nice comfortable home, where he has since lived a quiet, retired life.

On Dec. 4, 1884, Mr. Shoup married Caroline Ruth, daughter of Francis Ruth, a full history of whose family will be found elsewhere, and to this union there was born one child, a son, Allen I., whose death occurred in infancy. Mr. Shoup is a member of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring.

GEORGE PLANER, a citizen of Mount Penn borough, Berks Co., Pa., residing in his home on Perkiomen avenue, was born March 24, 1837, in Hollenbach, Oberamt-Künzelsau, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Frederick Planer.

Frederick Planer was a farmer in Germany, owning a tract of eighty acres, a tavern in the town of Hollenbach, and a small brewery, in which he manufactured the beer used in his tavern. He was born about 1794, and died in 1860. At the time of the latter event his son George was sought, and advertisements placed in the newspapers of this country to locate him, but he was not found until it was too late for him, as oldest son, to claim his father's property. Frederick Planer's first wife died when George Planer was eight years old. She was the mother of George; Barbara, who remained single; and Sophia, who died aged four years. Mr. Planer's second wife's name was Barbara, and they had six children, of whom Karl and Sophia are the only surviving members.

George Planer was educated in the German schools of his native country, and after leaving school at the age of fourteen years, he worked for his father for four years, driving a four-horse team, hauling freight. He started for America Feb. 22, 1856, and after a seventy-two-days voyage—sixty days of which were very stormy, during which time thirteen sailors were swept overboard and one of them drowned—he finally landed at Castle Garden, N. Y. He immediately started for Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he learned the cabinet making trade from Godlieb Hartig, serving the regular apprenticeship of three full years. For the next three years he traveled from Pittsburg to New Orleans, along the Ohio and Mississippi and up the Wabash river for 100 miles, following cabinet making and carpentering, repairing steamships and building houses. When the war broke out Mr. Planer was in the neutral State of Kentucky, which finally became unpleasant for those following the pursuits of peace and he removed to Philadelphia, where he enlisted in the Union army, although he had been offered $500 in gold to become a Confederate soldier. He enlisted as a private in Company F, 5th Pa. Cav., Aug. 4, 1861, for three years or during the war, and served his full term of service, a part of which time he was detailed by Hon. Edward M. Stanton, Secretary of War, for special duty in erecting of telegraph lines. In this work he rendered faithful and valuable service to his adopted country.

After the war Mr. Planer followed carpentering for several months in Philadelphia, and in 1866 located in Reading, where he worked at his trade for ten years, building houses for himself and working for others, but in the fall of 1876, the day after the Presidential election, he located upon a fifty-two acre farm in Exeter township, below Neversink Station, a property he had purchased some time before. Here he resided twenty-seven years,

and on July 28, 1903, he removed to his present home on Perkiomen avenue, Mount Penn, where he has since lived. Mr. Planer is independent in politics, and he and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church of Reading.

On Sept. 3, 1866, Mr. Planer married Lydia Bowman, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Reissmiller) Bowman, and to them were born eleven children, as follows: Pauline m. John Hart, an iron worker of Seibert's Rolling Mill; William P., who is railroading in Reading, m. Alice Lorah; George died in infancy; Harry F., who is an iron worker of Seibert's Rolling Mill, m. Clara Ludwig; Edward, who is a blacksmith of Naomi, Berks county, m. Nora Price; F. Thomas, who is a carpenter of Reading, m. Marguerite Zeiber; Alfred O., single, is a puddler; Maggie m. Tobias Kerns, a barber of St. Lawrence, Pa.: Miss Clara is at home; Irwin died aged eleven months, fifteen days; and Paul S. is single and resides at home.

JOEL K. WEIDMAN, the veteran telegraph operator at Perry Siding, on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, below Berne Station, was born April 20, 1852, in Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Benjamin and Anna (Kline) Weidman.

Johannes Weidman, great-grandfather of Joel K., was the founder of this family in Berks county. He came from Germany on the ship "Royal Union," which landed at Philadelphia, August 15, 1750, with 250 passengers. He obtained a number of acres of land in Windsor township, two miles north of Shoemakersville, upon which he settled, and there prospered. He was a Dunkard and reared his children in that faith. The remains of himself and wife, as well as some of their children, are interred on the farm on which he settled, now owned by his great-grandson. He had these children: John; and Jonas, who settled at Myerstown, was a miller by trade and the owner of considerable property.

John Weidman, grandfather of Joel K., was the owner and operator of the homestead, and also engaged in carrying produce to Philadelphia, bringing back merchandise with the big Conestoga wagon, although at this time the roads were bad, the trip requiring a week. A strict Dunkard, Mr. Weidman clung to the customs of his people, wearing a broad-brimmed hat, and his clothes were fastened by hooks and eyes. He married Magdalena Kauffman, and they had children as follows: Magdalena, born Oct. 11, 1803; Joseph, Feb. 22, 1805; Jonathan, Jan. 16, 1809; Sarah, April 17, 1811; Benjamin, —— 5, 1813; Elias, Sept. 2, 1815; John, March 3, 1818; Lydia, Nov. 1, 1820; Reuben, Jan. 15, 1823; Lydia, m. to John Shomo; Syria, born April 17, 1828, m. to Isaac Unger.

Benjamin Weidman, father of Joel K., born on the old homestead in 1813, died in July, 1891. He owned the homestead and was a prosperous farmer, living at the same place all of his life. He was an early educator, teaching school for a period of five years, part of the time in Centre, and in the pay school in his native district. Mr. Weidman was a Democrat in politics, and efficiently served his district as school director for six years, being secretary of the board and auditor of the district for six years. He was a director of the old Windsor Mutual Assistance and Fire Insurance Company for many years, and was a useful and foremost citizen. He and his family worshipped with the Dunkards, their church being located in Centre township, one mile west of Shoemakersville, Pa. They were a Christian family and a credit to the community in which they resided. Mr. Weidman married Anna Kline, and to them were born children as follows: Walter, born Jan. 29, 1845, m. Lenora Michael; Catherine, born Feb. 5, 1847, m. Franklin Althouse; Henry, born Jan. 5, 1849, m. Emma Clauser; Wilhelmina, born Oct. 11, 1850, m. William Kirst, and died March 13, 1874; Joel K., born April 20, 1852, m. Sara Ann Brownmiller; Alfred, born May 20, 1854, m. Ellen Bressler; Sara I., born Jan. 13, 1857, m. William Heckman; Elias, born April 13, 1859, died in childhood; and John, born Nov. 13, 1864, m. Maggie Nies.

Joel K. Weidman obtained a good education in the schools of his native district and later attended Freeland Seminary for two terms, and the Carversville Seminary in Bucks county. After the completion of his education he assisted his father upon the farm until 1871, when he learned the profession of telegraphy in Hamburg with the late Henry H. Beideman. Mr. Weidman was an apt student and after he had passed a very severe test the Reading Railroad Company placed him in charge of the responsible Perry Siding station, established April 1, 1872, and since that time he has been regularly at his post. That he is a painstaking, faithful and efficient operator is best shown by his record of thirty-seven years of continuous service. In this time no accident or error has been charged against him, and he has the honor of one of the cleanest records in the company's service. He goes on duty at 6 a. m. and works until 6 p. m. His habits of life and conduct as a citizen are the best. He is an honest, able, faithful employe, and a citizen who reflects credit on the community in which he resides. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never accepted public office. Mr. Weidman lost his left arm in a threshing machine when but thirteen years of age.

On Jan. 1, 1884, Mr. Weidman married Sara A. Brownmiller, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Madeira) Brownmiller, and granddaughter of Daniel and Anna (Stoyer) Brownmiller. Mrs. Weidman's sister and brothers were: Charles M., a business man of Shoemakersville; Nora, who died in infancy; and John W., of Chester, Pa. To Mrs. Weidman's grandparents were born children as follows: Samuel, who died aged fourteen years; Emanuel, who lived in Prospect, Ohio; Henry, a farmer of South Allentown, Lehigh county; Joseph; Isabella, m. to Benjamin Oldt, of Mertztown, Pa., Christiana, m. to Jacob Forringer, of Breiningsville, Pa.; and Amelia m. to Charles Fisher, of Tripoli, Pennsylvania.

To Mr. and Mrs. Weidman there have been born six children as follows: Foster Brown, born Dec. 22, 1889, is a graduate of the Shoemakersville high school and of Stoner's Business College, Reading; Warren Miller, born Sept. 2, 1891, also a graduate of the high school and Stoner's Business College, holds a position as bookkeeper in one of the largest merchandise houses in Reading; Rhea Edna, born Oct. 16, 1892, is a graduate of the high school, and is now engaged in teaching music in the city and vicinity; Carl Wendell, born March 25, 1897, is in high school; Lynn Walter, born April 5, 1899, is in grammar school; and Ivan Benjamin, born May 5, 1904, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Weidman are ambitious for their children, and determined that each one shall receive a good education, and be fitted well for his or her life work.

Mr. Weidman owns the original Weidman homestead of 170 acres, situated in Perry township, two miles north of Shoemakersville. The soil is fertile and yields abundant crops of grain, hay and fruit. Since he has owned the home farm many improvements have been made, and the land is now noted for its various minerals: Red and yellow ochre are found and shipped in bulk to various factories, where they are utilized in the manufacture of paint; casting and molding sand is there in large quantities, and the Bern Sand Company ships extensively to various iron firms from the Weidman farm; clay, for paving and building bricks, is also found. These products are easily shipped by the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, the former entering the farm, and the latter bordering it. It is Mr. Weidman's wish that the farm continue to be held in the Weidman name through future generations. Mr. Weidman resides in a fine residence in Shoemakersville, which is surrounded by a large and well-kept lawn, that especially during the summer months, with its abundance of beautiful flowers, presents a charming appearance.

JOHN F. ROTE, a well-known hotel man of Reading, Pa., whose hostelry and restaurant were located at Nos. 15-19 South Sixth street, died Nov. 7, 1907. He was born in Center county, at Brush Valley near the line of Clinton, Sept. 27, 1833, son of Paul and Mary (McKesson) Rote, the former of German descent and the latter of Scotch.

George Rote, the emigrant ancestor of the Rotes, was a farmer during the early days when the unsettled conditions of the country made it necessary for the sturdy pioneers to take their fire arms to the field with them. One of his daughters was captured by the Indians while on her way to milk the cows, but was soon thereafter rescued.

John F. Rote, son of George, settled in Clinton county, Pa., where he owned valuable farms and carried on agricultural pursuits as long as he lived. He married a Miss Keister, and to them were born children as follows: Henry, George, Abraham, Griffith, Simon, Paul, Peter, Elizabeth and Peggy. In religious belief they were Lutherans.

Paul Rote, son of John F., was a farmer in Sugar Valley for many years, but later emigrated to Illinois, thence to Douglas county, Kans., near Lawrence, being there at the time of Quantrell's raid. He purchased 160 acres of land, and there continued to farm all of his life, also owning several residential properties in Lawrence. He died in 1878, aged seventy years, while his wife passed away in 1893, when eighty-three years old. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: William C., John F., Samuel, Paul, Thomas, Rebecca J., Mary C., Alexander, Elizabeth and Lewis. In religious belief they were members of the Evangelical Church. In politics Mr. Rote was a Democrat.

John F. Rote received his early education in the schools of Clinton county, Pa., and worked on a farm in Sugar Valley for his father. At the age of nineteen years he went to Hickory Bottom, Blair county, and taught school during the following winter, later going to Clearfield county. In the spring of 1854, he embarked in the lumber business, at Shawsville, seven miles below Clearfield on the Susquehanna river, rafting lumber down the river, and the following winter he taught school in Goshen township, Clearfield county. The next spring he engaged in the lumber and sawmill business, rafting the lumber from Clearfield to Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., and this he continued until 1865, when he became engaged in the carriage manufacturing business at Clearfield. In 1868 he sold out this business and went to Lawrence, Kans., where for some years he was engaged in the live stock and insurance business with his brother, William C., and his brother-in-law, Howard Pemberton, remaining there until 1870, when he returned East and located in Reading. He engaged in the restaurant business, opening the old Delmonico restaurant on Fifth and Cherry streets, but shortly afterward removed to No. 19, and still later to No. 13, Eighth street. In 1887 he purchased the property known as the old "Ream Hotel" on Penn street, between Eighth and Ninth, where John Schultz's tailor shop is now located. He tore down the old building and erected a new, but this he sold in the spring of 1890, at which time he opened his late business on South Sixth street (which is now conducted by his son Everett C. Rote), where he was engaged with much success until his death.

Mr. Rote was married in May, 1859, to Christina Y. Shaw, daughter of Archibald and Rebecca Shaw, of Shawsville, and to this union was born one child: Everett C., who married Sallie E. Fisher, by whom he had these children—Elsie C., a graduate of the Girls' High School and a teacher in the public schools; Rebecca, also a graduate of the high school and now superintendent of her father's business; and Esther. Mrs. John F. Rote died in November, 1861, and Mr. Rote married (second) in December, 1864, Sarah A. Reisinger, daughter of Isaac and Jane Reisinger, of Marietta, Lancaster county, and she died Dec. 4, 1905. To this marriage were born two daughters, Jennie M. and Laura M. Jennie M. m. Edward A. Stoeckel, in the United States government employ, and has two children—Robert R. (m. to Miss Mabel Beears, and has a son, John F. R.) and Rhea; Laura M. m. Harry W. Beard, in the city engineer's office, Reading, and has three children—John, Bessie and Catherine.

Mr. John F. Rote was a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, and Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T. He formerly belonged to Clearfield Lodge No. 198, I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1865. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the council from the Eighth ward for the two terms, 1880 and 1882. While in Clearfield he was a member of the school board, and during the Civil war belonged to the Clearfield Rifles. He was an inventor of no mean ability and secured patents on several very useful articles, among them Rote's Vegetable Grater and Slicer, which had a very good sale; an egg beater; and an ice cream freezer.

AARON G. FOX was born Oct. 12, 1841, in Alsace, now Muhlenberg, township, Berks Co., Pa., and was brought up to farming on his father's farms in Bern and Lower Heidelberg townships, and was educated in the public schools. When twenty-three years old he engaged in butchering with the late James Lash, at Sinking Spring, and after remaining with him for three years and learning the business, he started for himself and continued at it on the same premises at Sinking Spring for nearly forty years, which evidences the successful character of his career. He lived there in retirement from 1904 until the fall of 1908, when he bought a residence on the Pike on the east side of Sinking Spring, where he and his wife, who has been his constant and most helpful companion, now make their home. Mr. Fox has served as township auditor for three terms, and for many years served as treasurer of the Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring.

In 1867 Mr. Fox married Ann Elizabeth Yocom, daughter of George and Catharine (Hemmig) Yocom, of Cumru township.

George Yocom was a son of Nicholas Yocom, who was prominently identified with the iron business for a number of years at Yocom's Forge, Cumru township. He married Catharine Thompson. George Yocom and his wife became the parents of twelve children: William, m. to Mary Potteiger; Aaron, m. (first) to Hannah Maurer, and after her decease to Catharine Heffner; Sarah, m. to Frederick Graeff; Amos, m. to Isabella Miller, and after her decease to Rebecca Weitzel; Catharine, m. to Henry Gehret; Benjamin, m. to Catharine Huyett; Ann Elizabeth; Emma, m. to Reuben Beecher; and four who died young.

Jonathan Fox, father of Aaron G., carried on farming for many years, first in Muhlenberg township, then in Spring and next in Heidelberg where he lived a number of years, and the last four years he farmed at Sinking Spring, where he died in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty years. He had lived in retirement for five years before his death. He married Catharine Gaul, daughter of Joseph Gaul, of Cumru township, who died in 1906, at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of nine children: Aaron G.; Henry, m. to Mary Ann Hettinger; Adam G., of Mohnton; Reuben, m. to Valeria Fisher; John, m. to Elizabeth Koch; Peter, m. to Catharine L. Fiant; Catharine, m. to Aaron Clauser; and two who died young.

Peter Fox, grandfather of Aaron G., lived near Leize's Bridge in Bern township. In his active days he was a farmer, but lived retired many years before his death. He owned two adjoining farms, and was a substantial citizen. He is buried at Epler's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. Among others he had children as follows: John, who lived on the homestead; Peter, who lived in Muhlenberg township; Jonathan; Adam, of Reading; a son whose name is not remembered; Mrs. Reuben Hottenstein, whose husband in earlier life lived in Bern township where he was a farmer, but later moved to

Reading where he died; and Mrs. Joseph Gaul, whose husband was proprietor of the "Five Mile House," in Cumru township, many years.

RUDOLPH STEFFY, one of Berks county's prominent citizens, who has for many years been before the public in positions of trust and responsibility, is now holding the office of assessor of Brecknock township. Mr. Steffy was born Feb. 23, 1849, in Alleghenyville, Pa., son of John and Catherine (Eshelman) Steffy.

John Steffy was born April 2, 1827, in Brecknock township, and died Dec. 24, 1892, after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits, he being the owner of the farm which in later years belonged to his son Rudolph. He was a charter member of Allegheny Church, where he served as an official for many years, and was a highly respected citizen. Mr. Steffy married Catherine Eshelman, daughter of Martin Eshelman, and to this union there were born ten children: Matilda, m. Benjamin Hetrich, of Spring township; Lydia, m. William Hill, of Indiana; Levi, a farmer of Brecknock township, m. Caroline Borkert; William, who was county auditor of Berks from 1860 to 1863, m. Catherine Krick, of Delaware, where he died; Elizabeth, m. Jacob Gebhart, of Allegheny Church; Richard, an artilleryman during the Civil war, m. Hannah Hill, of Reading; Susannah m. William Blankenbiller, of Brecknock township; Maria m. Adam Schweitzer, of Shillington; John m. Mary Witman, of Plowville; and Rudolph.

Rudolph Steffy was reared upon his father's farm, and his education was secured in the township schools, which he attended until fifteen years of age, obtaining a fair education. In 1871 he started out in life for himself as a farmer in Alleghenyville, having obtained this property from his brother Levi, and here he continued for two years, then selling out to purchase the farm now owned by Harry Ziegler, where he lived for thirty-two years. Since selling this farm Mr. Steffy has made his home with Samuel B. Gehman, a well-known farmer and trucker in the Allegheny Valley.

In politics Mr. Steffy is a Democrat, and when twenty-one years of age he was elected township clerk, an office in which he served for some years, being then elected township assessor, being the incumbent of that office for three years. For many years Mr. Steffy served as school director, and in 1898 he was again elected township assessor, since which time he has been twice elected. Mr. Steffy has always been an honest, fearless public official, and the long period of his holding office indicates his ability and popularity. He and his family are members of Allegheny Union Church, and he is a member of the choir thereof.

In 1871, Mr. Steffy married Emma R. DeTurk, born April 19, 1849, died in August, 1905, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hollenbach) De Turk, of Leesport, and to this union there were born nine children, as follows: Miss Elizabeth; John, who lives in Spring township; Annette, m. to Henry Ludwig, of Lancaster county; Henry, of Montgomery county; and five children who died in youth.

WILLIAM WALBORN NEWCOMET, whose death in 1903 removed one of Reading's substantial and representative citizens, was prominent in both business and public life. Mr. Newcomet was born in Marion township, Berks county, in 1844, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Walborn) Newcomet.

Samuel Newcomet was a prominent agriculturist in Marion township, but later sold his farm to engage in a merchandise business. He was a Democrat in his political belief, and an active worker in the ranks of his party. Mr. Newcomet was a Lutheran, as was his wife, Elizabeth Walborn, and they were the parents of: Isaac W., M. D.; Harry, M. D., deceased, was a practicing physician of Philadelphia for some years; John W.; Susan m. Frank Meredith; Priscilla m. Simon Richards; Kate m. a Mr. Carpenter; Isabella m. the Rev. Mr. Keyser; and William W.

William Walborn Newcomet received his early education in Marion township and completed his schooling in Reading. For a time he was in partnership with Mr. John M. Britton, with whom he contracted and built part of the Berks County Railroad. After clerking for nine years in the "Merchants Hotel," he went into partnership with his brother, John W., under the firm name of Newcomet & Newcomet, and for several years they were engaged in the manufacture of cigars. During this time William W. was appointed deputy warden, an office he held for seven years, and he was then elected warden for a term of six years, dying in office in 1903, aged fifty-nine years. In religious belief Mr. Newcomet was a Lutheran. He was fraternally connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of Pythias, and was also a member of Fire Company No. 3. Like his father he was a Democrat.

Mr. Newcomet was married to Sarah Keyser, daughter of William Keyser, and to this union there were born two children: Harry I., who graduated from high school in 1908, and is now a student in the University of Pennsylvania; Florence E., a member of the class of 1908, high school, and now studying nursing.

SAMUEL S. STEIGER, one of Mount Penn borough's venerable citizens, who for some years lived retired at his comfortable home, was a native of Berks county, Pa., born in Exeter township, March 26, 1830, son of William and Susannah (Strunk) Steiger, and died June 2, 1907, aged seventy-seven years.

William Steiger was born and reared in Exeter township, where his entire life was spent in weaving and farm laboring. He died in October, 1855, being then upward of sixty-three years of age. He married Susannah Strunk, born in Cumru township, one of a large family all of whom attained advanced age, and at her death, in 1875, she was eighty-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Steiger were the parents of five children: Sarah, who died at the age of ninety-two years, m. David H. Hill; Levi, who died at the age of seventy-seven years, m. Caroline Breiner; Catherine, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, was unmarried; John, who died when thirty years old, m. Hettie Lorah; and Samuel S.

Samuel S. Steiger was educated in the public schools, and remained at home until twenty-four years old, when he removed to Lower Alsace township. He worked in the woolen mills at St. Lawrence for forty-two years, being loom boss for thirty-five years of this time, and then engaged in shoemaking for six years, after which time he lived retired. Mr. Steiger was well known in his community. He was interested in public matters, and was a Democrat. For many years he was a member of Schwartzwald Church, but later connected with Trinity Reformed Church of Mount Penn.

On May 14, 1854, Mr. Steiger married Miss Catherine Haupt, daughter of John and Catherine (Deer) Haupt, born Sept. 11, 1833, in Exeter township, who died Dec. 21, 1900. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steiger: Telemachus, who died in childhood; Alice E., born Sept. 8, 1861; and Ida E., who died when twenty-six years of age. Alice E. Steiger was married Oct. 25, 1879, to Henry F. Lutz, son of David Lutz and wife (whose name was Shildt), of Alsace township. Mr. Lutz was born March 28, 1858, and at an early age learned the blacksmith trade, but for the past fifteen years has been engaged in electrical work, now being in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is fraternally connected with the K. G. E. and the P. O. S. of A., Reading.

EDMUND H. AHRENS, excellent citizen and general farmer, residing in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, was born on the old family homestead, Sept. 19, 1861, son of Franklin and Sarah (Hughes) Ahrens.

The Ahrens family can trace its ancestry to the great-grandfather, Henry Ahrens, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 15, 1754. Family history tells that he left home while still a youth, after having some difference with his father, and went to England, where he joined a party of emigrants who started to America in 1770, landing in Massachusetts. There he served an apprenticeship to the millwright trade. About 1790 he went from New England to Pennsylvania and settled in Lippert's Valley, Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, where he married Catherine Lippert, born Feb. 9, 1772. They had children born to them as follows: John; Henry; Jacob; and Hannah, who married Jacob Miller. Henry Ahrens died Jan. 2, 1836, and his wife, Sept. 14, 1850.

Henry Ahrens (2), the grandfather, was born March 17, 1799. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived in Ontelaunee township, where he died May 2, 1873. He married Anna King, born Oct. 15, 1806, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Zieber) King, and they had eight children, namely: Franklin, James, Henry, Cyrus, Sarah (m. Henry Sailer), Annetta (m. Daniel Stitzer), Catherine (m. James Leinbach) and Eliza (m. Daniel Rothenberger).

Franklin Ahrens, father of Edmund H., was born Feb. 7, 1827, and died July 30, 1904. He was a carpenter and builder. On Oct. 2, 1855, he married Sarah Hughes and they had three sons: Harry, William (died in 1882) and Edmund H.

Edmund H. Ahrens attended the local schools and has done a large amount of home study and reading. Farming has been his life work and he now owns the old homestead on which he resides. On Dec. 24, 1887, he married Kate Unger, daughter of Reuben and Rebecca Unger, and they have six children, namely: Sallie married Frederick Kraemer, and has had two children, Nellie (deceased) and Erma; Edith died aged eleven years; and Bertha, Marion, Ruth and Nellie are all at home. This pleasant old homestead farm lies on the Kutztown road between Temple and the Half-way House.

WILLIAM G. WERNER, one of the well known citizens of Cumru township, Berks county, who is engaged in shirt manufacturing at Mohnton, Pa., was born Sept. 11, 1860, at Fritztown, in Spring township, son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Goodhart) Werner.

Frederick Wilhelm Werner, the progenitor of the Werner family in America, was a native of Germany, born Jan. 22, 1762. When a young man he came to America, settling in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died June 15, 1849, and is buried at the Eck Church in North Heidelberg township. His wife died in 1801. Their children were: Wilhelm, a weaver and farmer of Heidelberg township, m. Elizabeth Lamb and had twelve children; John lived and died at Stauffertown, Pa.; Samuel, who lived near Eck Church, where he was a chorister for many years, m. Elizabeth Knerr, and they had children—Sarah, Mary, Jonas and Samuel; a daughter m. John Hetrich; Jacob, who moved out West, had a son Jacob who became an Evangelical minister and in later years resided in Reading; and Joseph was the grandfather of William G.

Joseph Werner was born in Heidelberg township, May 29, 1806, and died Aug. 18, 1854. He was engaged in carpenter work all of his life. He married Elizabeth Bard, born Jan. 15, 1807, daughter of Jonas Bard, and she died in her eighty-fifth year. To them were born the following children: Ellen, born in 1828, m. August Moyer, and later removed from Tulpehocken to Kansas; Jeremiah is mentioned below; Josiah, born July 8, 1832, died young; Mary, born June 22, 1834, m. George Krick, of Spring township; Sarah, born in 1836, died Sept. 18, 1854; Elizabeth, born June 19, 1837, m. Peter Moyer, of Spring township; Kate, born in 1839, m. Charles Van Reed, of Spring township; Joseph (of whom there is no record); Susan m. Charles Haas, of Reading; and John m. Susanna Sterner, of Mohnton, and had fifteen children, of whom two are deceased.

Jeremiah Werner, who from 1881 up to the time of his death, April 13, 1907, was living at Mohnton, was born Aug. 16, 1830, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county. He attended the pay school for a short time, and when fifteen years of age learned the carpenter's and wheelwright's trades, which he followed with much success until 1900, when he retired. He was a well known tradesman of his day, and did much work in Berks and the adjoining counties, employing at times as many as fourteen men. In 1882, one year after coming to Mohnton from Heidelberg township, he purchased a small farm upon which he lived for fifteen years, but this property has since been divided into building lots. In 1897 he erected the home in which he spent the remainder of his life. He also owned several other houses and real estate properties in and about Mohnton, and was considered one of the substantial men of the place. He and his family were members of Zion's U. E. Church, of which he was trustee for many years. At one time he was class leader of the Mohn's Hill Church as well as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Werner was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Mohnton, where he was known as a good neighbor, a kind husband and father and a public-spirited citizen. Mr. Werner died suddenly of apoplexy at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Coleman, where he had stopped to rest, while on his way home.

In the year 1849 Mr. Werner married Catherine Goodhart, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Walfinger) Goodhart, the former a stone mason of Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Werner had children: Ellen, born May 19, 1850, m. John Smith, of Adamstown; Ephraim; Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1854, m. Isaac Trostle, of Mohnton; Amelia, born Oct. 26, 1856, m. William Boyer, of Leesport; Jeremiah, born Nov. 29, 1858, died in January, 1880; William G.; Catherine, born May 19, 1863, m. James Coleman, of Edison; Charles, born Sept. 10, 1865, m. Annie German, and has children—Katie, Laura, Alice, Paul and Elsie; John G., of Mohnton, born Dec. 9, 1867, m. (first) Katie Hay, had five children—Harry, Ellis, Homer, Goldie and Della—and m. (second) Sallie Wolf, and had one son, Samuel; and Maggie, born Aug. 9, 1870, and Elizabeth, born Dec. 12, 1872, died in childhood.

William G. Werner attended the local schools until the age of seventeen years, having begun three years prior to this to learn the wheelwright's trade with his father, with whom he worked until twenty-one years old. He then learned hat finishing with George Hendel & Co., of Hendleton, remaining in their employ three years, the next two years being with Isaac S. Spatz. He then spent fifteen years at the same trade for J. G. Mohn & Co., at Reading. On Jan. 1, 1899, Mr. Werner began manufacturing gentlemen's shirts, in 1902 erecting his present factory, which he has enlarged several times to meet the demands of his growing business. It is now 28x48 feet, two stories high, and is located at the corner of Main and Walnut streets. Here forty to fifty people are employed, and the factory is fitted with the latest improved machinery, the product amounting to 350 dozen per week. His goods bear the union label, and are all shipped to D. C. France & Co., of Philadelphia, who have taken all of his product for the past eleven years. His principal makes are the "Universal," "Custom Made" and "Bull-dog," these having the reputation of being some of the strongest and most serviceable shirts on the market to-day. In 1885 Mr. Werner built his present residence, situated at the opposite corner of the street from his factory, and in 1903 built two other dwellings on Walnut street, which he rents. He also owns thirty acres of valuable land within the borough limits of Mohnton. Mr. Werner is independent in politics, voting rather for the man than the party. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the P. O. S. of A. at Mohnton, and the Maccabees at Reading. Mr. Werner and his family are members of Zion's United Evangelical Church of Mohnton. Mr. Werner is exceedingly kind of heart and an honest appeal is never with-

out result. In business and social circles he is very popular, and a number of friends enjoy his business prominence and continued prosperity.

On Oct. 15, 1876, Mr. Werner married Maria Fausnacht, daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (White) Fausnacht, and granddaughter of Daniel Fausnacht, and to this union there have been born: Lillie M. m. Howard M. Angstadt, of Reading, and has one daughter, Marguerite; Miss Lizzie resides at home; William m. Lizzie Heft, and has three children—Bessie, Edith and Mervin; Jeremiah m. Lizzie Grim, and has three children—Edna, Gertie and Emma; and Ella, Harvey, Winfield, Charles and Leroy are all at home.

PIERCE GEORGE SUNDAY KEMP, manager of the large Sunday estate, and one of the well known residents and enterprising business men of Kutztown, was born Aug. 2, 1858, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of George Y. and Amelia (Sunday) Kemp.

(I) Theobault Dewalt Kemp came to America in 1720 from Strassburg, Germany, at that time belonging to France. He was a Protestant, and he was accompanied to the New World by his two brothers, Thomas and Joseph, and two sisters. He settled on land that now belongs to Nathan Kemp, and there died in 1760. He had one son, George.

(II) George Kemp, son of the emigrant ancestor, is supposed to have had a wife by the maiden name of Levan. He had two sons, George and Daniel. His colored slave, Hannah, is buried in a private cemetery on the Nathan Kemp farm.

(III) George Kemp, son of George, was a prosperous farmer of Maxatawny township. He married a Miss Griesemer, and they had three sons and two daughters, namely: (1) John, a justice of the peace, m. Elizabeth Schwoyer, and had one son and three daughters: John, who m. Rebecca Smith, and had children—William, (proprietor of the old "Kemp Hotel," and m. to Alice Krick), John (m. to Lillie Merkel) and Libbie (m. to Henry Wean); Sarah, who m. William Kutz; Susan, m. to Aaron Bower; and Catharine, m. to Benjamin Smith. (2) William, a well known farmer of Albany township, m. Fianna Dennis, and had three sons and five daughters: Sylvester, who m. Emma Smith, and had one son, Wilson; Valeria, m. to George Linz; Mary, m. to James Lutz; Elvira, m. to Albert Hamm; Annie, m. to Samuel Kann; William, who m. Susan Kemp, and had one daughter, Edna; Susan, m. to James Linz; and George, who m. Mary Wittie, and had a daughter, Florence. (3) Annie m. Daniel Siegfrud. (4) Sallie m. Daniel Kemp. (5) George is mentioned below.

(IV) George Kemp, son of George, and grandfather of Pierce George Sunday Kemp, was a prominent farmer in Maxatawny township, living on the farm now known as the Maberry Hoch farm. He married Polly Yoder, and their children were: David m. Mary Butz and had children—George, Louisa and Susan (m. to William Hoch); Martin, of Lyons, Pa., m. Mary Ziegler, and had eight children—Susan (m. to Frank Yenser), Sallie (m. to Charles Wasser), Elizabeth, John, Charles, Edwin, and Jacob and Hannah (both deceased); George Y.; Susan m. Jonathan Grim, and died at Reading; and Louisa m. William Snyder, of Reading.

(V) George Y. Kemp, son of George and Polly (Yoder), is a prominent merchant in Kutztown. He served as a veteran in the Civil war. His wife was in her maidenhood Amelia Sunday, daughter of Jacob Sunday, and their children were: Emma, who died aged twenty-two years; Pierce George Sunday; and Jacob E., a well known musician living in Philadelphia.

(VI) Pierce George Sunday Kemp has been a resident of Kutztown since two years of age, his parents having removed to the town in 1860. He was educated in the public schools of Kutztown and the Keystone State Normal school, and also spent one year at Ursinus College. Later he engaged in a mercantile business with Stein & Brother for one year, at the end of which time he became a partner with V. S. Reinhart in the grocery and dry goods business, this connection continuing successfully for several years. For the last few years Mr. Kemp has been manager of the large Sunday estate.

Mr. Kemp is a member of Adonai Castle No. 70, K. G. E., and has been active in the Order, being at one time district grand chief. He is also connected with the Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 1004, Kutztown. In politics he is a Democrat and takes a great interest in the success of his party. Mr. Kemp has acted as chief marshal of the Kutztown Fair for the past sixteen years, and has been active in many parades on public occasions, especially those of the soldiers. He is a stockholder of the Keystone State Normal School, and takes a just pride in the success of this noted institution of learning.

On April 24, 1890, Mr. Kemp married Jennie A. Baer, daughter of David S. and Esther K. (De Turk) Baer, of Oley township, and to this union there were born two children: John Pierce and Esther Amelia, both of whom died in infancy.

(III) Daniel Kemp, son of George and grandson of Theobault Dewalt Kemp, m. Rachel Wink, and they became the parents of one daughter and six sons, namely: Sallie m. and had a son, Willoughby Felthoof; Dewalt died unmarried; Jacob m. a Miss Hess, and their daughter married a man by the name of Hassler; Isaac is known to have had three children, Alfred, Lewis and Sarah; Daniel; George; and William m. Lydia Schmidt, and their daughter Louisa m. Samuel Kauffman.

(IV) Daniel Kemp, son of Daniel and Rachel (Wink), m. Sallie Kemp, and had three children: Daniel; Henry; and Hettie m. Obadiah Peter, of Oley.

(V) Daniel Kemp, son of Daniel and Sallie (Kemp), m. Julia Greenawalt, and they had three sons and five daughters: Jacob, who m. Emma Sander, and had three children—Mamie, Julia and Paul; Susan, who m. William Kemp, and has one daughter; Hettie, who m. John Barto; Mary; Sarah; Louisa; James Daniel; and Jeremiah, who m. Mary Brown and has seven children—William Daniel, Fred, James, Harry, Vernie, Howard and Sarah Julia.

(V) Henry Kemp, son of Daniel and Sallie (Kemp), m. Alinda Snyder, and had three sons and two daughters: Ella; William; Charles, who m. Andora Long, and has two children—Irwin and Wilbert; George, who m. Annie Spangler; and Katie, who m. Charles Baer.

(IV) George Kemp, son of Daniel and Rachel (Wink), m. Elizabeth Sharadin, and had three children, namely: Nathan S., m. to Harriet Knabb, of Oley; William, who died single; and Matilda, m. to Joshua Merkel.

MAHLON SHAABER, of Reading, who has been living retired since 1900, was born in Reading April 12, 1844, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Schisler) Shaaber.

The Shaaber family is of German descent and was founded in America by Andrew, who located in Reading in 1754. His son, Andrew Jr., was born in that place and is shown by the records to have been a taxpayer in 1775. He married Elizabeth Sauerbier, and their son, John, grandfather of Mahlon, was born in Reading March 5, 1790. He was the owner of the old family homestead at Ninth and Franklin streets, and followed the calling of a hatter all his life. On Oct. 11, 1810, he married Miss Mary Caldwell, born in Berks county May 14, 1791. He died Nov. 11, 1839, and his wife March 11, 1844. Their children were: Catherine; Elizabeth; Margaret, Mrs. Frederick Dease; Mary; John C.; George; Sarah; Peter; Rebecca; Daniel and Jacob, twins; and Henry W.

John C. Shaaber, father of Mahlon, was born Oct. 30, 1820. He was a natural mechanic and became a blacksmith by trade. He was quite prominent in local affairs, was originally a Whig, but when the Republican party

was formed he joined that. He married Miss Elizabeth Schisler, of Lehigh county, and a family of seven children were born to them, namely: Maria, deceased, a music teacher; Ella, Mrs. Frank Knerr; Susan and Elizabeth, who both died young; Adam J., a veteran of the Civil war; John, a mail carrier in Reading; and Mahlon.

Mahlon Shaaber received little regular education as his health did not permit of steady attendance. He was only seventeen when the war broke out, and in October, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 93d Pa. V. I. A severe wound received in the battle of Fair Oaks May 31, 1862, compelled him to leave the service for a time, but he later re-enlisted in the 42d regiment P. V. M., for three months, with the rank of corporal. At the end of that time he again enlisted in the 196th Regt., 5th Union League, becoming first lieutenant, and served three months more. The wound which he had received never healed, and still gives him much trouble, severely handicapping him.

An ardent Republican, Mr. Shaaber has served as chief of police of Reading under Mayor Kenney. Socially he belongs to McLean Post, No. 16, G. A. R.; and Encampment No 43, Union Veteran Legion. His trade was that of machinist, and for much of his life he followed that calling. On Feb. 1, 1898, however, he purchased the Post-office cigar store and pool room, and while he was conducting it he made it a very popular place. His last position was as superintendent of the car barn for the Reading Street Railway Company, but since 1900 Mr Shaaber has lived retired, his residence being at No. 1215 Chestnut street.

Mahlon Shaaber married Miss Mary A. Hooker, daughter of Amos, a foreman in the railroad shops. To this union children were born as follows: John E. and Arthur Osbeck, both deceased; Minnie, wife of Charles H. Rhein, who is employed as foreman by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Edward Garfield, an engineer and machinist at Exeter Station, who married Miss Mary Lemmer; and Stewart Logan, a stenographer and typewriter in Reading. The youngest son is of unusual height, measuring six feet four inches when only eighteen years old. His father, also of extraordinary height, during the period of his military service owed to the fact of his stature an incident of unusual interest, an account of which follows, as given by himself:

"While the 93d Regiment was passing through Washington and Georgetown, we passed in review on Pennsylvania avenue, and among the thousands who lined the pavements was a small group, among whom was a very tall gaunt man, with a pale looking countenance, dressed in a black frock coat, clinging somewhat indifferently to him, stooped shoulders, a black silk hat, with a thoughtful and serious cast of face, who called out 'Bub!' 'Bub!' Capt. Arthur heard him, and noticing that he was addressing me, informed me of it and gave me permission to leave the ranks. I no more thought when the tall, gaunt looking gentleman, with pleasing friendliness of manner, grasped my hand and said, 'Excuse my manners, it was jealousy on my part, that made me call you out to size you up.' He said, 'How tall are you, and what is your age?' I told him, 'I am six feet, six and one-half inches, and in my seventeenth year, and weigh 140 pounds.' He forthwith drew out of his pocket a black covered memorandum book, and with an ordinary stub pencil noted down my answer. Then he introduced himself in this characteristic way: 'I am old Abe!' I was startled, but felt honored; he next introduced me to Vice-President Hamlin as 'My Son,' and I noticed Gen. Cameron and Governor Curtin stood in the group. He noted our combined heights in the memoranda, giving each full name as follows:

Mahlon Shaaber, B, 93d P. V.	6 ft. 6½ in.
Abraham Lincoln, President	6 ft. 4 in.
Hannibal Hamlin, Vice-President	6 ft. 2½ in.
General Cameron	6 ft. 1 in.
Governor Curtin, Pennsylvania	6 ft. 2 in.
Total	31 ft. 4 in.

"He said jokingly this incident, where so many tall men have met, will not occur again. After quite a prolonged conversation he volunteered good advice to me. He indicated what my habits should be, my diet in camp, that I must eat no pastry, pies, etc., and emphasized the precaution against the use of intoxicating drinks. He told me when lying down to sleep I should always rest the head lower than the chest to expand my lungs, and seriously added 'I am afraid that you will not stand the service.' I essayed to leave, but just then thinking of the orders about stragglers, I asked him to give me a pass, as the patrolmen might gather me in to the guard house. He at once reproduced his memorandum book, tore out a blank, and wrote these words, 'Pass the soldier on his way to camp, by request of, Abe Lincoln.' My knapsack was captured in battle and the memento lost. When the grand old man bade me good bye, he embraced me, virtually putting his arm around my neck, and said with kindly emotion, 'Good-bye, my son. God bless you. Come soon and dine with me.'

"At a subsequent time accompanied by Sergeant Fritz, of Company B, I paid a visit to Washington to exchange clothing drawn by me which were too short. On our return to camp we called on the President at the White House. We were ushered into the Blue Room by a colored attendant, where the President arose from a chair where he was engaged in writing, and at once recalled the former meeting and gave us a kindly welcome to the White House. He showed us the spacious building, and presented us to the invited guests of the day. Being invited to dine I lost courage and made up my mind to decline. Mr. Lincoln insisted and said 'I will give you a seat on my right as my particular guest.' I confessed that I was afraid and ashamed to sit with such elegantly dressed company in my shabby clothes, when the President characteristically replied: 'It's not the clothing that makes the man, my son, it's the heart. I think more of a man dressed in blue for love of his country, than of those gay visitors, whose chief business in these trying times is simply to dress for receptions.' I, however, declined, stating that I would enjoy my bean soup and hard tack better than the reception dinner. The President took both hands in his and gave me a parting blessing and dismissed me saying: 'If you lie around Washington in the future call again.' It was always my great regret in after life, that I did not dine with the President. [Signed] Yours truly, Mahlon Shaaber."

At the National Encampment of the G. A. R., held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the week of Sept. 9, 1907, Mr. Shaaber had the honor to be chosen as one of the grenadier guards, composed of men from every Department of the Order, forty-five in all, each over six feet in height. He was the tallest by 3½ inches, being 6 feet, 7½ inches. It was the duty of these guards to bear a huge flag, wide enough to cover the street, in the Grand Parade, and in spite of the down pour of rain that drenched these veterans, they marched proudly on with the same unconcern for the elements that they had learned in bygone years.

HENRY G. WEAVER, a well-known resident of Morgantown, Caernarvon township, Berks Co., Pa., where he is engaged in an undertaking and furniture business, was born Nov. 2, 1849, near Lititz, Lancaster county, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Grube) Weaver.

The ancestors of Henry G. Weaver came from Zurich, Switzerland, in 1709, being sent therefrom by Queen Anne, and settled in New Amsterdam, now the city of New York. In 1717 four brothers, John, Henry, Samuel and Jacob Weber (as the name was then spelled), located in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and there remained one year. In 1718 three of these brothers removed to Lancaster county and took up property now known as Weaverland, where they died and were buried. One of these brothers is supposed to have been the grandfather of Henry G. Weaver's great-grandfather, who according

to tradition was Christian Weber, born Dec. 25, 1731, in Lancaster county, and married Sept. 30, 1749, to Magdalena Ruth. To this union there were born eight sons and nine daughters, and from seven sons and five daughters there were born 99 grandchildren, 188 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, all born during Christian Weber's natural life. The majority of this vast progeny attended his funeral, his death occurring Feb. 13, 1820.

Heinrich Weber, a son of Christian, moved into Cumru township (now Brecknock), Berks county, from Weaverland, Lancaster county, in 1784. He purchased a farm of 225 acres, which he cultivated all of his life, and in 1811 he built a barn upon this property, which is still standing. He married Miss Maria Huber, who bore him four sons and two daughters, namely: Samuel settled in Ohio; Henry, born July 7, 1794, died Jan. 16, 1873, married (first) Anna Bowman and (second) Veronica Gehman; Jonathan settled in Weaverland; Christian settled in Dauphin county, Pa.; Anna died single; and Mary married Peter Good.

Henry Weber, son of Heinrich, was a lifelong farmer in the Allegheny Valley, Brecknock township. He was a strict Mennonite, and an elder in his church. By his marriage to Anna Bowman, he had children: Lydia died young; Mary, born July 3, 1818, died Dec. 27, 1893; Soloman, born June 12, 1819, died Aug. 12, 1892; and Leah, born June 14, 1820, died June 26, 1820. He married (second) Veronica Gehman, born Sept. 4, 1805, died Dec. 12, 1894, the mother of seven children, as follows: Anna, born March 15, 1829, died June 7, 1829; Barbara, born June 7, 1830, died Aug. 24, 1830; Elizabeth, born Sept. 5, 1831, died Oct. 3, 1838; Israel, born July 10, 1834, died March 26, 1836; Sara, born Nov. 19, 1837, died Sept. 9, 1838; Veronica, born Nov. 3, 1839, married John Musser, a retired farmer of near Bowmansville, Lancaster county; and Henry G.

Henry G. Weber, son of Henry, was born Jan. 25, 1842, and has spent his life in agricultural pursuits, being now the owner of the old home farm. He is a strict Mennonite in his religious belief. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Mosser, born Oct. 23, 1843, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Bowman) Mosser, and ten children have been born to this union, as follows: Jacob, born Dec. 17, 1864, a farmer of Lancaster county, m. Hettie Ann Good; John, born March 27, 186-, and conducting the homestead, m. Lizzie Gehman; Noah, born Aug. 13, 1869, a farmer of near Adamstown, m. Hettie Gehman; Fannie, born Dec. 1, 1870, lives at home; Samuel, born May 2, 1872, a farmer of Lancaster county, m. Annie Bowman; Henry, Jr., born Oct. 23, 1873, a farmer near Goodville, Pa., m. Annie Good; Solomon, born May 2, 1875, a farmer near Bowmansville, m. Mary Good; Joseph, born Nov. 18, 1876, a farmer near Bowmansville, is married to Mary Hirsh; Aaron, born May 20, 1880, who is single, lives at home; Annie, born Nov. 11, 1883, is married to Henry Gehman, son of Abram Gehman.

The Webers are an old Mennonite family, and many of them rest from their labors at the Allegheny Meeting House. Henry Weber (1794-1873) was a member of the building committee which erected the Allegheny Meeting House in the spring of 1855, and the ground upon which it stands was donated by Solomon Weber. The first minister was Rev. Christian Gehman, who preached the Word for about forty years, he being succeeded by Rev. Samuel Good, who continued here for a like period. At this time interest in the church began to decline, and Bishop Jacob Moseman, a native of Germany, was sent to the pastorate, he soon reviving the religious fervor. He was buried at the Gehman private burying ground, near the Gehman Meeting House close to Adamstown. Peter Musser succeeded Bishop Moseman, and he in turn was succeeded by Rev. Benjamin Horning, who was followed by Rev. Abram Gehman, the present pastors being Rev. Henry Good and his associates, Rev. Abram Gehman and Rev. Noah Bowman.

The grandfather of Henry G. Weaver, of Morgantown, was Daniel Weber, who was born in 1780, and died in 1860, after spending his life in Cumberland county. He married a Miss Buckwalter, who died in 1815, and among their children was a son, Moses, the father of Henry G. Moses Weaver was born near Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 4, 1813, and died Jan. 5, 1895. He married Elizabeth Grube, born in February, 1814, who died in July, 1891, and was buried at Weaverland.

When still a boy Henry G. Weaver removed with his parents to the eastern part of Lancaster county, and in 1872 he went to Honey Brook, Chester county, where he learned the cabinet maker's trade. In 1874 he located in Morgantown, and here he established the business in which he is now engaged, and which he has carried on very successfully ever since.

On Sept. 26, 1872, Mr. Weaver was married to Sarah Ellen Spotts, born April 18, 1854, in Chester county, who died at Morgantown, March 15, 1905, and was buried in the Caernarvon cemetery. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, as follows: Mary F., born Nov. 4, 1873, is a trained nurse; Laura M., born June 27, 1875, is also a trained nurse; Walter, born Aug. 1, 1878, is living with his father at Morgantown; Alice K., born Jan. 2, 1881, married in June, 1907, Morton Edwards, and lives in Morgantown; William C., born Jan. 29, 1885, is a student at the State College; and Katie, born Aug. 6, 1892, lives with her father at Morgantown.

Mr. Weaver is a stanch Republican, and has filled the offices of auditor and judge of election. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and his family of the Morgantown Methodist Church. He has been an industrious, progressive man, and has done much toward advancing the interests of Morgantown, where he has built three houses, in one of which he lives, the others being sold.

LEWIS KENDALL TOMLINSON, a retired citizen of Berks county, who is now making his home in the borough of Mount Penn, was born Oct. 13, 1848, in Camden, N. J., son of David and Nancy Ann (Emmel) Tomlinson.

The Tomlinson family was founded in America by the grandfather of Lewis K., who came from England when a young man and settled in New Jersey, where he reared a family. One of his sons, David, the father of Lewis K., was born in that State in 1798, was a produce dealer in the Philadelphia markets, and died when fifty-two years of age. He married Nancy Ann Emmel, of Cumberland, N. J., whose father was a native of Germany, coming from that country to America when a boy. One of Mrs. Tomlinson's brothers was a pilot on the Delaware river for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson were born these children: Henry F., a truck farmer of Cumberland county, N. J.; a daughter who died in infancy; and Lewis Kendall.

Lewis Kendall Tomlinson obtained a good common school education, and when in his fifteenth year learned the pottering trade with White & Smith, well known potters of Bridgeton, N. J. He remained in this firm's employ for seven years, and then worked as journeyman in different parts of Pennsylvania until 1872, when he settled in Lehigh county for one year. He then removed to Hereford county, where three years were spent at his trade, his next location being Dryville, Berks county. He successfully carried on the pottery business at this location from 1876 to 1890, and then sold out and removed to Reading, where he worked at various employments until April 1, 1898. He then removed with his family to Vaughan, Warren Co., N. C., where he was engaged in farming until November of the same year, at that time returning to Reading. There he remained until the spring of 1904, when he purchased something over an acre of land in Mount Penn borough, where he has since resided. He has made a very comfortable home here, and raises much fruit. He is considered one of the substantial men of the borough, and has many friends. In political matters Mr. Tomlinson is a

Republican, and has ever been faithful to the principles of that great party. He is a member of Reading Castle No. 49, K. G. E., in which he has passed all of the chairs, and Muhlenberg Lodge No. 1085, I. O. O. F., in which he is past grand.

On Christmas Day, 1871, Mr. Tomlinson married Emily Jane Newlin, born Feb. 14, 1850, daughter of William K. and Ann Eliza (Gyles) Newlin and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Cavinder) Newlin, of Oxford, Chester county. To Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson have been born eight children: N. Robert, born Oct. 29, 1872, at Slatington, Lehigh county, is an alderman of Reading; Laura E. m. Penrose W. Hawman, of Reading; Lewis B., born June 2, 1875, died March 19, 1879; Maggie E. m. Charles M. Angstatt, of Reading; Josephine and Ross K. are single at home, the latter of whom was born Jan. 19, 1880; Blanche T. is single at home; and Lewis V., born Oct. 2, 1886, died July 3, 1898.

William K. Newlin, who was an iron worker of Pinegrove, Chester Co., Pa., was a soldier of the Mexican war, and later enlisted in the Civil war, giving up his life in the service of his country. He was a member of Company E. Purnell Legion, Maryland Volunteers, enlisting at Pikesville, Md., Sept. 2, 1861. He died in November, 1862, at Oxford, after having been discharged on account of sickness contracted during the service. He was the father of these children: Emily Jane, wife of Lewis K. Tomlinson; Melissa Anne, who died in infancy; Joseph J., who left home when ten years of age to become a cabin boy on a gunboat at Jamestown during the Civil war, serving two and one-half years, and later became a sailor, but of whom since 1866 nothing has been heard; Enos P., who lived at Perryville, Md., and died July 2, 1900, aged forty-six years; William T. G., who died in infancy; and Anson, who died aged one year.

JOHN GEORGE H. MARQUETT, a druggist who died in Lebanon at the age of forty-eight years, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., in 1830, son of John M. and Hellena (Reinhold) Marquett, residents of Annville, Lebanon county, where in his younger days the father taught school, but later kept the toll-gate on the old plank road. He died aged sixty years, and his wife survived him many years, dying at the age of eighty-five.

John George H. Marquett was engaged in the drug business all his life. On Dec. 26, 1854, he married Mary Rebecca Davis, born in Reading, Jan. 17, 1835, daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Kantner) Davis, and the children born of this union were: John Augustin died when ten years old; Harry A. m. Lillie Welch, of San Jose, Cal., and died Feb. 20, 1894, leaving his widow and a daughter, Lillie, born April 18, 1890; Franklin R. died Feb. 10, 1862, when fifteen months old; Mary H. died Jan. 9, 1870, aged seven years: Emily M. m. Charles E. Reiss, of East Orange, N. J., who is engaged in the automobile business, and they have two children—George L. (born Aug. 1, 1887) and Byron H. (born May 30, 1890); and Annie L. m. Harry C. Geissler, a business man at Reading, and they have had two children—Henry M. (born Sept. 4, 1892, died aged ten months) and Maria L. (born Jan. 24, 1894, is attending the Drexel School of Design, Philadelphia).

Andrew Davis, father of Mrs. Marquett, was a very prominent man in business circles of Reading for a number of years. He kept a hotel at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets, and later engaged in the flag-stone business, following this very successfully until his death, which occurred Sept. 27, 1875. He was a director of the Farmer's National Bank, and was well known and highly respected throughout the city. Mr. Davis was a Republican, and was a member of the Reformed Church. Of his family of children, Mrs. Marquett is the only living representative.

Mrs. Marquett, now one of the oldest residents of Reading, makes her home at No. 142 South Eighth street. She received her education in the public schools of this city, also attending several private schools. The handsome residence in which she now lives was given to her by her father. She is a faithful member of the Reformed Church. Although seventy-four years of age, she is very active, and is in possession of all her faculties, using glasses only when she reads or sews. She is greatly interested in history and is a great reader. Mrs. Marquett is well known and universally esteemed in Reading, where her neighbors are well acquainted with her many lovable characteristics.

MARTIN HARNISH operates a fine tract of farming land in Marion township, Berks county, where he is a well known and popular resident. He was born Feb. 21, 1864, in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Christian Harnish, of Mount Aetna.

Martin Harnish was educated in the schools of Bethel township, and remained at home with his father until twenty-one, when he went to West Lebanon, Lebanon county, and was there employed at the furnace for a period of three years. He returned to Bethel township for one year, when he removed to Tulpehocken township, and remained there fourteen years, at the end of which time he located on his present place in Marion township, where he has since carried on successful agricultural operations.

In 1886 Mr. Harnish married Catherine Walborn, daughter of Henry and S. (Kohr) Walborn, and to this union the following children have been born: Sallie L.; Bertha M., who is now the teacher of Moyer's school in Marion township; Carrie M.; Thomas M.; Christian H., and Paul C.

Mr. Harnish is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and in 1895, while a resident of Tulpehocken township, he served as a member of the school board. He and his family attend Tulpehocken Reformed Church, where he has served as deacon. Mr. Harnish is fraternally connected with the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Myerstown.

LEWIS RINGLER, late a well-to-do business man and representative citizen of Millmont, Cumru township, Berks county, was engaged in the butchering business. He was born March 31, 1845, in Reading, Pa., son of Daniel and Mary (Seiders) Ringler.

Jacob Ringler, grandfather of Lewis, was born in 1799, and died in 1873, having spent many years of his life in Reading, where he owned considerable property on Chestnut street, between Front and Second streets, and where he was engaged in boat-building. He married Susan Lerch, and to them were born these children: Daniel; Sarah m. Joel Sharman; Sophia m. John Bechtel; Germina died in 1908; Priscilla m. Benneville Pike; Septimus is a resident of Gibraltar; and Rebecca m. Charles Armpriester.

Daniel Ringler was born Feb. 4, 1817, in Reading, Pa., and learned the boat-building business from his father, an occupation which he followed all his life. He enlisted Oct. 14, 1863, in Company G, 93d Pa. V. I., and was mustered out of service June 18, 1864, at Philadelphia, on account of disability. His second enlistment occurred July 10, 1864, in Company A, 195th Pa. V. I., and he received his honorable discharge at Harrisburg Nov. 4th of that same year. Mr. Ringler contracted rheumatism while in the service and for fourteen years was incapacitated by that disease. He married Mary Seiders, daughter of Lewis Seiders, and to them were born children as follows: Emma m. William Burns; Jacob m. Catharine Fisher, and served in the Civil war, where he was shot and killed by a member of his own company; Lewis; Septimus m. Amanda Hinsted; Solomon m. Cassie Pfaff; Catharine m. (first) Charles Good, and (second) Charles Seiders; Sophia m. Henry Leader.

Lewis Ringler's school days were spent in his native city, and in 1863 he commenced to learn the boat-building business with his father, following that occupation until

1888, when he embarked in the butchering business in Millmont, at which he continued with much success to the time of his death, Nov. 13, 1908. He attended the Bingaman street market, Reading, and in this way assured his customers of having the best and freshest meats to be obtained. In 1906 Mr. Ringler built his fine residence, and he also owned several other properties in the town.

In 1863 Mr. Ringler married Angeline Lebo, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Huffert) Lebo, and she died Nov. 19, 1906, aged sixty-four years, nine months, and was buried in the Gouglersville cemetery. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ringler, namely: Henry m. Sallie Hiller, of Millmont, and has had five children—Annie, Lewis, Ella (deceased), Bertha and Edna; Elizabeth died in infancy; Sarah M. m. Frank P. Moyer, a cigar-maker by trade, and has had two children—Mamie and Lillie (died aged two years). Mr. Ringler was a Republican in political matters. In religion he was a member of the Gouglersville Reformed Church. He was the first to erect a house in Millmont, Cumru township, and this settlement is now quite a thriving village, commanding an excellent view of the Schuylkill river and the mountains.

WILSON D. ALTHOUSE, of Philadelphia, a very successful miner and shipper of coal, was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., March 4, 1865, son of Nathan and Ellen Knabb (Zacharias) Althouse.

It is possible to trace the Althouse family to a remote period, the old records having been preserved. The great-great-grandfather of Wilson D. Althouse was John George Althouse, a farmer of Bern, Berks county, who married Maria Barbara Herbein, of Oley, by whom he had four children: Peter, John George, Maria and Catherine. He died in 1811, aged sixty-six years, and his widow in 1822, aged eighty-one years.

Peter Althouse, the great-grandfather, was also a farmer in Bern, born in 1775 and died in 1839. He married Catherine Schaeffer, and they had the following children: Samuel, who married Mary Zacharias; Benjamin, who married Mary Herbein; Peter, who married Matilda Lorah; George; Daniel; and Susan, who married Christian Leinbach.

Daniel Althouse, the grandfather, was a farmer in Bern township. When twenty-seven years of age he purchased a farm in Maiden-creek township, which he carried on until his death, in 1872, at the age of sixty-four years. He married Anna Weidenhammer, daughter of John Weidenhammer, of Richmond township, who lived to be ninety years of age, dying in 1898. They had five children, namely: Franklin W.; Nathan; Ellen, who married Joseph Schaeffer; Catherine, who married Abraham Bieber; and Sarah, who married Daniel Guldin.

Nathan Althouse, father of Wilson D., was born in 1841, in Maiden-creek township, and when twenty-four years of age began farming for himself, continuing at that occupation for twenty years. He then turned his attention to butchering, which he followed for six years, or until 1891, when he moved to Reading, where he has since lived retired. He married Ellen Knabb Zacharias, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Zacharias, the latter a daughter of Peter Knabb, of Oley. Nathan Althouse and his wife had eight children, namely: Wilson Daniel; Zacharias married Lizzie Oberlander; Sallie K. married N. J. Poindexter; Gertrude married Walter Frees; Catherine married Frank Kitzmiller; Winifred married Charles Esterly; Bessie; Raymond died young.

Wilson D. Althouse was reared on his father's farm, which was situated along the Kutztown road, near the "Half-way House." He attended the township schools, and by the time he was sixteen years of age completed a course at Brunner's Business College, at Reading. He then entered the Mellert foundry, at Reading, as shipping clerk, remaining one year, and then became clerk at the Lenhartsville Iron Furnace, operated by Spang and Erb, where he remained less than a year, having become interested in railroading. Returning to the home farm, while remaining there he began the study of telegraphy, putting his knowledge into practice at Blandon, on the East Pennsylvania railroad, a few miles distant, walking the distance daily. He learned the tedious details quickly and in a short time received the appointment of station agent at Belfry, on the Stony Creek railroad. After working there less than two years he was transferred to the Norristown Station, on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and after filling this position for two years he was promoted to the station at Ogontz; he was there only a year when he was again promoted, this time to the station at Manayunk, where he remained until 1893, a period of six years.

With this ten years' experience Mr. Althouse gave up telegraphing as a business and engaged in the commission line, selling coal for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and had offices in the Reading Terminal at Philadelphia. In two years he became thoroughly acquainted with this line of trade and began to turn his attention to other promising industries. About this time he embarked for himself in the business of mining and shipping bituminous coal in Somerset county and in three years he had developed a large patronage. These mines he sold to the Somerset Coal Company, and then engaged still more extensively in mining operations, opening coal mines at George's Creek, in Maryland, which he has carried on successfully until the present. During this time he developed large coal properties in Somerset county, Pa., and in Preston county, W. Va., which he has also operated in a successful manner. His offices continued to be at the Reading Terminal until 1905, when he removed to commodious quarters in the Stephen Girard building on South Twelfth street, Philadelphia, from which he directs a constantly increasing business, which reaches into all parts of the United States. His whole business career has been marked by good judgment and conservative methods.

In 1888 Mr. Althouse was married to Carrie E. Kutz, a daughter of Benneville and Sarah (Fisher) Kutz. They had three children: Frederick, George Nathan and Alfred Kutz, the eldest of whom died in infancy.

SOLOMON MENGEL, for many years a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Reading, was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, Feb. 8, 1812, son of Abraham and Magdeline (Dewald) Mengel.

Nicholas Mengel, the grandfather of Solomon, was born in Germany, and was the first of the family to come to America, making the voyage with three other young men. He was a redemptioner, and was bound out to a Mr. Gernand, a farmer of Maiden-creek township, to pay his passage. By industry and frugality he became the owner of 300 acres of land in the same township. After the death of Nicholas, Abraham Mengel took the farm of his father and it has remained in the family to the present time, now being operated by Ephraim Mengel, great-grandson of Nicholas. Abraham Mengel and his wife were the parents of the following children: Isaac, Sarah, Lena, William, Esther, Mary, Lazarus, Absalom, Solomon.

Solomon Mengel was thirteen years of age when his father died, and at this time he located in Reading to learn the trade of a tin and coppersmith, later being in partnership with Mr. Shenfelter, a connection which continued until Mr. Mengel's retirement, when he gave the business over to his sons. He died in 1873, and his wife, who had been Catherine Burns, in 1901. They were the parents of the following children: Margaretta m. Asaph Prutzman; Emma died Dec. 25, 1908; Amelia L. m. Benjamin Parvin, and died Dec. 10, 1905; Milton L. m. Emily Homan; William J. died single; Mary is deceased; James m. Emily Madeira; Charles S. m. Millicent Booth; Howard B. and K. Laura.

In religious belief the family are connected with the Lutheran faith. Politically Mr. Mengel was formerly a Democrat, but at the time of Lincoln's administration became connected with the Republican party, which he stanchly supported throughout the remainder of his life,

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although he, himself, never sought office. He was a good citizen, a kind and indulgent father and a Christian citizen, and in his death Reading lost one whose place will be hard to fill.

WILLIAM SIEGFRIED, formerly a leading citizen of Maxatawny township, was born on one of the Siegfried homesteads in Siegfried's Dale, Pa., Feb. 19, 1842, and died Oct. 25, 1886, aged forty-four years, eight months, six days. He passed his entire life in the home in which he was born. His parents were Abraham and Lydia (Ziegler) Siegfried.

The Siegfried family of Maxatawny township is representative of the best kind of old Berks county stock. While the larger number of its members are engaged in the pursuits pertaining to agriculture, there are also those who have become prominent in business and professional life. It was in 1752 that two brothers, John and Joseph Siegfried, settled in the section which for more than 100 years has borne the name of Siegfried's Dale. There they owned a large body of land, probably 1,000 acres. In 1759, John Siegfried paid a tax of twenty-one pounds and Joseph paid one of twenty pounds. They increased in numbers as a family and prospered and founded organizations which still bear their honored name. Siegfried's school and Siegfried's Church testify to their progress and the latter was so known for several years, but is now generally known as the Maxatawny Zion's Union Church. In Lehigh county, in the cement district, there is a pretty borough known as Siegfrieds, so named after a prominent member of this family. It has a population of about 1,000. In Siegfried's Dale, in Maxatawny township, about one-fourth mile due west of the school-house, is the private burial ground of this well-known family. It is about 100 feet square and in that enclosure rest the remains of the early pioneers of this name, five generations sleeping there. It is well kept and evidently is regarded as a sacred spot by the present generation.

John Siegfried, brother of Joseph, and co-founder of the Siegfried family in Maxatawny township, died late in the spring of 1766. His widow, Elizabeth, made her last will and testament, June 17, 1766, and she died between that date and the filing of her will, Nov. 10, 1767. She designated her son, Joseph Siegfried, and her trusted and esteemed friend Sebastian Zimmerman as her executors. The children mentioned in the will were: Joseph; Margaret, m. to Jacob Moss, of Lynn township, Lehigh county; Catherine, m. to Frederick Raumich; Susanna, m. to Daniel Levan; Elizabeth, m. to John Rothermel; Magdalena, m. to Anthony Fisher; and Anna, m. to Jacob Fisher.

(I) Joseph Siegfried, one of the founders of the family in Berks county, and great-great-grandfather of the late William Siegfried, died before the close of the eighteenth century. The will of his widow, Anna Mary Siegfried, is dated Dec. 14, 1795, and was probated Jan. 3, 1806. The executors of it were: Gideon Grim and Johannes Siegfried. The children of Joseph Siegfried were: Catherine, Magdalena (m. Abraham Levan), Johannes, Joseph, Henry (born April 17, 1751, died Aug. 9, 1822), Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, and Daniel (born Dec. 29, 1763, died Nov. 20, 1846, m. Magdalena Kline, born 1768, died 1852).

(II) Johannes Siegfried, son of Joseph, born Oct. 1, 1758, died April 4, 1821, aged sixty-two years, six months, three days.

(III) Johannes Siegfried, son of Johannes, grandson of Joseph, born Jan. 20, 1782, died June 18, 1835, aged fifty-three years, five months, twenty-eight days. He was a farmer. In 1819 he erected a barn in Siegfried's Dale that was replaced in 1905 by a modern and improved building that is one of the best barns in Upper Berks county. He was married to Catherine Fetterolf (1776-1850), and they had five sons and two daughters, some of whom died young.

(IV) Johannes Siegfried, son of Johannes and Catherine, was born Aug. 27, 1802, and died July 30, 1840, aged thirty-seven years, eleven months, three days. He was a farmer on the homestead. By his wife, Hannah Grim (1803-1840), he had the following children: Mary; John; Jesse, residing at Allentown, has a son Harry; Alfred, residing at Allentown, has Robert, James and Henry; Hannah; and one died young.

(V) John Siegfried, son of Johannes and Hannah Siegfried, born in 1829, died in 1902. He was a life-long farmer on the Siegfried homestead, which when he acquired it contained 165 acres. He married Catherine Grim, daughter of Joshua Grim, born in 1837, and still living in Siegfried's Dale. Their seven children are: Hannah, John, Mary, Joshua, Sue, Celia, and Jacob.

(II) Jacob Siegfried, son of Joseph the first settler, and great-grandfather of William, was a native of Siegfried's Dale in Maxatawny township. There he was born Aug. 19, 1762, and died March 28, 1829, aged sixty-six years, seven months, nine days. On June 15, 1784, he married Dorothea Levan, born Feb. 2, 1765, died March 14, 1831, aged sixty-six years, one month, twelve days. Their children were: Alexander settled at Sunbury, Pa.; William, born 1797, died 1826, m. Maria Reiser; Samuel; Benjamin; Jonathan; George, who was blind, lived in Ohio; and several daughters (names not preserved). Jacob Siegfried and wife were interred in Siegfried's Burial Ground.

(III) Jonathan Siegfried, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 28, 1790, in Maxatawny township, and died in June, 1853, near Rebersburg, Schuylkill county, and is buried at the Bethel Church. He owned a farm and kept an inn across the Blue Mountains from Rebersburg and was a well-known man. He married Barbara Fiegol (1787-1854). They had the following children: Abraham; William, of Harrisburg; Sarah, born June 25, 1827, m. Philip Boltz, of Annville; B. Matilda, born Jan. 8, 1825, m. (first) an Overholtzer, had one son, Alfred (killed in the Civil war), and m. (second) Thomas Straub (died at Perryville), and they had fifteen children; and Daniel, born Nov. 30, 1818, m. a Kauffman, and went West (after his father's death), where he died.

(IV) Abraham Siegfried, father of the late William Siegfried, was born Aug. 29, 1813, in Siegfried's Dale, and died Jan. 31, 1895, aged eighty-one years, five months, two days. He was a farmer and drover, and for many years was supervisor of Maxatawny township. He owned a farm of seventy acres in Greenwich township, from which he subsequently moved to Topton and later to Reading, where he died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Fisher. He was buried at the Maxatawny Zion Church. He married (first) Lydia Ziegler, born April 24, 1816, in Lehigh county, and died June 7, 1873. They had two children: Amelia m. John Fisher, who died at Reading June 27, 1907, aged seventy-five years, ten months, eighteen days; and William. Abraham Siegfried m. (second) Mrs. Sally Ann Kramlich, daughter of Solomon Kuhns, and they had one daughter, Kate.

(V) William Siegfried attended the early schools of his neighborhood and grew to manhood with a knowledge of farming and stock raising. He was a farmer and drover and dealt largely in horses and cattle for many years. He was a man of fine business capacity and of excellent judgment and was frequently elected to local offices on the Democratic ticket. He served Maxatawny township as assessor and also as tax collector and performed his full duty on every occasion. He was a leading member of the Maxatawny Zion Union Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation, and served some years as a deacon, and then was made an elder, sustaining that relation at the time of his death. For a number of years he was the Sunday-school superintendent, and always gave liberally for all religious purposes. In every relation of life he was a most worthy man.

On April 5, 1866, William Siegfried was married to Mary Ellen Hoch, daughter of William and Sallie (Bieber)

Hoch, of Maxatawny township, and a granddaughter of Abraham and Hannah (Doumayer) Hoch of Richmond township. Five children were born to William Siegfried and wife, namely: Sallie H.; Mary Ellen m. Dr. C. Q. Hillegars, of Pennsburg, Pa.; William H. lives at Pennsburg; Edwin A. H. resides in Maxatawny township; and Victor G. H. manages the home farm for his mother.

JOHN BITTING, a well-to-do retired citizen of Shillington, Berks county, who was for over forty years a resident of the old Bitting homestead in Cumru township, was born July 25, 1828, four miles south of Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Rothermel) Bitting.

Johannes Bitting, grandfather of John, was born May 18, 1764, and died Sept. 25, 1829. He was a prosperous farmer and owned the old stand which consisted of some of the best land in the township. The Bitting farm was a valuable property, nicely located, with good water, near the market on the Lancaster pike, and the place was supplied with good buildings, which greatly enhanced its appearance. Johannes Bitting's wife, Maria, was born Dec. 22, 1766, and died Oct. 3, 1849. They had children as follows: Daniel, born April 2, 1788, died Oct 3, 1849, married Susan Moyer (born April 25, 1786, died March 25, 1852), daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Moyer, and they owned and occupied the old homestead; Susan, born April 15, 1793, died unmarried July 23, 1856; Philip, born Dec. 1, 1795; died unmarried Feb. 1, 1824; Jacob; and Peter, born Oct. 13, 1799, died July 2, 1875, married Maria Elizabeth (born April 20, 1803, died July 25, 1895). Johannes Bitting and his wife had five children—Daniel, Susan, Philip, Jacob and Peter, and the sons' wives, and some of Johannes' grandchildren are buried in a private burying ground, which is situated on the old home farm and surrounded by a wall four feet high.

Jacob Bitting, father of John, was born on the Bitting homestead in Cumru township, Dec. 10, 1797, and died Jan. 13, 1879. For some years he lived in Northumberland county, and later removed to Dauphin county, where he farmed for seven years. He then located in Perry county, where he kept a hotel for two years, after which he located on the old Bitting homestead in Cumru township, where he died in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Bitting married Sarah Rothermel (born Jan. 2, 1802, died June 8, 1876), daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Saeger) Rothermel. Their children were: (1) Jeremiah, an attorney of the Berks County Bar, and from 1859 to 1862 high sheriff of Berks county, was a man of commanding appearance, tall and well-built; he died in Philadelphia after the Civil war. (2) Elizabeth m. Daniel Krum. (3) Charles died young. (4) Harriet m. John Fisher, and died Dec. 18, 1906, aged eighty-three years, twenty-one days. (5) Mary m. George Rebholtz. (6) John. (7) Jacob and (8) Reuben died in Reading. (9) Ellen m. Peter Hebener. (10) Susan m. (first) Peter Zimmerman, and (second) Robert Harner.

John Bitting attended school in Perry county, and in 1848 came with his parents to Berks county, where until 1892 he was engaged in farming. In this year he removed to Shillington, and there has made his home to the present time. In 1890 he sold to William J. Irwin his farm of 102 acres near the Kurtz House. To these lands the Bittings had held title for many years. Mr. Bitting is a hale and hearty, vivacious old gentleman, a pleasing conversationalist, and a well-known stockman and breeder of horses. To him and his son, Frank W., must be given much credit for the present interest displayed in the Shillington race track, for it is largely due to their efforts that the sport is in such a flourishing condition. Among the horses bred by Mr. Bitting may be mentioned: "Prince B.," 2:26¼, at Allentown, for which Mr. Bitting refused $1,200; "Brush Horse," 2:35, at Reading, bred by "Schaeffer Pony"; "Little Dan," 2:34, at Three Mile House, Shillington, Pa.; "Ida," 2:32½, at Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., and "Cedar Allen," stallion, 2:48, at Kutztown Fair, bred from the well-known western horse, "The Cedar Allen of the West." All of these horses were trained by Mr. Bitting, and were driven either by him or by his son, Frank W. In political matters Mr. Bitting is a Democrat.

Mr. Bitting married Elizabeth Worley, daughter of John Worley, and to this union were born: Emma m. Joseph Hassler; John died in 1904, aged fifty years; Mary m. Charles W. Berg, a dairyman of Cumru township; Irwin m. Clara Hartman; Amanda m. David Brensinger; Frank W. m. Bessie Potteiger; Lillie m. James Miller; William m. Mattie Adams; Alice m. Elmer Yoder; Wellington m. Katie Schnabel; Ella m. Dr. M. Luther Huyett, a well-known young physician of Shillington; and Charles m. Bertha Curley.

FRANK W. BITTING was born March 23, 1862, and was educated in the township schools, which he left at the age of sixteen years. He was then reared on the homestead, and until twenty-eight years of age he worked for his father. In 1890 he located in Shillington and engaged in training horses, which he has followed with great success to the present time, having trained fully 200 horses, and being known throughout the State as an excellent judge of horse flesh. Among the fast animals that have been trained by Mr. Bitting may be mentioned the following: "Grace C.," 2:11¼; "Jenny Gratten," 2:11¼; "Rockey P.," 2:10½; and "Kid Colyer," 2:16¼. When he was but fifteen years of age he drove his father's "Ida" to 2:32½ at Manheim, then considered very good time, having driven the same mare before in her first race at Kutztown, which she won.

Mr. Bitting was married Dec. 17, 1895, to Bessie C. Potteiger, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Shannaman) Potteiger (the latter a daughter of John Shannaman), and granddaughter of Jacob and Christian (Minnich) Potteiger (the latter a daughter of Adam Minnich). Mr. Bitting is a member of Lodge No. 485, Knights of Pythias, of Mohnton; Aerie No. 65, F. O. E., of Reading; Shillington Council, No. 186, O. of I. A. Like his father he is a Democrat. He is a good citizen of Cumru township, and was very much interested in the incorporation of Shillington into a borough. Mr. Bitting is very well known in his community, where he has many warm friends.

DANIEL Q. REIDER, a highly esteemed retired citizen of the Butterlane, Mount Penn borough, where he owns a pleasant residence, was born April 1, 1847, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of David and Ellen (Quinter) Reider.

John Reider, great-grandfather of Daniel Q. R., lived near the line of Oley and Pike townships, in the vicinity of Lobachsville. He was a farmer by occupation. His will was probated in 1828, the year of his death, and is on record in Will Book 6, page 221. Among his children were: Jacob, to whom was given the tin-plate stove and pipe; John, a farmer in Ruscombmanor township, whose children were—Rachel, Hettie, Betzy, Mary, William, John, Simon, Israel, Steffy, and Solomon; Mary, married to John Minder, of Friedensburg; and Mrs. Adam Haas, whose husband was one of the executors of his father-in-law's will.

Tradition says that George Casper Reiter, of Rockland township, who died in the prime of life in 1801, was a brother of John Reider. His will is recorded in Will Book 4, page 8. The Christian name of his wife was Catharine, and their children were: Martin, Godfried, and George and Jacob, who were minors in 1801.

Jacob Reider, son of John and grandfather of Daniel Q., was born in Pike township in 1786, and died there on his small tract located three miles above Friedensburg, Feb. 22, 1851, aged about sixty-five years. He and his wife, Maria Breidigan (1788-1834), are buried at Friedensburg. He was a weaver and wove all kinds of linen goods. His five children were: Aaron had children—Lizzie, Ellen, Emma, David, George and a daughter who was burned to death on a boat; Benneville was the father of Jacob and

Morris; David is mentioned below; Sarah m. William Schmeck; and Rachel, born in 1828, is unmarried.

David Reider was born early in February, 1818, in Exeter township, where he was a lifelong farmer, and died Jan. 1, 1874, being buried at the Union Schwartzwald Church, of which he and his wife, who is also buried there, were Lutheran members. Mrs. Ellen (Quinter) Reider was the daughter of Peter and Susan (Ulrich) Quinter, the former a shoemaker of Exeter township. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reider: Daniel Q.; and Peter and Jacob, twins, born June 20, 1854. Peter Reider, a farmer of near Lenhartsville, in Greenwich township, married Sarah Ritter. He died in the fall of 1908, aged fifty-six years, and is buried at Dunkel's Church. Jacob, who is a fireman of Reading, m. (first) Ellen Border, deceased, and (second) Nettie Bohler.

Daniel Q. Reider attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, when he began working on the farm, continuing at agricultural pursuits for some years. Early in life he worked at Brumbach's woolen mills at St. Lawrence, was later employed as a sizer and blocker in the hat factory at Reading, and from 1888 until 1891 was employed as watchman at the Berks county jail. After leaving the latter position, Mr. Reider was engaged in various employments until his retirement. Since 1884 Mr. Reider has lived in his pleasant home in the Butterlane, with which he has a half-acre of fruit trees. In political matters he is a Democrat, while fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 61, P. O. S. of A., Reading. He and his wife attend Schwartzwald Church, of which they are Lutheran members.

In 1873 Mr. Reider married Sarah S. Sweitzer, daughter of William and Sarah (Bixler) Sweitzer, and to this union there was born one daughter: Alice, born in 1873, who died, aged three years, ten months, twenty-two days.

CHARLES BARTON HULL, the leading general merchant at Sinking Spring, was born in Pennville, Lancaster county, Sept. 2, 1867, son of Hiram R. and Margaret (Connell) Hull. When he was three years old his parents removed to Sinking Spring, Berks county, and he there received his education in the public schools, attending Oberlin's Charter Oak Academy until 1883. In that year he entered the general store of his father and remained with him until his decease in 1902. In the settlement of the estate Mr. Hull purchased the entire stock, and he has successfully carried on the business until now. He has filled numerous township offices, acting as a delegate to the Democratic county conventions; has served as secretary of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Company since the death of his father, the latter filling the same position for upward of twenty years; and succeeded his father as the local agent of the *Reading Eagle,* the father having been the representative for thirty years. Mr. Hull belongs to St. John's Reformed Church, Sinking Spring. Fraternally he is a charter member and Past Grand of Sinking Spring Lodge No. 660, I. O. O. F., and a charter member and past officer of Loyal Chamber No. 43, O. K. of F.; is a member of the O. U. A. M. at Sinking Spring; and of the Sinking Spring Fire Company.

On Oct. 22, 1890, Mr. Hull married A. Laura Shappell, daughter of Jonas Shappell, of Shoemakersville, Berks county, and they have one child, a son, Hiram.

Hiram R. Hull, who was born in 1828, in Leacock township, Lancaster county, was there brought up. When eighteen years old he located at Pennville, near Lititz, and engaged in the general store business, and this he continued for twenty-five years, and then, in 1871, removed to Sinking Spring, where he continued the general store business for over thirty years until his decease in 1902. He took an active part in the Reformed Church in Sinking Spring, and served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-five years. He was married twice. His first wife was Margaret Connell, daughter of Mark Connell, of Earlville, Lancaster county. She died in 1871, and by her he had eleven children: Franklin m. Lizzie Heffner; Charles; Emma m. John S. Yocom; Annie m. Henry S. Clauser; Maggie m. Milton Yoh; Martha; and five died young. Hiram R. Hull m. (second) Mary Lambert, daughter of John Lambert, of Sinking Spring, and by her he had one child, Louisa.

Samuel Hull, father of Hiram R., lived at Earlville, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he was a merchant for a number of years. He is buried at Ephrata. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was prominent in public matters. His children were: Benjamin; Hiram; Martha m. Tristrim Connell; Louisa m. Washington Winters; Emma is unmarried and is the only survivor of the family; Mary Ann m. Jacob Hiestand; Elizabeth was unmarried.

DANIEL HOLTRY, for many years an enterprising business man of Berks county, Pa., died at his home in Reading, Aug. 12, 1902, after having lived a retired life in that city for twelve years. Mr. Holtry was born in Cumru township, Berks county, Sept. 9, 1845, son of Joseph Holtry, who died when Daniel was but a few weeks old, the father of three children: Hiram, who died March 10, 1906; Sarah, wife of Thomas Moyer; and Daniel.

Daniel Holtry was reared in his native locality, and his education was secured in the public schools of the township. When a young man he learned the butchering business, and followed that very successfully for a number of years at Tuckerton, Muhlenberg township, Berks county, coming to Reading in 1890. Here he erected a fine residence at No. 132 North Eighth street, and he continued to live therein until his death, Aug. 12, 1902. Mr. Holtry was buried at the Alsace Church, of which he was a member, and his grave is now marked by a fine monument erected by his widow. His funeral was in charge of the Knights Templars, who turned out in large numbers to do him honor. He had long been active in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., which he joined May 4, 1877; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Mr. Holtry married Adeline Gehret, daughter of Gabriel and Mary (Maurer) Gehret, the former a well known hotel man of Berks county, who also engaged in butchering and farming, and died at the age of sixty-nine years, as did his wife, both being buried at Alsace Church, their last resting places now being appropriately marked. Their children were: Amelia, Ella, Catherine and Adeline (Mrs. Holtry).

Mrs. Daniel Holtry resides at her home on North Eighth street. She is a faithful member of the Alsace Church. She placed a memorial window in the new Grace Reformed Alsace Church, costing $475, and gave $305 toward the masonry besides furnishing all the stone for the foundation from her quarries, located near Tuckerton. She is ever ready to give her aid to the cause of the church, and is very active in the Aid Society.

ISAAC S. HOYER, a successful farmer of Robeson township, Berks county, cultivating an excellent property of eighty acres, was born April 22, 1835, in Robeson township, son of Samuel and Susan (Seifert) Hoyer.

John Hoyer, grandfather of Isaac S., was a native of Berks county, and practically all of his life was spent in wagoning between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He married Elizabeth Greenewalt, and they were the parents of these children: Peter, George, John, Samuel, and Susan (m. a Monyon). In religious belief the family were Reformed. Mr. Hoyer was a Democrat in politics.

Samuel Hoyer was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and at an early age engaged in farming near the old Quaker Meeting-house, where he continued all of his life, dying in 1849, at the age of fifty-three years. He married Susan Seifert, who died in 1860, when sixty-one years old, and they became the parents of these children: Joseph; John; Samuel; Isaac S.; Isaiah; Elizabeth (m. James Geiger); Susan (m. Henry Miller); Hannah (m. Elisha Wells);

and Sarah (m. George Schaeffer). The family was Reformed in religious belief, and Mr. Hoyer was a stanch Democrat in politics.

Isaac S. Hoyer received his early educational training in the schools of his native locality, learned the blacksmith's trade, and later became a helper in the Seyfert-McIlwaine rolling mills at Gibraltar. In 1858 he commenced farming near the Quaker Meeting-house, but in 1867 he took charge of the "Beckerville Hotel," where for six years he served as postmaster. In 1873 Mr. Hoyer purchased his present farm, known as the Daniel Fry property, a tract of eighty acres, and here he has been very successful, his land being one of the valuable farms of the township. He has good substantial buildings and modern farm implements, and keeps a dairy of seven cows.

In the winter of 1858-59 Mr. Hoyer was married to Mary Fry, daughter of John Fry, and four children were born to this union, namely: Sarah E., m. to Jacob Kurtz; Hannah M., m. to John Spatz; John F., m. to Katie Kraemer; and Isaac N., who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyer are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has held several township offices.

ALLEN G. GERY, of Siesholtzville, Berks county, was born in that town Sept. 7, 1856, son of Charles N. Gery. Extensive mention of his father and earlier generations of the family will be found elsewhere.

Mr. Gery attended the public schools of Hereford township and supplemented his early education by study at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. In 1873 he was licensed to teach school by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and later he received a license from Dr. S. A. Baer. When he left the Normal he was a member of the graduating class, but had to give up his studies because of poor health. He taught for three terms in Hereford township, at Siesholtzville, and later began to assist his father in the general merchandise business there. For six months he was with the J. H. Obold & Co. hardware establishment at Reading, but his father requested him to return to Siesholtzville and the general store, where he has been engaged as clerk ever since. He has been connected with that business for more than thirty years, and his services have been much appreciated. Mr. Gery has served four years as tax collector in Hereford township, having entered that office to fill the unexpired term of Elias Henry, who left these parts, and he was chosen for a full term at the end of his first period of service. He was appointed and served as deputy coroner of Hereford township for three years.

On May 21, 1885, Mr. Gery married Miss Mary L. Bittenbender, daughter of George and Maria (Hunsberger) Bittenbender, of Hereford township, and granddaughter of Jacob and Susanna (Jung) Bittenbender; her maternal grandparents were Henry and Polly (Gery) Hunsberger, of Hereford. Mr. and Mrs. Gery have two children, Leva R. and Allen W., the former a student at the Kutztown Normal School. The family are members of the Reformed congregation of Huff's Church, and Mr. Gery is a Democrat in politics. He has a very comfortable residence at Siesholtzville.

JONATHAN S. KNITTLE, a prosperous farmer residing near Kutztown, Pa., in Maxatawny township, was born Aug. 9, 1866, in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Daniel and Anna (Snyder) Knittle, and grandson of Benjamin Knittle.

To trace the Knittle family in Pennsylvania carries the investigator a long distance back. The only one of the name of Knittle recorded in the Pennsylvania archives up to September 17, 1753, was Joseph Knittle, who came to America on the ship "Patience," which landed him at Philadelphia.

Michael Knittle, probably a son of Joseph, was a resident of Richmond township, Berks county. He made his will May 9, 1789, which was entered June 13 of the same year. It is evident that he died between these two dates. His sons, Michael and Daniel, were the executors. His children are given as follows: Frederick, John Adam, Michael, Daniel, Rosina and Catherine. John Adam was a resident in Richmond township in 1785 and that year paid 18 s., 9 d. tax. In 1758 Michael Knittle was a resident in Maxatawny township, and in that year he paid £1, 1s. 6d. tax. In 1775 he is registered as taxable in Richmond township when he paid £5 tax. In 1815 Michael Knittle, Jr. was a taxpayer in Richmond township, paying 44s. tax.

Benjamin Knittle, grandfather of Jonathan S., was a farmer in Greenwich township, owning forty acres of land, on which he died in 1895, aged over seventy-two years. He was a life-long tiller of the soil. His wife was named Polly Adam and they were members of the Grimville Church, where both are buried. They had the following children: Daniel; Benjamin, whose children were Emeline, Ella, Florenda and Isaac; Hannah, m. to Isaac Strasser; Catherine, m. to Peter Adam; Rebecca, m. to Methusalah Conrad; and Polly, m. to John Lenhart.

Daniel Knittle, father of Jonathan S., was born in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 24, 1818, and died May 26, 1884, aged sixty-seven years. Until his marriage he remained under the parental roof and then purchased the farm which is now the property of John Seidel, and there some of his children were born. That tract contained twelve acres. He was a boss carpenter and had two gangs of carpenters in his employ, who erected barns through Upper Berks county, probably 100 of these substantial structures. He kept from eight to fifteen men employed and instructed many in the carpenter's trade. He was a skillful mechanic and physically was a very strong man, capable of long hours of hard work. For twelve years he lived on the farm now owned by Alfred Dietrich, and there his death took place. In politics he was a stanch Democrat and for many years he served in local offices, being useful as a school director and efficient as supervisor of Greenwich township. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and belonged to the Grimville Church, of which he was an official member. He was buried there at the side of his parents. He married Anna Snyder who still survives and makes her home in the families of her children. She was born Dec. 11, 1827, daughter of Harry and Polly (Reinhart) Snyder, of Dunkle's Church. Daniel Knittle and wife had fourteen children, as follows: Maria, deceased, m. James Walbert; Susanna is the widow of Oliver Helbert; Abbie, deceased, m. Daniel Sprenger, of Kutztown; Hettie is unmarried; Kate m. William Rohn, of Greenwich township; William follows the carpenter trade at Kutztown; Daniel is a farmer in Maxatawny township; Benjamin is a carpenter at Allentown; Lucy m. Clinton Angstadt, of Richmond township; Lizzie m. Frank Rohn, of Kutztown; Jonathan S.; Amelia m. Morris Hoch of Wyomissing; Alice m. Daniel Kline, of Kutztown; and Lydia m. Peter Wiltrant, of Richmond.

Jonathan S. Knittle attended the public schools, the last one at Grimville, after which he seriously took up farming and has continued in the same line all his life. He lived from 1892 until 1894 on Willoughby Graver's farm in Greenwich township, and then moved to John Miller's farm in Maxatawny township, not far from Monterey, where he remained three years, when the place was sold. In 1897 he settled on the S. R. Moyer farm, which he continued to operate for eleven years. On that farm is a stone house which was built in 1770, and is of historic interest not only on account of its age and preservation, but for the fact that during the Revolutionary War, on one occasion, General Washington and wife stopped over night under its roof. A hotel was conducted there until about 1840. In the spring of 1908, Mr. Knittle moved to his present place. This is the old Bieber farm and is now the property of Dr. U. S. G. Bieber. It consists of ninety acres and has been in the Bieber family for 100 years. On this property is an old oak tree, whose trunk measures thirty-two feet in circumference, and whose branches spread ninety-nine feet. Under it once stood George Wash-

ington and part of his army. Mr. Knittle is a modern, up-to-date farmer. He has fine stock and all kinds of improved farm machinery, including a hay loader, and he utilizes two gasoline engines. He keeps seven head of horses and twelve head of cattle. In addition to attending to his farming operations he has been agent for a considerable time for the Springfield and Domestic gas engines and also handles farm machinery.

On June 8, 1889, Mr. Knittle married Mary S. Sarig, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Sassaman) Sarig, of Berks county. The parents of Mrs. Knittle had the following children: Charles, residing at Galveston, Ind.; Amanda, wife of Martin Koller, of Kutztown; Sarah, wife of Charles Wentzel, of Reading; Emma, wife of Emanuel Dietrich, of Greenwich township; Mary, wife of Jonathan S. Knittle; Ellis, residing in Kokomo, Ind.; Wilson, residing at Topton; and Albert, residing at Kutztown. Mr. and Mrs. Knittle have four children, namely: Eugene A., Alvin L., Stella I. and Harry W. Mr. Knittle and family are members of the Grimville Lutheran Church, also known as the Grimville Union Church. Mr. Knittle has always been identified with the Democratic party, his whole family having been of that political faith. He has efficiently filled a number of the local offices and for six years has served as school director and has been treasurer of the school board. He is one of the township's reliable and representative men.

JACOB S. ENGEL, one of the well-to-do citizens and prominent residents of Shoemakersville, Berks county, was born on the original Engel homestead, in Perry township, March 14, 1864, son of Israel R. and Rebecca (Strasser) Engel.

Jacob Engel, the progenitor of this family in America, was a native of Germany, and crossed the ocean from Rotterdam in the ship "Friendship," landing at Philadelphia Nov. 2, 1744. He left his native land because of the war of the Austrian Succession (1741-48). After living in his adopted country for some years the French and Indian war broke out (1754-62), and he returned to the Fatherland. During the Seven Years War (1756-1763) he again embarked for the New World, and soon after landing the second time, settled in Windsor (now Perry) township, on the farm in the possession of Jacob S. Engel, and there died from the effects of a kick of a horse.

Jacob Engel, grandfather of Jacob S., was born in Perry township, March 21, 1795, and died March 16, 1870, in his seventy-fifth year. He was the second of the name to own the Engel homestead, and was a good, practical farmer, driving about once a week to Reading. He never was on a train, but did all his traveling on horseback. He owned 212 acres of land and was one of the heavy taxpayers of the township. He was a well-read man and during the latter years of his life found much pleasure in his large and well stocked library. He took much interest in the early educational matters in Berks county, and was one of the firmest believers in free schools of his day. He was very public-spirited, and movements calculated to be of benefit to the community had his heartiest approval. Mr. Engel was a thoroughly representative man of Berks county, and his death was a loss to his township, county and State. Mr. Engel married Catherine, daughter of Adam Rahn, and their children were: Rebecca m. Joseph Bossler; Henry (1820-1900) m. Susanna Baer; John m. Katie Mosser; Susan m. William Koller; Sabilla m. John Kerchner; Israel R.; and Reuben, Sarah and Caroline died in youth.

Israel R. Engel was born July 1, 1834, and died April 27, 1905. He spent his entire life on the farm now occupied by Jacob S. Engel, was very industrious and thrifty, and was a successful agriculturist. He was a man of progress, and like his father was greatly interested in educational matters in his community, being a school director for nine successive years. He was greatly respected in his community, and for upwards of twenty years was a trustee of Mohrsville Union Church. On Oct. 24, 1857, Mr. Engel married Rebecca Strasser, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Reichelderfer) Strasser, farming people of Windsor township (mentioned elsewhere). To Mr. and Mrs. Engel were born two children: Simon S., who died March 25, 1893, in his thirty-fifth year; and Jacob S.

Jacob S. Engel was reared upon the home farm, and was educated in the local schools, later attending the Kutztown State Normal School for three full terms. During the school term of 1883-84 Mr. Engel taught school in Bern township, but the following year accepted a clerkship with the large dry goods house of Fowler, Dick & Walker, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. After filling this position acceptably for one year his father requested his services and he returned to the farm, where he remained until his removal to Shoemakersville in 1908. Mr. Engel was a thrifty and industrious farmer, his fine tract of 180 acres being in an excellent state of cultivation and still is under the efficient care of Mr. Daniel J. Snyder. The house, barns and outbuildings are in the best of condition. In March, 1907, Mr. Engel bought property in Shoemakersville, consisting of a fine house and twelve acres of land. It is located in a choice section of the village, and the land is desirable for building lots. The family moved to this new home March 24, 1908. Mr. Engel is a public-spirited citizen and is much esteemed in his district. He and his family are consistent members of Gernant's Union Church of Ontelaunee township, being members of the Reformed denomination. He takes a deep interest in church work and was for many years treasurer of the church, in which he has been deacon since 1895.

Mr. Engel married on his birthday in 1887, Susan E. Davis, daughter of Cyrus and Priscilla (Kerchner) Davis, of Penn township. She died without issue, March 19, 1898. On Sept. 23, 1899, Mr. Engel married (second) Carrie M. Reinhart, daughter of Solomon and Emma (Geisweid) Reinhart, of Moselem. Mr. and Mrs. Engel have had four children, namely: Helen R., Israel R., Rebecca R. and Ella R.

CLAUSER. The Clauser or Klauser family of Berks county is descended from four brothers of the name—Heinrich, George, Peter and John. The branch represented by Simon B. Clauser of Earl township, and Mahlon B. Clauser of Oley township, claim George as their ancestor. The family records are, however, quite complete, and a brief outline of the other branches is also given herewith: Heinrich Clauser, one of the four brothers, died in 1808 in Earl township. His will is on record in Will Book 5, p. 56, and his wife, Ottillia (Babb), and son George were his executors. The children of Heinrich were: George, Abraham and Heinrich.

George Clauser, son of Heinrich and Ottillia, lived and died in Earl township, where he carried on farming. He died in 1884, when over eighty years old, and is buried at Oley churches. He was twice married. By his first wife he had an only son, Charles, born in 1826, who now lives near Shanesville, in Earl township. George Clauser's second wife, Maria Moser, bore him six children, namely: Henry, Hannah, Maria, Caroline, William and Catharine.

Abraham Clauser, son of Heinrich and Ottillia, passed the greater part of his life in Earl township, but his last years were spent in Reading, where he died aged eighty-four years. His trade was that of a linen weaver. He married Kate Levengood, of Douglass township, and their children were: John; Elijah; Enoch; Mary; Aaron; Matthias; Henry L., born April 10, 1826 (m. in 1850, Lavinah Leh, and had children—Franklin, Henry L., Jr., and Jacob); Elizabeth; Daniel; and Sarah. Of these Henry L., Daniel and Sarah are still living, and Henry L.'s son, Henry L., Jr., is supervisor of Earl township.

Heinrich Clauser, son of Heinrich and Ottillia, was a shoemaker and hatter, and lived at Reading. He mar-

ried Elizabeth Yerger, and their children were: Augustus, Henry, Catharine and Mrs. Frank Boyer.

John Clauser, one of the four brothers, lived in Robeson township, Berks county, where in 1836 he made his last will and testament. By occupation he was a farmer. He died in 1837, and was survived by his wife, Catharine. His children were: Lydia, Sarah (m. Henry Moyer), Daniel, John, Benjamin and Samuel.

George Clauser, brother of Heinrich, John and Peter, lived in Earl township. In 1782 when Earl township was erected his name and that of his son, George, Jr., appear on the tax list. In 1788 and also in 1806 the names of George, Peter and David Clauser appear on the tax list. Tradition says the Clausers of eastern and western Berks county were of the same branch. George Clauser's will was made Sept. 14, 1812, and probated May 14, 1814, and is recorded in Will Book D, p. 94. His children were: David, Jacob, Edward, George, Henry, Hannah (m. Samuel High), Peter and Mary (m. George Miller).

Peter Clauser, grandfather of Simon B. and Mahlon B., lived at Shanesville, where he died on his son's farm in February, 1857, in his eighty-sixth year. In his earlier life he worked as a blacksmith in Friedensburg, where in 1832 he built the stone house now owned and occupied by his grandson, Simon B. He kept a hotel for a number of years. He built the first barn at Hill Church, and in this church he was an active member and official of the Lutheran congregation. He was tall and strong, and had an abundance of dark hair. He married Anna Maria Moyer, who died aged thirty-five years. Their children were: Tobias, born April 17, 1802, died Feb. 9, 1868, was a drover and a justice of the peace at Leesport, Pa.; Samuel, born Oct. 9, 1807, died April 19, 1864, was a splader, farmer and fall butcher, and lived near Shanesville and later at Friedensburg; Daniel is mentioned below; Esther m. John Brumbach, of Earl township; Polly m. David Koch, of Earl township; Sally m. Samuel Bahr, of Oley township; Mrs. Daniel Acker moved to Ohio before 1848; and Hannah m. Samuel Brumbach.

Daniel Clauser, son of Peter, was born at Shanesville, in Earl township, May 10, 1812, and died April 26, 1878, and is buried at Friedensville Church, Northampton county. He was a foremost farmer in his district, and in his earlier life was proprietor of the Shanesville hotel, conducting it until 1852. In 1872 he moved to Northampton county, where his death occurred. Here he conducted a farm, limestone quarry and store, later renting the store to his son Levi. He was also interested in the furnace business. He was a stanch Democrat, for several years served as township auditor, and for more than forty years he was justice of the peace in Earl township. While in Berks county he attended St. John's Lutheran Church at Hillchurch, but after going to Northampton county became connected with Friedensville church. On Sept. 22, 1833, he married Susanna Brumbach, born in Earl township, daughter of George Brumbach. She died Sept. 11, 1887, and is buried at Hill Church. To Daniel and Susanna Clauser were born eight sons and six daughters, namely: Caroline m. Reuben Updegrove (both deceased); Simon B.; Peter died aged two years; Levi lives at Bethlehem, Pa.; Elizabeth m. (first) Hiram Brumbach, and (second) Ephraim Weidner; Rebecca m. Frank F. Cleaver (both deceased); Orlando lives in Northampton county; Amelia m. Albert Snyder, of Oley township; Hannah m. Frank Y. Kauffman, of Oley township; Mahlon B.; Mary Ann m. Elam Rhoads, of Earl township; Cyrus lives at Bethlehem, Pa.; Tobias lives in Northampton county; and Daniel B. makes his home in Reading. Daniel Clauser, the father, was a major in the old State militia for a number of years. He served as assignee and administrator many times, and was a man of considerable prominence in the county.

Simon B. Clauser, son of Daniel and Susanna, was born July 17, 1837, and for more than a third of a century has conducted a hotel in Shanesville, Berks county. He was brought up on his father's farm, and attended the district school and the Boyertown and Mt. Pleasant Academies. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and taught for four winters, after which he took the hotel at Shanesville. Later he moved to a farm, and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1866, when he entered the commercial world. In 1871 he sold out and purchased the hotel built by his grandfather, and that he conducted until 1894, when he bought his present place. Farming and stock raising took up part of his time and attention. He bought and sold all kinds of cattle, sheep, hogs and calves, until April 1, 1909, when he sold all his stock to his son Peter.

In politics Mr. Clauser is a Democrat, and for many years was auditor of Earl township, finally declining re-election. He was postmaster at Shanesville from 1866 to 1873, and was urged to accept the office of justice of the peace, but steadfastly refused, although he frequently settled up estates and acted as guardian for many children. In stature he was of medium size. On April 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, 7th Pa. V. I., under Capt. George S. Herbst. He is a member of Glenn Crooks Post, No. 597, G. A. R., of which he has been chaplain since its organization.

On Nov. 20, 1858, Mr. Clauser married Hannah Mathias, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Moatz) Mathias, and granddaughter of Michael Moatz. On Nov. 20, 1908, they celebrated their golden wedding. Their children were: Susan m. William Yerger, a merchant at Friedensburg; Kate m. James Ruppert, a farmer, thresher and sawyer in Oley township; Miss Alice is a dressmaker at home; Peter has farmed the homestead since early in 1909; and three died in infancy.

Mahlon B. Clauser, son of Daniel and Susanna, was born in the old "Clauser Hotel" at Shanesville, Feb. 24, 1851. His education was received in the Boyertown and Mt. Pleasant Academies, and he was but eighteen years old when he began huckstering, buying and selling produce to Philadelphia. He made the trip five times by team himself. For seventeen years he continued this line of work, and then sold out to his brother, Daniel B. Clauser, of Reading. He then engaged in the store and tavern business at Griesemersville, in Oley township. This property he bought in 1890, and until May 1, 1908, he conducted the store and hotel jointly. He then sold out the store to John C. Rothenberger, and continued in the hotel business. Since 1902 he has also conducted a creamery. He disposes of all his butter in Pottstown and Reading, retailing on an average 900 pounds a week. Mr. Clauser has twenty-four acres of fertile land, which he cultivates. The store and hotel building is a large four-story brick, of which the third floor is used as a lodge room, Lodge No. 1109, I. O. O. F., having met there since 1902. Mr. Clauser is a member of that lodge, and also of Oley Castle, K. G. E., which he joined in 1876. He and his family are members of Oley Lutheran Church, in which he is an elder, and since 1902 president. He was also deacon for some years, and a member of the building committee, having charge of the erection of the new church in 1908.

On Dec. 17, 1874, Mr. Clauser married Catharine Frohneiser, daughter of the late Abraham and Catharine (Keene) Frohneiser, of near Bechtelsville. Their children are: Elizabeth m. Thomas Kiefer, of Oley township; Charles F., is of Reading; Sallie m. Charles P. De Turck, a farmer of Oley township; and Dr. Monroe F. was formerly resident physician in Easton Hospital, but is now practising his profession in Oley township. In his political principles Mahlon B. Clauser is a Democrat, and for many years has served ably as a school director.

CONRAD MEINHOLTZ, a well known resident of Reading, Pa., who was for many years extensively engaged in the paper stock business, died Dec. 7, 1908, and was

laid to rest in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1844, son of John and Catherine (Heilman) Meinholtz.

John Meinholtz, father of Conrad, came to America about 1848. In his native country he had been engaged in weaving, operating four small looms, and on locating in Reading he embarked in the junk business, an occupation which he followed for the rest of his life in this city. He died in 1890, aged seventy-five years. His wife died in 1885, when sixty-seven years of age. They were the parents of a large family, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of John and Mary (m. Henry Smith). John Meinholtz and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he was a Democrat.

Conrad Meinholtz received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the trade of shoemaking, which he gave up, however, when machinery came into general use. He next engaged in the junk business, which he followed for a period of thirty years, but his last years were lived retired from active work. He owned three large houses. Mr. Meinholtz's wife, who was Amanda Maltzberger, died in 1897, aged fifty-two years, leaving three children: George, a contractor; Henry, a blacksmith in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, at Reading; and Elizabeth, m. to Arthur Demarest. Mr. Meinholtz was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias. In his political opinions he was a Democrat.

WILLIAM B. SMITH (SCHMIDT), a well known and highly respected citizen of Kutztown, who has retired from active labor and is passing the sunset of his life in peace and quiet, in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency, making his home at Greenwich and Walnut streets, was born March 23, 1841, near "Old Smithville," in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Samuel and Susanna (Baer) Schmidt.

Heinrich Schmidt, grandfather of William B., was a native of Greenwich township, owning and operating the farm now the property of George Buck, and here he died in 1853, aged seventy-seven years, being buried at Grimville. He had these children: Jonathan; Benjamin; Samuel; Mrs. Scharm; Judith m. Reuben Old, and Sally m. Daniel Schlenker. In 1800, Heinrich, John and Jacob Smith were taxables in Greenwich township. Either John or Jacob was the father of Reuben, another brother who settled in Michigan, and Solomon. The latter died of small-pox at Fogelsville, Pa. He had a son, Benneville, the founder of New Smithville, and the latter had an only daughter Clara, who is the wife of Dr. Charles D. Schaeffer, the former mayor of Allentown, Pa. Michael Schmidt (Schmitt, Smith, etc.) was one of the pioneers of Greenwich township, Berks county, where he settled prior to 1752. In 1754, the name of Daniel Smith is recorded as a tax payer across the line from Greenwich, in Albany township, and in 1755 and 1756 and later the names of Henry and Adam Smith appear on the tax list in Greenwich township. It is traditional and probable that Michael, Daniel, Henry and Adam Smith were brothers, or that Michael was the father of the other three. In 1773 Peter Smith and Stophel Schmit were among the taxables in Greenwich township.

Samuel Schmidt, father of William B., was born in Greenwich township in 1813, and died in 1899, after a long life spent at farming and the wheelwright's trade, his farm lying near Eagle Point, along the mill creek in Greenwich township. He is buried at Grimville. His wife was Susanna Baer, daughter of Johannes Baer, and they had these children: Mary m. Henry Shirey; William B.; Susanna m. William Palmer; Henry is of Hynemansville, Pa.; Daniel is of Kuhnsville, Pa.; Jonathan is of Eagle Point; Florenda m. Edward Harwick; and Wilson is of Maxatawny township.

William B. Smith was reared upon the home farm, upon which he continued to live until twenty-three years of age, and learned the wheelwright's trade from his father. He followed this trade for many years, and on reaching his sixty-second year retired. He has lived in Kutztown since 1868, and owns property with a 70-foot frontage and 180 feet deep at Greenwich and Walnut streets. Mr. Smith is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1867 Mr. Smith married Catherine Roemer, born Feb. 22, 1835, daughter of John Roemer, and she died Dec. 6, 1902, the mother of seven children.

HENRY A. HELLER, one of the old and highly-esteemed residents of Reading, now living retired at his home in the city, was born in Reading, Dec. 2, 1825, son of William and Esther (Kast) Heller, and grandson of Frederick Heller.

Frederick Heller was born in Reading and owned the well known Heller's Corner, at Sixth and Penn streets, the present site of Sellers' clothing store. Frederick Heller died in Reading at an advanced age, the father of these children: William, Peter, Jacob, George, Lewis, John and Frederick.

William Heller was also born in Reading, and his early life was spent in clerking in his native city. He was a leading citizen of his day and was appointed justice of the peace for the district of Alsace, Maiden-creek and Ruscombmanor townships, his commission from Gov. Joseph Hiester, which was dated Sept. 4, 1821, reading: "that you shall hold that office as long as you shall behave yourself well." This old and interesting document is now in the possession of Henry A. Heller of Reading. While serving as justice of the peace William Heller resided in Pricetown, but after resigning from the office returned to Reading and resumed clerking until his death, which occurred on South Fifth street, below Spruce. In religious faith Mr. Heller was a Lutheran. He married Esther Kast, who died at Grater's Ford, at the age of eighty years, six months, twenty-seven days, and was buried in Montgomery county. He was buried in the Lutheran cemetery, Reading. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heller, namely: William, who died in Philadelphia; Daniel C., deceased, who married Hannah Heller, was a well known clerk and held position under Sheriff Potteiger of Berks county; and Henry A.

Henry A. Heller attended the schools of Reading at a time there were only two schools in the borough. After completing his education he learned the molder's trade, which he followed throughout life, being for forty years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. About eighteen years ago Mr. Heller retired, and since that time has lived quietly at his home, No. 215 North Ninth street, which he erected in 1861.

Mr. Heller married (first) Carrie D. Heilman, and to this union there was born one son, George. He m. (second) Susan Fink, who died Nov. 18, 1896, and was buried at the Charles Evans cemetery. Three children were born to the second marriage: Miss Mary E. resides with her father; Irvin F., a cigar-maker of Reading, m. Katie Spangler, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Ida M. m. Howard Kock, of the Third ward, Reading. Mr. Heller voted independently, regardless of party lines, although his father was an old-line Whig. He is religiously connected with the Reformed Church.

SHULTZ OR SCHULTZ (Line of Balthaser). The early home of the Schultz or Shultz family of Berks county, Pa., was in Berthelsdorf, Saxony, Germany, where lived Mathias Schultz, born 1612, and died 1682. His son Melchior was born 1647, and died 1708, leaving among other children two sons, Melchior (1680-1734) and Balthaser.

Balthaser Schultz, son of Melchoir, was born in 1682, and died in Saxony, Germany, in 1727. He married Susanna Dieterich, and she with her four children accompanied about forty other followers of Caspar Schwenkfelder to America

in 1734. Her children were: George, Susanna, Maria and Barbara.

George Schultz, son of Balthaser and Susanna, was born about Candlemas, in 1710, and died March 21, 1784. He was a farmer in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pa., and his descendants are quite numerous in that section. He married Anna Hoffman, daughter of Rev. Balthaser Hoffman, in 1737, and she died Jan. 16, 1796. Their children were: Susanna, Balthaser, Christopher, Ursula, Gregory and Eve.

Christopher Schultz, son of George, was born Oct. 7, 1746, and he always made his home in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county. He died Sept. 10, 1830. He married Maria Yeakel, daughter of Hans Heinrich Yeakel, and she died Aug. 20, 1832, at the age of eighty-four years less forty-five days. Their children were: Johannes, Jacob, Susanna, Samuel, George and Casper (twins, born Dec. 20, 1781) and Anna.

Rev. Johannes Schultz, son of Christopher and Maria, was born March 11, 1772, and he died on his farm near Clayton, in Hereford township, Nov. 3, 1827. He owned the 100-acre property now owned by Daniel Diehl, and this he brought to a high state of cultivation. He was well known for his earnest piety, and was greatly beloved for his kindly heart and upright life. He is buried at the Washington meeting house. He married Regina Huebner, daughter of George Huebner. She was born Jan. 13, 1777, and died at the age of eighty-five years. Their children were: Sarah, Maria, Sophia, George (1801), Henry (1804), William (1806), John (1808), Susanna, Samuel H. (1811), Frederick (1813-1875, unmarried), Christina, Christopher (1818-1851) and Anthony (1827-1882).

Samuel H. Schultz, son of Rev. Johannes, was born in Washington township, near Clayton, Sept. 1, 1811, and died July 7, 1879, and was buried at Washington Church. He was reared upon the farm, and farming was his occupation as long as he lived. About 1842 he came to Hereford township, and bought the farm now owned by his son, Benneville S. He married Elizabeth Schultz, who was born March 21, 1816, daughter of Andrew Schultz, of Clayton. She died May 20, 1877. The children born of this union were as follows: Sarah m. William Hoffman; Lydia died in infancy; Benneville S.; Isaac (whereabouts are unknown); Alfred is of Philadelphia; Susanna died unmarried; and Elizabeth m. Levi Schultz, and lives in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, on the old Isaac Schultz farm.

Benneville S. Shultz, son of Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Schultz) Schultz, was born near Treichlersville, Hereford township, Berks county, March 18, 1849. Under his father he early learned the science of agriculture, and in the spring of 1880 began farming for himself, continuing to the present time. He has one hundred acres of excellent land, modern machinery, and his dairy is a model of neatness and is a great source of pride to its owner. He invented a milk-cooler, composed of a number of tin coils, 1¼ inches in diameter over which the milk runs, collecting below in a large receptacle. The water flows through the pipes in the opposite direction from the milk, being forced into the pipes from below and flowing out at the top. He had this cooler manufactured for his own use only, being the first one ever made to embody the above-named principles; but he did not apply for a patent. A Philadelphia corporation made a slight improvement on the device, had it patented and is now manufacturing thousands, selling all over the country. Mr. Shultz has graded Holstein cattle, and his barn is equipped with running water in the stalls. He was one of the organizers and first president of the Clayton Butter and Cheese Company, and for one year he served as a director. He is the owner of the first silo in the county, and is one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers in the entire community. His farm, which before 1880 was the property of his father, came into the family in 1842, a Marsteller being the previous owner. It is a part of the Thomas Maberry tract, and one part of the house was built long before the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Shultz is a trustee of Perkiomen Seminary, an office he has efficiently filled since its organization in 1892. He is much interested in the cause of education, and has always discharged his duties as trustee of Perkiomen Seminary and member of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds of the school with great zeal and enthusiasm, thus contributing his full share toward making the Seminary a great educational factor in Eastern Pennsylvania. The Shultz family still adhere to the Schwenkfelder church, and Mr. Benneville S. Shultz has been the librarian and trustee of his church for many years. He is a Republican in political principle.

On Feb. 15, 1890, Mr. Shultz married Sarah U. Kriebel, daughter of Andrew and Lydia (Urffer) Kriebel. Five children came to bless this union, namely: Mary, a student at Perkiomen Seminary; Florence, who died aged seven years; Arthur, who died in infancy; Della; and Jerome.

ISAAC PLANK, who was actively and successfully engaged in the mercantile business, at the "Half-way House," in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, was born Aug. 23, 1830, in Caernarvon township, this county, and died at Blandon, May 11, 1908.

His great-grandfather, Dr. Jacob Plank, was as far as is known the pioneer physician of Berks county. He was a French Huguenot and settled in Oley township soon after the first settlement of that region, where in 1729 he signed a petition with other early settlers asking for the erection of that township. It is not known who his wife was, but he had four sons: Michael, John, Peter, and Jacob.

Peter Plank, the grandfather of Isaac, was born in Oley township, in 1748, and some years prior to the Revolution moved to the head-waters of the Conestoga, in Caernarvon township, where he purchased a large tract of farming land, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He was married to Frances (Franey) Kauffman, daughter of John Kauffman, a leading farmer of Chester county, and they had these children: Maria, born in 1783; Jacob, in 1785; John, in 1787; Christopher, in 1789; Christian, in 1791; Elizabeth, in 1793; Anna, in 1798; Samuel, 1801, and David in 1804. In religious belief Peter Plank was an Amish Mennonite, and for fifty years prior to his death served as a bishop, having charge of all the congregations in Berks, Chester, and Lancaster counties.

Christian Plank, father of Isaac, married (first) a Miss Look, by whom he had no children, and (second) Mary Hart, there being three children born to the latter marriage: Isaac; Samuel, who resides at Joanna; and Peter, deceased.

Isaac Plank was educated in the Friends' School of Maiden-creek township, and later attended Thomas Willet's pay school and Captain Meredith's school. After completing his education he hired out to George Lee, of Chester county, with whom he learned coach-making; and in 1855 went to Maiden-creek township and engaged in a mercantile business at Evansville. In 1860 he located at the "Half-way House" and conducted a store business there until 1894, when he retired and then established his residence at Blandon, a mile distant, where he lived in retirement until his decease. During his business career he showed great fondness for travel, having made several trips to California, and attended the expositions at Chicago and Buffalo.

Mr. Plank was made a Free Mason in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., at Reading, in 1872, and manifested an active interest in the welfare of lodge for many years. On numerous occasions he drove to Reading from the Half-way House to attend the meetings, and being of a friendly, sociable nature enjoyed them very much. He was highly regarded for his superior character, and showed a generous disposition to worthy persons, but without ostentation.

WILLIAM SUNDAY, owner of an excellent farm of 137 acres in Greenwich township, on which he is carrying on operations, was born on the farm adjoining his present home in 1839, son of Jacob and Leah (Dunkel) Sunday. All of Mr. Sunday's ancestors were active members of the New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church, and are buried in the cemetery connected therewith.

Christopher Sunday, great-grandfather of William, was born April 9, 1753, and died Dec. 13, 1825. He married Christina Bacharus, born April 19, 1753, died Sept. 7, 1825.

Martin Sunday, son of Christopher, was born Feb. 19, 1784, and died Jan. 13, 1857, and his wife, Christina Schaeffer, was born Oct. 15, 1787, and died June 3, 1852.

Jacob Sunday, son of Martin and father of William, was born Sept. 8, 1813, and died March 11, 1886. He married Leah Dunkel, who was born Sept. 14, 1814, and died July 12, 1888, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Christina, born in 1837, m. Jacob Kutz; William, born in 1839; Henry, born in 1841, died at the age of sixteen years; Jacob, born in 1843, m. Maria Fisher; Samuel, born in 1845, m. Hettie Ann Fegley; John, born in 1847, m. Mary Harshberger; Esther, born in 1849, m. Joel Balthaser; Joel m. Ellen Rahn; and Amelia died at the age of three years.

William Sunday received his education in the schools of his native locality, and was reared to agricultural pursuits which he has followed all his life. He now owns a fine tract of 137 acres of land, on which are substantial out-buildings, a large bank barn and a handsome stone house surrounded by a well-kept lawn. He is well known in his locality for his kindness and hospitality, and for his many other sterling traits of character. With his wife he is a member and regular attendant of the New Jerusalem Church.

In 1867 Mr. Sunday married Miss Annie J. Luckenbill, who was born in 1845, and to them there have been born children as follows: Elwood, born in 1869, m. Ellen Levan, and has one son, Earl, born in August, 1900; Mary, born in 1879, m. George Heinly, and has four children, Elda, Elma, George and Edward; William was born Dec. 4, 1892; and Curtis Jacob, born July 24, 1895, died at the age of five years.

Mrs. Sunday's maternal great-grandfather, David Heinly, was born in 1765, and died in 1825. He m. Maria Magdaline Dinour, born Oct. 25, 1770, died Jan. 29, 1863, and among their children was Jacob Heinly, who died in 1876. Jacob Heinly m. Mary Folk, and they had three children: Mrs. Angelina Luckenbill; Mrs. Elizabeth Luckenbill (Mrs. Sunday's mother); and Mrs. George Raubenhold.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Sunday, Thomas Lukenbill, m, Anna Wink, and among their children was James Luckenbill, Mrs. Sunday's father, who died Aug. 14, 1905. He m. Elizabeth Heinly, who now lives with her daughter. Although long past the three score and ten mark she is in good health and in full possession of her faculties. Mr. and Mrs. Luckenbill had these children: Elnora m. Rolandus Dreibelbis; James Wilson m. Alice Gerhard; Thomas Jacob m. Ida Mengel; Annie J. became Mrs. Sunday; Mary A. m. James Yeager; Oscar m. Katie Dietrich; Angeline m. George Seidel; Laura m. George Ramer; Charles died at the age of twelve years; and Elwood and Benjamin both died aged seven months.

ENOCH G. ROTHERMEL, a well known hotel-keeper of Perry township, who is owner and proprietor of the popular "Mansion House," at Shoemakersville, Berks county, was born in Maiden-creek township, son of John B. and Maria (Griesemer) Rothermel.

The progenitor of the Rothermel family in this country, Johannes Rothermel, who was a brave soldier of the German wars, was a native of Wachbach, born in 1688. In 1708 he married Sabilla Zimmerman, of royal blood, and in 1730 they, with their one daughter and five sons, crossed the Atlantic for the New World. Johannes Rothermel, however, did not live to see the new country, he dying and being buried at sea. The widow and her children landed at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730, the name of the latter being: Anna Maria (m. in 1729 Peter Feterholf, of Lehigh county); Laurence; Paul; Peter; John and Christian.

Paul Rothermel, son of Johannes, settled in Maiden-creek township in 1738. He was naturalized in 1744, and resided on his 250-acre farm all of his life. In 1847 he married Catherine Maurer, of Philadelphia county, and to them were born: Peter, Leonard, Paul, John, Jacob and Barbara.

Leonard Rothermel, son of Paul, married a Miss Barnett, and they had three children: David B., Leonard and John B. (the father of Enoch G.).

John B. Rothermel was a wealthy farmer of Maiden-creek township. He married Anna Maria Griesemer, and they had these children: Louisa, Harrison, Susanna, Enoch G., John, Yarak, Napoleon (died young), Albert, Jeremiah and Nicholas.

Enoch G. Rothermel obtained a limited education in the local schools and spent his youthful days upon his father's farm. He first worked at agricultural pursuits and during his first wife's lifetime he was proprietor of the hotel at Blandon. Immediately after his second marriage he bought the "Market House Hotel," Moss and Buttonwood streets, Reading, but after two years sold it to the Lauer Brewing Company, and bought the "Molltown House," which he conducted six years. He then purchased for $14,000 the "Mansion House" at Shoemakersville, which he has operated successfully since 1905. He is also the owner of the lot of ground opposite his hotel, for which he paid $5,100 in 1906, fifty acres of land at Molltown, in Maiden-creek township, and three tenant houses and one hotel. He is a man of influence in his community, and is highly esteemed by all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Rothermel has been twice married, his first wife, to whom he was married in 1872, being Isabella Rothermel, daughter of Peter and Sallie (Wiest) Rothermel. On Dec. 24, 1895, Mr. Rothermel was married (second) to Ida A. Schlear, daughter of John and Katie (Loose) Schlear, and to this union there were born three children: Enoch S., born July 23, 1897; Katie M., Oct. 29, 1899; and Mabel H., July 31, 1901.

DANIEL F. HIESTER, who carries on business as a carpenter and joiner at Reading, is also a surviving soldier of the Civil war, and belongs to one of the old families of Berks county. Mr. Hiester was born Nov. 30, 1843, in Spring township, Berks county, not far from Van Reed's paper mill, son of Benneville and Sarah (Brown) Hiester.

John Hiester, grandfather of Daniel F., passed his whole life in Berks county, where Benneville Hiester was born and reared. He married Sarah Brown, and they had six children, Daniel F. being second in order of birth.

Daniel F. Hiester was educated in the schools of Spring, Ruscombmanor and Heidelberg townships, attending until he was eighteen years old, when he learned the cabinet maker's trade. He continued to work at this trade until Feb. 6, 1865, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company F, 192d Pa. V. I., in which he faithfully served until Aug. 24, 1865, when he was mustered out at Harper's Ferry, and honorably discharged at Harrisburg. The officers of this Company were Capt. John Teed and Lieut. Samuel Snyder. Company F was mainly utilized for provost duty. Upon his return from the army he engaged in carpenter work, and has continued in this line ever since, for seventeen and one-half years being connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as foreman bridge builder, and for nineteen years has been foreman for the firm of L. H. Focht & Son, which is the largest building and contracting firm in the city of Reading.

In 1866 Mr. Hiester married Sylvia Beiber (died Sept. 20, 1908), daughter of Benjamin Beiber, of Rockland township, and they have had eight children, of whom one son died in infancy. The others are as follows: (1) Charles, deceased, married Linnie Huber, who now lives at Harrisburg, and they had six children—Leory (who is

married and has a daughter, Katherine), Harry (a private in Co. 88, C. A. C., Fort Mansfield, R. I.), Howard (deceased), Charles, Sylvia and Ivy. (2) Sally married Charles E. Miller, and had two children, Helen E. and Edith F., the latter deceased. (3) George A. married Sallie Levan, and has seven children—Pauline, George, Emma, Daniel, Elizabeth, Lydia and Samuel. (4) Lydia and (5) Corinna M. are both deceased. (6) Emma J. is a graduate nurse from the Reading Hospital, class of 1901. (7) Daniel married Bernie Gregory, and has two sons, Edward F. and James Gregory. In religious belief Mr. Hiester is a member of the Reformed Church, as was also his wife. He belongs to the Carpenters' Union.

C. F. EAGELMAN, a prosperous farmer of Union township, Berks county, who owns an excellent farm of 127 acres, was born Sept. 3, 1841, at Moselem Springs, Pa., son of C. Ferdinand and Catharine (Aulenbach) Eagelman.

Charles Frederick Eagelman, grandfather of C. F., was born at Osnabruck, Hanover, Germany, May 12, 1782, and emigrated to this county in 1802, landing at Baltimore, Md., where he remained a few years, and where he learned the coachmaking trade, his last piece of work executed being the body of a coach for Jerome Bonaparte. He then removed to Berks county, Pa., and engaged in teaching school for a number of years and officiating as organist for several German churches. About 1830 he removed to Reading and was associate editor of a publication called *Der Readinger Democrat*. He was a man of great scientific attainments and an expert astronomer. For a period of forty-three years he made the astronomical calculations for the principal almanacs published in the United States. He was also a skillful artist in copper plate engraving, and executed a number of superior designs. Mr. Eagelman died in Reading, Nov. 30, 1860, aged nearly seventy-nine years. His residence was at the northwest corner of Ninth and Penn streets, and he left to survive him: C. Ferdinand; Edward; Charlotte, m. to Daniel Hafer; Julia, m. to Henry Hafer; Wilhelmina, m. to Solomon Seidel; Catherine, m. to John Brissel; Amelia, m. to Dr. H. W. Bergner, and two grandchildren, Solomon and Lydia Seidel, children of his daughter Henrietta, who had married Solomon Seidel.

C. Ferdinand Eagelman, father of C. F., was born Jan. 30, 1811, and died in 1885. He was a musician of some note, and for many years was organist in the Moselem Springs Church. He also kept a general merchandise store at Moselem Springs and for a number of years taught school in that vicinity. His wife was Catharine Aulenbach.

C. F. Eagleman owns a fine farm of 127 acres, on which he resides. The land is fertile and in a high state of cultivation. He also is the owner of twelve acres near Birdsboro, on which has been discovered a rich vein of mineral ore, containing gold, silver and copper. Mr. Eagelman is the patentee of a glass burial casket hermetically sealed. In 1906 Mr. Eagelman was a candidate on the Republican ticket for the office of representative from Berks county, and ran far ahead of the ticket. In 1908 he was a candidate for the office of State senator. He is held in high esteem by the citizens of his community.

In 1863 Mr. Eagelman married Mary Beard, born near Joanna, in Robeson township, in 1842, and to them were born the following children: Anne, born in 1865, m. J. R. Langner; Mabel, born in 1868, m. William Allen Knapp, of Washington, D. C., and has one daughter, Margaret Eagelman, born in September, 1907; Alice, born in 1874, m. J. H. Zerr, of Philadelphia, and has two children—Karl (born in September, 1900) and Alice (born in August, 1908); Margaret, born in 1879, m. Arthur Wolf, of near Geigertown, and has one son, Charles Frederick, born in July, 1906; James Garfield, born in 1880, m. Eva Zerr, and has one son, Edward, born in 1908; and C. F., Jr., born in 1883, resides at home with his father.

JACKSON ROTHERMEL, a prosperous farmer of Windsor township, where he was born Oct. 8, 1859, is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers in that section and bears a name that for generations has been known in the annals of Berks county, while the homestead which he occupies has been in the family since the days of the first settler.

(I) Johannes Rothermel, from whom all of the name in America are descended, started with his family for the New World, but did not himself live to reach the land of promise. He was born in Wachbach, Germany, in 1688, and married Sybilla Zimmerman, who was born in 1708, and they had the following family: Anna Maria (m. in Wachbach in 1729, Peter Fetheroff); Laurence; Paul; Peter; John; and Christian. With all these children, the parents started in the summer of 1730 for America but the father died at sea, and on her arrival at Philadelphia that fall, the widow was obliged to make her own way in that strange land. But the grim determination with which she and her young sons set themselves to this hard task won its rightful reward.

(II) Laurence Rothermel, who was born in 1714-15, came to Windsor township in 1738, one of the first white settlers in that region, says tradition, and from that day the Rothermels have been identified with the development of Berks county. In 1746 Laurence Rothermel married a Miss Kuhns, of Alburtis, Lehigh county, and two children were born to them: Leonard; and Maria (m. John C. Romig). Mr. Rothermel died, and was interred in the graveyard of the old Zion's Church in Perry township.

(III) Leonard Rothermel succeeded to a part of the original homestead, and made it a nucleus for an extensive domain. Born in 1751, his whole life was spent in farming, and he became a wealthy and prominent man, at one time owning over 400 acres, as in 1812 he received by patent 176 acres, while he had previously acquired a tract of 225 acres. As his sons grew up, he gave to each in succession a part of the property, thus starting them out well, for in those days, with plenty of timber and stone, houses were put up at small outlay of actual money. Leonard Rothermel died Oct. 26, 1829, aged seventy-eight, and his wife, Susanna, who was born in 1762, passed away in April, 1819, aged fifty-eight. Their remains were interred, side by side, in the Zion's churchyard, where Laurence Rothermel had been buried. Their children were: Catherine, Daniel, Jacob, John, Elizabeth, Laurence, Maria, Peter and Hannah.

(IV) John Rothermel was born in Windsor township, and in the division of his father's property part of the original homestead came to him, and there he passed his life, engaged in farming. The barn, which is still standing on the place, was built by him. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Joseph Miller, and they became the parents of the following children: Sallie, Mrs. George Bautsch; Joseph; Peter, born in 1799 (m. Elizabeth Reber), and died in 1879; Leonard, who died when fifteen years old; and David, who died unmarried in 1903, aged sixty-eight.

(V) Joseph Rothermel was born on the old homestead, Oct. 11, 1825, and died there May 8, 1893. So eager was he for an education that he earned the money himself to pay his tuition in one of the pay schools. As a young man he learned the trade of a stone mason and worked at it fifteen years, but after that bought the homestead from his father and devoted the rest of his active years to cultivating it. At the time of his purchase the place contained 108 acres, but a small portion has since been sold. Joseph Rothermel married Rebecca, daughter of Jacob Rothermel, and they had issue as follows: Emeline, who died aged twelve; Frank, who lived only three years; James, who was drowned in the canal at Hamburg in 1902; Priscilla, who died of scarlet fever at the age of eight; Jackson, of Hamburg; and Joseph, of Leesport, Pa.

(VI) Jackson Rothermel grew up on the homestead, attending school till he was sixteen, and then remaining at home to help his father six years longer. In 1881 he moved to a farm adjoining his father's which he operated

for eight years, while during this period he also did threshing for the farmers over a wide radius of territory. In 1889 he moved back to the old Rothermel farm, which has been his home ever since, and which he purchased in 1893. It now contains ninety-eight acres and is one of the best tracts in the county, for it is both of good soil and very well managed, so that Mr. Rothermel reaps bountiful crops. He is progressive and enterprising in his methods, modern in his ideas and devoted to the cause of education, for which he has worked on the school board for six years. He is an elder in the Reformed Church (Zion's), an office he has held for nine years, and he is one of a committee of five chosen for building the new Zion's Union Church, which is now nearing completion.

On Oct. 6, 1881, Mr. Rothermel married Ella L., the daughter of Alfred and Diana (Williams) Rentschler, the former now deceased. A family of six children has been born to this union, as follows: Diana R., born Feb. 13, 1882, m. William H. Dreibelbis; Joseph A., born May 28, 1884, attended the Keystone Normal, was graduated from Perkiomen Seminary in 1906, and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1909, and is now a professor and teacher at Perkiomen Seminary; Hettie E., born Feb. 26, 1890, m. Oscar C. Hein; Jackson, Jr., was born Nov. 2, 1893; Edna E., May 10, 1896, and Sallie M., Jan 24, 1900. The family are all members of Zion's Union Church, of Perry township.

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CHARLES ALBERT LEWIS, who for ten years prior to his death had been a resident of Reading, Pa., was born Aug. 13, 1860, in Blue Ball, Lancaster county, son of Henry and Mary (Francis) Lewis, the former of Lancaster county and the latter of Philadelphia.

Henry Lewis was a farmer in Lancaster county and early in life was also engaged in the harness business, being quite prominent in his locality. He died in 1901, aged sixty-nine years, his wife passing away while in the prime of life, the mother of five children: William, Charles A., Henry, Elizabeth (unmarried) and Mary. The family were active workers in the Reformed Church, Mr. Lewis being an elder therein for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat.

Charles Albert Lewis was educated in the public schools of Lancaster county, and when a young man learned the cigar-maker's trade. This he followed all his life, and while in the employ of Gumpert Bros., Reading, he died Nov. 7, 1902. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and had a kindly, Christian character, which made for him many warm friends. Mr. Lewis was married May 3, 1893, to Anna E. Henninger, daughter of John R. and Mary Ann (Hunter) Henninger. Mr. Lewis was a member of the K. G. E. and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church of Reading, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

The Henninger family of which Mrs. Lewis is a member is one well known in Berks county. John Henninger, the grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, was born July 17, 1788, in Windsor township, Berks county. He was united in marriage with Sarah Rapp, in Reading, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg. He died Dec. 19, 1828, aged forty years and five months. Their children were as follows: William, born April 25, 1815; Mary Ann, Sept. 18, 1816 (died in March, 1817); Catharine, April 25, 1818 (m. Jacob Young); Frederick Rapp, June 25, 1820; Sarah Christiana, July 8, 1822; John Rapp, Aug. 18, 1824 (father of Mrs. Lewis); Hiram Lewis, Dec. 11, 1826; and Charles Bastion, Dec. 10, 1828 (died Oct. 24, 1900).

A full account of this Henninger family will be found elsewhere.

CYRUS P. KLOPP, justice of the peace, clerk for Recorder Jeremiah A. Bausher, and a well-known educator of Tulpehocken township, was born in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., May 18, 1863, son of Ephraim and Matilda (Gruber) Klopp.

Peter Klopp, great-grandfather of Cyrus P., was an early settler in North Heidelberg township. He reared seven sons, namely: Peter, Adam, John, Benjamin, Daniel, Joseph and Isaac.

Joseph Klopp, son of Peter, was reared a farmer and followed agricultural pursuits through all his active life. He married Christianna Stein, and they had eight children, namely: (1) Annie married Benjamin Bickel, who carried on a blacksmith business for many years. She died some time ago, the mother of four children, namely: Reuben, Benjamin, John and Christiana, the latter of whom died young. (2) Jonathan married and then moved to the West, where he died, leaving some children. (3) Jacob was a farmer in both Berks and Lebanon counties. He died on his premises near Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa. He married and had the following children: Allison, Ephraim, Lewis, Francis, James and two daughters. (4) Sarah married John Reich, after which they lived for a number of years at Bernville, but subsequently moved to a small farm in North Heidelberg township, where both died in advanced age. They had the following children: William, Harrison, John L., Christiana (m. Lewis Greth), and Kate (m. Albert Knoll). (5) Priscilla married Emanuel Ernst, who carried on farming in North and Lower Heidelberg and in Centre townships. She died on their farm near Belleman's Church. They had the following children: Henry C., George, Charles, Pierce, Lillie, Tillie and James. (6) Ephraim. (7) Darius married and resides in Missouri. (8) Amanda married Reuben Gerhart, who engaged in farming in his younger years. She died in the City of Reading, the mother of Priscilla, Susan, Mary, Henry and Charles.

Ephraim Klopp, father of Cyrus P., was born in North Heidelberg township, in 1830. He engaged in farming for his father until 1873, when he purchased land of his own, on which he lived until his death, which took place when he was but forty-eight years of age. He married (first) Eliza Gruber, a daughter of Daniel and Christiana (Seidel) Gruber. She survived but the birth of one son, Israel, who died in childhood. Some years later he married (second) Matilda Gruber, also a daughter of Daniel Gruber, who survived him for eighteen years. The children born to the second marriage were as follows: one died in infancy; Nathaniel, who is in the employ of the Iron Manufacturing Works at Lebanon, m. Lizzie Peiffer, and they had the following children, Paul and Claude (residing at Harrisburg), Ephraim, Catherine, Herbert and Warren (at home), and Hattie and John (died young); Agnes R. m. Richard F. Miller, a farmer and the manager of the Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, and has two children, Clayton and Claire; Cyrus P.; John Henry, who is engaged in farming on his father-in-law's property, in Jefferson township, m. Florinda Sunday, daughter of Jacob Sunday, of Krick's rolling-mills, and has four children, Lammas C. (a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School), Mabel (deceased), Elvey and Mary; and Reiley E., who is engaged in farming near Myerstown, Lebanon county, m. Mary Fogleman, daughter of Israel Fogleman, and has three children, Amy, Edna and Floyd.

Cyrus P. Klopp attended the public schools in North Heidelberg township until he was seventeen years of age, when he entered the public schools of Cumberland county, and when nineteen years old he was admitted to the high school at Bernville, Prof. M. A. Gruber then being the instructor. This school he attended one term, after which he was successful in securing a teacher's certificate, and he has since followed teaching as a profession, becoming widely known over the county. He has taught twenty-four winter terms and six spring terms, among these being: Peiffer's school in Tulpehocken township for six terms; Artz's school, one term; Livengood's school, four terms; Forge school in North Heidelberg, four terms, and Mt. Aetna Grammar school in Tulpehocken township for nine terms, and he has signed the contract for continued work at this point. In 1893, County Superintendent William M. Zechman granted him a professional certificate, and in 1894 it was made permanent, and in the following year

there was added proficiency in algebra, vocal music, bookkeeping and civics. Mr. Klopp takes a deep interest in his professional work and loses no opportunity to advance himself in it. Since he has been teaching he has never failed to be present at the county institute, and has missed only one meeting of the local institute of his district.

In 1900 Mr. Klopp was elected justice of the peace to succeed Aaron Snyder, of Mt. Aetna, an office he has filled with the greatest efficiency. On numerous occasions he has also held minor offices of the township, such as inspector of election, township auditor, etc. In 1902 he was appointed a director of the Farmers' Mutual Assistance and Fire Insurance Company succeeding the late Gereon Deisher. He was appointed to a clerkship in the Recorder's office of Berks county, in January, 1908, by Jeremiah A. Bausher. Since the age of six years, Mr. Klopp has been interested in Sunday-school work. For three years he filled the responsible position of superintendent of the Peiffer Union Sunday-school, at Wintersville, and is serving in the same capacity in St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, at Mt. Aetna. During 1903 and 1904 he had charge during the summers of the general mercantile store of I. J. H. Bordner, at Mt. Aetna, when the latter with his family moved to Washington, Kansas.

In the year 1886 Mr. Klopp was married to Mary A. Stupp, daughter of Ezra E. and Rebecca W. (Keener) Stupp. Ezra E. Stupp was a soldier who served in the Civil war in Company H, 151st Pa. V. I., and was taken prisoner and confined at Belle Isle. Mr. and Mrs. Klopp have two children living: Wallace E., born in North Heidelberg township, Feb. 26, 1887, is preparing to be a pharmacist and to this end is learning the drug business in the store of Mr. Rumsey, on North 41st street, Philadelphia, and at the same time is attending a college of Pharmacy, that city; Elsie M., born in North Heidelberg township, Nov. 11, 1888, married Raymond M. Fisher, and has a daughter, Grace P., born Dec. 24, 1907.

In political sentiment, Mr. Klopp is a stanch Democrat, and on various occasions he has served as a delegate to important conventions. For six years he served as deputy coroner of his township, when residing in Tulpehocken. For two years, after his marriage, he lived in North Heidelberg township, then moved to Wintersville, where he remained twelve years, from there moving to Mt. Aetna, Berks county, his present place of residence. He is a member of Camp No. 69, P. O. S. of A., at Mt. Aetna, and has served in every office in the subordinate camps except treasurer, and at present is serving as financial secretary. He belongs also to Tulpehocken Council, No. 941, O. of I. A., of Myerstown. He takes much interest in both organizations. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church at Host, in Tulpehocken township.

JAMES G. WOLF, a representative agriculturist of Union township, Berks county, where he has served as justice of the peace since 1902, was born on the farm he now owns Oct. 15, 1869, son of the late Samuel L. and Mary L. (Geiger) Wolf.

Jacob Wolf, grandfather of James G., and his wife, Anna Mary Wolf, had the following children: Samuel L., Isaac, William, John, George, Elizabeth (m. to an Eppiheimer), Mary Ann (m. to a Hoffman) and Hannah (m. to a Geiger). With the exception of John all are deceased.

Samuel L. Wolf was born in 1831, and died in March, 1907. He married Mary L. Geiger, born 1832, died 1897, daughter of James and Mary E. Geiger, whose other children were: Sarah J. (Kerst) and Margaret D. (Sponagle), the latter being the only survivor. Samuel L. Wolf had two sons: James G.; and John R., born in 1858, and died in March, 1907, a consistent member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

James G. Wolf was educated in the schools of his native locality and reared to farming pursuits. For eight terms in succession he taught the school which he attended in boyhood and in 1896 was granted a permanent certificate. He now owns an excellent farm of 120 acres which is in a high state of cultivation. Although a young man, Mr. Wolf was elected in 1902 to the office of justice of the peace, which shows the confidence in which he is held by the citizens of his community. He and his family are connected with St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of which his esteemed father was a member.

On Oct. 15, 1902, Mr. Wolf married Miss Ella K. Hohl, born in Union township, in 1875.

JOHN Y. LEVAN, who died in Reading, Feb. 7, 1885, was for many years closely identified with the hatting business in the city. He was born in 1845, in Philadelphia, Pa., son of Isaac W. Levan, for many years president of the Penn National Bank.

John Y. Levan received his education in the schools of Reading, to which city his father had removed when John Y. was but a child. After receiving his literary training, his first work was at the hatting business, which trade he learned, and at which business he was employed all of his life. Mr. Levan was married to Emma Row, daughter of Henry M. and Angelina (Sitzinger) Row, and to them was born a son, Harry E. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Levan were Reformed.

Harry E. Levan, son of John Y. and Emma (Row) Levan, died in 1899, aged thirty-four years. He married Ella Ruth, by whom he had six children: John Y., Florence E., Daniel H., Ruth M., Harry E., and George L. (deceased). Harry E. Levan was a machinist by trade and was working at the Reading Hardware Works. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, in the work of which he was active, his wife being connected with that religious body. Mr. Levan was popular in the city, and was connected with the Rainbow Fire Company, of which his father had been president for many years.

John Y. Levan, oldest son of Harry E., was born in Reading, Pa., Aug. 14, 1887, and is a tinsmith by trade. On March 22, 1909, he engaged in the grocery business. He married Sept. 10, 1908, Corinne T. Moser.

HOWARD C. RATHMAN, a representative citizen of Berks county, Pa., who is well-known as an educator in Brecknock township, where he conducts a five-acre truck farm during the summer months, was born Jan. 6, 1868, in Brecknock township, son of Samuel and Catherine (Griffith) Rathman.

John Rathman, grandfather of Howard C., was born in Cumru township, where for the major portion of his life he was engaged in farming. He died May 17, 1870, in his eighty-third year. He married Catherine Hoffert, and to them were born these children: Jacob, of Spring township; Henry, of Brecknock township; David, of Reading; William of Brecknock township; Samuel; and Peter, who lived with his brother Samuel and died unmarried.

Samuel Rathman was born in Cumru township, Oct. 21, 1818, and died May 5, 1893. For some years he worked at the trade of carpentering, but for forty years he carried on huckstering and produce dealing, being so engaged at the time of his death. He was a Democrat in political matters, and was one of the first school directors of Brecknock township, helping to establish the public school system in the district. He was one of the early delegates to county conventions, and was well and favorably known throughout the district. He was the organist of Allegheny Reformed Church for more than thirty years. Mr. Rathman's 144-acre farm, in Brecknock township, near Knauer's, is still in the family name. In 1844 Mr. Rathman married Catherine Griffith, born in 1828, daughter of John and Polly (Brendel) Griffith, and to them three children were born: Marguerite, deceased, wife of Peter Shupp; Elbina, m. to Adam Kern, a farmer on the Rathman homestead; and Howard C., who was born eighteen years after his youngest sister.

Howard C. Rathman was reared upon the farm, and at the age of fifteen years he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for two years. In 1885 he entered the Keystone State Normal School, attending four terms. He began his teaching career the same year that he entered the

Normal, his first school being Trostle's in his native township, where he has taught twelve terms. He has also taught two terms at Allegheny school in Brecknock township, eight terms in Eshelman's school in Cumru township, and two terms at Knauer's school. He has become very popular as an educator, and since 1893 has held a permanent certificate. During the summer months Mr. Rathman conducts a small truck farm of five acres which was a part of the homestead and which has been owned by Mr. Rathman since 1887. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and served the township as register assessor in 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908; clerk for the county in the office of Recorder of Deeds in 1903; delegate to various county conventions, and for two years was a member of the county standing committee. He and his family are members of the Allegheny Union Church, and he is much interested in the Sunday-school, where he was organist from 1895 to 1901.

On Dec. 14, 1886, Mr. Rathman married Ellen Steffy, born April 28, 1867, daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Gebhart) Steffy, farming people of Brecknock township, and five children were born to this union: Samuel M., a school teacher in Brecknock township, and a student at the Keystone State Normal School; Henry, a lather, m. to Laura Esterly, daughter of Jacob Esterly, proprietor of "Beckersville Hotel," Robeson township; and Katie; Maggie, and Charles H.

Mr. Rathman was baptized as Charles Howard Rathman, but when he began his teaching career he wrote his name Howard C. and has so continued to the present time.

MARTIN H. WENRICH, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Marion township, Berks county, who is now serving as chief clerk in the county commissioner's office at Reading, Pa., was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Sept. 13, 1859, son of Mahlon and Harriet (Harp) Wenrich.

Joseph Wenrich, grandfather of Martin H., was born on the original family homestead in 1800, and died at Stouchsburg, Pa., in 1888. He was a lifelong and successful farmer, owning two properties in Heidelberg township, and was an honored and upright citizen. He married Elizabeth Denham, and they had three children: Mahlon; Caroline, m. to George Spangler; and Thomas.

Mahlon Wenrich was born on the original homestead, and lived in Heidelberg township until 1859, when he removed to Stouchsburg, and there resided until his death, Nov. 6, 1869. He was a farmer all of his life and a very successful one, owning a tract of land which is still in the possession of the family. He was greatly interested in all movements calculated to advance his community, especially in an educational way. In religious matters he was connected with Zion's Lutheran Church at Stouchsburg. Mr. Wenrich married Harriet Harp, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Nagel) Harp, of Womelsdorf, and four children were born to this union, namely: Martin H.; Joseph H., of Stouchsburg; and two sons who died in infancy.

Martin H. Wenrich attended the public schools of Stouchsburg, whither he had been brought by his parents when less than a year old, and later entered White Hall Academy, at Stouchsburg, which was then under the tutorage of Prof. W. J. Sechler, Prof. Allen R. Bucks and Prof. Isaac L. Moyer, his last teacher being Prof. W. Z. Deck. At the age of sixteen years Mr. Wenrich engaged in teaching at the Tannery school-house, in Heidelberg township, where he continued two terms, then spending nineteen straight terms in his home district. His last six years in the profession were spent at the Stouchsburg high school, then known as the Stouchsburg grammar school. He was one of the best known educators in his day in this section, and his former pupils speak of him in highest terms. During the interim between the school terms, Mr. Wenrich pursued various occupations, including paper hanging, painting, clerking in a store, and putting up electrical appliances in western Berks county, and in 1889 he was appointed to a clerical position in the Census office, Agricultural Division, under the civil service. Later he was appointed chief of the Filing Division, on G street, Washington, D. C., a position in which he served with great efficiency for some years, when he was appointed county controller's bookkeeper by John F. Ancona, the incumbent at that time. After three years in that position, Mr. Wenrich connected himself with the *Reading Telegram,* in the capacity of advertising manager for one year, and at the end of that time he was appointed by the county commissioners who took office Jan. 1, 1906, to the position of chief clerk, in which he has served ever since to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Socially Mr. Wenrich is connected with Washington Camp No. 237, P. O. S. of A., and the Ancient Order of Good Fellows, both of Stouchsburg. With his family he attends Zion Lutheran Church, and he has served in various capacities. He was a member of the building committee which erected the present handsome edifice, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for four years. He has been president of the Marion school board since 1904, and is greatly interested in educational movements, having been a prominent member of the Berks County School Directors' Convention. He is an active Democrat in politics, and a leader of his party in his section, having been delegate to a number of State conventions.

On June 17, 1879, Mr. Wenrich married Emma I. Reed, daughter of Samuel and Leah (Rutter) Reed, of Stouchsburg, and they have two children: Herbert Reed, of Reading; and Miriam Dorothy.

LEANDER SCHNEIDER, who resides at No. 1255 Spruce street, Reading, Pa., is at present acting in the capacity of foreman of the knitting department of the Pennsylvania Knitting Mills. Mr. Schneider was born Oct. 29, 1860, at York, Pa., son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Benkert) Schneider.

Andrew Schneider was a native of Germany, born in 1820, and when a young man came to this country, settling at York, Pa., where he engaged in brick manufacturing until an injury to his leg in 1872 caused his retirement from active life. He removed to Reading in this year, and here died in November, 1876. Mr. Schneider married Elizabeth Benkert, also born in Germany, and to them were born seven children: John, a moulder of Reading, m. Mary Resh; Annie m. John Glaser, an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Leander; Ellen m. George Smith, an employe of the Reading Iron Works; Andrew died single at the age of twenty-three years; Michael, a caterer of New York City, is married; and Miss Mary, resides in Reading.

Leander Schneider obtained his early education in the parochial school at York, Pa., and later attended St. Paul's Catholic Church parochial school of Reading, after leaving which, at the age of fourteen years, he began working for the Reading Iron Works. After about three years with this company he became employed by the Reading Hardware Works, where he started as an errand boy and worked his way up to the foremanship of the japanning and bronzing department, continuing in the service of this company for a quarter of a century. In the summer of 1901 Mr. Schneider became "all-'round man" for the Pennsylvania Knitting Mills, and he has continued with this concern to the present time, now being foreman of the knitting department. In political matters Mr. Schneider is a stanch Democrat, and takes an active interest in his party's success, for ten years being register assessor of the Second precinct of the Tenth ward. He is fraternally connected with Commandery No. 271, Knights of St. John of Reading; and Court Conrad Weiser, Foresters, also of Reading. He and his family attend St. Paul's Catholic Church.

On April 20, 1884, Mr. Schneider married Margaret Folk, born Jan. 29, 1861, daughter of Henry and Hannah Folk, natives of Germany, and to this union there were born three children: Joseph, who died in infancy; and Elizabeth Ellen and Catherine Cecilia, at home.

DANIEL B. FOREMAN, one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Caernarvon township, and an honored veteran of the great Civil war, in which struggle he

received injuries from which he has never entirely recovered, is a highly esteemed resident of Morgantown, where he owns a comfortable home. Mr. Foreman was born January 9, 1839, near Morgantown, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Stier) Foreman.

Mr. Foreman was left an orphan when quite young, and at a very early age apprenticed himself out as a farm hand, afterward learning the carpenter's trade, which he has followed with much success during the greater portion of his life. His home in Morgantown is one of the substantial residences of his locality, and adjoining it are several acres of land, which also belong to Mr. Foreman. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, and as such is esteemed and respected by all who know him. On Sept. 11, 1861, Mr. Foreman enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a private in the 53d Pa. V. I., Col. John R. Brook. During his long and active career as a soldier, Mr. Foreman participated in many bloody battles, and at Fredericksburg he was badly wounded. From the battle-field he was sent to Campbell Hospital, Washington, D. C., from which he was discharged March 10, 1863, but he still carries two bullets.

Mr. Foreman married Miss Ellen Weiler, born Feb. 3, 1845, daughter of Levi and Sarah (Hartz) Weiler, and to this union there was born one son: Howard, of Reading, born Aug. 27, 1864 (m. Miss Florence Morris, of Chester county, and has one child, Edith).

Daniel B. Foreman is a Republican in politics, and at present is serving efficiently as treasurer of the board of township supervisors.

JESSE E. EACHES, junior member of the firm of Runyeon & Eaches, dealers in coal, wood, flour and feed, whose place of business is situated at the corner of Elm and Reed streets, Reading, Pa., was born Aug. 2, 1852, son of John F. and Rebecca (Dunkle) Eaches.

His grandfather, Jesse Evans Eaches, was a native of New England, of Welsh extraction, and spent the latter part of his life in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where he died. He was at one time well-known as a stage man.

John F. Eaches, son of Jesse Evans, and father of Jesse E. Eaches, was for many years employed as a machinist by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He and his wife had six children, namely: Benjamin F., William R., Albert W., Bessie, Adalaide and Jesse E.

Jesse E. Eaches received his literary training in the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he was employed with F. J. Drake in the manufacture of jewelry, continuing in this position for two and one-half years. He then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, for which he traveled from place to place for thirteen and one-half years as general utility man. On Oct. 11, 1882, Mr. Eaches engaged in his present business with George O. Runyeon, and they now have a well-established trade in Reading, their business honesty and integrity having won them the confidence of the people of the community. In 1892, on account of the large increase in business, the partners were obliged to seek larger quarters, and erected their present building, a three-story brick at Elm and Reed streets.

Mr. Eaches was married in 1877 to Laura A. Runyeon, daughter of George W. and Julianna C. (Strohecker) Runyeon, of Reading, Pa., and children as follows have been born to this union: Lester M., Florence M., Laura M., Beulah C., and Julia A.

In politics Mr. Eaches is neutral, taking only a good citizen's interest in public matters. He is a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife is connected with the Lutheran denomination. Mr. Eaches is a Mason of high standing, being a member of Reading Lodge, No. 435, Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, Reading Commandery, No. 42, and the Mystic Shrine.

DAVID G. MENGEL, residing about two miles southwest of Virginville, in Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., is a retired farmer, and at present is serving his township as supervisor. He was born March 1, 1850, on the place where he now resides, and where he has spent the greater part of his life.

Nicholas Mengel, the first of the family to come to America, was born in Germany, and in the middle of the eighteenth century in company with three other young men of his country came to America. He was a redemptioner, and was bound out until the cost of his passage was paid to a Mr. Gernand, a farmer in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa. After his freedom was obtained, he remained with his employer for three or more years. By frugality, industry and economy he earned sufficient means to purchase a tract of 300 acres of land in Maiden-creek township, and from that time until his death he engaged in its cultivation. He had a number of children, among whom were: Frederick, Peter and Jacob.

Peter Mengel, son of Nicholas, moved from his native township to Fritztown, in Berks county, and there some years operated a saw-mill. As early as 1789 he moved to Caernarvon township, Berks county, and purchased 300 acres of land, and during the remainder of his life operated a sawmill. His sons were: (1) Henry, born in 1784, m. Hannah Schoener (1788-1868), and had children: Matthias, Peter, Christina, Hannah, Amelia and Eva Ann; (2) Abraham. Matthias Mengel, son of Henry and Hannah (Schoener), was born in 1814, and became an honored member of the Berks county Bar, and held a number of public offices. He died in 1905, at the age of ninety-one, the father of Henry, Jonathan P., Matthias and Levi W.

Jacob Mengel, son of Nicholas the emigrant, was born in 1777, and he died in his eighty-eighth year. He married Elizabeth Reichert, and to this union were born: Anna, Solomon, Jacob, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Martin, Susanna (wife of John De Turck), Thomas, Jonas and John. Jacob Mengel was a stone mason by trade, working at that occupation for many years, and finally giving it up to engage in agricultural pursuits, purchasing the Mengel homestead, now owned by Mr. David G. Mengel. He and his family are buried at Zion's Church in Perry township, of which church they were members, as have been the Mengels to the present time.

Thomas Mengel, son of Jacob, was born July 29, 1817, and he died in his eighty-sixth year. He married Catherine Gruber, daughter of John Adam Gruber, and she died June 22, 1888, in her seventy-second year, the mother of children as follows: Elizabeth m. Isaac U. Leiby; Susannah m. Elias Hollenbach; Mary m. Jacob Muntz; Abraham m. Sarah Seidel; and David G. Thomas Mengel was a carpenter by trade, and at this he worked for sixteen years, leaving it in 1850 to engage in farming, in which he successfully continued until 1877, when he retired and so lived until his death. He was a trustee of the church for many years.

David G. Mengel, during his active life, was engaged in farming, and he is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. The farm is rented to one of his sons-in-law, Charles Kline. Mr. Mengel has a comfortable home, with fresh running water at hand, and a beautiful well kept lawn surrounds it. Mr. Mengel is a Democrat, and on various occasions has served his township in positions of honor and responsibility. He has served as auditor, school director and supervisor, and in his dealings with his fellowmen he has always been straightforward, bearing an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity.

On Sept. 15, 1876, Mr. Mengel married Louisa Bankes, daughter of Benjamin and Esther (Leiby) Bankes. To this union were born: Katie E. m. Lyman Becker, of Shoemakersville, Pa.; Mary L. m. Charles Kline, of Virginville; Hettie C. m. Wilson J. Adam, of Virginville; and Miss Annie B. is at home. The family are much esteemed for their many sterling qualities.

On the Mengel farm is an unexplored cave, of limestone formation. The entrance is large, but up to this time no one has ventured farther than 350 feet into the interior. Occasionally a current of rushing air from the opening is of sufficient strength to take off a man's hat, and during cold winter weather the rush of air caused the limestone rocks at the entrance to be covered with

frost. There are a number of similar caves in the vicinity, and many believe that all are connected with the famous Crystal cave a few miles distant.

J. GEORGE ERNST, the popular proprietor of the "Hotel Brunswick," situated at No. 700 Eighth street, one of Reading's well patronized hostelries, was born in Reading, July 21, 1856, son of George and Christina (Buzzard) Ernst.

Johannes Ernst, his grandfather, lived at Omden, Oberamt Kirchheim-unter-Teck, Germany. He was a tailor by trade, and owned a farm of thirty-six acres. He died about 1875, when past seventy years of age. His children were: John located in Irishtown, where his children now live; George; Conrad came to America in 1845, with John, and lives in Reading; Catharine and Michael.

George Ernst was born Aug. 18, 1830, in Omden, Germany, and came to America in 1842, landing at Castle Garden, N. Y., whence he came to Reading, in which city he died July 26, 1907. He was a stone and brick mason by trade, but later made tar pavements, and became a contractor of some reputation as well as a large property owner. From 1866 until his death George Ernst resided at No. 502 South Sixth street. He was a Democrat in political matters, and a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church, to the charities of which he contributed liberally. Mr. Ernst was buried at the Lutheran cemetery. He was married to Christina Buzzard, who was born at Stuttgart, Germany, Aug. 18, 1830, the same date as her husband's birth, and she died at Reading, July 13, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst had the following seven children: J. George; Barbara died unmarried; Ellen, deceased, m. D. V. Besser, of Philadelphia; Rosa is single; and three died in infancy. Mr. Ernst's large estate was settled up by his son, J. George.

J. George Ernst spent his boyhood days at Reading, his education being secured in the city's public schools, which he left at the age of fifteen years to learn the hatting trade at John R. Miller's hat factory. He continued there for a period of four years, and then he engaged at various occupations for several years. In 1895 he took up the hotel business at Eleventh and Spruce streets. He has been a hotel proprietor ever since, and since 1904 has been conducting the well-known "Hotel Brunswick." Mr. Ernst is popular fraternally, and is connected with Reading Castle No. 49, K. G. E. With his family he attends the German Lutheran Church of Reading, and the family burial ground is at Aulenbach cemetery.

In 1893 Mr. Ernst married Mary Weidner, daughter of James W. and Margaret (Madeira) Weidner. They have had no children.

JOHN P. HOFFMAN, secretary of the board of school directors of Marion township, Berks county, and a leading agriculturist and former school teacher, was born Nov. 14, 1868, in Marion township, son of John and Lavina (Peiffer) Hoffman.

Johannes Hoffman, great-great-grandfather of John P., came with his parents from Germany. His father, the ancestor of this numerous Berks county family, was a taxable in Heidelberg township (now Lebanon county) a year after Berks county had been separated from Lancaster county, and was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. His children were as follows: Johannes, Elizabeth, Maria, Catherine, Conrad, Barbara, Michael, Jacob and David (who was born on the sea while the family was making the trip to America).

John Hoffman, great-grandfather of John P., lived on the Hoffman homestead at Avon, Lebanon county, which consisted of 150 acres and has been in the family for 125 years, it now being owned by Abraham Kreider, who is a double son-in-law. John Hoffman married a Miss Schaeffer, and they had these children: Isaac; Jacob; Michael; Ann, who died unmarried; Catherine, m. to John Witmoyer; Mary m. to Isaac Wengert, of Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth, m. to Isaac Lutz; and Sarah, who died unmarried. Michael, of the above family, married Elizabeth Hunsicker, daughter of Christian Hunsicker, of Hamlin, Pa., and their ten children were: John, Samuel, David, William, Amanda, Nancy, Michael, Elizabeth (m. Abraham Kreider), Sarah, and Lydia (second wife of Abraham Kreider). Michael Hoffman, son of Michael, grandson of Johannes, great-grandson of Johannes and great-great-grandson of Jost the ancestor, was born at Avon, Lebanon Co., Pa., Sept. 30, 1849, and was reared on the homestead. In 1880 he came to Berks county, settling near Womelsdorf, where he owns a twenty-eight-acre tract of land. Mr. Hoffman owns the old family record, which was kept by the ancestors in book form, and is in a good state of preservation. Mr. Hoffman's wife is Amanda, daughter of George Scholl of Marion township. They have no children.

Isaac Hoffman, grandfather of John P., was born in 1811, in South Lebanon township, where he died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years, after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits. He is buried at Christ Evangelical (Tulpehocken) Church, of which his son John and all his grandchildren are members. He married Catherine Smith (1814-1877), and their children were: Mary m. Evan Shaak; John; Sarah m. Henry Peiffer; Isaac m. Kate Groh, and had children, Mary, Charles, Archie, Hermie, Herbert and Elsie; and Elizabeth m. Adam Hunsicker. All of the above children are deceased with the exception of John.

John Hoffman, father of John P., was born in South Lebanon township, Lebanon Co., Pa., Aug. 28, 1836. He was educated in the common schools and attended Witmer's Academy at Palmyra, later teaching school for one term at Prescott in South Lebanon township. Mr. Hoffman then engaged in farming, and in 1860 with his father moved to the property which he now owns. In 1890 after his father's death he bought the property which consists of 132 acres, on which now stands a barn 40x115 feet, which was built in 1828 by Jacob Stewart. The original part of the residence building is a log house, pebble-dashed, with small windows and thick walls, and a fine spring in the cellar, and was probably used for an Indian fort in the old days. For many years it was used as a distillery and later as a tenant house, and is one of the oldest buildings in this section. The present residence was erected in 1785 by an Etschberger, and the addition in 1829 by Jacob Stewart. The following inscription is an exact transcription of what is cut into a brown sandstone 18x30 inches, walled into the front of the house above the door, a silent witness as to the character of the occupant:

"GOTT. GEASCHE. DISES. HAUS.
UND. WER' DA. GETH. EIN. UND
AUS. ERGERTH. AUS. ODER. EIN
SO. STETH. DER. TOT. UND. WARDET. MEIN. JACOB ETSCHBERGER
UND ESTHER ETSCHBERGER. 1785"

John Hoffman was a school director in his district for many years. In 1863 he married Lavina Peiffer (1844-1907), daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Heide) Peiffer. Their children are as follows: Emma L. (m. William Forry); John P.; and Annie L., Adam I., and Sadie A., at home.

John P. Hoffman was reared to agricultural pursuits, and his early education was secured in the public schools, which he attended until his fifteenth year, his last district school being Fisher's, taught by Prof. Calvin A. Gruber. He then entered Palatinate College, at Myerstown, which he attended for several terms, and was licensed to teach by Prof. D. S. Keck in 1889. He taught four terms at Fisher's school, but since that time has been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat in politics, and first served as a member of the school board to fill an unexpired term. He was elected to the office in 1903, and was re-elected, now serving as secretary of the board.

Adam I. Hoffman, brother of John P., born March 2, 1877, on the old Hoffman stand in Marion township, Berks

county, was educated in the schools of his native locality and Stouchsburg Grammar school, which was taught by Samuel B. Spatz and Martin H. Wenrich. He was reared upon the home farm, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

REV. M. L. HERBEIN, the genial and beloved pastor of Spiess, Trinity, Bern and Shalter's Reformed congregations, is a member of one of the oldest families in this section of the State. The Herbein family is of French origin, the name being originally spelled Harpin, and was founded in America in 1725 by two brothers, one of whom was named Peter, who came from Alsace-Lorraine and settled in Oley township, Berks county, on a farm near the township line. One of these brothers had a son, who settled near Leesport, Pa., and from this son the Herbeins of Reading are directly descended.

William Herbein, the grandfather of Rev. M. L., married Sarah Zacharias, and to them were born children as follows: John died Dec. 31, 1908; William was the father of Rev. M. L.; Thomas died April 30, 1907; Catherine married Percival Baer, who died Feb. 28, 1909; and Amelia, who died Dec. 18, 1904, was married to William R. Bucks, of Reading. In religious belief the family were adherents of the doctrines of the Reformed Church.

M. L. Herbein was at home on the farm until eighteen years of age. He received his early education in the public schools of Spring and Bern townships, Berks county, and during his thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth years attended Professor Brunner's Scientific Academy at Reading, Pa., for which attendance he walked seven miles mornings and evenings. He next entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown. After teaching for one term in Bern and four terms in Cumru township, and holding a teacher's permanent certificate, he prepared privately in the higher branches, and then entered the theological seminary of the Reformed Church at Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pa., being graduated therefrom May 13, 1897. He was licensed May 28, 1897, to preach the Gospel, and on June 20th of that year was ordained, at the age of twenty-five, pastor of Spiess Reformed congregation. On July 11, 1897, he began conducting services in the public school-house at Dengler's, which resulted in the organization of Trinity Reformed Church at Mt. Penn. On April 1, 1900, he became chaplain of the Berks county almshouse. On Aug. 6, 1905, he was elected pastor of the Bern Reformed Church, where in his youth he was confirmed in this faith. On July 5, 1908, he was unanimously elected pastor of Shalter's Reformed Church. His oratorical talent is very evident.

On Dec. 26, 1898, Rev. Mr. Herbein married Miss Sue Rothermel, daughter of John K. Rothermel, of near Fleetwood, Pa., whose sketch appears in this historical work. In politics he is a Democrat. He resides at No. 1818 Perkiomen avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania.

For some time Rev. Mr. Herbein was employed by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., who recognized his skill as a marksman, by which he has excelled professional shooters at different times.

ZION'S (commonly called SPIESS) REFORMED AND LUTHERAN UNION CHURCH, Upper Alsace.—This church is located on a high elevation in the eastern section of the township. It has always been held that the first edifice for religious services was built of logs, in 1774, the year in which Victorius Spiess donated the land for church purposes. The trustees then were Victorius Spiess and Paul Feger, who was an officer at the battle of Paoli. Tradition has it that this log church was built on the tract about five years before Spiess made the donation. The present church book of the Reformed congregation is marked Volume II. On one of the opening pages it is stated to be a continuation of the book started by the congregation in 1774, which is Volume I. Also in the beginning of Volume II., where mention is made of the building of the stone church in 1810, the following is recorded, by which tradition is laid aside and even an earlier date established with certainty. "Diese Zions Kirche ist erbauet worden im Jahr Christi 1810 auf die Stelle einer alten verfallenne Kirche die die ersten Ansiedler im Jahre A. D. 1757 erbauet hatten." There is no reference made to a church built in 1774, or five years previous, but, in plain writing, in 1757. With this year the Reformed congregation begins its history. Why 1774 has always been accepted is because of the donation of the land in that year, and no church record of ministerial acts such as baptisms, confirmations, etc., is in existence bearing an earlier date. This record beginning with 1774 was opened by Rev. John William Boas. Who preceded him is not known, probably irregular supplies, and thus no ministerial acts were recorded. One of the doors of the 1757 church is still in use at the dwelling of Daniel Angstadt, near by.

In 1810 a commodious two-story stone edifice was erected in post-Revolutionary architectural style. The building committee consisted of Paul Baer, John Babb, George Schade, Peter Knabb. Later a pipe-organ was installed. J. P. Harline served as organist from 1839 to 1858. He was succeeded by W. C. Keller, from 1858 to 1891. Mr. Keller became succeeded by Prof. Henry M. Moyer, who has continued to the present time.

A cemetery company was incorporated on April 16, 1861. The charter members were William Knabb, Valentine Hartman, Frederick Hinnershitz, Gottfried Lutz, George Schlottman, Daniel Schmeck, Peter Fies, Benjamin F. Seidel, Jacob Folk, Peter Hartman, George B. Hartman, Jacob Hoch, Matthias Moyer, Nathan Knabb. This "God's acre" occupies a lovely situation and comprises twelve acres. There are many fine tombstones and monuments thereon.

Until the public school system was accepted the congregation had its parochial school in the house still occupied by the janitor, Samuel Folk.

In 1887 the present spacious edifice was erected upon the site of the old church, which on account of its small size and marks of time was demolished. The building committee consisted of Mahlon Knabb, Jeremiah R. Hartman, Harrison Seidel and David Babb. Hiram Hartman had the contract. It is a two-story brick edifice, 85 feet long and 54 feet wide. At the eastern end is a steeple 170 feet high, containing a bell weighing 3,200 pounds. This edifice is an ornament to the community. The basement is out of the ground and is well furnished for Sunday-school and society purposes. In it are two massive hot air furnaces, for heating purposes. The entrance is at the side. The main auditorium is reached by a gradual ascent on the front which leads into the wide vestibule of the church. Beautiful stained glass windows admit subdued light. Three wide aisles extend from the vestibule to the chancel. The frescoing is of a neat design. In the pulpit recess is a beautiful oil painting of the Ascension of Christ. To the right is a panel oil painting of the agony of Christ in Gethsemane, and to the left, one of Christ blessing little children. These paintings are of excellent execution. The architecture is Romanesque. The pews are of oak, with walnut trimmings. On the altar is a beautiful polished brass crucifix. The auditorium, with galleries on both sides and end, has a seating capacity of 1,200. On the end gallery facing the pulpit is the organ and choir loft. Two ante-rooms are behind the pulpit recess, the one for the convenience of the pastor, and from which he enters the chancel at the opening of the service, the other for the business affairs of the consistory. In it is a fire-proof safe, containing church documents, etc. A stairway leads from the basement into the pastor's room, also one from the basement into the vestibule of the main auditorium. In the vestibule are the wide stairways leading to the galleries. Much work was done free of charge, in addition to which $17,000 was expended in building.

The attendance is very encouraging considering the scattered membership. Peace is within the palaces and prosperity within the walls.

M. L. Herbein.

The services were conducted exclusively in the German language until July 4, 1897, when Rev. M. L. Herbein, the Reformed pastor, conducted an English service, preaching on Psalm 44: 1-3. The Reformed congregation then began to have services on two Sundays each month, one rendered in German, the other in English; also four Holy Communion services a year instead of two. Two of these services are in English and two in German.

The Lutheran congregation, worshiping once a month, in 1899 began to render occasional English services, which in 1907 became as regular as the German. The services of both congregations and in both languages are strictly liturgically conducted.

In 1904 Rev. M. L. Herbein obtained from Andrew Carnegie of New York the amount of $750 in behalf of a pipe-organ provided the congregation would raise an equal amount. Plans and specifications were sent to different organ-builders, who returned their bids, asking twenty-five hundred and one twenty-eight hundred dollars. Elmer E. Palm, a reputable organ-builder at Mt. Penn, four miles away, offered to build and guarantee it for $1,500. The contract was awarded to him. On Aug. 21, 1904, the organ, the first of its kind in the new church, was dedicated. During the day it was estimated that 2,500 people were present. At evening, paid subscriptions, contributions, collections, etc., from all sources, amounted to $921.72. The long-felt need of a pipe-organ was overcome. The instrument is a powerful two-manual mechanism with a pedal bass, containing two stops, one of eight-foot and the other of sixteen-foot tone. The two manuals contain fifteen stops; all necessary couplers and accessories are to be found. The organ is on the end gallery farthest from the pulpit. There is an excellent choir.

The Reformed congregation numbers 480 members, the Lutheran 375. This congregation became incorporated by charter given by the court of Common Pleas of Berks county April 18, 1876. This congregation is very liberal. The contributions and collections have already amounted to as high as $4,200 in one year. Substantial sheds accommodate the teams of worshiping members. The Sunday-school meets every Lord's Day during the entire year. Prof. Alvin Seyler is the popular superintendent.

The following pastors have served the Reformed congregation: Unknown, 1757-1774; John William Boas, 1774-1810; Frederick Lebrecht Herman, D. D., 1810-1830; Augustus L. Herman, 1830-1873; Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D., 1873-1895; Mabry L. Herbein, 1897- .

The following pastors have served the Lutheran congregation: C. F. Wildbahn, 1782-1796; Daniel Lehman, 1796-1801; Henry A. Muhlenberg, D. D., 1803-1829; Jacob Miller, D. D., 1829-1850; Reuben S. Wagner, 1850-1854; Thomas T. Iaeger, 1855-1888; E. S. Brownmiller, D. D., 1889- .

In the stained glass window to the right of the pulpit are the names of the Reformed pastors and their period of service, to the left the Lutheran. On May 23, 1908, the congregation heard the glad announcement of the cancellation of the debt. In 1909 the sum of two thousand dollars was expended in newly frescoing and generally renovating the entire edifice. Artist Bertholt Imhoff did the work.—[Contributed by M. L. Herbein.]

Trinity Reformed Church, of Mt. Penn borough, Berks county.—As early as 1873 a Union Sunday-school was conducted in the public school-house at this place. This building stood where the Friedensburg road crosses the Stony Creek electric railroad. This school flourished under the patronage of various denominations, of which the Reformed predominated. In 1890 the Reformed people organized a Sunday-school of their own in the public school-house then located on the north side of Perkiomen avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets. Mr. David V. R. Ludwig was the superintendent. He was succeeded in turn by Peter B. Keehn, Charles Williams and William Soders. The Sunday-school disbanded on July 26, 1891. It became reorganized on Feb. 3, 1895, under the superintendency of Frederick Yeakel, a member of the First Reformed Church in Reading. The indefatigable labors of Mr. Yeakel were soon evidenced in the purchase, by the Sunday-school, of a lot on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Cumberland streets, at a cost of $387.50. David D. Dundore made the first contribution. The Sunday-school now commenced to hold its meetings in the new two-story public school-house on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Grant streets. Superintendent Yeakel was a man of delicate health and on Jan. 12, 1897, was obliged to resign. The work, however, did not cease. For several Sundays the pious flock assembled and had sessions as best they could afford. On Feb. 7, 1897, Llewellyn F. Schearrer, a member of the First Reformed Church of Reading, was elected superintendent. He took his seat of office on the 14th, and being the right kind of man for the place the spirit of enthusiasm immediately revived in the hearts of the members. Mabry L. Herbein was ordained and installed pastor of Spiess Reformed Congregation on June 20, 1897. By direction of the Classis of Reading and the request of some members of the Mt. Penn Reformed Sunday-school Rev. Mr. Herbein, who at the time being was the youngest Reformed clergyman in Berks county, conducted a church service in the schoolhouse at Mt. Penn on Sunday evening, July 11, 1897. His text was from Luke 6: 36. There were present forty-two people. These services were continued every Sunday evening.

Soon the desire of organizing a congregation prevailed, and a petition with fifty-two signatures was handed to Classis asking permission to organize. This was granted at a special meeting of Classis on Oct. 18, 1897. On the evening of Oct. 29th a meeting was held and a consistory elected as follows: Elders, David D. Dundore and Irwin N. Manwiller; Deacons, William O. Leinbach and William K. Adam. The consistory was ordained and installed on Oct. 31st. At the same time Rev. Mr. Herbein was unanimously elected pastor, and at his suggestion the name of Trinity Reformed Church was selected for the new congregation.

A building committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. L. Herbein, Lewis Kraemer, Sr., William K. Adam, David D. Nein and David D. Dundore. They adopted plans for a substantial one-story brick edifice, 40x60 feet, to be erected upon the lot previously purchased by the Sunday-school. D. D. Dundore broke the first ground toward its erection on Dec. 3, 1897. A charter of incorporation was granted by the Berks court on Dec. 7, 1897. Foundation and basement stones were quarried and delivered free of charge, so, also, was the excavating done. This work, at the rate of 12 1-2 cents per hour, was found to amount to $232.18. There was paid for the masonry of foundation and basement walls the sum of $65. David D. Dundore drew the plans, as suggested by the pastor, and thus architects' expenses were avoided. The contract from the basement walls was awarded to D. D. Dundore for $2,400, excluding stained glass windows, furniture, heating and lighting apparatus.

The corner-stone was laid March 13, 1898. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Dr. Henry Mosser, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Reading, who preached the sermon. The building operations now commenced in earnest, but much rainy weather retarded progress. On June 19, 1898, the last day of the pastor's first year's ordained ministry, Trinity Reformed Church was dedicated. The full liturgical service of the Reformed Church was observed. All the responses were chanted, accompanied by the music of the pipe-organ built and installed by Elmer E. Palm, of Mt. Penn. In the morning 10:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Mosser preached on I Cor. 3: 11. The dedicatory service was conducted by the pastor. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. John W. Steinmetz, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church of Reading, preached on I Kings, 18: 39. Rev. J. P. Stein, D. D., of St. Thomas Church of Reading, and Rev. James R. Brown, of the Schwartzwald Church, took part in the services. Rev. Dr. N. Z. Snyder, of Bethlehem, Pa., visiting in Reading, was also present. At the evening service Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh, pastor of the Second

Reformed Church, Reading, preached on Psalm 87:3. During the day $127 was realized.

Everybody seemed to be highly pleased with the new edifice, especially its churchly and dignified interior. The architecture is extremely Gothic in design. The stained glass windows admit a subdued and mellow light, blending harmoniously with the oak furniture and other hard wood finish. Within the deep chancel-recess is the beautiful massive altar of oak, a high reredos surmounting it. The super-altar contains the gilded cross with gilded candlestick on each side. To the front and right of the altar is the lectern, to the left the pulpit. To the right of the altar inside the chancel is the pipe-organ, of excellent mechanical construction and sweet musical tone. Back of the chancel are excellently appointed ante-rooms, from which the choir and pastor enter the main auditorium for their respective places. The basement is furnished for church sociables. The entire investment amounts to $4,100. The fact that the structure was built in the time of a severe financial panic accounts for its cheapness.

On July 3, 1898, Holy Communion was celebrated by the congregation for the first time. Forty-eight of the fifty-two who communed expressed themselves desirous of becoming members of the new organization. This included the catechetical class of fifteen young persons. The first confirmation was that of Bertha Estella S. Lutz, on July 1, 1898. The first person to receive Holy Communion was Mrs. William K. Adam. The first baptism in the church took place on July 10, 1898, the child being Arthur Peter Hafer; also, at the same time, Jennie Ellen Nein. The first funeral service conducted in the church was that of William D., a seven-year-old son of Milford H. Nein, on Dec. 29, 1898.

On June 4, 1905, the second graduating class of the Mt. Penn borough school came to this church in a body and the pastor preached the baccalaureate sermon from I Tim. 4:12. The commencement exercises of this class were held in the church on June 16, 1905. The first class, that of 1904, had its commencement exercises, and without a sermon, in the school-house.

In October, 1898, a missionary society was organized, and on Oct. 7, 1902, an active Ladies' Aid Society was organized, which proved its usefulness by contributing its funds toward liquidating the indebtedness incurred by the erection of the church edifice. The Sunday-school paid the interest on the necessary loan, also money toward the liquidation of the church debt. The congregation, small as it is, nevertheless has had years during which from all sources $750 were contributed.

While worship was held in the school-house Miss Naomi Rauenzahn served as organist. When the congregation took possession of the church Miss Jennie Lutz assumed the duty, the family of Rauenzahns having moved to Reading. Miss Lutz is still serving as organist, also of the Sunday-school for the same period of time.

William O. Leinbach served as janitor from the beginning of the organization until January, 1906, when he resigned and was succeeded by John R. Dickinson, who in 1908 was succeeded by Josiah Leinbach.

Mr. Schearrer faithfully performed his duties as Sunday-school superintendent for nine years and nine months. He resigned and presided for the last time on Sept. 30, 1906. When he assumed the duties of the office there was an enrollment of sixty-five; when he relinquished his services there were 105. On Sunday, Oct. 7, 1906, the Sunday-school unanimously elected Prof. Frank J. Fister, principal of the borough schools, to the office of superintendent. He accepted and served until September, 1907, when he became succeeded by John R. Dickinson. William O. Leinbach has been the only secretary in the entire history of the Sunday-school.

This congregation was never a mission nor an organization of some other church. It was obliged to support itself fom the beginning. Daniel Miller, in his "History of the Reformed Church in Reading" published in 1905, says on page 155 that the First Reformed Church of Reading fostered Trinity. This must not be understood to signify in a financial way, as not a cent was ever realized from any congregation. The Classis of Reading out of its treasury at different times contributed sums, the total of which amounts to $250; but Trinity had to raise a double amount, the $750 being then paid on the loan. Regular sustentation was never received. At the time of this writing the congregation consists of 110 members, and Rev. M. L. Herbein continues as pastor. The Sunday-school has 125 members.—[Contributed by M. L. Herbein.]

Bern Reformed and Lutheran Union Church, Bern township.—Early in the eighteenth century the present sections of Bern, Penn and Heidelberg townships were settled by emigrants from the Palatinate and Switzerland. Their religion was not only found in their family Bible, Hymn Book, Palatinate Liturgy and Heidelberg Catechism, but their hearts were the consecrated temples of the living God. They remembered "the assembling of themselves together and to continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking bread and in prayers." Thus as early as 1738 Rev. John Henry Goetschey, preaching at New Goshenhoppen Reformed Church, Montgomery Co., Pa., frequented their midst and drew the pioneers together, forming the nucleus from which the present congregation has grown. Divine services evidently were conducted by him in private houses, but the fathers remembered Jehovah's words unto Moses, "In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee," and because "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob" they were moved by the spirit to erect, as tradition has it, a log church at the entrance of the old graveyard. This may have been as early as 1743, in which year about fifteen acres of land was surveyed by the Penns and donated to the German Calvinists, as the Reformed were then sometimes called. It was legally conveyed in 1748 to Henry Rieser, trustee. In 1762 and 1792 additional land was purchased, until the aggregate amounts to about twenty acres. The former purchase was made from Daniel Hiester.

It is certain that the log church was in existence before Feb. 10, 1745, because on that day Rev. Mr. Lischy reports having preached "in" Bern church. [See "Reformed Church Review," January, 1907, page 76.] Sometime about 1762 the log church became succeeded by a larger building, of rough stone. The architecture was according to Colonial church style. Wine-glass pulpit and high galleries were found in the church. Behind the pulpit, on the wall near the ceiling, was a unique picture of a bear. The significance of this was taken from II Kings 2:24. Since the early settlers were familiar with Switzerland, may not the legend of St. Gall have had something to do in suggesting the painting of the bear?

This edifice, with parochial school and schoolmaster's residence, stood in the old graveyard not far from the entrance. The school was attended some time by Joseph Hiester, who later became governor of Pennsylvania. The congregation still possesses and prizes as sacred relics the Communion vessels used in this church. The set consists of a flagon, chalice and plate, all of pewter; there are also four collection plates of pewter. One of the plates bears the inscription "made in London." On the chalice is engraven the following: "Für die Reformirt Gemein 1769 in der Bern Kirche." The double door of the edifice a few years ago was stowed by Rev. George Zacharias into the organist's barn for safe-keeping. The church record wherein Goetschey entered the first baptism, and containing the baptisms for the one hundred following years, is also at hand. The first was that of Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Traxeta Brecht, in May, 1738.

In 1837 the present brick edifice was erected by the Reformed congregation assisted by the Lutherans, who were given a right in the property. Now the church became union. The corner-stone was laid on July 30th. The edifice was completed in the fall of the year. Much work was done free of charge, yet $4,325 was expended. The building committee consisted of Conrad Reber, Peter

Kershner and George Weber. The church is located in the western extremity of the township of Bern. It is of post-Revolutionary church architecture, almost square, and the doors enter at three sides. The pulpit is on two high pedestals. On three sides are high galleries. On the one opposite the pulpit is the pipe-organ, dedicated on Whit-Sunday, 1850. The church has a seating capacity of about six hundred. The ceiling is very high. Two big stoves in front of the chancel generate the heat during winter. An agitation for remodeling is prevalent at present. In 1867 a dissension began in the Reformed congregation which continued for several years and reduced its membership. This was somewhat repeated from 1900 to 1904.

In 1887 the cemetery company was organized, land inclosed and burial lots sold. Gabriel Hiester's remains were the first to be interred in the cemetery, which contains many graves marked by marble and granite tombstones, and a few monuments.

A flourishing Sunday-school exists during the summer months. The language predominating in the pulpit is the German, although English services are held very frequently.

Henry Zerby is the organist, assisted by his son Francis. He resides in the house on the premises, which with the barn and other outbuildings is kept in excellent condition by the congregation. There is comfortable shedding for a number of teams used by worshipers in coming to divine services.

The following pastors have served the Reformed congregation, which numbers 310 members: 1738-39, John Henry Goetschey; 1743-45, Jacob Lischy (he attempted to unite it with the Congregation of God in the Spirit, a movement of Moravian origin); 1746-47, Frederick Cassimer Muller; 1749-52 (?), numerous baptisms in the record but no name given; 1752-55, baptisms entered by one hand, unknown, but possibly John Henry Decker, since he preached at Hain's Church during those years; 1765-66, John Waldtschmidt, as it appears from his private records; 1772-82, Ludwig Lupp; 1784-88, at least, John William Boas (he may have served longer); 1815, congregation vacant and asks Synod for a minister; 1817-1821, Phillip Moyer; 1822-1830, Benjamin Boyer; 1831-32, John Hautz; 1833-1835, A. Berkey; 1837-38, William T. Gerhard; 1840-64, Isaac Miesse; 1864-73, Frank Schwartz; 1875-83, Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D.; 1883-1904, Samuel A. Leinbach. On Aug. 6, 1905, Mabry L. Herbein was elected and began his pastorate. He was in his youth confirmed in this church by his predecessor, Rev. S. A. Leinbach.

The Lutheran congregation reports 340 members. It has had as pastors the following clergymen: 1836-43, George Minnig; 1843-52, D. Keohler; 1852-65, Thomas T. Iaeger; 1865-69, A. Finfrock; 1870-88, Thomas T. Iaeger; 1889, E. S. Brownmiller, D. D. [Contributed by M. L. Herbein.]

Shalter's (Salem) Reformed and Lutheran Union Church.—Highly located in the northern section of Upper Alsace township, in the midst of a beautiful agricultural district, stands this neat house of worship. As early as 1790 Dietrich Beitelman set apart a small tract of land at this place for burial purposes. His body rests here. On his tombstone is the inscription, "Dietrich Beitelman, Born June 15, 1709, Died Feb. 16, 1793, aged 83 years, 8 months."

The name Shalter's Church is given because Mr. Benjamin Shalter was the most liberal contributor toward its erection. He donated the ground and the sum of $500 in money which made building possible. In 1860 the edifice was erected of rough stone, which constitutes the substantial walls. The corner-stone was laid on April 9th and the dedication was held Oct. 24th. In 1907 the church was entirely renovated. The outside was painted, the inside woodwork was painted and the walls were nicely papered. There are galleries on three sides. Back of the pulpit is a beautiful life-size oil painting of Christ as the Good Shepherd, bearing a lamb in his arms. The cemetery contains about four acres of ground, is well kept, and contains numerous fine tombstones and monuments, some of marble and some of granite.

The Reformed congregation has had for its pastors: Rev. Isaac Miesse, 1860-64; Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D., 1864-95; Rev. John A. Danner, 1897-1904; Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, 1904-05; Rev. Elam J. Snyder, 1906-08. On July 5, 1908, Rev. Mabry L. Herbein was unanimously elected and serves ever since.

The Lutheran congregation was served by Rev. Thomas T. Iaeger from 1860 to his death, in 1888; Rev. E. S. Brownmiller, D. D., 1889-1906.

Each congregation numbers about 150 members. Prof. Henry M. Moyer is the organist. Services are conducted in German as well as in English.

CHARLES W. GEBHARD, for many years a faithful employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at Reading, was born in Berks county, just over the line from Lehigh county, Pa., Dec. 17, 1829, only child of George and Rebecca (DeWitt) Gebhard.

George Gebhard was a native of Lehigh county, and by trade was a shoemaker, but on account of ill health was compelled to seek out-of-door employment, subsequently working at the ore mines. He died in 1850, and his wife in 1855, in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

Charles W. Gebhard received his education in the schools of Lehigh and Bucks counties, and at the age of fifteen years was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, an occupation which he followed until his father's death, in 1850, when he came to Reading to reside with his widowed mother. He was a very industrious young man, willing to work at anything which would earn an honest dollar, not letting his pride stand in his way, and soon found regular employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, remaining with that company over forty-three years, in the foundry department. A steady, hard-working man, he was much esteemed by his employers. He was fond of home, and was of quiet disposition, but at the outbreak of the Civil war, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted as one of the first from Berks county, finishing his term of enlistment in Capt. James B. McKnight's Company.

On Nov. 1, 1876, Mr. Gebhard married Sarah A. Gehret a native of Reading, Pa., daughter of David and Elizabeth Gehret. Mr. Gebhard was a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife attends the First Reformed Church. His fraternal connections were with the I. O. O. F. and the Brotherhood of the Union. Mr. Gebhard died Feb. 22, 1898, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

Mrs. Gebhard was born in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, June 14, 1832, and came to Reading in her girlhood, and attended the public schools. She joined the First Reformed Church in 1851, being confirmed by the Rev. A. S. Leinbach, and she has always taken an interest in church work. She is kind hearted and benevolent, and has many friends. She resides in the old home at No. 245 Washington street, Reading.

MERKEY. Joseph Merkey, grandfather of Joseph M. Merkey, on the maternal side, was born Nov. 27, 1782. He was a minister of the Church of the Brethren. By his marriage to Christian Kline, he had six children: David, Nathaniel, Saloma, Catharine, Elisabeth and Christian.

David Merkey, grandfather of Joseph M. Merkey, on the paternal side, was a son of John and Hannah (Heckman) Merkey, and was born May 11, 1795, in Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa. He, too, was a minister of the Church of the Brethren. He married Anna Mary Enterline, and this union was blessed with nine children, namely: (1) John E. married (first) Catharine Merkey, daughter of Joseph and Christian Merkey, and (second) Saloma Merkey, his first wife's sister. The first union was blessed with four children, namely: Joseph M., Rebecca, Elizabeth and Mary, all but the first named dying single. (2) Joseph E. m. a Miss Myer, and had eight children, four sons and four daughters. (3) David E.

married Sarah Merkey, and had three sons and one daughter. (4) Peter E. m. Maria Merkey, and had one son and one daughter. (5) Amos E. married Eliza Ziegler, and they became the parents of five sons and five daughters. (6) George E. m. Catharine Kline, and had two sons. (7) Solomon E. is unmarried. (8) Catharine died young. (9) Polly (Mary) m. Benjamin Balsbach, and had two sons and one daughter.

JOSEPH M. MERKEY, son of John E. and Catharine Merkey, was born March 19, 1844, in Bethel township, Berks county. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren. He married Sarah Wolf, and this union was blessed with ten children, namely: (1) Rebecca m. Samuel R. Ebling, and they have had five children, Joseph, Ellen, Lilly, Samuel (deceased) and one died in infancy. (2) Miss Kate is at home. (3) Elisabeth married Samuel N. Sherman, and has had six children: Sallie, Stella, Samuel (deceased), John, Hannah and Edna. (4) Mary died young. (5) Emanuel and (6) Amelia were twins. Amelia died young. Emanuel m. Lizzie J. Frantz, and has three children, Mabel (m. David M. Frantz, and she has one son, Martin), Howard and Galen. (7) John m. Elizabeth Kline, and has three children, Rebecca, John and Joseph. (8) Christian m. John K. Moyer, and had five children, namely: Paul, Isaac, Stella (died young), Gertrude and David. (9) Maggie died young. (10) Ellen m. Tildon Edris, and had seven children, Emma, Mary, Carrie (died young), Joseph, Elmer, Mabel and Augustus.

MILTON J. GERHARD, farmer of Washington township, living one mile north of Bechtelsville, belongs to a branch of the Gerhard family of western Berks county which settled around Wintersville and Freystown. Rev. Eli Gerhard is also of this family, whose history has been fully written by Rev. George W. Gerhard, now a resident of West Reading, Berks county.

Jacob Gerhard, grandfather of Milton J. Gerhard, was born March 31, 1803, in Longswamp township, near Henningsville and Fredericksville, and was a farmer, owning the place in that township which is now the property of Mrs. John De Long. He died Nov. 6, 1864, aged sixty-one years, seven months, six days, and is buried at Huff's Church. His wife, Lydia Rohrbach, born Nov. 6, 1805, died Dec. 17, 1880, aged seventy-five years, one month, eleven days. They had five children: Lucinda, who married Amos Rohrbach; Henry, of Longswamp township; Daniel; John, formerly of Longswamp, now living at Topton, Berks county; and Frank, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Gerhard, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 1, 1835, in Longswamp township, learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that calling in the part of Longswamp township where he lived as well as in the surrounding region. Since 1900 he has made his home with his son Milton, leading a semi-retired life, and working occasionally on his son's farm. He married Eliza Angstadt, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Kercher) Angstadt, of Rockland township, and they have three children: Torinda, m. to Matthias H. Dotterer, a grocer of Reading; Milton J.; and Amanda, m. to James Hill, of Longswamp township. All of this family belong to Huff's Church.

Milton J. Gerhard, son of Daniel, was born Nov. 11, 1869, in Longswamp township, and there received a fair education in the public schools. When twenty-one years old he began clerking in the store of Matthias H. Dotterer, at Bechtelsville, remaining there for several years. Mr. Dotterer is now of Reading. Mr. Gerhard was next employed in the creamery at Henningsville for over two years, and thence removed to Schofers, in Maxatawny township, where he worked in the creamery for about four years. He then worked in the creameries at Exeter and Womelsdorf, for the same proprietor who conducted the other creameries mentioned, continuing at such work for seven years in all. In the spring of 1899 he came to Washington township, settling on the place where he now resides, and which he bought in the fall of 1899. It was formerly the property of Abraham Dotterer, and before he owned it belonged to Matthias Dotterer. It comprises 107 acres of land, desirably located, and well equipped with substantial buildings, the barn being 35x90 feet in dimensions, and the house a nice stone dwelling. Everything about the place is kept in first-class condition. Mr. Gerhard gives special attention to dairying, keeping seventeen milch cows, and ships his milk to Philadelphia every morning.

In 1896 Mr. Gerhard married Ida L. Benfield, daughter of Abraham Benfield and his wife Leanna Lucinda (Rohrbach), of Huff's Church, and they have become the parents of four children: Paul H., Ralph J., Elsie B. and Elvia B. Mr. Gerhard and his family are members of Huff's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation.

REILY ZERBE, the well known cigar manufacturer of Stouchsburg, Pa., was born in Marion township, this county, Jan. 11, 1860, son of James and Ellen (Miller) Zerbe, and representative of an old and respected family of Berks county.

James Zerbe was born in Upper Tulpehocken township, near Seibert's Forge, in April, 1837, and now makes his home at Palmyra. During his early years he learned the trade of cigar making, and followed it for some years, and afterward engaged in the manufacturing of cigars at Stouchsburg on his own account, continuing there with good success for twenty years. He then moved to Palmyra, where he opened a corner grocery, and this he conducted until 1906, when he retired, being succeeded in the grocery by his son, Harry M. Mr. Zerbe is a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious faith, his membership being in the parish of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg. Mr. Zerbe married Ellen Miller, who was born in 1840, daughter of Philip Miller. Of their children a son and a daughter both died in infancy; Reily is mentioned below; and Harry M. is conducting the grocery so successfully carried on in former years by his father.

Reily Zerbe passed his boyhood days under the parental roof, acquiring a common school education. At the age of twelve years he began learning the cigar maker's trade from his father and mother, the latter being the first cigar maker in her district. This he has followed off and on ever since. In 1883 he began in business for himself at Stouchsburg, employing as high as seventy-five people. In 1889 he made over 4,300,000 cigars, enjoying a large Western trade. For the past four years he has been manager for the A. S. Valentine & Son factory at Stouchsburg, having in his charge an average of forty-five employes. They manufacture high grade cigars, which are marketed all over the country. Mr. Zerbe is one of the foremost men of his town. He has a handsome home, which he erected in 1895, John Weidner, of Reading, being the contractor. This has all modern conveniences, and contains fourteen rooms, all handsomely furnished. He has his own gas plant, and his lawns are so beautifully kept as to add to the charming appearance of the place.

In politics Mr. Zerbe is a Democrat, and he wields an influence in his district in political matters. He very ably served as school director, and has been a delegate to various Congressional and judicial conventions. He and his family belong to Christ Lutheran Church, of which he has been treasurer since 1899. He has traveled and has seen a great deal of his own country. Among the places he has visited may be mentioned the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. Accompanied by his wife in 1882 he visited Kansas and Colorado, as far as Denver, and twice visited Pike's Peak, and they were at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, and the Buffalo Exposition in 1903.

In 1880 Mr. Zerbe married Mary Killmer, daughter of Henry and Gustina (Batdorf) Killmer, and they have one daughter, Ella Gustina, wife of Joseph A. Gernert, of Myerstown, who is engaged in the grocery business at Palmyra.

EDWARD E. SWEITZER, a well known resident and substantial business man of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in quarrying, was born in Oley township, Berks

county, March 26, 1869, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Sweitzer.

Abraham Sweitzer received his education in the schools of his township, and his early manhood was spent in work on his father's and their neighbors' farms. Later he went into the ore business in which he was very successful, and after being superintendent of the Wheatfield and Berns mines and of the Clymer Iron Company at Oley and Mount Laurel, he purchased the Bowers quarry, which he operated until his death, June 10, 1905. He was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. His political sentiments made him a Republican, and fraternally he belonged to the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. He married Elizabeth Schaeffer, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Mengel) Schaeffer, and to this union the following children were born: Katie A. m. Frank Wertz, resides at No. 1125 Marion street, and has children, Bessie, Claude and Esther; William is deceased; Mary m. William Wertz, of Hyde Park, and has children, Edward, William, Grace, Charles, Lottie, George, Earle and Wayne; Edward E.; Ella is single; and Velina m. John Y. Matz, of Shillington, Berks county. Mrs. Sweitzer survives her husband, and lives with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wertz.

Edward E. Sweitzer received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended the Keystone State Normal School for two terms, after leaving which he taught school for five terms. He then took a business course, attending Stoner College, and graduating therefrom in 1889. He was first employed with his father, but later engaged in business with him, the partnership continuing until the elder Sweitzer's death, when Edward E. took full charge of the Bowers quarries, still operating them. He sells his product to the Reading Iron Company, and employs about twenty-five hands throughout the year. In political matters Mr. Sweitzer is a Republican, and he is fraternally connected with the Maccabees. He and his wife reside at No. 915 Windsor street, and attend St. Thomas Reformed Church, of which he is a deacon.

In 1892 Mr. Sweitzer married Katie E. Becker, daughter of John A. and Mary (Gauby) Becker, of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Abraham, a member of the class of 1910, Reading high school; Oscar; Emily; John; Edward and Katie. Mr. and Mrs. Sweitzer are very popular in their community, and have many friends.

JOHN GOODHART WERNER, a well known citizen of the borough of Mohnton, Pa., who is engaged in the printing business, was born Dec. 9, 1867, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Goodhart) Werner.

Mr. Werner attended the schools of his native township, as well as the Schuylkill Seminary of Reading, after leaving which he learned the trade of millwright with his father. He then took up the hat finishing trade with George Hendel, of Edison, Pa., but in 1885 engaged with J. G. Mohn & Co., with whom he is still employed. In 1886 Mr. Werner built his home in Mohnton, later adding two additions, one of which he uses as a job printing shop, which his son, Ellis H., manages. Since 1889 Mr. Werner has been interested in the poultry business, having a fine line of Plymouth Rock chickens.

Mr. Werner married (first), in 1886, Catherine Hagy, daughter of Obediah and Catherine (Hoyer) Hagy, and to this union there were born these children: Ellis H.; Homer H.; Goldie; and Della M. Mr. Werner m. (second) Sallie Wolf, daughter of Samuel K. and Fannie (Fisher) Wolf, and one child was born to this union: Samuel Jeremiah. In political matters Mr. Werner is a Republican, and he has served his township on the election board and as register assessor for two terms. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church of Mohnton, and teacher of the German Bible class of the Sunday-school. Fraternally Mr. Werner is connected with the Knights of Pythias, which he represented at the Grand Lodge for two years, being deputy of Berks county for eight years and master of the degree team for ten years. He is also a member of the K. G. E., of Mohnton, the O. K. of F., the I. O. O. F., of Sinking Spring, and the Hatters' Union.

ISAAC AMES, a representative citizen of Caernarvon township, Berks Co., Pa., who conducts a blacksmith shop and wagonmaking establishment near Kurtz's Mills, was born April 7, 1854, in York county, Pa., son of Henry and Sarah Ames, and grandson of William and Polly Ames.

Henry Ames, who was a native of Berks county, was engaged in blacksmithing at Morgantown, where he spent his life. He married (first) Mary Pagitt, and to this union two children were born: Morris and Geord. Mr. Ames m. (second) Sarah Ann McCulloch, born Jan. 25, 1815, died Jan. 26, 1893, and both she and her husband are buried in the new cemetery at Morgantown. They were the parents of these children: Ann m. (first) a Zuly and (second) a Martin; Henry lives in Chester county; Isaac; Elizabeth m. Joseph Grubb; Jane m. Christ Bixler; Hayes died June 3, 1892; Katie, born Aug. 14, 1852, died May 7, 1903; Howard; and Emma m. John Rutherford, and lives in Laureltown, Union county, Pennsylvania.

When Isaac Ames was about four years of age his parents took him to Morgantown, where he learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. He now conducts a blacksmith and wagonmaking establishment at Morgantown, in the vicinity of which place he has lived for over half a century.

In 1869 Mr. Ames married Annie Witman, who was born in 1856, in Caernarvon township, and died in Morgantown in 1887. The following children were born to this union: Mae m. Jacob De Haven, and is living in Caernarvon township; Sanford m. a Miss Binder, and conducts a blacksmith establishment in Honey Brook, Chester county; Nellie m. Joseph Gabriel, and lives in Caernarvon township; Jennie lives in Reading; Catherine m. Harry Jones, and resides on Weiser street, Reading; Sherman lives with his father. In 1892 Mr. Ames m. (second) Mary E. Byler, born Nov. 27, 1854, who died Feb. 14, 1907, and was buried in the new Morgantown cemetery. One child was born to this union: Myrtle, born in 1894, who lives with her father. In politics Mr. Ames is a Republican. He and his children attend the Methodist Church of Morgantown.

JOHN S. HENDRICKS, retired, was the senior member of the well known firm of Hendricks & Adams, manufacturers of "The Original Pretzel," of Reading. He was born Dec. 17, 1842, in Hilltown township, Bucks county, son of Benjamin B. Hendricks, a farmer of Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties, who spent the last few years of his life with his son, John S., in Reading, and there died when almost seventy-seven years of age. He married Elizabeth Swartz, and she died when thirty-five years old. Their children were: Barbara, Abraham, Isaac and John S.

John S. Hendricks received the greater part of his education in the district schools of Chester county, Pa., which he attended until seventeen years old. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted (Sept. 3, 1861) in Company H, 50th Pa. V. I., and after serving his term re-enlisted, and served gallantly through the following large engagements: the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Knoxville, Wilderness, and Spottsylvania Court House, and was captured May 12, 1864, being held prisoner at Andersonville and Charlestown for nine months and fifteen days. He was discharged from the service Feb. 2, 1865, with a gallant record, and returned to Chester county, Pa., where he engaged at farm work until 1871. In that year he returned to Reading, and entered the employ of the late Benjamin Lichtenthaeler, where he remained for the term of twenty-one years and three months, a record of which he may well feel proud. Few men are better known in Berks and surrounding counties than is Mr. Hendricks, and there is none more popular than he.

Mr. Hendricks married, Feb. 4, 1874, Miss Emma Kroninger, daughter of the late David Kroninger, of Reading.

and their children were: Edward; Bessie, deceased; Lillian, wife of Adam O'Harra; Sadie Maude, deceased; Paul, deceased in infancy; Henry, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy, Aug. 31, 1905; Florence, deceased; John W.; Warren, attending school; and Franklin, who died when seven years old.

In politics Mr. Hendricks is a Republican, but has not been active in his party, his extensive business operations having demanded his entire time and attention. He is a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of Reading. In fraternal circles Mr. Hendricks is connected with the Odd Fellows. He and his wife reside at No. 313 Franklin street, and are highly esteemed and respected by all.

CLEAVER. One of the interesting features of a book of the nature of this volume, of biographical and historical information, is the tracing of ancestry from the sturdy pioneers who came from all over the civilized world and found in the New World a veritable Land of Promise. Many such families are to be found in Berks county, Pa., and none is more honored than that which bears the name of Cleaver, and is represented by so many of the enterprising and successful sons and daughters of the Keystone State.

(I) Derrick Cleaver, the ancestor from whom this family is directly traced, was a Quaker in religion, and his name is found among the records of Douglass and Amity townships, he having owned large tracts of land in both districts. When he died in 1768, he was a yeoman and resided in Douglass township. His last will and testament was made Oct. 25, 1767, and probated Feb. 26, 1768, being on record in Vol. 2, page 39. The executors were his only son John, and his friend Samuel Hughes. Items in the will were: "son John shall have 300 pounds in money"; "daughter Mary shall have 150 pounds in money." He also made bequests to these grandchildren: John Hatfield, Nathan Hatfield, Mary Keelv. John Short and William Short.

(II) John Cleaver, son of Derrick, was the first tax collector of Colebrookdale township. In Douglass township he owned an estate of 1,000 acres, and was a very prominent man. Like his father Derrick, he was a Quaker, and belonged to the Quaker community of Maiden-creek township. During the Revolution he served as captain of a company, and upon the death of his first wife, a Quakeress, he married one outside his religious creed, two very serious offenses in that day with the people of his belief, and when his confession of error in both cases was demanded, he refused, and was "read out of Meeting." John Cleaver was a devoted husband and an honorable, upright man. By his first wife he had three children: Joseph, John and Ruth. By his second wife he had seven children: Peter, Derrick, Isaac, Jonathan, Martha, Nathan and Rebecca (m. John Lykens).

(III) —— Cleaver, son of John, had six children: Richard, Derrick, Catharine (Roger), Elizabeth, Mary (Kuser) and Margaret (Lease).

(III) Jonathan Cleaver, son of John Cleaver, was born in 1781, and his children were: Anna; Peter; Jonathan; Eliza; George K., the father of Dr. Israel Cleaver of Reading; Katie; Lewis and Lydia. Jonathan was a wool manufacturer and resided near Pleasantville in Oley township.

(III) Derrick Cleaver, son of John, was a carpenter, and lived one mile south of Pleasantville. His children were: Jonathan and Mary.

(III) Isaac Cleaver, son of John Cleaver, was born on what is now the John Davidheiser farm near Boyertown, in 1783, and died in 1856, and is buried at Hill church. He was a wheelwright by trade, and also owned a farm near Pleasantville where the old paper mill stood for so many years. Earlier in life he owned a tract in Earl township. His wife was Sallie Prutzman (1783-1826), daughter of Adam Prutzman. Their children were: John, of Colebrookdale township; Daniel P., father of William K.; Samuel (grandfather of Chester B. Cleaver, present county commissioner of Berks county), who first lived at Tiltham-mer, but later removed to Pleasantville, and owned the farm now the property of Chester B. Cleaver; Benneville, of Oley township; Mary, m. to William Kelshner; Hannah, m. to Edward Jones; Sarah, m. to Benneville Miller; and Abraham, who died at Philadelphia.

(IV) Daniel P. Cleaver, a son of Isaac Cleaver, was born in Earl township, Aug. 20, 1803, and died in February, 1876, aged seventy-three years. He is buried in a private cemetery at Pleasantville. In early life he was a worker in a woolen mill, but later engaged in farming and lived near Hill Church in Pike township, his property consisting of 212 acres, a portion of which was in that township and the remainder in Washington township. This property he bought in 1842, but later, after greatly improving it, he sold it, and bought an iron forge in Rockland township. This venture did not prove a success and he unfortunately lost considerable money. After this he went to Reading, then to Montgomery county, but finally returned to Pike township, where he died on a small farm he owned. For many years he was a justice of the peace, having been first appointed by Gov. Ritner. Later he was elected by the people, and he was a man very well known throughout the community. His first wife was Susanna Koch, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Walter) Koch. Their children were: Catherine m. Levi Bechtel; William K.; Aaron, unmarried, was killed during the Civil war, and is buried seven miles from Harper's Ferry near Charlestown; Sarah m. Jacob Glase (deceased), and lives at Williamsport; Daniel died young; and two died at birth. Mr. Cleaver m. (second) Catharine Fraunheiser, and they had these children: Isaac, Samuel, Kimber, Mary Ann and Hettie. As a gentleman he was honored and respected by all who met him, and while in his later days he had the misfortune to meet with financial reverses, his character was not altered and to the end of his days he remained a good friend, a kind father and husband, and was beloved by many.

(IV) Jonathan B. Cleaver, father of Jonathan, son of Jonathan (III), grandson of John (II) and great-grandson of Derrick (I), was born on the old Cleaver farm in Earl township in 1814, and died Aug. 10, 1901, aged eighty-seven years, three months and ten days, and is buried at the Oley Churches in Oley township. He was a well-known farmer of Earl township, his farm consisting of thirty acres. In politics he was a Republican, and for a quarter of a century he served as justice of the peace. For several years prior to his death Mr. Cleaver lived retired. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F., his period of membership extending over forty-two years. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran Church. His wife was Susanna Reidenheur, and they had these children: Sallie m. James Bohn, of Earl township; Lizzie died young, and Jonathan. Jonathan B. Cleaver is still remembered as a man of sterling honesty, uprightness of purpose, and he has given to his children an unstained name and unimpeached position in the confidence of the county.

(V) William K. Cleaver, a retired farmer of Berks county, living at the Oley Line, was born in Earl township, near Pleasantville, Jan. 6, 1832. Until he was eighteen he worked upon the farm, and then commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed at Pleasantville near the toll gate where a shop stood until 1900. Mr. Cleaver worked as a blacksmith until 1861, when he enlisted in Company D, 7th Pa. V. I., for a period of three months. Company D was organized at Pleasantville, by Capt. George S. Herbst. At the expiration of the three months' service, Mr. Cleaver re-enlisted at Doylestown, Sept. 23, 1861, for three years, in Durrell's Battery D, Pa. Light Artillery. He was in Kelly's Fort, along the Rappahannock, Bristoe Station, Second Battle of Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, White Sulphur Springs, Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and was mustered out at the last named place along the railroad, Sept. 23, 1864.

Mr. Cleaver returned to Oley township, and resumed work at his trade, being in several places. In 1866 he embarked in business for himself once more. About this time

he married and commenced farming, for a short time being in Montgomery county, but for eight years he lived at Boyertown, and in 1879 he came to his present home of 175 acres, which he secured through his wife. Since the spring of 1893, Mr. Cleaver has resided here retired from active life. This farm has historic interest as being the property where resided Susanna Cox, who in February, 1808, was convicted of infanticide, and was hanged for the crime at Reading, in June, 1809, 10,000 people witnessing the execution. As she was the first woman hanged in Berks county, her case attracted much attention. She was an ignorant, illiterate girl, but had abundant faith in Divine mercy. She held a handkerchief in her hand at the time of the execution, and said: "I am forgiven. As I will enter Heaven, I will tell you by dropping the handkerchief out of my hand." The spectators witnessed the dropping of the handkerchief while her other hand remained closed.

The present house on the farm is a relic of the eighteenth century, the building having been constructed in 1767, and is of stone in a fine state of preservation. This is the house in which the unfortunate woman had concealed her tiny victim. The barn was built in 1869 by Catharine Geehr to replace a barn built in 1766. The present barn is 44x98 feet. The corner-stone of the old barn, bearing the date of 1769, has been incorporated in the newer structure. With the date is this inscription:

"Wo God nicht Gibt Sein Segend Gedien So Sten Ler Seel Und Scheler. Jahr 1766."

Mr. Cleaver has the old Geehr family Bibles, one of them being a big Bible printed in 1748.

There is a well kept cemetery where Hans Snyder, who died in 1743, is buried, as are many of his descendants. He was a native of Switzerland, as was his wife Catharine, who was born in 1688. The whole place is teeming with historic interest, and is a property of which Mr. Cleaver is naturally very proud.

In politics Mr. Cleaver is a Republican, and was school director of Pleasantville district for three years. He is a Lutheran, while his wife is a member of the Reformed Church, and both attend the Oley Churches.

On Jan. 13, 1866, Mr. Cleaver married Sarah Geiss, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Hoch) Geiss. They had these children: Susan, m. to Oliver Gift; Aaron, of Reading; Mary, m. to Albert Hoppel; Prof. William, of Cheltenham township, Montgomery county, prominent in educational matters and superintendent of schools of Cheltenham; Katie, m. to Harvey Bush; Charles, who is unmarried and at home; Sallie, who is unmarried; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Cleaver was a brave soldier when the country needed him, and he recalls those days of peril and hardships with pleasure and recounts many thrilling stories to his interested listeners. Both he and his wife are very hospitable and their charming home is a gathering place not only for their children and their families, but also for the many friends these two have made during the years they have resided in Oley township.

(V) Jonathan Cleaver, a prominent retired farmer of Earl township, was born on his present farm, June 7, 1852, son of Jonathan B. Cleaver, and grandson of Jonathan.

After attending the school of his district Jonathan Cleaver went to the Oley Academy at Friedensburg and received a very liberal education. Completing his studies, he assisted his father on the farm until he purchased it in 1878. The property lies in both Earl and Oley townships, and the Boyertown trolley passes through his farm. In addition to this homestead, Mr. Cleaver owns sixty acres of woodland in Earl township, and is a man of substance. In politics he is a Republican and has served the township as supervisor, and in 1900 assisted in taking the census. Fraternally Mr. Cleaver is a member of the Manatawny Castle, No. 161, K. G. E., of which he is now treasurer.

On May 6, 1876, Mr. Cleaver married Maranda Mathias, daughter of Daniel and Wilhelmina (Focht) Mathias, and they had one son, J. Daniel, born June 28, 1879, who is now farming the homestead. He married Sallie Rothenberger, daughter of James Rothenberger, of Oley township, and they had one son who died in infancy. Mr. Cleaver has retired from active labor, and is passing the sunset of life in peace and quiet, and in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency. His farm is finely kept up, and the old stone house, mellowed by the years of residence in it, is an ornament to the well-laid-out fields and neat outbuildings. The fences are substantially built and kept in good repair, and the property is fully equipped with the most highly improved machinery.

Some very valuable records are found on the tombstones beneath which are interred many of the Cleaver family. Investigation has brought to light the following:

"Benneville Cleaver, born June 11, 1813, died Oct. 15, 1899, aged eighty-six years, four months and four days."

"Elizabeth, wife, born Ritter, Nov. 8, 1820, died Feb. 10, 1890, aged sixty-nine years, three months and two days."

"Aaron B. Angstadt, born May 5, 1820, died Dec. 30, 1898, aged seventy-eight years, seven months and twenty-five days."

"Catharine, his wife, born Holl, Oct. 31, 1820, died June 12, 1894, aged seventy-three years, seven months and eleven days."

"Daniel Cleaver, born Aug. 20, 1803, died Feb. 23, 1876, aged seventy-two years, six months, three days."

"Catharine, his wife, born Oct. 9, 1832, died Aug. 24, 1888, aged fifty-five years, ten months and fifteen days."

"Isaac Cleaver, son of Daniel and Catharine, born Nov. 19, 1851, married Amanda Ziegler, died Nov. 6, 1872, aged twenty years, eleven months and seventeen days."

"Cath. Bertolet, wife Hiram K. Cleaver, married June 19, 1853 (1834-1857)."

"Hiram K. Cleaver, born Oct. 31, 1832, died June 6, 1877, aged forty-four years, seven months and five days."

"Maranda Cleaver, born Mathias, born Nov. 25, 1857, died April 20, 1900, aged forty-two years, four months and twenty-five days."

JOHN LEEDOM, for a number of years a leading citizen of Reading, Pa., engaged in pattern-making, was born at Jamisons Corners, Bucks Co., Pa., in 1812, son of John Leedom and wife (whose maiden name was Sterling).

John Leedom learned his trade in Bucks county, where he worked until 1837, and in this year he located in Reading, making the trip in a wagon. He entered into a business partnership with a Mr. Spencer, under the firm name of Spencer & Leedom, manufacturing farming implements and threshing machines, and they also conducted a branch at Lebanon, Pa. The business was carried on until the panic of 1842-47, when they suspended business. From that time until within two years of his death, in 1897, Mr. Leedom worked at his trade of pattern maker, having charge of the Scott Foundry pattern department. During the Civil war he drafted and made plans for cannons used in that struggle for the firm of Seyfert, McManus & Co. He was a very fine mechanic, and a sample of his handiwork may be seen in the fine iron fence surrounding the Charles Evans cemetery.

Mr. Leedom married Louisa A. Wright, daughter of George Wright, of Bustleton, Pa., and to this union there were born: Emma m. David Shirey; George W. was for some time a clerk in the First National Bank of Reading; John N. M.; Susan J. m. John R. Kancher, at one time cashier of the First National Bank; Adelaide, deceased, m. Howard Pierce; Edward J. is deceased; Ellen M. was a teacher in the primary department of the public schools; Howard M. is deceased; and Clara E. In religious connection Mr. Leedom was a member of St. Peter's Methodist Church, and a leader of the choir there for many years.

George W. Leedom first enlisted in the three months' service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, 1st Pa. V. I., and after an honorable discharge, re-enlisted in Company G, 93d Pa. V. I. After his second dis-

charge he again enlisted in the 176th regiment, Hospital Corps, serving until the regiment was mustered out. He again enlisted in the 5th U. S. Vet. Vol. Inf., and was Hospital Steward of the regiment, serving his time, and being honorably discharged at the close of the war. He resides at No. 1567 Mineral Spring Road, Reading.

ELIAS EMRICH. In naming the representative agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., mention should be made of Elias Emrich, a substantial and practical farmer, whose fine tract of land is situated in Bethel township. Mr. Emrich was born Feb. 14, 1844, in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Solomon and Elnora (Zechman) Emrich.

The great-grandfather of Elias Emrich, "Stuffel," or Christophel Emrich, came from Germany at a very early day.

John Emrich, grandfather of Elias, was a native of Schuylkill county, and was a blacksmith and farmer, spending his life in his native community, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, Madeline Philips, was about the same age at the time of her death. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: John, Benjamin, Joseph, Solomon, Eliza (m. Daniel Roeder), and Michael.

The maternal great-grandfather of Elias Emrich was a native of Germany, from which country he came to America as a young man. His son, George Zechman, was born in Berks county, where he followed farming pursuits all of his life. He was a leading Republican of his community, and a pillar of the Lutheran Church. George Zechman married Sarah Wert, and they had these children: Moses, a tanner in Bern township, Berks county, where he died; William, a watchmaker, went West; Lucy m. William Benner; Elnora became the mother of Elias Emrich; Sarah m. Benneville Berger; Leah m. (first) Joel Henny, and (second) F. Unger; Polly m. (first) Joseph Strouse, (second) John Christ and (third) John Boltz.

Solomon Emrich, father of Elias, was reared in Schuylkill county, where he remained until 1866, and in this year removed to Berks county, settling in Bethel township. Here he engaged in farming, which he followed during the remainder of his active life. He died in 1871, in his fifty-first year. He married Elnora Zechman who has attained more than four score years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Emrich: Elias; Franklin, a farmer of Custer, Nebr.; Lewis, who died at the age of six years; Leanna, who died young; and Daniel, who died at the age of three years.

Elias Emrich was reared in the public schools of Schuylkill county, and in 1866 came to Bethel township, Berks county, with his parents, he having made his home here ever since. From 1872 until 1895 Mr. Emrich operated the homestead, in the latter year removing to his own farm of twenty-five acres, which is adjacent to Millersburg, although he still owns the old homestead of ninety-nine acres. He was also for some years interested in the timber business, and other enterprises have received his attention, he now being a stockholder in the Berks County Trust Company. He has always been enterprising, progressive and energetic, and is now rated among the most substantial farmers of the community. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving for eleven years on the school board, and as township clerk for some time. He is a member of and past officer in Bethel Lodge No. 820, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

In 1869 Mr. Emrich married Miss Henrietta R. Snyder, daughter of George W. and Mary (Snyder) Snyder, and they have had six children: Charles R., who resides on the homestead, m. Mary Miller, and has one child, Carrie; George T., a farmer and miller of Bethel township, m. Cora Gasser, and has one child; Harry Walter, a storekeeper who resides in Millersburg, m. Hattie Widmer, and has one child, Robert; Sallie is deceased; and two died in infancy.

SAMUEL K. REMP, a well-known resident of Knauer's, in Brecknock township, Berks county, where he has for some years been engaged in a general mercantile business, was born April 29, 1863, in Brecknock township, son of Elijah and Mary (Kachel) Remp.

Elijah Remp, father of Samuel K., was born in 1821, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, it being recorded in his diary that he started at his trade July 28, 1844, obtaining in wages $1.50 per week. Mr. Remp continued at his trade until engaging in farming, at which the rest of his life was spent, his tract consisting of fifty acres. He died Feb. 7, 1905. Mr. Remp married Mary Kachel, daughter of Benjamin Kachel, and to them four children were born: Elizabeth, who died young; Aaron, who is a farmer of Knauer's (m. Susan Sweitzer); Catherine, who died young; and Samuel K.

Samuel K. Remp lived on the original Remp homestead near Knauer's until nine years of age, when his parents removed to where Howard Remp now lives, on the road leading from Knauer's to Adamstown. Here he lived until attaining his majority, when he began farming for himself. In 1888 he removed to near Morgantown, where he conducted the Westley's mill for a period of three years, and in 1891 he purchased the good-will and store property of Henry Trostle of Knauer's, where he has since carried on a general merchandise business. In this Mr. Remp has been very successful, and has built up a large and lucrative trade. The store property consists of sixteen acres of excellent soil, upon which Mr. Remp raises all kinds of truck, and here he has repaired the buildings and in 1900 erected a new barn. Mr. Remp also owns a tenant residence at Knauer's, has a half-interest in the Wyomissing grist mill (Schnader's), between Gouglersville and Mohnton, and also owns a residence on Wyomissing avenue, at the latter place. During his youth and young manhood Mr. Remp followed the trades of carpenter and painter, having learned these occupations from August Hartz, who is now deceased.

In politics Mr. Remp is a stanch Democrat, and he takes an active interest in the party's success. He was elected a school director of his township in Brecknock, which office he held for three years, during which time he helped to erect Remp's and Gebhart's schoolhouses, new text books were adopted, and various other improvements taken up. He and Mrs. Remp are Reformed members of Allegheny Union Church, of which for years he was a deacon, also serving as secretary of the Sunday-school. He is a director of the Mohnton National Bank, of Mohnton, organized in December, 1907.

On June 23, 1883, Mr. Remp married Adelia S. Schnader, born Feb. 5, 1863, daughter of Frank K. Schnader, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Two children, sons, have been born to this union: Charles F., an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, m. Minnie Kissinger, and has two children—Earl Leroy and Aime; and Elmer E., who is engaged in lathing in Reading and lives in Pennwyn, m. Katie Griffith.

AARON K. REMP, son of Elijah, and brother of Samuel K., was born in Cumru township, Sept. 13, 1853, and obtained his education in the township schools. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for about five years, and in 1882 he began operations on his father's farm, where he continued for two years. In 1895 Mr. Remp purchased his present farm, which now consists of seventy acres of good, fertile land, and on which he raises produce for which he finds a ready market in Reading.

Mr. Remp married, in 1876, Susan Sweitzer, born June 8, 1858, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Hoschour) Sweitzer, and to this union one son has been born: Howard S., born June 1, 1877, m. Lizzie Hoffert, daughter of Nelson Hoffert, and has two children—Mabel M. and Paul E. The family are members of Allegheny Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation.

FRANK M. DOWLING, a representative citizen of Reading, Pa., is a native of that city, born Nov. 3, 1856, son of James and Catherine (Coleman) Dowling.

James Dowling, who was a well-known citizen and highly esteemed resident of Reading, was a machinist, a trade which he followed all of his life, dying at the age of fifty-eight years. He and his wife, who died at the age of eighty-three years, had these children: George W., James, Henry, Charles, Mary E., and Frank M. Mr. Dowling was a Democrat in politics, but never aspired to public office.

Frank M. Dowling received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he apprenticed himself to the moulders' trade with the Reading Hardware Company, with whom he remained for three years. He then found employment with Orr & Painter, with whom the following five years were spent, but in 1887 he resigned from his position to engage in the hotel business, opening a hostelry on Cotton, between Tenth and Eleventh streets. After continuing there successfully for six years, Mr. Dowling sold out to engage in the coal business where the Cotton and Maple street school is now situated, the board of education purchasing the ground from Mr. Dowling. In 1895 Mr. Dowling opened a hotel at Twelfth and Cotton streets, but retired from the business in 1908.

In 1881 Mr. Dowling married Miss Sarah Lindamuth, daughter of Bennewell and Susan (Boyer) Lindamuth, and to them have been born three children: Charles, Emma and Bessie. Mrs. Dowling is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Her husband is fraternally connected with Emblematic Lodge, I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., the Heptasophs, and for the past eighteen years the Washington Fire Company. He has various business interests in the city and was one of the party of twelve who organized and drew patterns for the Wrightsville Hardware Company, he being foreman of the plant.

GEORGE H. GEIGER, a leading agriculturist and influential citizen of Union township, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in cultivating his fine tract of 110 acres of land, was born in 1859, in Robeson township, Berks county, only son of Jacob and Anna (Sponagle) Geiger.

Jacob Geiger, grandfather of George H., was born in 1800 and died in 1876, and his wife Susan Geiger was born in 1801, and passed away in 1880. In 1861 this worthy couple erected the barn which stands on Mr. Geiger's farm, and on a marble slab in the wall thereof may be found their names and the date of the building. The house is a large stone structure, erected many years ago. The farm consists of 110 acres of excellent land, and the buildings thereon are in a good state of repair.

Jacob Geiger, father of George H., was born in 1838, and his wife, Anna Sponagle, Sept. 17, 1838.

George H. Geiger married Dec. 24, 1884, Miss Elizabeth Geiger, born in Robeson township, July 21, 1855, and to this union there was born in 1895, a daughter, Anna Margaret.

Mr. Geiger is a stanch Democrat in politics, and his influence in the community is shown by his election to various township offices, including that of judge of election, in a district strongly Republican.

ELLSWORTH PETER URICH, a prosperous business man of Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa., who carries on a large trade in saddle and harness making, was born June 10, 1864, at Myerstown, Lebanon county, son of John W. and Mary Ann (Price) Urich.

Christian Urich, grandfather of Ellsworth P., was a farmer and resided in Kutztown. He married Susannah Behney, and to this union there were born children as follows: John W.; Henry was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, during the Civil war; Isaac, who was wounded in the neck during the Civil war, m. Sallie Scholly, and they resided at Bluffton, Ind., where he died aged about sixty years; Amanda m. John Brightbill, resides near Myerstown and has two children; Elias, who also served through the Civil war, m. a daughter of John Depew, and they had three children, one of whom, William, resides at Reading; Sarah m. Moses Gerber, resides on a farm near Greble, Lebanon county, and has had three children, one being deceased; Peter m. Alice Daub, daughter of William Daub, and had one child which died young; and Frank, who resides in Reading near Eleventh and Greenwood streets, m. Sallie DeHart (daughter of Louis DeHart), who died May, 1903, leaving two children.

John W. Urich, father of Ellsworth P., was reared near Myerstown, where his entire life was spent. By trade he was a cabinet maker, having learned that occupation with Peter Stoudt of Myerstown, and this he followed for many years, being later engineer in Loose's tannery at that place. He was married to Mary Ann Price, who was reared in the Stoudt family, where Mr. Urich learned his trade, and seven children were born to this union: Elizabeth, m. to George Kline, son of Jacob Kline, resides near the old homestead, and has two children, Paul and Herbert; Ellsworth Peter; Sallie, m. to Joseph Diehl, resides in Lebanon, and has two children, Joseph and Mazie; Harry C., a blacksmith and machinist, who is manager of of the Reading Metal Body Manufacturing Company, m. Emma Mattes and resides in Fleetwood; Amanda, m. to James Klopp, resides near Myerstown, and has had two children, one of whom, Harry, survives; William died young; and Nettie m. Clement Achey, a farmer of near Myerstown, and has one child, John Leroy. The father of these children died at the old home aged fifty-eight years.

Ellsworth Peter Urich was educated in the public schools of his native locality and the high school of Myerstown and at the age of sixteen years was apprenticed to John N. Shirk to learn the trade of saddler and harness-maker. After completing his trade, Mr. Urich continued to work for Mr. Shirk for some time, being in all about ten years in his employ, and he then engaged in business on his own account at Rehrersburg, where he has built up a fine, steady trade.

On. Aug. 4, 1883, Mr. Urich married Lillie P. Schaeffer, daughter of Adam H. and Sydney C. (Potteiger) Schaeffer, and to this union there have been born children as follows: one child died in infancy; Hattie Viola m. Thomas Keener, a shipping clerk, at Reading, and has one child, Lillian May; and Annie Laura died April 16, 1904, just two days before her thirteenth birthday. The family are members of the old Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg, in the work of which they are active. In politics Mr. Urich is a Republican, but he has never cared for public office. Fraternally he is connected with Myerstown Lodge, No. 358, I. O. O. F., Camp No. 597, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a past officer, having been representative to the grand body, and with the Mortuary Benefit Fund of the P. O. S. of A.

GEORGE A. GANSTER, who died Oct. 8, 1901, was for many years a well-known resident of Reading, and the last five years of his life were spent in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co. Mr. Ganster was born in 1851 in Berks county, son of Joseph and Sophia (Hasslett) Ganster, whose other children were: William, deceased; Lewis, a dairyman of Chestnut street, Reading; Joseph, a merchant of Thirteenth and Cottonwood streets; Henry, a farmer of the county; Frederick, an iron-worker; John, a paper-hanger; Jacob, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; Mrs. Catherine Quinter; and Mary and Sophia, deceased.

George A. Ganster received a common school education and in youth entered the employ of the William McElwaine Rolling Mill, remaining in the same employ until five years before his death when he engaged as a helper in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at Reading. Although a steady, industrious worker, Mr. Ganster found time to do much hunting and fishing, in which recreations he found much pleasure. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran. He was independent in local political matters, although in national issues he was a stanch Republican. Fraternally he was connected

with the Washington Fire Company, as was also his son, William H.

In 1868 Mr. Ganster married Miss Emma R. Reeser, daughter of Abraham and Senara Reeser, and to this union there were born: William H., deceased; Emma M., who married Edward Snyder, of Reading; Charles I. and Carrie, deceased; Hattie E., at home; and Howard, who died in infancy. Mrs. Ganster, who survives her husband, is an active worker in St. John's Reformed Church, being especially interested in missionary work. She owns some valuable real estate in Reading, having two properties in the Sixteenth ward and five in the Tenth ward.

GEORGE H. HARTMAN, engaged in the produce business at Boyertown, is of the family founded in this section by German emigrants of the same name in the eighteenth century, they becoming loyal and industrious citizens of their adopted land.

(I) George Hartman, the emigrant ancestor, was a soldier in the Revolution. The date of his emigration is not known, but it was a short time only prior to the outbreak of the war for independence. In the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 2, Vol. 17, is a record of three Hartmans—Jonathan Adam, John and George—who sailed from Rotterdam in the "Union," Andrew Bryson, master, and arrived in Philadelphia Sept. 27, 1773. There is also a record of John George Hartman, who sailed in the "Crawford," Charles Smith, master, from Rotterdam, arriving at Philadelphia, Oct. 25, 1774. There is no record of a George Hartman sailing from Germany prior to that date except in 1764, at which time Frantz Thomas Hartman and George Henry Hartman sailed from Rotterdam on the "Sarah," Francis Stanfell, master, and arrived in Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1764. George Hartman, the ancestor, was born in Rotenburg, Germany, and when he landed in America, owed for his passage, and was accordingly hired to a man in Oley until this money should have been paid. While there a recruiting officer for the Continental army met him in the field and asked him to enlist. He said he would only that he had to serve his time. The officer told him the farmer could be satisfied, and this would be done if he would get ready to go immediately. Satisfactory arrangements were made, and the young German enlisted, serving, according to tradition, seven years. After the war he settled near Woodchoppertown, and some time later married a Hartline. They had five sons and three daughters: Adam, who settled in Earl township, Berks county, and had eight children; Conrad, who located in Oley, and had eight children; George, of Mohnsville, who was the father of three; Jacob, of Colebrookdale township, who had three children; Daniel, of Earl township, who also had three children; and the daughters, who married respectively, George Meck, Peter Swavely and Peter Miller, all of Rockland. George Hartman died in 1831, and was buried at Oley Church, as was also his wife, who died in 1847.

(II) Conrad Hartman, son of George, was born in Earl township, Dec. 12, 1801. He owned a farm in Colebrookdale township (at Morysville), and he made farming his lifelong occupation. In 1823 he married Elizabeth Richard, who was born June 30, 1801, and who died Oct. 30, 1878. He died Aug. 28, 1878, and both are buried at Boyertown. They had eight children: Daniel R., born March 18, 1824, lived at Boyertown, and died Dec. 15, 1895; Anna, born Oct. 28, 1828, married Silas Fisher, of Reading, and died July 27, 1895; William, born Nov. 27, 1827, died at Phoenixville, April 2, 1907; George, born Jan. 2, 1831, lives in Reading; David, born Feb. 15, 1832, lives at Reading; Amos, born June 13, 1835, died on the old homestead June 15, 1907; Deborah, born July 15, 1839, married W. D. Kehl, and died March 31, 1901; and Jacob, born April 30, 1842, lives at No. 2243 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.

(III) Daniel R. Hartman, son of Conrad, was a native of Oley township, born March 18, 1824, and he died at his home in Boyertown Dec. 15, 1895, and is buried at Fairview cemetery. For six years he farmed in Douglass township, but the greater part of his active life was spent at his trade of shoemaker. In his religious views he was a Lutheran, and he held a number of church offices. While in Exeter he belonged to Schwartzwald Church. He married Phoebe Hafer, born July 31, 1827, daughter of George Hafer, and she died Jan. 10, 1891. They had eight children: Deborah (1852-1872) died unmarried; Frank H. lived at Boyertown; George H.; Ellen married Henry H. Reinert, of Boyertown; Misses Lizzie and Amanda live together at Boyertown; and Daniel H. and William H. also live at Boyertown.

(IV) George H. Hartman, son of Daniel R., is one of the successful business men of Boyertown. He was born in Exeter township June 25, 1855, and his education was acquired in the township schools. As a young man he learned the painter's trade, and this he followed three years. In 1876, Centennial year, he engaged in the produce business, buying butter, eggs, poultry and vegetables from the farmers in Colebrookdale and Earl townships, and shipping them by rail to Philadelphia once a week. The success that attended him in the beginning induced him to continue in this line, and he had trade for all his goods in Germantown, Pa. He is thoroughly familiar with every part of this work, and attends personally to the major details. For four years he was in business with his uncle, William Kehl. He has shipped as many as 1,500 dozen eggs per week, and as high as 2,000 pounds of butter. Mr. Hartman has a comfortable home on Philadelphia avenue. He and his family belong to St. John's Lutheran Church.

In 1879 Mr. Hartman was married to Mary Fox, daughter of Samuel Fox, of New Berlinville, and their three children are: Charles C., Mabel F., and Florence F. In politics Mr. Hartman is a Democrat. For years he was a member of the council, and he served one term as chief burgess. He is active and progressive, keenly alive to the best interests of the town, and is very highly respected.

FRANK D. KRAMER, a prosperous farmer of Berks county, Pa., operating in the southeastern end of Greenwich township, was born Oct. 3, 1859, in Richmond township, son of George and Catherine (Dietrich) Kramer.

John Kramer, grandfather of Frank D., was a farmer and extensive land-owner of Greenwich township, and in addition conducted a distillery near where Schofer's schoolhouse now stands. Mr. Kramer was a captain of militia during the Revolutionary war, his company meeting at Grimville about every two months, and on battalion days all of the companies of the Sixth Battalion of the western section of the county would meet. Captain Kramer was tall and of fine physique, a giant in strength and a great disciplinarian. He married Sarah Shadel, and their children were: John; Mary m. William Adam, a carpenter; Sally m. William Gehret, also a carpenter; George; and a daughter (name not given).

George Kramer, father of Frank D., followed farming in Greenwich township, owning 122 acres of fine land, and in addition carried on carpentering, being an excellent mechanic. He married Catherine Dietrich, daughter of George Dietrich, a prosperous and well-known miller and farmer of Greenwich township. To this union were born: Mary m. John Riegel, a farmer of Richmond township; Sally m. Henry Bower, a miller; Hettie died aged eleven years; Catherine died at the same age; Frank D.; Carrie m. Thomas Rentschler, of Tilden township; Amanda m. Henry Reppert, a farmer of Greenwich township; Chester U. died aged three years; and Rosie m. Simon Driebelbis.

When seven years of age Frank D. Kramer was taken to Greenwich township to the farm now owned by Alfred Dietrich, near Grimville. Here the Kramers resided until 1871, and in this year removed to a farm of over 100 acres in the northwestern part of the same township.

On Jan. 1, 1880, Mr. Frank D. Kramer married Esther A. Frauenfelder, daughter of Adam and Wilhelmina (Lenhart) Frauenfelder, of Greenwich township, and to this union were born: George R. m. Annie Fink, and has one daughter, Erma; Percy died in infancy; Mattie M. m. Henry Adam, and has two children, Edna Mabel and

Franklin Henry; Robert P.; Curtis E. J.; Frank A.; Chester U.; Maud M.; Walter W.; Florence; Amanda L.; Herbert H.; Esther C. died in infancy; Edgar P., and Harvey S. J.

Frank D. Kramer is one of the good, practical agriculturists of this locality. He has worked hard ever since his childhood, and his industry and energy have been rewarded with well-merited success. In 1898 Mr. Kramer purchased the Jonas Dietrich homestead, consisting of 243 acres of land. Honest and upright in his dealings with his fellowmen, he has won a high place in the esteem of the people of the community. The family are members of Dunkel's Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Kramer is a Democrat.

GEORGE L. FICHTHORN, who died at his home in Reading, his native city, May 26, 1902, was engaged all of his life at the tanning trade. He was born April 18, 1852, son of Andrew Fichthorn, his grandfather also being named Andrew.

Andrew Fichthorn, the father, attended the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he learned the carpenter's and later the saddler's trades, continuing at the former but a short time, and at the latter for several years on Penn street, near Fourth. Later he engaged in the tanning business on Chestnut street below Third, under the firm name of Fichthorn & Co., and in 1865 he removed his business to Sinking Spring, this county. In 1870 Mr. Fichthorn returned to Reading, engaging in the real estate business, to which he gave his attention until his death, June 25, 1903. Andrew Fichthorn married Rachel R. Reiff, daughter of Jacob Reiff, of Montgomery county, and she died in April, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, the mother of children as follows: Clara C. resides at the old home, No. 30 South Eighth street, Reading; Andrew R.; Anna M. m. Dr. C. F. G. Bergner, the well known druggist of Reading; Martha E. m. Samuel Yeoman, of Reading; Jacob W.; J. Walter D., a clerk of Reading, m. Rosa E. Selig, and has two children, Emma E. and Mary A.; Hannah E., a teacher in Reading for twenty-three years, died in February, 1906; Grace V., Mary M. and Daniel C. died young; and George L.

George L. Fichthorn was educated in the public schools of Reading, and was then employed in his father's tannery and in attending to the repairs of his father's large estate. The tannery was later purchased by the Kerpers, and Mr. Fichthorn was employed by the Haubners, continuing with this firm until his death.

On Oct. 16, 1873, Mr. Fichthorn married Susan Matilda Wentzel, daughter of the late George and Mary Ann (Fillman) Wentzel, and to them were born a family of eight children: George A. m. Lottie Hilbert, and has two children, George A., Jr. and Catharine; Harry L., single, resides at home; William, a tinsmith, resides at home; John, Florence M., Estella M., Edith E. and Ralph. Mr. Fichthorn was a Lutheran. He was fraternally connected with the Red Men and the Knights of Friendship. In politics he was a Republican.

Mrs. Fichthorn's father, George Wentzel, was a teamster and did a large draying business. He died in 1895, at the age of fifty-two years, the father of the following children: Susan M.; Alice m. Charles Peiper; William m. Katie Cummins; Francis m. Mary Brown; Ida m. James Fisher; Augustus m. Miss Bellman. The family were members of the Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Wentzel was a Democrat.

KENSIE N. YODER, D. D. S., of Reading, was born Aug. 21, 1877, in Wernersville, Berks county, son of Jacob S. Yoder. He is a grandson of William Yoder, and great-grandson of Jacob Yoder.

Jacob Yoder was born June 27, 1792, in Oley township, this county, and there passed his early life. When a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in his native township until he was over thirty years old, when he moved to Lower Heidelberg township and there became the owner of thirteen acres of land. There he died Sept. 23, 1861, and he was buried at the Hain's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He married (first) Lydia Brown, of Rockland township, and they had these children: Polly m. a Kelchner; Amos m. Elizabeth Ruth; William is mentioned below; John, who lived at Wernersville, where he followed the trade of wheelwright, was the father of Frank and grandfather of Leonard G. Yoder, both of Wernersville; James, who made his home at Adamstown, was a soldier in the Civil war and was killed in battle. The father, Jacob Yoder, m. (second) Catherine Ernst, born Dec. 8, 1800, died Jan. 11, 1875. By this union there were five children: Sarah, Kate, Daniel, Hettie and Benneville.

William Yoder, son of Jacob, lived in Heidelberg township and is buried at Hain's Church. He was a farmer, and owned valuable land, Wernersville being located on what was formerly his property. He married Susan Strunk, a sister of William Strunk, and she lived until 1908, being over sixty at the time of her death. Their children were as follows: Daniel; Lydia m. Darius Bohn; Kate, deceased, m. Aaron Leib; Jacob S.; and Sarah m. William Linsman, and died about a year later, leaving one daughter, who is now Mrs. Kate Hain.

Jacob S. Yoder, son of William, was born Jan. 5, 1847, in Wernersville, was reared a farmer, and followed farming for a number of years. Later he engaged in the timber business in his section, in which he was quite successful, and he then took up lime-burning at Wernersville, where he died March 29, 1909. He was an active member of the fire company of the town, and a member of Lodge No. 835, I. O. O. F., and Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., there. He married Jemima M. Wenrich, daughter of Adam and Eliza Wenrich, of Heidelberg, and they had two sons, Kensie N. and Frederick S., both dentists. Mr. Yoder was a member of Hain's Reformed Church., as is his son Dr. Kensie N., while his wife and Dr. Frederick S. are Lutherans.

Kensie N. Yoder spent his boyhood days at Wernersville; and there received his preparatory education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1894. Later he attended Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa., leaving in the senior year of the course, however, to become a clerk and the assistant postmaster at Wernersville, being employed in the general store of E. S. Hassler, who was postmaster. There he remained four years, at the end of which period he came to Reading and became assistant manager of the Eagle Book Store. After a year there he returned to his former employer, Mr. Hassler, at Wernersville. In 1900 he became a dental student in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1903, after which he opened offices at his present location, No. 512 Penn Square, Reading. He has built up a large practice and enjoys an enviable reputation, being attentive to his work and successful in acquiring and retaining patronage. He maintains a branch office at Wernersville, and is assisted by his brother, Frederick S.

Dr. Yoder's establishment is equipped with all the latest appliances necessary for his work, and he has facilities for administering all anesthetics.

Dr. Yoder is active in Masonic circles, being a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; and Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T. He also belongs to Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., of Wernersville, of which he is a past officer, and to the Wernersville Fire Company. He is a member of the Hain's Reformed Church, with which his ancestors back to his great-grandfather have been identified and there many of the family lie buried.

FREDERICK S. YODER, D. D. S., was born at Wernersville March 17, 1885, and there he spent his boyhood and obtained his early education. He graduated from the high school in 1903, and the following year registered as a student in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom June 17, 1908. He has since been engaged in practice in partnership with his brother, Dr. Kensie N. Yoder, looking after the office at Werners-

ville, where both make their home. Dr. Yoder is a member of Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., and of the Citizens Hose Company.

MOYER. The first of the Moyer family of whom there is any definite record is William Moyer, born in 1801 on one of the Moyer homesteads. in Marion township. He was a resident of Womelsdorf, and in his younger days he was a teamster who frequently made trips to Philadelphia carrying hides and produce and bringing back merchandise. Later he worked as a farmer for David Laucks and the Grubers. His wife was Hannah Hoyer, sister of the late Mayor Joseph Hoyer of Reading. She was born in 1809, and died in 1884. William Moyer and wife had fifteen children, among whom were: Mary, m. to George Mounts, who survives her, living at Klopps Store at the age of ninety; George and Percival, twins; John and William, twins; Elias and James, twins; Ella, m. to Allen Schell, of Reading; Caroline, m. to David Bricker, of Wernersville; and Eliza m. to Daniel Smith.

Percival Moyer, son of William, was born in the Tulpehocken section of Berks county, Feb. 15, 1831, and died at Reading March 15, 1904. By trade he was a cabinet maker, but later in life he was engaged in a produce business at Womelsdorf. In 1892 he came to Reading where he lived a semi-retired life until his death. He was a Lutheran in religious belief and is buried at Womelsdorf. He was twice married. His first wife, Eliza Bollman, daughter of George Bollman of Spring township, died Sept. 6, 1868, aged twenty-eight. Their children were: George L.; and William J., who died in infancy. The second wife of Percival Moyer was Malinda Heberling, of Meckville, and they had three children: Clara m. Thomas Brown, of Reading; Tillie m. Harry Hays, of Newark, N. J.; Ella m. Arthur Levan, of Reading.

George L. Moyer, son of Percival and Eliza (Bollman), was born at Womelsdorf, Berks county, June 1, 1862. He attended the public schools of his neighborhood, and obtained a fair education. When fifteen years of age he learned the trade of hat making from his uncle George Bollman, at Adamstown, and has followed it ever since. He came to Reading in 1890, and commenced his business life here by working for J. G. Mohn & Bros., hat manufacturers, where he has since continued.

Mr. Moyer is a member of the Hatters' Union; Independent Order of Americans, No. 371; P. O. S. of A., No. 28; Sr. O. U. A. M., No. 60; F. & A. M. Lodge No. 62; Wyomissing Council, No. 1584, Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican, and he served as school director and as auditor of the Adamstown borough while living in that community.

In 1884 Mr. Moyer was married to Mary Jane Mohn, daughter of William and Sarah (Redcay) Mohn, and granddaughter of Wilhelm Mohn, of Adamstown. They have one son, William Mohn Moyer, born in 1885, who graduated from the Reading high school, class of 1904, and is now a clerk in the Reading Hardware Company's establishment.

ROBERT W. MADEIRA, whose popular pharmacy is located at No. 322 North Sixth street, Reading, is a native of Berks county, born in Shoemakersville, Nov. 22, 1865, son of Samuel S. and Caroline (Schumn) Madeira.

Samuel S. Madeira was a lifelong resident of Berks county, born in 1831. When the Reading Railroad was opened he became one of its employes and continued to work for the company thirty years. He retired from this position not long before his death, which occurred in 1884, when he was but fifty-three years of age. He and his wife had nine children, of whom seven lived to grow up, viz.: Sue, Mrs. W. S. Wagner, of Reading; K. S., an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad (m. Miss Ida Reber); Robert W.; Minnie L. (m. Samuel Weaver, of Ephrata); Howard S., postmaster at Shoemakersville (m. Miss Sue Lamey); Annie, now deceased; and Clara, a trained nurse at Walter's Park Sanitarium. Mr. Madeira was a Republican and a member of the United Evangelical Church.

Robert W. Madeira received a good education in the Berks county schools and later taught in them a while. He then entered the Kutztown Normal School, completed his course there and received a permanent certificate as school superintendent. He then resumed teaching and held positions in both Berks and Chester counties. After several years in educational work Mr. Madeira made up his mind to enter the drug business, and in the furtherance of his purpose entered the employ of Leedy Seipel, who was located at the corner of Fourth and Poplar streets, Philadelphia. In due time he became a student in the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy, and in 1888 graduated receiving his degree. He returned to Leedy Seipel, and was assigned to his pharmacy in Cape May, where he remained till 1890. In that year Mr. Madeira came to Reading, worked as a clerk till 1896 and then started in business for himself.

The drug store purchased by Mr. Madeira was the property of John A. Groff, and was located on North Sixth street, where the new proprietor has remained up to the present time. He conducts a first class establishment, with complete stock not only of drugs, but of toilet articles and the various other lines carried now in up-to-date pharmacies. Mr. Madeira carries on both a wholesale and retail business, and also manufacturers a number of proprietary medicines. Among them may be mentioned Dr. Allen's (Dime) Catarrh Cure, Madeira's Ingrowing Nail Cure, Celerine Headache Powders, Madeira Liquid Corn Cure, Madeira's Liver Pills, Camphorene Cold Tablets, Der-Ma-Lyn, White Pine Cough Cure, and a preparation for chapped hands known as "I like it."

On Sept. 14, 1892, Mr. Madeira married Miss Cora A. Ritter, of Allentown, Pa. Two sons have been born to them, Reginald Ritter and Robert Spencer. The parents are members of the First United Evangelical Church on Eighth street, of which Rev. Edward H. Kistler is the pastor. In politics Mr. Madeira is a strong Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the P. O. S. of A., No. 189, of Reading. Mr. Madeira stands high both in business and social circles, and has many warm friends in Reading.

WILLIAM H. MAYS, farmer and dairyman of West Reading, in Spring township, was born July 18, 1848, near historic Schaefferstown, in Heidelberg township, Lebanon Co., Pa. He is a son of the late George W. Mays and great-great-grandson of Nicholas Mays (or Mace), who founded the family in America.

Nicholas Mays was born in Germany, whither his parents had emigrated from Switzerland. In 1715 he came to America, locating in Lancaster (now Lebanon) county, Pa., making the journey from New York by way of Harris Ferry, where Harrisburg is now located. His children were: Nicholas, Philip, George, John, Jacob, Valentine, Henry, Benjamin, and Marguerite Elizabeth.

Jacob Mays (Mace), son of Nicholas, was born at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and was a tailor by trade. He married Susan Baseor, daughter of George Baseor, who was massacred by the Indians at what was known as the "Baseor Hotel" in the Blue Mountains. These children were born to Jacob and his wife: John married Susan Missimer; William died at Manheim, Pa.; Henry died at Anderson, Ind.; Jacob is mentioned below; Marguerite E. died unmarried; Daniel died at Schaefferstown.

Jacob Mays, grandfather of William H. Mays and son of Jacob Mays, lived in Heidelberg township, Lebanon Co., Pa., owning land which had formerly been the property of his father. He helped to erect the Schaefferstown Church. His children were: Henry, a farmer of Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, who had children—John, Sarah and Amanda; George W.; Catharine, m. to Abraham Snyder; and Sarah, m. to Henry Yeingst.

George W. Mays, born Oct. 18, 1822, in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, died Aug. 10, 1890, aged sixty-seven years, nine months, twenty-two days. He owned a tract of forty-three acres, which he cultivated, this being a part of the old homestead in Heidelberg township, and he also

acted as surveyor in Lebanon and served many years as a justice of the peace. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Reformed member of Kimmerling's Church, where he is buried. His first wife, Sarah Spangler, daughter of Henry Spangler, is buried at Schaefferstown. By her Mr. Mays had five children: Dr. Thomas, of Philadelphia; William H.; Dr. Alfred, who died in California in 1907, at the age of fifty-seven; Emma, deceased wife of William Exely, of Philadelphia; and Jacob, who died unmarried. By his second marriage, to Malinda, daughter of Henry Phillipi, there were eight children: Amelia, m. to David Miller, of Reading, Pa.; Alice (1865-1893), who died unmarried; U. Grant, of Lebanon, Pa.; Agnes, who died young; Sallie, m. to George W. Kreider; Mamie, who died young; Edith, who died young; and Earl, who is the State agent at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

William H. Mays obtained his education in the common schools, alternating his attendance with work on his father's farm until he was thirteen years old, when he began hiring out among farmers. In 1872 he began farming on his own account in North Lebanon township, Lebanon county, near Avon, where he remained for two years. In 1882 he removed to Berks county, settling on the William Stover farm, of 200 acres, in Bern township, which he cultivated for three years. The next fifteen years Mr. Mays worked the well known George Ruth farm of eighty-three acres in Cumru township, in 1900 moving upon the old Seitzinger farm in Spring township, now embraced in the borough confines of West Reading and Wyomissing. This property, which comprises over two hundred acres of the best land in the county, is now owned by the Pennsylvania Trust Company. Mr. Mays is now engaged as a farmer and dairyman at West Reading, in Spring township, and he is successful and up-to-date in his methods, having the most modern and approved machinery and excellent live stock, including sixteen horses and over forty head of cattle. His milk is shipped daily by team to Reading, where it is retailed, the product consisting of about two hundred quarts daily.

Mr. Mays was one of the first directors of West Reading upon the incorporation of the town. He has served two years as school director of Spring township, proving an able and conscientious official, as he has always been a good citizen. He supports the Democratic ticket.

On Dec. 23, 1871, Mr. Mays married Mary A. Dundore, daughter of David and Lovina (Zeller) Dundore, and they have had a family of eleven children: (1) Agnes E. A. (deceased) m. William Bohn, of Shillington. (2) Annie m. Harry F. Baer, of Cumru. (3) George D. m. Jennie Labe, and resides in Reading. (4) Mamie m. Charles Becker, of West Reading. (5) Elsie m. John Miller, of Shillington. (6) William J. m. Helen Summons, of Reading. (7) Katie, (8) Edith, (9) Jennie, (10) Cora and (11) Hattie are all at home. The family are members of St. John's Reformed Church of Sinking Spring.

WILSON E. MOYER, railroad station agent at Wernersville, was born at Robesonia, in Heidelberg, Feb. 4, 1873. He is a grandson of the late Daniel Moyer, of Heidelberg, who was a farmer. He married Katharine Ernst, daughter of Joseph Ernst and wife (whose maiden name was Klopp), and they had twelve children: Emanuel B. m. Clara Wenrich; John E. is mentioned further on; Jeremiah m. a Wenrich; Daniel J. m. Sarah Knoll, and after her decease Emma Kintzer; Mahlon A. m. Ella Noecker; Julius G. m. Isabella Behney; Amelia m. Isaac M. Bechtel; Sarah m. John Miller; Amanda m. William H. Froelich; and three died young.

John E. Moyer, of Robesonia, father of Wilson E. Moyer, was born in April, 1845, in Heidelberg township. He served in the Civil war for three years, enlisting as a private and was mustered out as a sergeant, being promoted for bravery in rolling out an unexploded shell from entrenchments at Cold Harbor, Va. He carried on farming for over thirty years, but has been living in retirement since April, 1904. He married Amanda Ruth, daughter of Francis Ruth, of Heidelberg, and by her he had twelve children: Wilson E. is mentioned below; Maggie C. and John M. both died after becoming of age; Minnie E. m. William E. Fisher, attorney-at-law at Reading; Allen N., a boiler maker, m. Clara Schlenker; Harry F., a farmer, m. Maggie Fidler; Ezra J. is ticket clerk and baggage agent at the Pennsylvania Railroad depot at Reading; Irwin D., a blacksmith at Black Bear, Pa., m. Florence Fister; Samuel N., Susan A., May R. (public school teachers) and Sarah M. are all unmarried.

After a preliminary education in the local schools Wilson E. Moyer attended the York County Academy and also took a special business course in the Batcheldors Business College at York, Pa. Upon returning home, he entered the general store of his uncle, Mahlon A. Moyer, as a clerk. He filled this position for several months, and served as student in telegraphy at the Womelsdorf railroad station in 1892, and as telegraph operator in the Western Union office at Womelsdorf in 1893. With this experience, in 1894 he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as operator and assistant station agent at Richland station, and filled these positions satisfactorily for nine years, when he was transferred to the Wernersville station to become the agent there. This position he has held successfully until the present time.

In February, 1895, Mr. Moyer married Bessie Levengood, daughter of Gabriel Levengood and Mary Wagner, his wife, of Myerstown, and by her he has two children, Mary and Elsie. Gabriel Levengood, father of Mrs. Moyer, served three years in the Civil war, and was an aid to General Doubleday at Gettysburg. He was a son of the late Elias Levengood, who served his country on the frontier and went through both Mexican and Civil wars.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN STIMMEL, a leading brick manufacturer and extensive farmer of Kutztown, Pa., was born Aug. 20, 1846, on the Stimmel homestead in Maxatawny township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Sarah (Heffner) Stimmel.

Jacob Stimmel, great-grandfather of William F., was a son of the immigrant ancestor. He settled in Maxatawny township prior to 1757, as in that year he was taxable in that township, and was a single man.

Jacob Stimmel, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 23, 1773, and died May 7, 1847. He was the original owner of the Stimmel homestead in Maxatawny township, was a farmer, and also engaged in wagoning, was a good mechanic and a useful man in his community. He had children: Jacob, who bought the old homestead, but later sold it to Benneville; Daniel, John and Samuel, who settled in Delaware, Ohio, but Samuel later went to Iowa; and Benneville, who lived on the old homestead until 1862, when he sold it to Henry Biehl of Kutztown, and moved among his brothers in Ohio. There are many Stimmel descendants in that State whose ancestry came from Berks county, and some of these Ohio Stimmels have gained prominence in politics.

Jacob Stimmel, father of William F., was born on the Stimmel homestead in Maxatawny township, Nov. 12, 1814, and died May 8, 1896, at the home of his son William F., in Kutztown. In early life he learned the trade of shoemaker which he followed for many years, but in 1844 he purchased the old homestead. He was a member of Zion's Church of Grimville, of which he was deacon and elder for many years. He married Sarah Heffner, born April 7, 1811, died May 19, 1886, daughter of George Heffner, a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Stimmel had children: Maria, who met death at the age of four years by falling into a kettle of boiling water; Amelia, who married Manasses Greenawalt; and William Franklin.

William Franklin Stimmel lived on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, and he then removed to Greenwich township and became a carpenter, which trade he followed for six years. In the spring of 1872 he became proprietor of the "Three Mile House," and while

at this place he also conducted a saddlery establishment. In April, 1875, Mr. Stimmel engaged in the saloon business in Kutztown and continued therein until 1888, when he removed to his present residence, No. 45 Noble street. In the spring of this year Mr. Stimmel took charge of the Kutztown branch of the Keystone National Bank of Reading, Pa., and he conducted this very successfully for ten years. In 1884 he was elected a director in the Topton National Bank, and served three years. He was also a charter member of the board of directors of the Keystone Shoe Manufacturing Company, and was connected with that firm for sixteen years. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Stimmel engaged in the manufacture of high-grade brick, an industry he has carried on to the present time. He is also a stockholder and trustee of the Keystone State Normal School, being deeply interested in the success of this famous institution of learning. He is likewise a stockholder in the York Silk Company, the Sacony Shoe Company, and the Keystone Agricultural Society of Kutztown. In 1893 Mr. Stimmel purchased the Balzer Geehr farm, the largest in Maxatawny township, consisting of 232 acres of the best land in the district. His large barn on this property was destroyed by fire Aug. 13, 1905, but he has since erected a new and up-to-date brick barn at a cost of $5,000. Mr. Stimmel began building operations in 1880, erecting nine houses, in addition to the great shoe factories of Kutztown, now owned by L. A. Stein. He also is a member of the building committee of the Keystone State Normal School. Mr. Stimmel and his family are connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church, and he has served as a deacon and elder therein. In 1886 when the church was built he was a member of the building committee. The political life of Mr. Stimmel has been an active one. Like all the Stimmels he has been a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. For twelve years he served the town in which he lives as councilman, was school director for six years, acting during the entire time as treasurer of the board, was a member of the county standing committee for three years, and has been a delegate to numerous county conventions. In 1908 he was again elected to the town council for a term of three years. He is one of the men most active in planning for the Kutztown Centennial in 1915.

On Nov. 17, 1867, William Franklin Stimmel married Mary A. Siegfried, daughter of Henry K. and Lucinda (Stein) Siegfried. To Mr. and Mrs. Stimmel have been born children as follows: Sarah Alice m. Dr. E. L. Hottenstein, a well known physician of Kutztown, Pa.; Elton, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College, class of 1893, is carrying on a large and lucrative dental practice in Reading (he m. Alice C. Fenstermacher, and has one son, William Franklin); Ida m. M. L. Moyer, of Souderton, Pa.; Irvin, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1903, is carrying on a flourishing drug business in the city of Philadelphia (m. Lydia Cunningham, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.); and George, a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Dentistry, class of 1905, resides at No. 45 Noble street, Kutztown, and has a good practice. Mr. Stimmel's children have all been well educated. They all attended the Keystone State Normal School, Ida, George and Irvin graduating from the institution of which their father is such a stanch supporter. William F. Stimmel is a citizen of whom Kutztown may well feel proud. Enterprising and public-spirited, strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen, stanch in his support of the church and the school, and withal kind and generous, he has been of monumental good in the community, and may well be called one of Berks county's representative men.

ELTON STIMMEL, D. D. S., of Reading, Pa., one of the leaders of his profession in this city, was born May 1, 1871, in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., son of William F. and Mary Ann (Siegfried) Stimmel, and a grandson of Jacob Stimmel.

Jacob Stimmel was a pioneer settler in the vicinity of Eagle Point, Berks county, where he took up a large tract of land and became a man of agricultural prominence. He married a Miss Heffner and they had these children: William F.; and Amelia, who became the wife of Manasses Greenawalt. Jacob Stimmel and wife were worthy members of the Reformed Church. In religious belief they were consistent and set a good example to their descendants. In politics the family has always been Democratic.

William F. Stimmel is also an extensive farmer and became a large building brick manufacturer. His plant is still in operation, being located on the outskirts of Kutztown, where its output is practically consumed. He is a representative man of his locality and has held a number of the offices, serving on the council, also as school controller, and is a trustee of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He has always taken an active part in public affairs and was one of the organizers of the Keystone Shoe Manufacturing Company. He has been a very useful member of the Reformed Church and was liberal in his assistance in the erection of the church at Kutztown. His children are: Alice married Dr. E. L. Hottenstein, of Kutztown; Elton; Ida married M. L. Moyer, a chemist and prospector of Montgomery county; Irvin, a druggist at Philadelphia; and George, a dentist, at Kutztown.

Dr. Elton Stimmel was primarily educated in the schools of Kutztown and then entered the Keystone State Normal School. In 1889 he entered the Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia and was graduated with the degree of D. D. S., Feb. 28, 1893. For his initial practice he located at Allentown, but in the following year removed to the borough of Kutztown, where he continued until 1895, when he came to Reading. Here he has built up an enviable reputation for skill in dental surgery, and has his offices fully equipped with appliances for the scientific pursuit of his profession.

Dr. Stimmel married, Jan. 1, 1895, Alice C. Fenstermacher, of Mertztown, and they have one son, William F., Jr.; they are members of the Second Reformed Church. Dr. Stimmel belongs to the Modern Woodmen, the Iroquois, the P. O. S. of A., the P. O. S. of A. Commandery, the Pennsylvania Immediate Relief, and the Loyal Americans. Professionally he is a member of the C. N. Pierce Dental Society and Dental Practice Association.

THOMAS F. HEMMICH, a well known and highly esteemed old resident of Reading, Pa., now living retired at No. 28 North Third street, was born April 13, 1828, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Benjamin and Mary (Fritz) Hemmich, and grandson of Joseph and Margaret (Wanner) Hemmich.

The emigrant ancestor of Thomas F. Hemmich was born at Wurtemberg, near the River Rhine, Germany, and on coming to this country settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he became an extensive land owner, possessing at one time what later became a portion of the Berks county poor farm. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, while in politics he was a Democrat. He had three sons: John, Joseph and David. Joseph Hemmich also owned and cultivated land in Cumru township, and like his father was very prosperous, accumulating much property. He was the owner of a mill near the "Three Mile House," and, in company with his brother David, did a flourishing business, David taking care of the Philadelphia end.

Benjamin Hemmich, son of Joseph and father of Thomas, also farmed and did carpentering. He was a very industrious man, and was noted for his honest and upright methods in transacting business. He and his wife, Mary Fritz, were the parents of four children, as follows: Eliza, of Reading, married John From, now deceased; Thomas; Annie died young, and Benjamin. The family were connected with the Lutheran Church.

Thomas Hemmich received his education in his native township, and until nineteen years of age remained on the home farm. At this time he was apprenticed to the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he was employed for three years, and then he turned his attention to patternmaking, continuing in that line for more than fifty years. Mr.

Hemmich is also an inventor of some note, having several valuable patents, such as heaters, antifriction journals, soft coal consumers, etc.

In 1850 Mr. Hemmich married Lydia Holloway, who died in 1866. He married (second) in 1867, Sarah J. Biehl. To the latter union were born three children: Mary J., Naomi G. and Effie K. Mr. Hemmich is a Lutheran in religious belief. He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of Reading, but later transferred his membership to St. John Lodge, F. & A. M., when the latter lodge was formed, being a charter member thereof. He formerly belonged to the I. O. O. F. In political matters Mr. Hemmich is independent in his views.

DANIEL B. KEEHN, an old and respected resident of Mt. Penn, has passed his entire life in that section of Berks county. He was born March 1, 1841, in Lower Alsace township, son of Charles and Maria (Biedeman) Keehn, and received his education in the public schools, though his advantages were limited, for he commenced work at his trade when only eleven years old. In his boyhood he was reared to agricultural pursuits, but when he began to learn his trade he entered the St. Lawrence Woolen Mills, where he acquired first a knowledge of weaving and later of spinning. He was employed there for ten years, and later was engaged as a spinner at the Stony Creek Mills, where he remained eight years. For several years he was in the carding-room of the hat factory in Reading, and he was also similarly employed at other points. Since 1897, however, he has not worked at his trade. In that year he became helper to the sexton of the Aulenbach cemetery, and for the past four years he has been employed at Carsonia park. He has been justly esteemed for his sterling qualities as an industrious and thrifty man, and he has an honorable standing among his fellow citizens. Mr. Keehn is a member of St. Andrew's Reformed Church, and in political sentiment he is a Democrat. On Oct. 23, 1862, he was drafted for service in the Union army, and served nine months as a private in Company I, 179th Pennsylvania Militia, being mustered out at Harrisburg July 27, 1863.

On May 28, 1864, Mr. Keehn married Louisa N. Goodhart, who died in September, 1907, aged sixty-four years, seven months, twenty-seven days. The direct cause of her death was pleurisy, though she had been ailing for two years, and was confined to her bed for some time. Like her husband she was an esteemed member of St. Andrew's Reformed Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Keehn were born five children, namely: Evan Devilla is mentioned below; Charles William m. Annie Fisher, and died when twenty-eight years old; Martin Elmer, a molder of Reading, m. Sallie Sidel; Daniel Edwin, a conductor on a trolley line in Reading, m. Irene Reiff; Nora Octavia is living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Keehn also had an adopted daughter, Mabel G., who survives.

Evan Devilla Keehn, son of Daniel B., was born April 17, 1865. He learned the molder's trade and worked at it sixteen years. In April, 1896, he bought a milk route in Reading, which he is now operating. In 1885 he married Hannah E. Dautrich, daughter of Franklin and Susan (Hoffmaster) Dautrich, and granddaughter of Samuel Dautrich. They have three children, Clarence I., Edna L. and Helen I., and they reside in their own home at No. 513 South Fourth street, Reading.

GOODHART. Frederick Goodhart, grandfather of Mrs. Louisa N. (Goodhart) Keehn, was a substantial farmer in Exeter township, owning the original homestead. He married Mary Gertrude Shaffner, and they had a large family, namely: Frederick, Jacob, John, Daniel, Benjamin, Martin, William, Mary (who died unmarried), Hattie (wife of Jacob De Turk), and Catharine (who married John Bechtel). The parents were members of the Reformed Church.

William Goodhart, son of Frederick, was Mrs. Keehn's father. He purchased the parental homestead, which comprised 172 acres, and which his father had improved with a large stone house and barn, William erecting two houses on the property. He followed farming most of his life, which covered the allotted threescore and ten years, his birth having occurred in January, 1796, and his death Aug. 29, 1866. He married Elizabeth Newkirk, and ten children were born to them, as follows: John N., deceased, married Sophia Kline; Reuben died when sixteen years old; Mary Ann, deceased, m. John Christian; Henrietta, unmarried, is of Reading; Amelia Ellen died when twenty-two years old; Lovina died in childhood; Catharine is the widow of Isaac Boyer, of St. Lawrence; Louisa N. was Mrs. Keehn; Elizabeth is the widow of Josiah Ruth, of Reading; and William F. m. Ellen Ruth.

IRWIN G. LEININGER, one of Berks county's representative farmers, who owns and operates the Leininger homestead, a fine tract of seventy-five acres partly in Spring and partly in Lower Heidelberg township, was born May 3, 1858, in Marion township, Berks county, son of John K. and Caroline (Brown) Leininger.

Daniel Leininger, the great-grandfather of Irwin G., was born in 1780, and died in 1860, having spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He married (first) Margaret Hornberger, by whom he had these children: Daniel, who had Darius, Isaac, William and Mary (who m. James Shower); John; George; Kate, m. to Adam Weiler; and Polly, m. to David Gehtz. Daniel Leininger married (second) Hannah Texter, and by this union he had these children: Sally, m. to Samuel Kegerise; Susan, m. to Charles Fix; Joseph; Hannah, m. to Moses Stamm; anad Ann, m. to John Seifert.

George Leininger, grandfather of Irwin G., was born March 12, 1809, and died Jan. 16, 1887, aged seventy-seven years, ten months, four days. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned and conducted the property now occupied by Irwin G. Leininger. He was a man of fine appearance, was well known and influential, and was a representative citizen of his locality. He married Mary Kleinginni, who was born May 10, 1809, and who died March 12, 1890, daughter of John Kleinginni, of Cumru township, and to them were born the following children: Caroline m. Abraham Houser, of Schaefferstown, Pa.; John; Mary m. B. S. Klopp, of Stouchsburg, Pa.; Adam; Hannah m. Abraham Fessler, of Schaefferstown, and had children—Katie, Mary, Hannah, George and Ellen; Charles, born in 1842, died unmarried in 1870; Joshua m. Celinda Kline, and resides in Freeport, Ill.; Katie m. Albert Moyer, and resides in Dayton, Ohio; Daniel L., born Sept. 4, 1848, resides with his sister, Agnes, at Reading; Ellen, born in 1850, died in 1902, unmarried, in Reading; Agnes resides in Reading; and two died in infancy. The parents of these children were members of the Lutheran Church, and were buried in the Sinking Spring cemetery.

John K. Leininger, father of Irwin G., was born Oct. 30, 1833, in Heidelberg township, and died June 2, 1899, at the age of sixty-five years, seven months, two days. He was a lifelong farmer and owned the farm now owned by Irwin G. Leininger. For some years he also engaged in the sale of agricultural implements. He conducted the Bushong farm in Bern township for some time, which was known as Glenside and which consisted of some 560 acres, said to be the best farm in Berks county, yielding in one year 5,500 bushels of wheat. Mr. Leininger had thirty milch cows, carried on a milk route to Reading, owned twenty-six horses, and employed continually a dozen or more employes, at one time having sixty corn huskers in the field. In one year he made 365 loads of hay, which he marketed in Reading. In 1890 he purchased his father's farm, on which he resided until his retirement, several years prior to his death, when he removed to Reading. Mr. Leininger enjoyed a wide acquaintance, and was one of the most highly esteemed men of his township. He was a Lutheran member of the St. John's Church at Sinking Spring, and is buried in the cemetery connected with that church.

John K. Leininger married Caroline Brown, who was born Dec. 7, 1831, and who died Sept. 24, 1901, in her

seventieth year, and to them were born the following children: Irwin G.; Martin T., of Reading; John, who went West and has not been heard from since 1881; Mary M., born in 1864, who died unmarried in 1900; and Samuel, of Myerstown, Pa., where he is a telegraph operator.

Irwin G. Leininger obtained his education in the public schools of Reading, and later attended Prof. D. B. Brunner's Reading Academy. His youthful days were spent upon the milk wagons of his father, and he engaged in work upon the farm until 1888, when he located in Fritztown, and engaged in operating the old homestead, which he conducted on shares until 1901, in which year he purchased it. On this seventy-five acre tract is found some of the finest spring water in the world, the historic Cacoosing creek running through the property, and here also is a vein of magnetic ore, which was mined in abundance in the early seventies. Mr. Leininger is an up-to-date farmer, keeping fine live stock on his place, including twelve head of pure Holstein cattle. He has an excellent peach orchard of 500 trees, where some of the finest fruit in the country is grown. In politics Mr. Leininger is a Republican. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring.

In 1891 Mr. Leininger married Miss Kate Miller, born Sept. 3, 1870, daughter of William and Hannah (Leserve) Miller, of Reading, and to this union has been born one son, John, who finished a special course at the West Chester State Normal, class of 1909, and intends entering the University of Pennsylvania to study Electrical Engineering and later Mechanical Engineering.

BENJAMIN K. HUNTZINGER, prominently identified with the fire insurance business of Pennsylvania for upward of thirty years, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, May 12, 1846. He was educated in the township schools and brought up on his father's farm. When seventeen years old he became enthusiastic about enlisting in the Civil war and with several school companions of a like age visited a recruiting office in Reading. Having been accepted, they were given a short furlough and upon their return to camp were sworn into the national service. But they had not yet become fully equipped for active service when Mr. Huntzinger was ordered to report at the official headquarters in citizen's garb, and there to his great surprise he met his father, who had secured his release on account of his being under age. Leaving his companions regretfully he accompanied his father home and there resumed labors on the farm for two years, attending school during the winter months. During this time, however, in February, 1864, he and several companions, ambitious like himself to do something for themselves, went to Schuylkill county to secure work about the mines at Mahanoy City, but failing to get satisfactory employment they tramped through deep snow and dense forests to Shenandoah, reaching there at a late hour of the night, complete strangers. Mr. Huntzinger became a teamster and hauled logs to a sawmill to provide lumber for the then booming town of Shenandoah; but he continued thus only a few months, and when the farming season opened he gladly returned to his father's comfortable home to again take up his accustomed work. In the spring and fall of 1866 Mr. Huntzinger took special courses of study in Brunner's Academy at Reading, for the purpose of becoming a teacher, and passing a successful examination secured a school in Lower Heidelberg township, which he taught for two terms, assisting his father on the farm during the season when school was closed. In the fall of 1866 he began soliciting life insurance and carried on that work while teaching. In 1868 he formed a partnership with a companion, Adam G. Fox, for the purpose of conducting a flourmill near Landingville, Schuylkill county, and they operated the mill until 1870, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Huntzinger removed to Reading. While at the mill he also taught the public school near by; and it was there that he began soliciting fire insurance.

Upon locating at Reading Mr. Huntzinger directed his attention to the life and fire insurance business, which he continued until 1874, when he relinquished the life insurance branch. He had received two special prizes for his great success as a solicitor in the business, and the general agents of his company complimented him very highly for having secured the largest single premium in the history of the company up to that time. He remained at Reading until 1876, when his business connections necessitated his removal to Harrisburg, and at this prominent center he has been most actively engaged in the same business until the present time. In 1889 he advocated the organization of a fire insurance association for millers, so as to secure for them lower rates, and his well-directed efforts in this behalf were so successful that, in 1890, an association was established under the name of the Millers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with office at Harrisburg. Quite naturally the members selected him as their secretary and manager, and he has been filling these positions, by annual re-election, until the present time. However, while at school he had manifested a great fondness and capacity for mathematics and his qualifications in this respect gave him special adaptation for the position which he has filled with marked success for twenty years; and his intelligent management of his company's affairs has won the high esteem of the milling and fire insurance circles throughout the United States. In developing the membership and business of the company he traveled over a great part of the United States, covering the Eastern and Middle States, the Southern to South Carolina, and the Western to the Missouri river, which obliged him to be away from home a considerable portion of his time.

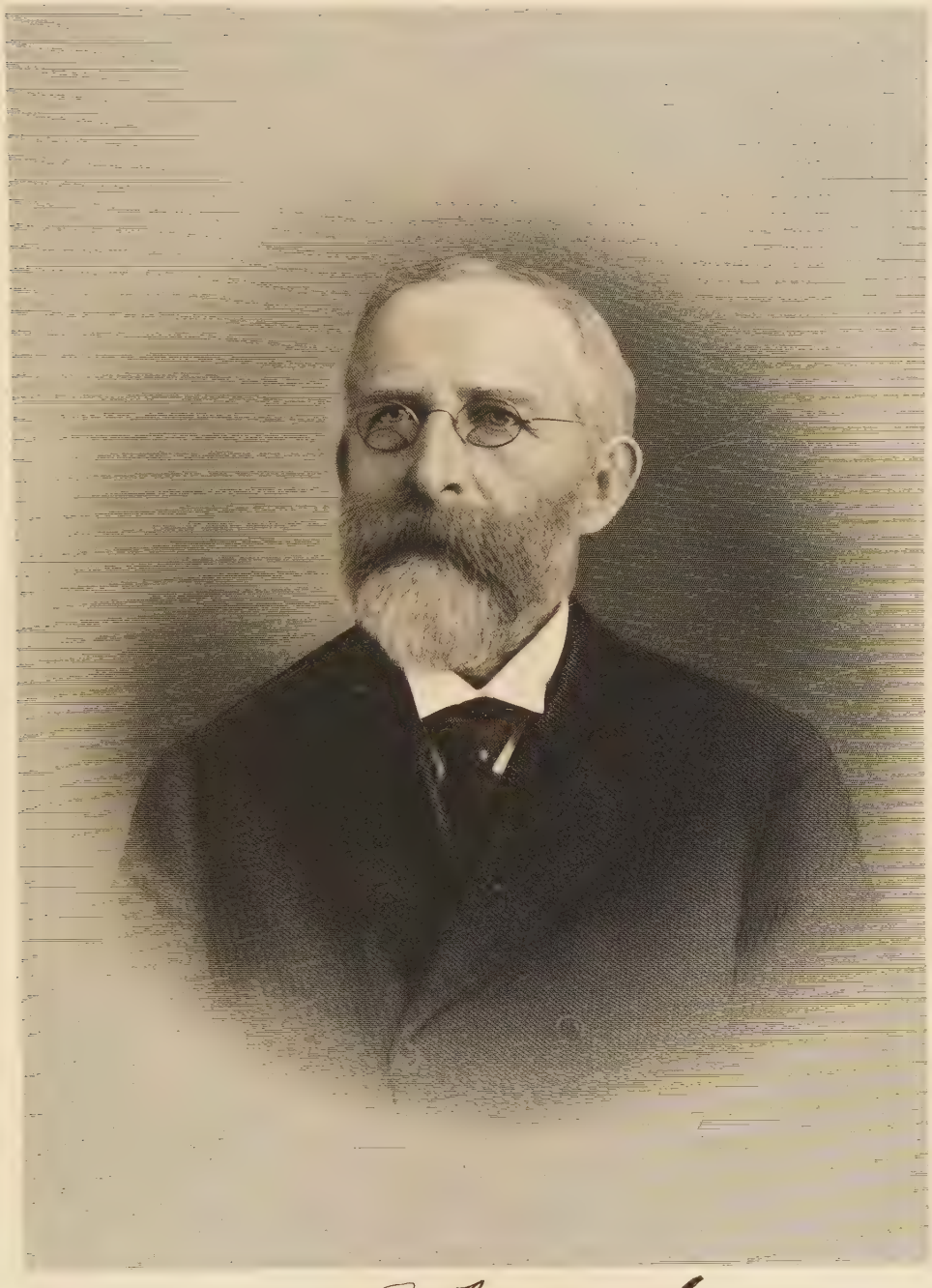
During his extensive travels, Wernersville always appealed to Mr. Huntzinger as the most desirable place for a permanent home, being near his birthplace, in the midst of the surviving friends of his youth. He therefore purchased a finely situated lot of ground on the main thoroughfare in the center of the thriving village, erected a commodious dwelling-house with all modern improvements, and located there in 1908, still retaining his position and business connections at Harrisburg, however.

In 1869 Mr. Huntzinger was married to Jane Gonser, daughter of William Gonser, a farmer of Exeter township, Berks county, whose family is mentioned elsewhere in the sketch of John R. Gonser.

Jared Huntzinger, father of Benjamin K., was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, and is mentioned at length in the sketch of Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, elsewhere.

GRUBER FAMILY. Michael Alvin Gruber (son of Richard Michael, of Michael, of John, of John Adam, of Henry), the author of this article, was born April 24, 1855, in North Heidelberg township, on the farm where his mother and mother's father were born and raised. He grew up on his father's farm and assisted in performing the varied labors and duties connected therewith, among which were certain kinds of work once quite common but now almost extinct as farm labor in Berks county, viz., breaking flax, threshing rye with the flail, making thatches and thatching roofs. His education, up to the age of fifteen years, was under the direct and careful supervision of his father, and for five years thereafter he attended the Womelsdorf Academy, taught by that proficient teacher and mathematician, Prof. John S. Krumbine, where he prepared for college. In the fall of 1875 he entered the junior class of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., from which institution he graduated in June, 1877, at the head of his class, and three years later received the degree of Master of Arts.

He chose teaching as his profession, which he followed for fourteen years (1877-91), during eight of which he was principal of the high school at Bernville, Pa., where, in addition to thorough instruction in the branches of the regular school course, he prepared young men and women for teaching and for admission to higher institutions of learning. His pupils are found in the various occupations and professions of life and are numbered among the



graduates of Princeton, Muhlenberg, Franklin and Marshall, and Pennsylvania Colleges and of the Normal Schools at Kutztown and West Chester. During the school term of 1890-91, forty of his pupils were teachers in Berks county.

In March, 1891, he passed the civil service examination and, in May of that year, was appointed to a clerkship in the War Department at Washington, D. C., where he is still employed. His leisure time is occupied in mathematical and genealogical research and in writing an occasional article for "The Pennsylvania-German." In mathematics he has made a special study of integral, rational triangles, solutions by continued fractions, and Diophantine Analysis in general. A number of his problems and solutions are published in the "American Mathematical Monthly," Vols. I to IX. In genealogy he is compiling the Gruber family history, and has made a translation and transcript of the old baptismal record of St. Daniel's church in Heidelberg, in Berks county, to which is added information pertaining to the early history of that church and the pastors thereof.

In his early career as a teacher he devoted considerable time to the study of botany. He also invented a trisector of plane angles.

In 1877 he married Amelia Margaret Petree, daughter of John F. Petree and wife Rosanna (Fidler) and granddaughter of William Witman Petree and wife Margaret (Kantner) and of Daniel M. Fidler and wife Amelia (Reedy). The union resulted in nine children, of whom five are living, as follows: (1) Ralph Arthur, married to Louisa E. Eckert; (2) Grace Evangeline; (3) Ella Florence, married to Harry E. Betz; (4) Anna May; and (5) Mary Amelia. Ralph A. and Anna M. are graduates of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and Mary A. of the Inter-State Commercial College, Reading.

Calvin Luther Gruber, brother of Michael Alvin, was born April 8, 1864, in North Heidelberg township, where he grew up on his father's farm a student and admirer of nature. For the first sixteen years of life, his father was his principal teacher, and, with the exception of one year during that period, his studies and recitations were conducted under the parental roof. For about three years thereafter (1881-84) he attended the high school at Bernville taught by his brother, Michael A., where his recitations were models of thoroughness and where he studied Latin, Greek, and the higher mathematics. In 1886 he graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown and was honored by being appointed one of the speakers on the commencement programme. Since 1889 he has held the position of professor of arithmetic and civil government in that institution and, since 1891, also the secretaryship of the faculty.

Prior to his connection, as teacher, with the Keystone State Normal School, he taught school for three terms in Marion township, two terms in the West Leesport grammar school, and one term at the "Forge school," North Heidelberg township, where his father had taught eleven terms.

He made botany a study from the time he was ten years of age, and later added the specialty of trees, shrubs, and woody vines, having collected specimens of wood of about four hundred fifty species, with fruits, seeds, and leaves to most of them. Since 1901 he has also been assisting Prof. W. W. Ashe, of Raleigh, N. C., and Dr. C. S. Sargent, director of the Arnold Arboretum, of Harvard University, in determining the species of Hawthorns (Crataegus) of the eastern United States. His labors in this field have been rewarded by the discovery of a number of new species and the naming after him of one of them (Crataegus Gruberi, Ashe). He has published several brochures on the Hawthorns of Berks county, has contributed a number of articles to educational journals, is the author of "Recreation Queries in United States History" (1890), and "The Government of the United States and of the State of Pennsylvania" (1909), and has in preparation an excellent treatise on arithmetic. He has also devoted considerable time to the study of birds and insects.

In 1890 he married Sallie G., daughter of Joseph P. Belleman and wife Sarah Isabella (Gicker) and granddaughter of Joseph K. Belleman and wife Christina (Phillips) and of Daniel H. Gicker and wife Elizabeth (Seidel). They have one child, a bright and studious daughter, Florence May, who at the age of eleven years was admitted to the normal course of the Keystone State Normal School, graduating in 1908, and continuing in the post-graduate course of that school.

The Grubers of Berks county are principally descendants of Henry, Christian (brother of Henry), and Simon Gruber, those of the Heidelbergs, Penn, Marion and Bethel descending from Henry; those of Perry and Windsor chiefly from Christian; and those of Greenwich and Albany mostly from Simon. Descendants of these branches are also living in Reading; and besides, there are in that city several Grubers—descendants of Joseph Gruber, who was naturalized in 1872 and who came from Bavaria, Germany, about six years earlier.

Line of Henry Gruber. (I) Henry Gruber was one of the early settlers of the Heidelbergs and is very likely the Henrich Gruber who is shown as having come to this country in the ship "Dragon" and landed (qualified) at Philadelphia Sept. 30, 1732. He appears to have been naturalized April 10 or 11, 1761. No records have been found of his birth or death; but the period of his life can be pretty closely approximated from the fact that his will was admitted to probate on June 17, 1777, and that his brother Christian, who is considered the younger of the two, was born Oct. 18, 1712.

His wife's name was Maria Eva Rosina, or, as the "learned" writer of his will put it, Maria Euphrosina, but nothing has been found as to her parentage.

He belonged to the Lutheran Church, which has been, as a rule, the religious faith of his descendants. For a time he was a member of the "Little Tulpehocken Church," near Bernville; but when, about 1750, the "Lutheran Congregation in Heidelberg," now known as St. Daniel's Church or "Corner Church," was founded, he was one of the original members, and he and his wife are, no doubt, buried in the old graveyard at that place, although no tombstones to that effect have been found. The remains of fully fifty of his descendants, named Gruber, rest in the burial-grounds of that church.

He took up, at different times, about three hundred acres of adjoining land in what is now North Heidelberg township, the survey of the first tract being dated June 17, 1737. In 1761 this land was patented to him by the Penns, and in 1769 he divided it into two almost equal parts, giving, for a certain consideration, the eastern portion to his oldest son, John Adam, and the western to his youngest son, Henry. In the same year John Adam added a patent of thirty-nine acres to his portion, and the greater part of his farm is still in the Gruber name, the owners being as follows: (1) Henry Gruber, 1737 to March, 1769; (2) his son John Adam, March, 1769, to March, 1807; (3) John Adam's son George, March to June, 1807; (4) George's brother John, June, 1807, to 1840; (5) John's son Daniel, 1841 to 1867; (6) Daniel's son Israel, 1868 to 1907; and (7) the estate of Israel Gruber since 1907.

Henry, Jr., sold his farm, in 1785, to John Deppen, and by intermarriage it passed through Scheetz to the present owner, Nathaniel P. Lengel.

In the old baptismal record of the "Little Tulpehocken Church" are found the names of seven children of Henry Gruber, as follows: (1) John Adam, born Oct. 19, 1735; (2) Catharine Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1737; (3) Maria Eva Rosina, born Dec. 3, 1738; (4) Christian, born Feb. 18, 1740; (5) Christopher, born Dec. 11, 1741; (6) Henry, born Aug. 19, 1747; and (7) Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1749. These children, excepting Christopher, are also mentioned in his will, which was made Feb. 10, 1773.

Of his daughters and son Christopher no further information has been found, excepting that certain records might warrant the statement that Maria Eva Rosina

Gruber was the wife of John Nicholas Knobb. As Christopher is not mentioned in the will, he probably died young.

(II) John Adam Grüber (1735-1807), son of Henry, lived and died on the old homestead; married (first) Elizabeth, tradition giving maiden name as Schauer [Shower], and (second) Sarah, maiden name not known; the three buried at St. Daniel's church; eight sons and four daughters, by first wife, two sons dying in childhood, the ten surviving being: (1) Maria Elizabeth, born in 1762, married George Knobb; (2) John George (1764-1841), blacksmith and wheelwright, married Elizabeth Bressler, both buried at St. Daniel's church (no children); (3) Maria Christina, (1766-1825) married John Adam Wilhelm, both buried at Host church (seven children,—John, Jacob, Adam, Catharine, Maria, Barbara, and Elizabeth; numerous descendants with surnames Wilhelm, Smith, Christ, Lengel, Moyer, Himmelberger, Kuehner [Keener], Zeller, Groff, Potteiger, Rauch, Miller, etc.); (4) John (1769-1840), buried at St. Daniel's church, owned the old homestead (1807-40) and at times other farms, but for twenty-seven years (1803-29) lived on Gov. Joseph Hiester's farm near the "Blue Marsh" in Bern township, married Anna Maria Lasch, who is buried at Hain's church (six children,—John, George, Daniel, Maria Barbara, Michael, and William); (5) Henry (1771-1849), buried at Rehrersburg, married Mary Werheim (five children,—David Joseph, Nellie, Catharine, and Elizabeth); (6) John Peter, born 1773, removed from Berks county about 1811 (St. Daniel's Church record shows a son, Henry, born in 1807); (7) John Jacob (1775-1828) married Eva Moyer, both buried at St. Daniel's church, thirteen children,—Elizabeth (1) and Catharine, twins, John Adam, Sarah, Jacob, Rebecca, Hannah, "Poll," Isaac, John, Elizabeth (2), Juliann, and Mary, of whom Elizabeth (1) died young; the other twelve grew up and had families); (8) Catharine married John Keller (a son, John, and a daughter, Margaret, wife of John Zerbe); (9) Anna Maria [Mary], died in 1859, married William Fiehl [Field], both buried at St. Daniel's church (nine children,—William, George, Elias, Reuben, Isaac, "Poll," Elizabeth, Lovina, and Margaret; numerous descendants); and (10) Philip married, in 1812, Elizabeth Werheim, and removed from Berks county between 1814 and 1820.

Tradition has it that the team of John Adam Gruber, with himself as teamster, was impressed into the service during the Revolutionary war, and that he returned with a pair of traces, the horses having died from want of forage. In 1778 and 1779 orders were issued for about two hundred wagons from Berks county to carry provisions and supplies.

(II) Christian Gruber, born in 1740, son of Henry, married Susanna Maria, daughter of the immigrant Andrew Beyer [Boyer]; resident at different times during 1767-84 of Cumru, Heidelberg, and Bern; removed from Berks county about 1785, and a taxable, in 1786, of Penn's township, Northumberland (now Union) county; ten children shown on records of St. Daniel's Church and the church at Bernville, of whom five are known to have died young, the others being: Susanna Maria, born in 1766; Christian, born in 1771; Philip, born in 1777; Anna Engel, born in 1779; and Philippina, born in 1783, and married in 1801 to George Zubler, a son David, 1806-09, being buried at St. Daniel's Church.

On a return of militia officers of Berks county for May 27, 1780, there is shown a Christian Gruber with rank of ensign, commissioned May 10, 1780, as of the 6th Company (Capt. Philip Filbert), 2d Battalion (Col. Henry Spycker), Berks County Militia.

(II) Henry Gruber, born in 1747, son of Henry, sold his farm in 1785, and, as tradition has it, removed to Lancaster and later to York county; married Anna Margaret (probably Klopp); two children shown on St. Daniel's Church record: Peter, born in 1768, and Anna Margaret, born in 1785.

(IV) John Gruber (1791-1861), son of John, of John Adam, married (first) Catharine (1791-1850), daughter of Michael Seidel, and (second) Widow Maria M. Sloat (nee Stiely), the three buried at Hain's church; nine children, by first wife: (1) Daniel (1819-55) married Hannah Krick, and had children, Benneville K. (of Reading), Kittie Ann, Emmeline, Levi, and Ella, Benneville K. having served as private in Company I, 128th Pa. Inf., nine months, in the Civil war; (2) Maria (1820-78) married Samuel Ohnmacht (1814-99); (3) Catharine (1823-64) married Joseph Seitzinger; (4) Susanna (1824-54); (5) Margaret (1826-73) (known as Peggy) married Daniel Bickel; (6) Sarah (1828-47); (7) Anna, born in 1830; (8) Lovina (1832-87) married William Franklin Umbenhower; and (9) Matilda (1835-67) married Aaron T. Dundor.

(IV) George Gruber (1793-1876), son of John, of John Adam, married Anna Maria Lash (1801-75), both buried at St. Daniel's church; no children. From about 1841 until his death he resided about a mile east of Womelsdorf, along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike.

(IV) Daniel Gruber (1795-1867), son of John, of John Adam, resided on the old homestead, which he owned from 1841 to his death; married (first) Christina (1795-1846), daughter of Michael Seidel, and (second) Sarah Fidler (1814-72); the three buried at St. Daniel's church; six children by first wife: (1) Catharine (1825-65) married Gabriel Gerhart (1816-91), both buried at North Heidelberg church (descendants with surnames, Gerhart, Royer, Zerbe, Stump, etc.); (2) Israel S., 1827-1907, resided on old homestead and owner thereof from 1868; married Rebecca, daughter of Joseph Ernst (ten children, —Alandon John Israel, married to Emma K. Werner; Levi Ephraim, married to Vilanda M. Horne; Joseph Samuel, married to Sallie A. Potts; Etillia Sarah Elizabeth, married to Isaac H. Horne; Pierce Emanuel, married to Mary Jane Werner; Calvin Jeremiah, married to Lillie A. Himmelberger; Arabella Rebecca, married to Daniel A. Snyder; Daniel Henry, married to Ellen L. Potteiger; Lillie Mary, married to Charles G. Speicher; and Milton Reuben, married to Annie A. Blatt); (3) Matilda (1830-96), and (4) Elizabeth (1833-54) were the second and first wives, respectively, of Ephraim Klopp (1830-78), the three buried at St. Daniel's church (descendants with surnames, Klopp, Miller, etc.); (5) Mary married Jeremiah Horne (descendants with surnames Horne, Helm, Schmehl, Grimes, Reifsnyder, etc.); and (6) Rebecca (1839-73) married James H. Stoudt, buried at Bern Church (descendants with surnames Stoudt, Ernst, Katzeman, etc.).

(IV) Maria Barbara (known as "Poll") Gruber (1798-1873), daughter of John, of John Adam, buried at St. Daniel's church, married John Lash, five children: Benneville, Adam, John, Sarah (wife of Daniel Glass), and Mary (wife of Eli Yonson).

(IV) Michael Gruber (1802-74), son of John, of John Adam, was a man of sterling qualities and fine physique; in 1834 he bought and removed to a farm in Heidelberg where he lived the remainder of his life; married Eva (1806-1890), daughter of George Bohn and wife Maria (Kissinger) and granddaughter of Frederick Bohn and wife Catharine Elizabeth (Wummer); both buried at St. Daniel's church; five children, the youngest of whom, Emma Maria, died in childhood, the others being: (1) Emanuel B. (1826-1909), resided on and owned (from 1866) his father's farm, married Mary Elizabeth (1834-1908), daughter of Daniel Fidler and wife Elizabeth (Miller) and granddaughter of Henry and Catharine Fidler; one child, a daughter Diana, wife of Albert, son of Levi Gaul and wife Rebecca (Wenrich) (Albert Gaul and wife have one child, a daughter Maggie, wife of Charles Blatt, son of Cornelius L. Blatt and wife Amanda Gruber); (2) John (1827-70), crushed to death on his birthday anniversary (July 14th) by earth and stones caving in on him while working in a stone-quarry in his yard, buried at St. Daniel's church, married Elmira, daughter of John Smaltz, had a daughter who died in youth; (3) Henrietta Matilda (1832-68), buried at Womelsdorf, married Reuben Althouse, three daughters, Emma (wife of Thomas J.

Brossman), Mary (wife of Ezra Hettinger), and Clara Matilda (wife of Adam G. Stump); (4) Richard Michael (1834-1909), a progressive farmer and school teacher and, for forty-eight years, a resident of North Heidelberg, forty-two years of which he lived on one farm; in education and intelligence he was decidedly in advance of the majority of the people in his township; he believed, with Burke and Horace Mann, that school-houses and education are the chief defense of nations, and personally attended to the instruction and education of his children; he was a farmer for forty-four years, from 1856 to his retirement in 1900, during which time he also taught thirteen consecutive terms of school in North Heidelberg (1862-75), eleven of them being spent in school No. 5, then known as the "Forge School"; he had previously (1854-57) taught three successive terms in Penn township; in 1849-50 he learned tailoring with William Kunkelman, but worked at the trade only about three years; he married, in 1854, Mary Ann (1833-1904), daughter of John Schaeffer and wife Susanna (Staudt) and granddaughter of John Schaeffer and wife Magdalene (Richard) and of Daniel Staudt and wife Susanna (Ulrich); after her death he had made his home with his sons, Calvin L. and H. Wayne; there are four sons, as follows: (1) Michael Alvin [see sketch at beginning of this article]. (2) John Emanuel, born March 13, 1857, in North Heidelberg, grew up on his father's farm and worked thereon till forty-three years of age, taught school eleven terms, made a collection of 458 kinds of wood arranged in a fine cabinet constructed by himself of 803 pieces and about 100 kinds of wood, has a collection of eggs of fifty species of birds, for several years has been setting up all kinds of farm implements, wind-towers, fencing, etc., for Klopp & Kalbach of North Heidelberg, besides clerking a number of sales during the winter, is still single. (3) Calvin Luther [see second sketch at beginning of this article]. (4) Horace Wayne, born Jan. 26, 1871, in North Heidelberg, grew up and worked on his father's farm; taught school three terms; clerked for several years in different kinds of stores; since 1901 employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company in their Reading shops; resides in Reading; married in 1897 Sarah Susanna, daughter of Abraham R. Gruber (son of Christian of John Adam of Christian of Christian) has one son, Raymond Abraham Richard. These four sons and their father enjoy a remarkable record as school teachers; the father taught sixteen terms and each of his sons attended his school; the oldest son taught fourteen terms and had as pupils his two younger brothers; the second son taught eleven terms and had as pupil his youngest brother; the third son has been teaching since 1883 and had as pupil his youngest brother; the youngest son taught three terms; and in the same school where the father had taught eleven terms, the second and third sons each taught one term and the youngest son two terms.

(IV) William Gruber (1806-83), son of John, of John Adam, married (first) Lydia Stamm (1810-46) and (second) Maria Catharine German (1810-88), widow of Levi Mease; twelve children, a son and a daughter by first wife dying in infancy; ten surviving children, one son and four daughters by first wife and five daughters by second wife: (1) Angeline married Henry Kissinger (three sons, Frank, Henry and William; (2) Lovina married Benneville Adams; (3) Lydia married Herman Berndt; (4) Rebecca married Joel Haas; (5) William married Catharine Matz, two daughters—Anna Maria (wife of Howard U. Klein), and Kate Elizabeth (wife of Calvin Leinbach), residents of West Reading; (6) Maria Catharine married Henry Heckaman; (7) Emma Elizabeth married Calvin Homan; (8) Susan Amelia married John H. Stamm; (9) Amanda Rosa married Willard Kerryhart; and (10) Sarah Ann married Elias L. Garverich.

(IV) David Gruber (1794-1872), son of Henry, of John Adam, married Elizabeth Lieb; four children: (1) William married Catharine Reed (no children); (2) Moses married Caroline Burkholder (seven children, John—died unmarried, Franklin—married Fianna Paffenberger, two sons, Samuel and William H., Mary Emmeline—wife of John M. Schaum, Sarah Elizabeth—wife of C. Wesley Ketterer, George—unmarried, Adeline Emilia—wife of Peter Ludwig, and Agnes Elmira—wife of Rev. John Walker Klingler); (3) Nathan married Elizabeth Achenbach; and (4) Mary married John Madern or Madden.

(IV) Joseph Gruber (1800-72), son of Henry, of John Adam, married Catharine Hollinger; eleven children: (1) Maria married Valentine Wagner; (2) Malinda married John Kahl [Kehl], removed to Alabama (numerous descendants with surnames Edwards, Counts, Saunders, etc., living in Alabama); (3) Elizabeth Anna married Jacob Bricker, of Christian Bricker and wife Hannah Gruber; (4) Joseph married Eliza Fernsler (six children, Emery, Albert, Alice, Ida, Ella and Charles); (5) Moses married (first) Caroline Hummel and (second) Lizzie Wilson (three children, William, Alice and Ida); (6) Lovina married Cyrus M. Neff; (7) William H. married Maria C. Feeg (a son Claudius J. F. and several daughters), residents of West Reading; (8) Catharine married Edward B. Shultz; (9) Rebecca married John McConnell; (10) John A., residing in Kansas, married Caroline Bross (five children, Ida Mae, John Cleveland, Frances Amelia, Joseph Jacob, and Walter Clifton); (11) Emma married John Adam Hess.

(IV) Nellie Gruber (1805-69), of Henry, of John Adam, married (first) Peter Lamm and (second) Isaac Scholl; three children by first husband: Nathan Lamm married Rebecca Klopp; Elmira Lamm married (first) David Wenrich and (second) Levi M. Gerhart; and Lovina Lamm married Samuel Filbert.

(IV) Catharine Gruber (1808-89), of Henry, of John Adam, married Daniel Miller, descendants with surnames Miller, Bordner, etc.

(IV) Elizabeth Gruber, of Henry, of John Adam, married Joel Seitzinger.

(IV) Catharine Gruber (1797- ?), of John Jacob, John Adam, married John Schaeffer; descendants with surnames Schaeffer, Stoudt, Dundor, Klopp, Yost, etc.

(IV) John Adam Gruber (1798-1876), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married Maria Riedy; nine surviving children: (1) Philip R. (1815-91) married Elizabeth Klinger (eight children—Emma, wife of Peter Noecker; Harrison, married to Harriet German, children—Amelia, Kate, Elizabeth, and George F.; Isabella, wife of Ephraim German, who belonged to Company K, 55th Regt., Pa. Vols., Civil war; Rebecca, wife of (first) Albert Rhein and (second) Emanuel Kintzer; John Adam, married to Henrietta Foltz; Agnes, wife of William Bechtel; Ellen, wife of Nathan Leitner; and George, married to Mary Koch); (2) Emanuel R. (1817-1903) married Justina Reber (seven surviving children—Amelia, wife of John B. Stump; Malinda, wife of Simon Kreitz; Sarah, first wife of John K. Fidler; Henrietta, wife of John Machemer; Amanda, wife of Cornelius J. Blatt; Jonathan, married to Emma Simon, several children; and Mary, wife of Cornelius Himmelberger); (3) Catharine (1821) married Michael Koenig, removed to Ohio; (4) Sarah (1824-99) married Daniel Fisher, one of the sons being John William Fisher, a well known teacher, justice of the peace, and farmer of North Heidelberg township, who with Richard M. Gruber and Adam Minnich formed a noted trio of teachers in that township for ten or more years; (5) Jacob (1826-1902) married Catharine Fidler (children—Jacob, Sarah, and Amelia); (6) Elizabeth (born in 1828) married William Lash, removed to Ohio; (7) Lovina (1830-92) married Jacob Leininger; (8) Adam R., born in 1833, married Catharine Schaeffer (several sons and daughters); (9) Caroline, born in 1835, married Christian Schutter.

(IV) Sarah Gruber (1801-92), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married Jacob Werner; six surviving children: Pauline Werner married John Mountz; William Werner married Lydia Matthews; Adam Werner married Amanda Anspach; Maria Werner married William Machemer; Malinda Werner married William Diehl; Jacob Werner married Janette Spears.

(IV) Jacob Gruber (1803-77), of John Jacob, of John Adam, m. Sarah Henrich [Henry]; eight children: (1) Mary (1829-1909) married Samuel Bickel, 1817-79 (a daughter Elizabeth S., wife of Dr. I. W. Newcomet, of Stouchsburg). (2) Sarah (1830-70) married Israel Ernst (four sons and five daughters; descendants with surnames Ernst, Wagner, Kalbach, Fies, Seidel, etc.). (3) Amelia (1831-62) married Jacob Kreider (descendants with surnames Kreider, Weber, etc.). (4) Isaac H. (1833-1906) married (first) Sarah Ann Strunk and (second) Mary Ann Deppen; six surviving children, a son and two daughters by each of his wives, William E. (married to Salome M. Dietrich; children—Sarah Margaret, Howard Dietrich and Jessie Louisa), Catharine Elizabeth (wife of Edwin J. Klopp), Sarah Margaret, Helen Regina (wife of Lewis Reese Davis), Charles Daniel (the veterinary surgeon of Bernville, Pa., married to Mary Martha Burkhart; children—Maye Katharine and Anna Laura) and Emily Maye (wife of Harry J. Lambert). Isaac H. Gruber in 1855 founded the carriage factory located in Mount Pleasant (Obold), Berks county, and carried on that business until his death, when the property was bought by his son, William E., who erected, across the street from the old factory, a large and commodious three-story structure in which the business is successfully continued. (5) Franklin H. (1835-1898) married Matilda H. Himmelberger; eight children, three dying in childhood, the others (five sons) being: John William (married to Clara A. Stoudt; children—Franklin Pierce, Annie Lydia, Aetna Amelia and Mary Matilda); Adam Rufusal (married to Rosabella K. Hiester; children—Lizzie E. and Katie H.); Jacob Henry (married to Annie Bright; children—Sallie Irene, Paul Levi and John Adam); George Pierce (married to Kate Schrock; no children); and Levi Franklin (a graduate with first honors of Muhlenberg College and a prominent Lutheran minister of Minneapolis, Minn., married to Amelia Louisa Hoehn, of Rochester, N. Y.). Franklin H. Gruber founded, about 1883, the well-known wheelwright establishment, the Gruber Wagon Works, located at the foot of the hill below Mount Pleasant (Obold), Berks county, having for some years previously followed that trade on his farm about a mile south of that place. After his death his four oldest sons continued the business until the death of Adam Rufusal, in 1903, since which time it has been very successfully conducted by the three brothers, John W., Jacob H. and George P., each an expert in his special trade connected with the business, which is noted for thorough, reliable and conscientious workmanship and the use of up-to-date machinery. (6) Erasmus H., born in 1838, married Rebecca Deppen; children: Annie Mary first married Charles V. R. Addams and second Cyrenius F. Haag; and Daniel Francis married Ellenora Ruth. Erasmus H. Gruber was a private in Company G, 151st Regiment (nine months), Pennsylvania Infantry, Civil war, and was wounded with loss of arm at Gettysburg, Pa., on July 1, 1863. (7) Henrietta, born in 1840, married Nicholas Albright, of Reading. (8) John H. (1843-1901) married Elizabeth Yoder; four children, George Milton, John Calvin, Mary Elizabeth and William Martin.

(IV) Rebecca Gruber, of John Jacob, of John Adam, married Daniel Fessler.

(IV) Hannah Gruber (1807-65), of John Jacob, of John Adam, m. Christian Bricker (1801-72); six children, Jonathan, Jacob, John, Catharine, David, and Daniel; numerous descendants with surnames Bricker, Cox, Kepley, Barlett, Wagner, Batdorf, Shepp, Fidler, Boyer, Lengel, Hetrich, Bright, Parson, Bennett, etc.

(IV) Isaac Gruber (1810-45), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married Elizabeth Groby; three surviving children: (1) Melinda (born in 1838) married Levi J. Kline, of Ohio; (2) Adam (writes name Gruver), of Miamisburg, Ohio, born in 1843, married Sarah Gebhart (three sons and four daughters); (3) Miranda (1845-82) married H. B. Shade.

(IV) John Gruber (1813-38), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married (first) Mary Batdorf and (second) Angeline Rhiel; by first wife four sons, and by second wife one son, namely: (1) Percival, born in 1832, removed to one of the Western States. (2) Levi, born in 1832 (a twin brother of Percival), married (first) Catharine Riegart, and (second) Catharine Fisher; no living children; a resident of Kansas. (3) Rufus, born in 1834, married Jane Ford; three sons and two daughters; a resident of Miami county, Ohio. (4) Ishmael, a resident of Schuylkill county, Pa. (5) John Adam, born in 1856, married Sallie Zeller; children, George David, John Edwin, Samuel and Phoebe Estella.

(IV) Elizabeth Gruber (1815-92), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married William W. Smith; three sons and one daughter; descendants with surnames Smith, Degler, etc.

(IV) Juliann Gruber (1817-1907), of John Jacob, of John Adam, married Peter Behney; four daughters, each married to a Peiffer; numerous descendants with surnames Peiffer, Kline, Klopp, Seidel, Ruth, etc.

(IV) Mary Gruber, of John Jacob, of John Adam, married a Mr. Carver.

Line of Christian Gruber. (I) Christian Gruber (Oct. 18, 1712-Nov. 14, 1781) was one of the early settlers of what was then known as Tulpehocken, and owned a farm in what is now Jefferson township. No record has been found of his immigration, but he appears to have been naturalized April 10, 1760. He married Jan. 26, 1742, Anna Kunigunde Stup (1721-1799), daughter of Martin Stup and wife Anna Catharine (Schultz), and he, his wife, and three of his children are buried in the old graveyard at Bernville, Pennsylvania.

In the old German family Bible (printed in 1736), in the possession of Josiah Gruber, a great-grandson, living near Summit Point, W. Va., are recorded his seven children: (1) John George, born Feb. 16, 1743; (2) Christian, born Jan. 5, 1745; (3) Susanna, born Aug. 22, 1746; (4) Maria Catharine, born Dec. 24, 1749; (5) John Adam, born April 11, 1752; (6) John Albrecht, born May 9, 1754; and (7) Anna Margaret, born April 2, 1759. All the names, except Christian, are also found in Rev. John Caspar Stoever's record of baptisms and marriages, 1730-79. The family record in the Bible referred to contains the evidence in two of the baptismal entries that Christian Gruber was a brother of Henry Gruber, the immigrant, who settled in the Heidelbergs.

(II) John George Gruber (1743-1792), son of Christian, married April 16, 1776, Elizabeth, daughter of Lenhart (Leonard) Emrich, of Bethel township; about 1789 he removed from Berks county to what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he owned a farm on which he died. He had five children: (1) Catharine Elizabeth, born in 1777, married Frederick Itzweyler; (2) Susanna, born in 1779, married Arthur Rogers; (3) Rosina Elizabeth, born in 1780, married Jonas Wolfgang; (4) Henry, in 1813, got full possession of his father's farm, and shortly afterward appears to have removed to Franklin county, Ind. (descendants are residing in Indiana, Ohio, California and other States); (5) Elizabeth, born in 1785, married Peter Wetzel.

(II) Christian Gruber (1745-1822), son of Christian, married Susanna (maiden name said to be Sligher), owned about 250 acres of land in Windsor (now Perry) township, and from him have descended the Perry township Grubers; he had six children: (1) Susanna (1770-1849) married George Bodey; (2) Christina (1773-1857) married Frederick Bailey; (3) John George (1778-1866) married Hannah Savage (two children—Susanna, 1805-90, wife of Solomon Mengel, and John S.); (4) Barbara (1780-1854) married John Hoffman; (5) John Adam (1786-1871) married Susanna Rieser (six children—Benjamin; Elizabeth, wife of George Adams; Susanna, wife of Jacob Diehl; Catharine, wife of Thomas Mengel; Christian, and John Adam); (6) Elizabeth (1788-1868) married Christian Berger.

(II) Susanna Gruber (1746-1808), daughter of Christian married Matthias Schmidt [Smith]; three sons and two daughters, the youngest son, John Henry Schmidt (1784-

1848), being married to Catharine Wilhelm, daughter of John Adam Wilhelm and wife Maria Christina (Gruber) in the line of Henry Gruber.

(II) Maria Catharine Gruber (1749-1796), daughter of Christian, married a Mr. Zuber.

(II) John Adam Gruber (1752-1781), son of Christian, died unmarried; buried with his parents and sisters, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Zuber, in the old graveyard at Bernville, Pennsylvania.

(II) John Albrecht (known also as Albright) Gruber (1754-1825), son of Christian, married Susanna Vilbina [Philippina], daughter of Henry Knobb and wife Maria Catharine (Fidler), of Heidelberg township; removed in 1806 to what is now Jefferson county, W. Va., about two miles from Summit Point, where he owned a farm of about 250 acres on which he died; eight children, all born in Berks county, Pa., namely: (1) Catharine Elizabeth married John Custer; (2) Christian, buried at Marion, Ohio (three sons and three daughters; numerous descendants in Ohio and other Western States); (3) Susanna Vilbina married John Zerbe [the miller], the mill now known as Sunday's mill, along the Tulpehocken, being built by him (both buried at the "Little Tulpehocken Church"; numerous descendants); (4) John Adam married Barbara Bachman (six sons and three daughters; descendants in Virginia, West Virginia, and the West); (5) John Jacob married Martha (or Magdalene) Bachman (four sons and five daughters, descendants principally in Virginia and West Virginia, one of the sons being Josiah Gruber, who has the old family Bible of his great-grandfather, Christian, in which Bible are also recorded the children of his grandfather, John Albrecht, as well as those of his great-grandfather); (6) John had one daughter; (7) Elizabeth married John Bachman (ten children; descendants living in Ohio and other States of the West); and (8) Anna Maria. Albrecht Gruber is shown to have served as a private in the Revolutionary war from Aug. 10 to Sept. 9, 1780, in Capt. Conrad Sherman's Company, 6th Battalion of Berks County Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Joseph Hiester, but it has not been ascertained whether this company had service outside of Berks county. Albrecht's sons, John Adam and John Jacob, served in the war of 1812, as privates in (first) Capt. Thomas Cockrell's Company of Infantry, 57th Regiment, Virginia Militia, from Aug. 26 to Oct. 6, 1814; and (second) Capt. John Lyle's Company of Infantry, 1st Regiment, Virginia Militia, from Oct. 6 to Nov. 24, 1814.

(II) Anna Margaret Gruber, daughter of Christian, married William Gieseman, who died in 1843, a resident of Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

(IV) John S. Gruber (1807-1889), son of John George of (II) Christian, married Elizabeth Baer; three children: (1) Hannah was twice married; (2) Elizabeth married Israel M. Becker; and (3) George B., living about two miles east of Shoemakersville, married Tilaria Hamsher, and raised a family of eight sons and six daughters.

(IV) Benjamin Gruber (1809-1870), son of John Adam, of (II) Christian, married Elizabeth Mengel; five children: (1) Daniel M. married Sarah Ann Lesher (a son and a daughter); (2) Susanna remained unmarried; (3) Elizabeth married Joel Stetzler; (4) Amanda married F. Leonard Reber; and (5) Benjamin M., a well known justice of the peace and clerk in the court-house offices, married Louisa M. Hill (a son).

(IV) Christian Gruber (1818-1904), son of John Adam of (II) Christian, married Sarah Rothermel; three children: (1) Abraham R. married Emeline Swoyer (five sons and five daughters, the oldest daughter, Sarah Susanna, being the wife of Horace Wayne Gruber in the line of Henry Gruber); (2) Susanna married Jonathan Trexler; and (3) Sarah married Benneville A. Althouse.

(IV) John Adam Gruber (1823-1862), son of John Adam, of (II) Christian, married Anna Shearer; six children: (1) Samuel S., of Moselem; (2) Amos S., who died in Douglas county, Kans.; (3) David S., drowned in the Susquehanna river; (4) John Adam, of Grimville; (5) Joel S., of Lehigh county; and (6) Mary S., wife of John M. Kutz.

Line of Simon Gruber. (1) Simon Gruber is said to have emigrated from Germany and settled in Greenwich township, Berks county, some time prior to 1790, he and his family, consisting of three males and five females, being shown in the census of 1790. He had five sons, Jacob, Andrew, John, Michael, and Samuel, and several daughters, Samuel being the father of Morgan Gruber of Albany township, from whom this information was obtained. There are numerous descendants, some of whom are living in Mercer county, Pa. A number of this line are buried at Grimville.

Miscellaneous Grubers. There are several Grubers and Gruber descendants in Berks county whose line of descent has not been traced to any of the sources hereinbefore described, although in some instances, if sufficient data could be secured, connection might be made.

1. At Mt. Aetna is buried a Catharine Gruber (1830-80), wife of Levi Wolfersberger. She was the daughter of Jacob Gruber and wife Elizabeth (Imboden), buried at Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Christian Gruber (1761-1814), buried in a private burial-ground about one and a half miles south of Annville.

2. In Maxatawny township there died, in 1843, a Michael Gruber who, it is said, emigrated from Germany. He served in the war of 1812 from Sept. 1 to Dec. 4, 1814, as a private in Capt. George Ritter's Company of the 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Jeremiah Shappell. From his will, made in 1840, are taken the names of his children, Samuel, Daniel, Jacob, Catharine (wife of William Staudt), Susan, Anna, Lydia, and Elizabeth.

3. In Bern township resided an Adam S. Gruber, 1834-1907, married to Rebecca Fessler, who raised a large family of children, namely: Benneville U. (died unmarried), George F. (died unmarried), Isabella R. (wife of Levi Clay), Elizabeth (wife of Abraham Sweitzer), Sarah F. (wife of James Sell), Ellen F. (wife of Daniel F. Baer), Hettie A. (wife of James Reeser), Rosa F. (wife of Charles Dunkelberger), Mary Emma (wife of Daniel Laucks), Clara C. (wife of John Maderia), Adam F. and Minnie F. His father was George Gruber, who died it is said in 1836, residing at the time in Cumru township; he was married to Elizabeth Seitzinger, and besides the son Adam S. had a daughter, Rebecca, first wife of John A. Weitzel. It is said that George Gruber came to Berks from one of the counties near the confluence of the two branches of the Susquehanna, and it is believed that he is connected with the line of Henry or that of Christian.

The surname Gruber is found written in a variety of ways. The more common forms are Gruber, Gruver, and Groover; and among the occasional spellings may be mentioned Groober, Grouber, Kruber, Kruver, Cruver, and Croober.

The name appears to have originated in Upper Germany and is derived from the German word Grube, meaning a mine, quarry, pit or ditch; and, no doubt, when surnames were being introduced, it was applied to persons who worked in mines, quarries or pits, or who dug pits or ditches, or, perhaps, who lived at or near such places. The name may also have been given to owners of mines, quarries or pits; but it is more likely that the owners thereof received the name Grube (omitting the final "r"), now frequently written Grubb or Grubbe.

The proper spelling of the name would, therefore, be Gruber, and that appears to be the form used in Berks county. The name is exclusively spelled in that way in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, and is very common in some sections of those countries, the writer having been informed that the surname Gruber appears about three hundred times in the Address Book (Directory) of Munich, Bavaria.

The form Gruver came about principally in two ways: (1) Gruber is frequently pronounced as if spelled Gruver, whence the adoption of the latter form in a number of instances; (2) in some English speaking localities a Ger-

man form of name is disliked, and the change of "b" to "v" was the result. This form has been generally adopted by the descendants of the immigrant Nicholas Gruber, residing in Bucks and Lehigh counties, Pa., and is also found in other parts of the State as well as in some localities of the West.

Groover is the form of the name frequently met with in the South, especially in Georgia, which State bears the same relation to the early Grubers of the South that Pennsylvania bears to the Grubers of the North. The Georgia Groovers are descendants of the Grubers who were among the Salzburgers, German Protestants (largely Lutherans) that settled, in 1734 to 1741, at Ebenezer, Georgia.

Gruber is found also compounded with other names, as, Baumgruber, Frauengruber, Hartmannsgruber, Holzgruber, Kalchgruber, Obergruber, Sassamansgruber, Steingruber, and Wolfsgruber.

A similar name, Grueber, appears to be common to parts of Austria.

ALFRED S. DREIBELBIS, a highly esteemed citizen of Reading, engaged in the nursery business, is a direct descendant of Daniel Dreibelbis, the pioneer of the family in this section, who came from Holland to Berks county between 1680 and 1690, and received a land grant of from 2,000 to 3,000 acres from William Penn.

The father of Alfred S. Dreibelbis was Simon Dreibelbis, a farmer of Richmond and Perry townships, who died in 1890, leaving a large estate. He married Leah Strasser, and they had a family of four sons.

Alfred S. Dreibelbis was born Sept. 25, 1843, in Windsor township, in the same house in which his mother had been born. He was educated in his native township, and worked on his father's farm from the time he was nine years old, when he plowed an eight-acre field, his father being away serving on a jury. He was in the milling business at Shoemakersville in his father's name from April, 1869, for some time, the first year doing a business that netted a profit of $6,000. This was placed in the banking house of Bushong Brothers, at Reading, and the father was greatly elated at the success. Mr. Dreibelbis started a sawmill in 1885, and continued to operate it until 1889. He gave his services to his father for eighteen years after he attained his majority without pay. After discontinuing the sawmill he engaged in the nursery business, and in this he has successfully continued ever since. Unfortunate conditions deprived him of his inheritance, and he has been obliged to carve out his own fortune. Mr. Dreibelbis is the inventor of a railroad tie and fastener for road beds, which is the best safe-guard for travelers ever invented. This he patented Dec. 8, 1903, and Sept. 5, 1905.

Mr. Dreibelbis is a widower, and has one daughter, Ellen S., wife of a Mr. Bair, of Kutztown. Mr. Dreibelbis is very highly regarded in this locality, where his many sterling traits of character are known and appreciated.

ISAAC HOFFA, for several years a prosperous farmer of Cumru township, whose valuable property lies along the Wyomissing road, is now living on South Third street, Reading. He was born Jan. 4, 1851, on the Harrisburg pike, in Marion township, son of Isaac and Lydia (Neff) Hoffa.

Melchoir Haffa (as the name was then spelled), the progenitor of this family in America, was a native of Germany, from which country he emigrated in 1723, settling in the Falkner Swamp, in Montgomery county, Pa. He died Dec. 7, 1768, and is buried at the Falkner Swamp Lutheran Church. He had a son Henry, who was high sheriff of Berks county from 1780 to 1781, and the latter's son, also named Henry, is mentioned in the Berks county court records as the administrator of the estate of his father, the Sheriff, in 1809.

Henry Hoffa, grandfather of Isaac, Jr., was born in Berks county, where he spent his entire life, becoming the possessor of much valuable property. He died in Reading in 1817. Mr. Hoffa married Sarah Ann Boyer, daughter of Henry Boyer, of Reading, and they had the following children: Melchoir; Jacob, born in Reading, May 20, 1800, settled at Milton, and was the father of John, Samuel, Sarah, Cyrus and Reuben (who was born Nov. 9, 1841); Henry settled at Mexico, Northampton county; Rebecca married a Mr. Bright, of Mexico, Pa.; John died on a ship of war; Daniel lived in Exeter township; Isaac is mentioned below.

Isaac Hoffa, father of Isaac, was born Jan. 4, 1810, in Reading, and died March 31, 1896, on a farm about one mile north of Womelsdorf, which he had cultivated for forty-nine years for Elias Fidler. Mr. Hoffa was a miller by trade, and for some years in his earlier life had worked at Hertzog's mill. He then engaged in farming on a property of his own near Womelsdorf, where he continued for about one year, before removing to the farm on which he died. Mr. Hoffa married Lydia Neff (1814-1885) of Kutztown, and to them were born nine children, as follows: William A., of Womelsdorf; Henry, who married Selecta Kintzer, and died at the age of thirty-three years; Mary, who married Samuel B. Myers, of Philadelphia; Sallie, who married Charles Smith, of Reading; John; Isaac; Emma, who married Franklin Strause, of Reading; Jacob, who lives on the old homestead; and Samuel, who lives at Womelsdorf. Both father and mother are buried at Womelsdorf.

Isaac Hoffa obtained his early education in the township schools, later attending the Womelsdorf Academy and the Stouchsburg Academy, continuing school off and on until his twenty-third year. In 1872 he began teaching public school in his native township, at the Charming Forge schoolhouse, spent the following year at Wintersville, and one year at the Leiss School in Heidelberg township. In 1874 he engaged in farming near Stouchsburg, an occupation which he has followed continuously. Later, in 1890, he went West to Illinois, where he was engaged in cattle business, and in the fall of the same year he returned home, and the following spring went to Remsen, Iowa, where there was a German settlement. After remaining in that locality one year, he located in Cumru township, Berks county, and for one year was employed on a farm by W. J. Irwin. Mr. Hoffa at this time embarked in the dairy business, which he has followed successfully ever since. At the start he purchased his milk, but after purchasing a farm of fifty-two acres near West Reading, in 1896, he kept his own cows. This farm he sold at a large profit, after which he spent six years on the old Kurtz homestead, conducting his milk route daily to Reading. In the spring of 1904 he settled on his excellent property along the Wyomissing creek. This property, which Mr. Hoffa purchased from the Harrison Althouse estate, consists of ninety acres, and is one of the finest farms in Berks county, being supplied with the best water, and improved with large, substantial buildings, and the best and most modern farm machinery. He has a herd of twenty-two cows, and furnishes about 150 customers daily with milk. In 1908 Mr. Hoffa moved to Reading, where he now resides on South Third street. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading. Mr. Hoffa was treasurer of the Reading Milk Exchange as long as that body was in existence, as well as treasurer of the Reading Dairymen's Association, which was in existence for about three years.

Mr. Hoffa married (first) March 14, 1874, Clara Catharine Beidler, who was born in 1849, and who died Aug. 31, 1889. He married (second) on March 14, 1896, Loretta Deininger, who was born in 1853, daughter of George Frantz Deininger, of Palmyra, Pa. No children have been born to either union. Mrs. Hoffa, by a former marriage, has two children, Florence C. and Edith M.

QUIMBY. (I) Elijah Quimby is the first of the family of whom there is definite knowledge, and he was a farmer of Maryland, where he was born, and where he lived, died and is buried. During his lifetime he became possessed of a large plantation, and was a man of prominence in his community. His wife's Christian name was Sarah and she bore him these children: Elijah, who lived in

Maryland; William, who lived in Philadelphia; Benjamin, who lived on the eastern shore of Maryland; Sprey, who settled in California; and Sarah, who married Enos Jefferson, of Wilmington, Delaware.

(II) John Quimby, son of Elijah Quimby, was born in Maryland in 1812, and died in 1863, aged fifty-one years. In 1840 he came to Reading where he died and he is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Being a carpenter by trade, he found plenty of work in Reading and for some time followed boat building. He was a man of considerable education, and taught school on Franklin street, meeting with success in this profession. All of his life he had been a devout Christian, and finally was ordained a preacher, and was made chaplain of the 93d Pa. V. I. during the Civil war. Later in life he proved pipes at the rolling mills and was an earnest, conscientious worker. He was a man who never willingly wronged a single person but sought to do only good, and his memory is still cherished by those who knew him. John Quimby was active in public life and served as alderman of the old Southeast ward, and had his office under the old Mansion House. When his country called upon him for his services, Mr. Quimby nobly responded and organized companies and enrolled men before he himself went to the front as the spiritual guide of his regiment. Early in its history he became a member of Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., and at the time of his enlistment was its Senior Warden. He was also active in Montgomery Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., and filled a number of its offices. John Quimby married Sarah McDowel, 1811-1861, daughter of Elijah McDowel, of Wilmington. Their children were: William M.; Henry died at Reading; James died in the army hospital at Washington; Laura married Henry Strunk, deceased; Samuel resides at New Castle, Pa.; John resides at Reading; and Thomas resides at Chester, Pennsylvania.

(III) William M. Quimby, son of John Quimby and father of Allen G. Quimby, is a retired resident of Reading and a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Wilmington, Del., May 1, 1834. When quite a young man he learned the molder's trade at Johnson's foundry and machine shops at Reading, where he came in 1840. He worked at these shops for ten years, and then became an employe of the Reading Hardware Company, and worked for them for more than a quarter of a century, retiring in 1907 after the death of his wife. He now resides with his son, Allen G. Quimby, being an honored member of that household. Mr. Quimby was a very prominent man, and took part in many enterprises looking toward the betterment of Reading. He was an organizer of the Liberty Fire Company No. 6, of Reading, and served as its chief hose director, was assistant enginner, and filled other offices therein. He is a member of the Iron Molders Union, of Veteran Castle, K. G. E., and of the K. of P. For years he served as trustee of St. Peter's Methodist Church, of which he is a consistent member and generous contributor, and he has always taken a deep interest in the church and all its work.

On Sept. 12, 1862, Mr. Quimby enlisted in Company G, 20th Pa. V. I., was made a corporal, at Harrisburg, and during the time he served he was a brave soldier. On March 22, 1857, he married Lavina E. Guiley, daughter of John and Mary (Klinger) Guiley of Reading. Mr. Guiley was a son of a Hessian soldier who came from Hesse-Darmstadt during the Revolution. Mrs. Quimby was born Feb. 17, 1838, and died April 26, 1907, aged sixty-nine years, two months and nine days. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby celebrated their golden anniversary about one month before she died, and no one enjoyed the pleasant affair more than she. Her children all attended and she was the center of attraction. To Mr. and Mrs. Quimby were born these children: James H., of Newcastle, Del., who is superintendent of the Brylgon Steel Casting Company; Allen G.; Mary K., who married John H. Adams, of No. 137½ North Eighth street, Reading.

(IV) Allen G. Quimby, superintendent for the American Coke & Gas Construction Company of New York, with foundry located at Reading, is a native of the city, having been born here Nov. 2, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Reading, and when but thirteen years of age began learning the molder's trade at Johnson's Foundry and Machine shops. After completing his term of years, he traveled considerably, working at Peoria, Ill., and other western cities, gaining considerable valuable experience at his trade. When only eighteen he was a master of the trade, something very remarkable. Later he located at Chester and worked for the Standard Steel Casting Company, but in 1899 he returned to his native city and began working at the Scott works branch of the Reading Iron Company. In 1900 he took charge of the Penn Iron Works, and when this company sold its plant to the American Coke & Gas Construction Company, in 1904, he continued with the new combination. At present he has charge of over 100 skilled mechanics. His home is pleasantly located at No. 137 North Eighth street. In politics Mr. Quimby is a Republican, and is very active in party work. He was chairman of the Third ward for nine consecutive years; was a State delegate when Hon. William A. Stone was nominated for governor of Pennsylvania, and he has always taken a deep interest in city politics as well. Socially Mr. Quimby is a member of Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., of which he has been past master since 1900; Excelsior Chapter No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and a member of the Arab Patrol. He belongs to Meade Camp No. 16, Sons of Veterans, and to Liberty Fire Co. No. 6, Reading. He was active in the Friendship Fire Co. No. 5, and was its vice president for some years. In addition to these other societies, Mr. Quimby was active in the Iona Pioneer Corps, a temperance society, and served as its secretary, treasurer, and first and second lieutenant. He and his family are connected with the Baptist Church.

On July 27, 1886, Mr. Quimby was married to Sallie A. Shunk, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Edwards) Shunk of Reading. Peter Shunk is a grandson of the late Gov. Francis A. Shunk of Pennsylvania. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quimby—William McDowel, a skilled draughtsman of Reading, and a very promising young man; Lavinia E., a graduate of Deck Business Academy.

MAURER. Berks county, Pennsylvania, is noted for the number of old families within its confines, and perhaps of them all none has reason to be prouder of its history than the Maurer family. The records of the county show that (I) Andrew Maurer was born March 3, 1781, and died Dec. 11, 1847, his remains being interred at Boyertown. In 1804 he married Susanna Hartranft, born Oct. 31, 1786, daughter of Leonard and Christiana (Moyer) Hartranft, and she died when ninety years of age. He lived in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, and followed tailoring. While digging a post hole he discovered iron ore, and the Pottstown Iron Company leased his property during his natural life. His children were: Henry, born Feb. 7, 1805; Tina, Feb. 14, 1807; Sarah, Jan. 14, 1810; Aaron, Dec. 27, 1812; Jeremiah, April 2, 1815; Maria, Oct. 27, 1818; Mahlon, June 8, 1822; Zacharias, Jan. 20, 1825. The old family Bible is now in the possession of Franklin O. Maurer, of Reading.

(II) Zacharias H. Maurer, son of Andrew, was born Jan. 20, 1825, and died in February, 1892, aged sixty-seven years. He was a school teacher for many years, but later was a clerk in the courthouse, and still later was elected clerk of the Quarter Sessions. Having filled these offices with such ability, he was made clerk of the Orphans' Court. During the Civil war he served his country bravely and when honorably discharged was a lieutenant. A public-spirited man, he always took an active part in the politics of his vicinity and belonged to the Democratic party. For many years he was a very prominent figure in Reading where he made his home during the best part of his life, and his many services to the city and county are gratefully remembered. His remains lie in the Trinity Lutheran Church graveyard, Reading.

In 1844 Mr. Maurer married Rebecca Leitheiser, born Oct. 4, 1824, in Muhlenberg township, daughter of George and Anna Maria Leitheiser. She died Aug. 17, 1861, aged thirty-six years, ten months and thirteen days. She bore her husband these children: Franklin O.; Susan M., Sallie A. and Zacharias H., all deceased; and Emma C., who died two days after her mother, and was buried in the same grave. Mr. Maurer m. (second) Sarah Ann Bright, and their children were: George B., Ellen (Brown), Bertha (Batdorf), Gertrude (Miller), Wilmoth, May (Ermantrout) and Harry.

(III) Franklin O. Maurer was born in Reading at the corner of Seventh and Franklin streets, Jan. 18, 1846. His education was acquired in the public schools of Reading. When about seventeen he learned telegraphy, and was stationed at Allentown Junction, whence he came to Reading. On Feb. 18, 1863, he responded to his country's call and enlisted in Company E, 46th Pa. V. I., and served until Feb. 5, 1865, when he was mustered out. On June 15, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company D, 11th United States Infantry. He was in Camp Grant, Richmond, Va., and from there the 11th regiment was ordered to Granada, Miss., where it was consolidated with the 34th United States Infantry, and he was promoted to duty sergeant, and afterward to first sergeant, and honorably discharged Feb. 5, 1870. While in the regular service, at Granada, Mr. Maurer had some exciting experiences in assisting in capturing and ridding the State of Mississippi of the Ku-Klux Klan.

At the close of his military life he returned to Reading, and entered the employ of Levan & Metzer, queensware merchants, on the present location of Koller's ice cream restaurant. There he continued for two years, and then became a clerk in the prothonotary's office in the courthouse under George K. Levan. Later he was appointed chief clerk of the Orphans' court, and thus remained for fifteen years. Mr. Maurer was then made deputy recorder under W. Benton Stoltz, now deceased. He was reappointed deputy recorder under the late James F. Dumn, and when his term expired he became a fur hatter with Beyer Bros., at Hamburg. After four years with them he took a position under G. W. Alexander, of West Reading, a hat manufacturer, and remained with him thirteen years.

Some months after his return home, Aug. 6, 1870, Mr. Maurer married Miss Amanda J. Bright, daughter of Wile and Margaret (Goodhart) Bright of Reading. They have had these children: Wellington Wile is deceased; Milton B.; Edna M.; Laura R.; Paul B.; Franklin B.; Mary A. died in infancy; and Harold B., Clare B., Edith M. and Walter are all four deceased.

KOHL. Cumru township has for its most substantial citizens many whose ancestors came to the New World from Germany and Switzerland. These have left an ineffaceable mark upon the customs of the people, to say nothing of industries established and continued in the family name to the present time. Among the families early settled here is that bearing the name of Kohl, and prominent in the family may be mentioned Henry B., Nathan S., and Milton S. Kohl, of Cumru township, farmers and truckers.

The earliest of the family to come to this country was (I) Georg Kohl, a native of Baden, Germany, who crossed the Atlantic in the ship "Peggy," which landed at Philadelphia Oct. 16, 1754. Soon afterward he settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he owned land that has been divided and sub-divided by his numerous descendants, some of it to this day being held in the family name. In his family of children was a son, Georg.

(II) Georg Kohl, son of the emigrant, was born Jan. 10, 1759, and died Feb. 28, 1824, aged sixty-five years, one month, eighteen days. He built the "Kohl Hotel," now known as the "Angelica Hotel," and was a man of much enterprise. He married Maria Gietha, who was born Aug. 3, 1761; she died Aug. 28, 1832, aged seventy-one years, twenty-five days. Their children were: Simon, who built a large stone house in 1845, on the property now owned by Peter Gehman, of Cumru; George; William; Peggy, who married Daniel Fritz; and John, who settled on the present site of St. Louis, Mo., one of the earliest settlers in that section.

(III) George Kohl, son of Georg and grandson of the emigrant ancestor, was born Jan. 10, 1784, and became a prominent citizen of Cumru. He was the well-known proprietor of the "Kohl's Hotel," for many years, besides owning considerable land and a number of dwellings. He became rich and prosperous, and was actively interested in public affairs. He was a member of the Allegheny Union Church across the line from where he lived, in Brecknock township, belonging to the German Reformed congregation. He was a useful man in his community, and he befriended many in need, and was greatly esteemed by all. He married Maria Will (born Aug. 9, 1787, died April 8, 1845, aged fifty-seven years, seven months, twenty-nine days). He died April 1, 1845, aged sixty-one years, two months, twenty-one days. Their children were: Joseph (1811-1877) m. Elizabeth Huffert (1817-1897); Mary m. John Fritz; Rebecca m. Samuel Ziegler; Catherine m. William Strunk; Elias m. Betsey Rathman; Henry, Sr., m. Elizabeth McCardy; Benjamin (April 19, 1820-Sept. 1, 1888) m. Amelia Glassmeyer; Levi m. Susan Hoffert; Richard m. Sally Keffer; Elizabeth m. Isaac Westley; Reuben m. Susan Schnabel; and Luzenna m. (first) Isaac Becker, deceased, and (second) Henry Freyberg, a millionaire, of Chicago, Illinois.

(IV) Henry Kohl, Sr., son of George, was born on the old homestead May 10, 1815, and died Nov. 16, 1887. His entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he owned a fertile farm of eighty-nine acres in Cumru. He was very industrious and a man of exemplary habits. He married Elizabeth McCardy (born July 2, 1818, died Aug. 11, 1903, aged eighty-five years, one month, nine days). Their children were: Hiram; Joanna married John Hoshaur; Mary died young; Henry B., Jr.; Samuel; Katie died young; Elizabeth m. Philip Messner; Clara died young; and Emma (deceased) m. Jacob Gebhart.

(V) Henry B. Kohl, son of Henry, Sr., and one of the highly respected residents of Cumru township, was born on his father's farm Aug. 29, 1848. He early learned the duties pertaining to a farm, and until he was eighteen years of age he attended the township schools and assisted his father. He then learned the carpenter's trade under the guidance of his uncle, Reuben Kohl, and this he followed for twelve years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to farming, and in 1892 he bought his father's farm, and now has 105 acres of rich trucking soil, and is engaged in farming, attending the Reading market. He has erected all the buildings on his property with the exception of the house, which was built by his father in 1858. He has made many improvements, and has been very successful in all his undertakings. In his political principles he is a Republican, and he has been very useful in party work, serving efficiently in any position he is asked to fill. For three years he was roadmaster, and for one year, supervisor. He and his family are Reformed members of the Allegheny Union Church, in which he served as deacon for ten years. He is a member of the Sr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 91, of Angelica.

In 1881 Henry B. Kohl married Mary Ann Steffy, who was born Jan. 5, 1860, daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Gebhart) Steffy. Mrs. Kohl has a son Harvey Fry (who married Annie Moyer, deceased), and he has always made his home with Mr. Kohl. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohl have been born thirteen children: Edwin A. enlisted Aug. 30, 1899, in Company A, 47th U. S. Vols., served eighteen months in Donsol, southern end of Luzon, P. I., and was mustered out July 2, 1901, at San Francisco, Cal., and is now assisting his father; Menton E.; Annie E. m. Henry Lebo, Jr.; Emma S. m. Lewis S. Bixler; Henry M.; Jennie L.; Cora M. m. William Lebo; Laura A.; Mary E.; Marcus M.; Katie E.; Sadie M.; and Maggie E.

(IV) Reuben Kohl, son of George and brother of Henry, Sr., was born on the original Kohl homestead in 1825.

He owned a tract of twenty acres in Cumru, and forty acres across the line in Brecknock township. He was a carpenter, and for many years followed that occupation, erecting many dwellings. Many of the best carpenters in this section gained their training under his watchful eye. The last twelve years of his life were lived retired. He died June 12, 1891. He was a Reformed member of the Allegheny Church, and was very well known. He married Susan Schnabel, and they had six children, as follows: Nathan S., former proprietor of the "Angelica Hotel"; Nelson S., a farmer in Cumru; Milton S., a trucker in Cumru; Wilson S., a farmer on the old homestead; Mary, who married Samuel Wise; and Ida, who married Frank Furlow.

(V) NATHAN S. KOHL, until April 1, 1908, the popular "mine host" of the "Angelica Hotel," was born on the old Kohl place July 21, 1856, son of Reuben. He attended the local schools for a few days each winter until he was sixteen years old, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade from his father. After following that for eight years, he learned the butcher's trade, and for twenty-five years gave it his attention, having his shop one mile from Angelica. He had two men regularly employed, and killed weekly from five to six beeves. During the winters in addition to the beeves he killed as high as ten hogs a week, besides many calves. He attended the Kissinger market in Reading, and also had teams supplying the country trade. He made a great success of his work, but in 1897 gave it up to engage in trucking on his farm of forty acres near Angelica, and this he continued for six years. In the spring of 1904 he became the proprietor of the "Angelica Hotel." He built up a nice trade, and was popular in the locality, keeping a first-class place, and enjoying the good will of the traveling public. He retired from the hotel April 1, 1908, and in 1909 began farming his own lands at Angelica. He purchased his farm in 1891 from his uncle, Benjamin Kohl. He has put up new buildings, and greatly improved the place, its generally up-to-date appearance bearing witness to his thrift and industry. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his family belong to the Reformed congregation at Allegheny Church. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 91, at Angelica.

On Sept. 25, 1885, Mr. Kohl was married to Sarah Ziemer, who was born in Brecknock township, daughter of William and Catharine (Griffith) Ziemer, the former the proprietor of Knauer's Hotel for seventeen years. To this union have been born four children, namely: Emily, born Feb. 13, 1888; Salome, born April 20, 1893, died April 29, 1898; a daughter that died in infancy; and C. Stanley, born Oct. 6, 1901.

(V) NELSON S. KOHL, son of Reuben, born June 20, 1857, and now industriously engaged in winning fortune from a fine truck farm of forty-six acres, is one of the substantial and respected citizens of Cumru. He was but twenty-seven years of age when he began for himself, and in 1889 he purchased the farm which he now occupies. Like his family he is a Republican in politics, and he has always been interested in party work, although his own affairs have engrossed too much of his time to permit him to perform the duties attendant upon official position. He and his family are all faithful members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, in Brecknock township, and of this he has been class leader and steward.

On Jan. 6, 1883, Mr. Kohl married Ellen Remp, born Jan. 7, 1863, daughter of Samuel and Cassie (Spatz) Remp. Five children have come to brighten their home, as follows: Katie (m. Robert Mosser, a school teacher of Cumru); Stella, born March 7, 1891; Charles, Aug. 29, 1895; Paul, Jan. 21, 1903; and Mabel, Jan. 5, 1907.

(V) MILTON S. KOHL, a well-known trucker and farmer of Cumru, was born in this township, Sept. 28, 1858, son of Reuben Kohl. His education was acquired in the district schools, and in 1883 he began work for himself, hauling ice for the Angelica Ice Company. He continued at this for two years, and then for the following two years was tenant farmer for Henry Kohl. From there he went to the J. R. Blankenbiller truck farm, which he worked for six years, and then spent three years on the Levi Rathman property. After three years on the farm of his father-in-law he, in the spring of 1899, moved upon the property where he now lives. This he had purchased the preceding year, and he has improved it until he has made of it a most valuable property. He raises splendid crops, and his produce has a well-earned and well-established reputation. In 1906 he built a sand-stone house. In politics Mr. Kohl votes in support of Republican principles. He and his family belong to the Reformed congregation at Allegheny Church.

On June 17, 1882, Mr. Kohl married Mary E. Huffert, born Oct. 29, 1863, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Eckemoth) Huffert, the former a farmer who died June 6, 1902, aged ninety-three years, three months, eleven days. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohl have come three children: Howard, born Jan. 20, 1883, m. Lillie Yelk, and has two children, Edward and Miriam; Susan E., born June 19, 1887, m. Owen O. Bixler, and has two children, Reda and Bessie; and William, born Aug. 8, 1891.

JOHN L. WESTLEY, a substantial citizen of the Twelfth ward, Reading, and an honored survivor of the Civil war, was born March 15, 1842, in Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Peter and Esther (Lebo) Westley.

The Westley family of Berks county was formerly of Robeson township, where the ancestor settled during the latter part of the eighteenth century. His descendants spread across the border of Robeson into Brecknock and Cumru townships, where they were numerous for many years. Michael Westley, the grandfather of John L., was a native of Robeson township, where he lived and died, and he, as were also many of his relatives, was buried at the Robeson (Plow) Church. Among the members of the Westley family buried at this graveyard, all relatives of Michael Westley, may be mentioned: John (1779-1856); Christian (1790-1857); Catherine (1790-1859); Elizabeth (1797-1861); William (1799-1875); John (1803-1873); Sarah (1806-1883); Christian (1806-1893); Samuel (1815-1857); William (1817-1859); Peter (1820-1891); Margaret (1826-1886); Mary (1829-1873); Catherine (1827-1896); and Samuel (1851-1883). Among the children of grandfather Michael Westley were: Jacob; John; Peter; Mark; who lived on Bingaman street, Reading, and had two sons, John and Samuel, who live in Reading; and Kate, who died unmarried at the home of her brother Mark.

Peter Westley, father of John L., was born in lower Berks county, but died about 1849, in Schuylkill county, whither he had removed shortly after his marriage. He married Esther Lebo, of Cumru township, and they had eight children, as follows: Sarah m. James B. Brown, of Fleetwood, Pa.; Susan m. Edward Mendelson, of Pottsville; Catherine m. John Kimmel, of Pottsville; Hannah m. Daniel Bausum, of Pottsville; Mary m. Jacob Detamble, of Gibraltar; Edward m. Mary Brendel, of near Chambersburg; John L.; and Hettie, born in January, 1844, is unmarried and resides at Reading.

John L. Westley was but five years old when his parents removed to Gibraltar, Berks county, and in 1857 he took to boating on the Schuylkill canal, a vocation which he followed for five years. When the war broke out his brain was fired with patriotism, and on Oct. 3, 1861, he enlisted at Philadelphia in Company I, 6th Pa. Cav., under Captain Star, and served three years, participating in a number of engagements. On May 12, 1864, near Meadow Bridge, Va., in a charge in which Mr. Westley had just entered the woods, he came unexpectedly on the Confederate line. He had a miraculous escape after a fierce hand-to-hand encounter, but not until he had received a severe wound in the thigh. He was at all times a brave and faithful soldier, and his war record is one of which he may well be proud.

After the war Mr. Westley returned to his home in Cumru township, where his mother lived, and began to work in the McIllivan iron works, located at South Reading. After one and one-half years there he com-

menced working at the sheet mill, but when the Reading Coal & Iron Company opened its mill, March 9, 1868, he accepted a position there, and continued in that place for fifteen years. Since May, 1885, he has been continuously at work at the sheet mill. In the early fall of 1867 Mr. Westley located in Reading, and in 1869 built his own home at No. 736 North Ninth street, where he resided for sixteen years, then purchasing the property at No. 740 North Ninth street, his present home. He also owns other real estate in Reading. Mr. Westley is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 435, F. & A. M., Reading. He and his family are Lutherans in their religious belief.

On April 27, 1867, Mr. Westley married Mary Keller, daughter of Reuben Keller, of Exeter township, and to this union there have been born twelve children, namely: Anna m. Frank Mosser, of Reading; Emma is at home; Charles E. m. Sarah Evans; William m. Rebecca Schaeffer; Cora M. and Harry W. are unmarried and at home; George I. m. Ada Kline; Florence E. m. Robert Daniels, of Reading; and Luther F. and three other children died in infancy.

GEORGE O. ROMIG, proprietor of the "Hotel Albion," at Mertztown, is one of the enterprising business men of this place. He was born Sept. 24, 1857, at Emaus, Pa., a son of John Owen and Sarah Ann (Xander) Romig.

John Frederick Romig, grandfather of George O., was of German descent, but he was born at Nazareth, Lehigh Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1782. For a time he owned and conducted a fine farm there, which he later sold and removed to Emaus, in the western part of the same county, where he engaged in a tinsmith business until he was sixty-five years old, when he retired. He died twenty years later, Feb. 20, 1867. He was a member of the Moravian Church, and he was interred in the Moravian cemetery. His four children were: Thomas, Paul, John Owen and Cecelia (m. William Keck, and both are deceased, but are survived by an adopted daughter, a child of Mrs. Keck's brother Thomas; she married Edward Reavely, of Philadelphia).

John Owen Romig was born in Lehigh county on the old homestead before his parents moved to Emaus, April 17, 1825. He was reared in the faith of the Moravian Church, and he learned the tinsmith's trade with his father. Later he became a butcher and carried on a large meat business for some years, supplying the market at Allentown. Later he moved to Mertztown, where he again embarked in a tinware and stove business, which he continued for ten years, and in 1873 he went into the baking business, in partnership with his son Edgar. He died Sept. 9, 1890, and is interred in the Moravian cemetery at Emaus. He married Sarah Ann Xander, born April 20, 1826, daughter of George and Catherine (Smith) Xander, and they had the following children: one died in infancy; Edgar F., born Nov. 15, 1854, m. Eliza Fegley, daughter of John Fegley, and had children, Ida, Harvey, Emma, Richard and John; George Oliver; and Agnes, born Sept. 12, 1867, m. James Barton, son of William Barton, and has children: Lillie (m. Curtis Frauenfelder) and Leroy.

George Oliver Romig was reared and educated at Emaus, and when of proper age he was catechised and confirmed in the Lutheran Church, at Mertztown—the faith of his mother. Like his father and grandfather, he learned the tinsmith's trade and followed it until 1873, when he entered into the baking business with his father and brother Edgar, and continued until 1879, when he became bartender for a Mr. Bortz, and remained with him for eight years. Mr. Romig then learned the barber's trade, and at the same time opened up a soft drink place and carried it on for two years in connection with barbering. He is a good business man, and at this time saw an opportunity to invest to his satisfaction and bought the property southeast from the Mertztown depot. Here he made many improvements, and the "Hotel Albion," as his place is now known, is equipped and conducted along the most modern lines.

In the year 1878 Mr. Romig was married to Sallie C. Haines, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Schlegel) Haines. Mrs. Romig was born in Upper Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Romig, as follows: Carrie Elizabeth, born June 13, 1879, m. John S. Stettler, son of Israel Stettler, and they have three children, Virtie (born March 2, 1902), Erma (March 12, 1904), and Myron (April 20, 1907); William Charles, born April 11, 1881, m. Maud Griesimer, and had one son, Raymond G. (born Oct. 21, 1905, died aged eight months); Ethel Sylvan, born March 18, 1883, died aged six years; Frederick George, born Feb. 20, 1887, m. Katie Schwartz, daughter of Jonathan and Elvina (Warmkessel) Schwartz, and they have one daughter, Verna; Warren Owen, born Dec. 11, 1888, is a silk weaver by trade; and four died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Romig both attend the Congregational Church at Mertztown, although he was reared in the Lutheran and she in the Reformed faith. He belongs to a number of fraternal organizations and in politics is a Republican.

HENRY HUMMA, who is now conducting a flourishing grocery business at No. 1123 Walnut street, Reading, was one of the youngest soldiers in the Civil war. He is a native of Reading, born April 9, 1848, son of Theodore and Catherine (Hachs) Humma.

Theodore Humma, a native of Prussia, Germany, came to America in 1842, and from New York City, where he landed, made his way to Reading. Here he found employment on the construction of the Lebanon Valley Railroad and was residing in the city at the time of his death, May 2, 1854. To him and his wife, Catherine Hachs, were born these children: Benner, of No. 219 North Tenth street, Reading, is a veteran of the Civil war; Lewis, a member of Company H, 88th Pa. V. I., was killed at the second battle of Bull Run; Henry; Catherine is deceased; John H. lives at Manayunk; Peter is deceased; and Annie is of Philadelphia.

Henry Humma attended the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he learned the baker's trade, which he followed for nine months, and then learned the hatting trade, continuing at that occupation for sixteen years. Mr. Humma was then engaged in the sewing machine business for two years, and on Feb. 2, 1880, he and his wife engaged in the grocery business at No. 1123 Walnut street, where they have been engaged to the present time with much success. They erected their present fine building in 1899, and it is well furnished and stocked with a fine, full line of groceries and notions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Humma are kindly, genial people, and their first-class line of goods has won them a constantly increasing trade.

Mr. Humma married June 15, 1866, Elizabeth Reitz, daughter of Adam Reitz, and to this union have been born children as follows: Catherine m. Clayton Potteiger, and lives on North Eleventh street, Reading; Elizabeth m. John Gehris, and lives at Portsmouth, Va.; Emma m. Edward Kortenhorn, of North Tenth street, Reading; Edward J. S. is driving the delivery wagon for his parents; Henry is employed at the Mt. Penn Stove Works; Helen M. m. Alvin Eyrich, of near Shillington, Cumru township, Berks county; Adam J. S. is employed at the Remppis Iron Works; Bernard H. is assisting in the store; Gertrude V. and Viola M. are both at home; Crisulla, Margaret and Johanna are deceased; one died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Humma is a Republican in politics. He belongs to St. Paul's Catholic Church. He joined the Rainbow Fire Company in August, 1865, and is a member of the Grocers' Association. On June 26, 1863, Henry Humma enlisted from Berks county, to serve until the end of the emergency, and was mustered into the service of Capt. Samuel Harner's Company B, 42d Reg. Pa. Emergency State Militia, Col. Charles H. Hunter, commanding. This regiment was organized in quick response to Governor Curtin's proclamation calling for a number of regiments of emergency troops to protect the State from possible invasion by the Rebel forces, who, after triumphs at Fred-

ericksburg and Chancellorsville, Va., were threatening the North. The 42d was stationed at Reading, Pa., guarding the city and its approaches during most of its service. The officers and soldiers evinced the highest soldierly qualities, and fully sustained the excellent record our soldiers have ever attained in the field and camp. Henry Humma was honorably discharged Aug. 11, 1863, at Reading, by reason of service no longer required. He re-enlisted Jan. 23, 1864, at Philadelphia, Pa., to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the U. S. service Jan. 25th, in Capt. Samuel H. Bayley's Vol. Cav., Col. Robert M. West, commanding, and May 16, 1864, was transferred to Capt. Bardele Galliseth's Company F, of the same regiment, the 5th Cavalry, of the 65th Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, and served chiefly with Kautz's and Wilson's Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac and the James. After his enlistment he took part in the battles of Black Water, Stony Creek Station, Weldon and South Side Railroads, Reams Station, Deep Bottom, Malvern Hill, Yellow Tavern, Lee's Mills, Jerusalem Plank Road, Mechanicsville, Chapin's Farm, Darbytown Road, Boydton Plank Road, Charles City Cross Roads, the Appomattox Campaign, including Dinwiddie Court House, Five Forks, Gravelly Run, Amelia Court House, Rice's Station, Burke's Station, Appomattox Court House (Lee's surrender), and all of the Virginia and minor engagements, raids, etc. He was at all times with his command, and performed most faithful and meritorious service. While building breastworks and engaged in felling trees in front of the same, he cut his foot severely with an axe, but remained with his command, and was treated by a surgeon in camp. He received his final honorable discharge Aug. 7, 1865, at Richmond, Va., by reason of the close of the war.

HENRY EDMUND KAUFFMAN, transcriber of indices under Jeremiah A. Bauscher, recorder of deeds of Berks county, was born July 22, 1859, in Bethel (Millersburg), Bethel township, this county, son of Edmund Kauffman.

Mr. Kauffman numbers among his ancestors some of the earliest settlers of northern Berks county. On the paternal side, besides being farmers, they carried on the manufacture of wooden pumps, some of which are still to be seen in use. On the maternal side were the Wagners and the Dieffenbachs, the former being farmers, while the latter, although owning some good tracts of land and raising their own produce, were largely mechanics, chiefly of the wood-working class. John Jacob Dieffenbach, his great-great-grandfather, is said to have been the first American-born citizen to manufacture pipe organs in this country.

Edmund Kauffman, the father, followed in the footsteps of his father, and engaged in the manufacture of pumps and in carpentering in connection with farming. In the early sixties he obeyed the call of patriotism, and enlisted in Company E, 151st Pa. V. I., being mustered in Oct. 28, 1862, and mustered out with his company July 30, 1863. On July 1, 1863, he was wounded at Gettysburg.

Henry Edmund Kauffman received his education in the schools in the vicinity of his home. He was still quite young when he was trained to all manner of manual labor, being able to do a man's work while still in his teens. At an early age he was apprenticed to A. I. Batdorff, and learned the tinsmith's trade. After completing his term of service, he, in 1877, took a preparatory course under Prof. T. P. Miller, and passed the examination under County Superintendent Prof. Samuel A. Baer, receiving his certificate to teach. He was considered a success in the school room, but, after a number of years at this work, he gave it up and in 1899 moved with his family to Reading. He held various minor positions for a time, and then entered the employ of the late Jesse G. Hawley, proprietor of the Reading *Daily*, *Sunday* and *Weekly Eagles*, where for more than fourteen years he held various responsible positions, during the last seven of which he was market master and assistant to the general superintendent of the Hawley real estate.

On Jan. 11, 1879, Mr. Kauffman married Kate Elizabeth Schlasman, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Livengood) Schlasman, and two daughters and one son blessed this union as follows: Elizabeth Stella, born Oct. 10, 1879, died Oct. 28, 1880; Mary Ella, born Jan. 21, 1881, died May 5, 1897; and Barton Earl, born May 14, 1892, died Feb. 12, 1894. In politics Mr. Kauffman has always been a Democrat, and he has been active in party work. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by the Rev. D. D. Trexler, and has always taken an active part in church and Sunday-school work, in the latter having been through the grades from pupil to superintendent. In the Salem Union Church at Millersburg he was a member of the choir; at Rehrersburg, Bible class teacher and member of choir, and now deacon in Grace Lutheran Church, Reading, Rev. William H. Myers, pastor.

LEVI BEILER, who has prospered in agricultural pursuits in the Conestoga Valley, having his home in Caernarvon township, Berks county, was born Jan. 15, 1868, at Intercourse, Lancaster county, son of David S. and Rebecca (Esh) Beiler.

Jacob Beiler, the emigrant ancestor of this family, and the only Beiler known to have come to America, was born in Switzerland, and emigrated to this country to find freedom from religious persecution, making the voyage on the ship "Charming Polly," which landed at Philadelphia Oct. 8, 1737. With his family he located at Myerstown, Lebanon county. Among his children were sons Christian and Christopher S.

Christian Beiler, son of Jacob, was nine years old when the family located at Myerstown. He became the father of a son, Christian.

Christian Beiler, son of Christian, was born in 1752, in Lebanon county. In 1800 he moved to near Strasburg, Lancaster county. He died in 1804. He was the father of three sons: Jacob, who settled in Berks county, near Elverson, Chester county, and whose descendants live in Berks and Chester counties; John, who settled in Mifflin county, and whose descendants live in Mifflin and Lawrence counties, Pa., and in Western States; and David.

David Beiler, son of Christian, was born in Lebanon county in 1786, and he died in Lancaster county in 1871, and is buried at Rancks burying ground in East Lampeter township, that county. He was an able bishop of the Amish Church. His five sons were: Christian, David, John, Samuel and Benjamin.

Christian Beiler, son of David and grandfather of Levi, was born Sept. 21, 1811, and died March 15, 1888. He married Rebecca Stoltzfus, born 1816, died April 28, 1902, a direct descendant of Nicholas Stoltzfus, who in 1766 came from Zweibrucken, Germany, to America, with his children, settling on a farm near Reading. To Christian Beiler and wife were born twelve children, all but one reaching mature years. The descendants live chiefly in Lancaster, Berks and Chester counties.

David S. Beiler, eldest son of Christian, was born Dec. 25, 1834, and now lives near Morgantown, Berks county. He married Rebecca Esh, of Juniata county, Pa., born May 25, 1838, died Jan. 28, 1904. Their children were: Malinda, born Oct. 26, 1861, m. Jacob Hartz; Emma, born Oct. 7, 1863, lives with her father; Christian, born Dec. 21, 1865, m. Fannie King, and died Dec. 21, 1897; Levi, born Jan. 15, 1868; Mary, born May 9, 1870, m. Mast Stoltzfus; Jacob, born Dec. 17, 1872, died 1875; Katie, born June 17, 1875, m. Elam M. Soltzfus; and Susie, born July 3, 1879, m. Jacob Z. Yoder.

Levi Beiler was sixteen at the time he removed from Lancaster to Berks county. He was reared to farming, and in 1899 he purchased his present farm, one of the finest in the locality, consisting of 136 acres of limestone land in Caernarvon township.

On Jan. 17, 1892, Mr. Beiler married Sarah Stoltzfus, of Lancaster county, daughter of Isaac K. Stoltzfus, a descendant of the German emigrant Nicholas Stoltzfus. The

following children have been born of this union: Rebecca, born Dec. 10, 1892; Mary S., July 4, 1894; Carrie S., July 8, 1896; Lydia, Nov. 27, 1897 (died Sept. 23, 1898); Martha S., July 16, 1899; Fannie S., Aug. 11, 1900; Levi S., Sept. 9, 1902; David S., Oct. 21, 1903; Isaac K., Oct. 31, 1904; Amos R., Jan. 3, 1906; Christian E., July 3, 1907; and Stephen M., Aug. 25, 1908. Mr. Beiler is a member of the Amish Church, as are nearly all of the name in America. He is a thoroughly upright and industrious man, and his success in life is well merited.

SIMSON BECKER, one of the most prominent business men of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, whose name has been closely associated for a number of years with large and important business enterprises, is president of the Temple Lime & Fertilizer Company and of the Muhlenberg Brewing Company. Mr. Becker was born in 1835, in Alsace township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Magdalina (Schmehl) Becker.

The paternal grandfather of Simson Becker was a son of the German progenitor of this family. He was a farmer in Alsace township, where he became very prosperous. He married a Miss Messersmith, and to them there were born the following children: Daniel, Jacob, David, John, Caroline (m. John Cook), and Fietta (m. John Hillegas). The family were Lutherans in their religious belief.

Daniel Becker, the father of Simson, was a farmer all of his active period in Alsace township, where he died in 1862, at the age of sixty-two years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Amos, Henry, Simson, Daniel, John, David, Elizabeth (m. Isaac Glass), Hannah (m. Frederick Picker), Magdalena (m. Franklin Wertz), Amelia (died single) and Catherine (m. Peter Weidner). In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Becker was a Democrat in politics.

Simson Becker was educated in the schools of Alsace and Ontelaunee townships, and until nineteen years of age worked on a farm. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a quarter of a century. In 1891-92-93 he served as recorder of Berks county, and in 1895, with Nicholas Rothermel, Samuel Schmehl, William M. Becker and Henry J. Seidel, built the Muhlenberg Brewery, of which he served as a manager and collector in 1896, manager in 1897, and collector in 1899-1900-01-02, since which time he has been president of the company. From 1899 until 1904 he worked at his trade, and in 1905, with Irvin and Daniel Bechtel, established the Temple Lime & Fertilizer Company, at Moselem, of which he is president.

Mr. Becker married Amelia Marks and to this union there were born fourteen children, of whom ten survive: Emma m. (first) David Bennetham and (second) Jeremiah Rothermel; Sallie m. Charles Curran, deceased; Annie m. William Shadler; Lillie m. Edward Parker; Minnie m. William Brunner; Morris m. Alice Hawkins; William M. is single; Edwin m. Katie Rickenbach; Wellington m. Maggie Snyder; Harry married a Keller; and four others died young. The family are Lutherans. Mr. Becker is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is connected with Washington Camp No. 107, P. O. S. of A.

HENRY J. FINK, now living retired at Reading, Pa., residing in a pleasant home at No. 425 Chestnut street, was born in the city of Reading, April 22, 1844, son of John and Angelina (Eisenhower) Fink.

John Fink, father of Henry J., was born in 1820, in Lancaster county, Pa., and still survives, one of the venerable but still most active of Reading's citizens. For many years he was engaged in the planing mill business here, and was an extensive builder and contractor. He married Angelina Eisenhower, and their children were: Sarah A.; William A., an architect; Ellen F.; and Henry J. The family has always been Lutheran in its religious belief. Mr. Fink is a Republican, and takes a very active interest in general as well as local affairs.

Henry J. Fink learned the carpenter's trade after he left school, and for many years was associated with his father, whose manager at the planing mill he was for a long period. In 1890 he gave up that business and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, a business he conducted for fourteen years, from which he retired in 1904.

During the Civil war, Mr. Fink enlisted, Aug. 9, 1862, in Company B, 128th Pa. V. I., and served nine months, and then re-enlisted in Company B., 195th Pa. V. I., for the 100-day service. His record is that of a loyal citizen and brave soldier

On Sept. 21, 1869, Mr. Fink married Rebecca B. Graeff, and they have two sons, John W., a master mechanic in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters at Mt. Carbon, Pa.; and George H., of Reading. Mr. Fink is quartermaster of Keim Post, G. A. R., an office he has filled since its organization. He belongs also to Castle No. 49, K. G. E.; St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Liberty Fire Company, No. 6, of Reading. In politics he is an ardent Republican. He served two terms as a member of the Reading school board, elected from the First ward, in which he resided twenty-eight years. At present Mr. Fink is living retired, attending only to his own real estate.

JOSEPH K. STEFFY. Among the well-known residents of Cumru township, Berks county, may be mentioned Joseph K. Steffy, a retired agriculturist, who is living on his fine tract of fifty-seven and one-half acres. He was born Nov. 14, 1838, across the line in Brecknock township, son of Joseph and Anna (Kohl) Steffy.

Abraham Steffy, grandfather of Joseph K., was a lifelong resident of Cumru township, where he was engaged in laboring and in farming in a small way. He married a Miss Remp, and their children were: Benjamin; Samuel; Joseph, and Abraham. Of these Abraham married Sarah Harding, daughter of Christil Harding, owner of a small farm in Cumru township. His eleven children were: Christil, Samuel, Henry, Benjamin, John, William, Moses, Reuben, Elizabeth (m. Jonathan Epler), Sarah (m. Levi Kohl) and Rachel (died single aged twenty-six). Christil, Samuel, Henry, Benjamin and John of this family served in the Union army during the Civil war, the latter being but eighteen years of age at the time of his enlistment. Samuel Steffy, second son of Abraham, Jr., was born Jan. 8, 1836, and is now a retired hatter, living on his eight-acre tract in Mohnton. He has an honorable Civil war record. He married Mrs. Rebecca (Spangler) Ruth, and their only child, Sarah E., now deceased, was the wife of John Shilling.

Joseph Steffy, father of Joseph K., was born in Brecknock township, March 6, 1809, and died April 13, 1879. He was the owner of a tract of fifty acres of land in Brecknock township, and engaged in farming and charcoal burning all of his life, and was regarded as a substantial man and good citizen. He and his family attended Allegheny Church, of which he was an elder for some years. Mr. Steffy married Anna Kohl, born in 1809, who died in 1846, daughter of William Kohl, of Gouglersville, and to them were born eight children, as follows: Samuel died in 1899, aged seventy-one years; Lydia m. Jonathan Blankenbiller; Benjamin m. Catherine Ruffner, and died in 1908; Daniel m. Amelia Hill; Joseph K.; Peter m. Kate White; Annie m. Jacob Trostle; Susan m. Henry Long.

Joseph K. Steffy attended the old pay schools of his day for a few months during the winter, and when but fifteen years of age began chopping wood during the winter months, while the summer seasons were spent on the farm. When he was eighteen years of age he began burning charcoal during the six warmer months, while the rest of the year was spent at shoemaking. In about 1868 Mr. Steffy located on his farm in Cumru township, which he had purchased in 1862, and which he still owns, it being rented to his son-in-law, John S. Long. The tract of fifty-seven and one-half acres on which he now resides was purchased by him in 1898, and has been furnished

with good, substantial buildings. In politics Mr. Steffy is a Democrat, and he is fraternally connected with the Sr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 91, Angelica, Pa. He and his family are Reformed members of Allegheny Union Church, of which he was a deacon and elder for more than twenty years.

On Dec. 24, 1863, Mr. Steffy married Catherine Blankenbiller, born in 1840 and died Dec. 18, 1899, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Seibert) Blankenbiller. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steffy: Henry, born Jan. 27, 1868, died aged fifteen days; Daniel, born June 22, 1869, died Dec. 16, 1890; Nelson, born Aug. 5, 1871, died Jan. 7, 1873; Emma Elizabeth, born June 23, 1873, m. John S. Long, and has had children, Charley (deceased), William (deceased), Viola, Victor, Lester and Margie; Maggie Ann, born July 11, 1875, m. William Trago; Joseph, born Aug. 12, 1878, m. Alice Kessler, and has a son, Morris Wayne; and Katie Alice, born July 30, 1881, m. Charles Schlabach.

FRANCIS M. HEMMIG, of Reading, Pa., was born there March 31, 1851, son of Benneville M. Hemmig, and grandson of John Hemmig.

(I) John Hemmig was born in Cumru township, Berks county, in 1786, and died March 10, 1873, aged eighty-seven years. He was a resident of Reading for many years, and there his death occurred. His first wife was of the Marstellar family, and their children were: Benneville, Philip, John and Isaac (twins), Amelia and Mary. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Hemmig married Elizabeth Fix, and she bore him Jacob, Sarah and Magdalene (m. a Boyer).

(II) Benneville M. Hemmig, son of John Hemmig and father of Francis M. Hemmig, was born in Cumru township, near the county line, Oct. 17, 1820, and died at Reading June 22, 1901, aged nearly eighty-one years. He was a contractor and builder and erected a great many fine buildings in this city. His success was all the more commendable in that he was left an orphan and dependent upon his own exertions at eleven years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it until his retirement seven years prior to his death. He was a man of more than ordinary capacity and was strictly honorable in all his dealings. In politics he was a Democrat, and served in the city council and as a member of the school board. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran Church. His remains were interred in the family lot in the Charles Evans cemetery. He m. Sara Lott, born Jan. 19, 1823, daughter of Jacob Lott, and she died Feb. 7, 1888. They had these children: Susan, born Nov. 12, 1845, died Oct. 21, 1897; Mary, born April 20, 1847, married William Fink, and died Aug. 4, 1898; Kate, born Nov. 6, 1848, died May 10, 1850; Francis M., born March 31, 1851; Albert, born Oct. 14, 1852; Kate, born March 29, 1855; Caroline, born Aug. 26, 1859; Emma, born June 14, 1860, died Aug. 1, 1866; Amelia, born Oct. 8, 1864.

(III) Francis M. Hemmig was educated in the schools of Reading, and at about sixteen he left high school to learn the carpenter's trade from his father, and for four and one-half years he worked as an apprentice and journeyman. In April, 1884, he embarked in the contracting and building business in Reading, and since then Mr. Hemmig has built about 115 dwelling houses, many warehouses and stables, giving employment to some fourteen skilled carpenters in addition to laborers. Among other examples of his work may be mentioned the John Roberts building, now the residence of Robert Bland, at No. 38 South Third street; the Isaac From building at No. 211 South Third street; the residence of Miss Jane Evans at No. 115 North Third street, and at No. 117 North Third street; No. 124 North Third street, and many others. He also built a row of houses for William H. Luden on the east side of North Tenth street; and a row for the Hampden Building Association, on the east side of North Tenth street. During 1881 Mr. Hemmig was in Denver and there was busy on a large flour mill, receiving for his services a large amount. During this trip he made an extended journey, traveling through some fourteen States and carefully examining into building conditions. All of his work is characterized by its thoroughness, and he gives it all his personal supervision and leaves nothing undone to insure good results. His success shows that his policy is not only an honorable one, but that it is one that pays materially as well. In 1888 and 1889 he was a member of select council from the Sixth ward.

Mr. Hemmig resides at No. 311 Washington street, in the house where he was born, which was erected by his father, Benneville Hemmig, in 1846, although Mr. Hemmig himself remodeled it in 1907, putting in all modern improvements and conveniences and making it one of the most comfortable homes in Reading. In addition to his other work, from 1894 to 1897 when business was dull in this city Mr. Hemmig had charge of the New England Car Shops and had 100 men under him. These shops are located at East Hartford, Connecticut.

Fraternally Mr. Hemmig is a member of the Carpenters' Union, the Improved Order of Red Men, Metacomet Tribe No. 416, of Reading, of which he was a charter member, and of the Haymakers Association, No. 416½. He and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hemmig married (first) Clara Whitman, born April 4, 1848, and died July 4, 1889. They had two children: Edith m. Samuel Gruber; Grace E. died in 1894, aged seventeen years. Mr. Hemmig m. (second) June 7, 1894, Mrs. Agnes W. Yoder, daughter of George S. and Mary (Werner) Krick, of Sinking Spring, and widow of Reuben Yoder. Mrs. Hemmig had two children by her first marriage, Eva and Ernest. No children have been born of the second union.

CHARLES H. HOPPES, one of the progressive men of Oley township, a school director and a well known man, was born in this township, Nov. 15, 1866, son of Daniel R. Hoppes, and grandson of Solomon Hoppes.

(I) Solomon Hoppes for many years was engaged in making pumps in Oley township, and was one of the well known men of Berks county. His wife was of the Rowe family, and they had three children—Obediah, Amos and Daniel R.

(II) Daniel R. Hoppes was born in Oley township in 1838, and died Feb. 10, 1900, being buried at Friedens cemetery. He was also a pump maker, having learned his trade from a Mr. Derr at Oley or Friedensburg. He followed this calling all of his active life, and was noted for his excellent work and strict integrity of character. He married Amelia Haas, daughter of Abraham Haas, and they had children as follows: John is of Barto, Pa.; Mary m. Peter Fry; Charles H.; Catharine m. Jonas Reider; Daniel H. is a blacksmith by trade, and employed by his brother.

(III) Charles H. Hoppes attended the public schools of Oley township until he was eighteen, when he went to Oley to learn the blacksmith's trade under Jeremiah Hauck. In 1888 he embarked in business for himself, and in 1895 he erected a fine modern shop, and has one of the best stands in Berks county. Mr. Hoppes devotes a good deal of his time to handling farm implements, and in the spring of 1908 he purchased a large stock as well as the good will of Ammon S. Hartman of Oley and is doing a thriving business, which shows a healthy increase.

Mr. Hoppes married Miss Catharine Bower, a daughter of Jeremiah and Catharine Bower, of Oley. They have two children: Amelia B. and Edwin B. Mr. Hoppes is a Democrat, and for fifteen years he served his township as auditor, and in 1907 was elected to the position of school director. He is a Lutheran in religious faith and one of the most liberal contributors to his church in the community. Energetic, hard working and an excellent business man, Mr. Hoppes is easily one of the leading men of his township.

JOHN SPONAGLE is a well known plasterer residing in Reading. He was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1840, son of George and Margaret (Wilson) Sponagle.

John Sponagle, grandfather of John, of Reading, at one time resided in Huntingdon county, then moved to Berks county, and later to Chester county. He was of German extraction, and was a member of the Reformed denomination, as were all the members of his family. His children were: George, John, Samuel and Mary (m. Albert Bell, of Robeson township).

George Sponagle, son of John, was born near Gibraltar, Berks county, but several years of his life were passed in Chester county. He learned the plasterer's trade, and this he followed for some forty years. On his return to Berks county he located in Robeson township, whence after fifty years of residence he removed to Union township, and there he died in 1895, aged eighty-five years. He became an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was prominent in local politics. He cast his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and he was always loyal to his first party choice. He belonged to the Odd Fellows at Morgantown. He married Margaret Wilson, daughter of Andrew and Ann Wilson, and the nine children of this union were: Susan Jane m. Henry Umstead, and both are deceased; Samuel, deceased, resided in Reading; Ann m. Jacob Geiger, and lives on the Geiger farm in Union township; John, formerly of Robeson, is now in Reading; James W. lives retired in Birdsboro, after many active years in business and public life; Joseph is a plasterer at Geigertown; Mary Elizabeth is the widow of A. Jackson Westley, of Pottstown; George Howard died in young manhood; Harry B. is a plasterer at Birdsboro.

John Sponagle attended school in Robeson township, Berks county, whither his parents had removed, and was only a boy of fifteen when he began to learn the plasterer's trade under his father's instructions, and he is still employed at the same business. He came to Reading in 1901, and located at No. 151 West Douglass street, where he has a comfortable home. He is one of the oldest men in the city at his trade, and his excellent work has made him very popular.

In 1864, Mr. Sponagle married Mary E. Kaler, daughter of Mathias and Esther (Bender) Kaler, the former a prominent farmer in Summit Level, Robeson township. Their children are: Anna L. m. Peter Buchanan, who died in 1905, and she lives on the old Sponagle farm in Robeson township, and has nine children; Elizabeth E. m. Kauffman Kurtz, and lives in Pittsburg; Margaret m. Theodore Sheeler and lives in Robeson township; Mathias K. lives in Reading; Joseph lives in Pittsburg; Edgar is at home in Reading; Susan J. m. Clarence Strubble, of Pittsburg; Florence m. Frank Fall, and lives at Gilbertsville; Ralph is at home. In politics Mr. Sponagle is a Democrat, and while living in Robeson township served twelve years as school director. In 1863 he enlisted in Company A, 53d Pa. Vols., and served three months.

DIETRICH. The common ancestor of the large Dietrich family of Berks county was a native of the Palatinate, Germany, where he was born in 1740, and in 1767 he came to America with his wife Barbara A. Steinbruch, born in 1741, died in 1821, surviving her husband by four years. Both are buried in the Moselem churchyard. They had a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, one of the latter of whom died in girlhood. The others grew to maturity and lived to ages averaging more than seventy years.

Johann Georg Dietrich and his elder brother Johann Adam Dietrich were born in Germany before their parents' emigration, and the date of the birth of the former was May 7, 1767. He died in Greenwich township, in Berks county, Nov. 4, 1845, aged seventy-eight years, five months and twenty-seven days. His wife, Elizabeth Brummer (1773-1850), is buried by his side at Dunkel's church. They were farmers and made a specialty of bee culture. Mrs. Dietrich was a very religious woman and instructed her children from the Bible, which she called the "good book." Eight children were born this worthy couple: Johannes, Kate, Beckie, Polly, George, Daniel, Anna and Lucinda.

Daniel Dietrich, son of Johann Georg, was born in Greenwich township, near Dunkel's Church, Nov. 12, 1809, and died Jan. 18, 1832. He married Katharyn Lesher, who was born in 1812, and who died in 1844.

Aaron Dietrich, son of Daniel, always lived in the vicinity of Lenhartsville, Pa., and always being industrious and honorable grew up into a highly respected man; his powerful build made him one fitted for hard and thorough work. He weighed 225 pounds, and stood six feet, two inches tall, and was excellently proportioned. For many years he was a teamster for George Merkel at Lenhartsville Furnace, and later after this furnace was abandoned, he engaged in other lines. He was united in marriage with Mary Reeser, and they became the parents of two children: Azariah Christian; and Endora, m. to Milton H. Zimmerman, insurance agent at Reading. After the death of Aaron Dietrich, his widow, who had been a milliner for a number of years, married David Hinterleiter. Following her second marriage she removed her store from Lenhartsville to Hamburg, Pa., where she died advanced in years. Aaron Dietrich passed away at Lenhartsville, and is buried in the cemetery there.

Azariah Christian Dietrich, son of Aaron and father of A. Charles Dietrich, was born in Berks county, Aug. 5, 1858, and he died at Reading June 19, 1897. When he was a young man he learned carriage painting at Hamburg. Later he removed to Schuylkill Haven where he worked at his trade until 1887 when he and his family came to Reading. In this city he was employed with the Keystone wagon works in his line, and he thus continued until his death. He is buried in the Charles Evans Cemetery, at Reading. Mr. Dietrich married Lillie Kautner, born April 24, 1856, and they had two children: Charles Carroll, born June 17, 1875, m. Mame Wentzel and lives in Reading; Azariah Charles. As a man Azariah Christian Dietrich was honored and respected by all who met him. Possessing as he did fine natural abilities and those qualities which constitute the true man and valuable citizen, it was not difficult for him to win the esteem and admiration of those about him.

Azariah Charles Dietrich, of Reading, was born at Schuylkill Haven, Feb. 3, 1882. When he was only five years of age his parents moved to Reading, and he attended the public schools of the city until he was fifteen. At that age he commenced to work for the American Iron & Steel Company, of Reading, and remained with them four years. He then became a brakeman on the Reading railroad, and filled that position for three years, after which for two years he was fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad. In 1906 Mr. Dietrich embarked in the hotel business, and in April, 1907, he became proprietor of the "Saint Charles Hotel," at the northwest corner of Tenth and Walnut streets. This hotel Mr. Dietrich has since conducted, meeting with considerable success. It is a favorite stopping place for many visitors of Reading, and its cuisine is noted for its excellence.

Fraternally Mr. Dietrich is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; the Elm Leaf Club; the Eighth Ward and the Ninth Ward Democratic Clubs, all of Reading. He is contributing member of the Philharmonic band. Politically Mr. Dietrich is an independent, believing that merit alone should be considered in making a selection for office. He is very conscientious about doing his duty as a citizen. Personally Mr. Dietrich is a tall, active young man, a good manager and pleasant and genial in manner, and one who is very popular with his guests.

In April, 1903, Mr. Dietrich married Anna Stamm, daughter of Martin and Anna (Wickleim) Stamm, of Reading, and they have two children, Margaret Lillie and Charles Melville.

HENRY P. PILGERT, J. P. The Pilgert family is descended from:

(I) George Pilgert, who was born in Longswamp township, and who died in 1872, and was buried in the Mertz-

town Church Cemetery. He was a tailor and farmer by occupation, and a lifelong resident of Longswamp township, at what is known as Pilgert's schoolhouse, of which he was supervisor for many years. George Pilgert married Diana Feigley, a daughter of Henry Feigley, born April 19, 1774, who died at the age of ninety-seven years. She was born 1805, in Longswamp township, and died at the advanced age of ninety-five years and is buried in Mertztown Church Cemetery. They had eight children: Isaac; Willoughby m. Mary Eck; Henry E.; Reuben m. Sarah Schoedler, deceased; George M., deceased, m. Maria Howe; Judith died unmarried; Isabella m. a Mr. Bitting, deceased; Rebecca m. William Jacobs.

(II) Henry E. Pilgert, father of Henry P., was born on the homestead Nov. 20, 1831, and is now seventy-seven years old and still active, working every day. He was a cigar maker by trade, but did not follow it after the Civil war. He did not serve in the war on account of a small defect in his ankle. His two brothers, George M. and Willoughby, served, however, for some time, and later were pensioned. On May 31, 1857, Henry E. Pilgert married Maria Smith, born May 31, 1838, died May 3, 1891. They had six children: Sarah died at the age of fifteen years; Helena m. George W. Ketterer, of Allentown, and died at the age of forty-two; Henry P.; Catharine, born Sept. 5, 1868, m. William E. Ketterer, and resides at Reading; George E., born Feb. 11, 1874, m. Maleria Reeser, and they reside at Allentown, where he is bookkeeper for the Trexler Lumber Company; Maria Isabella, born Aug. 22, 1876, m. Luther P. Fritch, and they live at home.

(III) Henry P. Pilgert was born in Mertztown March 9, 1864, and was educated in the local schools of the district, and later at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. For some years he was a public school teacher, and for two years he clerked in a wholesale dry goods house in Philadelphia. In the spring of 1891 he took charge of the station of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as agent and telegrapher, at Mertztown, and at the same time acted as postmaster, from 1893 to 1897. In 1901 he entered the coal, grain and lumber business which he has been conducting successfully ever since. In 1900 he was elected justice of the peace, and this office he still holds with credit, his commission not expiring until 1910, which will complete his two terms.

On Oct. 22, 1887, Mr. Pilgert married Ella J. Dankel, a daughter of Reuben Dankel, and his wife Sophia Staufer. Mr. and Mrs. Pilgert have two children: Henry Payne, born May 11, 1902; Julia Frances, born March 27, 1908. In politics Mr. Pilgert is a Democrat, and he has held various minor offices, such as school controller, treasurer of the board of supervisors, as well as the other offices already mentioned. The family are members of the Lutheran and Reformed churches at Mertztown and Longswamp, and are very highly respected.

SAMUEL H. BELL, druggist, located at No. 817 Penn street, Reading, Pa., was born at West Leesport, Berks county, in 1867, son of Samuel and Emma (Himmelreich) Bell, and a descendant of James Bell, who emigrated from Belfast, Ireland.

James Bell was one of three brothers who came to America from Belfast in their young manhood. One of the brothers was a miller, and built a grist mill which afterward became Bushong's paper mill, but was for a long time known as Bell's mill. Samuel, one of the three brothers, settled in Schuylkill county, and had a son Samuel, and among his descendants is the Hon. James M. Bell, of Philadelphia.

James Bell, son of James, the emigrant, was born in Reading in 1812, and there he died Feb. 3, 1879. He was a clerk in the court house for eighteen years, though in his earlier life worked at the tailor's trade. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Reading, and was its treasurer at the time the church was rebuilt. His remains rest in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Sarah Dunkelberger, daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Bohn) Dunkelberger, and their children were: Thomas J. and William both died in infancy; Mary Jane m. the late James Phillips, and resides in Philadelphia; James, a soldier in the 93d P. V. I. was killed in the second battle of Chancellorsville at Salem Heights, in the Civil War; Samuel; Sarah Ann m. Isaac Ritter, and died in Philadelphia; Volney is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery; Robert Bruce is also buried in the Charles Evans cemetery; Rebecca died unmarried; Emma m. Conneberd Leibel of Reading; and Charles is a stationary engineer for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Reading.

Samuel Bell, son of James, and now a successful stove and tinware merchant at West Leesport, was born Sept. 2, 1841, in Maiden-creek (now Ontelaunee) township. His first work was in a brick yard at Leesport, where he remained one season, and then he drove mules on the towpath on the Schuylkill canal during the seasons of 1857, 1858 and 1859. In 1860 he went to Reading and learned the tinsmith's trade with Henry Bennethum, then located at the corner of Fifth and Court streets, and this trade he has followed ever since, still doing repairing, tin-roofing and spouting. In 1863 he opened his present shop at West Leesport, and this he has carried on continuously. He has a full line of tinware, ranges, heaters, etc. In September, 1862, he enlisted at Reading in Co. G, Capt. Charles Bickel's Company, and saw active service at Hagerstown, Md., where they were shelled by Gen. Imboden, who was stationed on the opposite side of the Potomac river. He enlisted again in June, 1863, in Company G, 42d Pennsylvania regiment, for the three months' service. He was at the old Walnut school-house in 1863, and stood at Sixth and Walnut streets, when the soldiers were receiving their pay. Mr. Bell is a member of the United Evangelical Church, which he joined in 1873. He is one of the most active workers of Bethany congregation at West Leesport, where for many years he was class leader, and has been exhorter and trustee. For a quarter of a century he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is present at his post every Sunday. Mr. Bell's residence is on Main street. On Feb. 2, 1862, he married Emma Himmelreich, daughter of Amos D. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Himmelreich, and they have become the parents of seven sons and five daughters, as follows: William H., of West Leesport; Carrie, m. to Jacob Kirby, of Paulsboro, N. J.; Samuel H.; James R., of No. 1005 Oley street, Reading; Rebecca L., unmarried; George, who died in 1907; Emma, m. to Edward Landis, of Reading; Amos H., m. to Ida M. Dietrich, daughter of Charles Dietrich, of Kutztown, and they have a son, Lincoln; Mary, deceased; Laura M. and Edward A., unmarried; and Robert, deceased.

Samuel H. Bell was educated in the West Leesport schools and in Stoner's Business College, Reading, graduating in 1887. He learned telegraphy at the age of fourteen, and followed that profession as an operator and special agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, for eleven years, doing duty at different points. In 1892 he went to New Jersey and accepted a position with the South Amboy Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where he remained more than a year. From this position he entered the store of the great merchant John Wanamaker at Philadelphia, with whom he continued for three years in the capacity of bookkeeper. From there he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company as bill clerk, in their offices at Seventeenth and Market streets, but failing health caused him to resign and in February, 1894, he came to Reading. Here Mr. Bell became floor walker with the large firm of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, where he remained two years.

Mr. Bell then entered the drug business, and was associated with Clarence T. Stubbs, No. 751 Penn street, for eight years, during this time having full charge of the store. On Dec. 13, 1902, he engaged in the drug business on his own account, establishing his drug and prescription store at its present location, No. 817 Penn street.

Mr. Bell is one of Reading's promising business men, having the largest exclusive retail drug store in the City, and in connection has one of the most complete prescription departments, Mr. Charles S. Lebo, a graduate

in pharmacy, with first honors in his class at Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, being the manager of this department.

Mr. Bell married Lillie M. Kershner, daughter of John S. Kershner, of Shoemakersville, Berks county. They have two children, Ethel and Myrle E. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are members of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church. Fraternally he belongs to Neversink Council, No. 371, Jr. O. U. A. M.; Fraternity Castle, No. 302, K. G. E.; Mystic Star Commandery, No. 47, A. and I. O. Knights of Malta; Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. Elks, Reading, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN M. STRUNK, senior member of the well-known coal, flour and feed firm of Strunk & Son, with main office at Fifth and Woodward streets, Reading, Pa., was born Feb. 20, 1839, in Cumru township, Berks county, at the present site of Mohnsville, son of Daniel Strunk, and grandson of William Strunk. The latter was a soldier in 1814 in the second war with England and died at Baltimore, Maryland.

In the latter years of his life Daniel Strunk was a farmer in Cumru township, but in his youth he was engaged in making gun-barrels at Mohnsville. He died at Reading, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and was interred in the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading. Mr. Strunk married (first) Rebecca Miller, daughter of John Miller, also of Berks county, and she died at the age of thirty-seven years. He married (second) Catharine Garty. Mr. Strunk was the father of the following children: William, who died at the age of eleven; John M.; Amelia, who m. Daniel Good, and lives in West Reading; Miss Catharine, of Reading; George, who died aged four years: Cyrus, who died at the age of forty-five years; Frank, who died aged three years; and Harriet, who died at the age of thirty-seven

John M. Strunk was educated in the public schools, after leaving which he was engaged in farming until he attained his majority. At this time he learned the milling trade, which he followed for a period of nine years, at the end of which time he came to Reading, and in 1869 established his present business, first locating at Eighth and Cherry streets, on the present site of A. N. Kissinger's storage warehouse. He remained on that property for about twenty years and then came to his present location on the northeast corner of Fifth and Woodward streets, where he has been successful. He owns and operates one of the finest farms in the county, located at Lorane Station, in Exeter township, consisting of 121 acres of land, well improved with good buildings. He is also the owner of valuable real estate in the city of Reading.

Mr. Strunk married Catharine A., daughter of Isaac Weinhold, and they reside at No. 441 Woodward street. Their children are: (1) D. Webster is married and has one daughter, Lillian C.; he resides in Reading. (2) Anna M. is at home. (3) J. Arthur is chairman of Strunk & Moyer, Limited, and is the active member of the firm of Strunk & Son, of which he became a member in 1901. He married Elizabeth M. Christian and has one daughter, Catharine C., and they reside at No. 826 North Fourth street, Reading.

THOMAS H. SCHWARTZ, of Cumru township, belongs to a family long identified with that general section of the State, and one that has from generation to generation been concerned almost wholly with agricultural pursuits.

The first of the name to settle in Pennsylvania came from Germany, but was married after his arrival in this country to a Miss Nye, who became the mother of his son John. Mrs. Schwartz died a few years after the birth of the boy, and the father afterward moved to Shamokin and there married again.

John Schwartz, son of the above and great-grandfather of Thomas H., was born Jan. 11, 1769, and died Aug. 10, 1807, aged thirty-eight. In early life he ran the "Black Horse Tavern," near Adamstown, Lancaster county, and while there met and married his wife, Rachel Adam. She was born July 4, 1769, daughter of Bernhart Adam, the founder of Adamstown. She long survived her husband, as she lived till July 2, 1851, being within two days of her eighty-second birthday when she died. After marriage John Schwartz moved to Cumru township, bought a farm and operated it until his death. This sad event was due to a fall from a barn door at night, causing injuries which resulted in death nine days later. He left five children, viz.: Thomas, born Feb. 6, 1795, died at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, Jan. 11, 1854; Joseph; William, a retired farmer, died at Reading; Peggy m. Nicholas Madeira, of Reading; and James, born June 6, 1805, died Aug. 12, 1879 (m. Susan ——, born June 19, 1814, died aged seventy-six years and eight months).

Joseph Schwartz was born Jan. 9, 1797. For the earlier part of his life he was a boatman, first upon the Schuylkill river and then on the Union canal, but he was also familiar with the milling trade, which he had learned at Leesport, and he later turned his attention to that occupation. He operated the Schwartz mill for some time, and then in middle life took up farming, locating in Cumru township, where he owned a tract of thirty acres besides some woodland and a five-acre tract of fine farming land, now forming part of the Joseph Davis estate. Joseph Schwartz married Sarah Homan, born Jan. 14, 1797, daughter of Henry and Mary (Rotzmoyer) Homan. She died Dec. 8, 1870, while Mr. Schwartz survived until Oct. 6, 1874. Their children were: Adam, a merchant in Reading, m. Miss Margaret Breidigan; Emma m. Levi Templin, a prosperous Reading merchant; Sarah died unmarried; Tamson m. Rufus Davis, a farmer in Penn, and later in Cumru township; and Joseph H.

Joseph H. Schwartz was born in Cumru township, Sept. 9, 1835. Brought up to farm work, it became his life-long calling, and from 1857 till his death he was operating on his own account. He began on the old farm, which he afterward bought and made it his permanent home. He also owned a thirty-four acre timber tract in the same township. In 1858 he married Ellen D. Hornberger, daughter of William and Ellen (Deeds) Hornberger, and children were born to them as follows: Thomas H.; C. Franklin, a farmer near Pottstown, m. Mary E. Crummins; Rufus died unmarried when twenty-two years old; George, of West Reading, m. Miss Lydia Wiesser; Charles m. Alice Eyrich, and lives on the old Seitzinger farm in Cumru township; Joseph, a farmer at Angelica, m. Lillie Steffey; and Wellington m. Annie Rathman, and assists his brother Thomas on the old homestead. Joseph Schwartz died May 12, 1891, in his fifty-sixth year. Like all his family he was a member of Yocom's Union Church of the Reformed faith.

Thomas H. Schwartz was born on the farm which is still his home, April 10, 1860. Farming interests have always occupied his attention except for one period of three years, dating from the time he was eighteen, as a hatmaker. After his father's death the entire responsibility of the homestead fell upon his shoulders and he has been in charge of it ever since. It is situated on the Wyomissing road with the creek running through it, and is a most valuable property, comprising ninety-three acres. In politics like all the family Mr. Schwartz is a stalwart Republican.

Mr. Schwartz married Jennie Seitzinger, and they have four children, William, Ellen E., Rufus and Charles. Mrs. Schwartz is a daughter of William R. and Elizabeth (Hahn) Seitzinger.

HENRY G. FISHER, a well-known contractor and builder of Reading, Pa., residing at No. 149 West Buttonwood street, was born in 1849, in Boyertown, Pa., son of Aaron W. and Rebecca (Gilbert) Fisher.

Aaron W. Fisher was born in Berks county, and early in life engaged in farming, at which occupation in connection with droving he worked for many years. He also operated a general store. In politics a Democrat, he was active in the ranks of his party in his day, serving as assessor, tax collector and constable for many years. Mr. Fisher

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and his wife, Rebecca Gilbert, became the parents of nine children: Tamzon married Mahlon Maurer; John; Jacob; Mary A. m. Frederick Steltz; Levi; Emma m. Andrew Gruber; Annie died at the age of seven years; Henry G.; and Sarah is deceased. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

Henry G. Fisher was educated in the schools of Boyertown, and at the age of eleven years began stripping tobacco, later learning the cigar-making trade, at which he became an expert, taking the prize in the Berks district with a record of sixty cigars made in an hour. He averaged forty cigars in an hour, this being long filler, hand work. Mr. Fisher continued at cigar-making until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in packing cigars, but one year later left to engage in the iron ore mining business. He helped to sink the famous Warwick shaft, at Boyertown, 600 feet deep, where he worked until 1886, in this year again taking up the cigar business as a packer for Glaser & Frame. He remained in their employ until they dissolved partnership, when George Frame started in business alone, and for him Mr. Fisher worked until the fall of 1890. In this year Mr. Fisher took charge of the factory of Gumpert Bros., Seventh and Washington streets, where he continued until the fall of 1899. Mr. Fisher then started in the building business with Morris R. Keen, with whom he has continued to the present time, the firm name being Keen & Fisher. This firm has been successful from the start, and they now own valuable property, including lots in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Fisher married Hannah L. Endy, daughter of Benjamin Endy, and five children have been born to this union: Benjamin, a cigar packer; William, M. D.; John, a mail clerk; Lulu, m. to Erwin Mergott; and Sarah, m. to Howard Gillings. Mr. Fisher is liberal in his religious views, believing the Bible to be the inspired word of God.

NATHAN G. CHRISTMAN, one of the prosperous residents of Oley township, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county, Pa., Sept. 11, 1841, a son of Nathan and grandson of Henry Christman.

(I) Henry Christman was one of four brothers, the others being, John, Daniel and Jacob. He lived in Macungie township on the homestead property. A heavy land owner, he possessed three farms of large extent, a gristmill conducted by his son Jacob, and was a man of prominence in his community. His wife was a member of the Radler family. Their children were: Jonas; Ephraim; Jacob; Samuel; Nathan; Mrs. John Kerchner; Mrs. George Geiger, and Mrs. William Geiger, the last two marrying brothers.

(II) Nathan Christman, son of Henry, was born in Macungie township, Lehigh county, in 1815, and died at Zieglersville, Montgomery county, in 1887, aged over seventy-two years. He was reared on the home property, but after his marriage he went to Frederick, where he purchased a good farm of 124 acres. Later he retired, bought a small farm of fifteen acres, and there lived until within six years of his death, when he purchased a pleasant modern house. At the time of his death he was a very wealthy man. Mr. Christman was married twice. His first wife was Esther Garman, who died in 1863, the mother of: Matilda (died young); Lucinda; Nathan G.; James; Wilson; Jonathan and Henry. His second wife was Elizabeth Huber of Falkner Swamp, Montgomery county, who died in 1892, the mother of three children: Lizzie (m. Edwin Erdman); Civilla (m. Hiram Hartzel) and Augustus.

(III) Nathan G. Christman spent his early days upon the homestead, and when twenty years of age learned the milling trade which he followed five years. In 1866 he removed to Oley township, and resided upon the farm of his father-in-law until 1891, when he sold his farm stock and located in Friedensburg, and there, in 1867, he embarked in his present lumber business. He now owns sixteen acres in Oley, on the main street, south of Friedensburg, on which there is a tenant's house; and he also owns thirty acres in Exeter township, of woodland, and four acres in Earl township. Mr. Christman conducts the old Herbein's sawmill, and owns the old Herbein homestead of 125 acres of excellent farm land which came into his possession through his wife. The house upon it was built by Peter Herbein, and the barn was standing when Jonas Herbein came into possession. The original set of buildings stood north of the present ones in one of the meadows. Mr. Christman is a large stockholder in the First National Bank of Oley, and is a man of large interests and much public spirit. His present commodious home was built by him in 1894, and is on Main street near Friedensburg. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church of Friedensburg, although they were formerly connected with the Schwartzwald Church. Mr. Christman is an elder ,and has been since 1895. His daughter sang in the choir for many years in both churches.

On Oct. 28, 1866, Mr. Christman married Rachel Herbein, daughter of Jonas and Lydia (Herbein) Herbein, of Oley township, and their children were: Lydia H., born in 1869, died in 1901, m. Gideon A. D. Hoch, and had children, Gideon, Maud, Thermuthis, Webster, Edna and Elwood; Olivia m. Sylvanius Mertz, of Exeter township, and has children, Carrie, Nathan, Jacob, Maggie, Helen, Mabel and Sue; Jonas, born Aug. 18, 1871 (lives in Oley township, he assisting his father at the sawmill), m. Mary Bush, and has children, Harvey, Florence, Nathan, William, Edna and Cora; Ella L. m. William Deagler, of Friedensburg (where he has a R. F. D. route) and has had children, Blanche, Harvey, John, Ella and Sara, living, and Catherine and James, deceased; Edwin M., born in 1879, died in 1880; Stella M. is unmarried and at home, keeping house for her father.

Mrs. Christman was born April 4, 1843, and died Feb. 8, 1907, aged sixty-three years, ten months and four days. Mr. Christman is a fair example of the respresentative men of Berks county, who have helped so materially to develop the resources and maintain the prestige of the commonwealth. Although no longer a young man he is active and deeply interested in his many affairs, while in his church he is a power.

LEVI M. MILLER. The typical American spirit of enterprise and progressiveness has been significantly shown in the signally successful business career of Levi M. Miller, of Reading, who is the executive and financial head of the Mount Penn Underwear Mill.

Mr. Miller is a native of Berks county, born on the homestead farm, in Upper Bern township, July 12, 1855, son of Jonathan and Mary (Machmer) Miller, both of whom were of German lineage and representatives of families early founded in the old Keystone State.

Jonathan Miller was a prosperous farmer, and continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits in this county until his death, in 1864, when about forty-five years of age. His widow, whose maiden name was Mary Machmer, died in 1878, both having been devoted members of the Lutheran church and known for sterling integrity of character. To Jonathan Miller and wife were born three children, namely: Levi M.; Andora, m. to James Glick; and Emma, m. to William Phillips.

Levi M. Miller was afforded the advantages of the schools of Bern township, and on the home farm early learned the lessons and the value of practical industry. After leaving the common schools he completed a course in Professor Brunner's business college, in Reading, from which he graduated. When twenty-one years of age he started for himself by establishing a general store at Mount Zion, Lebanon county, Pa. He took possession of the business, Jan. 1, 1878, and continued at that place successfully for three years, nine months. He was appointed postmaster by President Hayes, at Mt. Zion, serving three years, 1878-1881. He then engaged in the same line of business at Lyons, Berks county, where he met with distinctive success. At the expiration of four years he disposed of his business at that point, and located at Bern

liam H.; Charles Adam, and Walter Leroy, the last named dying in infancy.

In 1899 Mr. Heckman served as assessor of the township, but resigned the office in 1900, on starting the hosiery mill. In 1905 he was elected a school director, and he is still serving in this term, acting as secretary of the board. Mr. Heckman is a deacon of the Shoemakersville Lutheran Church, having served in that office for nine years. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Modern Woodmen of America.

HAMILTON GODFREY. Conspicuous among the well known business men of Reading is Hamilton Godfrey, owner of the "Farmers' Hotel and Rathskeller" and successful real estate dealer. He was born in Cape May county, New Jersey, where the Godfrey family has been known for several generations.

Nicholas Godfrey, grandfather of Hamilton, lived and died on the family homestead in New Jersey.

Samuel Godfrey, son of Nicholas, became the owner of the old farm in Cape May county, located two miles from property owned by his son Hamilton, situated in Great Egg Harbor, at Beesley Point. He married Martha Corson, and their children were: Bradford, dealer in real estate in New York; Carlton, president of the Guarantee Trust Company, and of the West Jersey Title Company, Atlantic City, N. J.; Hamilton; and Lottie, wife of Somers Ross, of Ocean City, N. J. Samuel Godfrey, the father, died in June, 1907.

Hamilton Godfrey was reared on a farm, receiving the advantages usual with farmers' sons. The schools of the neighborhood afforded him his only educational opportunities. At the age of twenty he engaged in the real estate business at Ocean City, at that time in its incipiency. This was the beginning of a successful career, and two years later he went to Atlantic City, where for eleven years he was engaged in the same line of business, meeting with unvarying success. He still holds valuable interests there. In 1891 he came to Reading, and opened an office and prosperity has attended his efforts. In 1905 he purchased the "Farmers' Hotel" property at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, the title from the Penns being but four transfers removed. The building was erected in 1760, but additions have been made since then. Mr. Godfrey has also acquired other holdings in Reading. He belongs to Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Godfrey married Anna E. Donohower, daughter of William Donohower, of Reading.

HARVEY A. MILLER, who is serving his second term as justice of the peace of the borough of Topton, of which he is also treasurer, is one of the prominent and useful citizens of his community. He was born at Topton, Berks Co., Pa., June 15, 1868, son of J. H. and Eliza Ann Miller.

Harvey A. Miller was educated in the Topton schools and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., where he was graduated in the class of 1884. For five consecutive terms he followed teaching but later connected himself with Rohrbach Bros. & Co., in the flour business, and remained several years, after which he entered into partnership with his father in the wholesale coal, roofing slate and flagging business under the firm style of J. H. Miller & Son. This firm is also general agents for Eastern Pennsylvania for the York Safe & Lock Company, and for the last quarter century has supplied some of the largest banking institutions in the country with vaults. Mr. Miller is further interested in manufacturing fine, seamless half hose for a corporation known as the Crown Knitting Company, for which he acts as superintendent, general manager and secretary. This is a large industry, and employment is given the year round to from seventy-five to eighty hands.

On Oct. 24, 1895, Mr. Miller married Jennie C. Trexler, daughter of Charles D. and Catherine (Haas) Trexler, the former being a merchant at Topton. They have two daughters, namely: Marie, born March 12, 1898; and Mae, born May 12, 1903. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Miller of the Reformed Church. He has been very active in church and Sunday-school work, and has been superintendent of the school.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Democrat, and exerts considerable influence in party matters in this section. He is frequently sent as a delegate to conventions and made a member of important committees. In addition to the offices named, he has served as deputy coroner for several years.

JOHN DETSCH, who for many years was in the employ of the Reading Railroad, was born Aug. 4, 1820, in Niederasphe, Kurhessen, Germany, and died March 3, 1888, in Reading, Pa. He was a son of John and Catharine (Kranz) Detsch, and had one sister, Catharine. The father was a large land owner, and was engaged in the manufacture of potash.

John Detsch attended the academic schools of his native country, and came to the United States in 1848, first settling at Leesport, Pa., where he clerked in a hotel. He then removed to Reading, becoming an employe of the Reading Railroad, with which he was connected at the time of his demise. He was a Democrat in politics, and was fraternally connected with the Odd Fellows, the Harugari (a German social order), and Teutonia Lodge, F. & A. M., of Reading. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Detsch was twice married. In 1852 he married Mary Wahinger, a native of Germany, who died in 1861, leaving one son: John H., who lives in Reading, Pa. He married (second) in 1862, Anna Marie Staiger, born June 14, 1840, and to them were born two children: Dorothea and Amelia. Mrs. Detsch and her two daughters reside in their comfortable residence at No. 1133 North Ninth street, Reading, Pa. Mrs. Detsch was born in Endingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1854. She was a daughter of Johan Martin Staiger (a contractor and builder of the Fatherland, who was in comfortable circumstances) and his wife Dorothea Link. To Johan Martin and Dorothea Staiger were born children as follows: Anna, Johan Martin, Christina and Anna Marie.

BIXLER. For a century and a half the name of Bixler has been known among the agricultural sections of Berks county, and today are found in Brecknock township Augustus S. and Manasses Bixler, and in Cumru township Joseph Bixler, all substantial and highly respected citizens.

(I) Christian Bixler, the first of the family of whom there is definite record, was a farmer in Robeson township, Berks county. His will, probated in 1811, the year of his death, mentions the following children: Henry, Abraham (who had a son, Daniel), Philip, Jacob and Michael (who had two children, Christian and Mary, who married Simon Blankenbiller). Daniel, son of Abraham, and Christian, son of Michael, were both soldiers in 1781, in Capt. Michael Wolf's company in the war of the Revolution.

(II) Philip Bixler, son of Christian, was an auctioneer in Brecknock township. He owned considerable property, and as each of his children married he or she was given a big farm. He is buried in the cemetery at the Mennonite meeting-house near Allegheny. His wife was a firm believer in Mennonite doctrines. Their children were: Christian, born May 25, 1783; Catharine, Aug. 27, 1785; Elizabeth, Feb. 2, 1787; Daniel, June 24, 1791; Maria, Aug. 15, 1793; Susanna, March 20, 1795; John, Sept. 21, 1798.

(III) Christian Bixler, son of Philip, born May 25, 1783, was a farmer in Brecknock township, where he owned the old original Bixler homestead, which consisted of upward of one hundred acres. He also operated a sawmill. He erected a comfortable home in which he spent his declining years, and there his death occurred in 1852. He married Margaret Breidenstein, and they had three children, one son and two daughters, namely: Isaac; Sallie, who married William Sweitzer; and Hannah, who married Isaac Seyfrit.

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(IV) Isaac Bixler, son of Christian and father of Joseph, was born Jan. 12, 1807, and died May 25, 1886, in the eightieth year of his age. He was a farmer and sawmill operator in Brecknock, and was a good man and useful citizen. In time he came into possession of his father's farm of 120 acres and there he built a house in 1852, and rebuilt the sawmill in 1857. He and his family belonged to the Plow Church in Robeson township, and he was an official member of same. He married Barbara Beam, who bore him nine children, as follows: Manasses, who lives on the old homestead; Anna, married to Daniel Yelk; Isaac, married to Linda Hertz; Joseph; Barbara, married to Allison Gring; Christian, married to Ellen Zeamer; Elizabeth, married to Samuel Jacobs; Margaret, married to John Westley; and Catharine, married to James Westley.

(V) Manasses Bixler, son of Isaac, and a well-known citizen of Brecknock township, was born April 24, 1836. He remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he learned the trade of carpenter under William Seyfrit, a cousin, for whom he worked for seven years, after which he followed it as a journeyman many years. In 1868 he began farming on his father-in-law's farm, where he lived twenty years. He then bought the old Bixler homestead of 110 acres, and there he has since made his home. Since 1887 he has conducted a sawmill, which occupies him the greater part of his time. Besides all this he finds time to repair furniture, engage in the undertaking business, and also to keep his farm in a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Bixler is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and has held township offices many years. He was assessor for nine consecutive years, auditor several years, township clerk two years. He was deacon, and is now elder, in the Plow Church, of which he has been a Reformed member for many years. He is known as an honest and upright man, and has many warm friends. In 1861 he married Sarah Wert, born March 26, 1842, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Beam) Wert. They have become the parents of seven children: Augustus, a farmer in Robeson township, married Ellen Moyer; Amanda married Jacob E. Griffith of Brecknock township; Philip is at home; William, a trucker in Brecknock township, married Margaret Hoschaur; Alvin is at home; Charles is at home; Isaac died in infancy.

(V) Joseph Bixler, son of Isaac, now a retired merchant and farmer of Cumru township, was born on the Bixler homestead in Brecknock township, April 2, 1844. He was brought up on the farm and attended the district schools, after the manner of farmers' boys of his day. In 1870 he began farming for himself, conducting his father's farm for three years; in 1874 he went to Caernarvon township, this county, where he rented for six years, and then went to Robeson township, where he farmed four years, at the end of that time returning to his father's farm for a like period. Once again he went to Robeson township and remained four years, after which he bought the old Messner farm in Cumru township (1891), consisting of 144 acres, fifty-six of which are woodland. Here he has since farmed successfully with the exception of 1905, when he conducted a general store, mill and his farm at Angelica. He is an up-to-date farmer, and his buildings, all of which he has erected himself, are neat and modern. His house was built in 1894, and the barn, which was destroyed by fire, was rebuilt in 1900. In politics Mr. Bixler is a Democrat. His family attend the Allegheny Church.

On Nov. 6, 1870, Joseph Bixler married Hannah Sweitzer, daughter of Daniel and Leah (Bixler) Sweitzer. Nine children have come of this union: Aquilla died aged four years; Howard died aged ten years; Mary married Henry Hoshour; Lillie married Monroe Ruffner; Lewis married Emma Kohl; Edwin married Nora Miller, of Lehigh county; Joseph died aged four years, the same day as his brother Howard, and both were buried in one coffin, at the Allegheny Church; Irwin and Minnie are both at home.

(III) Daniel Bixler, son of Philip and grandson of Christian, the founder of the family in this section, was born June 24, 1791, and became a miller and farmer in Brecknock township. He married a Miss Wert, and they had four children, namely: Daniel, Philip, Peter and Leah (married Daniel Schweitzer).

(IV) Peter Bixler, son of Daniel and father of Augustus S., was born in Brecknock township, Dec. 3, 1820, and died Aug. 25, 1879. He was a stone-mason by trade, and followed that occupation all his life in connection with farming. He owned the farm which is now the property of John Kramer. In politics he was a Republican. His wife was Elizabeth Schweitzer (daughter of John), born April 3, 1820, died Jan. 9, 1892, in the seventy-second year of her age. They were the parents of the following children: Augustus S.; Nelson, who conducts a portable sawmill in Berks county; Benneville, who died aged fourteen years; Sarah, married to Peter Griffith; Mary, who lives in Reading; John, a farmer of Robeson township; and Peter, who lives in Reading.

(V) Augustus S. Bixler, son of Peter, was born July 16, 1846, on his father's farm, and in the neighboring schools obtained a good substantial education, furthering his early training in the Spring Grove Forge Academy, in Lancaster county, where he studied during one term. He has devoted his entire life to farming, engaging for himself in 1887 on Samuel Z. Schweitzer's farm in Brecknock township, where he still lives. In political faith he is a Republican, but he takes little part in public affairs, being of a quiet and retiring disposition. He is highly respected by all for his sterling worth and his kindly disposition. He is a Lutheran, and for six years was a deacon in the Allegheny Church.

On Sept. 19, 1881, Augustus S. Bixler married Susan Hoschaur, daughter of Daniel and Amelia (Ziemer) Hoschaur. Six children were born of this union: Lizzie married John Neathock, of Brecknock; Samuel married Susan Schweitzer, and lives in Brecknock township; Augustus lives at home; Stella married Clayton Slouch, and they live with Samuel Z. Schweitzer, in Brecknock; Cora keeps house for her father; Charles lives at home. Mrs. Bixler died April 6, 1896.

WILLIAM S. HOLLENBACK, who has been known to the people of Reading as a professional musician and expert piano tuner for some years, was born in Shamokin, Pa., in 1866, son of Dr. Reuben and Dorcas (Sober) Hollenback.

Dr. Reuben Hollenback, father of William S., is one of the leading dental practitioners of Northumberland county, Pa., where he has been engaged in a general practice of his profession since 1864. To him and his wife, Dorcas Sober, were born children as follows: William S.; Hudson S., D. D. S., of Mt. Carmel; Edwin E., D. D. S., of Shamokin, Pa.; and a son who died in infancy. In religious belief the family are connected with the Reformed Church, attending St. John's at Shamokin.

William S. Hollenback attended the schools of his native town and graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1884. He went to Boston in the fall of 1885, and entered the New England Conservatory of Music, not completing the course at this time, but he returned in 1887, and graduated from that well-known institution in the spring of 1888, in the tuning department. Soon afterward he located in Pottstown, but later transferred his attention to Reading, and since June, 1889, he has been successfully engaged in this city. He accepted the position of organist in St. Barnabas P. E. Church, and there continued for two and one-half years, spending a like term at St. John's Reformed Church as organist and director of music. In April, 1897, he was engaged as organist and choir-master at the Second Reformed Church, which position he still holds. As an expert piano tuner, his reputation is not merely local, as he is well and favorably known throughout Berks and adjoining counties. Since May, 1907, he has been engaged in the sale of reliable pianos, being senior member of the firm of William S. Hollenback & Co. Columbia graphophones and records were added in January, 1909.

Mr. Hollenback was married in 1893 to Miss Ida M. Elliott, of Shamokin, Pa., daughter of James M. and Sarah (Francis) Elliott, and two children have been born to this union: Grace, now (1909) aged thirteen years, who has had favorable mention as a child pianist; and Elliott H., aged nine years.

KRONINGER. The good ship "Peggy," which landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 24, 1753, had on board 108 passengers, one of whom was Jacob Kroninger, from the German Palatinate, who was then thirty years old, as appears in the State records. He settled in Macungie township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, shortly after landing. There is record of his four sons, as follows: (1) Nicholas and (2) Henry both settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, prior to 1783, in which year Nicholas owned 100 acres of land and had two horses and four head of cattle, and paid the federal tax of £4, 8s. Henry had one cow and paid a tax of 3s. In the following year Nicholas paid a tax of £7, 3s., and Henry of 4s. (3) The third son, tradition says, as does also a brief reference in history, was carried away by the Indians. (4) Daniel lived in Macungie township, Lehigh county, until 1787. In 1785 in the federal tax register, in the Pennsylvania archives, he is recorded as having owned 100 acres of land, two horses, one cow, and paid a tax of £1, 1s. In 1787 he moved to Weisenburg township, Northumberland (now Lehigh) county, where he owned 150 acres, and the federal tax lists show he paid a tax of £1, 1s. He was a carpenter by occupation. His children were: John (1775-1853); Peter, who settled in Ohio; Margaret; Susan; and three sons who died close together.

John Kroninger, son of Daniel and grandson of Jacob, the emigrant, was born in Macungie township Oct. 4, 1775, and there he lived until he was twelve years of age. His parents then removed to Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, and there young John lived until he attained his majority. He married Margaret Kob, born Christmas Day, 1779, who died April 1, 1864. Mr. Kroninger was a soldier in the war of 1812. For many years he lived on the road leading from Roth's school house to Grimville, in Greenwich township, on the farm now the property of John M. Fry. Here his death occurred May 17, 1853. His children were: (1) Daniel (1803-1884) m. , in 1824, Esther Reifinger (April 15, 1808—April 23, 1901, aged ninety-three years, eight days) and had five sons and six daughters. (2) Jonas died in childhood. (3) Maria (1808-1878) m. (first) Abraham Merkel and (second) Charles Ott. (4) Catharine m. Jacob Lutz. (5) John settled at Delaware, Ohio, in 1835, and there m. and reared a family. (6) David m. (first) Maria Gruber, and (second) Harriet Heiser. (7) Joseph m. Eliza Schlonecker, and settled in Chickasaw county, Iowa. (8) Miss Lydia, born May 3, 1827, has lived in Reading since 1856. (9) Johan Peter (Aug. 18, 1824—Oct. 28, 1906, aged 82 years, 2 months, 10 days) lived two miles east of Grimville, where his death occurred. His wife, Rebecca Lautenstein, preceded him to the grave at the age of sixty-nine. Their children were: Elmer T., Mrs. Charles Leiby, Mrs. Peter Schlenker (all of Grimville); Morris, of Philadelphia; Sylvester, of Weedsport, N. Y.; Frank, of Auburn, N. Y.; and Mrs. Ellen Leiby, of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Kroninger, son of John, was born in 1803, and his death occurred in 1884. In 1824 he was united in marriage with Miss Esther Reifinger, who was born April 15, 1808, and died April 23, 1901, at the advanced age of ninety-three years and eight days. Eleven children, five sons and six daughters, blessed their union, as follows: (1) Florenda m. Samuel Lesher, of Mohrsville. (2) David J. m. Catharine Kunkel, and they lived in Weisenburg. Their children are: Mary, Emma and Penrose. (3) Brigetta m. J. P. T. Haas, of Eagle Point and Lancaster. (4) Daniel P. m. Lavina Schwartz, and lives at Eagle Point. Their children are: Elmer, Alonzo, Howard, Arthur O. and Richard. (5) Noah is mentioned below. (6) John m. Sarah Schmick, and resides at Allentown. Their children are: Edward, Laura, Daniel, Regina, Mame, Amelia and Stella. (7) Sarah m. Daniel Saul, and lived at Eagle Point. (8) Annie m. Augustus Bortz, of Temple. (9) A son. (10) Esther. (11) Amelia m. James Trollinger. The youngest three children preceded their mother to the grave.

Noah Kroninger, son of Daniel, was born in Maxatawny township, in March, 1845. For some years he lived in "Yammerthal" in Greenwich township, and in 1879 moved to his present home at Eagle Point, in Maxatawny township. This village was formerly called Kroningersville, after this family. Noah Kroninger married Hettie Dunkel, daughter of David and Annie (Lesher) Dunkel, of near Mohrsville. Their children are: Nora m. Ben Schmoyer of Breinigsville, and they live in Allentown, where he has a bakery business; Theodore J.; Lizzie m. Wallace P. Kunkel, of Westfield, Tioga Co., Pa.; Oscar m. May Eastman, of Chico, Cal., where they reside; George and Elton both died in childhood; Irwin is a clerk in a foundry at Kutztown; and Daisy, the youngest, is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown.

THEODORE JOSEPH KRONINGER, son of Noah and the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Greenwich township, Jan. 30, 1876. He obtained a good practical education in the public schools of his district which he attended until he was twenty-one years of age. Under his cousin, Edwin Kroninger, of Allentown, he learned the florist's business and followed this vocation for some time. He traveled in nearly all the counties in eastern Pennsylvania for pleasure and business combined, all the while learning new methods and customs from them. These he put into practical use when he returned to his native county in 1899. He then worked as a servant for Clinton Angstadt, who lived upon the Pierce Kemp farm in Maxatawny township, remaining in that position for four years. In the spring of 1902 he began farming where he had lived the preceding four years as a servant. He is in the best sense of the term a self-made man. He owns valuable farm stock, and is prospering as the result of his intelligent and well directed efforts. The milk from his dairy is sold daily in Kutztown. In all his work he is very exact, and in his business relations he is scrupulously honest, and he and his wife are highly esteemed in the community. They attend the Lutheran Church at Kutztown.

On Dec. 25, 1902, Mr. Kroninger was united in marriage with Katie Judith Loch, who was born Nov. 4, 1877, eldest daughter of Joel and Hettie (Dietrich) Loch, farming people of Seiberlingville, Lehigh county, and granddaughter of Joel, Sr., and Bevvy (Fisher) Loch, also farming people of Lehigh county.

JAMES G. UBIL. Among the well known contractors and builders and representative citizens of Reading, Pa., may be mentioned James G. Ubil, a native of the city, born Aug. 7, 1854, and now residing at No. 251 South Tenth street. His parents, William B. and Jane (Gabriel) Ubil, came from Chester county to Reading when young people, and here the father followed ore mining for many years, dying in 1888, aged seventy-one. His widow is still living. Their children were: Joseph; Oliver and James G., twins; Daniel; and Mary Ellen and Hannah M., single. In religious belief the family are Presbyterians. William B. Ubil was a Republican in politics. Fraternally he belonged to the I. O. O. F.

James G. Ubil was educated in the schools of Reading, and until sixteen years of age worked in the ore mines with his father during the summer months. After leaving school he apprenticed himself to Fink & Eisenhower for three years, spending some time as a journeyman laborer with various contractors. In 1880 he went to St. Louis, Mo., working there at his trade for one year, when he returned East and with Joshua Wise built the Thomas Willson mansion, at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets, Reading. The partnership continued for several years, during which time they built the Manhattan Hardware Works, where Wilhelm's paint works are now located, in Riverside, and did much work about

the city of Reading, building the Woodvale Athletic Club, the first on the mountain. After Mr. Wise's death Mr. Ubil continued alone for some time, but in 1889 accepted a position with Joshua Koch. This connection continued until in 1890, when Mr. Ubil went into the wood pulley business with a Mr. Fister. During the time he was with the latter gentleman Mohn's Hat Factory was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Ubil equipped the new plant with these pulleys. Since that time he has been engaged in contracting and building, and has erected many of Reading's finest dwellings. He built the first apartment house in the city and has since erected two more apartment houses for the same man, Daniel Miller; the janitor's residence of the English Reformed Church; the Pennsylvania Optical Company's plant on South Fifth street; the Oberly building at No. 19 North Ninth street; the Kauffman block on North Eighth street; an addition to the "Black Horse Hotel" at Kutztown and hotel on Madison avenue, for Franklin B. Maning, of Brooklyn, New York; a hotel for the Lauer Brewing Co. at Auburn; a plant at Schuylkill Haven; built and remodeled a large block for McClosky at Pottsville; John Roehrich's ice plant on Third near Buttonwood street; Obediah Sanders' modern residence at Wyomissing; the Prutzman building on Pine street; the large apartment house called Palmer House, in 1907; and many other buildings and residences throughout the city. In 1903 Mr. Ubil's son, Ralph, was admitted as a partner, the firm now being known as Ubil & Son. They are now erecting a hotel at Reinhold's Station for John Barbey, at a cost of $8,000.

In 1876 Mr. Ubil married Ellen Evans, a niece of Mayor Evans, and to this union have been born eleven children, Lizzie, Ray, Clara, Helen, Ralph, Carl, Harry, David, Marie, Jennie and George W., the last two being deceased. In religious belief the family are Lutherans. In politics a Republican, Mr. Ubil was for two years city carpenter. He is a member of the F. O. E.; Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum; Twentieth Century Quakers; the Friendship Fire Company; the Washington Firemen's Association and the Veteran Firemen's Association.

NATHAN SCHAEFFER, for many years one of the substantial men of Oley township, was born July 19, 1829, son of Georg and Esther (Merckel) Schaeffer, of Richmond, and died upon his farm near Pleasantville, Sept. 17, 1880, aged fifty-one years, one month and twenty-eight days, and his remains are interred at Oley churches.

Residing in Maxatawny township on the farm where he was born until he attained his majority, Mr. Schaeffer later removed to Fleetwood, and thence, in 1865, to Oley township, where for eight years he farmed for his father-in-law, David Yoder. He then bought the George Yoder farm near Pleasantville, consisting of 100 acres, as good as can be found in the township. The house on this property antedates the Revolution, and was erected by a Yoder, being a very fine sample of the excellent work of those days. The barn was built by Mrs. Schaeffer in 1890, and is a commodious and modern one.

In 1860 Mr. Schaeffer married Catharine Yoder, daughter of David Yoder, of Oley township, and four children were born to them: Hannah m. David Nein, of Mount Penn; Mary m. James Hafer, a farmer of Oley township; David is a farmer residing near Engelsville; Annie m. Casper C. K. Griesemer, who farms Mrs. Schaeffer's property, and they have had five children, Leroy, Nathan (who died at the age of two years, five months and seven days), Clarence, and two infants.

Mrs. Schaeffer is a charming woman, well educated in both English and German, and speaking both languages fluently. She is an excellent business woman and since her husband's death has managed her own affairs. Pleasant in manner, intelligent and possessed of a delightful personality, Mrs. Schaeffer has many warm personal friends and is much beloved in her own family. The Schaeffer family is an old one and is counted among the representative names of Berks county.

B. F. HUNSICKER, who is prominently connected with the iron manufacturing industry of Reading, Pa., as chief bookkeeper of the Scott foundry, was born Dec. 8, 1858, in Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of David and Lovina (Ely) Hunsicker.

David Hunsicker, who was a carpenter by occupation, located in Reading in 1870, where he engaged at his trade until his death in 1885, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Lovina Ely, who died in 1894, at the age of seventy years, and to them there were born five children, as follows: Clara S. m. George W. Moore, of Philadelphia, Pa.; John E. is of Los Angeles, Cal.; B. F. resides at Reading; Emma L. m. John F. Byerle, a jeweler of Reading; and William H. is deceased. In religious matters the family are connected with the Reformed Church. Mr. Hunsicker was a stanch Republican in politics, and during the Civil war he served as a carpenter in the Union army from 1861 to 1865, engaged in building pontoon bridges. He also assisted to erect the arch at Washington, D. C., under which the Lincoln funeral procession passed.

B. F. Hunsicker was educated in the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, being with that company from 1874 until 1888, and with the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Company, for two years. In 1890 he engaged with the Reading Iron Company, as bookkeeper, and was later appointed chief bookkeeper of the Scott works, now having an office force of five assistants. Mr. Hunsicker is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A., the K. G. E., Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E., and the K. O. T. M. He and his family are connected with the Second Reformed Church. A stanch Republican in politics, Mr. Hunsicker has been active in the ranks of his party, serving as a member of the council from the Ninth ward in 1887 and 1888, and as a member of the school board eight years, six years of which he was president of the board, a position to which he was re-elected five times without opposition.

In 1884 Mr. Hunsicker married Lydia Richwein, born in Reading, daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Eschelman) Richwein, and one child has blessed this union: Eda L., a graduate of the Reading high school, class of 1903, who is now the wife of Amos P. Breneiser.

GEHMAN. The Gehman family, one of the earliest in this part of the State, is well represented in the present generation by Peter B. and Samuel B. Gehman, brothers, both of whom are engaged in farming and trucking and are highly esteemed as honorable business men and useful citizens.

The Gehmans are of Swiss origin. On Aug. 11, 1732, the good ship "Samuel" from Rotterdam, Holland, brought to Philadelphia one hundred and two natives of Switzerland, and of these a large number settled in what is now Brecknock township, Berks county, formerly a part of Lancaster. Among these emigrants were the ancestors of many of the well known Berks county families, namely: the Gehmans, Hornings, Kachels, Kramers, Behlers, Zieglers, Millers, Kieffers, Brendels, Gerhards and others. Tradition says that three Gehman brothers (also spelled Gayman and Geeman) came to America together, and that their names were Christian, Benedict (or Bentz) and Hans. The Pennsylvania archives record the names of but two: "Christian, aged twenty-four years; and Benedigt (Bentz), aged twenty years." Mention is also made of "Anna Geeman, aged twenty-three years."

It is further stated that Bentz or Benedict Gehman (born in 1711-12) settled in Brecknock township, in the vicinity of the present location of Gehman's Meeting House, and there took up land, and there to this day are found many of his descendants. Christian settled in Montgomery county, and there to-day is a large Gehman settlement. The oldest members now living recall hearing their parents and grandparents talk of the relationship through the original emigrants.

Daniel Gehman, the great-grandfather of Peter B. and Samuel B., was a son of the emigrant Benedict. He lived

near Adamstown, at Gehman's Meeting House (so named in his honor), which was built on his land. He owned considerable property, which is now cut up into a number of farms, some of which are still in the family. On the farm of Solomon Gehman is the old private burying ground of the family. Daniel Gehman had four sons, namely: (1) Christian, born July 20, 1775, died March 26, 1856, the father of five children: Samuel, who had a daughter Salome; Daniel, who went West; John, who died unmarried; Elias, who reared a large family, in which was a son John; and Christian, born Sept. 17, 1817, who had a family of four children, Reuben, Samuel, Elijah and Anna. (2) Daniel married a Bowman, and had eleven children: Benjamin, born Feb. 15, 1808, died Sept. 5, 1882, had eleven children, Lovina, Solomon (born Jan. 15, 1835, m. in 1861, Barbara, daughter of Bishop Jacob Moseman, a native of Germany, and had children, Jacob, Samuel, Manno, Isaac and Amos), Fannie, Lydia, Maria, Israel (1836-1862), Joseph, Elizabeth, Benjamin, John and Noah; Joseph, born June 10, 1810, died Nov. 17, 1894, had three children, Henry, Lydia and Annie; Samuel, born Aug. 25, 1812, m. Elizabeth Messner, and died Dec. 23, 1891, the father of five children, Hannah, Eliza, Sarah, Daniel (born Nov. 5, 1845, has five sons and two daughters) and Richard; Judith m. Isaac Bowman; Lydia m. Jonas Bowman; Leah m. Isaac Bowman; Mary died unmarried; Susan m. Jacob Leinbach; Nancy m. Henry Eberly; Hettie m. Jonas Leinbach, and they moved to Michigan; and Elizabeth died unmarried. (3) Johan, born 1783, m. Betsy Brendel, and died in 1838. They had no children. (4) Samuel became the grandfather of Samuel B. and Peter B., and is mentioned below.

Samuel Gehman, son of Daniel, was born near Adamstown, and he died at the advanced age of eighty-four years, eight months and twenty-six days. He was a wheelwright by trade, and carried on that occupation at his home near Adamstown, together with the cultivation of his small farm, and also did some work at carpentering. He was active in the Mennonite Church, and is buried at Allegheny Meeting House. His wife, Fannie Bowman, died aged seventy-two years, three months, twenty-six days. Of their children the first two were twins, one of whom died in infancy, and the other, Lydia m. Jonathan Good; and John was the third child.

John Gehman, son of Samuel, was born near Adamstown, Lancaster county, Jan. 6, 1821, and he died Nov. 29, 1885, in his sixty-fifth year. He made his home in the vicinity of his birthplace until 1852, when he bought the old Simon Kohl farm in Cumru township. This property is now in the possession of his son, Peter B. John Gehman devoted his entire life to farming, and prospered greatly in his undertakings. He was honest and industrious, and was esteemed by all. In his religious faith he was a Mennonite. He married Lydia A. Bowman, who was born Nov. 10, 1821, daughter of John Bowman. She died March 25, 1895, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. Ten children were born to them, as follows: Joshua, born March 15, 1847, is unmarried, and lives with his brother; Abraham, a minister of the Mennonite Church, m. (first) Nancy Bowman, and (second) Elizabeth Leinbach; Miss Susan lives with her brothers; Fannie died in childhood; Peter B.; Jonathan, a minister at the old Wissler Mennonite Church, died in Michigan, where he had a large family; Hannah m. Noah Gehman, and lives in Lancaster county; Samuel B.; John, a mute, died aged nineteen years; and Lydia died in youth.

Peter B. Gehman, son of John, was born July 19, 1853. His education was obtained in the township schools, and he was early trained to the duties of the farm. On this farm he has spent his entire life with the exception of about five years, four of which he worked on a farm in Lancaster county, and one for a relative in Canada. In 1879 he came into possession of the homestead, which consists of 120 acres including woodland. He pays especial attention to trucking, and attends the Reading market, having had stands Nos. 219-220 at the Bingaman street markethouse since 1879. He is very successful in his work, being thorough in all that he undertakes. In politics Mr. Gehman is strictly independent, and in 1892 he was elected a school director of Cumru township, serving in the office with credit three years, and being president of the board for one year. He and his family are members of the Mennonite congregation located in Brecknock township.

On Dec. 26, 1878, Peter B. Gehman married Susanna Longnecker, born Nov. 28, 1850, daughter of John and Nancy (Martin) Longnecker, of Lancaster county. They have become the parents of seven children, namely: Lydia A.; Maria; Emma and John, twins, of whom John died aged six months and eight days; David died in childhood; Peter was born Oct. 22, 1887; Samuel died in infancy.

Samuel B. Gehman, son of John and brother of Peter B., was born on his father's farm in Cumru township Sept. 7, 1860. He was reared upon the farm, and began for himself in the same line of work in 1887, on a farm belonging to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ann Good (widow of Jacob Good), and there he has continued to make his home. He is progressive in his methods, and as a truck farmer he has proved himself one of the very best. He raises all kinds of vegetables, fruits and berries, and attends the Reading market three times a week in the summer and twice in the winter, having stands Nos. 19-20 in the Crystal Palace market, and Nos. 114-115 at Kissinger's market. His farm of forty-seven acres has a rich, black sandy soil, well adapted for profitable trucking. He has a large hot house in which he raises his early vegetables. He and his family belong to the Mennonite Church, attending the Allegheny Meeting House.

In 1886 Samuel B. Gehman was married to Elizabeth Good, born June 1, 1867, daughter of Jacob B. and Mary Ann (Donehower) Good. Four children have blessed this marriage, namely: Edwin, born Aug. 6, 1888; Edith, born in 1904, died aged twenty days; Marie, born April 8, 1905; and Samuel, born March 21, 1907.

Jacob B. Good, father of Mrs. Gehman, was born Sept. 10, 1817, and died May 19, 1879, aged sixty-one years, eight months, nine days. He was a son of Jacob Good, a native of Brecknock township, grandson of Jacob Good, Sr., and great-great-grandson of Christal Good, a native of Switzerland. Mrs. Mary Ann (Donehower) Good, mother of Mrs. Gehman, was born July 30, 1837, and is still living making her home with Mrs. Gehman, her only daughter.

AMOS S. GUTH, a highly esteemed, retired citizen of Reading, Pa., who has been a deacon of the Baptist Church for more than thirty years, descends from one of the old and honorable families of Pennsylvania, descendants of which have attained distinction in all the noble trades and professions. Mr. Guth was born June 6, 1836, in South Whitehall, Lehigh county, son of Henry and Catherine (Hoffman) Guth.

Lorentz Guth, great-grandfather of Amos, with his wife, Mary, emigrated from the German Rhine provinces to Pennsylvania, then known as the "Asylum of the Distressed Pilgrims," crossing the Atlantic in the summer of 1738, on the ship "Thistle," Capt John Wilson, of Rotterdam, and on Sept. 19th landed at Philadelphia. They settled on the banks of the Jordan, the present site of the old homestead, Mr. Guth having owned 369 acres of land in this country prior to coming over, as the deed is dated May 11, 1732. Later he bought certain tracts from Thomas and Richard Penn and Peter Kohler, until he had in his possession 1,000 acres. His children were: Lorentz, Jr.; Adam; Peter; Julian (m. Peter Kohler); Eva Barbara (m. George Henry Mertz); Margarette (m. Adam Dorney).

Lorentz Guth, Jr., son of Lorentz, also settled on the old homestead in Lehigh county, and became extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife had children: Adam, who moved to Ohio; Daniel; John; Peter; Henry; Susanna, who married a Mr. Nerver; and Mrs. Christian Derr. The family were members of the Reformed Church.

Henry Guth, father of Amos, settled in South Whitehall township, where he learned the stone mason's trade and later engaged in farming. During the war of 1812-14

he served at Marcus Hook, and for this service received from the United States Government a tract of forty acres of land. It is believed that he served but three months when honorably discharged. He died Jan. 1, 1865, aged about sixty-nine years, his wife, Catherine Hoffman, July 17, 1849. Their children were: Eliza, Calvin, Flora, Horace and Amos S. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Hammon, Mr. Guth had two children, Deborah and Levi.

Amos S. Guth received his education in the schools of Lehigh county, and Kessler's boarding school, in Allentown, which he attended one season, and a boarding school in Easton, Pa. He assisted in the work on the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he became clerk in Seiple & Erdman's store at Ruchville, where he remained four years. In 1861 he came to Reading and engaged in the photograph business, having a gallery at Fourth and Penn streets, but later sold out to engage in work with his father-in-law, Samuel Nyce, who was conducting a produce commission business. When the firm of Nyce Bros. & Co. was formed he became a partner, but withdrew to engage in the shoe business, which he carried on two years, then spent two years in the produce business at Lewisburg. After following the same line for a time at Wilkes-Barre, he returned to Reading and was employed by the firm of which he had formerly been a partner. In 1897 Mr. Guth retired from active life.

Mr. Guth married Catherine Nyce, who was born in Montgomery county, Feb. 16, 1838, daughter of Samuel Nyce. To this union there were born children as follows: Elmira died at the age of six months; Annie m. Allen Messinger, and has two daughters, Lilian (m. Charles Phillips, of Philadelphia, and has a son, C. Alan, who represents the seventh generation of the Guths in America) and Madeleine (m. Burton Kline, of Boston, Mass.); Lillie m. Howard F. Hoffmaster and has two sons, Floyd and Howard Jr.; and Rosa m. Harry Nyce, a cousin, and lives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Amos S. Guth is a self-made man, and has always held a high reputation for honesty and integrity, being regarded as one of Reading's substantial citizens. He is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he has been a deacon for more than thirty years, and a teacher in the Sunday-school, a capacity in which he has served for forty years. He is also a charter member of the Reading Baptist Association, which is composed of Baptist Churches in the counties of Berks, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Lancaster, Northampton and Monroe.

BENTON K. BODEY is the owner of a valuable tract of fifty-five acres in Bern township, Berks county, and is engaged successfully in its cultivation. He was born in Muhlenberg township, same county, May 8, 1859, son of Nathan and Ann (Koenig) Bodey.

Henry K. Bodey, grandfather of Benton K., was a son of Heinrich Bodey, a native of Germany. He became a successful farmer in Muhlenberg township, owning two farms there, of sixty acres each, near Leize's Bridge, and close to Bodey's school-house. The latter was so named because of the large number of the name attending there. Mr. Bodey was born Nov. 27, 1800, and died Sept. 8, 1861, and is buried at Epler's Church. His wife, Elizabeth Tobias, whom he married Jan. 11, 1824, was born Dec. 20, 1803, and died May 24, 1845. Their children were: John, born Aug. 27, 1828, lived on the homestead, and died Jan. 3, 1894; Nathan is mentioned below; Henry, born Jan. 1, 1839, lived on his father's other farm, and died April 11, 1882; Matilda m. Samuel Dunkelberger; and Eliza m. Frank Moser, of Muhlenberg.

Nathan Bodey, son of Henry K., was born in Muhlenberg township, July 8, 1836, and became a farmer in Bern township, owning ninety-seven acres of land now the property of Wellington Leinbach. He died Dec. 29, 1893, and was buried at Epler's Church, of which both he and his wife were members, and in which he served as a deacon. He married Ann Koenig, daughter of Christil Koenig, a farmer of Bern township. Their children were: Benton K. and John H. K., the latter of Reading.

Benton K. Bodey was reared to farm work, and on reaching maturity adopted it as his life work. He began for himself in 1892, farming the Cyrus Althouse farm in Bern township, and continuing there for eleven years. In the spring of 1904 he came into possession of the William Fisher homestead, on which are good substantial buildings, and the whole place is in excellent condition. In 1905 Mr. Bodey erected an addition to the barn of 36 x 58 feet. He keeps four horses and seven head of cattle.

Mr. Bodey gives his ballot in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. He and his family are Reformed members of Epler's church.

On Aug. 13, 1881, Mr. Bodey was married to Ellen R. Fisher, daughter of William and Catharine (Rothenberger) Fisher, of the oldest families in the district. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Katie R. Dunkelberger and Annie R.

BENNEVILLE KLEMMER, of No. 604 North Tenth street, one of the best known citizens of the Twelfth ward of Reading, and a retired railroad engineer, was born May 11, 1837, in Washington township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Jacob Klemmer. His ancestors came from Wales and landed a short distance above Philadelphia on the Schuylkill river before William Penn came to Pennsylvania. Later they scattered through Montgomery, Bucks and Berks counties.

The great-grandfather of Benneville Klemmer was a resident of Washington township, Berks county, where he was an early settler and one of the well known men of his locality. For many years he carried on farming and owned a large tract of land. He was a Mennonite in religious belief, and is buried at Bally, Berks county.

Christian Klemmer, grandfather of Benneville, was born in Washington township, and was also a farmer and landowner there. He married Catherine Buck, a French Catholic, of Haycock, Bucks county, whose brother was a quartermaster in the Revolutionary war. Christian Klemmer was first a Mennonite in religious matters, but died in the Catholic faith, aged seventy years, his wife surviving until ninety-six years of age. He was buried at Bally. They had these children: Mrs. Charles Rehr; Sarah m. Reuben Richard; Kate m. David Greth; John B. died in Reading; Joseph died in Washington township; Jacob; George died in Reading; and Samuel died at Norristown.

Jacob Klemmer, father of Benneville, was born in 1804, in Germantown, Pa., and died in August, 1867. Early in life he followed shoe-making for a short time, but subsequently engaged in hauling and draying in Reading, whither he had come in 1844, when the city had a population of but 12,000. Four years prior to his death he retired from active life. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and he and his aged mother were buried the same day at the Catholic cemetery, Reading. His children were: Benneville; William; Daniel; Lucy (m. Daniel Siegfried, deceased); Carolina, deceased (m. Peter Rasch); Salinda, deceased (m. John A. Bechtel, deceased); Mary (m. Joseph Bruder, deceased); Katie (m. Lewis Bower, deceased); and four children died young.

Benneville Klemmer came to Reading with his father when seven years old, and attended the public schools of Reading and later a boarding school. He learned to manufacture wool, cotton and silk, and even to this day can prepare the coarse wool from the sheep's back into cloth ready for the tailor. He spent a short time at West Philadelphia finishing his trade, but in 1857 engaged in railroading, starting as a brakeman. He then became a conductor and during the early part of the Civil war, 1861, he was made a fireman, and in 1865 became an engineer. He was employed in the freight service until 1869, when he was promoted and given a passenger train, and remained in that capacity until July, 1902, when he was transferred to the yard at his own request. He was assigned to a shifter, and retired because of the age limit,

May 11, 1907. During the many years that Mr. Klemmer was employed in the passenger service he hauled hundreds of thousands of passengers, and has a record of never having met with an accident which resulted in the injury of a passenger. The month of April, 1861, brought about the call for volunteers in the Civil war and Mr. Klemmer enlisted in Company A, 14th Pa. V. I., serving 100 days. For some time thereafter he was engaged in hauling soldiers, ammunition and provisions over the road, and can relate many interesting experiences while thus engaged.

Mr. Klemmer is a member of the Boniface Brotherhood and the Philadelphia & Reading Veterans and the Reading Relief Associations. He is a charter member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of Reading. In politics he is a Democrat, and he was recently a candidate for the common council from the Twelfth ward. For a period of thirty years he was connected with the building associations, being a director of four of these organizations at different times. In 1881 the premium sold up to 95, for loan of $200, and this practice he broke up, and established a plan for the workingman to buy his own home without being closed out by the sheriff. He spends nearly all of his spare time in prospecting for minerals, and since 1866 has made some valuable finds in and around Berks county. For some years he has advocated the boring of artesian wells on the west side of Mount Penn with a view of securing a better supply of water for the city, claiming there is an abundance of it which could be tapped at a small cost. He is a remarkably active man for his age, and takes much pleasure in travel, in 1905 making a trip to the Pacific coast, visiting Los Angeles, Cal., Oregon and Washington States, and, on his way back, Yellowstone Park.

In 1860 Mr. Klemmer married Marietta Bower, daughter of Gideon Bower of District township. She died June 4, 1904, aged sixty-four years, and was buried in the Catholic graveyard. Seventeen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Klemmer: Clara, deceased (m. John Pfeiffer, deceased); Matilda, deceased (m. Edward W. Boshold); Sarah (m. Jules Lanshe); Lena, deceased (m. Edward Morris); Katie and Rosie, at home; Martha, who is Sister Harlindes, at Danville, Pa.; Ida, who is Sister Piona, at Pittston, Pa., both belonging to the Order of Christian Charity; Jerome, Francis, John, Anna S., Mary A., Sarah A., William G. and Lucy, all deceased; and Joseph, who resides at home.

LEVI P. RICKENBACH, representing an old established family of Berks county, was born in Ontelaunee township in 1838, son of Jonathan and Mary (Phillips) Rickenbach.

John Rickenbach, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer and landowner, whose whole life was given to agricultural pursuits and who died on his farm at the age of eighty-six years. His children were: Sallie, Phoebe, Elizabeth, Nancy, Franie, Benneville, John and Jonathan.

Jonathan Rickenbach was born on his father's homestead in 1803, and was reared to a farmer's life. He became the owner of the home place and like his father followed farming all his life. His death occurred in his eightieth year. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary, daughter of Sebastian Phillips, and she died when only thirty-five years old, leaving three children, namely: Rebecca, m. to the late James Gambler, and now residing at West Leesport, Berks county; Elmira, Mrs. John Haines, of the same place; and Levi P. The second wife was Annie Kestner, who died at the age of eighty-six, and to this union were born one son and two daughters, as follows: Silas M., deceased, m. Mary Ringler, and is a wholesale grocer on North Eighth street; Salome m. the late Llewellyn Bundt, of Leesport, and Lanita m. Samuel Kurtz, and resides at Springmont.

Levi P. Rickenbach passed his boyhood like most farmers' sons, helping on the farm and going to the district school. When old enough to learn a trade he went to work under John Fisher at carpentry, and later was employed by Jacob Ahrens, who became his father-in-law. In 1866 Mr. Rickenbach came to Reading and worked fifteen years with Mr. Bushong, thirteen with David Moser, later with various contractors and builders of the city. He is a most reliable and efficient workman and his services are always in great demand by the builders of the city.

Mr. Rickenbach married in 1862 Miss Caroline Ahrens, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Koenig) Ahrens, a union which was blessed with three sons. Oscar A., the oldest, a molder by occupation, resides at home. Jonathan A. is a plater, and is still a resident of Reading. L. Luther, a musician, teaches the violin and mandolin and plays with the Philharmonic Band of Reading, his instrument being the clarionet. He married Lottie Robertson and lives in his father's home, No. 141 North Fourth street. Levi P. Rickenbach, while never an active political worker, is yet a strong supporter of the Democratic party. He holds membership in Trinity Lutheran Church.

Henry Ahrens, grandfather of Mrs. Rickenbach, was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man. He was well educated in English and German, and when he came to this country he was brought by a sailor who wished to be taught the German language. When they arrived in America, the sailor died and young Ahrens having no money to return to the Old World, was obliged to remain in America. He later settled in Berks county, where he died.

IGNATIUS SHADE, who is now living retired at his beautiful home, No. 1339 Mineral Spring Road, Reading, was for many years engaged in various business enterprises in this city, and is an honored veteran of the great Civil war. Mr. Shade was born in 1840, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Anthony and Anna E. (Fleckenstine) Shade.

Anthony Shade came to America first in 1844, and for three years was engaged in business in Reading, but at the end of that period returned to his native country, where until 1858 he was engaged in the commission business. He then came to America again, this time bringing his family, whom he settled in Reading, he engaging in a saloon business, which he carried on until his death in 1868, in his fifty-eight year. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church. They had these children: Ignatius, Elizabeth, Michael A., Eva, John and Margaret.

Ignatius Shade's education was obtained in Germany, and on coming to Reading in 1858, he engaged with Frederick Lauer, with whom he remained three years, the next year being spent with the Mellerts. In 1861 Mr. Shade enlisted in Company A, 3d Pa. Reserves, under Captain Lenhardt, serving three years and receiving his honorable discharge. He was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg and taken prisoner in 1862, being paroled in February, 1863, after having been confined in Libby Prison for two and one-half months. Upon his return to Reading, Mr. Shade engaged in work at the William R. McIlvaine rolling mill, continuing there three years. At this time the Philadelphia & Reading Company removed their plant to Ninth street, and Mr. Shade contracted to unload and cut the iron rails, employing six men, and being there engaged for three years. Mr. Shade's next venture was in the hotel business, and he continued therein for twelve years as proprietor of the "Lafayette," now the "Berkshire." He then engaged in the drug business with his brother, Michael, at Seventh and Penn streets, a partnership which continued for about twelve years, when Ignatius sold his interest to his brother, and spent the next year in retirement, re-engaging in the drug business with Herman Esterly at Fifth and Court streets. He retired in 1902. In his political belief, Mr. Shade is a Democrat. He is connected with the Loyal Veteran Legion of Pennsylvania. His religious belief is that of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Shade married Lavena Rippel, a native of Germany, and to them were born eight children, two of whom survive; Emma, m. to Edward Ganter; and Rev. Joseph I., a priest of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Reading, who was ordained at St. John's Church, Rome, Italy.

PETER MOYER, Sr., who after a long life devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which line he won more than ordinary success, is now living retired at Womelsdorf, Pa., is a native of Berks county, born at Host, Feb. 15, 1838, a representative of a family that for over one hundred and fifty years has been located in this vicinity.

The progenitor of the American branch of the Moyer (also spelled Myers and Mayer) family was Johannes (John) Moyer, who was one of the German settlers from the Schoharie district in New York. With others he came through the forests into Upper Pennsylvania, and thence on rafts down the Susquehanna river as far as Harris's Ferry (now Harrisburg). From there they came on foot through the Lebanon Valley into Heidelberg township, Berks county. There were different influxes of these people from the Schoharie district into Bethel, Heidelberg and Tulpehocken townships, some as early as 1719, others in 1723, 1728-1729 and later. Johannes Moyer was among the later comers, and in 1759 he was a taxable in Heidelberg township. He owned land which is still today in the family name. On this he erected buildings, which were replaced in 1849 and 1850, by Peter Moyer, father of Peter Moyer, Sr. He died in 1765, in which year he had made his will, and this was probated Dec. 28, 1765. He was then a resident of Tulpehocken township. In his will he made ample provision for his wife Anna Maria, and the following children are mentioned: George, to whom was bequeathed the homestead of 120 acres and the still house, but who was to pay his brothers and sisters two hundred pounds; Henry, to whom was willed the mill and house and 128 acres of land (George and Henry were the executors of the will); Anna Barbara (m. George Wolff); Eva Catharine (m. a Stetler); Gideon; Catharine (m. a Deissinger); and Valentine. The testator's beloved son-in-law, George Wolff, was made guardian over the children of Catharine Deissinger and Valentine Moyer.

George Moyer, son of one Johannes, was born in western Berks county, June 26, 1770, and he died April 29, 1847, and is buried at Host. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the tract now owned by his great-grandson Samuel. He married Susanna Peiffer, born May 20, 1773, died Feb. 4, 1833. Their children were: John, Michael, Peter, Heinrich, Jacob, Daniel, Mrs. John Holtzman; and Mrs. John Bomberger.

Peter Moyer, son of George, and father of Peter, Sr., was born in Tulpehocken township, on the old farm at Host, Aug. 11, 1796. His life was a successful one, his energies being wisely devoted to farming pursuits. In 1849 he built a house on the homestead, which he owned, and also the barn. His death occurred Sept. 8, 1859, when he was aged sixty-three years, and his remains, and those of his wife, are buried in the cemetery at Host. He married Catharine Edris, born March 1, 1798, died Dec. 19, 1859. They had eight children: John, who had four children, Levi, William, Rebecca and Emma; Michael, who had four, Simon, Calvin, Kate and Emma; Peter, Sr.; Margaret; Mary; Sarah; Susanna; and one that died in childhood.

Peter Moyer, Sr., son of Peter and the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in the old pay schools near his home at Host. This school was held in a cellar room, and often after the holidays as many as eighty pupils would be gathered there. The old school master was John Salam. Young Moyer worked on the home farm as was customary with the farmers' sons at that time, and when he started out for himself he naturally turned his attention to the same line of work. In 1860 he began farming on his father's farm, which consisted of eighty acres of fertile land, and this he purchased from his father, making it his home for many years. In 1899 he sold it to his son, Samuel, and purchased a farm of 300 acres, known as the old Jacob Kurtz farm in Caernarvon township. Upon this he lived for three years, and when he sold it at the end of that time, he moved to Womelsdorf, and has since lived retired. He also owns a large farm in Marion township. Mr. Moyer was a very practical farmer, and was quick to see the good in new methods, and equally quick to adopt them if fitted to his needs. His farms always bore a look of thrift and good management, and he was ever able to command good prices for his produce.

In his political principles Mr. Moyer is a Democrat. He and his family attend the Host Union Church, of which they are Reformed members, and in which he has served as elder and deacon.

Mr. Moyer has been twice married. In 1859 he wedded Mary Bentz, daughter of John Bentz. She was born in 1838, and died in 1864, the mother of three children, Amelia, Frank and Mary Ann. Mr. Moyer married (second) Sarah Haas, born Nov. 12, 1843, daughter of Leonard and Hannah (Machmer) Haas, and to this union have been born twelve children, as follows: Alice, Samuel, Rebecca, Charles (born Dec. 13, 1869, died Dec. 1, 1870), Peter, Jr., George, Aaron, Sarah (born Oct. 18, 1876, died Aug. 22, 1879), Thomas, Calvin, Anna (born Oct. 11, 1882, died July 11, 1888), and James.

THOMAS H. MORGAN, a member of the Reading school board and one of the city's enterprising business men, who is engaged in the manufacture of paints and painters' supplies, was born in Reading, Pa., Nov. 25, 1838, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hill) Morgan.

Thomas Morgan was born in 1812, at Tunbridge Wells, County Sussex, England, and died April 26, 1872. When eighteen years of age he came to America, and located at Reading, assisting in the work on the Schuylkill Canal as a stone-cutter. After the completion of the canal he engaged in boating thereon for thirty-five years, and became very successful, owning property on North River street, where he resided for twenty-five years. He was married to Elizabeth Hill, born Dec. 25, 1810, who died in her ninety-third year, daughter of Jacob Hill and wife, Susan (Lansiscus), daughter of Jacob Lansiscus, who received a large tract of land by patent from William Penn, which is now included in Mineral Spring Park, Mt. Penn borough, St. Lawrence borough, Carsonia Park, Stony Creek village and Antietam creek. To Thomas and Elizabeth (Hill) Morgan were born children as follows: Hannah m. Harry DeMoss; Susan m. John W. Orr; Thomas H.; Ruth m. D. H. Wheatley; Emma m. George W. Diehl; Harry m. Savilla Homan (all of these children being residents of Reading); and several died in infancy.

Thomas H. Morgan received his education in the public schools of Reading and later attended the Reading Academy, then located on the present site of the Girls' high school, it being under the supervision of Prof. A. C. High. For eighteen years he was a boatman, owning a boat and team, and after discontinuing this occupation he became a cabinet maker for four years, being employed in a large establishment at Philadelphia. On his return to Reading he took charge of the finishing department of E. S. Miller's undertaking establishment, where he remained about one year, then entering the employ of the Reading Railway Company, with which he remained nine years. One year later he went to Media, where he erected a fine residence for Dr. Brinton, who was for many years editor of the *Medical Journal*, and after the completion of this work engaged for one year in the contracting and building business in Delaware county, also erecting a number of large buildings in and around Royersford and Spring City. He again returned to his native city and continued contracting for one year, but subsequently erected his factory and paint establishment at No. 122 Wood street. After having charge of the paint mill of A. Wilhelm for eleven years, Mr. Morgan was influential in the establishment of the Morgan & Ruth paint establishment, which firm continued successfully for eight years, at which time the business was sold to Jackson & Smith, and Mr. Morgan was retained as superintendent, it being from his plans and specifications and under his supervision that the present building was erected in 1895 between Eighth and Ninth streets on Windsor. In December, 1895, Mr. Morgan took possession of his present place on Wood street, where for six years he was engaged in business.

He then purchased a farm of 120 acres near Phoenixville, Chester county, where he moved factory and fixtures, but after two years, not being satisfied with that location, returned to Reading and again located in the Wood street plant, where he has since conducted a flourishing business. He manufactures all kinds of paints, and does principally a custom trade. He is also an inventor of some reputation and has a number of good plans on paper, for which patents have been applied for. His own residence, at No. 121 South Fourth street, was erected after his own specifications. In politics Mr. Morgan is a Republican, and in 1907 he became a member of the Reading school board. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church of Reading, and he was active in the organization of the First Baptist Mission, which afterward became the Second Baptist Church, and later was merged into the Berean Baptist Church. He also held prominent position as Moderator of the Reading Baptist Association.

In 1870 Mr. Morgan married Wilhelmina D. Pennepacker, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Major) Pennepacker, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Ruth S., a graduate of the high school, class of 1884, is now engaged in teaching in Reading. Mary J. married Clarence T. Neilor, an associate with Mr. Morgan in the paint business, and they have one daughter, Wilhelmina, and they reside on their farm near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

LEVI MAST, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Berks county, who is living on his snug little farm of thirty-two acres of fertile land in Caernarvon township, was born in this township, July 19, 1835, son of Daniel and Rachel (Plank) Mast, and grandson of John and Mary (Kurtz) Mast.

Daniel Mast, father of Levi, was born April 1, 1803, and he died Aug. 18, 1883, after a long and useful life spent in agricultural pursuits and in the ministry of the Amish Church. He married Rachel Plank, born April 15, 1805, who died Feb. 6, 1873. To them there were born the following children: John P., born in 1826 and died Nov. 19, 1888, was a minister and subsequently a bishop in the Amish Church; Sarah, born Nov. 13, 1828, m. David Stoltzfus, and died March 30, 1892; Anna, born March 5, 1831, died Sept. 4, 1834; Mary, born Feb. 13, 1833, m. a Mr. Peters, and died in 1900; Levi, born July 19, 1835; Rachel, born Dec. 29, 1837, died Aug. 20, 1840; Hannah, born June 24, 1840, m. Jacob Stoltzfus; Fannie, born April 7, 1842, m. Christian Beiler, and died March 8, 1894; Rebecca, born April 17, 1844, m. (first) Eli Stoltzfus and (second) John Lapp; and Lydia, born Aug. 9, 1848, died, it is thought, from injuries received at the hands of burglars, who seized her at the throat, June 21, 1874.

Levi Mast, son of Daniel, received his education in the schools of his native locality, and early in life engaged in agricultural pursuits which he continued until his retirement from active life. He is a Republican in politics, and for nine years served as a member of the school board, of which he was treasurer during the Civil war. He is a member of the Amish Church, and is well known and highly esteemed in the locality in which he has spent his entire life. Mr. Mast sustained a great loss in 1905, when his only son, Daniel Z., with wife and two children, were taken away in an epidemic of typhoid fever.

Levi Mast was married to Miss Christiana Zook, born April 10, 1836, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Kurtz) Zook, and to this union there were born children as follows: Sara lives at home; Daniel Z., born March 3, 1862, died Nov. 1, 1905, married Elizabeth Hertzler, and had eight children, Anna (born 1884, died 1905), Saidy (born 1895, died 1905), Levi H. (born May 30, 1885), Henry (born Dec. 18, 1887), John P. (born April 11, 1889, died March 27, 1903), Isaac (born April 12, 1891, died Sept. 10, 1891), Ida Christianna (born July 31, 1892, died Jan. 2, 1894) and Samuel (born Nov. 27, 1899).

Hans Zook (Zug), great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Mast, was an elder in the Mennonite Church, of Berne, Switzerland, where he was imprisoned for his religious teachings, and after his release removed to Germany, whence his grandsons Christian, Moritz and Johannes, who were born near Darmstadt, came to America, arriving at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1742. They removed thence to Whiteland, Chester county, where Christian Zook, great-grandfather of Mrs. Mast, died in December, 1787.

Christian Zook, son of Christian, and grandfather of Mrs. Mast, was born April 20, 1752, in Bern township, Berks county, and became a farmer and minister in the Amish Church, in the faith of which he died Oct. 8, 1826. He married Magdalena Blank, born in Lancaster county in 1751, who died Aug. 8, 1833.

Henry Zook, father of Mrs. Mast, was born near Malvern, Pa., March 18, 1794, and died at Binkley's Bridge, Lancaster county, in 1865. He married Catherine Kurtz, born Sept. 21, 1801, who died March 23, 1874.

EDWARD CURTIS PRICE, foreman at the plant of Orr & Sembower, at Millmont, Pa., was born Sept. 24, 1855, at Pottsville, son of Richard M. Price.

Joseph Price, grandfather of Edward C., was born May 8, 1797, and he died April 16, 1873. He married Catherine (Kate) Masser (born Feb. 15, 1806, died Feb. 22, 1884). Abraham Masser, her father, was born April 2, 1779, and his wife, Catherine, Dec. 26, 1781. Their children were: Hannah (Dantrich), Catherine (Price), William, Daniel, Mary (Hartman), David, Magdalena (DeHart), Elizabeth (Fies), Sallie and Benjamin. To Joseph and Catherine (Masser) Price were born the following children: James M., born Sept. 1, 1827, died May 8, 1888; Wilhelmina M., born Feb. 2, 1830, died Feb. 22, 1903; Richard M.; Annie E., born Oct. 28, 1834, m. William Spohn, and died April 20, 1894; Amos, born Oct. 15, 1835, m. Louisa Wertz, and lives in Cumru township; Catherine, born June 29, 1837, lives with her daughter in Reading; Israel M., born March 4, 1839, lives retired at Mohnton; and Moses M., born March 1, 1847, died Aug. 24, 1890.

Richard M. Price, son of Joseph, was born Sept. 12, 1832, and died April 3, 1903. He married Lucinda Richards, and they had three children, namely: Edward Curtis; Joseph M., born Aug. 24, 1857; and Charles W., born Aug. 6, 1859.

Edward Curtis Price attended school in Pottsville and Reading, and was only a boy when he began work at the truck business in Bergen, now a part of Jersey City, New Jersey. After a short time there he became a newsboy for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and remained in that Company's employ for three years. He then learned the business of boiler-making at Reading with F. J. Obert. After finishing his apprenticeship he continued work there until he had been in that place six years, when he went to Allentown. At the end of two years he went to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was employed seven years as foreman. The next two years he was in Lansing, Mich., in the same capacity. The firm at the latter place sent him to Usal, Mendocino Co., Cal., to put up large boilers for a sawmill. Returning to Lansing he remained but a short time. In 1883 and 1884 he was at Sunbury, Pa. He was badly burned about the face and hands in a gas explosion, March 3, 1888, at Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1892 he came back to Reading, and for about three years was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. In 1899 he became foreman of the boiler department for Orr & Sembower, with thirty-five men under him, and he is still giving great satisfaction to his employers, showing marked executive ability and a thorough knowledge of the work.

Mr. Price married Elmira Palm, daughter of Lucien Palm, of Reading. They have had children as follows: Charles E., who died aged five years; Richard W., who died aged two years; Edward C. J. R., living at No. 1246 Muhlenberg street, Reading; and Ellen L., who married William Bloch, of Reading. Mr. Price is a Republican, and for four years has been a member of the school board from the Second ward and re-elected for a second term of four years. His fraternal connections are with Aerie

No. 66, F. O. E., in which he has passed all the chairs and is now a member of the house committee, and since 1907 has been president of the Mountain Home Association; the Twentieth Century Quakers; Veteran Firemen's Relief Association; Washington Fire Company, and Washington Firemen's Relief Association; the Lincoln Republican Club and Northeastern Republican Club. He has his home at No. 632 Bingaman street, Reading.

AMOS S. RATHMAN, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Berks county, who now resides near Angelica, in Cumru township, was for twenty years a justice of the peace in that township. Mr. Rathman was born in the Angelica district on May 19, 1843, son of Levi and Sarah (Schonauer) Rathman.

Jacob Rathman, grandfather of Amos S., was a farmer and cabinet maker of Cumru township, where his entire life was spent. A well known Whig of his day, he was very patriotic, and raised a number of liberty poles in the township. Mr. Rathman married Barbara Fitterling, daughter of Michael Fitterling, and to them were born these children: Catherine m. George Fitterling; Jonathan m. Mary Quinter; Polly m. Thomas Glassmoyer; Barbara m. Jacob Fox; Levi; Elizabeth m. Elias Kohl; and Isaac m. Kate Hertz.

Levi Rathman, father of Amos S., was a lifelong resident of Cumru township, where he was born Oct. 15, 1815, and died June 10, 1899. In his early years he was associated with his father in the undertaking business, and later he owned a farm of 136 acres in the Angelica district. He married Sarah Schonauer, and to this union there were born eight children: John died single in 1862; Jacob m. Susan Keffer; Elizabeth m. William Strock; Amos S.; Susan m. Jacob Wert; Barbara m. Benjamin Hertz; Sarah m. Joel Ziemer; and a son died in infancy.

Amos S. Rathman was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the old eight-cornered schoolhouse near Angelica. In the early sixties Mr. Rathman engaged in school teaching for some time, but, as he himself puts it, he inherited the trade of his father, that of carpentering, which he followed for upward of ten years. In 1874 he was elected a justice of the peace, in which office he served for twenty consecutive years, being in this time the peacemaker of the entire community, and never had a discharged case or a decision appealed. For many years Mr. Rathman was clerk at public vendues, and for ten years was a school director, during all of which time, except the first year of his incumbency, he served as treasurer of the board. In 1896 Mr. Rathman purchased a tract of five acres, near Angelica, where he now makes his home, prior to this time having lived on the old Rathman homestead. In political matters Mr. Rathman is a Democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Sr. O. U. A. M., being the only beneficial charter member of Angelica Council No. 91. He is also a member of the State Council of this Order, in which he has held office, being recording secretary for the past thirty years, and is also connected with K. G. E. Castle No. 137, of Mohnton. Mr. Rathman is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Allegheny Union Church, of Brecknock township.

A. J. DARLINGTON, who will be remembered as the efficient manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office at Reading, as well as city ticket agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, was born near Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa., son of Robert and Rachel (Lawrence) Darlington.

Mr. Darlington was educated in the schools of Chester county until the age of fourteen years, when he entered the telegraph office at Oxford to learn telegraphing. During this period he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company I, 3d Pa. Vols., Heavy Artillery, in which he served until June 19, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. During his service he was wounded quite seriously, and through the rest of his life suffered on account of it, and this probably was the cause of his death.

After the close of his service in the army, Mr. Darlington came to Reading and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as telegraph operator. Promotion followed rapidly and he was soon placed in charge of the company's ticket office here. He was also placed in charge of the Western Union Telegraph office in the same building, and he continued to fill these offices until his death. His genial manner and hearty manliness made him a favorite with every one who came within his influence, and the name of "Jack" Darlington was one of affection instead of familiarity. Outside his bereaved family and inner circle of friends, the public at large mourned his death.

In 1867 Mr. Darlington married Elizabeth Mishler, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bechtel) Mishler, and they had three children, namely: Mary E., wife of Lewis V. Halberstadt; Edmund L., chief clerk in the Reading office of R. G. Dun & Co.; and Margaret, deceased. In political sentiment, Mr. Darlington was a staunch Democrat. On one occasion, giving way to the desire of friends, he permitted his name to be used as a candidate for mayor, polling a large complimentary vote. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, the I. O. O. F., and of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church.

JOHN H. DRUMHELLER. The American ancestor of the Drumheller family was J. Leonhart Drumheller, who crossed the ocean on the brigantine "Mary & Sarah," Captain Thomas Brodrick, from Amsterdam, which landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1754. Soon thereafter J. Leonhart Drumheller located in the lower section of Berks county, where he reared his family, died and is buried. In 1759 there is record that Dewald Drumheller lived in Rockland township, which was bounded by Earl township on the south. In that year he paid a federal tax of four pounds. Tradition says he, too, had issue, and that later generations claim kinship with him.

Nicholas Drumheller, grandfather of John H., lived and died in Earl township. In 1782 he was a tax payer, and by occupation he was a farmer. His wife was a member of the Shaner family, and their children were: John; a daughter m. to Philip Nagel; Sally, m. to John Bans; a daughter m. to Peter Spotts; a daughter m. to John Hauffman. They are all buried in the old graveyard at Huff's Church.

Nicholas Drumheller had a brother John Drumheller, who also was a resident of Earl township, and he, too, paid a tax in 1782. John Drumheller died in 1815. His will is on record in Will Book II, page 132. The will was made June 13, 1814, and was entered Aug. 17, 1815. His wife, Regina, bore him a number of children, but a son Leonard is the only one mentioned in the will.

Leonard Drumheller, son of John, died in 1837 in Earl township. His wife, Susanna, obtained a plantation of thirty acres in Earl township. His will is on record in Will Book VII, page 438. David and Hettie are the only children mentioned in the will, but reference is found elsewhere to other children, of whom one was named Daniel (his wife was Elizabeth), a resident of Pike township. Daniel's will, made in 1835, was probated in 1859, and it mentions these children: Elizabeth, Hannah, Daniel, John, Lydia, Jacob and Reuben.

Returning to the direct line, John Drumheller, son of Nicholas, was born in Earl township, in 1798, and died in Oley township in 1884, aged eighty-six years and thirteen days. He was a tailor by trade, and worked at it from the time he was eleven years of age, continuing at work until within two years of his death. This remarkable old gentleman was very active, and could easily walk to Reading, a distance of ten miles. In 1860 he removed to Oley township, where he owned a farm now occupied by his son John. He was a Reformed member of the Oley Church, where he is buried. He married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Frederick Hill, and she is buried at the Oley Church. These children were born to them: Rebecca m. Isaac Reinhart, both deceased; Caroline m. Aug. Renninger, and is deceased; Miss Eliz-

abeth resides at Boytertown; John H.; Nicholas died in childhood. Mrs. Drumheller was born Oct. 28, 1809, and died Jan. 20, 1846, aged thirty-six years and three months.

John H. Drumheller was born April 9, 1842, in Earl township, on the old Drumheller homestead, and is a successful farmer of Oley township, residing between "Yellow House" and Griesemersville. When he was eighteen years of age he removed with his father to Oley, but did not commence working for himself until ten years later, and at that date he bought his father's farm of twenty-two acres, which he now operates, renting his other farm of seventy-seven acres. On the first mentioned farm, Mr. Drumheller has excellent buildings which were built by David Drumheller who was shot at Earlville by a man named Pott. On the seventy-seven acre farm are buildings over a hundred years old, but so substantially were they built that they are in good condition today. His land is productive and well kept.

In 1870 Mr. Drumheller married Sarah Price of Exeter, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Himmelreich) Price. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Drumheller: John is unmarried and a railroad mail clerk; Elizabeth m. Curvous G. Yoder, of Pike township, a railroad mail clerk; Allen m. Mary Boyer, and lives at Reading; a daughter died in infancy.

JOHN WESLEY KLINGER, who is engaged in the shoe business at No. 1624 Cotton street, Reading, is a native of that city, born Dec. 26, 1850, son of Michael and Matilda (Fair) Klinger.

Peter Klinger, the founder of this family in America, lived in Exeter township, and is buried at Stonetown. He owned property, and his will was probated in 1790, the year of his death. Mr. Klinger, as well as his wife, was a native of Swabia, Germany. Among their children were: Philip, who had a son Philip; John, and William.

William Klinger, born Dec. 6, 1799, son of Peter and grandfather of John W., was a hatter, and for some years worked at his trade in Reading. To him and his good wife Polly were born: William, of whom nothing was heard after the Civil war; John (Jack), who lived at different places, his place of death being unknown; Charles, who was a cigar maker and hatter, dividing his time between Reading and Lancaster, and died in Lancaster; Mary, who married John Bargdol, for some years a resident of Reading and later of Philadelphia, where he was killed on the Pickering Valley Railroad; and Michael.

Michael Klinger, father of John W., was born in 1823, and died in Reading Feb. 8, 1857, age thirty-three years, two months, and twenty-four days. The major part of his life was spent in Reading, where he was engaged as a laborer for many years and in later years in boating. On Oct. 20, 1847, in Reading, by the Rev. Mr. Pauly, he was married to Matilda Fair, born March 25, 1832, above Birdsboro. She died in Reading, Aug. 13, 1899, age sixty-seven years, four months and nineteen days. They had four children: William Howard, born Oct. 3, 1848, lives in Maple Bay, Minn. (m. to Matilda Homan, of Reading); John Wesley was born in Reading Dec. 26, 1850; Charles Henry, born in Reading, May 22, 1853, died July 4, 1903, in Philadelphia, Pa., aged fifty years, one month and thirteen days; Anna Maria, born in Reading, Oct. 9, 1855, died Dec. 23, 1855.

John W. Klinger was educated at the Reading schools, and at an early age entered the Reading Cotton Mills, where he worked about four years, he then learning the blacksmith's trade with Amos Albright of Bern township, with whom he was employed two years. For one year he worked at Harrisburg for the Franklin Foundry Company, and the following year entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, with which company he was connected for upward of seven years. At the end of this time Mr. Klinger established himself in business, opening a shoe store at No. 1624 Cotton street, in 1894, and here he has been engaged to the present time with much success. He is industrious and enterprising, is a self-made man, and is esteemed by his fellow citizens for his honesty and integrity. Mr. Klinger is a Democrat in politics, and at one time was quite active in public affairs. He has been prominent fraternally, belonging to Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M.; Dauphin Lodge, No. 160, I. O. O. F., of Harrisburg; St. John Castle, No. 17, A. O. K. M. C., of Harrisburg; Fidelia Chamber, No. 5, Knights of Friendship, of Reading; Aaron Lodge, No. 95, American Protestant Association, of Reading; Washington Camp, No. 329, P. O. S. of A., of Reading; and Union Fire Company, No. 13, Union Association and Veteran Firemen's Association, all of Reading, in which he is very popular.

In the year 1869 John Wesley Klinger was married at Harrisburg to Kate Louisa Smith of that city, by the Rev. Thomas M. Griffith. She was born Dec. 1, 1849, daughter of George Z. and Mary (Albright) Smith (the former of whom was a railroad man of Harrisburg, Pa.), and died July 2, 1892, aged forty-two years, seven months, one day. Mr. and Mrs. Klinger had fourteen children, as follows: George William, born April 10, 1870, in Harrisburg, m. (first) Jennie Howard, of Harrisburg, and after her death (second) Bessie Glass, of Harrisburg; Mary Matilda, born Aug. 19, 1871, in Reading, m. Jacob Merget, of Reading; Charles Daniel, born June 22. 1873, in Harrisburg, died Feb. 18, 1874; John Wesley, Jr., born Dec. 10, 1874, in Harrisburg, died July 16, 1876; Katie Iruba, born March 28, 1876, in Harrisburg, m. Edward John Weand, of Reading; Annie Glenzora, born Dec. 13, 1877, in Harrisburg, m. Edward Rohm, of Harrisburg; Clyde Day, born Aug. 28, 1879, in Harrisburg, m. Mary VanBuskirk, of Reading; Vernon Leroy, born Sept. 20, 1881, in Harrisburg, died Aug. 10, 1882; Owen Swartz, born March 3, 1883, in Harrisburg, died in Reading Feb. 3, 1905, aged twenty-one years and eleven months; Eddie Fern, born Feb. 14, 1886, in Reading, m. Olive Fairchild; Earl DeA., born in Reading, Aug. 6, 1887, m. Florence Stonesifer, of Steelton; Calvin Hoffeditz, born Dec. 14, 1889, in Reading, m. Anna V. Moyer, of Reading, and she died Feb. 18, 1909, aged seventeen years and twenty-seven days; Amy May, born May 15, 1891, in Reading, died Jan. 29, 1892, aged eight months and fourteen days; and William Howard.

WALTER JOSEPH LOY, one of the well-known citizens of Hamburg borough, who is engaged as a furniture dealer and in the undertaking business, was born Jan. 8, 1870, in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Justice Walter S. and Elementa (Baver) Loy, well known in Perry township.

Adam Loy, the great-grandfather of Walter J., was a weaver and farmer of Albany township, and the owner of a farm consisting of 100 acres of land. He married Catherine Focht, and among their children was a son, Joseph.

Joseph Loy, son of Adam, was born Oct. 25, 1825, in Albany township. He was a farmer and wheelwright in Albany township for many years, and is still living, and, considering his advanced age, is very well preserved. He has lived retired for a number of years, being well-to-do, and makes his home with his only son, Walter S.

Walter S. Loy was born Nov. 8, 1850, in Windsor township, was reared on the farm of his father, and received his education in the local schools and the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown. He taught school for a number of years, later learning the trade of wheelwright with his father, and is now located successfully as a farmer in Perry township, where he is also serving as a justice of the peace. He married Elementa Baver, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Focht) Baver, and their only child was Walter J., whose name heads this sketch.

Walter J. Loy was reared on the farm and he received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native township. At the age of eighteen years he learned the trade of house-painting, which he followed in addition to farming for some years, and has also a practical knowledge of the machinist's trade, having "set up" many different pieces of farm machinery. In 1889 he became a clerk in

Peter Nagel's liquor store, and the following year accepted a clerkship in N. A. Confer's variety store in Hamburg, where he remained for nine years. On Nov. 20, 1899, Mr. Loy purchased the good-will and fixtures of Mahlon Mengel's furniture store and undertaking establishment on South Fourth street, Hamburg, and since that time has been successfully engaged in business. The great flood of Aug. 3, 1906, completely ruined his buildings, furniture and new hearse. His loss was the heaviest of any individual citizen of Hamburg, it amounting to $10,000. During the great flood Mr. Loy displayed wonderful presence of mind, and did heroic service in the rescuing of life and property. He was not dismayed or discouraged by his loss, but at once set about to retrieve his fortune.

Mr. Loy is a member of the Board of Trade, and a director of the Hamburg Building Association, No. 3. He was a consistent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which he has been a deacon for seven years, and is also serving as a trustee. He has been secretary of the Church for the past four years. Mr. Loy was married Nov. 6, 1894, to Lizzie Mengel, daughter of Harrison and Caroline (Breininger) Mengel.

THOMAS T. DAVIS, auctioneer, of Reading, was born July 22, 1859, in Penn township, Berks county, and is a member of the fourth generation of his family in the county. He is of Welsh descent, tracing his line from Edward Davies (also Davis), who was one of three brothers to come from their native Wales and settle in America. The other two settled in the South.

(I) Edward Davies first located in Chester county, Pa., in middle life moving to Berks county and settling at Berkley, above Reading. There he owned a large farm and erected a set of buildings, on the property now belonging to Reese Davis, one of his descendants. He died upon this farm at a ripe old age, and is buried at the Friends' meeting-house in Ontelaunee township. His wife was a Morgan from Morgantown, her family being one of the foremost in Berks county during the Revolutionary period. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davies had the following children: Elizabeth, born in 1789 (died young); Hannah, 1790 (married Thomas Ives); Ann, 1793; Luke, 1795; Franklin, 1798 (died without issue at Leesport); Lewis Reese, 1801; Elizabeth (2), 1810.

(II) Luke Davis, son of Edward, born May 2, 1795, in Chester county, between Morgantown and Churchtown, died in 1861, aged sixty-six years. He came with his parents to Berkley, Berks county, became a miller, and owned a grist-mill, which he conducted for many years. Forty acres of land belonged to the mill property, and he also owned an adjoining farm of 100 acres. There was a set of buildings on each piece of property. He married Catharine Dunkel, daughter of John Dunkel and his wife, whose maiden name was Deisher. Luke Davis and his wife were both members of the Society of Friends, and they were buried at the Berkley meeting-house. All their family of thirteen children were reared in that faith. They were as follows: John, born in 1817; Edward, 1819; Elizabeth, 1821; Cyrus, 1822; Hannah, 1825; Rufus K., 1827; Eliza, 1829; Mark, 1831; Luke D., 1833; George, 1835; Judith, 1837; Catharine, 1840; Reese F., 1843.

(III) Cyrus Davis, son of Luke, and father of Thomas T. Davis, was born in 1822 at Berkley near the old Friends' meeting-house, and died in 1874, aged fifty-two years. He is buried at Bern Church. He lived in Penn township, where he followed farming, owning 118 acres of land which he cultivated successfully. His land was a part of the old homestead, and the present apple orchard on the place (which is now owned by Harry Hiester) was planted by Cyrus Davis when he was a mere boy. This orchard and farm later became his own property, and there all his children were born and reared. The large Swiss barn on the place was built by his father, Luke Davis. The property was very desirable, Plum creek flowing through the land, and there was water for the cattle in each of the eight fields.

Cyrus Davis married Priscilla Kerschner, who survived him ten years, dying on Christmas morning, 1884, at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of seventeen children, thirteen sons and four daughters, namely: Rufus and Morgan, both of whom died young; Mary, m. Joseph Lewis; John; Cyrus, of Penn township; Emma, m. to George Lash (both deceased); Howard; Heber, who died in 1874, unmarried; George; Rosa, m. to Daniel Burkhart; Mahlon, of Reading; Thomas T.; James, who died in 1874 at the same time as his father and brother Heber, all being victims of typhoid fever (Cyrus and Heber Davis were buried at the same time, in one grave); Susan, deceased, m. to Jacob Engel, of Shoemakersville; Lewis; and Harry and Penrose, both deceased.

During the Civil war Cyrus Davis was three times drafted for service, but he never entered the army. He was a Hicksite Quaker, and warfare was against his religious principles, but another and possibly stronger reason was the fact that his large family needed him, and his neighbors, by whom he was held in the highest respect, assisted him in securing substitutes, raising the necessary money. The three drafts cost him in all $2,500. One of his neighbors, a man named Kauffman, came to him on one of these occasions with a bagful of money, saying: "Davis, you must not go to war, your wife and small children must need you." One of his substitutes, Albert Ludwig, was shot shortly after entering the service, meeting instant death, and the fact grieved Mrs. Davis sorely; Ludwig was a single man.

(IV) Thomas T. Davis, son of Cyrus, received his early education in the schools of his native township and later attended the high school at Bernville. He was reared upon the farm, which he left, however, in his twenty-first year, after which he learned the butcher's trade from his brother George, at Reading, working for him several years. Later he was employed by J. F. Lengel and others in Reading, and it was while still engaged in this line that he began to cry sales, in 1884. He was so successful that he soon gave up his trade and devoted all his time to the new occupation, with which he combined real estate dealing, and he has been interested in this business ever since. He is the best known auctioneer in Reading, being an expert in that line, and he has cried more sales annually than there are days in the year. He is the auctioneer for the sheriff's office of Berks county, a position he has filled since the administration of former Sheriff Fahrenbach, in 1891. For many years he has cried more sales than any other auctioneer in Reading, his services being constantly in demand. He has a clear, loud voice, an affable manner, a comprehensive knowledge of values, and a faculty for getting the highest price for goods—a combination of qualities which accounts for his success. His familiarity with the real estate business gains him universal confidence and makes his services doubly valuable. He has been in the building business since the year 1903, since when he has erected sixteen nice residences at Riverside, which have given him the reputation of being as honest a builder as there is in Reading. His speculations in land and city lots have covered a long period, and he is an extensive owner of property in and about Reading.

On January 11, 1883, Mr. Davis married Laura K. Boas, daughter of John S. and Mary (Kline) Boas, of Reading, and they have had nine children, namely: Walter B., Addie B., Eva B., Mary P., Thomas W., Laura Frances, Florence H., Violet M. (who died in 1896) and Harry B.

Mr. Davis has lived in the Tenth ward in Reading since 1902. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He himself was named after, baptized, confirmed and married by Rev. Thomas Theophilus Iaeger, of Reading. The family burial plot is in Aulenbach cemetery.

(III) Rufus K. Davis, son of Luke, was born Oct. 16, 1827, on the homestead, and died in August, 1886, aged fifty-eight years. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1872 moved to Cumru township, where he purchased a fifty-acre farm which was formerly one of the Swartz

properties. He owned a 134-acre farm in Penn township on which he lived prior to 1872. He married Tamson Swartz, daughter of Joseph Swartz and granddaughter of John Swartz, and to them were born two children, Joseph S. and Lucy. Both are unmarried, and live in Cumru township, near the State barracks.

(III) Luke D. Davis, son of Luke, was born Oct. 2, 1833, on the homestead at Davis Mill, at Berkley. He was educated in the local pay school and in the Friends school at Reading. For ten years after beginning work he was a clerk in the general store of Amos W. Potteiger, at Reading, and then he learned the milling business from Christian Bechtel, in Cumru township, following that line ever since—for thirty-three years. He was engaged for a number of years with his father-in-law, William Krick. In 1888 he became proprietor of the Spring Mill, in Heidelberg township, which he has ever since conducted; in connection with that property he owns forty acres of land, and he also owns seven houses in Reading.

On Jan. 27, 1857, Mr. Davis married Sarah Krick, and they had two children, Margaret and William Luke, the latter dying in infancy. The daughter married Thomas B. Althouse, and has one son, Luke D.; they reside at Philadelphia. Mr. Davis adheres to the faith of his forefathers, being a member of the Society of Friends. He is a Republican in politics, and served six years as school director.

WILLIAM M. STAUFER, a prominent retired citizen of Reading, was born in Chester county, Pa., Nov. 12, 1831, son of Jacob and Mary (Meyers) Staufer.

The Staufer family is of German descent, John Staufer, the great-grandfather of William M., being the progenitor of the family in America. He settled first in Berks county, in the early part of the eighteenth century.

John Staufer, son of the emigrant John, was born in Berks county, but in early life removed to Chester county, settling in East Coventry township. There he purchased a tract of 127 acres of fine farming land, which is still called the "old Staufer homestead." He was known for his thrift and enterprise, and it is said of him that his honesty and integrity were never questioned, his word being as good as his bond. He married a Miss Latshaw, and they became the parents of five children: John (deceased) was a lifelong resident of Chester county; Catherine m. Rev. Jacob Harley, a minister of the German Baptist Church; Elizabeth died in early womanhood; Jacob is mentioned below; Mary died young. In religious belief the family were Mennonites.

Jacob Staufer, father of William M., was born in 1790 in Berks county, Pa. He received his early schooling in the common and subscription schools of Berks and Chester counties, was reared on the farm, and early evinced a desire to make farming his life work, following it successfully all of his active years. He died on the old Staufer homestead, Sept. 22, 1862, aged seventy-two years. His wife, Mary Meyers, daughter of Martin Meyers, died Nov. 7, 1873, in her seventy-ninth year. They were also members of the Mennonite Church. In politics he was a Republican. He was known as a good man, honest and upright in all of his dealings with his fellow-men. The children born to Jacob Staufer and wife were: John M., a farmer, died in 1891; Catherine m. Abram Halteman, lived in Juniata county, and is now deceased; Mary Ann m. Christian Bleim, lived in Montgomery county, and is now deceased; Jacob, Jr., is deceased; Abraham; Henry M.; Sarah m. John Latshaw; Elizabeth m. Joel Ebert; Isaac died in 1891 in Montgomery county; William M. is mentioned below; Leah m. Hiram Ellis; Harriet m. Henry S. Pennypacker, of Chester county; Lovinia m. George C. Green.

William M. Staufer was educated in the schools of Chester county and also in Montgomery county, completing his studies at Freeland Seminary, at Trappe, conducted for many years by H. A. Hunsicker, and known to many as the old Hunsicker school. After completing his schooling he turned his attention to farming during the summer months, and to teaching during the winter seasons. This he followed for seven terms, teaching in both Berks and Chester counties.

On Feb. 7, 1857, Mr. Staufer m. Miss Susan Prizer, daughter of Henry Prizer, of East Coventry, Chester county. Their one child died in infancy.

After farming for several years more Mr. Staufer became associated with Orr, Painter & Co., of Reading, in the manufacture of stoves. He continued with this firm eleven years, and after leaving the concern built the well-known Mt. Penn Stove Works and Foundry. Upon placing this company on a paying basis he sold out and engaged in business at Royersford, where he followed a similar line of work successfully until 1903, and then retired from active business lines. He has been one of the best known business men of Reading, and during his later life has been financially successful. His operations have always been of a legitimate character, as he does not believe in so-called wild-cat schemes or investments. He has invested much of his money in real estate and local enterprises. He built the handsome four-story brick block known as the Staufer building, at the corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, which is equipped with all modern conveniences—light, heat and elevator service. The first floor is utilized for store rooms and offices; the second floor is given by Mr. Staufer to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the third floor being occupied by the Women's Employment Association. The object of this latter society is to find employment for girls and women in the various vocations of life, and afford a temporary home for the worthy, friendless and homeless, while unemployed, and to elevate and improve the conditions of domestic service as much as lies within the ability and power of the Association. The business of the Association is controlled by a local board of managers, consisting of Christian men and women, representing many of the different religious denominations, and elected by delegates of the different churches in the city, on Dec. 7, 1897, and thereafter by the membership of the association. This organization consists of persons who contribute toward the expenses of it the sum of one dollar or more annually. All persons paying the sum of twenty-five dollars become life members. Mr. Staufer is serving as president of this association in Reading, of which he was one of the originators and to which he has devoted much time and money. The building occupied by the association, in addition to conveniences and equipments already mentioned, has a fourth floor for sleeping apartments. The building is also open for any and all kinds of reform work, the uplifting of humanity in its various forms of endeavor, and Mr. Staufer has provided for its future by an endowment.

Mr. Staufer is one of the directors of the Homeopathic Hospital, and of Hope Rescue Mission. He is president and a director of the Commercial Trust Company, one of the safest banking and trust institutions in Pennsylvania. For many years he has been a member of St. Peter's M. E. Church, and is one of the board of trustees. In political matters he is a stanch Prohibitionist, but takes no active part in political campaigns outside of temperance work. His influence is universally acknowledged. Mrs. Staufer has been a faithful laborer in the W. C. T. U. for a number of years. Both she and Mr. Staufer are noted for their many charities and philanthropies, and few citizens in Reading are held in higher esteem.

EDWARD HOWDEN (deceased), who for many years was a well known figure in railroad construction work, and who was employed by the Reading Railway Company, from the time of grading the road until his retirement in 1889, was born in 1814, in County Cavan, Ireland.

Mr. Howden came to America in 1834, and at once engaged in railroad and construction work and when the work on the Reading Railway was commenced he was made section boss. His ability to handle large bodies of men made his services very valuable to that company, and he was often called upon to carry out

large contracts.* Mr. Howden continued in this firm's employ until his retirement in 1889, and he died May 31, 1890.

In 1839 Mr. Howden married Lavina Kline, who survives him and to this union were born twelve children: Catherine A., unmarried; John K., deceased; Jane, unmarried; Edward and Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, m. to William Deisher; Rebecca, m. to Michael Buckley; George, who is with the Pennsylvania Railway, at Auburn, Pa.; D. James, deceased; William, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co.; Agnes C., deceased; and Rose T., m. to Patrick Quinn. The family are connected with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in which faith Mr. Howden died. In politics he was a Democrat.

J. CLINTON D. KOCH, the chorister at Bowers, Pa., and one of the leading music teachers of Berks county, was born on the line of Berks and Montgomery counties, May 20, 1858, son of Abraham E. and Elizabeth (Dotterer) Koch, and grandson of Andrew and Mary (Eshbach) Koch.

(I) Andrew Koch was a native of Saxony. He came to lower Berks county when a young man, and there he was married to Mary Eshbach, who was born in Washington township, near Bally. By trade Andrew Koch was a carpet weaver, and followed this occupation all his life. All of his sons learned the same trade, and nearly all of them worked at it in conjunction with other callings. Andrew Koch and his wife are buried at Bally Mennonite meeting house cemetery. They had the following children: Elijah, of Niantic, Pa., m. Mary Mumbower, and had six children; Eliza married Henry Mack of Fruitville, Montgomery county, and had five children; John, of East Greenville, Montgomery county, m. Sophia Geisinger, and had six children; Henry, of Allentown, m. (first) Sarah Nester, had seven children, (second) a Miss Trout, and had two children; Susan m. Daniel Stoudt, and had seven children; Catharine m. Jacob Huber, of Niantic, and had nine children, all but three now deceased; Fietta m. George Jacob, of Bally, and had six children; Mary Ann m. Samuel Linsenbigler, and had twelve children, all deceased but two; Sarah died at the age of three years; William, of East Greenville, m. Mary Shiery, and had five children; Jeremiah, of Niantic, m. Matilda Latshaw, and had two children; and Abraham E. m. Elizabeth Dotterer, and had ten children, seven yet living.

(II) Abraham E. Koch was born near Niantic, one mile from the Berks county line, and one mile from Bally in Berks county, in 1832, and he died Dec. 2, 1902, aged seventy years. He is buried at Huber church in Montgomery county, of which during life he was a consistent member, and in which he held all the offices. His wife Elizabeth was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hauck) Dotterer, of Falkner Swamp. To Mr. and Mrs. Koch were born ten children: J. Clinton D.; J. Warren; J. Abraham; Anna A. m. F. F. Huber; Leanna m. W. D. Reminger; J. Humphry died young; Lucena m. A. B. Frank; J. Grant died young; Lizzie m. Warren Schanly; and Katie died young. Mrs. Koch was born Oct. 12, 1838, and lives in Pennsburg, Pa., with her daughter Lizzie. During his life Mr. Koch was a farmer, and dying he left a nice legacy for his family.

(III) J. Clinton D. Koch was reared upon the farm until he was seventeen, and he attended the common schools of his locality. At the age of seventeen his musical ability was recognized and he began study under J. L. Leinbach of Gilbertsville, Montgomery county. Later he took instruction in instrumental music under Philadelphia professors, and a special course in vocal music under Prof. J. High Stauffer, of Loganville, Ohio, a celebrated musician and composer, and also under the late W. A. Ogden, of Chicago, also a composer of repute. Mr. Koch continued his musical studies until he was twenty-three, and then moved to the vicinity of Schultzville, Berks county, where he engaged in teaching music. At once the young musician became prominent, for he is a genius and his classes grew to thirty-five pupils. In 1882 he was elected organist of Huff's and Huber's churches. These churches he served for seven years, but in 1889 he was elected organist of St. Stephen's Reformed church of Pottstown, Pa., where he remained for two years. In 1891 he became organist at Bowers, and still fills that position. For two years he was the organist for De Long's Union Church, and two years later was elected organist of Christ Lutheran church at Dryville and St. Peter's church at Topton. DeLong's Union church was destroyed by fire in 1903, and each congregation held its own meetings, but Mr. Koch continued to act as organist for both. He is still actively engaged in teaching music, although his talented daughter Miss Lulu relieves him of much of the work.

On May 20, 1882, Mr. Koch married Emma S. Schell, daughter of Peter D. and Matilda Y. (Schultz) Schell of Schultzville. Two children have been born of this marriage: Elsie S., at home; and Lulu S., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal, class of 1908, of which she was one of the youngest members. She is a public school and music teacher and a young lady of unusual ability, a great help to her father.

The family all belong to the Reformed church and are active in it. During the many years he has been in the profession Mr. Koch has rendered very valuable services not only as organist to the several churches with which he has been connected, but also to his classes, and many of his pupils are now holding positions of importance throughout the country. Mr. Koch is a man to whom music is the very breath of life and he possesses in marked degree the power of transmitting some of his own genius to those studying under him. In addition to his standing as a musician, Mr. Koch has won an enviable position socially through his pleasant manner and extreme courtesy, and he is a great favorite with all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

CHARLES F. BRISSEL, one of Reading's well known residents, who has been school controller of the Tenth ward for the past ten years, was born July 12, 1856, in Reading, son of John and Catherine (Egelman) Brissel.

John Brissel was born in June, 1817, in Hessen, Germany, and was a boiler maker during all of his active life, he retiring ten years prior to his death, Aug. 12, 1888. He emigrated to America about 1840, and two years thereafter was married to Catherine Egelman, daughter of Charles F. Egelman, eight children being born to this union: Emma A. m. Alfred Wentzel, a printer of Philadelphia; Mary m. James Kilpatrick, a machinist of Reading; Charles F.; Kate died single in 1901, aged forty-three years; Minnie m. Harry Heffelfinger, a moulder of Reading; John E. m. Clara Ludwig, and is a machinist of Reading; Frederick died in infancy; and Charlotte m. Charles Miles, a machinist of Reading.

Charles F. Brissel attended the local schools, and when seventeen years of age learned the machinist's trade with Miller & Allen (at the Scott foundry), in whose employ he continued for eight years. He then worked as a journeyman in the socket department of the Reading Iron Works for six years, and since 1901 has been working at his trade for the Birdsboro Steel, Foundry & Machine Company. In political matters Mr. Brissel has always been a staunch Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden (in the Ninth ward), and in the spring election of 1898 was elected school controller of the Tenth ward, a position he has efficiently held to the present time, his present term bringing his service to twelve years. He has been a resident of the ward since 1885, having prior to that time been a resident of the Second. He is a member of the Heptasophs, Berks Conclave No. 133, of Reading; and the Veteran Firemen's Association, of which he was president for two years. Mr. Brissel and his family are members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reading, of which he was one of the organizers, deacon for several years and member of the first vestry.

On July 7, 1877, Mr. Brissel married Caroline S. Greiner, born Jan. 26, 1856, daughter of Matthias and Louisa (Martin) Greiner, and to this union there were born four sons, three of whom died in infancy, the survivor, John Matthias, born June 19, 1883, being at present a clerk in the city assessor's office, Reading. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; a charter member of Reading Lodge of Perfection; Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., all of Reading.

HOWARD F. MARKS, a leading and substantial citizen of Cumru township, Berks county, who is extensively engaged in milling operations at Grill, Pa., was born in Cumru township, Jan. 2, 1867, son of John H. and Catherine (Weidner) Marks.

Conrad Marks, great-grandfather of Howard F., came to America from Switzerland, and settled in Brecknock township, Berks county, where he lived until his death, on a small tract of ten acres, besides attending to which he also engaged in weaving. For about fifteen years prior to his death, which occurred at a very old age, Mr. Marks was blind. He and his wife were buried at Gouglersville. They were the parents of the following children: John, who died on the homestead, was also a weaver; Joseph died in Brecknock township; George was the grandfather of Howard F.; Polly m. William Cole; Susan m. Mr. Hosheir; and Elizabeth m. Peter Krick.

George Marks was born in 1800 in Brecknock township, and followed day laboring until coming to Cumru township, where he died in 1880, being buried at Gouglersville. He married Elizabeth Hornberger, daughter of Conrad Hornberger, who died aged sixty-three years. To this union were born children as follows: Elizabeth m. Daniel Krick; Catherine m. Ephraim Shilling; William m. Lovina Heck; Richard m. Catherine Hinnershitz; John H. is mentioned below; George, who served in the Civil war, died at the age of sixty-three years; and Joseph and a daughter died young.

John H. Marks was born Aug. 4, 1837, in Mohnton, Berks county, and attended the public schools of Cumru township until the age of seventeen years, when he engaged in milling, learning the trade with Adam Young, at Angelica. This he followed for thirty-five years at Angelica, and also worked at Mohnton for Jonathan H. Miller during the Civil war. In 1893 he located in Shillington, where he has since been engaged at different kinds of work. In political matters he is a Republican. John H. Marks married (first) Catherine Weidner, daughter of Obediah Weidner, and to them were born: Ellsworth, who died in infancy; Ella, m. George Tothero; Anna, m. Jacob DeTemple; and Howard F. Mr. Marks m. (second) Priscilla White, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth (Mengel) White, and to this union there were born: John is living in the West; George W. died single, aged twenty-nine years; Catherine m. Howard Ruth, and is living in Shillington; Charles m. Sarah Angstadt; and Mary m. George Beaver, and resides in Reading.

Howard F. Marks spent his school days in Cumru township, and when a young man learned the milling business with his father, with whom he continued until twenty-three years of age. He was then employed for five years at Angelica, engaged at days work and trucking, and then came to Grill, engaging with Irvin Shanneman as teamster and salesman in the Angelica flour mill. He continued with Mr. Shanneman for one and one-half years, and then went to Reading, where he was employed in F. S. Keller's flour and feed store for one year. Returning to Grill he rented the Angelica mills for five years with his brother George W., the firm name being Marks & Brother, this partnership continuing until April 1, 1901, when Mr. Marks purchased the mill and property, consisting of seventy-two acres of land about two miles south of the city of Reading. Here he has continued to the present time with much success, manufacturing the well known Angelica Daisy and Angelica White Rose brands of flour, for which he finds a ready market in Reading and the surrounding country. His mill, which was erected in 1797 by Joseph and Elizabeth Hemmig, and which is one of the land marks of this section of the county, Mr. Marks has equipped with the latest and finest machinery. He is a man of enterprise and his business is constantly assuming larger proportions. Mr. Marks is a member of Emblematic Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F., Red Men No. 186, and the Modern Woodmen of America. In his political belief he is a Republican, and has always taken a great interest in the success of his party in this section, serving at various times as a member of election boards. In February, 1909, he was elected auditor of Cumru township. Mr. and Mrs. Marks and their children attend the Yocom Reformed Church and Sunday-school, and for some time he has served as deacon of the former.

Howard F. Marks married Emma E. Schnable, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Fritz) Schnable, and granddaughter of John Schnabel (whose wife was a Grade), and to this union there have been born two children: Elmer, born September, 1889, is a miller, assisting his father; and Bertha is attending the Yocom school.

CHARLES AMMARELL, one of the solid, substantial business men of Reading, Pa., and an honored veteran of the Civil war, who is engaged in numerous flourishing business enterprises, was born at Weimar, Saxony, Germany, July 17, 1845, son of Frederick and Rosalie (Monz) Ammarell, and grandson of Frederick Ammarell, who died in Germany.

Frederick Ammarell, the father, was born at Weimar, Germany, April 16, 1809, his education being secured in the common schools. In August, 1854, he came to the United States on a sailing vessel, landing at New York City after an eight weeks' voyage. Having learned the trade of carpenter in his native country, he was engaged at that occupation in New York for a short time, but subsequently removed to Northampton county, Pa., engaging there at the business of boat-building. Later he was employed on Felix's Dam, in Bern township, Berks county, and died at the home of his son at Epler's Church, in that township, Jan. 3, 1886, aged seventy-six years, eight months, seventeen days. His wife, Rosalie (Monz) Ammarell, died in Germany when about sixty-five years old, the mother of children as follows: Louisa, who married a Mr. Beck, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert, who resides on his farm in Bern township; Charles, who died in infancy; Charles (2), the subject of this sketch; Lena, who married a Mr. Danz; and Alma, who married Draugott Kott.

Charles Ammarell received his earlier education in the schools of Germany, and later attended in this country. On July 10, 1859, he came to the United States, making the trip in a sailing vessel, the voyage taking six weeks. From New York City he came to Bern township, and until 1862 was engaged in work for the widow Althouse and William Leinbach. On Oct. 14th of that year he enlisted in Company K, 151st Pa. V. I., a nine months' regiment, with which he served in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He then returned to the farm, but on Feb. 16, 1864, re-enlisted for a term of three years, becoming a member of Company E, 46th Pa. V. I., and after going to Chattanooga, joined Sherman's army in their great march to the sea, his corps traveling over 1,500 miles. He was mustered out July 27, 1865, having served two years and three months, and during this whole period he was never sick a day so as to incapacitate him for service. Willing and cheerful, brave and faithful, he made an ideal soldier, and won the respect and admiration of both officers and men. On completing his services to his adopted country, Mr. Ammarell returned to the farm, and later took up agricultural pursuits on his own account in Muhlenberg and Bern townships. He also spent nine years on Judge Stitzel's farm in Muhlenberg township, and in 1896 came to Reading, locating at No. 634 North Front street, where for about four years he was engaged in contracting the hauling for the Carpenter Steel Works. In 1898, in company with W. M. Leinbach, and

H. F. Kramer, Mr. Ammarell built the West Buttonwood Street Market House, a building 75x185 feet, located at the corner of McKnight and West Buttonwood streets, and since that time he has been acting as manager and superintendent of this enterprise, positions for which he is eminently fitted. Mr. Ammarell began his extensive building operations in 1900, since which time he has erected numerous dwellings and business blocks, including twenty-six houses on Schuylkill avenue, forty houses on Greenwich and North Front streets, and twenty-seven on North Front between Green and Greenwich streets, on the west side. In 1907 he also erected nine houses at Coatesville, Pa. He is a director of the Berks Coal Company. With his partner, H. F. Kramer, he owns valuable building property in Reading, and in the real estate, financial and commercial circles of the city is recognized as a man of great business capacity, sterling integrity and stanch adherence to the principles of right. Mr. Ammarell is a Republican in politics, but he has never cared for political favors, although while a resident of Muhlenberg township he served as school director for one term. His religious connection is with Epler's Church, in which he has filled the various offices. He is a popular comrade of McLean Post No. 16, G. A. R. Mr. Ammarell is very fond of travel, and in 1891, with his brother Robert, made a trip to Germany, where he visited old scenes and re-established old acquaintances. With Mrs. Ammarell and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kramer, he made a trip of 9,499 miles in 1906, going to Southern California, and spending some time in a visit to Yellowstone Park and Canada.

In 1866, Mr. Ammarell married Amanda Machemer, daughter of Charles and Mary (Haag) Machemer, agricultural people of Bern township, Berks county, and there were four children born to this union, as follows: Amelia married Morris J. Ulrich, assistant superintendent of the Market House, Reading; Clara married Daniel K. Wanner, a Reading business man; Katie married Irvin K. Kessler, also in business in this city; and Charles, Jr., died when eight years old. The family are highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance, and they are known to stand for all that represents the best type of citizenship.

CALVIN D. MOSER stands representative of two of the old and honored families of the Schuylkill Valley, where both his paternal and maternal grandparents and ancestors were numbered among the earliest settlers, and where the respective names have ever stood exponent of the best type of citizenship. He himself is a native of Berks county, and here he has well upheld the prestige of the family name, and has gained a position of prominence as a citizen and business man. His standing as a man among men is best evidenced by the distinctive popularity which he enjoys in his native county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Calvin D. Moser was born in Reading, Oct. 11, 1847, and is a son of Solomon and Catherine (Deturck) Moser, both of whom were likewise born in this county, where they continued to reside until death. Mr. Moser was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period, and that he made good use of his educational opportunities is shown in the fact that he became a successful teacher, following the pedagogic profession for some time when a young man. For several years he was employed as a clerk in local mercantile establishments, after which he became an accountant in the office of the Reading Fire Insurance & Trust Company, an office of which he remained incumbent until 1880. In that year he became teller of the Commercial National Bank of Reading. While in tenure of this position he became associated with several prominent capitalists of Reading in the organization of the Penn National Bank, which dates its inception back to 1883. The directorate of the new institution forthwith elected him to the responsible and exacting position of cashier, and of this executive office he has since been incumbent. The business of the bank has been most successful, and it is known as one of the substantial and leading monetary institutions of this section of the State, basing its operations upon an ample capital and the most responsible management. The bank is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and its surplus fund is now in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while the market price of the stock is held at a premium of more than three hundred and twenty-five dollars a share. It is conceded on every side that the successful upbuilding of this stanch institution has been in large measure due to the conservative methods and splendid executive talent of its cashier, who has co-operated with its directorate in guiding its course wisely and well.

In the spring of 1907 the Penn National Bank completed its magnificent new building on Penn street, and the same is one of the most complete bank buildings in this section. The equipment of the banking offices is of the best modern type, being excelled by few other banks in the State, and thus every facility is afforded for the proper handling of the large business of the concern, while the building is an ornament and credit to the city of Reading, and an evidence of the enterprising spirit of its stockholders, who are numbered among the most influential and honored citizens of this section.

Mr. Moser is a man of gracious personality and unvarying courtesy, and these characteristics combine with his sterling attributes of character to keep him on the high plane of popularity on which he is firmly placed in the community which has been his home throughout his life. He shows an abiding interest in all that tends to conserve the material and civic welfare of his home city, and is essentially loyal and public-spirited. His political allegiance is given to no political party, and he has never sought nor desired political office. He and his wife are zealous members of St. Andrew's Reformed Church, and he has taken an active part in the various departments of church work, especially that of the Sunday-school, in which he has been teacher of a large class of young men and women for a number of years.

As a young man Mr. Moser affiliated himself with Camp 61, Patriotic Order Sons of America, now the oldest camp in existence in the Union, and he is now one of the oldest members of this noble and patriotic organization. He has attained to the Knights Templar degree in the Masonic fraternity, being identified with the local lodge, No. 549, of which he was the first master; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, of which he is the oldest Past High Priest, and Reading Commandery, No. 42, having held various offices in all of these bodies.

In the year 1879 Mr. Moser married Miss Mary A. Fink, daughter of William Fink, of Reading, who died in 1884, leaving no children. In 1886 Mr. Moser married (second) Miss Florence E. Freet, daughter of John Freet, who was a well-known citizen of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have two daughters, Mabel and Edith, and the family home is a center of gracious and unreserved hospitality.

WILLIAM C. FEATHER, manufacturer of building materials and undertaker at Wernersville since 1896, was born in North Heidelberg township, May 29, 1864, son of Joseph and Isabella (Moyer) Feather. His grandfather was William Feather, of Bernville, who was constable for many years of Bernville Borough. Mrs. Isabella Feather was the daughter of William and Annie (Lamm) Moyer, of North Heidelberg, but her mother dying when she was but a year and a half old, she was reared by Mr. and Mrs. John Lamm (nee Klopp), of North Heidelberg township. Her father served three years and nine months in the Civil war. Mrs. Feather died in 1901 aged fifty-seven years.

William C. Feather came to Wernersville when he was a boy four years old, and received his education in the local schools. When eighteen years old he entered the cabinet-making shop of George Wolfensberger, and, learning the trade, continued in his employ until his decease, in 1896. One of his sons, Richard A. Wolfensberger, and Mr. Feather then formed a co-partnership for the purpose of continuing the well-established business of cabinet-making and undertaking, together with running a planing-mill, and

under the name of Wolfensberger & Feather they have carried on the plant in a very successful manner until the present time. All the mill work for the buildings in the surrounding community for many miles, both large and small, particularly of dwellings, has been supplied by them; and they also conduct the funerals for a considerable distance around Wernersville, the junior partner, Mr. Feather, attending to this branch of the business in connection with superintending at the planing mill. Their supplies give entire satisfaction, and quite naturally their factory is always busy. Mr. Feather took great interest in establishing a hose company at Wernersville for protecting the inhabitants against fire, and in the erection of the building he was one of the building committee.

In 1884 Mr. Feather married Mary Wolfensberger, a daughter of his employer. They have no children of their own, but they adopted a boy four years old by the name of Clarence N. Lamm, now eighteen years of age; he was educated in the Wernersville school, after which he took two courses in Stoner's Business College, of Reading, and is a bookkeeper for Wolfensberger & Feather.

WILLIAM H. DE HART, a survivor of the Civil war, and one of Reading's well-known retired citizens, who now makes his home in his comfortable residence at No. 910 North Front street, was born in Reading, Feb. 25, 1842, son of Charles M. DeHart, and grandson of Cornelius DeHart.

Cornelius DeHart was born in the State of Delaware, Jan. 15, 1777, and on reaching man's estate came to Berks county, Pa., settling in Amity township, where Oct. 27, 1795, he married Mary Miller, born Nov. 17, 1779. He was a well known weaver, an occupation which he followed for many years in this locality, in later years removing to Robeson township, where he died July 8, 1858, his burial taking place at Amityville. His wife died July 17, 1848, having been the mother of these children: Ann, born Oct. 1, 1797; Thomas, Aug. 21, 1799; William, Dec. 16, 1801; Michael, July 17, 1804; John, Feb. 23, 1807; Charles M., May 30, 1809; Andrew, Sept. 14, 1812; Levi, Feb. 13, 1815; Margaret, Oct. 19, 1817; and Harriet, March 20, 1822. Of this family Michael DeHart, who died in Reading in 1893, in his ninetieth year, married Harriet Bechtel, daughter of Jacob Bechtel of Reading, and they had these children: Tamsen, Angeline, Matilda, Maria, Amelia (widow of David Buxton, who was second lieutenant in the 1st Pa. Cav., and died in Libby Prison in 1864 from wounds received in battle), George and Anson B.

Charles M. DeHart, father of William H., was a machinist by trade, an occupation which he followed all of his life in Reading and Altoona, Pa., and Nashville, Tenn., his death occurring in the first-named place in 1886. He was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. DeHart married Mary W. Davies, daughter of Benjamin Davies who for many years was connected with the Farmers' National Bank of Reading. To this union there were born children as follows: William H.; Davies, of Philadelphia; Edward, still living in Reading; Charles, who died in Iowa; Elizabeth, of Reading; Emily, deceased; and Mary, the wife of George W. Chaney, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

William H. DeHart secured his education in the public schools of Reading, and after leaving high school learned the trade of machinist in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, following this occupation until April, 1861, when he enlisted as corporal of Company G, 7th Pa. V. I., in which he served four months. On Dec. 5, 1861, he enlisted in the engineering corps, United States Navy, and July 25, 1866, was promoted to second assistant engineer, resigning in December, 1869, after having seen extremely hard service. On his return to Reading, he re-entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, later became connected with the Scott Works, and finally identified himself with the American Iron & Steel Company, where he served as foreman for several years. Since 1906 he has lived retired. Mr. DeHart is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. DeHart married Miss Agnes Speir, daughter of John Speir, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have had children as follows: Agnes, a teacher in the Reading public schools; Bessie B., who married William E. Feger, and died leaving two sons, Robert and Frederick; Alice; Helen, who married Harry Fox, of Valparaiso; and Arthur, a machinist, who makes his home in Reading.

GEORGE BEGGS, superintendent of the machine shop of the Scott foundry in Reading, is a Scotchman, and spent the earlier years of his life in his native land. He was born in Ayrshire, June 15, 1849, son of William and Margaret (Breckenridge) Beggs, farming people, who lived and died in Scotland.

As a boy George Beggs was engaged in farm work until he was fourteen years old, but at that age he entered upon a five years' apprenticeship as a machinist. When this preparatory period was over, he was employed for some years as a journeyman, and had become the head of a large machine shop at the time he finally left Scotland for America. Going directly to Reading he arrived there July 22, 1873, and he has ever since been in the employ of the Scott foundry. Beginning as an erective engineer, he spent twenty years traveling through the South and Southwest, engaged for the most part in putting up cotton mills. About 1893 he gave up traveling and returned to the shops until 1903, when he was made general foreman of the machine department, a position he still holds, with about sixty men under him. Mr. Beggs has established a reputation as a skilled mechanic of the highest order, and all his work is of a character that speaks for itself.

In 1870 Mr. Beggs married, in Scotland, Miss Martha Linton, daughter of William Linton, and a native of Glasgow. Mrs. Beggs is a member of the Methodist Church, while her husband belongs to the Presbyterian denomination. Fraternally he is a member of the Red Men. To the union of George and Martha Beggs, six sons have been born, three of whom died at early ages; the survivors are all young men of marked ability. The oldest, William, who was born in Glasgow, is foreman of a machine shop in Auburn, Schuylkill county. George, after graduation from the Reading high school, went to Lehigh University, and there was prominent in athletics, playing on the first team in base-ball. From 1900 to 1903 he was assistant city engineer at Reading, and between 1903 to present head of Department of Mathematics in the Boys' High School, of Reading. Harry, the youngest son, was graduated from the high school, attended Lehigh University for a year and then went to Ursinus College, Collegeville. He was also prominent as an athlete both at Lehigh and Ursinus, playing base-ball, basket-ball and foot-ball.

SAMUEL S. HOOVER, justice of the peace of Penn township, is an enterprising business man of Mount Pleasant, and belongs to one of Berks county's old and honored families. Mr. Hoover was born July 28, 1870, in Penn township, son of John H. and Elvina (Snyder) Hoover.

John Hoover, the great-great-great-grandfather of Samuel S., in 1724 settled on 1,000 acres of land near where the village of Reamstown, Lancaster county, now stands. It is thought he was a native of Austria. His son, Francis Joseph Hoover, was the father of

Joseph Hoover, the great-grandfather of Samuel S. He was born in Lancaster county, and spent his life on a farm about five miles northwest of Reamstown. He married Jane Keating, and they had the following children: John, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, William, Nancy (who married Isaac Foltz) and Margaret. Of this family

John Keating Hoover, the grandfather of Samuel S., was born near Reamstown, in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Nov. 11, 1793, and died in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, April 10, 1864. He is buried at the Corner Church near Robesonia. He came to Berks county when twenty-one years of age, locating in Maidencreek township, where he followed the trade of miller and millwright, and also owned a small farm on which he

carried on agricultural operations. He died in his seventy-first year. His first wife was Catherine Hottenstine, whom he married in Reading in 1822, and they had five children: Joseph H., born Sept. 8, 1823, who married (first) Annie Reihould, and (second) Amanda Frees; Mary, deceased, who married Samuel Kehr; Henry, who died in Franklin county, Pa.; John H.; and Catherine, living in Reading. The grandfather's second marriage was to Catherine Berger, of Oley township, and to this union there was born one son, Rev. Francis, a Lutheran minister of Lockport, N. Y., who married Jennie Hedley.

John H. Hoover, father of Samuel S., was formerly a well-known schoolmaster in Bern, Penn and Lower Heidelberg townships, and later became a clerk at Centreville. At the time of his death he was engaged in farming in Penn township, where he passed away in 1904; he was buried at Belleman's Church. He married Elvina Snyder, daughter of Abraham Snyder, and they had these children besides Samuel S.: Kate, who married Frank Backenstose; Prof. C. S., who is teaching history at Valparaiso, Ind.; Roger S., ticket agent at Tuckerton for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; David S., a saddler at Fleetwood; Mary, who married Adam D. Backenstose; Frances S., unmarried and at home in Penn township; Helen, who married Thomas Degler, of Ruscombmanor township; John and Jacob, who died young; and two who died in infancy.

Samuel S. Hoover attended the public schools of West Leesport, and later the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, after leaving which he taught school for one term in North Heidelberg, two terms in Bern and six terms in Penn township. In 1899 he became connected with Ahrens & Richardson, in the creamery business, and he now has charge of the Mt. Pleasant creamery. Mr. Hoover is a Democrat, and in addition to having served his township as auditor, he is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. He was one of the original board of directors of the First National Bank of Bernville. His religious connection is with the Hain's Church.

Mr. Hoover married Katie Susanna Hain, only daughter of John W. and Mary (Henninger) Hain, of Wernersville, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Hoover live in Mount Pleasant, and they have been blessed with one daughter, Mary E.

JOHN CHELIUS, who is successfully engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Marion and Moss streets, Reading, Pa., was born Dec. 29, 1860, at Boyertown, Pa., son of Nicholas and Catherine (Gleser) Chelius.

Daniel Chelius, grandfather of John, arrived in America in 1855. He became a farmer in Iowa, where he had settled in 1862. He and his wife, Elizabeth German, had children: Nicholas, Frank, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth and Emma.

Nicholas Chelius, son of Daniel, was a resident of Berks county all of his life. He was first engaged as a miner at Barto, being made foreman, a position which he held for fifteen years, and later he had charge of mines at Siesholtzville, where he continued for six years. He then removed to Palm, where in 1879 he purchased 120 acres of land, and in 1889 he removed to Norristown. He died in Reading in 1893, while his widow, Catherine Gleser, still survives, and makes her home at No. 944 North Tenth street, Reading. They were the parents of children as follows: Emma, Frank, John, Elizabeth, Nicholas, William, Rita, Mary, George, Edwin L., Catherine and Rose, all of whom except William are living.

John Chelius was educated in the schools of Bally, Pa., and his first work was in the mines, where he continued for ten years. He learned the cigar-making trade at East Greenville, and worked at that occupation for about ten years. In 1889 he came to Reading and engaged in his present business, in which he has had much success.

In political matters Mr. Chelius is a Democrat, and he has served as tax collector of the Thirteenth ward for three terms. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and has been very active in church work, serving as a member of the building committee of St. Joseph's Parochial school, and as Sunday-school teacher for sixteen years. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus.

On Sept. 17, 1888, at Bally, Mr. Chelius was married in the church of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rev. Father Renold to Mary Melchers, daughter of Bennet Melchers, and they have had children as follows: Paul and Joseph, both deceased; Luke; Mark; Hanna; Daniel; Mary; and John and Rose, both deceased.

PETER A. HAIN, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg, residing at Wernersville, was born Oct. 19, 1867, in the township named, and was educated in the public schools. After assisting his father on the farm until he became a young man he learned the trade of milling in the Peter Hain mill, and then carried on the business for himself from 1899 to 1904. Recently, besides looking after his farm, he has directed his attention to painting. Mr. Hain's father was Levi L. Hain, who married Eva Laucks, and they and earlier ancestors of Mr. Hain are referred to elsewhere.

In 1899 Mr. Hain married Kate S. Linsman, of Reading, daughter of William H. Linsman and his wife Sarah Yoder, a daughter of William Yoder, of Wernersville. She was born in 1850, but died at the early age of twenty-three years. They had one child, Kate, now Mrs. Peter A. Hain. William H. Linsman was born at Reading in 1849, was there educated, and learned the trade of carpenter in the car shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He has been continuously in the employ of that company from the time he was fifteen years old, a period exceeding forty years. For his second wife Mr. Linsman married Emma Moll, a daughter of David Moll, of Molltown, and after her decease wedded Ellen Strasser, daughter of David Strasser, of Hamburg.

Mr. Linsman's father was William Linsman, of Wurtemberg, Germany. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1847, locating at Lancaster, and after living there a year settled at Reading, where he followed the occupation of carpenter and builder until his death, in 1889, at the age of seventy-nine years. He married Mary Riegler, of Manheim, Germany, who emigrated with him. She died in 1906, at the age of seventy-nine years. Her parents and five other daughters emigrated at the same time, locating at Lancaster. In their journey across the sea they were fifty-seven days on the way.

Mrs. Hain's grandfather, William Yoder, was a farmer in Lower Heidelberg, east of Wernersville, living for twenty-five years on the same farm. He was born in 1820, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. He married Susanna Strunk, of the same township, a daughter of Jacob Strunk, carpet weaver, and she died in 1897, aged seventy-two years. They had five children: Jacob m. Jennie Wenrich; Daniel m. Cornelia Lengel; Sarah m. William H. Linsman; Lydia m. Darius Spohn; and Kate m. Aaron Lieb. Mrs. Hain's great-grandfather was John Yoder; he m. Lydia Brown.

GEORGE W. YEAGLEY, of Reading, engaged in business as a painter, paper hanger and decorator, was born Aug. 14, 1865, in Jefferson township, Berks county, son of William Yeagley, grandson of Samuel Yeagley, great-grandson of Mathias Yeagley, and a direct descendant from Baltzer Yeagley of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

William Yeagley, his father, was a blacksmith and farmer in Jefferson township, where he died Dec. 19, 1899. He is buried at St. Paul's Church, Schaefferstown, that township, as is also his wife, whose maiden name was Salome Derr. They had children as follows: Morris, who is living at Lebanon, Pa.; Levi, of Philadelphia; James, of Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; George W.; Alfred, who died at the age of thirty years; and Elizabeth, married to Howard S. Knoll.

George W. Yeagley attended the public schools of his native township and a graded school at Bernville taught by Prof. M. A. Gruber. He taught school two terms, one in Spring township and one in Tulpehocken, and then

went to Lebanon, where he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger. He remained at that place five years, then went to Philadelphia for a year, and in 1892 settled in Reading, where he has since made his home. For nine years after coming to Reading he was in the employ of M. J. Earl, at the end of that time becoming a member of the firm of Kuebler, Yeagley & Co., located at No. 917 Penn street. He was interested in that business until 1906, since when he has been engaged in the same line on his own account, his establishment being at No. 1018 Chestnut street. He has a large patronage, gained by reliable work and honorable dealing. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; Camp No. 663, P. O. S. of A., and other societies.

On June 26, 1890, Mr. Yeagley married Tamsey Miller, daughter of Joseph Miller, of Pottsville, Pa., and they have had three children: Harry G., born Oct. 17, 1891, now a member of the class of 1910, Reading high school; Alfred, born Nov. 13, 1894; and Helen, born April 23, 1897, who died Jan. 15, 1898, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, at Reading.

EMANUEL L. BUSH, who holds the position of night foreman of the Oley street mills of the Reading Iron Company, and deputy for Berks county of the Brotherhood of America, resides at No. 812 Gordon street, Reading. He was born June 27, 1850, at Amityville, Pa., son of Jacob and Lucetta (Levengood) Bush.

George Bush, grandfather of Emanuel L., married a Miss Yerger, and they had these children: Peter; Sarah; Matthias; Mary, who died in her ninety-second year in June, 1905, the widow of George Straub; Catherine, who married a Mr. Chamberlain; George; Zacharias; Jacob; and Rachel, who married Samuel Fegley.

Jacob Bush, father of Emanuel L., was a laborer in Amity township, and later came with his family to Reading, where he met his death in a railroad freight yard in 1864, when forty-three years old. He married Mrs. Lucetta (Levengood) Bohn, of Pottstown, who by her former marriage had six children, three of whom are living: John L., Adam L. and James L.; Mrs. Bush died at the age of forty-four years, and both she and Mr. Bush were buried at Oley Church. They had these children: Emanuel L., Zacharias, and Sarah (m. Richard Marks).

Emanuel L. Bush spent nine years on the farm, and then came to Reading, where he lost his father at the age of thirteen years and his mother two years later. He engaged in the draying business, which he followed for five years, and he then secured employment at the old Keystone Rolling Mill, later being advanced to puddler, and for twenty-five years worked at that trade. He is now night foreman for the Reading Iron Company. At the age of eighteen years he joined the Junior Mechanics, and was a member a few years, when he dropped out, at the same time uniting with Freedom Circle No. 7, Brotherhood of America. He then became a member of Reading Lodge No. 348, I. O. O. F., which is now extinct. In the Brotherhood he held the office of Scroll Keeper for two years, after which he was appointed District Deputy of Berks county by the Grand Circle, the term of office being one year.

On April 22, 1869, Mr. Bush married Clara C. J. Burkert, daughter of Nicholas and Caroline (Kissinger) Burkert, of Reading, the former a well-known boatman on the canal. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bush: Samuel died at the age of three years; and Elmira L. married George Hinkel. Mr. Bush is a member of St. Mark's Reformed Church.

JOHN DRESHER. The first Dreshers in America, evidently the ancestors of John Dresher, and others of the same name, were George and Christopher Dresher, Jr. They with 261 other passengers arrived at Philadelphia, Sept. 12, 1734, in the ship "St. Andrew," John Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. These settled Berks, Lehigh and Montgomery counties. Many of the passengers were Schwenkfelders, but among them were Lutherans, Reformed, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Catholics, Quakers, Dunkards, Mennonites, and representatives of other denominations, so that a varied religious complexion was not lacking in the new communities founded in spite of many disadvantages and hardships.

Lawrence Dresher and a brother Philip resided on adjoining farms, where they worked and lived. These farms were originally over 300 acres in area, and situated in Longswamp township, near Mertztown. Lawrence Dresher married a Miss Fegley, and they had two sons, Samuel and John.

Samuel Dresher, son of Lawrence, was born on the old homestead in Longswamp township, and he married a Miss Catherine Keiser. They had two children: John and Marietta (m. Reuben Butz). Samuel Dresher and his wife resided in Longswamp township, Berks county, until his death.

John Dresher, son of Samuel, was born on the old homestead, Sept. 21, 1804, and died March 12, 1852, aged forty-seven years, five months and twenty-one days. He was a prosperous farmer all his life, and a worthy and well-known citizen. He married Diana Grim, who was born June 5, 1805, in Maxatawny township, and died Feb. 11, 1885. They had five children: Samuel, who died May 19, 1906, m. Sarah Leibensperger, and one son survives him, Alfred D. Dresher; John; Nathan, a resident of Reading, m. Catherine Trexler, who died in 1892, the mother of John, Nathan, Edward, James and Ella (deceased); Elizabeth m. Walter J. Grim, of Allentown, and they have two children, Charles and Ida; Charles m. Mariella Butz, who died leaving children, George, Henry, Florence and Annie.

John Dresher, son of John, was born on the old homestead, in 1837, and here he has spent his life. Receiving a good education, he had the privilege of attending the Freeland Seminary at the Trappe, after completing his common school course, and then he settled down to farming, like his people before him. He is now retired from active business life. Mr. Dresher has never married, remaining at home with his mother, whose last days he greatly cheered. After her demise, he lived with his brother Samuel, and still has his home with some of his relatives, by whom he is greatly beloved. Mr. Dresher is a consistent member of the Mertztown Lutheran Church, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

HENRY J. HUESMAN has established himself as one of the leading florists of Reading. His large greenhouses are at the corner of Schuylkill avenue and Greenwich street, and he also owns the Brookside Cut Flower Store, which is under the management of his son.

Mr. Huesman was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1844, but he has passed practically all his life in Reading, his parents, Joseph and Lena (Cook) Huesman, having moved hither in 1845. Both the parents were natives of Germany, coming to America while young. Joseph Huesman was a shoemaker by trade, and he had a thriving business in New York City. When he settled in Reading he purchased property in the vicinity of the Hampden reservoir, but he died soon after his removal to this city. He was the father of the following named children: Ida, widow of Hillary Keffer, now living in New York; Henry J.; George and Louisa, deceased. The family were all of the Catholic faith.

Henry J. Huesman was educated in the Reading public schools, but his father having died when he was a young child he did not have many early advantages. However, he did have the benefit of excellent practical training. He was only ten years old when he began work in the line which he has since continued to follow, and in which he has met with such substantial success. His first employer was Michael Houser, who was located in Ninth street, and with whom he remained for the unusually long period of twenty-two years—in fact until he felt able to commence business on his own account. In 1887 he settled at the location on Schuylkill avenue where he has ever since had his business headquarters, and where he now

has a plant which for completeness and quality of equipment will compare with any up-to-date hothouse in Pennsylvania. He has facilities for raising 100,000 plants, having over 20,000 feet of glass, and makes a specialty of house and bedding plants, also doing a large business in cut flowers, particularly for weddings, funerals and decorative purposes. For the special accommodation of this branch of the business he conducts the Brookside Cut Flower Store, at No. 104 South Fifth street, his son, Harry C. Huesman, being in charge there. Mr. Huesman includes in his business all the branches of floriculture usually carried on by modern florists, for he is enterprising in keeping abreast of the times, and indefatigable in investigating new methods which promise better results. Mr. Huesman has been successful solely because he has devoted himself industriously to his work and pursued a most commendable course. His establishment has been developed to its present large proportions gradually, all his business operations being conducted upon a sound basis. He has acquired and held an extensive custom by giving honest service to his patrons, and he is highly respected for his substantial worth and the honorable career he has led.

Mr. Huesman married Elizabeth Lenox, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and they have had two children, Harry C. (m. to Mary Rickert) and Mary. The Huesmans are members of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Huesman is a Democrat. He is not active, however, in party affairs, or other public interests, devoting himself solely to the business in which he has found his life work.

GEHMAN. The early home of the Gehman family was in the Palatinate on the Rhine. The early members of the family to come to America were Christian and Benedict Geeman, and a brother who located in Brecknock township, Lancaster county. They landed at Philadelphia Aug. 11, 1732, like many others seeking the land of civil and religious liberty. They were Mennonites in religious faith. One Christopher Geeman (also spelled Gehman) settled in Hereford township, Berks county, prior to 1737, and became the owner of 300 acres of land. This tract has since been divided into three farms, all owned by his descendants. In 1759 Christopher Gehman paid a federal tax of ten pounds in Hereford township. The Gehman who located in Brecknock township in a part now belonging to Berks county, was, without doubt, Christian Gehman, as his name appears in the tax list of 1759. It seems that the one who located in Hereford was Christopher, not Christian. The names are very near alike, and the same abbreviation is often used for both. The name Gehman is spelled on the records Geman, Geeman, Geyman, and in Bucks county it appears Gayman. (I) The pioneer who located in Hereford township had three sons and several daughters. His eldest son, Abraham, bought a farm near Telford, Bucks county, occupied by the late Rev. Abel Horning.

(II) Rev. Johannes Gehman, second son of "Christ" of Hereford township, was a Mennonite minister. In 1767 he purchased a tract of land in Hereford, from Andrew Maurer, and this tract included the present farms of the Jacob Greiss estate, John B. Gehman estate and Sylvester Shuler (formerly Jacob Gehman) and eighty-six acres of Joel M. Gehman. Rev. Johannes Gehman married Anna Stauffer, of Colebrookdale township, and she died young. Both she and her husband are buried at the Mennonite Meeting House at Zionsville, Lehigh county. Their children were: David, of the Hosensack; Lydia, m. to Samuel Weinberger; Elizabeth, m. to Jacob Stauffer; Heinrich, and Johannes.

(III) Heinrich Gehman, son of Rev. Johannes, was born in Hereford township, and he became a farmer, owning an eighty-six-acre tract on which his father erected the present large barn in 1824. There is also a small stone house, which is very old. Mr. Gehman was a Mennonite, and is buried at the Meeting House in Upper Milford. He married Elizabeth Bechtel, and their children were: Lydia m. Isaac Oberholtzer; John B.; Susan m. (first) Joseph Kriebel, and (second) Lewis Taylor (Snyder); Elizabeth m. Joseph Romig; Bevvy died small; and Cassie m. Abraham Musselman.

(IV) John B. Gehman, son of Heinrich, was born on his father's farm Dec. 18, 1829, and he died July 4, 1901, and is buried at Upper Milford Mennonite Meeting House, of which he was a member. He was a farmer all of his life except for six years which he spent in partnership with his cousin, Solomon Gehman, in conducting Kriebel's mill in Hereford. In 1861 he married Mary Oberholtzer, and they have had seven children: Alvin O., of Coopersburg; Charles J., of Allentown; Henry A., born Nov. 18, 1868, a carpenter at Allentown (m. Rosa Wendling, and has children—John B., Anna M., Arthur R., Bertha W., Willard F., Marie W., and Robert W.); Anna, who died in her second year; John O., of Pennsburg; Katie (m. Francis Hoffman, of Reading); and Franklin B.

(V) FRANKLIN B. GEHMAN, son of John B., was born on the homestead whereon he now lives Nov. 20, 1878. He married Annie Mensch, of Hereford, and they have four children: Florence, Ada, Elsie and Ralph.

(III) Johannes Gehman, son of Rev. Johannes, was a lifelong farmer and distiller. He burned much applejack, which he hauled in barrels in big Conestoga wagons to Philadelphia, where he received twenty-five cents a gallon. The distillery on his farm was one of the first in this part of the State, and the old building, which is still standing, was erected long before the American Revolution. He built the barn that stands on the present Joel M. Gehman farm in 1806, and the house before 1800. He was a Mennonite, and is buried at Zionsville. He married Lydia Moyer, daughter of Conrad Moyer, and they had twelve children: Sarah, Joel M., Solomon, Lydia, Ambrose, William, David, Allen, Rebecca, Elmira, and Abraham and John, who both died young.

(IV) Joel M. Gehman, son of Johannes, was born Dec. 15, 1834. He lives on the old homestead, which came into his possession after his father's death in 1869. His whole life has been devoted to farming. He is a trustee of the Mennonite church at Zionsville. In 1867 he married Hannah Schantz, and they have four children: Theodore, Elenora, John and Mary.

WILLIAM J. FREDERICK, who, as a member of the well-known firm of J. P. Sellers & Co., is prominent in business cirles in Reading, Pa., was born Dec. 29, 1859, in Allentown, Pa., son of Adam B. and Mary (Sellers) Frederick, and grandson of Solomon S. Frederick, of Allentown.

Adam B. Frederick was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and early in life learned the carpenter's trade. He became proprietor of the Allentown Planing-mill, which he was operating at the time of his death, in 1900, in his sixty-ninth year. Mr. Frederick married (first) Mary Sellers, by whom one son, William J., was born. He m. (second) Sarah Ritter, daughter of Jacob Ritter, and four children were born of this union: Frank, who conducts the planing-mill established by his father; Joseph, also interested in the planing-mill business; Charles, of Bethlehem, Pa.; and Sally, who married John Sefing. In religious belief Adam B. Frederick was a Lutheran, and he took an active part in church affairs, serving as elder and deacon.

William J. Frederick was educated in the schools of Allentown. He then clerked in a grocery store at Ninth and Hamilton streets, Allentown, and later he learned the tailor's trade, under C. L. Newhard & Son, becoming an expert cutter and designer of children's clothes, and this occupation he followed from 1876 to 1903, in which latter year he purchased Mr. W. B. Medler's interest in the firm of J. P. Sellers & Co., a business established by James Jameson in 1844. While still in Allentown, Mr. Frederick was manager of the children's department in Koch Brothers' clothing store.

On Sept. 17, 1882, Mr. Frederick married Ella E. Grim, daughter of Peter K. Grim, of Allentown, and seven children were born to this union: Elizabeth M. E., Mabel

T., Lillian M., Edgar G., Raymond P., Willie B., and Luther S. Mr. Frederick and his family are members of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he is a deacon. He is a member of the Heptasophs, Hancock Conclave of Allentown, Pa., and regent of Mount Penn Council, Royal Arcanum. On Dec. 12, 1907, he was raised a Mason in Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading. He is a member of the Reading Board of Trade. Mr. Frederick is rather inclined to be independent in local politics.

JOHN C. K. BALTHASER, the present auditor of Centre township and a farmer in that region, was born near Scull Hill, in Penn township, Nov. 15, 1875, son of John K. Balthaser and grandson of Samuel Balthaser.

Samuel Balthaser lived in Penn township, Berks county, and followed farming, owning 123 acres of land. He died there at the age of fifty-six years, and is buried at St. Michael's Church, in what is now Tilden township. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria Kissling, is buried beside him. He was born March 6, 1810, and died Oct. 9, 1866. She was born March 28, 1809, and died Jan. 19, 1884. They had children as follows: Jared K. is deceased; Levi; Aaron; William; John K.; Monroe; Mary married Abraham De Turk; Lydia m. William Folk; Amelia m. Levi Kauffman; Isabella m. John L. Wagner, of Bernville.

John K. Balthaser, father of John C. K., was born in 1850, and died in 1898. He is buried at St. Michael's Church, in what is now Tilden township. He owned and farmed the old homestead in Penn township, where he lived until his death, and was much respected and beloved for his industry and kind-heartedness. He married Leanda Kauffman, daughter of William Kauffman, and she now lives with her eldest son, William, on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Balthaser had six children: William; John C. K.; Edwin; Lizzie, who married Joseph Mengel; and Ammon and Sallie, both deceased.

John C. K. Balthaser attended the public schools of Penn township and continued to remain at home, working for his father, until he was twenty-one years old. He then commenced farming in Penn township on his own responsibility, and in 1904 came to his present place in Centre township, which he bought from the Kauffman estate. It was the old Kauffman homestead and is considered one of the best farms in the township. The buildings are all substantial and in good order, and the 138 acres included in the property are all under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Balthaser is particularly noted for his success in raising potatoes, and in his banner season had a crop of 3,700 bushels from eighteen acres. He has all up-to-date machinery and improved farm appliances, taking great interest in the progress of his industry and having an intelligent conception of its requirements.

Mr. Balthaser married Emma Reinsel, daughter of William and Fiaetta (Feik) Reinsel, and they have had four children: Tama, Ada, Sallie (deceased) and Lila (deceased). At present Mr. Balthaser is serving as auditor of his township, to which office he was elected as the choice of the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Michael's Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation.

SAMUEL H. CROW, a dealer in coal and wood in Reading, was born in Chester county, Pa., Dec. 5, 1860, son of George and Wilhelmina (Benner) Crow.

Mr. Crow remained in Chester county till he was about twenty-seven years old. When he left school he worked as a farm laborer till he was of age, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account till 1887, when he determined to get into some other line of work and so removed to Reading. He secured a place as special officer for the Reading Iron Company and served in that capacity for nine years, but meantime embarked in business on his own account. Opening a coal yard he built up a trade which by 1896 demanded his whole attention. In 1902 he moved to his present location at the corner of Laurel and Ninth streets, formerly the Union Coal Yard. He does a large business and supplies much of the best trade in Reading. Mr. Crow is favorably known all through Reading and vicinity, having earned a reputation as an able and upright business man and good citizen.

In 1882 Mr. Crow married Miss Anna L. Slider, and they had a family of seven children: George H., Florence I., Clarence S., Mabel J., Ethel S., and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Crow died June 21, 1905, at the age of forty-one years. She was a very active member of St. Peter's M. E. Church, to which all the family belong, and had a large circle of friends in the various church organizations, to whom her death was a great loss.

Mr. Crow is connected with a number of social and fraternal organizations among which may be mentioned the Heptasophs; Wyanet Tribe, No. 301, I. O. R. M.; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; and the Knights of Malta. In politics he is independent, disregarding party lines in favor always of those whom he considers the best candidates.

SHEARER. For many years the Shearer family has been prominently identified with the best interests of Berks county, and its members have been associated with the general development and prosperity. Among those to whom special attention is called are William Y. Shearer, justice of the peace of Bern township, and Dr. James Y. Shearer, a physician of Spring township.

(I) Christopher Shearer, the founder of the Shearer family in America, when seventeen years old came from Germany to Reading, Pa., when that city was but a small town. He was a justice of the peace, and had his office at what is now the corner of Eighth and Penn streets. His wife was a member of the Phillipi family. These two spent the remainder of their lives in Reading, dying there. Their children were: John P., Jonathan P., Benjamin P., and Solomon P., all but John dying at Reading.

(II) John P. Shearer was born at Reading, but in early manhood he removed to Bern township, locating on the farm now owned by Judge Shearer. He took up 100 acres of land in 1799, and there spent the remainder of his useful life, dying in 1847, when seventy-four years of age. He is buried at Epler's Church. During his residence in the township he became prominent in local affairs, was constable, and later justice of the peace. Under his management his farm was improved and he erected necessary buildings, which were rebuilt by his son, Samuel T. Shearer. His first wife was Sophia Tobias, a daughter of Christian Tobias, and of this marriage the following children were born: Esther T., who died unmarried; John T.; Jacob T.; Abraham T.; William T.; Samuel T.; George T.; Elizabeth T., who died unmarried; Mary T., who married John Herbine; Annie T., who married Joseph Reigel; and Sarah T., who married David Souder. After the death of his wife Sophia, John P. Shearer married a Miss Lehr, by which union there was no issue. By his third wife, Lydia Ziemer, widow of William Ziemer, he had two children: Senator Edward, an attorney of Reading, and Susan, who was killed in a railroad accident when a girl.

(III) Samuel T. Shearer, the father of William Y. and Dr. James Y. Shearer, was born in Bern township, where he engaged in farming. In 1829 he was married in Reading, to Catherine Yorgey, a daughter of Henry Yorgey, of Exeter, and twelve children were born to them: William Y. and James Y. are mentioned below; Catherine married Emanuel Hain; Eliza married Benneville Dundore; Sarah married Thomas Weitzel; Gettie married Evan Hiester; Benjamin Y., Esq., of Reading, married Clara Leinbach; Aaron married Emma Hiester, and, after her demise, Mary Ann Hornberger; Amos has his home with his brother William Y.; three died young.

While not a public official, Samuel T. Shearer always took an interest in public affairs, and was a good farmer and business man. He lived on the home place, further improving it, and when it passed into the hands of William Y. Shearer it was considered one of the best pieces of property in the township, and is still so regarded.

WILLIAM Y. SHEARER was born in Reading, Pa., Jan. 12, 1830, but when seven years of age he was brought to Bern township, where he completed the education begun

in the public schools of Reading. Later, from 1864 to 1869, he taught school in Bern township, being engaged at the Epiers, Albright and what was then known as the Mine Hole (now the Shearer) schools. However, the better portion of Mr. Shearer's life has been spent in farming, and he is regarded as one of the representative farmers of his township. For over half a century he has also been a surveyor, and has been employed in surveying much of the county. In 1864 he was elected a justice of the peace and has since served as such, now being the oldest justice in Berks county. During his term of service as auditor of Berks county, to which office he was elected in 1869, the county was cleared of debt, and his financial foresight gained him a high reputation as a public official. In politics he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and firm in his belief in the future of his party. His religious affiliations are with the Reformed faith.

On Oct. 27, 1853, Mr. Shearer married Caroline C. Bryan, a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Bryan, born Dec. 8, 1829, died Oct. 19, 1897, at the age of sixty-seven. She is buried at Epler's Church. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shearer, but they took a little girl of eleven, Ellen Fleisher, and reared her as their own. Miss Fleisher is also a native of Bern township.

One of the old landmarks of Berks county was the court-house built in 1761, and torn down in 1840, and Mr. Shearer remembers it well, as he does many very interesting events connected with local and national affairs. He is a man of unflinching principle, true to his best ideals, and a citizen of whom the county may well be proud.

James Y. Shearer, M. D., A. M., of Sinking Spring, a successful practitioner of medicine in Berks county for upward of forty years, was born at Reading Oct. 5, 1836. When he was a child his father removed to Bern township, and he there received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended the normal school at Reading, conducted by Rev. Dr. William Good, who afterward became the first county superintendent of common schools. At that institution he acquired a further knowledge of books, making a specialty of Latin and Greek. When but fifteen he began to teach school, and he thus continued for five years, spending three years at Tuckerton and two years in Upper Tulpehocken township, near Strausstown. In 1860 he determined to study medicine, and after successfully passing a severe literary examination under Dr. Edward Wallace, to demonstrate his fitness, he entered the office of this eminent physician, with whom he remained for three years, accompanying him in his daily work among his patients. During the fall and winter months of 1860-61-62 he attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, and was graduated therefrom in 1862. Immediately thereafter he located at Strausstown, entering into an introductory practice among the people whose confidence he had gained as a school teacher, and there remained for three years. Learning then of a larger and in every way better opening at Sinking Spring, caused by the removal of Dr. Michael T. Livingood to the West, he determined to take his place in an office which had been started by Dr. A. H. Witman about 1840, and has been carried on continuously ever since. Since his removal to Sinking Spring, Dr. Shearer has been in active practice. His patients are scattered over an area of many miles. At the request of many of his patients he opened an office in Reading, where he sees office patients upon stated days.

In 1862 Dr. Shearer became a member of the Medical Society of Berks county; in 1868 he joined the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and in 1880 he became associated with the American Medical Association, and is still a member of all three bodies. He was president of the Berks County Medical Society for several terms, and has represented the society as delegate to the State and national associations more than once. His papers upon various professional topics have aroused favorable comment. In 1887 he was the only accredited representative from Berks county to the International Medical Congress at its ninth annual convention, held at Washington, D. C., and received one of the handsome medals specially prepared to mark the occasion. This medal is one of Dr. Shearer's most valued possessions. In 1884 Franklin and Marshall College conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon Dr. Shearer by reason of his acquirements in Latin and Greek. Twelve men who afterward became successful physicians studied medicine under Dr. Shearer and learned to love as well as respect and admire him. He is the best known physician in lower Berks county, where he has witnessed many changes in social and industrial progress.

While Dr. Shearer was practising at Strausstown he was selected to act as school director of Upper Tulpehocken township, and he officiated as secretary of the board for one term. This was during the Civil war, and as secretary he raised the necessary funds to fill the quota of soldiers from the township to avoid the draft, levying the tax, according to law, to meet the obligation. As director of the Farmers National Bank, of Reading, for twenty-five years Dr. Shearer has given the bank the benefit of his sagacity and business foresight.

Dr. Shearer married Eliza G. Potteiger, daughter of Jacob Potteiger, of Upper Tulpehocken, and they had one daughter, Alva, who married Dr. J. D. Madeira. Dr. Madeira was one of Dr. Shearer's medical students, and thus met his future wife; later he graduated from Jefferson College, and is now a successful physician of Reading. In 1879 Mrs. Eliza G. Shearer died aged forty-nine years. In 1882 Dr. Shearer married Susanna Schwartz, daughter of James Schwartz, a miller, who for many years resided at the mouth of the Wyomissing creek, in Cumru township, opposite Reading.

From this brief chronicle can be readily gathered the importance of the services rendered by the Shearer family to Berks county, both in their capacity as public officials and as private citizens. The name has come to be associated with all that is best and most public-spirited, and the present representatives of the family hold the esteem and admiration of their neighbors in the several communities in which they are to be found.

HARRY JOHN WENDLER, an enterprising young business man of Reading, Pa., who is the popular proprietor of the well known "Hotel Wendler," was born Sept. 14, 1871, at Wilmington, Del., son of Martin J. and Anna (Moyer) Wendler.

Martin J. Wendler was born in 1841, at Reutlingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and died at Wilmington, Del., in March, 1885. He came to America at the close of the Civil war, as did his wife, Anna Moyer, to whom he was married at Philadelphia, in 1868. He was a carriage finisher by trade, and was a skilled mechanic, being for many years the superintendent of the Kendal & McLear Carriage Works, at Wilmington, Del. He had four children: Sophia (m. Frank Ernst, of Reading); Harry J.; Lena (m. Bernard Stoeber, of Reading); and Julius. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Wendler came to Reading, where she was married (second) to Michael Mayser, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who was for seven years in the United States navy and five years in the army.

Harry John Wendler was educated in the public schools of his native city and had passed the examination for admission to the high school at the time of his father's death. When sixteen years of age he went to Omaha, Nebr., where he was weighmaster for Swift & Company for one year, his mother having removed to Reading in the meantime. In 1887 Mr. Wendler came to this city, where he has since resided with the exception of two years when he was proprietor of the "Hotel Cresson," at Atlantic City. In 1901, Mr. Wendler commenced business for himself, succeeding his mother, who had conducted the business eight years prior to that time. As proprietor of the "Hotel Wendler," Mr. Wendler has shown his business capacity, and his hostelry is now one of the most popular and best patronized in his section of the city. For three years he was also employed as flagman for the Reading Railway Company. He was one

of the organizers of Company I, 4th Regiment, National Guard, and served as its first lieutenant for three years, at the end of which time, in 1901, he resigned. Socially, he is connected with Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; Unamis Tribe, I. O. R. M.; D. J. Laing Council, O. of I. A., of Reading; Junior Fire Company; Humane Association; the Old Guard Association, composed of all former members of the National Guard Harmonie Maennerchor; Philharmonic Band; and the Northeastern Republican League. Mr. Wendler is a gifted artist with the pencil, and has demonstrated his skill in this line by doing a number of fine crayon portraits. He is athletically built, standing six feet tall, and is of robust constitution.

On July 8, 1897, Mr. Wendler married Abbie S. Rutz, daughter of Henry and Susanna Rutz, of Reading. They have one son: Harry J., born June 7, 1898.

JOHN B. STOUDT, stove dealer, tinsmith and roofing and spouting contractor of Womelsdorf, Berks county, was born March 26, 1852, in Shelby county, Ohio, son of Simon and Catherine (Oliver) Stoudt, and grandson of Daniel Stoudt.

Daniel Stoudt was born Oct. 26, 1785, and died Jan. 18, 1855. He resided in North Heidelberg township, where he was a shoemaker and where he also cultivated a seventy-five-acre tract of land. Mr. Stoudt married Susanna Ulrich, born Nov. 4, 1787, who died July 1, 1841, aged fifty-three years, seven months, twenty-seven days, and they had the following children: Daniel; Peter had a son Frank, who resides at Myerstown, Pa.; Reuben, who had a son William (now deceased), resides at Myerstown, and is in his seventy-seventh year; Simon (also known as Samuel) is mentioned below; Salome m. Andrew Zerbe; and Susanna m. John Schaeffer, a farmer of North Heidelberg township.

Simon Stoudt, father of John B., was born in Marion township, Berks county, in 1819, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-three years. He is buried at Houston Station, Ohio, whither he had gone in middle life. Mr. Stoudt married Catherine Oliver (born at Erie, Pa., in 1820, daughter of James Oliver, and died in 1895), whom he met in Ohio. To this union were born the following children: Sarah; Nancy and Susanna, twins; Daniel; James; John B.; Simon B.; William; Reuben, and Mary Jane. They all remained near Houston Station, Shelby Co., Ohio, with the exception of John B., who came back to the land of his fathers.

John B. Stoudt was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until eighteen years of age, and then, having returned East in company with his uncle Reuben Stoudt, who had visited his brother, learned his trade at Myerstown, Pa. After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Stoudt went to Lebanon, Pa., where he continued until 1897, and in this year located at Womelsdorf, where he has since continued, having built up a large trade. He employs two men, carries a large stock of tinware, and enjoys an extensive patronage from the people of his town. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the Reformed Church, of which he has been deacon and is now elder.

In 1876 Mr. Stoudt was married to Emma Barto, of Myerstown, Pa., daughter of Jeremiah and Rachel (Engelhart) Barto, farming people. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoudt, namely: Oliver, who died in 1884, at the age of nine years; and Eve, born in 1890, who resides at home.

JAMES M. GICKER, a retired citizen of Reading, residing at No. 630 Schuylkill avenue, was born in 1842 in Bern township, Berks county, son of Jacob H. and Casiah (Miller) Gicker, and a grandson of Jacob Gicker.

Jacob Gicker, who was a distiller in his early days, spent all of his life in Bern township, and became very wealthy. He married a Miss Huyett, and to them were born these children: John, Jacob H., Daniel, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Shoup, Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. Steiley, Mrs. Sheidy, and Anna (who died single).

Jacob H. Gicker, like his father, spent all of his life in Bern township, and was engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits. He died in 1892, aged seventy-eight years, and his wife in 1882, when sixty-six years of age. They had four children: James M. is mentioned below; Casiah married Frank Romig; Jane married (first) a Mr. Kirkhoff, by whom she had two children, Emma and Jacob, and married (second) Sebastian Kissling; Amanda is unmarried. In religious belief the family are Reformed. Mr. Gicker was a Democrat.

James M. Gicker received his educational advantages in Bern and Spring townships. At the age of twenty-five years he left the farm and came to Reading, where for twelve years he was engaged in driving a team for John McKnight, the iron merchant, remaining in his employ until he retired from active life. He has lived at his present residence, No. 630 Schuylkill avenue, since 1891.

Mr. Gicker married Angeline Herbein. No children have been born to them. In political matters he is a Democrat, and he is fraternally connected with the South End Gun Club, in which organization he has won a number of prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Gicker attend the Reformed Church.

SAMUEL GRILL HATT (deceased), a successful agriculturist and leading citizen of Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., whose death occurred March 15, 1887, was born Sept. 15, 1830, in Brecknock township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Catherine (Grill) Hatt, and died March 15, 1887.

Conrath (Conrad) Hath, the great-grandfather of Samuel G. Hatt, was a farmer of Cumru township, where he owned considerable property at the time of his death, in 1789. His will is on record in the Berks County Court House, written in German and signed by himself, and after he makes ample provision for his aged wife, Margaretha, he in equal shares divides the estate among the following children: Henry; Philip, who died Sept. 3, 1824, the father of the following children—Philip (who died intestate in 1856), Daniel (who died in 1864, leaving two sons, Jacob and William), Susanna, Catherine, John, Conrad, Jacob, William and Elizabeth (then under age); Conrad, Jr., grandfather of Samuel G.; Margaretha; Maria Elizabeth; Anna Maria; Juliana, and Catherine, who married John Kleinginna.

Conrad Hatt, Jr., was a farmer living between Fritztown and Gouglersville, and owned the old homestead. He married and became the father of six children: Jacob, the father of Samuel G.; William; Daniel; Betsey, who married a Behm; Catherine; and Mary, who married Isaac Weitzel.

Jacob Hatt, son of Conrad, Jr., was born May 12, 1800, and after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits passed away Aug. 5, 1876, being buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he had been a member. Mr. Hatt married Catherine Grill, and to them there were born twelve children: Samuel G.; Louisa m. Abraham Matz; Catherine m. Daniel Ruth; Jacob m. Beckie Miller; Catherine m. Henry Wertz; Sallie m. Henry Matz; John m. Magdalena Fritterich; Levi died single, aged thirty-four years; Polly m. William Ruth; Betsy m. Fred Hain; and two died young.

Samuel Grill Hatt was educated in the schools of his native locality, and from early youth engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the time of his death he was the owner of a fine farm of 145 acres in Spring township, and left a large estate to his widow and children. Mr. Hatt was a Democrat in politics and was very active in the ranks of his party, being on a number of occasions elected school director. He was a consistent member of Gouglersville Reformed Church, of which he was secretary and treasurer for many years.

On Sept. 24, 1864, Mr. Hatt was married to Caroline Spatz, born Sept. 26, 1840, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Huttison) Spatz, and to them there were born five children: Jacob S., who resides in Reading, m. Martha Huyett; Lizzie S. m. May 2, 1908, Henry B. Frees, an employee of the Reading Iron Company, and lives at Brookside;

M. Agnes m. Henry Mosser, of Reading; Eva A. died in infancy; James H. m. Cora Hatt.

Mrs. Lizzie S. (Hatt) Frees, who has devoted her life to the care of her mother, built a fine brick residence in the spring of 1901 at Hemmig's corner in the borough of Shillington, Pa., and in this home, which is one of the finest residences of the town, mother and daughter lived until the latter's marriage, the mother now residing with Mrs. Frees in Brookside.

ISAAC KISSINGER, who until recently conducted the successful grocery business at No. 606 North Ninth street, Reading, was born May 26, 1848, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, son of Amos and Mary A. (Wagner) Kissinger. His grandfather, Abraham Kissinger, was a lifelong farmer of Berks county.

Amos Kissinger, father of Isaac, was a farmer and miller of Berks county, where he spent his entire life. He died in Reading in 1882, in his sixty-fifth year. His first wife died in 1861, leaving him these children: Elam; Isaac; Franklin; Amelia (married Richard Burkholtz); Amos; Emma (married Jacob Neff); John W., and Elizabeth (married Howard Frank). Mr. Kissinger's second marriage was to Rebecca Klopp, who died in 1909, leaving two children, Howard and Maggie. Amos Kissinger was a Lutheran in religious belief, and in political matters was a Democrat.

Isaac Kissinger was educated in the schools of Reading, and his first work was in a brickyard, after leaving which he engaged in boating on the canal, at which he continued for twelve years. He was then appointed police sergeant, an office in which he served for ten years under Mayors Evans and Rowe, and the next four years he spent as watchman at the Reading Iron Works. Mr. Kissinger then spent two years at the Philadelphia & Reading railway roundhouse, and in 1891 engaged in the grocery business, carrying a complete and up-to-date line of staple and fancy groceries, and commanding a good trade. He retired from business March 30, 1908.

In 1880 Mr. Kissinger married Miss Agnes E. Rambo, daughter of Thomas Rambo. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger have no children. They are members of the Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Kissinger is a Republican, and fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E.

REBER. (I) Jacob Reber, the ancestor of many of the Rebers of Berks county, was born Feb. 4, 1760, and died Sept. 19, 1843, aged eighty-three years, seven months, fifteen days. He owned a fine farm in Bern (now Upper Tulpehocken) township, where he died. His wife, Susanna, born Nov. 10, 1762, died Nov. 24, 1843, aged eighty-one years, fourteen days. They are buried side by side at the Zion's Blue Mountain Church.

(II) Jonathan Reber, son of Jacob, born Feb. 21, 1802, died June 6, 1859, aged fifty-seven years, three months, sixteen days. He was a farmer in Upper Tulpehocken township, owning a farm of about 160 acres near Strausstown, at the Blue Mountain Church. He is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. He married Susanna Grime, born Aug. 27, 1803, died Jan. 7, 1871, and to them were born the following named children: Charlotte, Jonathan G., Benneville G., Mary, Solomon G., Catharine, Issabella, Percival G., Elias G., Adam and Amilia. Of this family we have the following record:

(III) Charlotte Reber married Adam Spangler, who had a farm in Snyder county, Pa., where he died. He is buried at the Keiser Church. Mrs. Spangler died in Fremont, Nebr., and her remains were brought East to the home of her youngest son, Adam, in Selin's Grove, Snyder county, where the funeral was held. There she was buried, by the side of her husband. They had children: Jonathan, Diana, Lewis, Charles, Frank, George, Clara and Adam.

(III) Jonathan G. Reber, born Dec. 30, 1828, died Jan. 22, 1897, and is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. He was a successful business man, carrying on until his death a furniture and undertaking establishment at Strausstown. A member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, he took an active part in the work of that congregation. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Sarah A. Batteiger, born April 17, 1830, died Jan. 20, 1906, and they had two children, of whom Caleb died at the age of two years. The other was Commodore V. Reber, a well-known business man of Strausstown.

(III) Benneville G. Reber, born July 29, 1830, at Strausstown, Pa., died March 29, 1904, at No. 3711 Filbert St., West Philadelphia, Pa. He married Sarah Ann Shubert, born Jan. 30, 1835, at Ardmore, Montgomery Co., Pa., died Aug. 12, 1905, at Durham, Bucks Co., Pa., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mertz. Both are buried in the Ardmore cemetery. They had three children: (1) Clara M. Reber, born Feb. 2, 1862, married Rev. J. A. Mertz, who has three congregations in his charge. They have two sons: Paul Allen, the elder, now (1909) aged nineteen years, is a junior at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa., and the younger, John Ernest, fourteen years old, is preparing for college at Riegelsville Academy. (2) Charles Shubert Reber, born Feb. 3, 1863, at Ardmore, Montgomery Co., Pa., lives at No. 3823 Hamilton street, Philadelphia. They have a family of five children: Florence, Laura, Charles, Jr., Clara and Edna. (3) George Ervin Reber, born June 16, 1868, at Pleasantville, Montgomery Co., Pa., lives at Palmyra, N. J. He has two children, Marian and Horace.

(III) Mary Reber married Daniel Ketterer. They are buried in St. John's Church cemetery, at Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

(III) Solomon G. Reber, born Feb. 5, 1834, died March 20, 1886. He was a farmer in Upper Tulpehocken township, cultivating the land now owned by his son Albert D. Reber, a tract of sixty-three acres, upon which he resided until his death. He is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. He married Elizabeth De Turk, born July 26, 1835 (daughter of Abraham De Turk), died June 15, 1906. They had a family of three children: Albert D., Milton and Cassie M. Milton Reber is a resident of Portland, Ind. Cassie M. is the wife of Jacob Seyfert, a teacher and notary public of Strausstown, Berks county.

(III) Catharine Reber married George R. Heilig, and they resided at No. 739 Franklin street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

(III) Issabella Reber married Jonathan Christ, and they reside at No. 612 Gordon street, Reading. They have two children, Thomas and Lizzie.

(III) Percival G. Reber married Eliza Schaum, and to them were born seven children: Caleb Webster, born Oct. 10, 1859, resides at Wildwood, Mich.; Howard Lawrence, born Sept. 11, 1861, resides in Vineland, N. J.; Charles Alvin, born May 8, 1864, lives out West; James Wallace, born Aug. 22, 1866, is deceased; Lillie Miranda, born Nov. 14, 1868, lives in the West; Adam Henry, born May 26, 1871, is deceased; Willie S., born July 12, 1874, is deceased.

(III) Elias G. Reber is buried in the Frieden's Church cemetery, at Shartlesville, Berks county.

(III) Adam Reber died while quite young, and he is buried in the cemetery of the Zion's Blue Mountain Church.

(III) Amilia Reber married Levi Kauffman and lives at Wyomissing, Pa. They have four children, Byron, Laura, Lizzie and Stanley.

(IV) Commodore V. Reber, son of Jonathan G., was born May 2, 1861, in Upper Tulpehocken township. He received his education in the public schools, and then learned the furniture and undertaking business under his father, for whom he worked until the older man died, since when he has carried on the business on his own account. Mr. Reber has a profitable patronage, and few men are more respected in the community for sterling worth and honorable character. He is an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in which he has been deacon and elder, and is at present secretary of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Demorat.

Mr. Reber married Diana R. Henne, daughter of Moses and Leah Feick. They have no children.

(IV) Albert D. Reber, son of Solomon G., born Aug. 15, 1857, attended the public schools during his boyhood

and afterward assisted his father with the work at home until he was twenty-one, from which time he had entire charge of the farm, which he bought after his father's death. He has continued to make his home and carry on the work there. The farm is a fertile tract, well watered, and under an excellent state of cultivation, which Mr. Reber is well fitted to maintain. Besides his farming interests he does considerable business as a dealer in fertilizers, in the sale of which he has become well known throughout upper Berks county. In the winter months he engages in carpet weaving, having learned this trade from his father, and he finds a ready sale and steady demand for the products of his loom. Mr. Reber has been quite active in the church and in the affairs of the community generally. He served as school director; for two years as president of the school board; is a stanch Democrat and local party worker, having been a member of the election board; is a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held all the offices; and is a member of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Reber married Sallie Bertram, daughter of Elias Bertram, of Strausstown. They have no children.

MICHAEL HAUSER was a native of Baden, Germany, and he served an apprenticeship as a florist and gardener in the old country. After coming to America he traveled through a number of States, in 1834 locating in Reading, where he took charge of a large garden belonging to the late Gen. George M. Keim. Here he laid the foundation of his success, winning a good reputation among the leading people of the day. Later he purchased a small property on North Ninth street and started a truck garden of his own, and by energy and close attention to business secured a competency. In 1861 he purchased nearly one hundred acres on Centre avenue, and established there a large nursery, which he carried on as long as he lived. He began the cultivation and sale of flowers as early as 1840, and each year brought increasing demands in this branch of the business. He became one of the best practical botanists in the State. He was a prominent member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and was exceedingly generous in his contributions to religious and charitable causes. He was very anxious that Reading should he made a See city, and he presented several acres of ground to the church on which to erect a cathedral. He sold on very liberal terms some of his valuable land to the management of the Reading Dispensary, for hospital purposes. He married Barbara Christ, and their children were: Barbara married Matthias Mayer; Francis (deceased) married Mary Vogel; Mary married Peter Cullen; Theresa married David H. Steckler; Theodore resides at South Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Hauser died Oct. 23, 1873, and was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

DAVID H. STECKLER (deceased), who was for many years a prominent business man of Reading, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., and accompanied his parents to York county, where a portion of his education was received. When about seventeen years of age he went to Philadelphia, where he remained a few years as clerk in Green's restaurant, coming to Reading in 1874. He engaged in the dairy and farm produce business, and at one time operated a large milk route, employing three wagons to distribute the product of his dairy. In connection with this he also operated a grocery store on Sixth street, at the present site of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart's new building, and there he continued until 1878. In January of the latter year he engaged in farming, continuing therein until 1883, when he engaged in the greenhouse business which had been established by his father-in-law, Michael Hauser, and in this line he continued until 1903, when he was compelled to retire from active work on account of ill health. Mr. Steckler died in that year, and the business is now conducted by his sons, Bertram D. and Leo G.

On Sept. 25, 1877, Mr. Steckler married Theresa Hauser, daughter of Michael and Barbara (Christ) Hauser, and to this union were born five children: George (deceased), Bertram D., Irene, Leo G. and Loretto. In religious belief the family are Catholics, attending St. Paul's German Catholic Church. Mr. Steckler was a stanch Republican in political matters.

LEININGER. The name of Leininger is inseparably connected with the best interests of that section of Berks county comprising the township of Cumru. Howard S. Leininger is engaged extensively in the coal business at Mohnton; Isaac G. Leininger is a successful contractor and builder in the growing town of Edison; Albert G. Leininger is a prosperous farmer and dairyman; George H. Leininger is an enterprising manufacturer at Mohnton; and William G. Leininger, also of Mohnton, is at the head of the important industry that bears his name. All bear high reputation for industry and integrity, and all have proved themselves worthy as intelligent, progressive and useful citizens.

(I) (Johann) Jacob Leininger came to America on the ship "Phoenix," John Mason, commander, landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1750, and became the founder of an honored family of Berks county, Pa. In 1759 he was a landowner and taxpayer (his taxes amounting to £5) in Heidelberg township, this county. Tradition says that he was a young man when he emigrated and that he married in Heidelberg township. Among his children was a son Daniel.

(II) Daniel Leininger, son of the emigrant, was born Feb. 27, 1780, and became a well-known farmer in Spring township, near Gouglersville. There he died Aug. 29, 1860, aged eighty years, six months, two days, and was buried in the cemetery at that place. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Hornberger, and his second, Hannah Texter. To his first marriage were born the following children: John; George, who lived at Fritztown; Daniel, who lived near Fritztown; Kate, who married Adam Weiler; and Polly, who married David Gentz. The children of the second marriage were: Susanna married Charles Fix, of Indiana; Sally married Samuel Kegerise, and moved West; Hannah and Joseph T. were twins, of whom the former was married to Moses Stamm, and the latter became the father of George H. and Mrs. Albert G. Leininger; Ann was married to Rev. John Seyfrit, of Allentown, Pa.; and Jacob went to Missouri and there married, afterward going to California.

(III) John Leininger, eldest son of Daniel, and father of John D., was born in Spring township Aug. 31, 1804. He died in Mohnton, where he owned a small tract of land, on March 18, 1873, aged sixty-eight years, five months, eighteen days, and lies buried in the Mohnton cemetery. His religious faith was that of the Evangelical Church. He married Annie Dechart, born April 3, 1814, died April 5, 1885, aged seventy-one years, two days, and they had children as follows: Isaac, who married Elizabeth Henne, and lived at Flat Rock, Ohio, where he died in 1906; James (1837-1879), who is mentioned at length in the next paragraph; Daniel, who married Mary Gilbert and lived in Flat Rock, Ohio; John D., father of Howard S.; Elijah, who died in boyhood; Henry, who died unmarried at the age of forty-two years; Katie, who married Daniel Wolf, of Mohnton; Annie, who married Daniel Anthony, of Mohnton; and Joseph, who died aged eighteen years.

(IV) James Leininger, son of John and father of William G., was born in Cumru township in 1837. In his younger days he was a miller by trade, but eventually settled down to farming and was thus engaged at the time of his death in 1879. He owned a tract of fine land, and was one of the substantial men of his neighborhood. In politics he was a good Republican. He married Lydia A. Grill, born in 1839, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Mohn) Grill. She died in 1894, the mother of the following children: Arabella, who married John J. Eshelman, a cigar manufacturer of Mohnton; Isaac G., a butcher and horse dealer of Edison, Pa., who married Miss Alice H. Fry; William G.; and Albert G., present owner of the homestead. Mr. Leininger and his family were all mem-

bers and faithful supporters of the Mohnton Evangelical Church, and in the graveyard adjoining rest both Mr. and Mrs. Leininger.

(III) Joseph T. Leininger, son of Daniel, was born near Gouglersville May 30, 1830, and died Jan. 26, 1907. By trade he was a carpenter, a calling learned in his youth, and which he followed for about six years. In 1869 he purchased a farm at Mohn's Hill, on which he lived until 1884. He then built a home on this property into which he moved the following year. He did some little work at farming and trucking, largely for pastime. He was very prosperous, and was esteemed a good citizen. For many years he was trustee and class-leader in the church of the Evangelical Association at the place, of which he was a liberal supporter and a regular communicant. In 1853 he was married to Rebecca Hoyer, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Luft) Hoyer, born March 30, 1829. Nine children were born of this union, as follows: Frank, who died in infancy, from the effects of a burn; Charles H.; Sarah, who died in infancy; Ellen, who was married to Samuel Stork; Thomas, who was married to Caroline Coldren, and died leaving a son, Stephen; George H.; Kate, who was married to Daniel Epler; Mary H., who was married to Albert G. Leininger, mentioned below; and Rufus, who died in childhood.

(IV) George H. Leininger, president of the Mohnton National Bank, son of Joseph T. and Rebecca (Hoyer) Leininger, was born in Spring township, Berks county, June 25, 1862. He left school early to work on his father's farm, but he was a good student and secured a fair education in the local schools. He continued to assist his father until 1880, and then worked with him two years more, at cigar-making. In 1882 he embarked in that business for himself at Mohn's Hill, and continued there for three years, thence moving to Mohnsville, now Mohnton, where he has been established ever since. He continued his cigar business until 1897. In March, 1896, Mr. Leininger formed a partnership with William G. Leininger for the manufacture of seamless hosiery, which business they continued for two and one-half years. On Nov. 1, 1898, they dissolved partnership and each continued on his own account. The firm name of Industrial Hosiery Mills was retained by Mr. George H. Leininger, who now operates a modernly equipped mill at Mohnton, employing about seventy hands. Here are the main offices of several mills established later, which have a combined capacity of ten thousand pairs of hosiery daily. Goods are shipped throughout the United States, Canada, and to Honolulu. In 1903 Mr. Leininger, in partnership with his brother Charles H., started a hosiery mill at Mohn's Hill, Vinemont Station, and there they now operate a fair-sized mill, where sixty hands are constantly employed. In November, 1904, Mr. Leininger started a branch mill, at Ephrata, Lancaster county, and this was put in charge of a brother-in-law, John A. Bohler, and here there are forty employes. Mr. Leininger has brought to his work the qualities surest to tell in business and his success has been unmistakable and well deserved.

On Sept. 13, 1884, George H. Leininger was married to Ella S. Mohn, daughter of Samuel K. and Susanna (Spatz) Mohn, and five children have been born to them: Wellington, born March 3, 1886, who was graduated from Albright College in 1907, and later entered Harvard University (at Boston), taking a post-graduate course; Charles M., born Feb. 24, 1888, a graduate of Schuylkill Seminary and a member of the class of 1910, Haverford College; Beulah, born Jan. 2, 1891, and E. Mae, born May 5, 1893, both attending school; and George D., born April 16, 1898, who died Dec. 17, 1900. Mr. Leininger and his family are members of the Zion's United Evangelical Church, of Mohnton, where he is class-leader and trustee. Since 1899 he has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school, which numbers 520 members, and he gives freely of his time and money to the church. In politics he is an Independent voter.

(IV) John D. Leininger, son of John and father of Howard S., is now living retired in Cumru township. He was born where the "Hotel Mohnton" now stands, Aug. 29, 1842. His boyhood days were spent in Mohnton, and when twenty-five years of age he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for eighteen years. He then ran a dairy wagon for about ten years. In politics he is a Republican, and his social relations are with Lodge No. 485, K. of P., and the Sr. O. U. A. M., both of Mohnton. Mr. Leininger served during the Civil war, on the Union side. He and his family attend the Zion's Evangelical Church of Mohnton, in which he was assistant class-leader of Class No. 1 for some years. On March 5, 1868, he married Mary Strunk, daughter of George and Mary (Yocum) Strunk, and they have had children as follows: Howard S., who married Annie Sheneman; Frank S., who married Nora Aulenbach; Emma, who died in infancy; Lizzie, who died aged sixteen years; Maggie, at home; and Annie, also at home.

(V) Howard S. Leininger, son of John D., and one of Mohnton's leading business men, was born in Cumru township, Dec. 26, 1868. He attended the township schools at Mohnton. His first work was at the hatter's trade, which he followed for about ten years. The following two years he spent in farming, and in 1889 he began for himself, always carrying on agricultural pursuits in connection with his other business. He owns three tracts of land, all in Cumru, consisting of about 100 acres of good, productive soil. He is an exceedingly busy man, and he has won the honorable position he now holds by thrift and industry. He is extensively engaged in hauling, both in Mohnton and the surrounding country, as well as in Reading, having twenty-two head of horses, and owning about forty-four wagons. When he engaged in the coal business, in 1898, he purchased his supply from the Reading dealers, but in 1901 he began to buy by the carload. He has his chutes at Seventh and Bingaman streets, Reading, and does an extensive business. He was the first man to engage in this line in the new borough of Mohnton. In politics Mr. Leininger is a Republican, and his social connections are with Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A., and Castle No. 137, K. G. E., both at Mohnton. With his family he belongs to Zion's United Evangelical Church.

Mr. Leininger married Miss Annie Sheneman, daughter of Lewis and Harriett (Strunk) Sheneman, of Cumru township. They have one son, Elmer, who assists his father in business. They reside in a charming home on Church street, and are highly esteemed by all who know them.

(V) Isaac G. Leininger, son of James, is a very busy and successful contractor and builder at Edison, where he was one of the first two residents. He was born upon his father's farm in Cumru Oct. 14, 1860. When sixteen years of age he learned the hatter's trade under the George Hendel Company, and this he followed for a period of sixteen years. In November, 1893, with Mr. Albert Tobias, he erected the first dwelling in Edison, a two-story double frame house. In 1894 Mr. Leininger engaged in the butcher business, which he carried on with considerable success for thirteen years. He had a stand in the Bingaman street market in Reading. In 1903 he began contracting, and up to the present has erected seventy-five houses. In 1893 he erected the fine residence in which he now makes his home. It is nicely furnished within, and the lawns are kept in perfect condition. From 1893 to 1901 Mr. Leininger conducted a general store in his own building, but he now rents this. He is a man of enterprise, and has met with well-merited success, owning considerable property, including eleven houses at Edison, and a farm of fifty-five acres on the road leading from Gouglersville to Vinemont, seven acres of this being woodland. In 1904 he erected a Swiss barn 45 x 55 feet, which he has rented. He also deals in horses and is interested in various enterprises. He is independent in politics, and he and his family attend the United Evangelical Church.

On July 26, 1881, Mr. Leininger married Alice H. Fry, born May 19, 1863, daughter of James and Hannah (Heberling) Fry, of Spring township. Six children, one son and five daughters, have blessed this union, namely: Nora died in infancy; Carrie married Benton Henning; Alma

married Wayne Musser, a barber at Mohnton; James married Daisy Spencer; Naomi is at home; Elsie died in infancy. James Fry, father of Mrs. Leininger, had three children: Alice H., Mrs. Leininger; Aquilla, who died aged seven years; and James, who married Kate Nagel, and lives in Shillington, Pennsylvania.

(V) William G. Leininger, head of one of the leading industrial plants at Mohnton, with a branch at Fritztown, was born in Cumru township, Dec. 27, 1863, son of James and Lydia A. (Grill) Leininger. He passed his boyhood and youth in attendance at the district schools, and in helping about the farm. At the age of eighteen he left home to familiarize himself with the hat finishing trade, working under John Hendel & Son, of Reading. For fourteen years this business engrossed his attention, and then in 1895 he engaged in a mercantile enterprise in Mohnton. Two years later he discontinued this and for eight months tried broom manufacturing, but this proved unsatisfactory. In March, 1896, he went into partnership with Mr. George H. Leininger, under the firm name of the Industrial Hosiery Mills, of Mohnton. So successful were they and so ready a demand was found for their goods that they agreed to separate and to establish two distinct plants for the manufacture of hosiery. This firm was dissolved Nov. 1, 1898, and Mr. William G. Leininger gave his entire attention to the management of a factory he had erected the preceding year. It is a structure 28 x 70 feet, three stories high, and seventy-five hands are employed, turning out some four hundred and fifty dozen pairs a day. The plant is known as the William G. Leininger Factory, and is an important factor in the industrial life of the community. Mr. Leininger also has established a branch at Fritztown, which was opened Jan. 1, 1907. The building there is 28 x 36 feet, two stories high, and employment is furnished to thirty people. They turn out over two hundred dozen pairs daily. The goods are all of excellent quality and find a ready market in all parts of the United States, and in the Sandwich Islands, and Mr. Leininger does an exceptionally large business in Los Angeles, Cal. For some years, too, he was interested in the Steffy Music and Furniture Company, which he was instrumental in establishing, and of which he was treasurer. The company was very successful from its inception, but Mr. Leininger found that his other business interests required his entire attention, and so withdrew from the concern Jan. 1, 1906. The present owner is Dr. Miller, who conducts it under the name of the Mohnton Furniture House. Mr. Leininger assisted in organizing the Mohnton National Bank, and was elected a director thereof. In his political views he is strictly non-partisan. He regards public office as a public trust, demanding the highest available efficiency and integrity, and always votes for the candidates he thinks best meeting those requirements. He is public-spirited, active in local matters, was largely instrumental in the establishment of Mohnton as a borough, and was elected a member of the first borough council. He is active as a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 485, Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Modern Woodmen, all of Mohnton.

On July 3, 1885, Mr. Leininger was married to Agnes H. Behm, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Behm. They have four daughters, viz.: Bessie B.; Luella B., who married John E. Grimes, of Mohnton, and has one daughter, Marguerite Elizabeth; Stella B.; and Edna B. They are all members of the Zion's United Evangelical Church, of which Mr. Leininger has been a trustee continuously since 1892, and he is also steward and a member of the Men's Bible class.

(V) Albert G. Leininger, youngest son of James and Lydia A. (Grill) Leininger, was born June 30, 1866. He, like the rest of the children, obtained a limited education in a Cumru township public school. As a child he desired to study medicine. But his father died in the prime of life, when the boy was about thirteen years old, and this sad event ended Albert's school career. For many years he supported and cared for his aged and helpless mother and grandmother. He was instinctively inclined toward nature. He loved the soil, the huge, beautiful trees which covered the hillside, the glorious sky over the picturesque valley of his home; and the animals on the farm became his companions. During these years, after his father's death, he managed the work for his mother. He was also a lover of peace and rather enjoyed the solitary life. So in the spring of 1888 he purchased the old Leininger homestead. Both the land, in fertility, and the buildings have been greatly improved. A new house was erected in 1893 and later other conditions were altered which make the property more convenient and valuable. Together with agriculture Albert Leininger, with the help of his family, carried on a successful dairy, retailing the milk and truck at Reading and Shillington. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but seeing the terrible curse of liquor upon our nation and the human race generally, he strongly assisted the Prohibition party of his community. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Pythias (Lodge No. 485) and Knights of the Golden Eagle (Castle No. 137), both of Mohnton. All of his family are loyal members of Zion's United Evangelical Church.

On May 15, 1885, Mr. Leininger was married to Mary H. Leininger, daughter of Joseph T. and Rebecca Leininger, in Spring township. To this union came six children: Martha L., who attended Albright College, being a member of the class of 1909, and later took up medical work; Katie and Laura, who died at an early age; Robert R., who is continuing the work on the farm; Albert A., now at school and preparing for college; and Ruth Rebecca, also at school. They have enjoyed the freedom of the country, the fresh air, the rippling brook, and the pets which they found in the animals for which they cared.

HOWARD L. DREXEL, the proprietor of Drexel's Café, has conducted that establishment since 1898. He has led an active life, spent for the most part in and around Reading, and was variously engaged before he settled down to his present business, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Drexel was born Feb. 12, 1861, in Spring township, Berks county, son of John Drexel and grandson of John Drexel. The latter was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born 1790, and coming to America, settled in Reading, where he died. He married Susan Schlabach, who died on the old Drexel homestead in Spring township, and they had a family of ten children, namely: Reuben; Jacob, who was killed in the army; John; Catherine, wife of Barney Dreyfus; Henry, who lives at Exeter Station; Susan, deceased, wife of Henry Wagner; George W., a retired citizen of Reading, living on North Second street; Rose, deceased, wife of Cornelius Rothenberger; Samuel, who died in middle life; and Anna also deceased. The father was a stone-cutter by trade, and he helped to build the pillars of the Berks county court-house and the abutments on the old Schuylkill canal. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his family belonged the Lutheran Church.

John Drexel, father of Howard L., was born Sept. 11, 1824, in Boyertown, Berks county, and passed his entire life in this country. He was educated in the common schools. During his youth he was employed as a day laborer until he reached the age of eighteen, after which he learned the trade of bricklayer, in time commencing the manufacture of bricks on his own account. Many years ago he moved to West Reading, and he was the first brick manufacturer in that place, continuing in that line and conducting a stone quarry until his retirement twenty-eight years before his death, Feb. 11, 1897. In middle age Mr. Drexel had both his legs broken, and this injury caused him much trouble in his later years. His death, in fact, was due directly to his falling down-stairs. He prospered in his business undertakings, acquiring considerable property, including that at No. 853 Penn street, a large place on South Ninth street, and holdings in various other sections of Reading.

John Drexel married Maria Krick, who died June 30, 1906, aged seventy-four years. To them were born nine children, eight of whom are still living: William K., Emma

(m. Isaac Robinson, who was accidentally killed at the Reading Hardware Co., in 1882), John K., George K., Adam K., Clara (deceased), Howard L., Charles K. and Kate (m. Howard Goodhart). In religious connection Mr. Drexel was a Lutheran, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Howard L. Drexel was but seven years old when brought from his native township to Reading, where he received his education in the public schools. He commenced work as errand boy for a shoe store on Penn street, above Eighth, and later for several years was employed in the hardware establishment of Drexel & Rapp, located at Ninth and Bingaman streets. In this connection he learned nickel plating and polishing, at which he was engaged in Reading for some time in charge at the Chantrell Tool Works, and also in Allentown. During 1880 he worked with the civil engineering corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Tyrone, Pa., and the following spring went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the employ of W. C. Davis & Co., stove manufacturers, of the Favorite Stove Works, now located at Piqua, Ohio. With this firm he continued until 1885, doing nickel plating and polishing, and upon his return to Reading in that year he engaged at the hatter's trade, a knowledge of which he had acquired before going west, during a period of employment in a hat store in this city. He never took it up regularly, however, until he came back from Cincinnati, when he found a position with I. N. Levan, remaining with him about two years. In 1886-87 he managed a hat and men's furnishings store at Pottsville, Pa., for W. A. Boas, thence returning to Reading, where he was again connected with the Chantrell Tool Company, working for them about twelve years, 1887-1898, until he resigned to embark in his present enterprise. He had charge of the nickel department, and being an excellent mechanic as well as a competent manager his services were considered very valuable.

On Feb. 2, 1898, Mr. Drexel took charge of the property at No. 150 Penn street then known as the Pennsylvania House, which he purchased and remodeled, and where he continued to do a successful business until 1908, when he changed to his present location, at the corner of Fifth and Cherry streets. In 1902 he changed the name of his establishment to the Drexel Café, by which name it has since been known. Mr. Drexel does both a hotel and restaurant business, having nineteen rooms, equipped with every modern convenience, steam heat, hot and cold water, electricity and gas, lacking nothing for the comfort or convenience of the guests. The restaurant, up-to-date and attractive, draws a fine class of patrons, who appreciate the excellent service and the uniformly high quality of the food. Mr. Drexel also carries a complete stock of choice wines and liquors, and domestic and imported cigars, etc. He is a thorough business man, with a keen understanding of the conditions essential to make his establishment popular with the public and profitable as an investment. On Oct. 25, 1907, he came into possession of the property he now occupies, and proceeded to make every improvement of advantage to the enterprising business man before occupying the premises, on April 1, 1908. This stand is well known and one of the most popular in the city.

Mr. Drexel is one of the best known men in Reading among the fraternal orders. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Port Royal Club in Juniata county, Pa., where they have an acre of ground; the Independent Gunning and Sporting Club; the Commercial Club (which he joined in 1889); the West End Club; the Casino Amusement Company; and the Maennerchor. He was the first charter member of the local Aerie No. 66, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was the original founder of the Eagles' Mountain Home Association, in which he is one of the heaviest stockholders. He is a member of the Keystone Hook & Ladder Company, and of the Veteran Firemen's Association, and a contributing member of the Friendship Fire Company. He is a member of and stockholder in the Casino Amusement Association, which conducts Carsonia Park. He is a member of the Cold Spring Association, being interested as a stockholder in the "Cold Springs" at the corner of Berks and Lebanon counties, on the line of the Little Schuylkill railroad. The association has a tract of eighty-seven acres there. It is a matter of history that this place was originally founded by a community of monks during the early days of the Tulpehocken settlement. Conrad Weiser, with others of the settlement, was at one time interested in it, but the daughter of Peter Klapp was the only one to continue steadfast in the faith. Mr. Drexel is also a charter member of the Lake View Club, whose grounds overlook Antietam Lake in Alsace township; this club was organized in 1909, and owns five acres of land with fine buildings and the best springs.

On June 6, 1896, Mr. Drexel married Annie L. Reeser, daughter of Jacob H. and Mary A. (Boyer) Reeser, of Amity township, Berks county. They have one child, Mayetta.

IRVIN N. MANWILLER, a substantial business man of Mount Penn borough, Berks county, Pa., was born July 22, 1867, in Exeter township, son of William and Mary Ann (Nein) Manwiller, and grandson of Samuel Manwiller.

The progenitor of the Manwiller family of Berks county was one Daniel Manwiller, who in 1775 lived in Oley township, where his name appears on the tax list of that year. In 1799 Daniel Manwiller and Daniel Manwiller, Jr., were taxables in Exeter township. In 1806, a Daniel Manwiller paid fourteen pounds tax in Oley township. This probably was Daniel, Jr. Daniel Manwiller, the elder, in 1778 is mentioned as a taxable in Bern township. Besides Daniel, Jr., above mentioned, he had a son Michael (probably others).

Daniel Manwiller, Jr., was born March 19, 1773, and died June 26, 1840. He married Sarah Gamler (1780-1834), and both are buried in a private burial ground on the farm owned by Seth De Turck. Their children were: John, of Ruscombmanor township, who lived to be nearly ninety years old; David, also of Ruscombmanor, who died in 1886, when past eighty-three years; Elijah, who died at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county; Amos, a shoemaker and farmer in Oley; Daniel, who died unmarried; and Joshua, a shoemaker by trade, who followed farming in Oley, and whose children were—Nathaniel, Anna, Amelia, Howard, Joshua, Calvin, Sarah, Emma, Deborah and James.

Michael Manwiller, son of Daniel the elder, was born Feb. 6, 1785, and died Oct. 28, 1863, and is buried at Schwartzwald Church. His wife, Margaret Ulein, born May 19, 1785, died April 10, 1861. They had three children: Charles, Samuel and Jessie (m. Samuel Fry, of Exeter township).

Samuel Manwiller, grandson of Daniel the elder, was born March 14, 1811, in Exeter township, and died there Feb. 18, 1881. His life was spent in farming and laboring. He was a member of Schwartzwald Reformed Church, where he is buried. Mr. Manwiller married Mary Himmelreich, born Jan. 31, 1813, died Sept. 11, 1883. They had seven children, as follows: Elmina is the widow of Peter Sherry of Stonersville; Samuel, timekeeper of the plant at Birdsboro, and for forty years superintendent of the Perkiomen & Reading Turnpike Company, married Emily Kline; William; Hannah is the widow of Amos Herbine, of Stonersville; Sarah married George Ritchey, of Stonetown; Elam died in boyhood; and Anna died in infancy.

William Manwiller was born in August, 1845, in Exeter township, where he has spent his entire life, and where he owns a comfortable home and some thirty acres of good land, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged in connection with considerable work on highways and in the building of roads. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his good wife, Mary Ann (Nein), who was born in September, 1847, and who like her husband has been a resident of Exeter township all of her life, are members of the Reformed Church. They have one child: Irvin N.

Irvin N. Manwiller spent his boyhood on the farm and

attended the district schools, which he left at the age of eighteen years to engage in work at the blast furnaces at Birdsboro. Here he remained for nearly three years, when he located at gate No. 1, as keeper of the Perkiomen turnpike, a position he held for four years. On March 9, 1893, he opened a general mercantile establishment at what was then Dengler's P. O., now Mt. Penn, since which time he has successfully conducted this business. Mr. Manwiller is one of the enterprising business men of the borough, of which he was one of the organizers. He served Lower Alsace township for two terms as auditor, has filled the office of borough auditor of Mount Penn, and is at present a member of the school board. In politics he is a Democrat. He was one of the organizers of Trinity Reformed Church, of which he has served as elder, and is active in the work of the Sunday-school. He is fraternally connected with Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., of St. Lawrence.

On Jan. 28, 1887, Mr. Manwiller married Miss Catherine Koch, daughter of Isaac and Emma Koch, of Wernersville, Berks county, and to this union have been born three children: Warren, a musician, who is proficient on the pipe-organ and piano, resides at home; William assists his father in the store; and Florence is at home. The family reside in the pleasant home on Perkiomen avenue, and have a wide social circle.

ISAAC S. SPATZ, vice-president of the Berks County Trust Company since its organization in 1901, owner of or stockholder in several large manufacturing plants, is one of the leading men of Mohnton. He was born there Oct. 15, 1857, son of John H. and Mary (Snader) Spatz.

John H. Spatz, born in Cumru township, died Jan. 5, 1898, aged seventy years, and is buried in the old cemetery at Mohnton. He was reared in Chester county, Pa., and in his youth learned the trade of wheelwright and blacksmith, which he followed some twenty years. About 1850 he moved to Mohnsville, and here purchased a farm, which he spent several years in cultivating. For three years—1870-1873—he was a member of a company engaged in the manufacture of wool hats. He then built the lower factory, and organized the firm of Spatz, Mohn & Co., engaging in the manufacture of hats until 1879, when the firm was changed to J. H. Spatz & Co., and a new mill erected. This he continued to operate as long as he lived. He was also for seven years the proprietor of the Wyomissing Hat Company, and was a member of the Mohnsville Water Company. Active and enterprising in business, he was far-seeing, progressive and public-spirited, and was well known throughout the county. He dealt in real estate, and erected many of the first houses in the town. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a member of the Evangelical Church, being class-leader and steward. He married Mary Snader, of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, and their children were: Emma, married to J. G. Mohn, a hat manufacturer of Reading; Isaac S.; Anna, married to Aaron Warner, a hat manufacturer of Mohnton; and Susan, married to Monroe Killion, a hosiery and underwear manufacturer of Mohnton (in partnership with Aaron S. Hornberger).

Isaac S. Spatz received his education in the common schools and in Cedar Hill Seminary, at Mount Joy, Pa. In 1879 he joined his father in business, and after the latter's death assumed control of their combined interests. In 1885 he took charge of the Reinhold Hosiery Mills, and he is the owner of the Wyomissing Hosiery Mills, of Mohnsville, as he is also of the Penn Straw Works, which he built in 1886. The remarkable success of his ventures and the rapidly increasing business induced him to look for another outlet, and he formed the Globe Hat Company, which, since 1897, has been manufacturing wool hats at Mohnsville. Mr. Spatz employs a large force and he has the happy faculty of winning and retaining the respect and esteem of his employes. Besides looking after his manufacturing interests he serves as president of the Safe Harbor Electric Light and Power Company, capitalized at $50,000, and is a heavy stockholder in the Mohnton Electric Light Plant, the latter having six hundred lights and being one of the advantages of the town. He is the owner of several hundred well improved acres of land, well stocked with high-grade cattle; and he is also engaged to some extent in the lumber business. For a time he was also a director in the Penn National Bank. Mr. Spatz is a man of remarkable business ability and of sound judgment, and his advice has been of inestimable value to all the concerns with which he has been identified.

On March 18, 1879, Mr. Spatz married Ellen Gring, of Cumru township, and three children have been born to them: Norah, a clerk in her father's office; Sallie; and Elmer. Mr. Spatz is a Republican in his political belief, and on April 30, 1907, at the first borough election, he was elected a member of the Mohnton council by a large majority; he is serving at present as secretary of that body. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, in which he has been Sunday-school superintendent, trustee and class-leader; and he is a member of the board of publishing of the Evangelical Association of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Spatz is a man of genuine worth, and has many friends in the community in which his entire life has been spent.

WILLIAM Y. LEVAN, of Boyertown, was born Nov. 23, 1867, at Reading, and is a member of a family which has been settled in Berks county for several generations.

The Levans are of French Huguenot origin, and this branch of the family is descended from Isaac Levan, whose father, Daniel Levan, a French Huguenot, left Picardy, France, and went to Holland, where Isaac was born in about 1700. He was one of four brothers who came to find a home in America, one dying, however, before his arrival. The other three settled in Berks county, Pa., one in Oley township, one in Maxatawny, and one in Exeter. Isaac, the one who settled in Exeter, came to the new land in about 1730, this fact being established by the records of land grants made to him bearing the dates 1731 and 1734 and 1737-38, as well as grants made him along the Schuylkill river, this land aggregating in all over a thousand acres, most of which was in Exeter township. Some of the property has remained in the family ever since. He and his wife, Mary Margaret, had these children: Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, Jacob, Mary and Judith.

Jacob Levan, son of Isaac, was the great-great-grandfather of William Y. Levan. He lived and died in Exeter, falling heir to a goodly portion of his father's estate, his possessions including the old homestead, known as the Cyrus Levan estate, in Exeter, and the tannery. He also added to the original property by purchase, and at the time of his death, when he had been living retired some years, he was considered one of the most substantial citizens and largest landowners in his section of Berks county. He married Susannah Ludwig, and they had a large family, among whom were Jacob and Abraham.

Jacob Levan, son of Jacob, was a farmer in Exeter, where he passed his life. He owned between five hundred and six hundred acres of land, all in one body. He died in 1852, in the faith of the Reformed Church. He married Catharine Fegeley, who bore him two children: Anna married Capt. Henry Schaeffer, of Reading; Isaac was the grandfather of William Y. Levan.

Isaac Levan, son of Jacob, was a farmer all his life in Exeter township, where he owned between four hundred and five hundred acres of land. He died upon his farm in 1857, at the age of forty-one years, and was buried in the new cemetery at the Schwartzwald Church. He was a leading member of the Reformed Church and a stanch Democrat in politics. He was twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Brumbach, daughter of Jacob Brumbach. She died in 1853, when thirty-three years old, the mother of the following named children: (1) William B., born March 21, 1842, in Exeter township, when a young man learned telegraphy, and was employed with the P. & R. Co. for a period of twenty-five years. In March, 1893, when the Reading National Bank was organized, he became its messenger, and here he is still employed. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. A. 128th Regiment, Pa. Vols., for

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the nine months' call, and was discharged in May, 1863. He married in 1864 Miss Clarinda Adams, daughter of John and Hannah (Koller) Adams. Six children born to this union, namely: Rosa married Alfred Bordes, and they reside in Philadelphia (they have a son, Raymond); Rebecca married Darias Fisher, and they have one child, Leroy; Laura married James Loose, and they have a child, Catharine; Bessie, widow of Harry Addis, has two children, Margaret and Robert; Alice married Daniel H. Herflicker, has one child, Mabel, and resides at Camden, N. J.; and Florence is at home. William B. Levan resides at No. 133 Pear street, Reading. (2) Jacob B. resides at St. Lawrence, Exeter township. (3) Isaac B. is the father of William Y. (4) George died in childhood. (5) Daniel died in infancy. (6) Henry B. is a merchant at Lorane, Pa. In 1856 Mr. Levan married (second) Louisa Wien, and one child was born to this union, Rebecca, the wife of John B. Knorr, of Reading.

Isaac B. Levan was born in 1846 in Exeter township, and attended the public schools there, later going to Boyertown Academy. He taught school for a time in Berks county, was appointed deputy sheriff, and served under George D. Boyer, and part of George B. Schaeffer's term. He then bought a farm in Virginia, where he spent one year, and on his return to Pennsylvania went to Lancaster county, where he was appointed deputy sheriff. He served in that capacity for a period of nine years, after which he located at Manheim, Lancaster county, where he is still making his home. He is engaged in the creamery business, which he began when he settled at Manheim.

Mr. Levan married (first) Mary E. Yeich, daughter of William Yeich, of Reading, a pioneer tinsmith of that city. She died in 1878, the mother of seven children: William Y., Annie E., Laura E., J. Harry (m. Annie Montgomery and lives in Reading), Mary M. (m. Fred Cook), E. Alice (m. William Smith) and Edith M. Mr. Levan's second marriage was to Lizzie Woodworth, and to this union were also born seven children, of whom three are living, Allen, Estella and Helen.

William Y. Levan received his education in the public schools of his native city, and after commencing work was with the Reading Telephone Company for some time, during 1886-87. He then learned the tinsmith's trade from George W. Hassinger, finishing his apprenticeship under him, and followed that calling as a journeyman until he engaged in business on his own account in Reading, in 1892, on Bingaman street, above Eighth. From there he removed to Mount Penn borough, where he was located for six years, and in 1900 he changed to Manheim, in Lancaster county, where he was in business until August, 1907, since which time he has been a resident of Boyertown. Here he has been doing business at the old Lefevre stand, and he is well known in and around the borough. He follows all the various branches of his trade, doing tin roofing, spouting and general sheet metal work, and dealing in stoves, ranges, furnaces and hot water and steam heaters, installing the different kinds of heating plants.

Mr. Levan married Regina Bickel, daughter of Moses Bickel, of upper Berks county, Pa. He is a member of the Keystone Fire Company and of the Firemen's Relief of Boyertown.

EZRA S. WENRICH, proprietor of a restaurant at No. 705 Penn street, Reading, is a native of Berks county, born in Heidelberg township, in 1865, son of Richard M. and Mary Ann (Koch) Wenrich. The father, who has been one of the successful farmers of the region, has for the last few years been living retired at Reading. He and his wife, who died in October, 1906, had five children: Ezra S., Robert E., Richard C. N., Nathaniel C. R. and Annie (deceased wife of Levan Rabock).

Ezra S. Wenrich as a boy attended the township school, and later, in 1881, went to the Millersville State Normal School, and qualified himself for teaching. He followed that profession only one term, in Marion township, and then having in the meantime learned telegraphy, stenography and bookkeeping he secured a position at such work with Coxe Brothers & Co., at Drifton, Luzerne county, finally becoming chief clerk in the mining department. He remained with that firm for eight years, until 1893, and at the end of that time moved to Reading, and engaged in his present business. His first restaurant was located at No. 433 Penn street, whence he moved to No. 545 Penn street, and then in 1900 to the location which he still occupies, at Nos. 705-707, on the same street. Mr. Wenrich purchased the property in 1902, and has since then added many improvements to the place. His restaurant is one of the most modern in the city, is very well conducted and is one of the most popular cafés of Reading. Mr. Wenrich's home is on the premises, as the family occupy the upper floors at No. 705 Penn street. Mr. Wenrich also owns Nos. 15 and 17 North Seventh street, and Nos. 700-02-04 Court street, all of which is valuable property and well improved.

In 1889, Mr. Wenrich married Miss Margaretta Marley, of Drifton, daughter of Mich. and Margaret (Drumheller) Marley, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Elwood, deceased; Claude G.; Mabel A.; Arthur E.; and Ruth M. M. Mr. Wenrich is a man of considerable influence in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, of which he is a member and one of the trustees. In 1903 he placed his name upon the roll of the Y. M. C. A. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Blue Lodge, No. 62, Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, Reading Commandery No. 42, the A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Lodge of Perfection. Mr. Wenrich is a man of much ability, has been very successful in his business operations, and enjoys the respect of all who know him.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STEFFY, a representative citizen of Cumru township, who has for some years been Steffy family of Berks county, and was born Feb. 1, 1868, engaged in piano tuning, is a member of the well-known at Adamstown, Lancaster county, son of Benjamin K. and Catherine (Ruffner) Steffy.

Benjamin K. Steffy was born Dec. 20, 1834, on the Steffy homestead, and for upward of forty years conducted a smithy at Adamstown, where he also owned a farm and grew fruit. Since 1899 he has lived retired at Mohnton. Mr. Steffy and his family attend Allegheny Church, and fraternally he is connected with the Sr. O. U. A. M., at Adamstown. He married Catherine Ruffner, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Keffer) Ruffner, of Angelica, and they had these children: Rosa m. Frank Hatt, of Adamstown; Sarah m. Abner Harding, of Edison; Wayne died Jan. 13, 1908; B. Franklin; Lydia, born Jan. 7, 1871, m. John Rollman, of Adamstown, and died Nov. 27, 1891; Maggie, born June 12, 1874, died Jan. 17, 1895; Mary, born April 2, 1877, died Feb. 15, 1898; and Edwin, born Aug. 7, 1880, died Jan. 31, 1898.

B. Franklin Steffy spent his school days at Adamstown, and then assisted his father on the farm and in the fruit growing business. Later he engaged with his father for some years in the manufacture of cigars, a trade he had learned from his father when a mere lad. Mr. Steffy is an accomplished musician, showing his talent when but ten years of age. He was a teacher and instructor of bands in various parts of Berks county when but sixteen years of age, being especially accomplished on the piano, violin and clarionet, and he now has many pupils in Reading and all over the southwestern portion of Berks county. In 1906 Professor Steffy took a special course in the Boston School of Piano Tuning, and on New Year's Day, 1907, he associated himself with the well-known O. F. Kauffman Music House, No. 48 North Eighth street, Reading. Professor Steffy was located for a time in Mohnton, but since 1906 he has made his home at No. 623 Weiser street, Reading. In the spring of 1903 Mr. Steffy, with Dr. M. L. Miller and William G. Leininger, organized the Steffy Furniture Company, of which he was made president, and this enterprise was successful from the start and now does a large business, being now conducted by Dr. Miller, who purchased his partners' interests. Fraternally Mr. Steffy is connected with Mohn-

ton Lodge No. 485, Knights of Pythias, and he and his family are members of Grace United Evangelical Church, Sixth and Elm streets, Reading.

On March 4, 1886, Professor Steffy was married to Ella F. Remp, daughter of Henry Remp, a complete sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere. Six children have been born to this union: Mazie R., Emma M., James L., Alta, Arthur L., and one that died in infancy.

JOHN STROUP, a highly esteemed citizen of Wyomissing, Pa., where he now holds the position of school director, was born Jan. 14, 1870, at Harrisburg, Pa., son of John and Anna (Thomas) Stroup.

John Stroup, father of John, was born Jan. 1, 1818, in Mifflin county, Pa., and in his young manhood learned the trade of stair-builder, which he followed all of his life. He was a skilled mechanic, and did much work at the State Capitol at Harrisburg, becoming one of the best-known men in his line in this section of the country. A remarkable example of his skill is a large walnut sideboard upon which is carved the coat of arms of Pennsylvania, made by Mr. Stroup when seventy years old, and which is now one of the valued possessions of his son John. Mr. Stroup died at Reading Feb. 14, 1896, aged seventy-eight years, one month, thirteen days, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Anna Thomas, born Nov. 3, 1838, who still survives her husband and makes her home with her son John, being well preserved both in body and mind. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stroup, namely: Sallie T. m. George W. Francis, of Reading; Anna died young; Carrie M. m. William McClelland, formerly of New York and now of East Orange, N. J.; Herbert lives in Reading; and John.

John Stroup received his education in the schools of Reading, whither his parents had come when he was a child, and when only eleven years old he became an errand boy in the millinery establishment of J. K. Righter at No. 514 Penn street, where he remained two years. He then learned the book-binding trade with Charles F. Heller, with whom he also remained two years, and in 1885 entered the employ of C. K. Whitner, dry-goods merchant at Reading. The following year, 1886, Mr. Stroup became a salesman in the dress goods department of Kline & Eppihimer's dry goods establishment at No. 522 Penn street, Reading, and in 1891 was placed in charge of the silk department, a position which he has since occupied. He has entire charge of the buying of silks for the department, in which capacity he is called upon to exercise his knowledge of the business.

In 1895 Mr. Stroup located in Wyomissing, having formerly lived at No. 815 Front street, Reading, and on Sept. 18th of that year moved to his fine new residence, which he had erected in the spring. Mr. Stroup is a member and Past Master of Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M. In politics he is an independent Republican, and became one of the first school directors of Wyomissing, serving in the office one year, and in February, 1907, he was elected to a full term of three years. He is a member of the Wyomissing Civic League, and was prominent in the incorporation of the town into a borough.

On Sept. 14, 1898, Mr. Stroup was married to Miss Jennie M. Cutler, estimable daughter of James Q. and Salinda (Homan) Cutler, of Reading, and to this union there had been born two bright children: Anna K. and Robert C.

H. A. HERTWIG, a highly esteemed resident of Reading, Pa., who is conducting the "Harugari Hotel," Nos. 48-50 South Sixth street, was born in Leesport, Berks county, Pa., in 1858, son of J. E. and Othela (Schuman) Hertwig.

H. A. Hertwig was educated in the schools of Reading, and was first employed at the Thalheimer cigar box factory and later at the Mitchell cracker bakery. From there he became helper at the Addis bucket shop, where he remained for one year, and was later employed as a molder at the Mellert Pipe Foundry.

In 1878 Mr. Hertwig engaged in the hotel business, being employed by his father at Harugari Hall until 1885. Mr. Hertwig's father then purchased the property No. 1038 Centre avenue, then known as Andulisa Hall. This was later converted into a Concert Park and known as Hertwig's Family Park. Mr. Hertwig managed this place of business for his father from 1885 to 1891. Mr. Hertwig's father later conducted the C. B. Miller Family Park and Mr. Hertwig was employed there for one year. From there Mr. Hertwig managed the "Lafayette Hotel" for Ignatius Shade, and was later employed by Thomas Fry, proprietor of the Veteran Saloon, Seventh and Chestnut streets. In July, 1892, Mr. Hertwig received a position as head bar clerk at the "Central House," John Brobst, proprietor, and remained there until December, 1899, when he purchased the old homestead, Harugari Hall, from James Morgan, and is conducting same at this time.

In 1884 Mr. Hertwig married Roselle Orth, daughter of William Orth, and to them has been born one son, Robert, photo engraver, who married Minnie Kessler. Mr. Hertwig is a member of Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter No. 152, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Allen Council No. 23. He is also connected with the Reading Hose Fire Company. In his political belief Mr. Hertwig is independent, voting rather for the man than the party.

GEORGE H. HERTWIG, one of Reading's popular and enterprising young citizens, who is at present filling the position of manager of the Auditorium, is a native of that city, where he was born Sept. 2, 1877, son of Otto J. and Caroline M. (Schick) Hertwig.

Mr. Hertwig's educational training was secured in the public schools of Reading, and he later supplemented this with a course at the Inter-State Commercial College of the city, graduating therefrom in 1895. After leaving school, Mr. Hertwig entered the office of R. L. Jones, with whom he was connected for a short time, when he accepted a position with the American Protective Association of Reading, and he continued in the employ of this firm for seven years, resigning therefrom to engage in the real estate and insurance business at Sixth and Penn streets, Reading, with E. P. Van Reed and J. S. Ebbing, and in conjunction therewith engaged in well drilling in Pennsylvania and New York State, operating three machines. In this latter business he continued for five years, selling out to a Mr. Rahn. At this time Mr. Hertwig was secretary and treasurer of the Auditorium, and in July, 1904, he was made manager thereof, a position he has since ably filled. The Auditorium, which has been lately built, is a fine structure at Nos. 127-129-131-133 South Fifth street, 60x235 feet, one of the finest buildings of its kind in the State.

Mr. Hertwig is a Mason, holding membership in Teutonia Lodge No. 367; the Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°; the Philadelphia Consistory, 32°; and is a Shriner, belonging to Rajah Temple. He also belongs to Elks Lodge No. 115, the Knights of Malta, No. 47, Washington Camp No. 509, P. O. S. of A., and is very popular in all of these organizations. He is connected with the Lutheran Church.

In 1906 Mr. Hertwig married Minnie K. Snyder, daughter of John Snyder, and to them has been born one son, Otto Snyder. Mr. Hertwig resides at No. 47 North Tenth street, Reading.

HENRY HARRISON KOCH, dealer in coal and feed at Birdsboro, is one of the younger business men of this section, who have made their presence felt in the community, and who have already won a substantial footing among the successful men of the town. Mr. Koch was born in old Union township, Berks county, May 8, 1873, son of Isaac K. and grandson of Isaac Koch.

Isaac Koch, the grandfather, was born and reared in Berks county, and there spent all the years of his life until 1902, when he went to Montgomery county, Pa., and

he is now living there at the age of ninety-five years. All his active years were devoted to farming, although he worked at his trade of shoe-making, learned in his youth, in connection with it. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Democrat. At one time he served as supervisor of Amity township. His wife, Anna Mariah Kern, died at the age of sixty-five years. Their children were: Anna M. m. David Eagle; Jacob; Henry; Catharine m. George Kulp; Isaac K.; Lizzie m. George Updegrove; David; and Malinda m. John Shirey.

Isaac K. Koch was reared in Amity township, and there attended the public schools. He learned the trade of painting and paper hanging, and this he has followed the greater part of his life. He married Sarah Elizabeth Updegrove, daughter of Levi and Sophia (Davidheiser) Updegrove, and they have two children, Henry Harrison and Roy C. Mr. Koch is a member of Neversink Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the P. O. S. of A. He is a man of high principles, and his life has been lived along lines of industry and integrity, and he is eminently respected.

Henry Harrison Koch attended the public schools and secured a good practical education. With his father he learned the trade of paper hanger and painter, and this he followed with success for eleven years. In 1899 he purchased the coal yards, formerly the property of George Brown, and since that time he has found his time fully occupied in caring for his rapidly increasing business. He now sells upward of 1,500 tons annually. He is strictly honest and upright in his dealings, is courteous, accommodating and kind-hearted, and is very popular with his associates.

In 1896 Mr. Koch was married to Miss Delilah March, daughter of Isaac F. March, and they have five children, Sarah Elizabeth, Alberta Ruth, Esther Livingood, Isaac March and Henry Matthias. They attend the Lutheran church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Koch are members. He belongs to Camp No. 417, P. O. S. of A.

F. PIERCE D. GRILL, a farmer and dairyman of Berks county, whose fine property of fifty-five acres is situated in Cumru township, was born Feb. 28, 1865, on the farm on which he now resides, son of Adam M. and Sarah (Dewees) Grill.

Adam Grill, grandfather of F. Pierce D., was born Aug. 22, 1793, in what is now Spring township, and died May 21, 1858. He was a farmer of Cumru township, where he owned a farm of 155 acres, on which he built a barn in 1832. He married Catherine Mohn, born Jan. 11, 1800, who died March 31, 1888, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Albright) Mohn. Ten children were born to this union: Samuel (m. Betsy VonNeida); Elizabeth (m. Henry VonNeida); Catherine (m. Christil Kress); Polly (m. Richard Hornberger); Levi (m. Polly Eshelman); Sally (m. Nicholas Mosser); Adam M. (m. Sarah Dewees); Lydia (m. James Leininger); Daniel (m. Mary Matz); and Henry (m. Mary Hiester).

Adam M. Grill was born Oct. 17, 1835, and was reared on the original homestead, where he lived until 1904, then retiring and removing to Church street, Mohnton. Since 1897 he has conducted a milk route into Mohnsville, owning a twenty-six acre farm about two miles northwest of that village. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family attend Zion's Evangelical Church; he was class-leader, treasurer and trustee of the church of that denomination at Mohn's Hill.

Mr. Grill married Nov. 6, 1860, Sarah Dewees, born Jan. 4, 1841, daughter of John M. and Leah G. (Matz) Dewees, and five children were born to this union: William D. m. Ida Miller, and had three children—Jennie (died when three years old), Leo and Harry; Alice R. died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight years; F. Pierce D.; Martin D. m. Hannah Weidner, and has three children—John, Stanley and Forest; and Quinton D. is unmarried.

F. Pierce D. Grill has spent his entire life on the property on which he now lives, and which he obtained from his father. This property, which consists of fifty-five acres, is a part of the old homestead owned by his grandfather, and which has been in the family possession for upward of 100 years. The original barn, built in 1832 by Adam Grill, still stands, as does the home, built by his son, Adam M., in 1868. Mr. Grill is also engaged in operating a milk route, running a team daily, except Sunday, to Mohnton. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are connected with Mohn's Hill Memorial United Evangelical Church.

On Aug. 11, 1889, Mr. Grill married Annie H. Fisher, born July 31, 1866, daughter of Richard and Annie (Hoyer) Fisher, and three children have been born to this union: Stephen F., born June 10, 1890; Leroy F., Jan. 21, 1893; and Lillie F., May 24, 1898.

JOHN G. HERBINE, a well-known citizen residing at No. 824 Elm street, Reading, formerly first assistant clerk of the board of county commissioners of Berks county, Pa., was born June 5, 1865, in Oley township, Berks county, son of George G. and Sarah (Herbine) Herbine.

John Herbine, grandfather of John G., was a native of Exeter township, where he was a farmer and drover all of his life, dying well advanced in years at Yellow House, Berks county. He married Sarah Gemart, and to them were born these children: Jacob G., Mary Ann, Charles G., Abner G., John (who met an accidental death), George G. and Mary Ann. The family were members of the Reformed Church.

George G. Herbine was reared in Exeter township, but on reaching maturity removed to Oley township, where he owned and operated a property of 121 acres, and was engaged in the cattle business. There he died April 21, 1904, aged sixty-four years. He married Sarah Herbine, who is still living at Oley, and they had these children: Emma H. m. Daniel K. Young, deceased; John G.; Howard H.; Ella H.; Katie H.; and Clara m. Mahlon H. Knabb. In religious belief the family were Reformed.

John G. Herbine attended the schools of Oley township and later studied at Amityville Seminary for two terms, and then worked for a time on the home farm, later clerking in a country store for about five years, and also engaging in butter making at the Oley line. In 1893 he came to Reading and engaged with Yocum's flour and feed store for about seven years, as their salesman, and on Jan. 1, 1906, he was appointed first assistant clerk of the board of county commissioners for a term of three years. Personally Mr. Herbine is genial and courteous, and possesses the happy faculty of making friends. He is of striking appearance, standing five feet, ten inches, and weighing about 200 pounds, and except for accidents has never been sick a day in his life. He has always been active in the ranks of the Democratic party, casting his first vote for Grover Cleveland, and since 1894 has been a resident of the Ninth ward, where he wields much political influence. He was judge of election for seven years and on numerous occasions has been a delegate to State and county conventions, his entry into politics being as delegate from Oley township for Judge H. Willis Bland. He was assistant postmaster from 1888 to 1894 under Chas. S. Snyder, at Limekiln, and was county committeeman from Oley three terms. He is a member of the Northeast Democratic Association, and has attended a number of city and county caucuses. He was a member of the city Executive Committee for three years. On Dec. 24, 1908, he was appointed by the retiring board of county commissioners to the office of mercantile appraiser for Berks county, having the full vote of the board consisting of Chester B. Cleaver, James M. Yerger, James F. Fisher. His work in this new and responsible position covers not only Reading but all Berks county.

In 1893 Mr. Herbine was married to Amanda Cleaver, daughter of Frank R. Cleaver, of Pleasantville, and to them have been born three children: Stanley C., Frederick W., and Sarah A. Mr. Herbine was a member of Schwartzwald Church until coming to Reading, when he united with St. Stephen's Reformed Church, being teacher and

treasurer of the Sunday-school. He is fraternally connected with Oley Lodge No. 218, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp No. 221, P. O. S. of A.

GEORGE W. WARTMAN. In the death of George W. Wartman, at Reading in 1901, the city lost one of its good citizens and highly esteemed residents. Mr. Wartman, who will be remembered as an efficient special officer of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, was born in Reading in 1854, son of Jonathan and Judith (Beaver) Wartman.

Jonathan Wartman was in early life engaged in the hotel business on North Fifth street, near the present stand of the "Farmers' Hotel," but later he engaged with Conrad Frame, Sr., in the coal business, and was so employed when stricken, and was disabled for nine years before his death. He married Judith Beaver, and to them were born five children: Alfred; Henry; George W.; Elmira (m. Andrew Sleath) and Jennie (m. Charles Maurer). In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Wartman was a Democrat.

George W. Wartman was educated in the schools of Reading, and when young engaged at blacksmithing, at which he served an apprenticeship. After following this for many years, he was appointed a police officer under James K. Getz, and served about one term, when he resigned to accept the position of special officer with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, continuing in that position until his death. His experiences were many while serving in his official capacity, and he was on one occasion shot in the leg by a tramp, the bullet breaking the bone. Mr. Wartman was very popular with all who knew him, and he was held in the highest esteem by his employers. He was a member of the Order of Good Fellows and the Protestant Association.

In 1880 Mr. Wartman married Mary A. Frill, daughter of John and Mary (Stroehecker) Frill. Mrs. Wartman, who survives her husband, attends the Lutheran Church.

JACOB B. LEVAN. One of the oldest and most honored families of Berks county, Pa., is that of Levan, members of which have distinguished themselves in the various walks of life. A worthy representative of this family is found in Jacob B. Levan, a prominent and influential citizen of St. Lawrence, Exeter township.

Daniel Levan, great-great-great-grandfather of Jacob B., left France, and settled in Amsterdam, Holland, during the Huguenot persecution. He married in France Marie Beau.

The first of the family to come to America was Isaac Levan, son of Daniel and Marie (Beau) Levan, who was born in Holland in about 1700. He came to America in about 1730, this fact being established by the records of land grants made to him bearing the dates of 1731 and 1734 and 1737-38, as well as grants made him along the Schuylkill river, this land aggregating in all upward of 1,000 acres, most of which lay in Exeter township. Isaac Levan, the emigrant, built the tannery on the second land grant on the site where now the Brumbach Bros. Woolen Mill stands in St. Lawrence, and in 1758 sold it with nine acres to John Fisher, and afterward conveyed the first grant and remaining 123 acres of the second grant to his son Jacob Levan, great-grandfather of Jacob B. Isaac Levan and his wife Mary Margaret had these children: Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, Jacob, Mary (m. Peter Feather) and Judith (m. Samuel Weiser). Isaac Levan died in 1786 in the borough of Reading.

Jacob Levan, great-grandfather of Jacob B., born between 1736 and 1740, fell heir to a goodly portion of his father's estate, his possessions including the old homestead, known as the Cyrus Levan Estate, in Exeter township. He also added to his original property by purchase, and at the time of his death, when he had been living retired for some years, he was considered one of the most substantial men and largest landowners in this section of Berks county. He married Susannah Ludwig, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters, namely: Abraham; Jacob L.; Daniel; Margaret m. (first) Peter Rightmeyer, (second) John Woolison; Susannah m. John Stitzel; Elizabeth m. Samuel Kurst; Mary m. Henry Werner; Hannah m. Godfrey Kershner; Catharine m. Jacob Goodman; Sarah m. Adam Stitzel; Judith m. Henry Leese. Jacob Levan died in 1814 was buried on the old homestead in a private graveyard located on his first land grant in Exeter township.

Jacob L. Levan, grandfather of Jacob B., was born in 1784. He was a farmer and owned between 500 to 600 acres of land, all in one body. He died in 1851 in the faith of the Reformed Church. Mr. Levan married Catherine Fegley, and she bore him two children: Anna m. Capt. Henry Schaeffer, of Exeter township; and Isaac.

Isaac Levan, son of Jacob, was an agriculturist all of his life in Exeter township, where he was a stanch Democrat and leading member of the Reformed Church. He died in 1857, at the age of forty-one years. Mr. Levan was married (first) to Rebecca Brumbach, daughter of Jacob Brumbach, and she died in 1853, when thirty-three years of age, having borne her husband these children: William, of the Reading National Bank; Jacob B.; Isaac B., a resident of Manheim, Lancaster county; George, who died in childhood; Daniel, who died in infancy, and Henry B., a merchant at Lorane. In 1856 Mr. Levan was married (second) to Louisa Wein, and one child was born to this union, Rebecca, wife of John Knorr, of Reading.

Jacob B. Levan was born Jan. 8, 1844, in Exeter township, where he attended the public schools; and later went to Oley Academy. In 1858 he went to live with his guardian, Josiah DeTurk, with whom he continued until he was nineteen years of age, and thereafter spent some time in farming with Joseph Levan. At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Levan engaged in a hotel and mercantile business at Lorane, where he continued for four years, then engaging in farming, at which he continued until 1896. He became the owner of several farms, all of which he has since sold, and since 1896 he has been engaged at various occupations. He has always been active in movements having for their object the betterment of conditions in his community, has erected eight houses in St. Lawrence, was a promoter of the St. Lawrence Water Company and attends to the plumbing therefor, and platted most of the land and sold the lots for the village of St. Lawrence. For fifteen years he served efficiently as township auditor.

On April 25, 1869, Mr. Levan was united in marriage with Miss Emma Stauffer, daughter of Abraham and Mariah (Bitting) Stauffer, of Bechtelsville and Allentown, and five children have been born to this union, namely: William lives in Mt. Penn borough; Rebecca m. William Van Buskirk, of Lebanon, superintendent of the cold punch department of the American Iron and Steel Company at Lebanon, and they have one son, Arthur; Jacob, who is engaged in butchering in the city of Reading, m. Cora Wentzel, and they have two children, Bessie and Margaret; George, an employe of the cold punch department of the American Iron and Steel Company at Lebanon, m. Minnie Dinkel, and has three children, Catherine, Charles and Amie R.; and Victor, who completed his fourth year in the United States Navy in May, 1908, has cruised in Asiatic waters, and is now an able seaman. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Levan are members of the Schwartzwald Reformed Church, and Mr. Levan is a member of the cemetery board.

J. JEROME MILLER, a highly esteemed resident of Hamburg, Berks county, who has been cashier of the Hamburg Savings Bank since 1877, was born in that borough Oct. 29, 1843, son of Edward M. Miller.

Edward M. Miller was born in 1818, followed cabinetmaking for a number of years, and served the Schuylkill Navigation Company for a long time as section boss along the canal from Leesport to Schuylkill Haven. He acted as a councilman of the borough for several terms and officiated as chief burgess. He died in 1897, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife, who had been Sarah

Moyer, born in 1823, daughter of John Moyer, of Hamburg, died in 1899, aged seventy-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had eight children: Miss Clara; John R. (m. Benie Westwood); J. Jerome; Emma (m. Dr. J. F. Isett); Gustavus A.; Simon; J. Edward; and a son who died in infancy.

J. Jerome Miller was educated in the borough schools, and when the Civil war broke out in 1861, he enlisted as a private for three years in Company G, 96th Pa. V. I., commanded by Capt. James N. Douden. He was engaged in all the battles fought by the Army of the Potomac, and was honorably discharged Aug. 6, 1865. At Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, Mr. Miller was wounded, and on account of this wound was transferred to Company F, 22d Veteran Reserve Corps, and was promoted to corporal.

Upon his discharge Mr. Miller returned to Hamburg and learned cabinet-making, which, in connection with carpentering, he followed for several years. He then engaged in a general store business with J. F. Isett, under the firm name of Miller & Isett, which he continued for three years, and then resumed cabinet-making, being employed at his trade until Jan. 1, 1877. The directors of the Hamburg Savings Bank having elected Mr. Miller cashier, he began his connection with this financial institution in the northern section of the county, and has continued to fill this responsible position to the present time. At the start the paid-up capital of the bank was $10,000 on an authorized capital of $50,000; the resources showed a loss of $20,000 on account of prominent bank failures at Philadelphia, and the deposits were but $18,000. However, the affairs of the bank were straightened out, improving steadily, until on July 1, 1906, the capital was $50,000 and the reserve funds $55,000. Mr. Miller has officiated as councilman and school director for twenty-one years. He has take a prominent part in the discussion and efforts of the Board of Trade for the improvement of Hamburg, officiating as president of that body for fifteen years until July, 1906, when he resigned.

Mr. Miller married Amanda Bean, daughter of Nehemiah Bean, in 1874, and they have one daughter, Sadie; another daughter, Clara, died when seven years old.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN BECKER, a highly esteemed retired citizen of Reading, Pa., whose pleasant home is situated at No. 1657 North Tenth street, was for many years engaged in various business enterprises in the city. He was born March 8, 1828, in Centre (then Upper Bern) township, son of John and Rebecca (Zimmerman) Becker.

John Becker, grandfather of William Z., was born in Maiden-creek township. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active life in Muncy Valley, in Union county, Pa. The name of his second wife was Gottshall.

John Becker, son of John and father of William Z., was a hotel keeper and shoemaker in early life, but in later years engaged in farming, at which the rest of his life was spent, his death occurring in his seventy-ninth year. He and his wife, Rebecca Zimmerman, had twelve children, of whom five survive: William Z., Augustus, Henry, Joseph and Nathan.

William Z. Becker was educated in the common schools of his native locality, and also spent one year at Fremont Academy, after leaving which he taught school for one winter. At the age of sixteen years he apprenticed himself to the tailor's trade, which he followed for nine years, and then engaged in farming in Maiden-creek township. After eight years spent in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Becker sold out and removed to Reading, where in 1864 he started carpentering in the Philadelphia & Reading shops, where he remained two years, leaving when he was elected tax collector and assessor of the Second Ward. After serving five years in this official position, Mr. Becker engaged in the manufacture of cigars, in which he continued for seven years, and then returned to the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. After eleven more years in the company's employ Mr. Becker engaged in building, in which he continued until his retirement. Mr. Becker owns three valuable properties in the vicinity of his home, in which community he is well known and highly respected.

Mr. Becker married Rebecca Nunnemacher in 1855, and to this union there were born three children, one of whom survives: John N. Becker, M. D. In politics Mr. Becker is a Democrat, and in 1878-79 he was a member of the city council. He and Mrs. Becker attend the Lutheran church.

GULDIN. The Guldin family traces its history back to (I) Hans Joachim Guldin, who was born at St. Gall, Switzerland, and became a citizen of Berne, Switzerland, in 1633. He married Susanna Triboleb and their children were: Hans Joachim T., born Feb. 4, 1635; Anna, born Sept. 22, 1636; Samuel, born Sept. 22, 1638.

(II) Hans Joachim T. Guldin, son of Hans Joachim Guldin, was born at Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 4, 1635. He married Anna Maria Koch, and their children were: Anna Maria, born Aug. 24, 1660, who died in infancy; Anna Maria, born March 19, 1662, who died in infancy; Samuel K., born June 8, 1664; and Anna Magdalena, born June 18, 1667.

(III) Rev. Samuel K. Guldin, born at Berne, Switzerland, June 8, 1664, married Mary Magdalena Malcarida, and came to Philadelphia on Sept. 24, 1710. He died at Roxborough, Pa., Dec. 31, 1745. His children were: Samuel M., born Nov. 8, 1693, at Stettlen, Switzerland; Maria Catherine, born at Stettlen, Jan. 8, 1696; Christoffel, born at Berne, July 17, 1697; and Eumanuel Frederick, born at Berne, March 13, 1699.

(IV) Samuel M. Guldin settled in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1718, and became the founder of the Guldin family there. He married May 22, 1722, Elizabeth Hilsaweek, and their children were: Samuel; Susanna; John; Mary Magdalena, who married Frederick Leinbach; Frederick; Daniel H.; Janna; Esther, and Clara Elizabeth. He was a farmer and blacksmith.

(V) Daniel H. Guldin, born in Oley township April 20, 1735, married Catherine Elizabeth Gelbbach and their children were: Samuel, who died in infancy; Daniel; John Jacob; Samuel, who died in infancy; John; Elizabeth; George; Abraham; Samuel; Frederick; Peter, and David. Daniel H. Guldin owned a farm of 260 acres adjoining the "Yellow House" property on the north.

(VI) John Guldin was also a resident of Oley township. He and his wife Catherine had three sons: Daniel, who married Rachel Levan and had children—Ezra, Lewis, Joel, Calvin, Mary and John; Abraham; and John D., born in 1846, who died in 1872.

(VII) ABRAHAM GULDIN, now deceased, was born in Oley township July 9, 1842, and died Oct. 15, 1877, aged thirty-five years, three months, six days. He is buried at Oley Churches. By occupation he was a farmer, and he owned a valuable farm, now the property of his widow. On July 25, 1862, Mr. Guldin married Sarah B. Yoder, who was born Aug. 5, 1840, and was a daughter of David Yoder and granddaughter of Daniel Yoder of Oley township. They had seven children, as follows: John Y., born Oct. 24, 1863; David Y., May 31, 1866 (died in May, 1903); William Y., June 25, 1868; Horace Y., Jan. 1, 1871 (resides in Philadelphia; has one son, Arthur); Annie C., Sept. 6, 1873; Francis Y., April 19, 1875, and George Y., July 4, 1877.

Of the above children, Annie C. Guldin married William G. Haas, a farmer residing near Pleasantville, in Berks county. Her farm consists of over seventy acres. They have two sons, Lawrence and Arthur G.

Mrs. Guldin is a very pleasant and hospitable woman and one who has many friends in her neighborhood. She speaks both English and German. She makes her home with Mrs. Haas, although she owns the Guldin homestead, and is possessed of considerable means. The homestead is operated by George Y. Guldin, who makes his home upon it.

The late Abraham Guldin, although cut off in the very prime of life, had gained the honor and respect of all

who knew him. Possessing as he did fine natural abilities as well as those qualities which constitute the true man and valuable citizen, it was not difficult for him to win the esteem and admiration of those about him. A hard worker, he amassed a property which left his family comfortable. Although he died so many years ago his memory is tenderly cherished, and his many excellent qualities remembered to this day. He came of an old and honored family, and although his days were few he never failed to uphold its dignity and to live up to the high standards set by those who went before him.

JOHN Y. GULDIN, son of the late Abraham and Sarah B. (Yoder) Guldin, is a prominent farmer of Oley township, born Oct. 24, 1863. He was reared upon the homestead, attending school in the neighborhood and learning farming under his father's care. Later he had the advantage of a course at the Oley Academy. In 1888 he began farming on his own account upon his grandfather's farm, which then was the property of his mother. Mr. Guldin now owns the Wright farm which he purchased in 1898. It is located one mile north of the "Yellow House" property and consists of 121 acres of excellent land. The stone residence upon it, erected by M. Roberts in 1769, is a large house and so substantially built that it is much to be preferred to a new structure. On this property is a spring house which was built in 1716 by a pioneer of Oley township. It is 20x16 feet and two stories high. The barn is considerably more than one hundred years old, and like the house is very substantial. The farm is well stocked, Mr. Guldin keeping seven horses and seventeen head of cattle. He uses the latest improved machinery and methods in his farming and is very successful in his work.

John Y. Guldin married in 1883 Hannah Botts, daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Botts, of Earl township. Their children are: Mary, Annie Lucretia, Susan Melissa, Charlotte Agnes, Abraham, John, Alice Katie, Theodore and Hannah Elda.

Mr. Guldin is a Republican and has held many of the local offices. He and his family are members of Salem Oley Reformed Church, of which he has been deacon for four years. Socially he is a member of Manatawny Castle, K. G. E. Progressive, public-spirited, a good citizen and conscientious man, Mr. Guldin inspires fullest confidence and is one of the substantial farmers of Oley township.

DAVID Y. GULDIN, son of the late Abraham and Sarah B. (Yoder) Guldin, was born May 31, 1866, on the old Guldin homestead in Oley township, Berks county, and was educated in the public schools of his native township and the Oley Academy. On Sept. 26, 1885, he was married to Miss Emma Louisa A. Specht. This union was blessed with seven children, all daughters: Sallie, Olivia, Edna, Mabel, Edwina, Minnie, and one that died in infancy. David Y. Guldin was the owner of a nice farm in Earl township, where he lived for some time. There his wife died six years ago, after which he sold out and made his home with his aged mother, and began working for the Long Distance Telephone Company. He worked several years for that company, later engaging with the Postal Telegraph Company, in whose service he was killed. He was working on a high pole, when accidentally he came in contact with a live wire which gave him a shock, holding him in mid-air for about five minutes, after which he fell on a second wire some distance below. His head struck the curb, crushing his skull, and he died twenty-four hours later at the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington. He was a member of Manatawny Castle, No. 461, K. G. E., and of Minnehaha Lodge, K. P., of Friedensburg, and of the Oley Reformed Church.

GEORGE Y. GULDIN, son of the late Abraham Guldin, and brother of John Y. Guldin, resides upon the farm where he was born July 4, 1877. He was reared upon this farm and attended the public schools. His father dying when he was only three months old, Mr. Guldin was brought up by his mother and has always been her right-hand man. In 1902 he began farming for himself, and now cultivates the family homestead of 104 acres, which under his care is a very fine property. The residence upon it was erected by his grandfather, John Guldin, in 1867, and the barn was put up in 1855. This farm has a good spring that has never gone dry, and its water is recognized as excellent throughout the township. Mrs. Guldin still uses the old family dinner gong to summon her husband and his men from the fields. These gongs are becoming very valuable on account of their scarcity. This particular one is specially good and strong, and was forged at Sprang's forge a little over one hundred years ago. It can be heard distinctly for a distance of three and one-quarter miles. Another much prized heirloom in the possession of Mr. Guldin is an old grandfather clock which is also over one hundred years old and came from the Yoder side of the family.

In 1898 George Y. Guldin was married to Mary Conrad, of Oley township, and they have one son, Lester C. Mr. Guldin is a member of the K. of P. lodge at Manatawny, Oley post-office, and the P. O. S. of A. Camp of Oley township. In politics he is an independent Republican. He and his family belong to the Oley Reformed Church.

Like other members of this old and honorable family Mr. George Y. Guldin is much esteemed in his neighborhood and is considered one of the representative men of his township.

HORNING. For nearly two centuries the Horning family has been residing in this section of Pennsylvania, and members in each generation have been active in the work of the Mennonite Church, and all have led God-fearing, upright lives. Among those who today are active in mercantile or agricultural life may be mentioned Jeremiah Horning, his brother John Horning, and, in the younger generation, John B., Isaac Z. and Aaron Horning.

(I) Bentz Horning was the first of the family in Berks county. He came from Germany early in the eighteenth century, and with his son Paul settled in what is now Brecknock township. He had two sons, Michael and Paul. Of these, Michael settled at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, and his son John lived in Huntingdon county, where he owned a large farm. Gilbert Horning, son of John, was born at Rebecca Forge in 1820, and lived on the homestead all his life, becoming a man of affairs, and prominent in public work, serving as director of the poor; he married Elizabeth Beightal, and had children: John (a minister of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church), Gilbert C. (a bookkeeper for the Reading Iron Company, Reading) and William D. (born July 3, 1847, an attorney in Berks, director of the poor for three years, married Laura J. Shaffer, of Reading, and has one child, Mary E.).

(II) Paul Horning, son of Bentz, accompanied his father from the Fatherland, and settled in Brecknock township, then a part of Lancaster county. He owned a tract of land at Alleghenyville, which is now the property of Jeremiah Hoshour. He was a farmer and windmill (fan-mill) maker. Both he and his wife Margaret are buried at the Allegheny meeting-house, and their graves are marked with rough sandstones, but the inscriptions are no longer decipherable. He died in 1831, when well advanced in years. His children were: Polly; Kate; Daniel, who died unmarried; Wendel, who lived above Reamstown, and is buried at Mohler's meeting-house; Samuel, who lived for some time in Maryland, but later returned to Pennsylvania, and died in Lancaster county; Joseph; Nancy; Sally, who married Isaac Powell, of Lancaster; and Susan, who married Charles Heiffler.

(III) Joseph Horning, son of Paul, was born May 9, 1798. He made his home in Brecknock township, along the Allegheny creek, where he owned a small tract of land. He was a wagoner by trade, and followed that line nearly all his life in connection with farming. He was very well known, was highly esteemed, and was a consistent follower of the Mennonite faith. He died Jan. 25, 1876, aged seventy-seven years, eight months, sixteen days, and his remains rest in the cemetery at the Allegheny meeting-house. He married Fannie Mosser, who was born July 22, 1803, and who died Jan. 24, 1889, in

her eighty-sixth year. Their five children—two sons and three daughters—were: Rev. Benjamin; Esther, who married Joseph Shirk, of Spring Grove, Pa.; Nancy, who married Peter Lichty, of Churchtown, Pa.; Moses, of Bowmansville; and Fannie, born Sept. 30, 1830, who married Henry Gehman, of Adamstown, and is the only one now living, at the present time making her home with her son.

(IV) Rev. Benjamin Horning, son of Joseph, was born on his father's farm Feb. 22, 1824, and his death occurred Nov. 3, 1903. He passed his entire life in the one neighborhood, making his home on a tract of forty acres he owned near the Allegheny Church, and which is now owned by his son Aaron. From his father he learned the wagoner's trade, which he followed continuously until 1890, when he gave up his business that he might devote his entire time to the service of the Master. He was ordained to the ministry of the Mennonite Church in 1862. His ministerial work was largely confined to the churches of Alleghenyville, Berks county; Adamstown; Gehman's Church; and Bowmansville, Lancaster county. In his younger days he was often called to preach the word to other congregations, and he frequently officiated at funerals of friends of other denominations. Occasionally he preached in the Allegheny Union Church to Lutheran and Reformed people. His funeral, attended by a large concourse of friends, was held in that church. He was possessed of a high sense of honor, and was beloved by all who knew him. In the pulpit he was an able and fluent speaker, one whose earnestness and sincerity were never questioned. He married Luzetta Ziemer, born Nov. 8, 1824, died Nov. 16, 1900, daughter of Jeremiah and Polly (Westley) Ziemer, well-known farming people of Brecknock township. To Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Horning were born thirteen children, namely: Augustus, a farmer near Bowmansville, Pa.; John, mentioned below; Joseph, a farmer near Bowmansville, who died in 1898; Jeremiah, mentioned in full farther on; Susan, who married Martin Newswanger, of Goodville, Pa.; Mary, who died in young womanhood; Fannie, who died young; Sarah, who married John Shirk, of Philadelphia; Benjamin, who died in infancy; Lizzie, who married Monroe Good, of Bowmansville; Isaac Z., full mention of whom is made later; Katie, who married Christian Martin, of Terre Hill, Pa.; and Aaron, who resides on the old homestead at Alleghenyville, mentioned below.

(V) John Horning, son of Rev. Benjamin, was born near Alleghenyville, Nov. 3, 1849, and was reared to manhood on the farm. He obtained a limited education in the township school, which he left at an early age. When twenty years old he started out for himself, for two years working on a farm in Lancaster county. In 1872 he was married, and after that for a while worked at day's labor, but again took up farming, which he successfully carried on nine years. At the end of that time he purchased a forty-acre tract in Paradise township, Lancaster county, which he operated for six years. Forming a partnership with H. E. Musser in 1889, under the name of Musser & Horning, he engaged in the hardware and implement business at Kinzers, a venture that proved very successful and was continued for eleven years. The partnership was then dissolved, and Mr. Horning took entire charge. A year later he sold the implement business to his former partner, but the hardware line he retained, and this he improved, adding to the stock, and meeting the growing demands of the trade. He prospered in his work, but because of a good offer made him by the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company he discontinued the business, and moved to Lancaster, Pa., where he has a comfortable home. While Mr. Horning was yet associated in business with Mr. Musser he did most of the traveling in the interest of the firm, and in this way obtained a thorough knowledge of the implement business. Since 1900 he has given all his time and energy to the interests of the McCormick Company. His territory includes twelve counties in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. His success is due to his thorough knowledge of the business and his upright principles. On Jan. 30, 1872, he married Hettie A. Good, who was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Nov. 24, 1848, daughter of Isaac H. and Hettie (Hurst) Good. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horning adhere to the Mennonite faith.

(V) Jeremiah Horning, son of Rev. Benjamin and brother of John, was born April 7, 1853, and was reared upon his father's farm, remaining at home until he was twenty years of age. He then married and engaged in trucking on the old Henry Westley farm of twenty acres, where he remained two years. In the centennial year he moved upon his present property, which he then bought, and engaged in butchering, farming and trucking on a large scale. While butchering, which he continued for a period of fifteen years, he killed on an average six steers a week, and had two teams on the road, besides attending the Reading market three times a week. Three hired men were kept constantly at work, and much was accomplished under Mr. Horning's able supervision.

In 1900 Mr. Horning became engaged in the lumbering business, and since then has had two portable sawmills in operation, cutting down timber and sawing the logs for market. In this connection he has some half dozen people employed. In 1888 he engaged in mercantile business in Alleghenyville, and this he carried on until 1904, when he turned it over to his son John B., who now conducts it. For about ten years he has been engaged in cattle dealing, handling as many as one thousand head per annum.

Mr. Horning is the founder of Alleghenyville, and he had all the buildings of the village erected with the exception of the church and the school-house. Most of the town is built on land belonging to him. He is the foremost man in the township, and has done more for the community than any other one man. His farm consists of 100 acres of good land, and he had a well drilled 500 feet from his buildings, 127 feet deep, which furnishes the best of water for his family as well as his stock. In politics he is a Republican, has been delegate to county conventions, and was the first postmaster at Alleghenyville, also serving as school director for six years. He was one of the liberal contributors to the Allegheny Church, erected in 1878, and he and his family are all faithful Mennonites.

On March 8, 1873, Jeremiah Horning was married to Sarah Beam, born June 29, 1853, daughter of Richard and Salome (Kern) Beam, of Bowmansville. To this union were born seven sons and five daughters: Mary married Isaac Griffith, of Alleghenyville; Samuel married Mary Schnader, and resides in Philadelphia; Lucy married Raymond Fritz, of Reamstown; Alice married James Hornberger, of Reading; John B. married Lillie M. Kachel, and is a merchant at Alleghenyville; Sallie died in her third year; Benjamin died in infancy; Harry B. is a mechanic at Cleveland, Ohio; and Irwin, Abel, Annie V. and Walter are all at home.

(V) Isaac Z. Horning, son of Rev. Benjamin and brother of Jeremiah, was born Oct. 18, 1868, and was reared with his brothers and sisters on the home farm, attending the district schools until he was fifteen years old. He assisted in the work of the home farm until 1886, when he began working for his brother Jeremiah as butcher and farm hand. Here he continued for eight years, for the last three being chief butcher. In 1897 he bought out the business, and since then has attended the Reading market twice a week in the winter and three times in the summer. He has stalls Nos. 60-61 at the Bingaman street market, where he enjoys a large patronage. He kills on an average five or six steers a week during the entire year. Besides his market trade he runs a wagon throughout the county. His reputation is of the best, and he conducts his business on honorable principles. Like all his family he is a Mennonite in religious faith, attending the church in which his father was for so many years the minister. In politics he is a Republican, and since 1899 has efficiently served as school director, for one year being secretary of the board.

On Dec. 11, 1886, Isaac Z. Horning was married to Ellen Yelk, daughter of John and Jestina (Trait) Yelk, the former a farmer and blacksmith in Brecknock township. To this union have come two children: Katie, who married Rudy M. Matz, of Alleghenyville; and Lewis Y., who is assisting his father, and who is married to Sallie Matz.

(VI) John B. Horning, son of Jeremiah, was born Oct. 24, 1882. His early education was obtained in the township schools, and he later attended Perkiomen Seminary, from which he graduated in 1902, being among the first ten in class of fifty and one of the commencement speakers. He was a prominent athlete, being captain of the class track team in his senior year and a member of the relay team which carried off first honors at the University of Pennsylvania relay races. In the fall of 1899 he began teaching in his native township, teaching the Remps school two terms, and at Alleghenyville one term. In the spring of 1903 he bought out his father's store at Alleghenyville, and in conducting this has proved he chose wisely when he adopted a mercantile career. He is courteous and obliging, and keeps up a good stock, successfully meeting the wants of his large and increasing custom. He served as assistant postmaster to his father from 1902 to 1905, when the office was discontinued by the establishment of the rural mail route. Mr. Horning is a young man who has earned his prosperity by a close adherence to the high business principles instilled in him by his honored father, and he keeps wide awake to the interests of the community. He was one of the charter members of Knauer Lodge, No. 3052, Knights and Ladies of Honor, organized Sept. 16, 1908, at Knauer's, Pa., and its first financial secretary.

In 1901 John B. Horning was married to Lillie Kachel, daughter of Albert and Maggie (Griffith) Kachel, well known farming people of Brecknock township. Four children have blessed this union, namely: Stanley, Inza, Esther and Elsie. Mr. Horning has been active in the Republican party, has served on the election board, and has been the township committeeman since 1906. He is a Lutheran in religious faith, attending the Allegheny Union Church, and he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school from 1900 to 1907.

(V) Aaron Horning, a truck farmer at Alleghenyville, was born there Oct. 15, 1872, son of Rev. Benjamin and Luzetta Horning. He was reared upon the farm and attended the township schools, after the manner of the farmer boys of that locality. He remained on the home farm assisting his father until 1894, when he began for himself on the old homestead, which consists of forty-seven acres of good truck land. He pays especial attention to trucking and goes to the Reading market once or twice a week, having stand No. 66 at the Bingaman street market. He has met with success in his work, and is hard-working and honest. He and his family are Mennonites, and have their place of worship below Alleghenyville.

Mr. Horning was married in 1893 to Mary Ellen Brendel, who was born Dec. 23, 1871, daughter of Esaias and Eliza (Kline) Brendel, farming people of Brecknock township. They have two sons, Paul, born Nov. 17, 1894, and Howard, born Feb. 11, 1898. Mr. Horning owns the old farm where his father lived and died, while the home of his grandfather stood but a short distance to the southeast.

CONRAD SAMUEL REBER, M. D. Among the prominent members of the medical profession in Berks county, Pa., none is more favorably known in his locality than Dr. Conrad Samuel Reber, whose chosen field of practice is the village of West Reading. Dr. Reber was born Sept. 23, 1876, at Bernville, Berks county, son of William H. and Fyetta (Stoudt) Reber.

John Reber, great-grandfather of Dr. Conrad S., was a farmer of Penn township, where he died in 1860, at the age of eighty-five years, being a son of Valentine Reber, who is buried in the old Union Church cemetery at Bernville. John Reber married Salome Steiner, and they had a family of nine children, namely: Conrad; Elizabeth; Samuel m. Catherine Berger; Eva m. John Christian Berger; Sarah m. Peter Umbenhauer; Christiana m. Daniel Kline; Catherine m. Michael Kline; Polly m. Daniel Schneider; and Molly m. Jacob Kline. John Reber was buried in the old homestead burial ground, still maintained, in which five generations of the family, in a direct line, rest, namely: John, who died in 1860; his son Conrad, his grandson William, his great-grandson John, and his great-great-grandson Robert.

Conrad Reber, grandfather of Dr. Conrad, was a farmer of Penn township, where he was born on the old homestead in 1798, the property being situated along the Northkill, about a mile north of Bernville. He was an active member of the German Baptist (Dunkard) denomination, and in that faith he died in 1872. He m. Susan Hiester, daughter of Daniel Hiester, of Upper Bern township, and they had a family of thirteen children: John m. Caroline Strause; William; Polly m. Joseph Lengel; Daniel m. Catherine Gicker, (second) Elizabeth Smith, and (third) Mary Kerper; Henrietta m. Harrison Stoudt; Elizabeth m. Michael Ebling; Joel; Isaac m. Sarah Stump, and five died young. After the decease of his first wife, Conrad Reber married Caroline Bickel, but no children were born of this union.

William H. Reber, father of Dr. Conrad S., was born in 1831, on the Reber homestead, where he was reared to manhood, and spent his entire life there, dying in 1904. He married Fyetta Stoudt, daughter of William Stoudt, of the same place, and by her had seven children: Harrison m. Carolina Levan; Levi m. Amelia Faust; Franklin m. Lillian Naftzinger; Annie m. Aaron Eckert; Conrad S.; and two died young.

Conrad Samuel Reber received his preliminary education in the local schools, and then attended Juniata College, graduating from the commercial department in 1893, and the general department two years later. Upon his return home, he taught school in Penn township, in the Scull Hill school for three terms, and with this additional preparation he selected the profession of medicine for his vocation, and entered the office of W. G. Beyerle, at Bernville, for the purpose of reading medicine under his instruction. In 1899, he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, and graduated in 1903, when he located at West Reading. Here he has carried on a successful practice to the present time, and in 1905 he erected one of the finest dwellings in the place for his home and office.

Dr. Reber married Tillie E. Ruth, daughter of Edwin G. Ruth.

IRVIN S. BRANT, a prosperous produce commission merchant of Reading, Pa., was born at Sanatoga, Montgomery Co., Pa., Dec. 9, 1869, son of Washington R. and Sarah (Stettler) Brant.

As far as is known, the family is of German descent. The grandfather of Irvin S. Brant was Samuel M. Brant, a farmer of Montgomery county, the farm on which he operated still being in possession of the family, as it has been for one hundred years. The children of Samuel M. Brant and his wife were: Elizabeth m. Henry Boos; Susannah m. Henry Lindman; Mary m. Isaac Truckmiller; Hannah became Mr. Truckmiller's second wife; Joseph; Nathan; Frederick; Samuel, Jr.; and Washington R. In religious belief the family were members of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Washington R. Brant received his education in the schools of Montgomery county, and when a youth learned the milling business. With his brother, Nathan, he conducted a general store for several years, later selling out his interest to engage in farming on the old homestead. Mr. Brant was very prominently connected in Sanatoga, Montgomery county. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, six living: Mary and Rebecca died at ages of nine and eleven years, respectively; Frank is secretary of the North American, Philadelphia; Samuel S. is a farmer of Sanatoga; Newton C. is at home, engaged in farming; Irvin S.; Annie m.

Edward Scheffey; and Kate is at home. The family are members of the Reformed Church, although the mother is a Lutheran. Washington R. Brant died in February, 1909, the last of the family of his generation.

Irvin S. Brant left home when twenty-one years of age, having received his education in the common schools of his native locality, and started out first as a salesman for the Philadelphia Press, with which concern he remained but a short time. He then secured a clerkship in a grocery store in Philadelphia, but on account of failing health returned to his home, remaining one year. In 1893 he came to Reading, accepting a position as clerk with the Reading Cold Storage Company, and, after being with the firm for one year, was promoted to the position of bookkeeper the second year. He then became public circulating agent of the Public Ledger, but, after remaining with that organization three years, returned to Reading, being elected Secretary and superintendent of the Reading Cold Storage Company. Fifteen months later, Mr. Brant resigned this position and formed a partnership with Ahrens & Richards, commission merchants, and after one year purchased the two partners' interests in the business. He has been successful in his venture, handling eggs and butter principally, and he distributes about two tons of the latter and fifty crates of the former per week. Mr. Brant buys the entire output of two creameries and the partial product of five others, this being in addition to what he purchases from the farmers.

In 1899 Mr. Brant married Miss Elizabeth Geist, of Pottstown, Pa., and the one child born to this union died in August, 1908. In political matters, Mr. Brant is a Democrat.

FRED D. ARNOLD, a well known resident of Womelsdorf, Pa., who is engaged in the undertaking business, and also carries on cigar making, was born Feb. 12, 1871, in Womelsdorf, son of William and Lizzie (Stettler) Arnold.

Martin Arnold, the progenitor of the Arnold family in Berks county, was a native of Germany and emigrated to America on the brigantine "Mary," which arrived at Philadelphia, Aug. 25, 1752. In 1759 he had settled in Heidelberg township, and in that year paid a federal tax of $7.98, or three pounds. It appears that he was married before his emigration. Among his children were: John had sons, Isaac, Daniel, William, Samuel, John, Henry and Amos; Jacob; and Rebecca married Daniel Schneider.

Jacob Arnold, son of Martin, was born July 10, 1787, and died Jan. 15, 1850, aged sixty-two years, six months, five days. He was a brick-layer by trade, and built a house on Second street, Womelsdorf, where he died, and he was buried in the borough. Mr. Arnold saw service in the war of 1812, and was a good and upright citizen. He married Christmas Day, 1812, Eve Catherine Fidler, born in 1790, who died in Fairfield county, Ohio, in her eighty-fourth year. To them were born seven children: Eli died at Womelsdorf; Harry died in Fairfield county, Ohio; Lovina m. Benjamin Peifer, and died in Marion township; Jacob m. Catherine Moore, daughter of William Moore, of Reading, and died at Womelsdorf; Mary Ann m. Fred Killis (whose father came from Germany and settled and died at Womelsdorf); William; and Daniel, twin of William, died in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1905. All of the family are deceased with the exception of William, who is still at Womelsdorf.

William Arnold, father of Fred D., was born Nov. 2, 1822, in Womelsdorf, where he attended school for a limited period, his teachers being Walter Stephen and Francis Vessel, both natives of Ireland. They were strict disciplinarians and learned men. After leaving school William Arnold learned the cabinet making trade and the undertaking business at Stouchsburg, from Samuel Burkholder. He started in business at Womelsdorf in 1860, and he has since carried it on here, with the exception of the time he spent in the Civil war. When he first started in the business Mr. Arnold was in the service of a Mr. Moyer, who died years later, since which time Mr. Arnold's business has been the only one of the kind in the borough. He has buried over 1,700 people during his long career in the business, is the oldest undertaker in Berks county, and is widely known.

In 1862 Mr. Arnold enlisted in the Civil war as a member of Company D, 55th P. V. I., and rendered valuable services to his country, being twice wounded while in action, receiving a gun shot wound in the right arm at the battle of Duvall's Bluff and later a flesh wound in the side. He was foreman of the carpenters at Beaufort, S. C., for a period of eighteen months, having charge of thirty men. He was mustered out of the service at Richmond, Va., at the end of the war, with an excellent record. Mr. Arnold is a member of the New Lutheran Church.

In 1857 Mr. William Arnold was married to Lizzie Stettler, born May 13, 1832, daughter of Francis and Annie (Reinhart) Stettler, of England, whose marriage, however, took place at Pottstown, Pa., and they later resided at Bernville. Six children were born to this union, namely: Eva Ann m. Samuel Kurtz, mentioned elsewhere; Francis J. is a shoe merchant of No. 706 Penn street, Reading; Mary Catherine m. (first) Elias Hopkins, of Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and (second) Charles Fausnacht, foreman of the Lebanon Stove Works; Sallie died in infancy; William E. is a resident of Womelsdorf; and Fred D.

Fred D. Arnold was educated in the borough schools, and when still a lad began to earn his own living, being reared to the undertaking business in his father's establishment, of which he took charge in 1896, and which he has carried on with the same success that attended his father's efforts. Mr. Arnold also learned the cigar making trade in 1888, and since Oct. 24th of that year he has carried it on in the employ of the Valentines. In politics he is a Democrat, and for three years served as a school director. He holds membership in Golden Rule Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., American Mechanics, No. 127, both of Womelsdorf; and the Ridgely Protective Association, of Worcester, Mass., which is a branch of the I. O. O. F. He and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Union Church, of Womelsdorf.

On July 1, 1893, Mr. Arnold was married to Annie Good, daughter of George and Rebecca (Anthony) Good, of Lancaster county. No children have been born to this union.

CAMERON E. STRAUSS, of the real estate firm of Strauss & Company, Reading, Pa., is a descendant of the Strauss family which settled Strausstown, Berks county. Two brothers came to America from Germany—John and Philip—as early as 1700, and took up large estates. Our subject's grandfather, Solomon, lived at Strausstown, and there spent his life in farming.

Joel S. Strauss, the father of Cameron E., was a merchant tailor at one time, and also followed farming near Strausstown, the land there still being in the possession of the family. He enlisted in the Civil war, and served gallantly throughout that long struggle, at the close of which he received his honorable discharge. He married Amelia R. Miller, daughter of William L. Miller, a marble dealer of Myerstown, and six children were born to this union, two of whom, Elizabeth and William, died in early childhood. The survivors are: Charles A., assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life, at Baltimore; Laura, wife of W. Wray, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Sallie K., wife of William Labe, of Myerstown; and Cameron E.

Cameron E. Strauss was born in Myerstown, May 5, 1869. He was educated in the public schools of Reading, graduating from the high school in 1886. He then became stenographer for C. H. Schaeffer, and drifted into the real estate business, trading as Strauss & Co., E. Carroll Schaeffer being the partner. Mr. Strauss is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Knights of Friend-

ship, the Sons of Veterans, and Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican, and since January, 1891, has held five commissions as notary public.

Mr. Strauss married Minnie I. Schwartz, daughter of Charles and Carrie B. Schwartz, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS JOSEPH SMITH, an enterprising young farmer and poultry raiser of Windsor township, Berks county, was born on his father's farm in this township, Sept. 13, 1871, son of John R. and Sarah (Mengel) Smith.

Andraes Smith, a native of Germany, who was the immigrant ancestor of this family in America, settled in Berks county prior to 1750, and was the progenitor of a numerous offspring.

Michael Smith, son of Andraes, born Jan. 25, 1796, who died July 12, 1859, was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Reber, daughter of John Reber, became the mother of four daughters. His second wife, whom he married Jan. 24, 1829, was also named Elizabeth Reber (she was a daughter of Jacob Reber). They had a family of twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: Jeremiah, Thomas, David, Michael, Joseph, Jacob, Mary (m. Jacob Adam) and Catherine (m. John Kerschner).

Joseph Smith, grandfather of Thomas J., born Nov. 15, 1809, was a well-known farmer and extensive land owner of Windsor township, owning several good properties near Windsor Castle. He held many public offices and was very prominent in his day. His children were: John R., Jacob, Maria, Daniel, Joseph L., S. Paul, William and David.

John R. Smith, who since the spring of 1896 has lived retired in Virginville, was born and reared upon a farm in Windsor township, and followed agricultural pursuits all of his life until his retirement. He owned two large properties, selling one to his son Thomas J. for $7,000 a few years ago, and the other to his son-in-law. Mr. Smith married (first) a Miss Trexler, and they had one daughter, Mary (m. Logan Dreibelbis). Mr. Smith m. (second) Sarah Mengel, daughter of Joseph Mengel, and their children were: Emma m. Benjamin Levan; Alice m. John Bortz; Maurice m. Annie Monroe; Agnes died aged twenty-six years; Senora m. John Landis; Thomas J.: Samuel m. Sabia A. Baer; James m. Ella Heinly; David m. Susan Dreibelbis; Hettie (twin to David) died aged eleven years; Ella m. Daniel Boyer; John died in childhood; and Sallie m. Allen Hoffman.

Thomas J. Smith received his education in the township public schools, and has lived upon the same farm all of his life. In 1896 he began farming for himself on his father's farm, and after nine years of tenant farming purchased the property, which consists of 160 acres of good, fertile land, eight acres being timber land. Mr. Smith is a successful farmer. He uses the latest improved machinery, and in addition has two wind pumps, which pump his water supply to the house and barn. Mr. Smith has made a specialty of poultry raising, and in this he has been immensely successful, in 1903 raising 124 turkeys and 500 chickens. He has a fine chicken yard, and here matters are arranged very conveniently. He averages about fifteen head of cattle the year around. He has a home cream separator, and his fine quality of creamery butter finds a ready market. Honest and industrious, energetic and enterprising, Mr. Smith has made his farm one of the fine ones of his community, and the success which he has gained has been well deserved. He is popular in the vicinity of his home, where he has a number of friends, drawn to him by his many sterling qualities of character.

On Nov. 26, 1892, Thomas J. Smith married Miss Hettie L. Dunkleberger, daughter of Samuel and Fianna (Engel) Dunkelberger, and to them have been born three children, as follows: Florence M., born June 13, 1894; Nevin B., born March 28, 1897; and Irwin A., born Nov. 20, 1900. In political matters Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and is a tower of strength in the ranks of his party in this section. He has been chosen by his fellow citizens to represent them in various county conventions as a delegate, and his service as a member of the school board of the township for six years was eminently satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. Smith for some of this time was secretary of the board. He and his family are members of Zion's Union Church, belonging to the Reformed denomination, and he was a deacon of the church for three years.

JAMES H. RENNINGER, of Reading, engaged in the contracting business, was born Aug. 21, 1851, in New Berlinville, Berks county, son of Josiah and Matilda (Gilbert) Renninger.

Jacob Renninger, his grandfather, was a merchant and farmer of Montgomery county, Pa., and a very prominent man in his day. He married Fannie Hoover, and they had the following children: Sophia m. Deeter Smith; Mary Ann m. Simeon Snyder; Josiah m. Matilda Gilbert; Susan m. Abraham Croll; William. The father of this family was a Lutheran in religious belief, and a Democrat in politics.

Josiah Renninger was a general merchant at Gilbertsville, Montgomery county, and later at New Berlinville, Berks county, and also carried on lumbering, throughout his business career. He died at New Berlinville, in 1853, aged thirty-four years. He married Matilda Gilbert, who bore him four children: Percival, James H., Emma and Rose. In 1862 Mrs. Renninger married Rev. Daniel Wieand, a minister of the Evangelical denomination. No children were born to this union.

James H. Renninger was brought to Reading by his mother in 1861, and his education was received in the public schools of that city. He later took a course in the Freeland Seminary (now Ursinus College), under A. H. Fetterolf, principal of Girard College. In 1869 he obtained employment at the Stichter hardware store as clerk, continuing there until after the fire in 1872. In 1873 he entered the employ of Lerch Brothers, across the street, and continued with that firm until 1882, when he went into business with J. H. Obold, under the firm name of J. H. Obold & Co., H. McKnight also being a member of the firm. Later Messrs. Obold and Renninger purchased Mr. McKnight's interest, the firm continuing in business under the same name until the spring of 1903. At this time Mr. Renninger's health became impaired, and for several months he traveled through the Western States, engaging, after his return, in contracting at Boyertown. In this business he has continued to the present time with much success, being now located at No. 46 North Third street, Reading. He built twenty-five residences in Boyertown and seventeen in Pottstown, and has purchased the beautiful sandstone building of Jacob Wallock, the property being one of the finest in Boyertown and very desirable for residential purposes. Mr. Renninger is a thirty-second-degree (Philadelphia) Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 435; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K.T., and the A. A. O. N. M. S. He is secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Temple and Building Trust Company. He is an official member of the Memorial Church of the Holy Cross.

In 1872 Mr. Renninger was married to Catherine Williams, daughter of John B. Williams, and six children have been born to this union: Clarence, who is in the employ of J. H. Obold & Co.; Marion; Estelle, m. to Walter S. Painter, chief architect of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with office and residence at Montreal, Canada; Paul, an assistant of his father; Catherine, and James, Jr.

ALLEN G. MERTZ, an enterprising and energetic citizen of Mount Penn borough, Berks county, where he is engaged in the retail milk business, was born Sept. 26, 1873, in Longswamp township, Berks county, son of Charles and Catherine (Gerr) Mertz.

The Mertz family is quite numerous in Berks and surrounding counties, and the name is perpetuated by the town Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's church in the same section. Johannes Märtz (also Maertz), son of Johannes Märtz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, Germany, came to America in 1749. In 1756 he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase, and their children were: Johannes, born 1757; Anna Maria, 1760; Maria Salome, 1763; Melchior, 1765; and Peter, 1769-1833.

Peter Mertz, son of Johannes, m. in 1793, Catharine Phillips, of Bern township, and had children, Christina, John, Peter, Samuel, Kate, Rosina and Elizabeth. Peter, the father, was born in Oley township, but died at Orwigsburg, where he had lived some years.

Charles Mertz, a descendant of Johannes Märtz, was an agriculturist of Longswamp township. He died there in 1873, when still in young manhood. By his wife Catherine Gerr, he had two children: Reuben, a carriage maker of Mertztown; and Allen G. His widow married (second) Lewis Roeder, by whom she had five children, and died in 1882, at the age of about thirty-six years.

Allen G. Mertz received but meagre educational advantages, being compelled to go to work at an early age, as his father had died when he was but four months old. He was hired out on the farm of Daniel Otto in Lehigh county, where he continued for seven and one-half years, and continued working on farms at different places until 1896, with the exception of four years, having spent two years at shoe mending, which he had learned from a Mr. Berlin, of Reading, and two years in the Reading car shops. He is an excellent mechanic, but was forced to give up this work on account of poor health. In 1893 he went from Lehigh county to Reading, where he resided until 1899, and in the latter year located in Mount Penn, where he has made his home ever since. In 1900 he engaged in the milk business, running a team daily to Reading, where he retails 150 quarts daily. In 1906 Mr. Mertz erected a handsome residence on Friedensburg avenue, Mount Penn, and here he has since resided. In politics he is a Republican, and he is fraternally connected with the Jr. O. U. A. M. as a charter member of Council No. 753, Allentown, which was organized in 1889. In religious belief he and his wife are Lutherans, and attend Mt. Penn Chapel. He was confirmed by the late Rev. Mr. Leopold, at Cetronia Church in Lehigh county.

In the year 1900, Mr. Mertz married Ida Kuhns, daughter of Francis and Messena (Schneck) Kuhns and granddaughter of George and Angelina (Bachman) Kuhns, both parents and grandparents being farming people of Macungie township, Lehigh county. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz have one son, Irwin Allen, born Sept. 19, 1900, who is now attending school.

MICHAEL F. FLEISHER, proprietor of the "Centre Hotel" in Cumru township, situated on the New Holland (State) Road, two and one-half miles southwest of the city of Reading, was born Dec. 13, 1870, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of George and Sarah (Fox) Fleisher.

George Fleisher, grandfather of Michael F., was a farmer in Lancaster county, where he died at the age of twenty-five years, his widow surviving until June 28, 1905, when she passed away in her seventy-eighth year. To George and Polly (Hossler) Fleisher there was born one son, George, father of Michael F. He was born on the farm in Lancaster county, and when a young man learned the trade of stone mason, which he still follows at Ephrata, Lancaster county. He married Sarah Fox, daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Louders) Fox, and she died in 1888, the mother of children as follows: Michael F.; Joseph J., of Reading, m. Alice Emore, and has two children—Clara and Bloomer; Annie m. William P. Richwine, of Oakbrook, Pa., and has five children—Edna, William, Donald, Elizabeth and Reynold; and Katie m. William Kreamer, of Ephrata, Lancaster county, and has two children—Mabel and Miriam. In politics Mr. Fleisher was a Republican. The family were members of the Reformed Church.

Michael F. Fleisher was educated in the schools of Berks county, and after completing his education engaged at farm work for four years and at driving a team for a like period. The next four years were spent as an employe at the Reading abattoir, and in 1900 he engaged in the butchering business at Centre. He was very successful in this line, and in 1906 he purchased the well-known "Centre Hotel," on which he has made many improvements. He has been very successful in this line, and has made many friends throughout the community. He is a Republican in politics, while fraternally he is connected with Mohnton Lodge No. 137, K. G. E.; and Council No. 186, O. of I. A., of Shillington.

On March 23, 1889, Mr. Fleisher married Emma L. Lush, born Nov. 5, 1871, daughter of Francis and Rebecca (Fritz) Lush, and two children have been born to this union: Estella R., at home; and Paul L., at school. Mr. and Mrs. Fleisher attend Yocom's Union Reformed Church, in which he served as a deacon for four years.

HARRY SPANGLER, who has been connected with the Reading Hardware Company for a number of years, has proved his ability and worth. He was born in Reading in 1871, son of William R. and Annie (Seiders) Spangler, and grandson of Reuben Spangler.

Reuben Spangler was a native of Berks county, born in Heidelberg township, and was engaged all of his life as a farmer and veterinary surgeon, being very successful in these lines. He died in 1900, aged eighty-four years, while his widow, who survives him, resides in Reading. Mr. Spangler was a stanch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He and his estimable wife were the parents of six children: William R.; Samuel R.; David; Maria married William Toole: Reuben, deceased; and Sarah married Franklin Eagle.

William R. Spangler, father of Harry, was also born in Lower Heidelberg township, and until he came of age worked upon a farm. Locating in Reading, he was first employed on the Schuylkill canal as boatman, later engaging with Jacob Shaffer, an extensive coal dealer of the city, with whom he remained several years. At the end of this time he secured a position with the Reading Hardware Company, as polisher, in the finishing department, and was also employed by the Reading Stove Works as foreman, and the Cycle Manufacturing Company. In 1905 he accepted a position with the Berks County Trust Company, as messenger, and he has since been filling that position in a highly creditable manner. He married Annie Seiders, and they had two children: Harry; and John W., cashier for the Light & Hill Insurance Company of Reading, who married Annie Young, of Allentown, Pa., and had six children —John, Catherine (deceased), Paul, Edwin, and two who died in infancy. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

Harry Spangler received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he learned the trade of polisher in the shops of the Reading Hardware Company, and here he has been engaged ever since. He is very popular among the young people of Reading, and is highly regarded by his employers as a steady, faithful man. Mr. Spangler was married in 1891 to Miss Elsie Trate, daughter of Urias Trate, and two children have been born to them: William and Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler are members of the Reformed Church. Fraternally a member of the I. O. R. M., Mr. Spangler is identified politically with the Democratic party. He is secretary and business manager of the Winona Band, at Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

JACOB C. KESSLER, superintendent of Jacob Kessler & Co., hat manufacturers of Mohnton, was born in Cumru township, June 4, 1875, son of Jacob and Chris-

tina (Scholl) Kessler, and was the first of his family born on American soil.

Balthaser Kessler, his paternal grandfather, was a native of the Rheinpfalz, Bavaria. He was an agriculturist, who owned and cultivated a tract of ten acres. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Filaneous, were the parents of these children: Carl, who crossed the Atlantic eight times; Marguerite, deceased; Catherine, Mrs. Gottlieb Keiser; Jacob; Conrad, now residing in America; and Barbara, wife of Jacob Keuchel, of Germany.

Jacob Kessler was born in the Rheinpfalz, on Sept. 27, 1832. He received the prescribed education of the German schoolboy, and in the year 1854 he entered the army. After serving thirteen weeks he was given a furlough to visit his parents and spent two weeks at home. Instead of returning to the army, he made his way to Havre, France, and on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1854, embarked for America. He landed at Castle Garden, Nov. 29th of that year, in company with his brother, Conrad, and at once made his way to Reading, in the vicinity of which he has ever since lived. During the first year he worked at whatever came to his hand, but afterward secured a place with Stauffer & Kutz to learn hat-making and he remained there eight years. The following twelve years were spent in the employ of Kutz and Arnold.

In 1875 Mr. Kessler with his brother Conrad, under the firm name of Kessler & Bro., embarked in the manufacturing of wool hats for men, boys and children. At first they met with only the most flattering results, but in the fall of 1879, the entire plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of many thousands. Instead of rebuilding on the same site in Mohnton, the brothers returned to Reading, purchased the hat factory at Eleventh and Spruce streets and established themselves there for several years. Meantime in 1880 Jacob Kessler built his present factory at Mohnton and operated it under the name of Jacob Kessler and Co. The building is 46 x 72 feet, four stories high, and is partly run by water power from the Wyomissing creek. For some years he devoted his attention to this hat factory, but later was again associated with his brother in Reading, after which he once more concentrated his efforts on the Mohnton enterprise. The firm employs about sixty-five people and finds a ready market for the product all over the country.

On March 23, 1856, was solemnized the marriage of Jacob Kessler and Christina Scholl, a daughter of William Scholl. To this union nine children were born, viz.: Katie died in infancy; Mary m. John Keischman, a hatter of Mohnton; Henry died aged six; George died aged four; Charles m. Miss Elizabeth E. Shannaman, and had three children, William, Katie and Norma, and died when thirty years old; Barbara m. Dr. W. B. Schauer, of Pottstown; Julia m. William Rollman; Christina m. William Trout; and Jacob C. The family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Kessler was elder for many years. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, and has often been sent as a delegate to county conventions.

Jacob C. Kessler studied in the township schools until he had completed the course offered there and then went to the Reading Business College. He was graduated in 1891, and at once entered his father's employ, where he has remained ever since, and now holds the responsible position of superintendent of the factory. In addition to these duties Mr. Kessler has been quite active in politics, working in the Democratic ranks. On June 4, 1904, his twenty-ninth birthday, he received the nomination of his party for the office of director of the poor for Berks county, and in the following fall was elected by a large vote. He still holds the place and has proved himself most efficient in meeting the demands thus made upon him.

On Dec. 23, 1897, Mr. Kessler married Miss Nellie C. Miller, daughter of Samuel K. and Mary (Hornberger) Miller, the former a retired hatter residing in Mohnton. Four sons have been born to this union, Charles N., John J., Carl M. and Warren B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kessler are members of the St. John Lutheran Church, of Mohnton, of which Mr. Kessler has been secretary since 1890. Their home is a large one, handsomely furnished and surrounded by a beautiful lawn, and is conveniently located at Kesslertown, just above Mohnton, where the factory is situated. Fraternally Mr. Kessler is a member of the K. of P., Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the P. O. S. of A., all of Mohnton, and of Mt. Penn Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Reading.

WILLIAM L. DAUTH, who, in association with his younger brother, Luther G. Dauth, is engaged in a tinsmith business at Reading, being his father's successor, the latter now living retired, was born at Boyertown, Pa., Oct. 9, 1873, son of John P. and Amanda (Graul) Dauth.

Philip Dauth, great-grandfather of William L., was born in the Rheinpfalz, Germany, and came to America in 1835, locating at Newark, N. J., where he was engaged in contracting and building. Later in life he revisited his native land where he owned considerable real estate, and died and was buried there. He had five children.

Charles V. Dauth, son of Philip, was born at Kirchheimbolanden, Rheinpfalz, Germany, Jan. 29, 1814, and was a mere lad when he came to America. At Philadelphia, Dec. 11, 1838, he was married to Madelaide Mellert, born March 28, 1817, in Haslock, Germany, who died at Reading, March 7, 1854. Their children were: John P.; Lewis, born June 26, 1842; George W., born Aug. 13, 1844; Mary T., born Oct. 29, 1847, m. Charles Dauth; and Arnold, born March 7, 1850. The maternal grandparents of this family were John and Theresa (Kleily) Mellert, natives of Germany. Charles V. Dauth died at Reading, July 6, 1898, aged eighty-four years.

John Philip Dauth, father of William L., was born Oct. 29, 1840, at Philadelphia, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Reading, to which city he was brought when three years of age. He was reared in the family of the late John Mellert from the age of nine years, and when ten years old began to learn the tinsmith, plumbing and gas fitting trades with his father. He was one of the first of the young men to show a willingness to offer his life and services to his country in the Civil war. His services merit an extended account and hereby is attached as nearly a complete army record as it has been possible to secure:

John P. Dauth was enrolled at Reading, April 7, 1861, and was mustered into the State service at Camp Easton on the seventh of the following June. He was in Company F, 3d P. R. V. C., as musician, and this regiment served in the First Brigade, McCall's Division, Army of the Potomac. They were there drilled until June 27, when they were sent on to Washington, D. C., to protect the capital of the country. On July 27, 1861, they were mustered into the United States service, and a division was formed in Tennallytown, where they laid several months. From there they came to Camp Pierpont where they were quartered for the winter. The first fight was at Tennallytown, where a decisive victory was won. The other engagements were as follows: reconnoitred to Drainsville, Oct. 19, 21, 1861; skirmish near Drainsville, Dec. 20th; advanced on Manassas, March 10, 14, 1862; to the Peninsula, June 8-11; Seven Days battle, June 26 to July 1; battle of Mechanicsville (Beaver Dam Station); battle of Gaines' Mill, June 27; Charles City Cross Roads (White Oak Swamp), June 30; Malvern Hill, July 1; movement to reenforce Pope, Aug. 14-23; Northern Virginia campaign, Aug. 24 to Sept. 2; battle of Gainesville, Aug. 28; Groveton, Aug. 29; Bull Run, Aug. 30-31; Chantilly, Sept. 1; Maryland campaign, Sept. 6-20; South Mountain, Sept. 14; Antietam, Sept. 16-17; moved to near Warrenton, Oct. 26 to Nov. 6; Fredericksburg, Dec. 12-15; Hamilton's Crossing, Dec. 13; Burnside's second campaign, Jan. 20-24, 1863; duty in defense of Washington, February, 1863, to January, 1864; moved to Martinsburg, W. Va., Jan. 5-7, 1864; expedition from New Creek to Moore-

field, Jan. 31 to Feb. 6; raid on Virginia Central R. R., April 30 to May 19; marched over Cotton and Great Flat Top Mountains, May 2-5; forced march to Cloyd Mountain, May 7-8; action on Bush Mountain, May 9; New River Bridge, May 10; pursuit to Salt Pond Mountain, May 12; veterans and recruits formed into a battalion and served in Gen. Crook's campaign from Meadow Bluff to Gaston, May 31 to June 5; skirmish through Pond Gap, June 6-8; Hunter's Lynchburg raid, June 9-18; skirmish near Brownsburg, June 10; capture of Lexington, June 11; destruction of the Military Institute at Lexington, June 12, 1864; action near Liberty, June 16; before Lynchburg, June 17-18; Diamond Hill, June 17; retreat to Meadow Bluff, June 18-25, 1864. Mr. Dauth entered the service as a musician, was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run, Va., Aug. 31, 1862 (gunshot in left leg); also in battle of Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862 (gunshot in left arm), and was mustered out June 30, 1864.

After the close of his military service, Mr. Dauth engaged in business for himself at No. 754 Penn street, Reading, where he continued until 1902, since which time his sons have continued the business at No. 18 South Eighth street. He retains his building on Penn street. He is the owner and proprietor of the Reading Granite Quarry, located at Mohnton, Pa., where he has given as many as thirty-five men employment at one time.

On April 23, 1865, John P. Dauth was married to Amanda Graul, a daughter of Samuel B. Graul, whose history appears in this volume. They had four children, namely: Adalaide M.; William L.; John S., born Aug. 22, 1875, died March 31, 1876; and Luther G., born at Reading, Sept. 13, 1877. Mr. Dauth and family are members of Old Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, in which he has been very active and was connected with the Sunday-school for many years after he returned from the army. Fraternally he is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237; Reading Commandery, No. 42, and a charter member of Rajah Temple. Formerly he belonged to Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia. He organized Washington Camp, No. 61, P. O. S. of A., at Reading, in 1860, passed all the chairs and is still a member. He belongs also to Oley Lodge of I. O. O. F., is the father of that order at Reading, and is a past grand, having served five times. In politics he is an independent Democrat, and served as a member of the Reading common council in 1879-80-81 and 1882.

To the large business built up by John P. Dauth the sons William L. and Luther G. have still further added and now control a large part of the city trade in their line.

HARRY K. HIESTER, farmer of Penn township, was born on the old Hiester homestead in Bern township, this county, July 27, 1874, son of Harrison K. Hiester, and grandson of John Christian Hiester.

John Christian Hiester was a man of ample means, owning two farms near the well-known Bern Church, and he was noted for his fine personal appearance as well as for his good judgment and foresight. He and his wife are buried at Bern Church. He married Catherine Kramer, a native of Bern township, and they had five children: Benneville, Jared, Harrison K., Washington and Maria (who married John Eyrich). The oldest surviving member of this family, Washington Hiester (a twin of Harrison), is now residing on North Queen street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Harrison K. Hiester, son of John Christian, was born in Bern township, Aug. 6, 1832, and died April 27, 1904; he was laid to rest in Bern churchyard. He was the owner of the old homestead, consisting of 134 acres, and later he bought an adjoining farm of 107 acres, from his brother Benneville, the transaction taking place in 1876. He was an enterprising farmer and a man of progress in his community. In politics he was a Democrat. In religious matters he was a liberal supporter of the Reformed faith and of the Bern Church. He married Rosabella Kerschner, born Sept. 16, 1834, who died Feb. 24, 1878, aged forty-three years, five months, eight days. They had children as follows: Kate, widow of Aaron Bohn, lives at Mt. Pleasant; Ellen is the wife of J. F. Yeager; Thomas K. is a farmer of Bern township; Mary is the wife of Jonathan Ohlinger, of Penn township; Rosa is the wife of Adam Gruber; Sallie (deceased) was the wife of Cyrus Bohn; Annie is the wife of Henry Stamm, of Penn township; Jennie, unmarried, resides at Reading; Edward K. lives in Bern township; Harry K. is a farmer of Penn township; Lizzie, residing in Bern township, is the wife of Grant Hartman.

Harry K. Hiester received his early education in the schools of Bern township and later pursued his studies at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Berks county. Remaining at home with his father until he was nineteen years old, he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Kate Bohn, for the next four years, at the end of that time commencing farming on his own account. He first lived on Joseph Reber's farm in Bern township, for one year, and then moved to the William Dundore farm, in the same township, for three years, after which he was on James T. Reber's farm, in Lower Heidelberg township, for two years. In October, 1904, he bought a place in Penn township from his father's estate, and there he has ever since resided, carrying on general agricultural pursuits. He has 118 acres of fine land, upon which he is continually making improvements, and he attends the Reading market once a week, having a steady demand for his products.

In 1895 Mr. Hiester married Miss Kate Mengel, daughter of William and Annie (Keim) Mengel, of Bern township, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Snyder) Keim. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiester, Lester, Charles and Carrie. Mr. Hiester is a member of Bern Reformed Church and, in fraternal connection, of the K. G. E. at Leesport. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

FRANK HARNER, a well known young business man of Reading, a member of the firm of Vogel & Harner, conducting a first-class restaurant at No. 661 Penn street, was born at Reading, June 12, 1874, son of Aaron and Sarah (Maurer) Harner.

The grandfather of Mr. Harner was William Harner, who was born in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. By trade he was a plasterer. He married Anna Moyer and two of their children still survive, namely: Aaron and Henry, the latter of whom follows the trade of bricklayer at Reading (m. Minnie Kline).

Aaron Harner, father of Frank, was born Sept. 22, 1844, in Muhlenberg township, Berks Co., Pa. He learned the shoemaking trade, and has been in this business ever since November, 1858. For a quarter of a century he has had his shop at No. 51 South Sixth street, Reading, and is one of the oldest workmen in the city. He married Sarah Maurer, who died in February, 1896, and is buried in the Charles Evans Cemetery. They had the following children: Charles died aged twenty-one years; Aaron died aged nine months; John died aged twenty-eight years; Emma m. James Gilmore and died aged thirty-six years; Lillie m. Lewis Bachofer and died aged twenty-six years; Harry died aged twenty-seven years; Frank; Samuel is employed by his brother Frank; Walter is also in Frank's employ; and James. The father of this family is a member of the Second Reformed Church. He belongs to Emblematic Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F.

Frank Harner attended the public schools in boyhood, and when he went to work it was as an employe of E. B. Slicter, who conducted an oyster business at Sixth and Cherry streets, Reading, and remained there for five years. After this he worked for a time for Frederick Peck, and in July, 1888, entered the employ of Mr. Vogel. In recognition of his years of faithful and efficient service, Mr. Vogel invited Mr. Harner in January, 1904, to become his partner and since then the business has been conducted under the firm name of Vogel & Harner.

Mr. Harner married Miss Carrie L. Luigard and they have one son, Theodore Franklin. Mr. Harner and family reside at No. 656 Penn street. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., Reading.

DANIEL H. WEIDNER, engaged in truck farming in Berks county, was born March 6, 1875, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, son of William R. and Emma (Himmelreich) Weidner.

William R. Weidner was born Nov. 27, 1837, in Pike township, and when fourteen years of age began going to the public school, which he attended for a few winters only. He has been a lifelong farmer in Oley, Ruscombmanor, Alsace and Exeter townships, having spent the last twenty-six years in the latter, and the last twenty years in one location. Mr. Weidner is wonderfully preserved for his age, and works every day. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family worship at Spies's Church, being Lutheran members thereof. On Dec. 31, 1864, Mr. Weidner married Emma Himmelreich, and to them were born children as follows: Seth, a woolen goods manufacturer of Reading, m. Emma Clauser; Amanda m. Augustus Wentzel, a trucker of Alsace township; Emma m. George Haag, a hosiery manufacturer of Reading; William, a milk dealer of Exeter, m. Sallie Schmehl; Katie died aged twenty-two years; John H. and Daniel H. are twins, the former of whom has been an invalid since 1901; Thomas, a farmer of Muhlenberg township, m. Dora Buchert; Mary m. Cleaven Steffey, of Wyomissing; Valentine, a hatter of Reading, m. Irene Hinnershitz; and Misses Sallie and Lillie are at home.

Daniel H. Weidner attended the schools of Alsace township for two years and for several years those of Exeter township and at an early age went to work in Brumbach's woolen mills, at St. Lawrence, where he continued for twelve years, nine years of which time he was a weaver. This position he was compelled to resign on account of failing health, and on Jan. 2, 1906, he established himself in the milk business, which he successfully carried on, having a route in Reading and disposing of 130 quarts daily. He lived for some time in Mount Penn borough, when he and his family resided in their own home on Perkiomen avenue, which was erected by them in 1905. In 1907 he moved to his own farm and now as a trucker attends market regularly. In political matters Mr. Weidner is a Democrat, while his fraternal affiliations are with P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 230, of St. Lawrence, and Knights of Friendship Chamber No. 26, of the same town. He and his family worship at Spies's Church, he being a Lutheran, while his wife is a member of the Reformed denomination.

On Dec. 17, 1904, Mr. Weidner was united in marriage with Carrie Grommis, daughter of John and Rebecca (Weitzel) Grommis, and to this union there have been born four children: Helen Rebecca, Verna Carrie, Alice May and Elmer Harry.

CLAYTON IRVIN MILLER, undertaker and embalmer at Reading, in which business he succeeded his father, the late Ephraim S. Miller, was born in Reading, at the family home, No. 420 Washington street, Nov. 1, 1873.

Several generations of the Miller family have found homes and fortune in Berks county. Jacob Miller, great-grandfather of Clayton I., lived all his life in Robeson township, Berks county, and was a prominent farmer. He married Susanna Coplin, and their children were: Jacob, Levi, Henry, David, Harriet and Ann.

Levi Miller, son of Jacob and Susanna, was born in Robeson township, Oct. 11, 1817, and in his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed some years, finally, however, turning his attention to farming, in which occupation he was engaged at the time of his death, May 10, 1849. In politics he was an old-line Whig, and he held a number of local offices. He married Susanna Scarlet (born June 29, 1814, died May 28, 1854), daughter of Ephraim and Lydia Scarlet, Quakers who formerly lived in Chester county, but afterward located on Hay creek, near Birdsboro, this county. Three children were born to Levi and Susanna (Scarlet) Miller, namely: Ephraim S., Elizabeth and Mary D., all now deceased.

Ephraim S. Miller, son of Levi, was born in Robeson township, March 31, 1840, and was educated in the common schools and in the school at Morgantown, under Prof. Tutton. The cabinet maker's trade attracted him, and after completing an apprenticeship thereto, served under Frederick Henninger, at Reading, with whom he remained six years, in August, 1861, he began for himself by opening a shop at No. 329 Penn street, Reading. At the end of six years he moved to No. 420 Washington street, and opened an undertaking establishment, and at the time of his death June 13, 1907, he was the oldest funeral director in Reading, having been continuously engaged in business for forty-six years. For some years in connection with his business he conducted a livery stable. He devoted much time to perfecting himself in his work, and for twelve yeears was a member of the Undertakers' Examining Board for the State of Pennsylvania, to which position he was appointed by four consecutive Governors. He was the only undertaker in Reading who was a member of the State Funeral Directors' Association, a society which he was instrumental in organizing, and in which he was a member of the Executive committee. Mr. Miller was a member of the First Baptist Church, which he had served as a trustee for forty-seven years, sixteen of which he was president of the board. His fraternal connections were with Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Mt. Penn Council, No. 495, R. A.; Reading Council, No. 46, O. U. A. M.; and the K. G. E. In politics he was a Republican, and for three terms he represented the Seventh ward in the common council.

Ephraim S. Miller was twice married. On March 28, 1861, he wedded Amelia Seyfert, and their children were: Etna m. Charles O. Custer; Elizabeth m. John J. Kienzle; Clyde S.; Howard L.; Susanna m. William R. Monyer; Clayton Irvin; and Daniel. Mrs. Miller died April 7, 1891. Mr. Miller m. (second) Deborah H. Lee, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Lee, Quakers of Oley township, and she survives him. Mr. Miller's funeral was in charge of the Funeral Directors' Association of Pennsylvania, which organization held a meeting in Reading the week of his death, and interment was made in the Charles Evans cemetery.

Clayton Irvin Miller has always lived in Reading. The public schools afforded him a good education and as he had assisted his father in the undertaking business from the time he was thirteen years old, it was natural that he should later become associated with him in the business, and eventually succeed to it. At his father's death, Mr. Miller bought out the long established business, and he has since carried it on quite successfully, winning new laurels for the name. In October, 1891, he finished a course in embalming at the United States College of Embalming, New York City, which qualified him as an embalmer; and on March 12, 1897, he passed an examination before the State Board of Undertakers, and received a license to practise his profession throughout the State.

Fraternally Mr. Miller belongs to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Friendship Lodge, No. 247, Knights of Malta; Thaddeus Stevens Council, No. 252, O. of I. A., of which he was secretary ten years; Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum; and Camp No. 670, P. O. S. of A., which he served as secretary six years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, in which he has been a trustee since 1902.

On Nov. 28, 1895, Clayton I. Miller was married to Mary E. Carrigan, born at Blandon, daughter of the late Samuel Carrigan, a native of Lancaster county. After the death of Mr. Carrigan, his widow became the wife of David Lebo, and now resides at No. 629 Laurel street, Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Irvin Parker.

MARTIN H. FRITZ, an enterprising young business man of Shillington, Pa., engaged in the manufacture of hosiery and as an insurance agent, was born Dec. 15, 1876, on his grandfather's farm in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Henry G. and Susan (Hinnershitz) Fritz, and a descendant of Baltzer Fritz, the ancestor of the family.

Martin Fritz, great-grandfather of Martin H., is buried at Yocom's Church, as is also his wife, Catherine Kettig. He owned land in about the center of Cumru township, the ground on which the blacksmith shop stands having formerly been his property. The children of Martin Fritz were: Harry, John and George, of Lancaster county; Jacob, a blacksmith of Brecknock township, Berks county; Martin; Elias, who lived at the Center in Cumru township, on the old Fritz stand; Mary, who married Henry Foreman; Catherine; and Harriet, who married Cyrus Strohl, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Martin Fritz, son of Martin, was born Aug. 11, 1806, in Cumru township, and died in 1890, aged eighty-four years. He was a large land owner and farmer, and lived for a number of years in Wernersville, and later at Sinking Spring, his death occurring in Cumru township. He was buried at Yocom's Church. He married Margaretta, daughter of Henry Gring, and to them were born the following children: Henry, born April 1, 1833, died young; Lewis, born Dec. 17, 1834, conducts the "Fairview Hotel," in Cumru; John, born Jan. 23, 1837; Susan, born Nov. 18, 1838; Samuel, born in 1840; Henry G., born Aug. 25, 1842; Joseph died at the age of twenty years; Amos, born Dec. 25, 1846, died young; and Sarah m. John M. Grill.

Henry G. Fritz, father of Martin H., was born Aug. 25, 1842, in Cumru township, and began farming in 1863 near the "Green Tree" as a tenant. After living on different farms in the township until 1882, he moved upon the Fritz homestead near the "Five Mile House," and there he remained until 1893, having acquired this property in 1881. He is a Republican in politics, and for a number of years was a tax collector in Cumru township, a most responsible position. He is an official member of Yocom's Church, he and his wife belonging to the Lutheran congregation.

In 1862 Mr. Fritz was married to Susan Hinnershitz, daughter of George and Susan (Shade) Hinnershitz, and to them there were born these children: Rebecca m. Daniel Krick; Sallie m. Cyrus Althouse; Cyrus m. Ida Trexler; and Martin H. m. Ada G. Eberly.

Martin H. Fritz was educated in the public schools, the Keystone State Normal school, from which he was graduated in 1898, the Perkiomen Seminary, and later took the scientific course at the Keystone State Normal school. In 1896 Supt. E. M. Rapp licensed him to teach school, and in the fall of that year he began teaching at the Mt. Pleasant school in his native township. He taught in all six terms, and met with much success as an educator. In 1900 Mr. Fritz took a business course with the International Correspondence school, and in the following year engaged in the manufacture of seamless hosiery, erecting, in 1901, a factory at Shillington, 28x60 feet, two and one-half stories high. He employs fifty persons, and his output averages 400 dozen pair of hose daily. He manufactures a fine grade of goods, and his product finds a ready market in all of the large cities of the country. He does his own printing and extracting. In political matters Mr. Fritz is a Republican. He is a member of Yocom's Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination thereof, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past three years, holding a like position for two years at the Mt. Pleasant Union Sunday-school.

S. HERBERT YODER, who is largely identified with the real estate and building interests of Reading, was born in this city in 1875, son of James E. and Rachel H. (Reed) Yoder.

James E. Yoder was a native of Churchtown, Lancaster county, and was a cabinet maker by trade, an occupation which he followed for many years in his native vicinity, also operating an undertaking establishment. He was a good business man and exemplary citizen, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He died in 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Yoder was a member of the I. O. O. F. James E. Yoder and his wife, Rachel H. (Reed), were the parents of four children, as follows: Mary R. and William R., deceased; Miss Martha; and S. Herbert. Mrs. Yoder is still living and is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

S. Herbert Yoder was educated in the common schools of Reading, and graduated from the Reading high school in the class of 1892. For a short time thereafter he clerked in a grocery store, and then entered the employ of the National Bolt, Nut & Rivet Works, with which company he continued until its consolidation in 1898 with the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company. He then went to Lebanon, Pa., in the latter company's employ, and continued with them until May, 1904, when he returned to Reading, becoming manufacturers' agent for machinery, and in this capacity represented eighty lines and companies. In 1905 he discontinued this business, and engaged in a real estate and building line, in which he has continued to the present time with much success. Mr. Yoder is considered one of Reading's able young business men. In political matters he is a Republican.

WORTHS A. DRIES, the genial proprietor of the "Keystone House," the leading hotel at Kutztown, Pa., was born Feb. 18, 1875, at Blandon, in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Daniel A. and Mary Jane (Hawkins) Dries.

The Dries family in America can be traced to the landing of what was probably the one and only Dries family of the country, at Philadelphia, on Sept. 29, 1733. The members of the family were listed as follows: Cornelius Dries; Johan Adam Dries; Andreas Dries; Barbara Elizabeth, aged twenty-four years; Maria Barbara, aged thirteen years; and Ann Maria, aged eleven years.

John Dries, great-grandfather of Worths A., was a farmer in Maiden-creek township and his remain lie buried at Moslem Church. He had these children: John, David, Daniel, Jacob, Elizabeth (m. Daniel Berndt), Lydia (died single) and Kate (m. John O'Beil).

David Dries, stone-mason and farmer, of Maiden-creek township, later of Perry township, was the grandfather of Worths A. He was born in 1816, and died in 1895 in his seventy-ninth year. He married Elizabeth Komp, and they had children as follows: Harriet m. Daniel G. Herbster; Cyrus, of Reading, is the father of nine sons and seven daughters (of whom three sons and one daughter died in youth; one son, Wirt, is a Lutheran minister, and one son, Charles, is a physician); George died suddenly at Lyons, in 1887, aged about thirty-five years; Daniel A. resides at Kutztown; David died aged twenty-one years; John is at Font, Chester Co., Pa.; William lives in Maiden-creek; Elizabeth m. Robert Andrews; and James is of Oley, Pennsylvania.

Daniel A. Dries, son of David, was born May 30, 1849, and is a retired citizen of Kutztown. For some years he engaged in farming in Maiden-creek township, but for twenty-five years he was engaged in a hotel business. He married Mary Jane, daughter of Samuel Hawkins, and they had children: Worths A.; Norman C. died in youth; Samuel J. is in the grocery business at Kutztown; William D. is a clerk at Kutztown; and Florence M. died in infancy.

Worths A. Dries was reared on the home farm, and was thirteen years of age when his father moved to Moselem Furnace, where he went into the hotel business. Mr. Dries was educated in the local schools in Maiden-creek and Richmond townships. For many years he was engaged with his father in the hotel business, and when his father retired, in the spring of 1906, he took charge of the "Keystone House," his previous training making him well acquainted with the demands of the public in this line. He has made this hostelry the leading one of the place.

On Jan. 13, 1906, Mr. Dries married Katie F. Dengler, daughter of Jacob G. and Sarah Ann (Diehl) Dengler and granddaughter of Henry Dengler, on the paternal side, and of Daniel Diehl, on the maternal side. Mr. and Mrs. Dries have one daughter, Mary Sarah. The family belong to the Lutheran Church. Fraternally Mr. Dries belongs to Castle No. 374, K. G. E., of Fleetwood, and Camp No. 103, P. O. S. of A., of the same place. He is president of the Dries Family Reunion, an association organized in July, 1906, for the purpose of bringing all of the kindred into communication, and the first united meeting was held at that time, proving one of great enjoyment.

JOHN G. SPEIDEL, engaged at Reading, Pa., in the manufacture of machinery, is a native of Balingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, born Dec. 4, 1855. He received his education in his native country, where he also learned the machinist's trade, and he came to America when a little over sixteen years of age, going from New York City after a year and a half to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade for about three and a half years. In 1876 Mr. Speidel returned to the Old World, and attended a technical school in Winterthur, Switzerland, and in 1879 he again came to America. For about two years he was employed in Philadelphia as a draughtsman, and in 1881 he came to Reading. For three years he was employed at the Scott foundry, in the drawing department, and he then went to Scranton, where he was employed as draughtsman by the Dickinson Manufacturing Company for a period of five years. Again returning to Reading in 1888, he engaged in business on his own account, first in a small shop at Orange and Bingaman streets, and in 1893 he located on Cherry street, above Eighth. In 1896 Mr. Speidel moved to Eighth street, below Chestnut, and there remained until 1900, when he erected on West Buttonwood and Gordon streets his present place of business, a two-story brick building, 130x95 feet, fitted with the latest improved machinery, and with an extensive yard for the storage of iron, wood, coal, etc. He manufactures Speidel's patent chain hoists, cranes, overhead tramways, elevators, dumb-waiters, special hoisting machinery, and he holds patents on all of his goods. Mr. Speidel was the inventor of all of his valuable patents, and was the architect of his own plant. He employs from thirty to thirty-five men, and his product finds a ready market all over the United States, as well as in nearly every foreign country in the world. Mr. Speidel resides at Mt. Penn, on Perkiomen avenue, and opposite Twenty-fourth street. Mr. Speidel made all the plans and superintended the construction of the present buildings of the Reading Hardware Company, which had been destroyed by fire July 2, 1888.

Mr. Speidel married Miss Sophie Weis, and to them have been born the following children: Clara, Marie, Lillian, Florence and John George, Jr. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Few men have gained such great success as rapidly as has Mr. Speidel. He is skilled in his profession, and is energetic and enterprising, an employer who is kind and considerate. In all business transactions he is honest and trustworthy, and as a citizen he is held in the highest esteem in the community.

CONRAD B. HIGH, a representative business man of Reading, Pa., and secretary and treasurer of the Penn Planing Mill Co., of that city, was born in 1872, in Poplar Neck, Berks county, son of William P. High.

Mr. High was educated in the schools of Cumru township, after leaving which he worked on the home farm until he accepted a clerkship with Bright & Lerches. This position he resigned to become secretary of the F. Shunk Planing Mill, in which position he served until the new company was organized at the time of Mr. Shunk's death, under the style of Penn Planing Mill Company, Incorporated, with the following officers: Harry Shunk, president; K. M. High, vice-president; and C. B. High, secretary and treasurer. He is a young man of much business ability, and is very popular with the employees of the company, which is one of the large concerns of Reading. Mr. High is also one of the incorporators of the Saltkeatchee Lumber Company (Inc.), with mills at Olar, South Carolina, of which he is a director and at present secretary.

Mr. High was married in 1892 to Miss Katherine M. Shunk, and their union was blessed with three children: Edgar Earl, now (1909) fifteen years old; Clarence Stewart, who died in infancy; and Conrad Gordon, now aged seven years.

JAMES W. SUENDER, proprietor of the "Filbert House," is a new comer to Strausstown, Berks county. He is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born at New Ringgold in 1870, and is of German descent, his grandfather, George Suender, having been a native of Germany.

George Suender was a spinner by trade, and followed that occupation while in his native country. He emigrated to America in 1847, on the ship "Louisa Maria," landing at New York May 7th of that year, after a stormy voyage of seven weeks. He brought with him his wife and a small family. Settling in what was then Bloomsburg, in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., Mr. Suender engaged as a laborer and hucksterer, and there remained until his death, in 1890, when he was seventy-two years old. His widow survived until 1903, reaching the age of eighty-four years. Her maiden name was Catherine D. Eisenhart, and they were the parents of the following named children: George C., who is a well-known citizen of Reading, Berks county; Charles E., M. D., now deceased; Catherine, m. to Charles Best, and now living at Leesport, Pa.; and Louisa, m. to George Kramer. In religion this family adhered to the faith of the Reformed Church. Mr. Suender was naturalized in 1855, and was a staunch Democrat in political opinion. He and his wife are buried in the Bern Church burial ground in Bern township.

Dr. Charles E. Suender, father of James W., was born in 1847 on board the vessel which brought the family to this country, about three days before they landed. He received his early education in the local schools in the vicinity of his boyhood home and his professional training at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1867. He began practice at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and was also at Middleport, that county, before removing to Gratz, Dauphin county, where he was located until his death, in 1877. His career, thus cut short at the early age of thirty years, was one of promise. He is buried at Gratz. Dr. Suender married Sue Lindenmuth, daughter of Michael Lindenmuth, and they had two children: Charles, who is now in the express business at Mahanoy City, Pa.; and James W.

James W. Suender attended the public schools and later a college in Iowa. Since he began life on his own account he has been engaged for the most part traveling for the McCormick Machine Company, by which concern he was employed for a period of eighteen years, his district including twenty-six States. Tiring of this business, however, he located for a time at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and in 1908 came to his present location at Strausstown, embarking in the hotel business. His house has twenty rooms, and though he is comparatively new to the hotel business he has a familiarity with the demands of the traveling public which well equips him for the position of host. He is courteous and attentive to the wants of his patrons and his house bids fair to become both popular and profitable. Socially Mr. Suender is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Republican in political sentiment but not active in such matters.

Mr. Suender married Lida Ley, and they have had one child, Lavinia. Mrs. Suender is a daughter of William Ley, granddaughter of Christian Ley, and great-granddaughter of an early resident of Berks county, in that part of the county now included in Lebanon. He owned a fine farm, a place now the object of popular interest, General Washington having stopped there in Colonial times.

J. G. Speidel

CHARLES S. PEIFFER, one of Marion township's leading business men, who is engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Stouchsburg, was born at Mount Aetna, Pa., Jan. 13, 1878, son of Adam T. and Emma S. (Snyder) Peiffer.

Jacob Peiffer, also known as Johan Jacob, the progenitor of this large family of western Berks county, was born May 1, 1730, and died May 21, 1798, on his farm. His name appears among the taxable residents of the Tulpehocken section in 1759, he paying a tax of three pounds in that year. His wife, Margaretta, was born Nov. 28, 17—, and died in Feb. 2, 1792. Jacob Peiffer's will, which was made ten days prior to his death, is on record in Will Book A, page 378. His children were: Philip, George, Margaretha, Anna Maria and Heinrich; the latter two being under age when their father died, Simon Riegel was appointed their guardian. Philip and George Peiffer were the executors of their father's estate. Philip Peiffer was born June 4, 1769, and died Feb. 7, 1850. He married (first) Margaretha Miller, and (second) Catherine Kreiger, and had a son Philip (1802-1874), who m. Elizabeth Seibert. Johann George Peiffer was born Aug. 24, 1771, and died April 18, 1825.

Heinrich Peiffer, great-grandfather of Charles S., was born Jan. 6, 1782, and died April 10, 1847. He was a farmer of Marion township, and is buried in the old burial ground at Tulpehocken Church. Mr. Peiffer married Maria Riehl, born Oct. 12, 1777, died Jan. 16, 1837. They had children: Henry, born Sept. 25, 1804, died Sept. 7, 1867, m. Elizabeth Battorf (1807-1894), and Samuel.

Samuel Peiffer, grandfather of Charles S., was born Dec. 25, 1807, and died Dec. 13, 1888, and is buried at Tulpehocken Reformed Church. He followed the shoemaking trade in Marion township for forty years. His wife, Catherine Loose, born Feb. 18, 1821, daughter of John and Magdalena (Fisher) Loose, died in March, 1885. They had three children: Cecelia, who died aged five years; Samuel H., and Adam T.

Adam T. Peiffer was born on his father's farm in Marion township, Nov. 12, 1853, and worked thereon until sixteen years of age, when he learned the trade of saddler. He then resumed his work upon the farm, where he continued until thirty-four years of age, and in 1885 went to Stouchsburg, and has resided there to the present time. One year after locating in that town he learned the trade of cigar making, and since March, 1903, he has been interested in the business with his son. Mr. Peiffer is an active Democrat, and since 1882 has filled the office of clerk of Marion township, being elected on numerous occasions without opposition. He was committeeman of his district for three years, and has been a delegate to numerous county conventions. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of Good Fellows No. 42, of Stouchsburg; Camp No. 237, P. O. S. of A.; and Mrs. Peiffer is connected with the Ladies' branch of the Patriotic Order of Americans of Stouchsburg. Mrs. Peiffer has in her possession an ordinary walnut table, 34 x 48 inches in dimensions, which she obtained from her father, who bought it at Peter Snyder's sale for twenty-five cents, this sale occurring at the time of the remodelling of Reith's Church. This table, which was originally donated by one of the Reiths, was used as altar and communion table at the first communion services in the church, and later for thirty years was used by old Jacob Reith. This valuable old relic is 179 years old (1909) and a large sum has been offered Mrs. Peiffer for it. Mr. and Mrs. Peiffer are members of Tulpehocken (Welker's) Reformed Church, of which Mr. Peiffer was a deacon for three years. On Jan. 20, 1877, Mr. Peiffer married Emma S. Snyder, daughter of Aaron and Lovina (Lebo) Snyder, the former of whom was a justice of the peace for thirty years. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peiffer, Charles S.

Charles S. Peiffer was still an infant when his parents removed to Marion township and settled near the Rev. Thomas Leinbach's estate, where he spent eight years of his boyhood, and at the end of that time came with his parents to Stouchsburg, where he attended the public schools. He learned the trade of cigar making when sixteen years of age, and worked at the bench until March 4, 1903, when he engaged in the business on his own account, and now employs fourteen hands. Most of his product is disposed of to jobbers, but in addition to this he has an excellent local trade, all of his goods being hand made. He manufactures the famous "Davy Campbell," named after Davy Campbell, a Civil war veteran, who participated in twenty-six engagements. This brave old soldier was very popular in Stouchsburg, and was an intimate friend of Mr. Peiffer. The cigar at once sprung into prominence and is now one of the best sellers in Berks county. Mr. Peiffer is prominently identified with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and he was president of the third district of Berks county in 1903. He is a member of Camp No. 237, P. O. S. of A., at Stouchsburg, in which he has passed through the chairs; is a past grand of the Ancient Order of Good Fellows, No. 42, of Stouchsburg; and a member of Myerstown Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is an active Democrat in politics, and has held a number of township offices. He attends the Tulpehocken Reformed Church.

SAMUEL N. WALLEY, one of Reading's successful and representative business men, was born June 10, 1871, at Reading, son of Samuel Walley, a member of one of the old families of Chester county. The name was formerly spelled Walleigh.

Samuel Walley was born in Chester county, Pa., but for many years was engaged in business at Reading, conducting a large grocery in this city, in association with his sons. He died March 16, 1909. Mr. Walley married Miss T. Jane Lockhardt, and of their children are living: George William; Samuel N.; Charles H., also in the grocery business; and Mary E., wife of John S. Fredericks, who is in business in Reading.

Samuel N. Walley attended school in his native city until the age of fifteen years, and then accepted a position as clerk in a tea and coffee store, later filled the same position as manager of the Reading Branch, and subsequently became concerned with his brother in the grocery business, the firm being C. H. Walley & Bro. They have very suitably fitted business houses located respectively on the corner of Fifth and Elm streets, at No. 246 South Fifth street, and at No. 300 South Tenth street. Their business was one of the most extensive in the city, but Mr. Samuel N. Walley has disposed of his grocery business and is now interested in a real estate and building business, and owns two apartment houses, one located at Fifth and Elm, and the other at No. 133 South Eighth street.

Mr. Walley married T. Elmira Reinoehl, daughter of the late William H. Reinoehl, formerly a large hat manufacturer at Reading, and they have one son, Harold R. Mr. and Mrs. Walley are members of Grace United Evangelical Church, in which Mr. Walley is a trustee, steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

SOLOMON FREEMAN, the farmer on the famous Hillside Stock Farm, in Spring township, near Fritztown, Berks county, was born July 5, 1872, in Lower Heidelberg township. His family is an old and honored one in Pennsylvania.

Jurig (George) Freeman, the American ancestor of the family, was born in Germany in 1706, and came to this country in his thirty-third year, landing at Philadelphia, Aug. 27, 1739, in the ship "Samuel," commanded by Hugh Percy. It appears that he settled in Cumru township some time after 1750.

George Freeman, the great-grandfather of Solomon Freeman, was born Jan. 10, 1783, and died in 1825. He married Elizabeth Gerhard, born in 1786, and they became the parents of children as follows: George, born Dec. 5, 1808; John; Catherine, born May 7, 1811; Jacob, born Oct. 17, 1813; Elizabeth, born May 28, 1815; Benjamin, born June 1, 1817; Cornelius, born Nov. 29, 1819; Peter; and Samuel.

George Freeman, son of George, and grandfather of Solomon, was born Dec. 5, 1808, and died July 31, 1881, aged seventy-two years, seven months, twenty-six days. He married Sarah Breidenstein, of Cumru township, who lived near his parents. She was born March 17, 1807, and died March 23, 1893, aged eighty-six years, six days. They had these children: Moses, Catherine, Jacob, Benjamin and Levi. Mr. Freeman was a farmer in Spring township, whither he had moved early in life.

Benjamin Freeman, son of George, was engaged as a blacksmith at West Reading, Pa., for the long period of thirty years. At the end of that period he bought a farm of forty-nine acres in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, upon which he has since lived and followed farming. He married Sarah, Miller, daughter of Solomon Miller, of Spring township, and to whom have been born nine children, six of whom survive, as follows: George, Solomon, Ida (married to Henry Gehert), Alice (married to Daniel Kessler), William and Annie.

Solomon Freeman spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm, and attended the district schools of the locality. In 1887 he came to Fritztown, where he has since made his home. His home property consists of one acre of ground, upon which he built a nice frame house in 1894. Since 1902 he has managed the farming interests of the Hillside Stock Farm, which has a national reputation among horsemen. It is the property of Harry Orr, of Reading.

Mr. Freeman was united in marriage June 4, 1887, with Miss Matilda Smith, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Smith, of Fritztown, who are fully mentioned elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have one son, John Howard, born Feb. 1, 1888. They are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring. Mr. Freeman has a burial lot in the cemetery at that church, where his grandmother is buried. He is a Democrat in politics. Socially he belongs to Castle No. 334, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Sinking Spring.

FRANCIS W. LEVAN, a well-known young business man of Kutztown, Berks county, who has been engaged in the droving business for some years, was also well-known as the proprietor for some time of the "Black Horse Hotel."

Mr. Levan was born Nov. 29, 1876, at Lenhartsville, Berks county.

Jacob Levan, the immigrant ancestor of this family, came to America in 1717 with his two brothers. The Levans were French Huguenots, and the father of the immigrants was driven out of France because of his religious belief. Jacob Levan became the owner of large tracts of land in and around Kutztown, his residence being at the old Levan Mill, near Eagle Point. He was a man of great prominence, was a judge of Berks county for ten years, and during the French and Indian war was directed by the English to provision Fort Allen. In 1742 he was visited by Count Zinzendorf, the distinguished Lutheran missionary, who preached from the balcony of the old mill to a large concourse of people. Sebastian Levan, elder son of the immigrant, was the most distinguished man in all northeastern Berks, serving as a Colonel in the Revolutionary war, and as a member of the Committee of Safety, and of the Executive Council. He lived on the old mill homestead.

Jacob Levan (2), son of Jacob the immigrant, died in middle life, and is buried in the old graveyard on the David Levan farm. He had children: Jacob, Daniel, John and Maria.

Of these, John Levan, son of Jacob (2), had these children: Daniel, who lived in Whitehall, Lehigh county; Gideon, who lived near Kutztown, Pa.; John, who lived in Maxatawny township; Samuel, who lived in Zanesville, Ohio; David, who died on the old homestead; Harrison; Perry, who lived in Kutztown; six daughters; and one son, Benjamin, who died in infancy.

Harrison Levan, son of John and grandfather of Francis W., was born in Maxatawny township in 1812, and is the oldest citizen in that township. He came to Lenhartsville when a young man, and has been a resident and agriculturist thereof all of his life. In his advanced years Mr. Levan is very active and spry, and is still able to dance a "jig," which he occasionally does to the intense delight of his friends. To him and his wife Maria were born: James m. Judith Schlenker; Jacob m. Sally Leiby; John m. Isabella Bast; Daniel resides at Findlay, Ohio; William B. is the father of Francis W.; Francis m. Missouri Billich; Frederick m. Ellen Keim; Alvin m. Valaria Graver; Mary m. John Reitz; and Hettie m. James Graham.

William B. Levan, son of Harrison, a well-known drover of Lenhartsville, was born on the farm on which he now resides. He is extensively engaged in the cattle business, handling every year about 3,000 head, and also owns several valuable properties near Lenhartsville. He married Mary Stump, of Greenwich township, and to them were born the following children: Sallie m. Wilson Seidel; Wallace R. m. Ellen Heinly; Wilson M. m. Ellen Griffith; Francis W.; Alice M. m. Samuel Fink; Mamie m. Elwood G. Krause; and Annie is single.

Francis W. Levan was educated in the common schools of his native village, and in his boyhood days assisted his father in the cattle business, which he has followed ever since, except in the spring and summer of 1906, when he was proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel, Kutztown." Although a young man, Mr. Levan has through thrift and economy accumulated some valuable property, and has a residence on Noble street, Kutztown.

On Nov. 3, 1901, Mr. Levan married Mamie A. Moyer, daughter of William L. and Susan (Seidel) Moyer, and two children have been born to them, Helen Marie and Mary Susanna.

ALFRED K. MOYER, merchant at Barto, Berks county, was born June 6, 1874, near Dillingersville, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Levi B. and Elmira (Kepler) Moyer. The family has been settled in Bucks county for several generations.

Johannes (John) Moyer, great-great-grandfather of Alfred K. Moyer, came from Springfield, Bucks county, to Colebrookdale township, Berks county, settling on the road leading from New Berlinville to the Hill Church. He was a farmer by occupation. He married a member of the Landis family, and they had a family of ten children, namely: William, who had seven daughters, but no sons; Heinrich; Martin, born Dec. 11, 1782, died Feb. 3, 1863 (m. Susanna Bauman, 1787-1858, and had eight sons and two daughters); Jacob; Catherine m. Heinrich Stauffer); Elizabeth (m. Isaac Bowman); Anna (m. Georg Bechtel); Molly (m. Isaac Stauffer and had thirteen children); John (m. a Dierolf); and Abraham.

Abraham Moyer, son of Johannes, lived near Spinnerstown, Bucks county, owning a farm there. He also had a sawmill, but as the only propelling power at his command was water, and there was a sparsity of that, it was known as the "dry" sawmill. His wife's maiden name was Beidler, and they were the parents of six children, among whom were Abraham, John B., Christian (of Doylestown, Pa.) and Henry B. (of Quakertown, Pa.).

John B. Moyer, son of Abraham, was born in 1822 and died in April, 1904, aged eighty-two years; he was buried on Good Friday, at the Mennonite meeting-house near Steinsburg, in the upper end of Bucks county. He was a Mennonite in religious faith. He lived in Milford township, Bucks county, where he owned a large farm. He married Hannah Beidler, and their six children were: Levi B.; John B., of Springfield township, Bucks county; Abraham, of Sumneytown, Montgomery county; Henry, of Center Valley, Lehigh county; Mary, who is married to Samuel E. Weaver; and Annie, wife of William Fisher.

Levi B. Moyer, son of John B. Moyer, was born Dec. 3, 1852, near Spinnerstown, in Bucks county, and he has been a lifelong farmer, his home being in Milford township, Bucks county. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Spinnerstown, which he has served as deacon. He married Elmira Kepler, daughter of

Willoughby and Marietta (Wetzel) Kepler, of Lehigh county, and to them was born one son, Alfred K.

Alfred K. Moyer was born June 6, 1874, near Dillingersville, Lehigh county, and was reared in Milford township, Bucks county, upon the farm, meantime attending the public schools there. When twenty-one years old he began working in the creamery in Milford Square, Bucks county, where he was employed for one year, engaging in that business for himself in the year 1900, at Kumry, Bucks county, which is two miles from Milford Square. He continued in business there for seven years, handling 2,000 pounds of milk per day and conducting a store also, besides serving as assistant postmaster for seven years. In the spring of 1908 Mr. Moyer came to Barto, Berks county, where he has a mercantile business, having succeeded the firm of B. F. Sell & Son. For one year he also conducted the creamery at this place, but he is now giving his attention exclusively to the merchandise business, in which line he has an extensive patronage. He carries a full line of general merchandise and has shown himself to be a man of judgment in all his dealings with his business associates.

Mr. Moyer married Feb. 18, 1893, Miss Flora S. Markley, daughter of Joshua H. and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Markley, of Milford township, Bucks county. Four children have been born to them, Florence, Stanley, and William and Thomas (twins). Mr. Moyer is a Lutheran in religious belief, holding membership in Scheetz's Church, in Bucks county; his wife is a member of the Reformed denomination, belonging to Trinity Church, at Spinnerstown. He is a Republican in politics.

J. L. BACHOFER, proprietor of a hotel and café, at the corner of Elm and Third streets, Reading, is one of the city's deservedly prosperous men. He was born in Germany, Dec. 21, 1870, son of John and Josephine (Mann) Bachofer.

John Bachofer brought his family to America in the spring of 1874, landing at Castle Garden, and he came immediately to Reading, where he secured work with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; there he remained until he entered the employ of the brewer, Frederick Lauer, with whom he remained for twenty-two years. In 1890 he built the stand now occupied by his son. He died in 1896, at the age of fifty-six years, his widow surviving until 1903. They had a family of nine children, six of whom lived to maturity, namely: John L.; Frederika, wife of Frank Seiders; Christian, of Reading; Maria, single; Jacobina, wife of Ira Hinnershitz, of Shillington, Pa.; and J. George, of the Reading Real Estate, Loan & Investment Company. In politics John Bachofer was identified with the Democratic party. In religious belief the family is Lutheran.

John L. Bachofer was educated in the parochial and the public schools of Reading. His first work after leaving school was clerking in his uncle's grocery store in Philadelphia, where he remained for two years, and upon his return to Reading he worked for several years for Henry B. Hintz, and then became associated with G. H. Delp & Co., wholesale grocers, continuing there until 1890, when he changed to his father's establishment, assisting him until the father died. When the property was sold to the Deppen Brewing Company, in 1903, he engaged in his present business.

Mr. Bachofer was married (first) in 1895, to Lillian May Harner. After her death he m. (second) in 1903, Isabella Schucker, who was born in Berks county. In politics Mr. Bachofer is an independent, being one of the prime movers in independent politics in the Sixth ward. He belongs to the Eagles and the Knights of Malta. For some years he has also been a member of the Neversink Fire Company. He is one of the enterprising and progressive as well as popular business men of this city.

JACOB B. MOYER, who is engaged in farming in Oley township, where he was born March 9, 1849, comes of an early settled German family.

John Moyer, his grandfather, was a resident of Pike township, though at one time he lived in Colebrookdale township. He was a farmer by occupation, and he owned a small home at the time of his death. He was a Lutheran member of the Hill Church, where he is buried. His wife, whose maiden name was Dierolf, is also buried at Hill Church. Their children were: John, of Rockland township; Isaac D.; and Mrs. Herman Stofflet, who lived in Pike township.

Isaac D. Moyer, son of John and father of Jacob B., was a farmer in Pike township, but his death occurred in Washington township, in December, 1906, when he was aged eighty-three years. He was a farmer for many years, but later owned a small tract where he died. His remains were interred at Hill Church. He married Apollonia Baer, daughter of Jacob Baer, and their children were: Jacob B.; Henry (on the homestead in Pike township); Fianna (m. Jonathan Moser, and lives in Douglass township, this county); Augustus (living near Bally in Washington township).

Jacob B. Moyer was early trained to farming pursuits. When he was yet a mere child his parents removed to Pike township. In 1885 he began farming for himself on his father's farm in Pike township, and there he continued until in the spring of 1898, when he moved to his present place, which he bought in 1897 from Samuel A. Weidner, son of John and grandson of Jacob Weidner. In 1899 he built a fine brick residence, and in 1907 he remodeled the barn, and he has otherwise greatly improved the place. The farm contains 125 acres of fertile land, all now under cultivation. In politics Mr. Moyer is a Republican, and he and his family are Lutheran members of Hill Church.

In 1886, Mr. Moyer married Amanda Deysher, daughter of John Deysher and wife (whose maiden name was Rohrbach), and to this union have come four children: Charles, Lyman, and Amandus and Carrie.

FRANK S. BARSOTTI, an energetic and enterprising business men of Reading, Pa., extensively engaged as a dealer in fruit, was born in Lucca, Tuscany, in the northern part of Italy, Feb. 24, 1859, son of Stephen and Santa (Partssianna) Barsotti.

Stephen Barsotti was a native of Italy, where his whole life was spent, he dying there in September, 1905, in his eighty-ninth year. His wife died in 1876, aged fifty-five. In religious belief the family were devout members of the Catholic Church of Rome. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barsotti were the parents of five children, three of whom still survive, namely: Robert is a resident of Italy; John, a manufacturer of ornamental statuary, resides in Baltimore, Md.; and Frank S.

Frank S. Barsotti came to America in 1885, on the steamer "Estella," landing in New York. Having learned the trade of sculptor while in his native country, he at once engaged in the manufacture of ornamental statuary, being an expert in his line. He followed this business for several years, until he had accumulated a sufficient amount to enable him to enter his present business. Seeing a good opening at Williamsport, he located there in 1890 and remained until 1894 in which year he came to Reading, and in company with P. Denino & Bro., engaged in business at the corner of Seventh and Penn streets. Wishing to engage in business on his own responsibility, the partnership entered upon with Denino & Bro. was dissolved, and Mr. Barsotti has since conducted his business alone. He has been very successful in this venture, and through frugal habits and a straightforward way of doing business has accumulated a comfortable income. He owns two fine residences in Reading, and commands some of the city's best trade, handling only first-class fruits, both domestic and imported, and all varieties are kept during the seasons.

Mr. Barsotti was married in September, 1896, to Anna E. Roshorn, daughter of Jesse Roshorn, of Ephrata, Lancaster county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barsotti are members of the First United Evangelical Church of Reading, and both take a deep interest in religious work. Mrs. Barsotti is a member of the Missionary Society and is an

enthusiastic worker in the cause of Temperance. Her father was a cigar manufacturer of Lancaster county and died in 1882. He married Catherine Hullenbach, and seven children were born to the union: Frank, Emma, Lefevre, George, Catherine, Anna E. and Ella. Mrs. Catherine (Hullenbach) Roshorn was a granddaughter of Johannes Strauss, founder of Strausstown, who came to America in 1717 and settled near Bernville, his land being still in the possession of members of his family. The Strauss family were the first to build Blue Mountain Church, and all their children were baptized there in the Lutheran faith, and many of them buried there.

Mr. Barsotti has traveled extensively in the Old World. In 1873 he visited Bavaria, Germany, remained four years in Berlin, and saw Dresden, Amsterdam, Holland, Stockholm, Sweden, and London. He is well posted on the manners and customs of the people of the countries he has visited, and is a very pleasing conversationalist.

IRWIN Y. PHILLIPS, a representative agriculturist of Berks county, Pa., who is carrying on operations on his seventy-acre tract in Cumru township, about four and one-half miles from the city of Reading, was born March 13, 1866, in Bern township, Berks county, son of Reuben G. and Mary (Yoder) Phillips.

Solomon Phillips, the progenitor of the family in America, came to this country in the ship "Phoenix," Capt. John Mason, which arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28, 1750, he being the only Phillips in the 339 passengers. He settled in Bern (now Centre) township, where many of the name now reside, and lived to advanced years, as did his son, Michael. Michael's son, John H. Phillips, who attained the age of 105 years, had a son, Jacob, who died when ninety-two years old, the latter being the great-grandfather of Irwin Y.

Henry B. Phillips, son of Jacob, was a lifelong resident of Centre township, where he followed the trade of stone mason in early life and farming in his latter years, owning two large farms of 133 and 129 acres, respectively. He was a stanch Democrat in politics, was public-spirited to a high degree, and was often called upon to act as delegate to county conventions. He was a Lutheran member of Belleman's Union Church, in which he was a deacon and elder. He married Hannah Geschwindt, sister of Henry Geschwindt, and they had eight children, namely: Nathaniel G., Reuben G., Levi G., Mrs. Reuben Ludwig, David G., Henry G., Mrs. Henry Christ and Mrs. Joseph Althouse.

Reuben G. Phillips was born Aug. 27, 1838, on the Phillips homestead in Centre township, and from 1885 until his retirement, in 1897, lived on his ninety-two-acre farm in Lower Heidelberg township. He now lives in his residence at Wernersville, where he and his wife attend Sinking Spring Lutheran Church, of which he is an official member. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Phillips married Mary Yoder, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Shartle) Yoder, and to them there were born five children: Clara m. Henry Huyett; Sallie m. Webster Potteiger; Irwin Y.; Katie m. Charles Miller; and Frederick m. Annie Hornberger.

Irwin Y. Phillips was educated in the Bern township and Lower Heidelberg schools, which he attended until twenty-one years of age, and he then went to Sac county, Iowa, working on a farm there for one year. In 1890 Mr. Phillips began farming for himself on what is known as the Maccabees farm, near Shillington, but after two years removed to the Endlich farm in Alsace township. In 1899 he purchased the Benneville M. Gaul farm in Cumru township, and here he has since made his home. He cultivates seventy acres of land, and keeps a fine herd of cows, running a milk wagon daily to Reading, about four and one-half miles distant. Mr. Phillips uses the latest makes of machinery, and his property is considered one of the finest of its size in the community. In political matters he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with the Maccabees. He and his wife are Lutheran members of St. John's Church of Mohnsville.

In the year 1889, Mr. Phillips married Deborah Kalbach, born Feb. 21, 1865, daughter of Harrison and Sarah (Gerhart) Kalbach, farming people of Bern township. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips: Laura M., born Oct. 25, 1889; Annie I., March 5, 1891; Irwin, March 14, 1893; Wayne H., Jan. 22, 1898; Amly Ruth, Dec. 3, 1907 (died July 19, 1908); and Deborah, Dec. 22, 1908.

ABRAM S. KURTZ, a retired agriculturalist of Caernarvon township, Berks county, who had spent all of his life in the vicinity of Morgantown, was born in this locality, June 15, 1855, son of Abram and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Kurtz.

Jacob Kurtz, grandfather of Abram S., was born in 1782, and died in 1853, aged seventy-one years, four months, twenty-one days. In 1809 he married Sallie Kurtz, born in 1791, who died in 1877. In the year of his marriage Mr. Kurtz purchased the old Morgan farm, where he resided until 1847, and in this year erected the buildings at King's, where he made his home until his death.

Abram Kurtz, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 26, 1820, on the old Gen. Morgan homestead, of which he took charge in 1847. After five and one-half years he removed to King's, a part of the Clymer farm, where he remained for eight and one-half years. He then put up a new set of buildings on the Morgan farm, where he made his home until his death. Although Mr. Kurtz lived to nearly eighty-eight years old, he retained his strength to a remarkable degree. He died February 8, 1908, and was buried in the Beiler cemetery. He was one of the grand old men of Caernarvon township, and as such was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Kurtz married Barbara Stoltzfus, of Lancaster county, Pa., who was born Jan. 31, 1828, and died Dec. 31, 1895. She was buried in the Beiler cemetery, near Elverson, Pa. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz: Abram S.; Sarah m. Jacob Beiler; Elizabeth resided with her father; Isaac married Susan Esch; Barbara married Samuel Petersheim, and lives in Morgantown; Jacob S. m. Lydia Mast; and Annie m. Gideon Zook.

Abram S. Kurtz lived on the old Morgan homestead from April, 1878, until April, 1907, when he sold this old and historic place, which had been in the family for a period of ninety-eight years, three generations having occupied it during that time. The old house is still standing, and the old granaries may be seen in the attic, where the grain was hidden during the Revolutionary war, as well as the secretive walls in the basement, with their movable stones.

Mr. Kurtz married Miss Susan Yoder, of Holmes county, Ohio, to which State her parents moved in pioneer days with an old Conestoga wagon, the journey requiring three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are the parents of the following children, all born on the old Morgan farm: Fannie m. Daniel Hertzler; Elizabeth died Sept. 26, 1904, aged twenty-three years, one month, fifteen days; Jacob lives at Elverson; Susan; Barbara and Ida.

EDMUND GOLDMAN, a well-known business man of Reading, whose "Bon Ton" millinery establishment has been located in the city since 1886, was born in Austria in 1858. His education was secured in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was first employed in a wholesale millinery establishment. In 1886, in company with Mr. A. S. Cohn, Mr. Goldman established his present business, the partnership being dissolved in 1903 on Mr. Cohn's withdrawal.

Mr. Goldman has been very successful in his business enterprise, his employes numbering about one hundred people, fifty to sixty of whom are milliners and trimmers. He is a very heavy importer, doing an extensive wholesale business throughout eastern Pennsylvania, besides commanding the leading retail trade in the city. Some idea of his business may be estimated from the fact

that his semi-annual openings are attended by from 6,000 to 7,000 ladies of Reading and the surrounding country. His store building, which is 25 x 150 feet, three stories and basement, brick, is fully equipped with modern fixtures and appurtenances.

Mr. Goldman is very popular, both in business and social circles. He is a member of Reading Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 549; Harrisburg Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. E.

GEORGE K. LUTZ, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Washington Hotel" at Birdsboro, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, son of David and Susan (Keller) Lutz. His entire life has been passed practically in this county, where he has a wide acquaintance.

David Lutz was a thorough and industrious farmer, and accumulated a comfortable fortune. He made his home in Reading for ten years after retiring from work. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Susan Keller, was born a large family of children, of whom seven are now living: George K.; William is a distiller at the Neversink Distillery; John is engaged in the local express business in Birdsboro; Mary married Charles Ruppert; Sarah m. Calvin Miller; Carrie m. Roswell Hook; and Miss Jennie makes her home with her brother, George K. They are all Lutherans in religious belief, and the father has always been a staunch adherent to Democratic principles.

George K. Lutz received a good common school education in his native township, and when starting out in the world first learned the trade of hatter at the Hendel hat factory in Reading. This trade engrossed his attention for about five years, at the end of which time he returned to the farm, and for three years devoted himself most profitably to dairying. His next work was as assembler with the Acme Bicycle Company in Reading, and later he accepted a position in Lebanon in the machine shop of John C. Xander, and was employed there for three years. In 1899 he returned to Reading, and at Twelfth and Franklin streets began the career of hotel proprietor that he has since followed with such success. He remained in that location one year and then came to Birdsboro, and opened a hotel on the present site of the "Washington," the name of the new structure over which he has since presided. The present building was erected in 1905, and contains thirty-five sleeping rooms, and is fitted with all the modern conveniences so appreciated by the traveling public. The dining room and service are excellent, while the bar facilities, with the choice line of imported and domestic liquors and cigars, delight the social masculine soul.

In 1896 Mr. Lutz married Susan Moser and they have three children: J. William, Helen M. and George D. In religious belief they are Lutherans, and in his political faith Mr. Lutz has followed in the footsteps of his father, and has steadfastly given his support to the Democratic party.

WALTER D. SWOYER, who is extensively engaged in squab culture at Bowers Station, Maxatawny township, was born on the old Swoyer homestead, March 18, 1874, son of Jacob S. Swoyer.

The Swoyers are an old family in Berks county, and the name is found variously spelled—Schweyer, Swoyer, Schwoyer, etc. Jacob S. Swoyer was born in Maxatawny township, Jan. 20, 1847, son of Jacob and grandson of Samuel. He was educated in the public schools, Maxatawny Seminary, then under the guidance of Prof. H. R. Nicks, and now known as the Keystone State Normal School. The change in the control of the school took place during the time Mr. Swoyer was there, and he thus became one of the first students of that now famous institution, among his fellow students being Rev. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, now Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State; Rev. Dr. William Schaeffer, instructor of theology at Lancaster; and D. Nicholas Schaeffer, an attorney at Reading; and Prof. S. A. Baer, Ph. D. Mr. Swoyer is a man of intelligence, and he has been a very enterprising farmer. He has a fertile farm of 105 acres on which he resides, another of fifteen acres, forty perches, and a third of 115 acres, all of which adjoin, and are located in the central part of Maxatawny township. This is a great wheat producing region, and the land is very valuable. Mr. Swoyer cultivated this all himself until the spring of 1908 when he rented the 115-acre tract to his son Oscar. Since 1899 he has been in the dairy business, conducting the White House Dairy. He daily runs a wagon to Kutztown where he sells an average of 265 quarts per day. He keeps from twenty-five to forty cows and about fifteen horses.

Mr. Swoyer has always been a stalwart Republican, and in a district where there are 125 Republicans and 600 Democrats he was elected school director. He was also supervisor of the township for two years. He has been delegate to many county conventions and is a very popular man.

In 1873, Mr. Swoyer married Louisa Deisher, a daughter of John D. and Hannah (Kohler) Deisher, of Maxatawny township, and thirteen children have been born to them: Walter D., Mary, Ida, Elwood (who died from an accident in 1893 when fifteen years old), Oscar, Cora, Jacob, Carrie, Howard, Minnie, Edna, Elton and Irvin. Mr. and Mrs. Swoyer are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Kutztown. He was a deacon and trustee for many years, serving in the former office when the present church edifice was built.

Walter D. Swoyer obtained his education in the district school known as Schwoyer's school, and later attended the Keystone State Normal School, where he graduated in 1893. For four terms he taught in the public schools of Marion township, and he holds a master's diploma from the State. He then assisted his father upon the farm for a few years, and then prepared himself for the railway mail service, taking the civil service examination at Harrisburg in 1899. In July, 1900, he received his appointment, and served between New York and Pittsburg until he resigned Oct. 11, 1905. He located in Bowers, where he has since made his home. In 1906 he erected a handsome residence and he has since been extensively engaged in the squab industry, raising thousands of birds. He has up-to-date buildings, and his premises are kept in strictly sanitary condition. His product is shipped to New York and other large cities. His plant is known as the "Golden Rule Squab Lofts" and this motto is always kept in mind when any birds are sold as breeders—a choice lot of well mated birds being always for sale.

In 1903 Mr. Swoyer married Miss Sarah G. Trexler, daughter of the late Charles L. Trexler, of Lyons [See Trexler Family sketch elsewhere in this publication]. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swoyer are members of the Lutheran church. They are very highly esteemed in the community, and occupy a prominent position in the society of the town.

JOHN E. BIEHL, a highly respected citizen of Reading, Pa., who resides at No. 136 West Douglass street, and is employed in the manufacture of hats at the John Hendel's Sons hat factory, was born in 1857, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Isaac Y. and Susanna (Eidel) Biehl.

Daniel Biehl, grandfather of John E., was a tinsmith by trade, and for many years lived in Oley township, where his death occurred. He married Catherine Yoder, and to them were born children as follows: Abraham Y.; Isaac Y.; Daniel; Elizabeth (m. Joseph Kissling); Catherine (m. John Stapleton). In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

Isaac Y. Biehl was born in Kutztown, Pa., and after completing a common school course learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed practically all of his life, being employed in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops. In 1898 he resigned from this position and removed to Exeter township, locating on a small farm, on which he died in 1901, aged seventy-six years, his widow still surviving. To Mr. and Mrs. Biehl were born

these children: Catherine m. (first) John Lincoln, by whom she had four children—Howard, Isaac W., Permilla and Harrison T.—and (second) Charles Leinbach, by whom two children have been born—Warren and Catherine; Daniel m. Mary Lincoln and has four children—Sallie, Susan, Martha and Mary; Emma m. Jacob Esterly, and has six children—Harry, Catherine, Susan, Jacob, Franklin and Mary; Isaac m. Amanda Hiester, and has four children—Elizabeth, John, Edward and Florence; James m. Catherine High, and has five children—Percival, Laura, Charles, Warren and Helen; John E.; and Susan is deceased. In religious belief the family are Lutherans. Mr. Biehl was a Democrat.

John E. Biehl was educated in the common schools of Exeter and Alsace townships, after leaving which he learned the trade of hatter with the company by which he is now employed, and with which he has been associated since 1874. During his long term of service with this well-known concern, Mr. Biehl has become regarded as a most faithful and valued employe, and he is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. In 1880 he married Sarah Young, daughter of Adam Young, of Muhlenberg township, and to this union there have been born four children, as follows: Miss Anna M.; Frank (married Eva Angstadt, and has one child, Wilson); George (m. Lillian Dieffenderfer, and has three children, LeRoy, Beulah and Robert), and Charles H. (attending school).

Mr. Biehl is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and of the Trinity Brotherhood. He is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in which he has filled the office of deacon.

J. MICHAEL KNOLL, proprietor of the Tulpehocken Hotel, a well-known hotel in Jefferson township, Berks county, was born in that township in 1861. His grandfather was a farmer and blacksmith there, and died in Jefferson township. Both he and his wife are buried at the Host Church. Their children were Henry, Sarah and Michael.

Michael Knoll, father of J. Michael, was born in Jefferson township Nov. 22, 1815, and died July 19, 1896, aged eighty years, seven months, twenty-seven days. He married Magdalena Scheaffer, daughter of Jonathan Scheaffer, born May 14, 1822, died Feb. 6, 1896, aged seventy-three years, eight months, twenty-two days. Both are buried at St. Paul's Union cemetery, Schaefferstown. Mr. Knoll learned the blacksmith's trade in his young manhood and followed it for several years, later engaging in farming in Jefferson township. He lived retired for a few years before his death. Eight children were born to him and his wife: Sarah married John Hemmig, of Reading; Adam S. is living in Jefferson township; Emma is unmarried; Isabella (1850-1900) m. William S. Wenrich; Elanore m. George Peters, of Bethel township; Aaron S., born in 1845, died in 1897; J. Michael is mentioned below; George is living at Upper Lehigh, Luzerne Co., Pa., and is head butcher for a large coal company.

J. Michael Knoll attended the public schools, and remained with his father until he was eighteen years old. He learned the trade of carriage trimmer, which he followed for eight years, in 1888 engaging in the hotel business at his present stand in Jefferson township. His house is well known to the traveling public and he is regarded as a reliable citizen of his community. Mr. Knoll served six years as township assessor, to which office he was elected by a large majority. In 1905 he was a strong candidate for the office of county commissioner, receiving the second highest vote. He is a strong Republican and one of the most influential party workers in the county, being very popular among his fellow-citizens. His church connection is with the Reformed denomination.

Mr. Knoll married Lovina E. Holzman, daughter of the late John S. Holzman, of Jefferson township, who served at one time as treasurer of Berks county. Three children have been born to this union: Nellie H.; Emma H. and Marie H.

WALTER YODER BECKER, deputy-warden of the Berks county jail since 1895, was born in Centre township, Berks county, in September, 1850. He was educated in the township school and at Brunner's Business College, after which he taught public school for twenty-three terms until 1895 (nineteen in Centre township, three in Ontelaunee, and one in Exeter), when he received the appointment of deputy-warden at the county prison, and he has continued to fill this position in a very satisfactory manner by re-appointment by the board of inspectors. He has been prominently identified with the P. O. S. of A. and the K. G. E. for many years. He is a Democrat in politics and has filled the local offices of assessor and auditor of Centre township. He continues to reside in Centre township though employed at Reading. He owns the mill property which was owned by his father, and also a farm in the township which he is cultivating.

Mr. Becker married Emeline Dunkelberger, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hafer) Dunkelberger, of Bern township, and they have three children: Howard (m. Katie Gromis); Adam (m. Mamie Kamp); and Charles (m. Katie Williams).

Mr. Becker's father, John Becker, was born in Albany township, in 1820. He learned the trade of carpenter which he carried on for some years, then purchased a grist-mill in Centre township near Centreport, which he operated until his decease in 1900. He married Mary Yoder (daughter of John Yoder, of Centre township), by whom he had nine children: Walter, Elmira, John (who lives on the homestead, m. Katie Christ), Amanda (m. Howard Phillips), and five who died young.

His grandfather was also named John. He was born in Maiden-creek township and learned the trade of shoemaker which he followed for some years, then directed his attention to the hotel business at Wessnersville for six years and at Tripoli, in Lehigh county, for one year. In 1834 he bought a plantation in Centre township, near Centreport, and this he then cultivated until his decease in 1873, aged seventy-nine years. He also bought the Yoder grist-mill which is now the property of his grandson Walter. He married Rebecca Zimmerman, daughter of John Zimmerman, of Centre township, and they had fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters, twelve reaching maturity. The eldest son, William Z., is still living, aged over eighty-one years.

And his great-grandfather was also named John, born in Richmond township, and brought up to farming, which he carried on for some years and then located in Northumberland county, where he was engaged in the same vocation.

HARRY L. O'BRIEN, a prominent business man of Reading, was born in that city in 1856, son of Joseph T. O'Brien, also a native of Reading, born in 1831.

Joseph T. O'Brien engaged in the milling business, at the foot of Penn street, Reading. Mr. O'Brien remained in that business for a number of years, and then engaged as a grocer at No. 233 Penn street, and later at No. 319 North Sixth street, continuing at the latter place, very successfully, until his death in 1891, aged sixty-six years. Joseph T. O'Brien married Mary A. Boyer, who survived her husband two years, and was sixty-three years old at the time of her death. They had two children, Thomas B., who died when forty-eight years old, and Harry L., our subject.

Harry L. O'Brien received his education in his home city and assisted his father in the grocery business as a clerk, remaining with him for about six years. In 1877 he engaged in the variety business in which he has since continued, locating first at No. 626 Penn street, and in 1891 removed to his present location, No. 728 Penn street. He carries a full line of toys and varieties, dealing wholesale and retail, and pays strict attention to business. Mr. O'Brien has won an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity and this no doubt is one of the reasons of his great success.

Mr. O'Brien was married in 1885, to Mary J. Hillegass, of Reading, and one daughter, Edna M., who is

attending the College for Girls at Frederick, Md., was born to this union. Mr. O'Brien is a Republican, and he is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

DANIEL H. KRICK, one of the most valued citizens of Spring township, a man of sterling honesty and broad-minded views, was born Aug. 19, 1860, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of William B. and Anna (Hain) Krick.

William B. Krick engaged in farming throughout his active years, owning seventy-six acres in Lower Heidelberg township. He died in February, 1905, aged about seventy-six years. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled the offices of township treasurer and auditor, serving in the latter office for twenty years. He married Anna Hain, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Hain) Hain, and they had three children: Daniel H.; John I., who owns his father's farm in Lower Heidelberg township; and Mary, who married Fred W. Gaul, of Wernersville.

Daniel H. Krick attended the district schools during his boyhood and remained assisting his father on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he took charge of the place and operated it for himself seven years. In 1895 he purchased his present farm in Spring township of George and Isaac Krick. It then contained 149 acres, to which Mr. Krick has added several acres. The residence of stone, which still stands, was built in 1842, but it has been converted into a modern home by Mr. Krick. A substantial barn was erected in 1868. From the time he took possession until April 6, 1907, Mr. Krick continued to improve his property and his prosperity seemed assured. On the morning of the day mentioned he arose and looked over his possessions with justifiable pride, because they had been acquired through his own patient and persistent industry. In the evening of the same day, through a fire that started mysteriously in the barn, he was bereft of a large part of all he owned. The barn itself was totally consumed together with nineteen valuable milch cows, seven hundred bushels of wheat, two hundred bushels of oats, ten tons of hay, five tons of straw and all the farm tools, machinery and farming implements. The fire occurred in the morning and its glare could be seen for miles around. His neighbors, however, could not reach him in time to render any adequate assistance. Their sympathy and admiration were given him, for he has borne the calamity with courage and resolution and already has made much progress toward future prosperity. The barn was rebuilt in the same summer, a substantial structure 90 by 45 feet, with a shed adjoining, 28 by 33 feet. For fourteen years Mr. Krick operated a dairy.

In 1873 he was married to Rebecca Fritz, daughter of Henry G. Fritz, and they have one son, William F., who is now a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. His parents are giving him every possible educational advantage and he has the ambition to profit by the same. Mr. Krick and his family belong to the Reformed Church at Sinking Spring. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES J. MERKEL, the popular and widely known county detective residing in Reading, stands very high in the esteem of the public.

Mr. Merkel comes from an old and honorable family in Berks county. His great-grandfather, Benjamin, and his grandfather of the same name, were leading farmers of Richmond township.

Levi Merkel, father of James J., followed them in that most honorable of occupations, in Oley township, dying Feb. 13, 1905, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was Keziah De Turk, daughter of Elijah, of Kutztown, also a farmer. Their children were five in number, as follows: Irvin I. died March 15, 1904, aged forty-six; Elijah U. is a merchant on Penn street, Reading; Sallie m. Charles Harbein; Alice m. Ezra De Turk, farmer of Oley township; and James J.

James J. Merkel was born Dec. 18, 1867, in Oley township, where he was reared and educated. He remained at home on the farm until he was twenty-four years old, and then took a position in his brother's store in Reading, where he continued for some seven years. Tiring of the confinement of a mercantile life, he secured a position as salesman for the National Biscuit Company, and this he was filling when on Jan. 1, 1905, he received the appointment of county detective, the Philadelphia *Record* being authority for the statement that he was appointed "because he knew more people in Berks county than any other man there." He is a popular officer of the county and is doing effective work. He apprehended a murderer in Billings, Okla., and brought him back for trial March 17, 1908, traveling a distance of 1,772 miles, the greatest distance ever traveled by a Berks county detective.

On June 7, 1891, Mr. Merkel married Hannah, daughter of the late Solomon Peter, a farmer of Oley township, and their children are, Marie and Paul P., both in school. Mr. Merkel is a deacon in Hope Lutheran church, and is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the P. O. S. of A., and of the Royal Arcanum. He votes the Democratic ticket.

CHRISTIAN ZOOK, of Caernarvon township, who died Dec. 27, 1898, was a representative of an old and honored German family that has lived in Pennsylvania since 1742. He was born near Malvern, Chester Co., Pa., April 27, 1831. On Dec. 19, 1859, he married Susan (Stoltzfus), born Oct. 2, 1841, daughter of Christian and Susan (Lantz) Stoltzfus, one of Pennsylvania's old and highly esteemed families. To this union were born children as follows: Henry, born in 1861, is in the mercantile business at Elverson (m. Miss Lizzie Stoltzfus); Christiana, born in 1863 (m. John S. Mast, lives on one of the Mast farms, and has had three children—Christian Z., born Nov. 4, 1885; John, born Nov. 9, 1890, died Nov. 11, 1890; and Christiana, born Dec. 29, 1891, died Jan. 13, 1892); and Malinda, born July 16, 1869 (m. Amos Hertzler, lives on the old homestead, and has had children—Susan Ella, born Dec. 11, 1894; Elmira, born Aug. 16, 1896; Ada Christina, born Oct. 12, 1898, died Feb. 17, 1899; and Alfred, born April 11, 1900). Mrs. Zook has also given a home to an orphan child, Anna Megert, who is now twenty years of age. Mrs. Zook now makes her home on the old Zook homestead, a fine property of 102 acres, on which is situated a handsome residence surrounded by a beautiful, well-kept lawn. She and her children also own an adjoining farm of eighty acres of limestone land, now occupied by one of Mrs. Zook's daughters, Mrs. John S. Mast.

John Zook (Zug), great-great-grandfather of Christian Zook, was of Darmstadt, Germany. He was a son of Hans Zook (Zug), an elder in the Mennonite Church at Berne, Switzerland, where in 1659 he and six other preachers of that faith were arrested and thrown into prison. They were detained until 1671, and then released on their promise to leave that section. From Berne Hans Zook moved to Canton Zug, Switzerland, and later to Darmstadt, Germany, where he died.

Christian Zook (Zug), son of John, and great-grandfather of Christian, was born near Darmstadt, Germany. Accompanied by two brothers, Moritz and Johannes, he arrived in Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1742, later settling in Whiteland township, Chester Co., Pa., where he died in December, 1787. He was twice married, (first) to Anna Kannabell, and (second) to Anna (Dodereas) Missler, a widow. Christian Zook's children, all by his first wife, were: a daughter who married a Miller and had descendants; Barbara, who married Henry Kauffman, and also had descendants; Elizabeth, who married a Miller; John, whose wife's given name was Catherine; Jacob; Yost; and Christian.

Christian Zook, son of Christian, was born April 20, 1752, in Bern township, Berks county, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, being also a minister in the Amish Church. He died Oct. 8, 1826. He married Miss

Magdalena Blank, born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1751, who died Aug. 8, 1833. To them were born the following children: John (m. Elizabeth Kurtz); Christian (m. Magdalena Zug); Barbara (m. Daniel Hertzler); Magdalena (m. Jacob Hertzler); Nancy (m. Christian Hertzler); Jacob (m. Anna Summers); Christiana (m. John Summers); and Henry.

Henry Zook, son of Christian and father of Christian of Caernarvon township, Berks county, was born near Malvern, Pa., March 18, 1794, and died at Burkleys Bridge, Pa., in 1865. He married Christiana Kurtz, born Sept. 21, 1801, and died March 23, 1874. They had the following children: Jacob K., born Nov. 24, 1823, died in August, 1904 (m. Nov. 21, 1846, Lydia Mast, born Sept. 21, 1824); Magdalena, born March 11, 1826 (m. Jacob Troyer, born May 8, 1834, in Holmes county, Ohio); Anna, born Jan. 12, 1828, died July 4, 1903 (m. John P. Mast); Christian; Elizabeth died aged four years; Christiana, born April 10, 1836 (m. Levi Mast, born July 19, 1835); Sara, born Dec. 6, 1839, died May 5, 1878 (m. Samuel Lantz); and Nicholas, the youngest, died at the age of three years.

JOHN GRUBE, who has for eleven years been engaged in the milling business at Hartz's Mills, near Morgantown, Pa., was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, in 1867, son of Elias and Anna (Wanner) Grube.

Elias Grube was born at New Holland, Lancaster county, in 1842, and died in 1877. He married Anna Wanner, born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, in 1835, who now lives in Salisbury township. To this union there were born four children: Elam, born in 1864, lives with his mother; John; Amos, born in 1870, lives near Christiana, Chester county; and Clara, born in 1873, married Frank Martin, of Lancaster county.

John Grube obtained a good common school education, and at the age of sixteen years learned the milling trade at Grube's Mill, whence he went to Morgantown, being employed at Hartz's Mills for two years. The next eight years were spent at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, but subsequently he returned to Hartz's Mills, where he has continued ever since. Mr. Grube is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and for some years he has been a township supervisor. He attends the Methodist church at Morgantown, of which he is a trustee and steward.

On March 14, 1896, Mr. Grube married Miss Emma Clark, daughter of John Clark, of Caernarvon township, Lancaster county. One child, Ethel, was born to this union in 1899.

GEORGE J. RAAB, one of the well known business men of Reading, Pa., is secretary of the Deppen Brewing Company, and has charge of the collections of the company. Mr. Raab was born in 1866, in Carbon county, Pa., son of John and Christina (Weldner) Raab.

John Raab was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States when a lad of sixteen years, settling first in New York City, and a few years later in the West, and at Phoenixville he helped to build the P. & R. Railroad. He then came to Reading, reaching this city with fifteen dollars in his pocket. He had learned the carpenter's trade, and this he followed for many years, spending much time in the anthracite coal regions. For thirty-two years he was with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and was also janitor of the public school at Fourth and Elm streets. He is now living retired at his home, No. 527 Buttonwood street, Reading. He and his wife had sixteen children, among them four sets of twins: John, Katie, Charles, Peter, George J., Henry, Bertha, Mary, Frank, Fred, Clara, Elizabeth, Amelia, Anna, and two whose names were not given. Mr. and Mrs. Raab in religious belief are Catholics. In politics he is a Democrat.

George J. Raab was educated in the schools of Reading, and his first work as a boy was with Postmaster A. M. High, of Reading, from whom he received one dollar a week. He worked for Mr. High for two years, and then engaged with J. C. Hoffeditz to learn coach painting, and after two years and eight months with this gentleman, engaged as a waiter at the café of Philip Bissinger (now Brownmiller's Café), where he remained seven years and nine months, then engaging with John Adams, at No. 527 Penn street, as hotel clerk. He next conducted the hotel at Front and Hamilton streets, known as the "Hamilton House," and after remaining there for four and one-half years, sold out and rented the old Keystone Brewing Company building, and carried on the business successfully for five years. He took as partner John Roerich, and they continued the business for five years longer, when they sold out to the Deppen Brewing Company in 1902. Since this time Mr. Raab has been retained by the firm as traveling salesman and manager of collections, and is now secretary. Messrs. Raab, Taylor and Roerich hold the majority of stock in the brewery, and have built a new brewery at No. 3 Buttonwood street. Mr. Raab is also a partner in the Crescent Shoe Company, Sharman & Raab, proprietors, Pearl street, Reading.

Although Mr. Raab has been an earnest worker in the ranks of the Democratic party since his majority, he has never been an office seeker, and time and again has refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate for public position. However, at the solicitation of the leaders of the organization in this section, he finally allowed himself to be persuaded to accept the nomination for sheriff of Berks county. He is very popular with all classes, and is well known not only in business and political life, but in social circles as well, being connected with Coatesville Aerie, F. O. E.; also Eagles Home, Coatesville; Americus Club; Northeast Democratic Club; Jackson Club; Commercial Association; Buffaloes, and the Hampden Fire Association. Mr. Raab resides with his parents in Reading, for whom he is providing a comfortable home in their declining years.

JAMES F. SCHLASMAN, one of Tulpehocken township's representative citizens, who for more than twenty years was engaged in the hotel business as proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Mount Aetna, Pa., was born Nov. 22, 1862, at Stouchsburg, Berks county, son of Isaac and Mary (Livengood) Schlasman.

Peter Schlasman, grandfather of James F., was a farmer of Rehrersburg, where he married Eva Bomberger. Their children were: Augustus m. Rebecca Hicks, and removed to Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he carried on painting and paperhanging until his death; Isaac became the father of James F.; Mary m. John Peiffer, a farmer of near Myerstown, Lebanon county, and had five children—James, Emma, Clara, Nora and Clayton; and Adam left home when quite young and was for many years a resident of Texas and later of Oklahoma. Mrs. Schlasman survived her husband many years, and died at the home of her daughter, at the age of ninety-three.

Isaac Schlasman was at an early age apprenticed to Samuel Burkholder, of Stouchsburg, with whom he learned cabinet making, an occupation at which he worked until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he commenced work for the Government. He was married to Mary A. Livengood, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Scheetz) Livengood, for many years residents of Stouchsburg, where Mr. Livengood was a constable for twenty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Schlasman had children: Kate Elizabeth m. Henry E. Kauffman, and resides in Reading; Eva m. John Schmehl; Mary Ella m. Erasmus Kurr, and has four children—Charles, Nettie, Mary and Louis; James F.; Isora m. Morris C. Bordner, and they reside on his farm near Millersburg; Harry Augustus, a carpenter in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, resides in Reading and is married; Anna Margaret m. Walter Walters, of Reading; and Margaret Anna (twin to Anna Margaret) m. Charles C. Berger, of Reading.

James F. Schlasman was educated in the public schools of his native district and later at Womelsdorf, whither his parents had removed in 1873 to take charge of the "Nicholas House." In the spring of 1877 they went to Millersburg where they conducted the "Centre House" for seventeen years, and where Mr. Schlasman died. Here James F. Schlasman assisted his parents, and in addition carried the daily mail between Bethel and Myerstown for nine years, but in 1886 removed to Mount Aetna, where he took charge of the "Mansion House" and continued to conduct it for twenty-one years, at the same time dealing largely in horses, poultry and calves. By thrift and good management he accumulated a competency, and he is now practically retired and lives in his own home. He is an active Democrat, and has been mercantile appraiser for one term, as well as being delegate to various conventions and holding minor township offices. He is a member of Golden Rule Temple, of which he is treasurer, and is also connected with Camp No. 69, P. O. S. of A. With his family he attends the old Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg.

Mr. Schlasman was married to Dora Noecker, daughter of Israel M. and Rebecca (Lerch) Noecker, and their children were: Mary, member of the 1909 class at the Keystone State Normal School, is an accomplished musician; Robert died aged one year, five days; and Mark James is in school.

WILLIAM M. REIFF, a highly esteemed citizen of Reading, Pa., residing at No. 935 Oley street, has been a trusted employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for nearly forty-five years. He was born April 19, 1844, in Lower Providence, Montgomery county, Pa., son of Christopher and Sarah Ann (Barrett) Reiff.

George Reiff, grandfather of William M., was a resident of Montgomery county, where he died when still a young man, being buried at Lower Providence Baptist Church. He married Peggy Heebner, and they had two children: Christopher; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Lonacker, of Lower Providence.

Christopher Reiff was born Oct. 5, 1819, in Montgomery county, and died Nov. 25, 1908, aged eighty-nine years, one month and twenty days. His last years were passed at the home of his son George H., in Allentown. He was a farmer in his earlier life, but in 1855 he located at Norristown, where he learned core making. Later he became a railroader, but after coming to Reading he again followed core making, but subsequently, in 1858, when the East Penn. Railroad was opened, he accepted an appointment as baggage agent, a position which he filled until the road was leased to the Reading Railroad. Mr. Reiff married Sarah Ann Barrett, daughter of Philip Barrett, and her death was caused by a fall from a two-story window while asleep, May 22, 1890. They had five children: Ann Elizabeth died young; William M.; George H., of Allentown; Ann Rebecca, who died in infancy; and Irwin D., of Reading.

William M. Reiff accompanied his parents to Norristown when quite small, and in 1855 came with them to Reading, where he has since resided with the exception of from 1877 to 1885, when he conducted the train between Kutztown and Topton, having his home at the former place. He attended the public schools of Reading, and later lived one year with an uncle at Turbotville, Northumberland county. On his return he became a clerk with William Rhoads, Jr. & Sr., who conducted a general store at the old jail building, at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, and remained in their employ two years, afterward for one year attending Prof. John S. Ermentrout's select school in Reading. He then clerked for two years in F. B. Shalter's store, where the "United States Hotel" is now located, and in 1862 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, remaining with them for two months. At this time he enlisted in Company E, 128th Pa. V. I., for nine months service, his captain being William H. Andrews, who was killed at Antietam. He was at Antietam in reserve, South Mountain, Chancellorsville, May 1, 2, 3, 1863, and was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 19, 1863, with a fine war record. On his return he was employed by the Hope Express Company for a period of six months, and then again entered the railroad service, Dec. 25, 1863, as a brakeman, later became baggagemaster and then train dispatcher, and since May 1, 1877, he has been a conductor. Since 1896 his run has been between Reading and Philadelphia, he having the 6:20 a. m. from Reading. Mr. Reiff has never had a serious accident, and is one of the company's most trusted employes, as he is one of the most popular conductors on the line. He owns his own fine large residence in Reading, and is highly esteemed in the community in which he has lived so long. Mrs. Reiff is a lady of refined tastes, and is greatly interested in the biographical history of the Baer or Barr family, being one of the secretaries of the Baer family association.

Mr. Reiff was married in 1865 to Emma C. Barr, daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca Barr, and three children have been born to this union: Mame A. (m. J. Morris High, now deceased); Anna R. (died aged two weeks); and William H. (holds a responsible position with the American Iron & Steel Company, at Lebanon). Mr. Reiff is fraternally connected with Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., of Kutztown; Reading Chapter; and DeMolay Commandery of Reading; and O. R. C., of Nicolls, Division of America.

HOWARD K. WININGS, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, is now operating an excellent farm in Robeson township, whither he came when seventeen years of age. Mr. Winings was born July 3, 1846, in Chester county, Pa., son of Jacob and Leah (Keen) Winings.

Jacob Winings was a farmer by occupation and this he followed throughout life, operating a farm in Warwick township, which he owned, until 1864, after which he rented farms for some years. He retired some years previous to his death, which occurred in 1884, at the age of seventy-three years. He and his wife were the parents of eight children: Louisa m. Benjamin Roberts; Howard K.; Catherine died young; Jacob, deceased, was a moulder; Miss Clara; Eli E. is a moulder; and Misses Rosie and Emma. In religious matters the family were connected with the Evangelical Church. Mr. Winings was a Democrat in politics.

Howard K. Winings was educated in the schools of Warwick township, Chester county, and there he made his home until seventeen years old, when he came to Berks county, where he has since been carrying on agricultural operations. He has always been an industrious, hard-working citizen, and has wielded some influence in local politics, being prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party and serving on the petit and grand juries. In religious belief he is Lutheran.

In 1877 Mr. Winings married Maggie H. Brown, daughter of John M. Brown, and to this union two sons have been born; John B. (m. Sarah N. Davis, and has three children: J. Harold D., Margaret L. and Howard Lester); and Howard L. (m. Rose Murray and has one child, Florence C.). Both sons are engaged in farming, and both follow in their father's footsteps politically, voting in support of Democratic principles.

John M. Brown, father of Mrs. Maggie H. (Brown) Winings, died aged sixty-three years. He married Margaret P. Haws, who died in 1879, ten years after her husband, at the age of nearly eighty years. They were both natives of Berks county, and their home farm was that now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Winings. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown were Lutherans and active in church and Sunday-school work and the church—St. John's Lutheran and Reformed—was erected on the Brown property. Mrs. Winings has never lived anywhere except in her present home. Her sister, Mrs. M. A. Bodder (mentioned elsewhere), died there two years ago.

NATHAN M. WENRICH, who stands deservedly high as a business citizen at Fritztown, Spring township, where he is the proprietor of a successful mercantile establishment, was born April 6, 1865, at Reinhold's Station, Lancaster county, son of John and Elizabeth (Merkel) Wenrich.

The Wenrich family, which is one of the oldest of the State, had its origin here in Mathias Wenrich, Sr., who was one of the very earliest settlers of Berks county. He was a large land owner in Heidelberg township, where two of his sons: Balthaser and Mathias, Jr., were taxables in 1759.

Mathias Wenrich, Jr., great-grandfather of Nathan M., was an early resident of that township, and was an extensive land owner. He served as an ensign in the Fourth Battalion of Col. Nicholas Lotz's Sixth Company, in the Revolutionary war, which was in service May 17, 1777. He was a man of prominence in his day. Among his sons were: Daniel, who married Hannah Hain and had these children: Daniel, Isaac, Adam, Manasses, Elizabeth, Sophia, Annie, Rebecca and Sarah; David L., who was a prominent citizen of Berks county and county commissioner in 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1866; and John.

John Wenrich, grandfather of Nathan M., was an agriculturalist, and for many years was engaged in operating a farm at Reinhold's Station. He is buried at Swamp Church. Mr. Wenrich married Sarah Schaeffer, and to them were born these children: James settled in Waterloo, Ind.; Sophia m. Michael Miller; Rebecca m. Augustus Emes; John; Anna m. Joseph Eberly; Rev. Samuel has a charge at Danville, Pa.; Benjamin is of Lehigh county, Pa.; and Mary m. Lewis Whitman.

John Wenrich, father of Nathan M., was born Aug. 3, 1833, and for many years has resided at Reinhold's Station, where he has been engaged in operating his sixty-five acre tract of fine land. Although well advanced in years, Mr. Wenrich is sound in body and mind, and he is well known and highly esteemed in his locality. In political matters he is a Democrat, while his religious belief is that of the Lutheran Church; he worships with that denomination at Swamp Church, where he has been deacon and elder. He married Elizabeth Merkel, born Feb. 20, 1835, who died Dec. 30, 1904, daughter of Solomon Merkel, of Gouglersville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Wenrich became the parents of the following children: Daniel died in 1902, aged forty-four years; Sarah m. John Wealand; Miss Mary resides at Denver, Pa.; Rev. John is a Lutheran minister stationed at Stoutsville, Ohio; Nathan M.; Amanda m. Jacob H. Gelsimer, of Reinhold's Station, Pa.; Lemon; Alice m. Harry Aungst, of Reinhold's Station; Lydia died at the age of seventeen years; Rev. S. Martin is a Lutheran minister at Northampton Heights, Pa.; Clara m. Anson Moyer, of Reinhold's Station, Pa.; and Emma died in infancy.

Nathan M. Wenrich obtained a liberal education in the district schools and the Millersville State Normal School, the latter of which he attended for five terms. He then took a course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in the spring of 1887, after which he taught school for two terms and subsequently became a clerk in J. S. Lauser's general store, at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county. After four years with Mr. Lauser, Mr. Wenrich resumed teaching, which he carried on for seven terms in Lancaster county, and became well and favorably known as an educator. In 1899, Mr. Wenrich obtained his permanent certificate, having been first licensed to teach in 1885, by Professor Brecht, and in 1900 he came to Fritztown, where he engaged in the mercantile business. From the first the business prospered, and it has now grown to large proportions. Mr. Wenrich carries everything in a mercantile line, and by paying strict attention to the needs of the people of his community he has won a place for himself among the leading business men of Fritztown.

On Sept. 14, 1889, Mr. Wenrich was married to Sarah Bechtel, born Oct. 12, 1866, daughter of William and Leah (Gensemer) Bechtel, by whom he has had two children: Emma, who died in infancy; and John William, born Jan. 24, 1898.

MORRIS F. RENTSCHLER, a popular hotel-keeper of Berks county, who conducts the "Black Horse Hotel," at Kutztown, Pa., was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Oct. 20, 1865, son of Charles F. and Cassia (Fleisher) Rentschler.

The Rentschler family, which is of German stock, was founded in Berks county about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war, there being three brothers, one of whom settled in the city of Philadelphia, one near Sunbury, Pa., and the other, John George, in Bern (now Upper Bern) township. John George Rentschler was born Oct. 11, 1755, and was married in 1785 to Catherine Wagoner, born Dec. 23, 1765, who died Jan. 2, 1847. They became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel; George, who settled out West; Samuel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Phillips; Jacob; Mrs. Christ. Kauffman; Mrs. Joseph Kauffman, and three others—two sons and one daughter.

Jacob Rentschler, son of John George and grandfather of Morris F., was born April 3, 1804, and reared in Bern township. He was a farmer and also owned a woolen mill, the buildings of which are still standing about three-quarters of a mile from Upper Bern postoffice. He manufactured woolen bed-spreads and woolen goods from which men's and women's clothes were made, and in his time was known as a hard-working, energetic man. In about middle life he became paralyzed, and during the rest of his life he was lame. He died Jan. 28, 1874. Mr. Rentschler was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Fegley, by whom he had four children, namely: Charles F., Fietta, Matilda and Frank. The second Mrs. Rentschler was Sarah Diehl, and by this union there were two children: Dr. Henry, of Ringtown, Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Lewis, who died in 1898, in his forty-fifth year.

Charles F. Rentschler was born June 11, 1835, and died Sept. 6, 1900. He was a resident of Shartlesville, Upper Bern township, where he was engaged in the mercantile and hotel business for many years. He was a prominent citizen and an active Democrat and was prothonotary of Berks county from 1876 to 1878, also serving as school director of his township for some time. He and his family belonged to the Lutheran Church, and he was buried at the Charles Evans cemetery. On Oct. 17, 1857, Mr. Rentschler was married to Cassia Fleisher, daughter of Henry and Mary Magdalena (Tobias) Fleisher, and to this union there were children born as follows: Milton (m. Mina Missimer); Rosabella (died in infancy); Alma (m. Rev. A. M. Webber, of Boyertown, Pa.); Charles (unmarried, is a druggist of Reading, Pa.); Morris F. (the hotel keeper of Kutztown); Harry; Hannah Irene (died in infancy); Tamsa (m. Wilson Richardson); and Miss Mary.

Morris F. Rentschler attended the schools of his locality until seventeen years of age, although at the age of fourteen he learned cigar making, following it in the winter months while working on the farm in summers. Thus he continued until twenty years of age. In 1886 he located in Reading, being employed with Brobst & Rentschler, with whom he continued for three years, then removing to the "Eagle Hotel" at Bernville, which was then owned by his father. This place he successfully conducted for eighteen years, making it a very popular stand, and during the latter years of his occupancy he had many summer boarders. In April, 1904, Mr. Rentschler began attending to his valuable farm in Penn township, and dealing in hides and leather, in which he had engaged some years previous, but in September, 1905, he located at Kutztown, taking charge of the "Black Horse Hotel." Under Mr. Rentschler's management the hotel has become one of the leading ones of Kutztown.

In his political views Mr. Rentschler is a Democrat and for years has been actively engaged in the ranks of his party in this section. He is a good citizen and an energetic and enterprising business man, having an enviable reputation in the community for honesty and integrity. Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler attend the Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 30, 1886, Morris F. Rentschler married Ida S. Graeff, daughter of Francis and Masitta (Miller) Graeff, the latter of whom were the parents of these children: Elmer, Charles, Lester, Ida (Mrs. Rentschler), Allen, and James. To Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler there have been born two sons and two daugnters, namely: May C.; Walter M.; Hannah I.; and Charles F. The family are very highly esteemed in the community in which they reside.

I. HENRY BERG, who is residing in his fine brick residence at Grace and Fern streets, Oakbrook, Pa., is a moulder by trade, and is now employed at the Reading Stove Works.

Mr. Berg was born June 18, 1870, in Ontelaunee township, Berks county. After attending the public schools of his native township, he entered the Reading Business College, and in 1888 began his trade at the well-known Mellert foundry, where he remained a period of four years. He has since been connected with several of the leading companies of Berks county, and at present is employed at the Reading Stove Works, where his services are highly valued. He is a steady workman and skilled mechanic, and has won the esteem and regard of his employers and fellow employes. Mr. Berg has been prominent in the ranks of the Republican party, serving Cumru township as register assessor for four years, and as clerk of the election board. In 1909 he was appointed supervisor of the first precinct of Cumru township. He is a popular member of Heptasophs Conclave No. 31, and the Iron Workers Union No. 35. In 1892 he purchased a fine brick residence at Grace and Fern streets, and he is well known and highly esteemed in that community.

On June 23, 1893, Mr. Berg married Miss Emma Worley, daughter of Obediah and Catherine (Zimmerman) Worley. To this union one son has been born: George O., Dec. 17, 1896, who is now attending school at Reading.

WILLIAM H. BROWN, carrier over Rural Free Mail Delivery Route No. 1, Robesonia, is a well-known citizen of Robesonia. He was born Dec. 3, 1861, son of John L. and grandson of Martin Brown.

John L. Brown was born July 11, 1821, in Marion township, and he died at Robesonia, March 22, 1889, aged sixty-seven years, eight months and eleven days. He married Lovina R. Fisher, who was born in 1821, and William H. is the youngest of their seven children.

William H. Brown was educated in the public schools, and he assisted his brother on the farm until he was sixteen years of age. After a short period of additional school attendance he embarked in a mercantile business at Robesonia. In 1904 he accepted his present position, and his duties require him to drive a distance of twenty-five miles each day. He is a reliable citizen in every particular, and has a wide acquaintance and hosts of friends.

In 1887, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary Kintzer, and they have one daughter, Naomi. This young lady is a graduate of the West Chester State Normal School, in the class of 1907, and at present is putting her education to practical use, being the popular teacher of what is called the Furnace school near Robesonia. In 1887, Mr. Brown erected his present residence. He is a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church.

FRANK B. GOTTSHALL, broom manufacturer and farmer in Boyertown, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, Pa., March 1, 1869, and is a member of a very highly respected family that is descended from Rev. Jacob Gottshall.

Rev. Jacob Gottshall came over from Holland in 1702, and is said to be the direct ancestor of all of the name in Montgomery and surrounding counties. He was a minister of the Mennonite Church, well educated, energetic and self-sacrificing. He was one of the three translators, from Dutch to German, of the celebrated "Mirror of Martyrs" (1601)—a translation that was one of the important literary achievements of Colonial Pennsylvania. The date of his death and place of burial are not known. He preached many years at Skippack, and may be buried in the old Mennonite Lower Skippack Church, or he may be buried at Germantown in the cemetery surrounding the oldest Mennonite church in America, built in 1770, on the site of the log church erected in 1708. Some of his children settled in Montgomery county.

Gottshall Gottschalk, great-grandfather of Frank B., settled in Frederick township, Montgomery county, in 1781, and his old homestead is now owned by M. C. Gottshall, a cousin, of Frank B. He was a weaver by trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming, doing an excellent business, and at his death in 1824 he left a fine farm of 246 acres to be divided between his two sons, Dillman and William.

William Gottshall, grandfather of Frank B., was born in 1784, and he inherited the farm mentioned above as the property of M. C. Gottshall. He was the father of thirteen children—eleven sons and two daughters—of whom twelve grew to maturity and reared families: Rev. Moses, William, Dillman, John, Andrew, Addison, Rev. Abraham, Gottshall, Mrs. Bergey, Mrs. Umstead, Jacob and Joseph.

Rev. Abraham Gottshall, son of William, was born at Schwenkville, in 1825, and he died April 1, 1901, and is buried at Bally. He lived at Niantic, Montgomery county, where he owned a farm of fifty-four acres. From the time he was about forty he was a preacher of the New Mennonite Church, and was a very fluent speaker. He was greatly beloved by those who knew him best. He married Maria Bowman, daughter of John and Magdalena (Bower) Bowman, of Niantic, and their children were: Diana, who died aged fifteen years; Menno, of Boyertown; Lizzie, who died unmarried at the age of forty; John and Abraham, twins; May, deceased wife of Daniel Urfer; William, of Sunbury; Milton, of Boyertown; Katie, wife of Harry Riegner; Abraham, of Schwenkville; and Frank B.

Frank B. Gottshall was educated in the schools of his district and reared to farming. He worked for his parents until his marriage, and in 1888 came to Boyertown, settling on a tract of fifty-four acres, which he bought the following year. This has since been his home, the house being at the corner of East Fourth and Madison streets, at the lower end of Boyertown. The summers are devoted to the cultivation of the land, and the winters to the manufacture of brooms. He is a trustee in the New Mennonite Church, to which his family also belong.

On Sept. 15, 1888, Mr. Gottshall was married to Hannah Borneman, daughter of Amos and Margaret (Heistand) Borneman, and granddaughter of Henry Borneman and of Abraham Heistand (of Shimerville, Lehigh county). To Mr. and Mrs. Gottshall were born: Elnora, at home; Margaret, at the West Chester State Normal School; Pierce; Pearl; Martha, deceased; Franklin; Chester; and Stella. Mrs. Gottshall has a grandfather's clock that belonged to Mr. Abraham Heistand. She also has the family tree of the Borneman family. It was made of wood by Amos Borneman in 1879, taking eighteen months of steady work. It is a piece of rare workmanship, and has attracted considerable attention. Eight generations are represented, and 3,200 members of the family appear on it. Forty-two pairs of twins are shown, four pairs appearing in one family of thirteen children. This family tree is the only one of its kind known to be in existence, and is considered very valuable.

MORRIS M. RUTH, who in November, 1908, moved from Millmont to Reading, was an experienced coremaker, connected with the large foundry plant of Orr & Sembower, at Millmont, Pa. He was born Nov. 2, 1860, in

Marion township, Berks county, youngest of the eleven children of John L. Ruth.

John L. Ruth was a son of Frederick Ruth and wife (whose maiden name was Ludwig). He married Matilda Moyer, daughter of George W. and Barbara (Fisher) Moyer, and they had eleven children: Alfred; Cyrus; John; James; Adam; George; Prissilla m. William H. Keller; Alize m. Daniel F. Spatz; Matilda m. Richard Adams; Ellen m. William Goodhard; and Morris M.

Mr. Ruth attended the schools of his native township and those of the city of Reading, and at the age of fourteen years began carrying papers. For about one year he was employed in the drilling department of the Reading Hardware Company, and for two years at the Rick foundry. At the age of eighteen years he went to Missouri, where he spent three years, being engaged in farm work and railroading. Returning to Berks county at the end of that time, he was again employed at the Reading Hardware Company's works, but after a short time went back to Missouri, remaining two years. He then again returned to his native county, and for ten years was successfully engaged in a retail milk business in Reading, but in 1898 located in Millmont, where for a short time he was employed in the pipe mill and later in the stove works. Mr. Ruth then became connected with the firm of Orr & Sembower as a core-maker, a position he filled most efficiently. On Nov. 3, 1908, he moved to No. 428 Wunder street, Reading.

In 1884 Mr. Ruth married Annie B. Fatz, daughter of Adam and Cecelia C. (Hassel) Fatz, of Reading, and to them have been born the following children: William J., a stove-plate moulder by trade, m. Mary Fricker; Nathan I., a machinery moulder by trade, and employed at the Orr & Sembower plant at Millmont, was formerly president of Camp No. 678, P. O. S. of A., Reading, and was elected in July, 1906, president of the moulders' union of Reading, being a young man of much executive ability, well and favorably known in union circles; Cecelia C. m. Author Westley, of Reading; and Annie M. is at school. Mr. Ruth erected a pleasant home at Millmont in 1900, where they resided until the removal to Reading. They attend the Reformed Church. In political matters Mr. Ruth is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 689, P. O. S. of A., Reading; Independent Americans, Lodge No. 27, Reading; Iron Moulders' Union, and since 1882 with the Keystone Fire Company. Mrs. Ruth is also prominent in several fraternities including St. Bernard Temple, L. G. E., No. 16, Reading; Daughters of Liberty No. 122, Reading; and Dames of Malta No. 22, Reading.

JACOB HENRY RHOADS, who is engaged in carrying mail in the city of Reading, has been a resident of the city for nearly a quarter of a century, and since 1904 has made his home at No. 1260 Spruce street. Mr. Rhoads was born Feb. 17, 1868, at Leesport, Berks county, son of Caleb K. Rhoads and Mary R. Hottenstein.

John Rhoads, son of John Jacob, and great-grandfather of Jacob Henry, married Catharine Greiner, and their youngest son was Samuel.

Samuel Rhoads, son of John and grandfather of Jacob Henry, was a blacksmith and farmer. In his earlier life he made his home in Amity township, but later lived in Birdsboro. He died in 1891, aged eighty-six years. In 1833 he married Elizabeth Kline (whose parents were Dunkards), and she died in 1888, aged seventy-six years. Their children were: Edith died unmarried in 1902; Cyrus was killed at a grade crossing in Birdsboro in 1906; Caleb K.; Mahlon is a retired farmer in Birdsboro; Joel died in infancy; Sarah m. Milton Z. Geiger, and died in 1901; Enoch m. Catharine S[illegible]s; Aaron died in youth; H. Ella died unmarried in [illegible] and Miss Emma E., now living in Reading, was [illegible]d in the schools at Birdsboro, and the Keystone State Normal School, and is active in church life and much interested in genealogical research, having prepared a tree of the Rhoads family.

Caleb K. Rhoads, son of Samuel, was born in 1835-6, and died in 1901, at Birdsboro, where he was buried. He was a school teacher for many years in Amity and Ontelaunee townships, and was especially proficient in mathematics. For a number of years he worked for L. H. Focht, the contractor, estimating measurements, etc., and was a most valuable man in that line. He was later bookkeeper for the Brooke Iron Company, of Birdsboro. For twenty years he was superintendent of the Birdsboro Sunday-school.

Jacob Henry Rhoads was reared in the village of Leesport, where he lived until thirteen years of age, then spent one year and a half on a farm at Berkley, and in 1883 came to Reading, where his education was completed. He took a course in bookkeeping in the Interstate Commercial College, and for the next six years worked at Wilhelm's Paint Works, Reading, then being employed by the Morgan, Ruth, Moore Paint Company. In February, 1894, Mr. Rhoads passed a civil service examination, in which there were thirty-six competitors, and in this examination he made third best average, and was appointed a substitute mail carrier Aug. 10th of that year, and a regular carrier March 15, 1899. Socially Mr. Rhoads is connected with Reading Castle No. 49, K. G. E.; Reading Chamber No. 26, O. K. of F.; Royal Arcanum; and the Letter Carriers' Association. He and his wife attend St. Andrew's Reformed Church.

On Oct. 24, 1888, Mr. Rhoads married Sarah Row, born in Reading, Feb. 23, 1868, daughter of John and Sarah (Maurer) Row, and to this union were born children as follows: Warren Earl; Estella May; Edith Sarah, who died Oct. 18, 1898, aged a little over eight months; Walter Leroy, and Raymond Jacob.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Row, the parents of Mrs. Rhoads, were born these children: Susan, m. to Alexander Printz; William H., m. to Sallie Breidegam, deceased; John D.; Elizabeth, m. to N. Levi Ehrgood; Fred, m. to Sallie Landis; Mary, m. to Thomas Darlington, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. Rhoads. All of these children reside in Reading

HOTTENSTEIN. In maternal lines, Mr. Rhoads is descended from Jacob Hottenstein, who emigrated from Germany, and settled in Oley township, Berks county, Pa., in 1727. In 1729 he removed to Maxatawny township, where he bought a farm. He was the father of a son, William.

Henry Hottenstein, great-grandfather of Jacob H. Rhoads, was a son of William and grandson of Jacob the emigrant. He and his wife Catharine resided in Reading at the corner of Fifth and Cherry streets. Their children were: William, Abraham, Benjamin, David, Henry, Philip, Isaac, Charles, Jacob, Polly, Sallie, Katie and Esther.

Jacob Hottenstein, son of Henry, was born April 3, 1806. He settled about one mile above Mohrsville, but later moved to Leesport, where both he and his wife died and were buried in Gernant's cemetery. He married Esther Rahn, born Aug. 30, 1809, daughter of Adam N. and Margaret (Snyder) Rahn, and their children were: Aaron, John, Henry, Jacob, Annie, and Mary R.

Mary R. Hottenstein was born Nov. 11, 1838. On May 15, 1880, at Leesport, she married John S. Clay, and they later moved to Reading, where she died May 4, 1905, and was buried in Aulenbach's cemetery. Mr. Rhoads' half sister, Elizabeth E. Himmelrich, resides with him at No. 1260 Spruce street.

HENRY L. STUMP, proprietor of the "Oley Valley Hotel" at Friedensburg, and one of the best-known and most popular men of Oley township, was born in Albany township, Berks county, April 15, 1862, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brobst) Stump, and member of a family known here for an hundred and more years.

Jonas Stump, grandfather of Henry L., was born in Albany township, this county, Aug. 30, 1789, and he was engaged in farming in his native township until his death, Oct. 1, 1857, in his sixty-ninth year. He married Mary

Brobst, born Dec. 4, 1791, died March 19, 1869. They were both buried at the New Jerusalem Church. Their children were: Benjamin, Samuel, Heinrich, Elizabeth (married Abraham Dennis), Sallie (married Michael Zimmerman), Catharine (married John Landis), Annie (married William Miller), Lydia (married John Wessner), Maria (married Michael Stein) and Sophia (died unmarried).

Samuel Stump, son of Jonas, was born on his father's farm in Albany township March 25, 1817, and died there Nov. 13, 1893, aged seventy-six years, seven months, eighteen days; he is buried at New Jerusalem Church, of which he was an official Lutheran member. He owned a good farm of seventy acres, to which he gave his attention, this now being owned by his son Henry L. In 1842 he married Elizabeth Brobst, born in 1825, died in 1866, and they had fourteen children: Catharine, Sarah, Tilghman, Seniah, Emma, John B., James, Rebecca and Louisa (twins), Henry L., Isabella, and three, Charles, Samuel and Amanda, who all died young and were buried at New Jerusalem Church.

Henry L. Stump attended the common schools of his native district and worked for his parents until he was about twenty-one years old. When he first left home he went to Boyertown, and there clerked in the grocery store of Samuel Brunner for a year, at the end of that time going to Delaware county, Pa., where for three years he was engaged at farm work. He then returned to Albany township, and again worked on his father's farm. In 1888 he entered the hotel business at Kempton, where he successfully conducted the "Kempton House" for fourteen years, establishing a good reputation with the traveling public. His well laden tables, good service and clean rooms appeal to the tired traveler and when he left Kempton in the spring of 1902, it was to become the proprietor of the "Washington House," on South Seventh street, Reading, where he remained for one and a half years, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining good help at that point he sold out. In a short time he assumed charge of the "Oley Valley House," at Friedensburg, and this he has been successfully conducting ever since, enjoying in a high degree the goodwill and respect of the community.

Mr. Stump is a progressive and up-to-date business man, and he is interested in whatever will benefit his town and county. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the board of directors of the Oley Hosiery Mills, where some thirty hands are employed; and he was also one of the organizers and is a director of the First National Bank of Oley, a very prosperous financial institution. Mr. Stump is a well-known sportsman, being a fisherman and hunter of some repute. In 1890 he caught the first large carp ever caught in the Ontelaunee, this weighing sixteen pounds. In 1905, with four other sportsmen, Mr. Stump made a trip to Virginia and killed three deer. In the fall of 1906, with five others, he made a trip to Center county, where four deer were shot, Mr. Stump shooting a buck weighing two hundred pounds, which he has mounted and on exhibition in his hotel. The meat he had roasted and served to two hundred friends. In 1908 he and six other sportsmen made another trip to Center county and killed two deer, Mr. Stump killing one.

Fraternally Mr. Stump is a member of Suyeto Tribe, No. 477, I. O. R. M., of Oley; Castle No. 119, K. G. E.; Council No. 544, American Mechanics, Kempton (of which he is a charter member), and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., Reading.

JOHN B. STUMP, a prosperous farmer near Friedensburg, Oley township, was born in Albany township, Aug. 6, 1853, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brobst) Stump. His early training was all along the line of farm work, and he gave his services to his parents until he was about twenty years old. He then lived out among the farmers of Albany and Upper Bern townships for four years. In 1874 he came to Oley and he continued working for others until 1892, when he began for himself. Since 1904 he has lived at his present place, which is the property of Susan DeTurck, and is known as the old Kemp farm in Oley, the house being erected by Jacob Kemp in 1757 and still in a good condition. Another built by J. and Catharine Kemp in 1809 stands on the same farm. Mr. Stump is interested in good stock, and at the present time has six horses, six mules and twenty-seven head of cattle. His farm is kept in good condition and he shows his ability to get good results from his labors.

On Jan. 20, 1874, Mr. Stump married, in Oley, Amanda Smith, daughter of Isaac and Susan (Hartline) Smith, and they have had children: Edwin, of Reading, married Annie Haines; Charles, of Oley township, married Laura Yoder; Andrew, of Friedensburg, married Amanda Fiering; George and Maurice are at home; Ella married Isaac Rhoads, of Friedensburg; Miss Sadie is at home.

Isaac Smith, father of Mrs. Stump, was the father of four children: Mary Ann, Ezra, Amanda and John.

Jacob Smith, father of Isaac, lived in Earl township. He married Mary Yoder, and their children were: Mary, Lizzie, Susanna, John, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham.

HARRY N. NOLL, a blacksmith at Mohnton, was born at Newmanstown, Lebanon county, Pa., Jan. 19, 1868, son of Levi and Eliza M. (Newman) Noll.

The history of the Noll family in America begins long before the Revolution. On Sept. 21, 1751, Philip Heinrich Noll landed at Philadelphia, from the ship "Two Brothers," and tradition has it that a brother Benjamin had already settled in Lebanon county, a tradition supported by the recorded fact that such a name appears on the tax list of Lebanon township, Lebanon county, in 1750. Philip Noll settled at Newmanstown, and both operated a small farm and worked at his trade as a shoemaker. He lived to a very advanced age, and his remains are buried in the village where he lived so long. His wife was Rebecca Uhricht, by whom he had five children, viz.: George, a stone mason at Newmanstown; William, similarly engaged there; Isaac; Sedock, a shoemaker at Newmanstown; and Polly, wife of Harry Reed, of that same place.

Isaac Noll was born in Newmanstown and there died, his life covering the span from 1809 to 1893. He was the owner of a small farm of forty-five acres, which he carried on in addition to shoemaking. Twice married, his children were all by his first wife, Rebecca Forry, and numbered seven, viz.: Lydia m. John Leininger, of Womelsdorf; Caroline M. m. Peter Mornin, a railroad employe; Edward, a blacksmith at Richland, Pa., m. Miss Katie Hoffman; William, of Schaefferstown, m. Miss Emma Sanders; Levi F.; Sarah m. John Heffelfinger, a plasterer at Mt. Etna; and Malinda.

Levi F. Noll was born Feb. 19, 1834, and during all of his active life was a blacksmith, working in Newmanstown, Jacksonwald, St. Lawrence and Reading. In the last city he was employed for some years by Howard Ahrens. He first located there in 1874, then spent twelve years in Jacksonwald and St. Lawrence, and finally returned to Reading again in 1890, remaining there ever since. He has given up his trade, but while living practically in retirement still maintains a hold on the world of action and business by conducting an oyster house on Locust street. He has always been interested in politics, and for some years served as constable of Exeter township, elected on the Republican ticket.

During the Civil war Mr. Noll was among those who rallied to their country's defense. He enlisted as a private in Company F, 93d Pa. V. I., and saw considerable active service, participating in the battles of the Wilderness, Fisher's Hill, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Charlestown and Sailor's Creek.

Mr. Noll married Eliza M. Newman, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Palm) Newman, and to this union children have been born as follows: Eva m. Henry M. Jackson, a machinist of Reading; Harry N.; Isaac and Adam both died in childhood; Katie m. Howard Herflicker, a slater in Reading; William m. Miss Rosa Hertline, of

Reading; Mary m. Samuel Saylor, of Reading; Edward died in childhood; Walter; and two died in infancy.

Harry N. Noll was sent to the public schools in Reading and Jacksonwald, but left at an early age to help on the farm which his father occupied. When seventeen years old he took up his father's trade, but acquired it not from the latter but from Wallace Eckenroth, of Gouglersville. He worked one year for William Bachman and another on his own account at St. Lawrence. He was next with Owen Fox at the Half-Way House and after that took a position in the Blandon Rolling Mills. On April 3, 1893, he started out once more for himself, locating at Mohnsville, and has built up a patronage there, the largest in that section of the country, for people living within a radius of five miles come to him for work. Not only is his work most satisfactory, but he himself is so honest and upright in all his dealings, so manly in character, that he stands high in the public respect and is very popular personally. He has considerable influence locally in politics, and has always worked well for his party, the Republican, which has rewarded his loyalty by making him auditor of Cumru township, an office he filled most efficiently for three years.

On Oct. 19, 1889, Mr. Noll married S. Laura Bower, daughter of William and Caroline (Goodman) Bower. Mrs. Noll has borne her husband seven children, namely: Venona May; Della A., who died in 1895, aged nineteen months; Paul B., who died in 1897, aged three years, eight months; Katie V., who died in 1897, aged fifteen months; Allison L.; Erma C.; and Debbie E. Mr. Noll, as well as his wife, is a member of the Lutheran Church of Blandon. Fraternally he belongs to the K. of P., No. 485, and Knights of Friendship, No. 46, both of Mohnton; and to the P. O. S. of A., No. 230, of St. Lawrence.

HENRY ALTHOUSE, retired farmer at Reading from 1867 to 1882, was born in Bern township near Epler's Church Sept. 11, 1811. He was educated in the school connected with Epler's Church and brought up on his father's farm, working for his father at farming until he was thirty years of age. He then purchased a large farm in the township named near Bern Church, and cultivated this farm for himself in a successful manner until 1867, when he removed to Reading and lived in retirement until his decease, Sept. 27, 1882. He was recognized for his quiet, straightforward and unostentatious character.

Mr. Althouse was married to Mary Kissinger, daughter of Abraham Kissinger, of Bern township, and sister of John M. Kissinger (mentioned elsewhere), and they had ten children: Catharine A. (m. Daniel F. Dietrich); Henry F.; Morgan J. (m. Mary Moyer); Mary C. (m. Peter M. Hoffman); Emma S. (m. George Loose); John W. (m. Carrie Reeser); Rebecca S. (m. Dr. William F. Marks); and three, Wellington, Ella S. and Clara L., died young.

His father was John Althouse, a farmer of Bern township (born 1771, died 1847), who married Catharine Knabb, of Oley. His grandfather was John George Althouse, also a farmer of the same township, born 1745, and died 1811. He married Maria Barbara Herbine, of Oley township.

ISAIAH B. SEIBERT, who has been engaged for some time in the coal, grain and hay business at Third and Walnut streets, Reading, was born in Mill-creek township, near Sheridan, Lebanon county, son of John U. and Mary A. (Bennetch) Seibert.

John U. Seibert, who was first engaged in milling and farming in Lebanon county, came to Reading in 1884 and engaged in the coal, grain and flour business at Third and Cherry streets, being successor to Samuel Klopp. There he remained until his death in 1888, in his fifty-fourth year, the father of five children: George, deceased; John H., of Reading; Isaiah B.; Andrew M., and Lillian E., who married Edward F. Sterner, of Germantown, Pa. In religious belief Mr. Seibert was an Evangelical, and in politics a Democrat.

Isaiah B. Seibert received his education in the schools of Ashland, Pa., and the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning to Ashland he entered the office of Frank Rentz as bookkeeper, remaining there two years, when he came to Reading and entered the employ of Seibert & Son, the firm consisting of his father and brother John H. In 1896 the business was removed to its present location, the firm name continuing the same until in 190—, when Isaiah B. Seibert purchased the interest of the estate. Mr. Seibert's yard and warehouse are situated at the southwest corner of Third and Walnut streets, and there may be found all sizes of coal, grain and hay at moderate prices. Mr. Seibert bears a good reputation for honest dealing, and as a consequence has a trade that demands the use of three delivery wagons and four employes.

In 1889 Mr. Seibert married Emma Snyder, daughter of Harry R. Snyder, and to them have been born three children: Harry F., attending Stoner's Business College, is acting as bookkeeper in his father's coal office; John U. attending school; and Leah E., deceased. The fraternal affiliation of Mr. Seibert is with the Masons, the Royal Arcanum and the Golden Eagles. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church, while Mrs. Seibert is connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church of Reading, being an active worker in the missionary society. In political matters Mr. Seibert is a Republican.

FRANCIS M. HEILIG, a farmer near Pine Iron Works, in Douglass township, Berks county, Pa., was born in Cumru township, this county, March 2, 1846.

George Heilig, grandfather of Francis M., was born in Germany and came to America in his young manhood. In his earlier life he lived at Sumneytown, Montgomery Co., Pa., and then came to Berks county to live with his son Samuel at Seibert's forge, in Upper Tulpehocken township. He died near Shartlesville, about 1841 or 1842, well advanced in the eighties, and was buried at the Blue Mountain Church. He was tall, being fully six feet in height. A grandson, George W. Heilig, of Reading, says that his grandfather was bedfast for several years before his death. George Heilig married a Miller, and their eight children were: George, John, Charles, Samuel, Francis, Reuben, Mrs. Richard O'Connor and Mary (Molly).

Francis Heilig, son of George, lived at different places. For some years he had his home in Cumru township, where he was an iron worker at the Nicholas Yocum forge. Later he lived in District township, where for a number of years he operated a forge for himself. He then moved to Pricetown, and after four years there located in East Reading where he lived retired until his death about 1898, when he was aged eighty-five years, and he is buried at the Union Meeting House in Oley. He was a member of the Croll or New Lutheran Church. He married Esther Reichard, who died about 1887. They had eight children: Nathaniel, Jairus and William (twins), Elmira (m. David Rohrbach), Mary (m. Edward Druckenmiller), Amanda (m. John Bertolet), Francis M. and Jonathan.

Francis M. Heilig was a mere lad when his parents removed to District township, and there he grew up around his father's iron forge. After the close of the Civil war he went to Reading, and worked in the railroad shops as a carpenter, continuing there until his marriage in 1873. Two years later he moved to Douglass township, and settled on the farm on which he still resides. This farm consists of eighty acres, and was known as the John Mowdy farm, and still earlier belonged to the Eagle family. The present stone house was built in 1816. When Mr. Heilig bought his land in Douglass township, his acreage included the farm of fifty-seven acres now owned by his daughter, Lillie, wife of Thomas Kurtz, and the 147-acre farm of his son Arthur Heilig. The stone house on Mrs. Kurtz's place was built in 1777 by Charles Leopold, and in the south gable is a stone with the inscription "C. L. 1777." This house is still occupied as a dwelling. Mr. Heilig and his family belong to the United Evangelical Church at Pottstown.

In 1873 Mr. Heilig married Elizabeth Bertolet, daughter of Jacob Bertolet, a foremost citizen of Oley township, and sister of Israel Bertolet, president of the First National Bank of Oley. Ten children have blessed this union, as follows: Alice m. David Garte, a baker at Pottstown; Mabel m. William B. Wisler, of Pine Iron Works; Laura m. William Brunner, of Douglass township; Lillie m. Thomas Kurtz, of Douglass township; Miss Annie is at home; Arthur is a farmer on a farm adjoining his father's; Winfield is an insurance agent at Pottstown; Miss Bessie is at home, as are also Misses Ella and Hannah.

Samuel Heilig, son of George the emigrant ancestor, died at Reading in March, 1848, aged thirty-five years, and was buried at Trinity Lutheran Church in the little cemetery. He was an iron worker and forge man, and was employed at Seibert's forge in Upper Tulpehocken township, and at the Reading Steam Forge. He married Esther Dierolf, and they had eight children: Amelia, Anna, Emma, George W., and four that died young.

George W. Heilig, son of Samuel, was born in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Dec. 13, 1835. From his boyhood until he was eighteen be was bound out to Fred Beideman for board and clothing. After he was eighteen he attended White Hall Academy, in Cumberland county, Pa. In 1854 he was licensed to teach school by Rev. William A. Good, and in that year taught his first school in the free school of Upper Bern township, where he was engaged for two consecutive terms of three months each, at a salary of twenty-eight dollars per month. The following three terms he taught in Upper Tulpehocken township, and he then became clerk in Beideman's store, Shartlesville, for three years, being considered a very able salesman. From 1856 to 1859 he clerked at Strausstown for Joseph Potteiger, in the last year becoming a partner of his employer under the firm name of Potteiger & Heilig. This lasted six years and he then came to Shartlesville, where he kept a store for one year. He then became a bookkeeper for Kline & Eppihimer, Reading. In 1869 he was appointed assistant revenue assessor, which office he filled until 1886. In 1859 he married Catharine Reber, daughter of Jonathan Reber, and their children were: Albert R., Calvin, James, Irwin, Edward, Frederick, Harry, William (died aged six years), Clara J., Annie L., and Marie K.

REUBEN L. KURTZ, a substantial business man of Reading, Pa., who since 1904 has been conducting a grocery at Greenwich and Pear streets, was born in 1856, one-half mile north of Morgantown, Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Zook) Kurtz, and grandson of Jacob Kurtz, of the old German Kurtz family.

Jacob Kurtz, father of Reuben L., was born Nov. 3, 1812, was reared about one mile from Morgantown on the old Col. Morgan homestead and was educated in the pay schools that existed in his youth. At the age of twenty-two years he married Sarah Zook, daughter of Jacob Zook, a neighboring farmer, and removed to a farm near Ephrata, Lancaster county, where they remained six years. Mr. Kurtz then purchased the Clymer farm which borders the village of Morgantown, and here lived for four years, when he sold out and removed to the village. His wife died in 1880, the mother of ten children: three died in infancy; Mrs. Catherine Hertzler; Mrs. Sarah Reeser; Mrs. Elizabeth Keller; Jacob H.; Reuben L.; Elmer C. and Clara. Mr. Kurtz was a member of the Caernarvon Amish congregation. He always took a deep interest in educational matters, assisting to keep going the pay schools, and when the public school question was agitated it found no warmer supporter than he. He was a school director for many years, and when eighteen years of age assisted in building a schoolhouse, hauling many stones for the structure. During the war he assisted in raising money to furnish substitutes. Mr. Kurtz often took three-day trips to Philadelphia in his large Conestoga wagon loaded with farm produce, returning with a load of merchandise, and also made a number of trips to Ohio, where he purchased horses, cattle and sheep, which he brought East on the hoof and sold to the farmers of his section. On one of these occasions he made the outgoing trip by the Erie canal and the lake. When the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was built, stones were used instead of sills, and Mr. Kurtz furnished from his farm and delivered by team many of these stones in the vicinity of Coatesville these being made in the form of blocks about 12x18x22 inches. He was an interesting figure in the community, and there was scarcely a person in the village who did not at one time or another sit at his side and listen with interest to his accounts of old times. At the time of his death Mr. Kurtz was ninety-one years and nine months of age.

Reuben L. Kurtz was educated in the schools of Morgantown and Millersville, and remained on the home farm until about eighteen years of age, when he began clerking in his brother's general store at Morgantown. Later he engaged in farming, at which he continued for seven years, then embarking in the meat and butchering business, as well as dealing in agricultural instruments. He then traveled for the D. M. Osborn Company, and in 1901 located in Reading, where he was appointed tax collector, a position he held for three years. In 1904 he engaged in his present business, in which he has continued with much success to the present time.

In 1881 Mr. Kurtz was married to Rosie Eyrich, and to them have been born three children: Warren, a bookkeeper of Philadelphia; Edna, in the employ of C. K. Whitner; and Edwin, who died Sept. 15, 1908. The family are Methodists in religious belief. Mr. Kurtz is fraternally connected with Howell Lodge, F. & A. M., of Honeybrook, Pa.; and Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree. He is a Republican in political matters, and in Harrison's administration served as United States gauger.

BROOKE LUDWIG. The name of Ludwig is well known all through the State of Pennsylvania to horsemen, and lovers of fine stock are quite familiar with the Valley View Stock Farm, in Amity township, the property of Mr. Brooke Ludwig.

In 1733 the ship "Pennsylvania Merchant" landed at Philadelphia, and among the passengers on that trip was Michael Ludwig, a native of Germany, who came to Berks county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Amity township, on the farm later the property of William Davidheiser. He married into the Bechtel family, and among his children were two sons, Michael (m. to a Lutz) and Philip.

Philip Ludwig was born in Amity township, March 10, 1759, and became a prominent farmer in his native locality. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and was one of those early interested in the building of the Amity church. He married Anna De Hart, born Aug. 16, 1769, died Dec. 25, 1825. He died Feb. 5, 1827. They had seven children: Abraham; Thomas m. Mary A. Schaeffer; Jacob m. Sarah Spang; Benjamin; Mary m. George Moser; Ellen m. (first) a Nein and (second) Wesley Stern; and Rachel m. Daniel Deeter.

Abraham Ludwig was born in Amity township March 7, 1788, and after attending the Molatton school engaged in farming. He m. Sarah Miller, born Jan. 8, 1786, died July 26, 1878. He died Jan. 18, 1863. They had seven children: Harriet m. William Lorah; Augustus m. Carolina Pott, daughter of John; Elizabeth m. Peter Marquart; Mary Ann m. Jacob Holloway; Elam Miller; Sarah m. Jacob Schaeffer; and Lewis m. Elizabeth Rothermel, daughter of Peter.

Elam Miller Ludwig, son of Abraham, was born March 7, 1828, and his boyhood and youth were passed in attending the township schools and assisting his father on the farm. When twenty-three years of age he began for himself on one of the Brooke farms in Union township, which he later bought, selling it three years later at a good profit. He then bought the Eagle farm in Amity township, and has since then been interested in farming and the breeding of fine horses. The Berks

County Agricultural Society has served to exhibit some of his finest. He has owned some of the most noted trotting stock in the country. He introduced "Ironsides" to the track, this horse trotting in 2.36, a wonderful speed for the time, and when sold at auction in Amityville brought $2,650. Mr. Ludwig was exceedingly successful in buying colts and training them for the track. He married Hannah J. Greiner, daughter of Samuel Greiner, of Amity township. Their children were: Calvin C.; Morgan died in infancy; Brooke; Bard lives on the homestead; Harriet m. Elmer Aldenderfer, of Pottstown; Mahlon is training horses at the Phoenixville Stock farm, belonging to William D. Althouse, where he has been since 1891; Millie m. Charles Breidenbach, of Pottsville; Sarah C. m. Carl Grubb, of Baltimore, Md.; Abraham died aged twenty-five years; Lewis is a horse trainer at Baltimore, Maryland.

Brooke Ludwig was born near Birdsboro, Pa., July 19, 1855, and was educated in the common schools of Amity township. He was early given charge of the stock on the home farm, and has always been a lover of horses. In 1876 he began to train for other people, and from that time until 1891 he conducted a public training stable. He had his first stable at Pottstown, then went to Birdsboro, and from there to Three Mile House. In 1890 he purchased his present place in Amity, known as the Valley View Stock Farm. He has 150 acres, and he has made many improvements on the place. In 1891 he built the present barn, which has sixteen box stalls and all modern equipment. He has from forty to fifty head of horses all the time, and breeds trotting stock. He is the owner of "Nutbelview," 2.12¼; and of "Steel Penn" (by William Penn), 2.16¼. He is known all over this State, as well as in New Jersey and other neighboring States as a thorough horseman. His residence has not been neglected, and he has a charming home, with everything there that makes life worth living. Mr. Ludwig is very proud of a grandfather's clock he owns, which he obtained from his father, who acquired it from an aunt, Catharine Kirlin.

On Dec. 24, 1884, Mr. Ludwig married Ella M. Bowers, daughter of Amos K. and Matilda (Gilbert) Bowers, the former of whom was a native of Amity township, but lived in Lancaster a number of years, returning, however to Amity, where he died. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig, namely: Earl, Harold, Orrin and Roy.

WILLIAM F. BURKEY, in his lifetime one of the leading citizens of Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., prominently connected with the business, political and fraternal circles of Berks county, was born in Hamburg April 5, 1851, and he died at his home Nov. 24, 1907.

An emigrant by the name of Burky came to America from Hesse-Cassel, and located at Bally, in the Goshenhoppen Valley, in Pennsylvania, where he helped to build the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament in 1743. He was a member of that church, and his remains are buried in the consecrated ground there. He was a relative of that Jacob Burkey who emigrated in 1733, and located in Bern township, Berks county. Tradition says they were brothers. The name is also spelled Burcky and Borcky. Children of the Bally emigrant visited the family of the same name in Bern township.

Jacob Burky of Bally, grandson of the emigrant, settled in Windsor township, Berks county, in his young manhood, and there married Barbara Harver, a Protestant woman, who died about 1873, aged seventy-nine years. He was born about 1790, and died aged eighty-four years, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was a wheelwright and farmer. His children were: (1) Joseph was drowned. (2) Mary married a Newkirk. (3) Benjamin was a charcoal burner in Greenwich and Albany townships. He had a large family, among whom was a son, William, who is a contractor and now lives in Reading. (4) Anna married a Christ. (5) Sarah married a Stump. (6) Henry W., born 1835, was a cigar-maker and later a railroad watchman for many years, making his home in Reading. His son, E. L. Burky, lives in Philadelphia. (7) Reuben H. lived in Windsor township, where he married Lucinda Schwoyer, and then lived at Hamburg, Port Clinton and Schuylkill Haven, respectively, dying in the last named place. He had a large family, and some of his posterity live about Tamaqua. (8) Samuel lived in Windsor township until his marriage with Rebecca Richards, when he moved to Mahanoy City, where he resided some years, and he died in Reading, and is buried in Aulenbach cemetery. His children were: William, Charles, Irwin, Sallie. and Laura. Jacob Burky, father of these children and grandson of the emigrant, had brothers and sisters as follows: John, Philip, Dianah (who married first a Miller and second a Dewald), and Mrs. Swoyer. The children of the emigrant ancestor were, like their parents, Roman Catholics, but some of their children located in communities where there was no Catholic Church, and married into Protestant families, some of them becoming Protestant and some being members of no church at all. The majority of the family are farmers.

(I) Jacob Burkey, the emigrant ancestor of William F. Burkey, late of Hamburg, and of John A. Burkey, of Reading, crossed the ocean on the ship "Hope" and arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1733. In 1759, when the first tax of Bern township (part of which is now Upper Bern) was levied, he was a taxable of the township, paying a tax of £9. He was the original owner of the Burkey homestead, on which he died in January, 1764, and there he was buried, rough sandstones marking the last resting-place of this pioneer settler and his wife, and, according to tradition, of a son.

(II) Jacob Burkey (2), son of the emigrant, was born in Upper Bern township. He owned the small Burkey homestead on which he died in 1819. His wife bore the maiden name of Geissler. To them were born children as follows: John, who lived in Upper Bern, m. a Miss Faust; Heinrich, who lived at Irish Creek in Tilden township, m. a Miss Stoudt; Wilhelm, who settled in Upper Bern, m. a Miss Kettery; Jacob went west; Daniel is mentioned below; David, who lived in Bernville, m. a Miss Schlappig, and had a son Joshua whose son Joshua is now deputy sheriff of Berks county; Betsy m. Jacob Blatt.

(III) Daniel Burkey, son of Jacob (2), was born Nov. 30, 1789, in Upper Bern township, and died there in 1866. He was a shoemaker by trade, but later in life became a weaver, which occupation he followed in addition to conducting his small farm in Upper Bern township, situated one mile southwest of St. Michael's church. This tract has been in the possession of the Burkey family since it was deeded to them by the Penns. Daniel Burkey married Susanna Bautsch, daughter of Frederick Bautsch, and to them were born the following named children: Daniel m. Polly Blatt; Sallie (1812-1881) m. Jacob Kasper (1792-1868), a native of Reichenbach, Baden, Germany; Catharine m. Isaac Ketner; Hannah m. Peter Heim; William m. Mary Becker; Peter is mentioned below; Elizabeth m. John Yerger; Benjamin m. Sarah Dunkelberger; Joseph died when fourteen years of age; two died in infancy.

(IV) Peter Burkey, son of Daniel and father of William F., was born March 7, 1826, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, and he died at Hamburg, May 27, 1903. He was reared upon his father's farm, and in early youth learned the trade of carpenter and afterward that of cabinet-maker. In 1849 he started in for himself, in a small way, at the latter occupation, on the property at present occupied by the large Burkey furniture establishment. At first he worked alone, but soon the growth of the business demanded help, and he engaged workmen, whom he educated to the business, thus building up the large enterprise that passed to his sons at the time of his death. Always enterprising and progressive, it is said that in the early days of his business he walked twice a day twelve miles to look after his lumber. He was one of the founders of the Hamburg Savings Bank, and for a number of years its honored president; and a stockholder and director of the Windsor Water Company. He was a consistent member of the First Reformed Church of Hamburg, and was chairman of the building committee

Peter Burkey

which erected the handsome new edifice, being also the largest contributor toward the erection fund. He was an elder of the church at the time of his death.

In 1850 Mr. Burkey married Hannah Deysher, daughter of John Deysher, who was county commissioner from 1834 to 1837. Of this union came three children, namely: William F. is mentioned below; Daniel A. m. Minerva Van Doran, and had a son who died young; Mary B. m. Dr. George W. Ziegler, of Philadelphia. The mother lived in Philadelphia until her death there May 15, 1909, at the home of her daughter, when she was aged eighty-one years. Her remains were interred in the family plot in Hamburg.

(V) William F. Burkey, son of Peter, attended the schools of Hamburg, and when but nine years of age was a student in the high school, which was then in charge of Prof. R. S. Unger and J. Howard Jacobs, Esq. At the age of seventeen he completed his education, and learned the trade of cabinet-maker with his father, with whom he continued to work until the latter's death. At that time the two sons, William F. and Daniel A., took up the business and became joint managers of the estate—relations which were sustained until the death of William F. The estate consisted of a large manufacturing plant and retail business, the store on South Fourth street—a four-story brick building, 26 x 90 feet, and the product a complete line of furniture and carpets, the firm doing a large business in the county outside of Reading, covering the trade of the entire upper part of Berks county and the coal region district. William F. Burkey was also a licensed undertaker and embalmer, and had a large business in that line. He was a director in the Hamburg Savings Bank, succeeding his father, and had been treasurer of the Board of Trade from the time of its organization. He was president of the Union Fire Company for a number of years, and was a stockholder of the Windsor Water Company. In politics he was a Republican, and had been a member of the school board and a delegate to various county conventions. In his religious connection Mr. Burkey was a member of the First Reformed Church, to which his family belong. He played the cornet in the Sunday school for a period of ten years, and in all this time missed but two Sundays. Mr. Burkey was a member of Vaux Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 406 (was twice master of his lodge, and secretary at the time of his death); of Reading Chapter, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; Reading Lodge of Perfection; Philadelphia Consistory; and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of Ontelaunee Tribe, I. O. R. M., of which he was treasurer; and of the P. O. S. of A., being on the degree team for a number of years.

Mr. Burkey was an accomplished musician, and had been prominently identified with musical organizations in the borough from 1869. He belonged to the Hamburg Cornet Band, under M. H. Schollenberger, and the Hamburg Band, under Dr. William Harris, being the cornet solo player of these companies. He was the organizer and leader of Burkey's Band of Hamburg, which was established in 1883, and which at a recent engagement at Pottsville, on the occasion of "Old Home" week, numbered thirty-five pieces. For twelve years he was a member of the First Brigade Band of Reading. All of Mr. Burkey's sons are members of Burkey's Band, and are skilled musicians. In 1900 Mr. Burkey, Mr. Allen J. Fink, Mr. N. A. Confer and Mr. Amos S. Miller, of Hamburg, took a pleasure trip to Europe, visiting Belgium, Holland, France, Switzerland, Germany, England, Ireland and Scotland, seeing many points of interest.

On Oct. 6, 1873, Mr. Burkey married Miss Elgiva A. Derr, daughter of Benneville and Mary (Hill) Derr, and granddaughter of Israel Derr (whose wife was a Stitzel). To this union were born four sons: (1) Charles D., who was educated in the public schools, graduating from the Hamburg high school at the head of his class, is assistant cashier in the Hamburg Savings Bank. He married Bessie Confer, and resides on North Fourth street. (2) Peter H., who was also educated in the public schools and was graduated from the high school at the head of his class, learned the cabinet-maker's trade from his father, and then took a course in Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He is now paying teller of the Seaboard National Bank of New York, a position he obtained through merit, having first served the bank as clerk. He married Laura Hopkins, and resides at his home in Brooklyn. (3) William D., who attended the public and high schools of Hamburg (graduating from the latter in the class of 1898), and Dickinson College (from which he was graduated in the class of 1902), is the proprietor of the Eagle Knitting Mills, at Leesport, Pa. He married Sally Altenderfer. (4) Edward B. was educated in the public schools and high school at Hamburg, graduating from the high school in the class of 1903, and later entered Dickinson College, graduating with the class of 1908.

Mr. William F. Burkey was a thoroughly representative citizen and successful man. His quiet demeanor, gentlemanly habits, uprightness of character, and kindness of heart, endeared him to the people of his town and vicinity and his sudden call from the stage of activity was as great a public loss as his life had been a useful one. His funeral, held in the First Reformed Church, was one of the largest ever held in the borough, and was attended by delegations from the various fraternal organizations to which he belonged. Many beautiful floral tributes gave their mute testimonial of the regard in which the deceased was held. The Rev. Mr. Gerhard said in part: "He was a man of fine temperament and noble impulses. Delicate was his sense of honor and justice. Sensitive in a high degree, reserved and yet self-assertive—but self-assertive with quiet dignity, we believe that he was thoroughly upright and reliable in his dealings with his fellow-men. . . . The sorrow and misfortune with which he came in contact moved him to deeds of kindness and charity. He could read human nature well. He could adapt himself to every class of people. He had good judgment and, above all, good sense. He was broad-minded. He had culture, refined manners and was of good address. These were not the fruit of uncommon and rare mental ability, but acquired by his sense of good judgment, keen observation and an earnest desire to improve.....a keen sense of the beautiful in nature, music and poetry. He loved to regale himself in the beautiful, and he was quick to respond to its touch." His remains were interred in St. John's cemetery, where besides the usual services the Masonic ritual was used.

(IV) William Burkey, son of Daniel, was born in Upper Bern township, and died at Leesport, at the early age of twenty-eight years; he is buried at St. Michael's church, of which he was a Reformed member. By trade he was a cabinet-maker, and he was in business at Leesport. He married Mary Becker, of Tilden township, who died Dec. 26, 1904, aged seventy-four years. They had an only son, John A.

(V) John A. Burkey, son of William, is a well-known citizen of the Fourteenth ward, Reading. He was born in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township Dec. 9, 1853. His education was acquired in the country schools and in Annville College, near Lebanon, Pa. When about fifteen years of age he learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Hamburg, from his uncle, Peter Burkey, and this he followed for five years in Hamburg, Reading and Tamaqua. He then attended the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and graduated therefrom in 1873. In 1875 he engaged in the dry-goods business at Landingville, Schuylkill county, and the next year (1876) located in Pottsville, where for three years he was engaged in a similar line. For a short time he was located in Hamburg, and then came to Reading, where he connected himself as clerk with the firm of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, and has continued in their employ from that time (1880) to the present, now being the buyer of the upholstery department. He resides in his own comfortable home at No. 525 Douglass street.

Mr. Burkey has been quite prominent in fraternal work. He is past worshipful master of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F.

& A. M., of Hamburg; past high priest of Excelsior Chapter, No. 37, R. A. M., of Reading; member of Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and also of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection and of the Consistory. He also belongs to Camp No. 78, P. O. S. of A., of Hamburg. He has greatly endeared himself to his fellow members in the lodges by his reliable work in whatever position placed, and by his active work on the committees appointed to look after the sick.

On Dec. 1, 1875, Mr. Burkey married Clara, daughter of Henry Seibert, of Hamburg.

STRASSER. The name of Strasser has been identified with the development of Berks county, and especially with Windsor township, where for generations through one hundred and fifty years property has been handed down from father to son.

(I) The first of the name to come to Pennsylvania was Conrad Strasser, who emigrated from Germany some time prior to 1750, and located in Windsor township, Berks county. He became the owner of about 2,500 acres, and he erected some good farm buildings on his estate, traces of the first buildings still being found. These were located about 500 yards west of the present homestead, and the foundations still remain under the sod. Conrad Strasser made a will which was probated Feb. 12, 1799, soon after his death, which occurred when he was advanced in years. This will was witnessed by Jacob Schappel and Johann George Focht (also spelled Voigt). The executors of the will were Conrad Strasser (the eldest son) and Andrew Smith, a friend. Conrad Strasser and his wife Christine had a number of children, but the names of Conrad and Johannes alone are mentioned in the will. This will also says that the three youngest sons shall learn a trade when sixteen years old. Son Conrad obtained the original homestead farm, and Johannes obtained another large tract. The latter was to give his mother yearly during her lifetime the following items: "Plant one-half acre of potatoes, plant one-half acre of flax, give forty bushels of rye, give three bushels of wheat, give twenty bushels of buckwheat, give twenty bushels of Indian corn and give six sheep."

(II) Conrad Strasser, son of Conrad, was born in Windsor township Oct. 27, 1768, and passed his whole life on his farm there, his share of his father's estate being 375 acres. In 1803 he married Rosina Hummel, who was born Dec. 26, 1778, and who died Feb. 12, 1869, at the ripe old age of ninety years, one month and sixteen days. Conrad Strasser died Aug. 28, 1847, aged seventy-eight years, ten months and one day. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom there is record of nine, namely: Michael; Jacob; Isaac; Jeremiah; Rachel, who married Jacob Miller; Polly m. John Kramer; Kate m. Jesse Mengel; Sally m. Frederick Ritter; and Leah m. Simon Dreibelbis.

(III) Jeremiah Strasser was born April 22, 1815. After his father's death he became the owner of the homestead, and built thereon the house, barn and outbuildings that are in use at the present time. He was a prominent man in his day, and was a stanch believer in the principles of the Democratic party. For many years he served as school director of his township. He died March 8, 1887, near the close of his seventy-second year. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Reichelderfer, born May 23, 1818, died five years later than her husband, April 20, 1892, when nearly seventy-four years of age. Their children were: Rebecca, m. to Israel Engel; Simon, m. to Maria Stein; Alfred, m. to Sarah Trexler; Cornelius R.; Conrad, who was burned to death when about four years old; Elizabeth, who died young; and Joseph, m. to Sarah Hoch.

(IV) Cornelius R. Strasser, son of Jeremiah, was, like his ancestors, a life-long farmer on the old homestead, where he was born Aug. 15, 1850. One hundred and sixteen acres of the property was his share, and on it he was engaged mainly in potato raising, for the land, a fertile gravel, is better adapted to that crop than is any other part of the county. Mr. Strasser's life was cut short in its prime, and he passed away Jan. 13, 1895. He was a quiet, unassuming man and devoted member of Zion Lutheran Church, with which the family have always been connected, and in whose churchyard lie the remains of preceding generations of the family. Cornelius R. Strasser m. Miss Amelia Heffner, daughter of Jacob and Annie (Spohn) Heffner, and granddaughter of Jacob and Becky (Dietrich) Heffner. She bore her husband children as follows: Alvin, m. Camelia Smith; Wilson H.; Elizabeth, m. Charles Stump; Cornelius H.; Annie, died Sept. 9, 1906, aged twenty-four years; Ellen, m. Herbert Wissner; and Clara, m. Jacob Miller.

(V) Wilson H. Strasser, son of Cornelius R., was born on the old Strasser homestead in Windsor township, April 3, 1876. He was brought up on the farm, and worked for his parents until he was nineteen years old, and then for the next two years was given wages by his father. When he attained his majority he entered Brunner's Reading Academy and Business College, which he attended one year. At the close of that year he was married and then learned the trade of carpenter and millwright from Charles Reinhart, of Hamburg, and this has since engaged his attention with the exception of three years when he was employed as motorman (1902-03-04) on the trolly lines in Reading, to which city he had removed in 1899. He is an excellent mechanic, and is thorough in all that he does. He belongs to the Grand Fraternity—a social order—and is very popular with all who know him.

Mr. Strasser and his family belong to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Reading, and are active in its work. In his political belief he is independent, and believes in looking to qualification and integrity of purpose rather than to partisanship.

On June 9, 1898, Mr. Strasser married Miss Eva B. Heinly, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Hagenbach) Heinly, of Waltham township, LaSalle Co., Ill., and granddaughter of Charles and Julia Hagenbach, farming people of Illinois. Jacob Heinly was born in Upper Berks county, son of the late David Heinly of Albany township, and in his young manhood went to Illinois, where he married and had children: Cora (m. Charles Penman), Warren (of Illinois), Eva B. (Mrs. Strasser), Irene (m. Harry Bryan), Harry and Arthur. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Strasser, namely: Marian H., Irene A., Edward A., Dorothy E. (who died in the fall of 1908, in her sixth year) and Grace Olga.

(V) Cornelius H. Strasser, son of Cornelius R., was seventeen years old when his father died, and up to that time had been in the public schools. By that sad event he was compelled to leave school and under the direction of his older brother, Wilson H., carry on the farm. Young though he was he proved himself fully equal to the arduous demands upon him and he won the respect of all by the capable and successful way he assisted his brother in managing the place, and in caring for the mother. Since 1900 he has been farming for himself, beginning with only a few acres, which he planted in potatoes. He has increased his acreage gradually and now has from twelve to fifteen from which he gets from 2,500 to 3,500 bushels annually. He is a good citizen, an earnest member of Zion Church and one of the promising young men of the district.

In the year 1901 Cornelius H. Strasser married Miss Katie Seidel, daughter of Henry G. and Emma (Balthasser) Seidel, and granddaughter of William and Susanna (Dreibelbis) Seidel. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Strasser, as follows: George William, March 4, 1902; Mabel Rebecca, May 16, 1903; Clarence Henry, June, 1904; and Esther Catherine, Aug. 11, 1905.

GEORGE M. SEIBERT was born in Womelsdorf, Pa., Oct. 4, 1855, and was one of the eight sons comprising the family of Henry and Maria (Reifsnyder) Seibert. His father, originally a carpenter by trade, later accepted a place with the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co. as foreman at the blast furnace in Reading, and the remainder of his life was occupied in that manner. He died in 1898, aged sixty-eight. One of the sons died in infancy but the

others, by name John S., Jonathan, George M., Frank, Christian, David and Nathaniel, are all living. Mrs. Seibert, now eighty-two years of age, still survives. The family all hold the faith of the Reformed Church, and father and sons alike have all supported the Democratic party on political issues.

George M. Seibert was a boy of nine years of age when his father moved to Reading, and his education was acquired in the public schools of that city. His first employment was in the Reading Cotton Mill, where he worked five years. Thereafter he was engaged in boating on the canal, for the Harbster Hardware Company in their printing and bronzing room, where he remained two years, in running a stationary engine, and as a finisher in a hat factory. In this last position he continued twelve years, leaving to accept a police appointment during the administration of Captain Weidel as mayor. At the end of that term Mr. Seibert worked for a time as an engineer for the Acme Bicycle Works, and then, April 1, 1899, embarked on the enterprise which has ever since largely absorbed his attention. Choosing a location at the corner of Sixth and Bingaman streets, he remodeled the place and opened "Seibert's Hotel" and while it was an untried field of effort for him, the venture has proved profitable and more than justified his expectations.

Since 1876, when he cast his first vote, for Samuel J. Tilden, Mr. Seibert has been actively interested in politics and a loyal worker for the Democratic party, becoming a leader in local and ward politics. In that same year, May 23d, began his connection with the Liberty Fire Beneficial Association, while he also belongs to the Liberty Fire Company. He is likewise a member of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Seibert has been twice married, but by neither union have there been any children. His first wife Annie Tomney, daughter of John Tomney, whom he married Nov. 13, 1879, died Oct. 2, 1883. On Dec. 31, 1886, he m. (second) Miss Emma Murray, daughter of Henry and Mary (Miller) Murray.

JOHN T. DRAYER, who is now living retired at his home at No. 700 North Sixth street, Reading, Pa., was born in 1850, in Berks county, Pa., son of Samuel and Mary (Thomas) Drayer.

Samuel Drayer, who was a substantial citizen and practical agriculturist in Temple township, Berks county, died in 1881, the father of ten children, five of whom are now living: Charles; Susan, m. to Alonzo Rapp, deceased; Anna, m. to Jacob Flicker; Margaret, m. to George Shadel, deceased; Esther, deceased, m. to Clinton Margerum, also deceased; Lucy, m. to Henry Becker, both deceased; Sarah, Jeremiah and William, all deceased; and John T. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Drayer was first a Whig and later a Republican in political matters.

John T. Drayer received his education in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and then engaged in work at the woolen mill of John Shadle, his father-in-law, with whom he continued for twelve years, his next employment being with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, as fireman, from which position he was promoted to that of engineer and served in the latter capacity for four years, being in all sixteen years in the service of the road. In 1891 Mr. Drayer resigned his position to engage in the grocery business at Sixth and Oley streets, and this he sold out in 1901, since which time he has lived retired. Mr. Drayer is independent in political matters, but takes great interest in the public affairs of the city. Fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Drayer was married to Edwina Shadle, daughter of John Shadle, and to this union there were born two children: Minnie, deceased; and Sally, who married Curtis C. Shoptaugh and has one child, John Drayer.

WILLIAM S. BAER, who is extensively engaged in agricultural operations in Windsor township, where he owns an excellent farm of sixty-one acres of fertile land, was born May 28, 1854, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of Henry and Catherine (Schollenberger) Baer.

The emigrant ancestor of the Baers of Berks county, Pa., was Hans Baer, who after landing at Philadelphia spent a few years in the vicinity of Germantown, but before 1750 settled in Weisenburg township, now in Lehigh county. The old Hans Baer farm is pointed out to this day as the Kershner farm, and is located near Claussville. Hans Baer had four children, namely: John, Adam, Jacob and Barbara. Barbara married Henry Fetter; John removed to Windsor township, Berks county, his descendants residing in Hamburg and in Windsor, Perry and Bern townships; and Adam took up land near the old Hans Baer farm in 1773, this property still being in the possession of his descendants. He had a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

Jacob Baer, great-great-grandfather of William S., was the third son of the ancestor. He inherited the old farm and also acquired several other large tracts, having in all over 500 acres of land. He had twelve children, six daughters and six sons, and to each of the latter, namely Jacob, Daniel, John, Henry, John Adam and Hans Adam, he gave a farm.

John Adam Baer, son of Jacob, resided in Weisenburg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, until 1812, when he removed to Maxatawny township, Berks county, settling on what is known as the Hartman farm, about one mile northeast of Kutztown. His wife was Susanna Knerr, and to them were born ten children: Jonathan, John, Peter, Charles, Solomon, Eva, Lydia, Betsy, Susanna and Polly.

Jonathan Baer, grandfather of William S., was a weaver and a farmer of Greenwich township. He was born in Northampton (now Lehigh) county, Aug. 10, 1796, and died in 1878, having been a township officer for thirty-five years. He was married to Catherine Mattern, born June 19, 1798, daughter of Johannes and Maria (Levan) Mattern, and to them were born these children: Eliza, who married Levi Reppert; Henry, born Jan. 25, 1823; Charles, born Jan. 25, 1825; and Hettie, who married George Herring.

Henry Baer was born Jan. 25, 1823, in Maxatawny township, and died in 1899 in Windsor township. For many years he engaged in carpentering, but gave up that occupation to engage in farming in Greenwich township. Later he removed to Albany township, near Jerusalem Church, continuing in that locality for three years, when, in 1880, he removed to Lynn township, Lehigh county, where the next five years were spent. At the end of this time Mr. Baer purchased the sixty-one-acre farm east of Hamburg, which is now in the possession of his son, William S., and here he continued to operate until his death in 1899. Mr. Baer married Miss Catherine Schollenberger, born June 18, 1822, who died in 1888, and to them were born two children: William S.; and Hettie, born June 18, 1858, who died in the fourteenth year of her age.

William S. Baer acquired a good education in the public schools and later attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He was reared on the farm, working for his father until twenty-two years of age, and in 1886 purchased his father's farm upon which he has resided to the present time. Excellent buildings adorn this property, the large brick residence with double porch in front presenting a fine appearance, while the old barn, which was destroyed by lightning in 1886 was replaced by Mr. Baer in the same year by a new Swiss barn, seventy feet in length. Mr. Baer is a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, taking advantage of all the latest modern machinery, and he also has an up-to-date dairy, shipping his milk to Coaldale, Schuylkill county.

Mr. William S. Baer was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Brancher, born Aug. 27, 1858, daughter of Daniel and Polly (Lutz) Brancher, and granddaughter of Christian and Catherine (Kramer) Brancher. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Baer and his wife are consistent attendants of Zion's Union Church of Perry township, being Reformed members thereof, and they contribute liberally to its support. They are one

of the most highly esteemed couples in the community, and have many warm friends. In political matters Mr. Baer is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Democratic party, but has refused steadfastly to accept public office.

GEORGE S. COOK, one of the substantial business men of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the manufacture of baskets, was born Sept. 8, 1856, in Reading, son of John Cook, and grandson of Joseph Cook.

Joseph Cook, who was born in Switzerland, came to America with his family, landing at Baltimore, Md., where he remained for several years. In 1853 he came to Reading, where he became the pioneer basket manufacturer of the city, having learned his trade in his native country. He died at the age of sixty years, the same age at which his wife, who had been Josephine Clymer, passed away. Their children were: Caroline, the wife of Edward McCoy, of Cumberland, Md.; Kate; Elizabeth; Frederick, a basket-maker of Reading; and Joseph, Jacob, John, William and Mary, all deceased.

John Cook came to America with his father when five years of age, learned the trade of basket-making and was first engaged in business on Walnut street, above Tenth. He later located at No. 219 North Tenth street, and there continued until his death, Nov. 6, 1905, aged sixty-eight years, having been engaged in business with his son for thirty-three years. He married Caroline Becker, daughter of Jacob, and she died in 1903. The children born to the union were: George S.; and John S., who is employed at the Roller Mill, m. Hannah Hoyer, and lives on Pike street, Reading.

George S. Cook received his education in the public schools of Reading, and with his father learned the business of basket making. His father took him into partnership in 1879, the firm name becoming John Cook & Son, and under the name Mr. Cook has continued the business to the present time with much success. Mr. Cook manufactures all kinds of baskets—willow, reed and rattan—and has a large local trade. He married Mary B. Stable, daughter of John B., of Reading, and to this union have been born: Gertrude m. Edward Brockaway; John, unmarried is engaged in the grocery business; George is serving in the U. S. Navy; and Carrie, Solomon, Susan, William, Harry and Irvin are at home. In politics Mr. Cook is a Democrat. He is a member of the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

WESLEY H. FISHER, who is engaged in a butchering business at Fritztown, was born in Spring township, Berks county, Feb. 28, 1867, son of Absalom H. and Rachel E. (McFarland) Fisher.

Absalom H. Fisher is a native of Berks county, born at Reading, Sept. 30, 1833, son of David Fisher. His early life was passed in his native county, and at the age of seventeen he went to Adamstown, where he clerked for nine years in what was then the John Musser store. For twenty-four terms he taught school in Spring township—at Merkels, Mohns Hill and Fritztown schools. For ten years he served as justice of the peace, and in many ways made himself one of the most useful men in his vicinity. Some fifteen years ago he retired, and he still makes his home in Spring township, near Adamstown, where he has a fine tract of thirty-five acres of land. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief is Reformed. On Oct. 4, 1860, he married Rachel E. McFarland, daughter of Andrew H. and Mary (Murdock) McFarland, the former of whom came to America as a young man and located in Philadelphia, but died in Spring township and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading. He was a strict Presbyterian in faith. To Absalom H. and Rachel E. Fisher were born children as follows: Andrew H. died aged twenty-eight years; Allen; Wesley H.; Lorenzo H.; Mary C.; Daisy N.; Absalom E.; William I., and Esther E.

Wesley H. Fisher attended the township schools in Spring township, and early became familiar with the work on the farm. When eighteen years of age he learned the cigar maker's trade, and followed this at different factories for six years. In 1897 he began butchering at his present location, and has built up a fine trade in Reading and in the vicinity.

Mr. Fisher married Katie Irwin, daughter of William J. and Elmira (Rhoads) Irwin, now of Cumru township, and two children have blessed this union: Catherine and Allen. In politics Mr. Fisher is a stanch Democrat, and has served on the election board of his township, and in many ways has evinced a keen interest in his party's success. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Gouglersville. Fraternally he is a popular member of the P. O. S. of A.

JOHN H. MELLERT, foreman of the Drummond Iron Company, doing business at the old Mellert foundry, is a son of Otto and Caroline (Breneiser) Mellert, and was reared and educated at Reading.

As a boy, Mr. Mellert learned the molder's trade, which he has followed all his life. He made the first loam Y in the city of Reading, using brick and loam for the core mould, which, at the time, was considered a great undertaking and proved eminently successful. He is looked upon as an expert in his business. He served his term of apprenticeship under the Mellert Foundry Company, and was placed in charge of the pipe department of the foundry when but nineteen years of age, where he remained nine years. He then took charge of the general foundry, where all the large castings and other goods are manufactured, having fifty men under his supervision, three of whom are acknowledged experts. In 1905 the Drummond Iron Company took charge of the old plant. In public esteem the work of this company stands very high and it now is completing the second United States Government contract for heavy water pipe for the Philippine Islands. Mr. Mellert has the personal supervision of this very important job.

In 1882, Mr. Mellert married Emma V. Rhoads, daughter of Samuel L. Rhoads, an extensive hardware dealer at Reading. They have two sons, Otto, who is a clerk with the Reading Hardware Company; and Clayton, who is employed at a branch of the New York Brick Company in Reading. In politics Mr. Mellert is independent. He is a member of the Second Reformed Church, and his wife is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

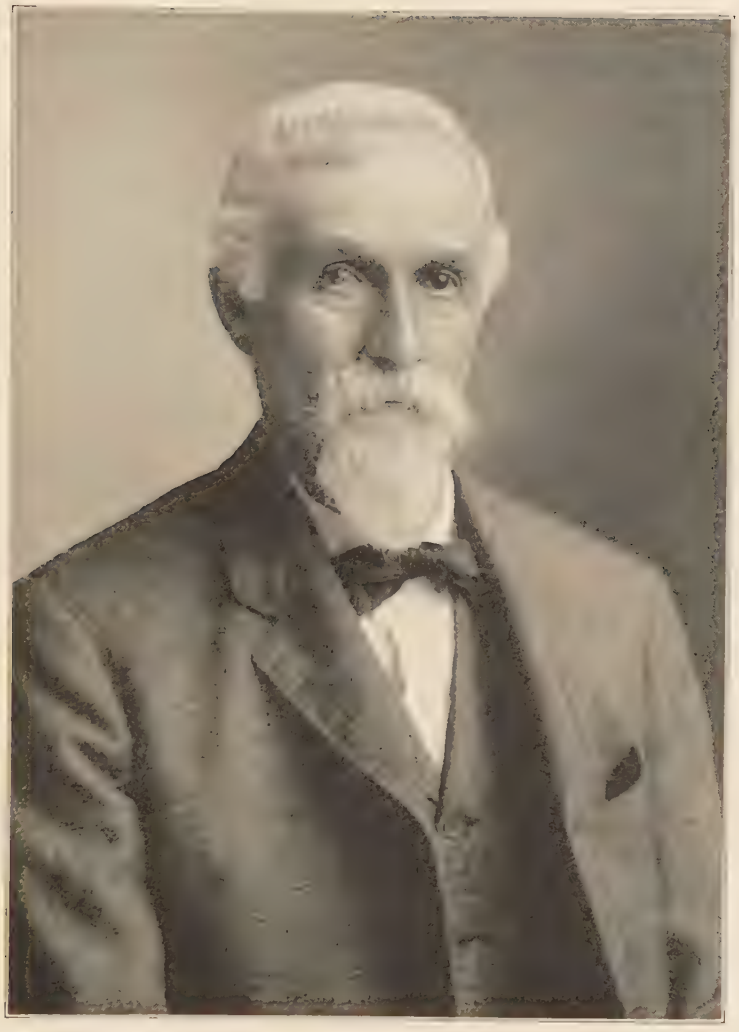
ABRAHAM F. LEVAN, who has been living retired since 1886, at his home, midway between Jacksonwald and Esterly, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Exeter township, where he was born Jan. 18, 1841.

Abraham F. Levan was reared on the old Levan homestead at Jacksonwald, and received his education in the public schools. On attaining his majority he began operating the old homestead, which consisted of 193 acres, and there he continued until 1885, when he built his present residence, on a one and one-half acre tract. He is also the owner of 142 acres on the old Philadelphia pike. In politics a stanch Democrat, Mr. Levan has always been active in the ranks of that party, and has served as a member of the school board.

On Sept. 26, 1871, Mr. Levan married Miss Sallie Davis, daughter of Edward and Rebecca (Lerch) Davis, natives of Maiden-creek and Bern townships, respectively, who spent their married lives in Bern and Penn townships, and their declining years in Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Levan was born one child, Margaretta, who died in infancy. They are members of the Reformed Church.

Edward Davis was in early life a farmer, but later he followed school teaching, and died at the age of sixty-six years in 1885. His wife, Rebecca Lerch, died in August, 1906, in her eighty-fourth year, in the faith of the Reformed Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born three children: Franklin, who died in 1899; Sallie, m. to Mr. Levan; and Rebecca who died July 13, 1894, m. to Reuben Keene.

Luke Davis, grandfather of Mrs. Levan, was reared in Maiden-creek township. He learned the trade of miller,



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and later settled on a farm in Penn township, which he operated until reaching an advanced age.

P. H. HILDEBRAND, proprietor of the Colonial Cigar Factory, at No. 213 North Tenth street, Reading, is one of that city's rising young business men. Mr. Hildebrand was born in Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1875, son of the late Richard and Sarah (Getz) Hildebrand, the father being a well known cigar manufacturer at Marietta and Ephrata, in which latter place he died in 1905 at the age of seventy-two years. To Richard Hildebrand and wife were born these children: Isaac, a traveling salesman for his brother, P. H.; Leaman, a farmer of Lancaster county; Phares, also a traveling salesman; Benjamin, a cigar maker by trade; Harry, a foreman for his brother; and P. H.

P. H. Hildebrand attended the schools of Lancaster county, and when a young man learned the trade of cigar making, also selling leaf tobacco for one year. He was employed with his father for several years in the business, and engaged therein on his own account in Reading in 1899, at No. 313 North Eighth street. He was then associated with his brother, Phares, the firm being known as Hildebrand Bros. After two years of successful business dealings the firm was dissolved, P. H. purchasing his brother's interest. In 1905 Mr. Hildebrand removed to his present place, where he has a fine well-equipped three-story factory building, employing therein from fifty to sixty hands. He also has a factory in Ephrata, Lancaster county, with twenty-five cigar makers. His goods have a large sale throughout the State, although more especially in Reading where his own especial brands—"Paul Dudley" and "Don Rex"—are very popular.

Mr. Hildebrand was married to Katie M. Coldren, of Adamstown, Lancaster county, and they reside at No. 409 Spring street. Mr. Hildebrand is very popular fraternally, being a member of the Elks of Reading, Lodge No. 115, and the Odd Fellows.

ANDREW L. SCHWEIMLER, one of the prosperous business men of Reading, whose grocery is located at No. 128 East Buttonwood street, corner of Pear, was born in 1867, a son of Andrew J. and Caroline (Merget), and grandson of Joseph K. and Sarah (Angstadt) Schweimler.

Joseph K. Schweimler was born in Tioga county, Pa., but removed to Berks county, where he died in 1892, aged seventy-two years. His wife, Sarah Angstadt, died in 1893. Their children were: Elizabeth, deceased, m. William Geiger; William; Susan m. Franklin France; Joseph; Andrew J.; James W., and several died in infancy. The family belonged to the Lutheran faith.

Andrew J. Schweimler, son of Joseph K., left the public school at an early age to go to work in the Reading cotton mill. Later he became a huckster and sold produce until, at the age of twenty-one years, he entered the army for service in the Civil war, enlisting Sept. 24, 1861, in Battery D, Independent Artillery, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He re-enlisted Feb. 4, 1864, was promoted to Corporal May 1, 1864, and mustered out at the expiration of his term, June 13, 1865. He was taken sick at Memphis, Tenn., and after a season in the hospital he was honorably discharged at Covington, Ky., after serving faithfully through four years of the war. Upon his return home he resumed his truck business for a short time, and then opened a grocery store at Ninth and Franklin streets, which he conducted until 1878. In that year he sold out and engaged in the hotel business for about one year, afterward selling out and learning the trade of boiler maker, which he followed until 1890. In the latter year he assisted his son Andrew L., who opened up a grocery store at No. 717 North Ninth street. In 1894 the store was removed to its present location at No. 128 Buttonwood, corner of Pear street, where the business is successfully conducted by the son to this time, the father assisting the son until his death. Mr. Schweimler was a valued comrade of the local G. A. R., and also belonged to the Union Veteran Legion. He was a member of the K. of P. and of the Senior Order of American Mechanics. Politically he was a Republican. He married Caroline Merget, and their children were: Andrew L., Laura and George, both deceased; and Carrie, m. to W. O. Weidenheimer.

Andrew L. Schweimler was educated in the Reading public schools. His first work was in the shoe store of William Geiger, where he remained a year and then was employed in Willson's spectacle factory for a year. The following year was passed in the Jackson Rope Walk, and six years in the J. H. Seivard shoe factory, as an employe of the finishing department. In June 1890, he engaged in the grocery business, at No. 717 North Ninth street, continuing there until 1894, since when he has been at his present location. He carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and does a good business.

In 1894 Mr. Schweimler was married to Minnie A. Kistler, daughter of Wilson Kistler and Sophia (Blose) Kistler and they have one child, Stanley S. Mr. Schweimler is a member and Past Commander of Meade Camp No. 16, Sons of Veterans; of Juniata Tribe, No. 74, I. O. R. M.; of Camp No. 330, P. O. S. of A. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

HIRAM D. DRUMHELLER, who resides in his comfortable home at No. 424 South Fifth street, Reading, Pa., is one of the city's highly respected and useful citizens, and is at present employed as foreman of the woodworking departments of the Reading Hardware Company. Mr. Drumheller was born March 31, 1849, in Earl township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Charles and Abigail (Dierolf) Drumheller.

John Drumheller, the great-grandfather of Hiram D., died on his plantation in Earl township Aug. 17, 1815. He made his last will and testament June 13, 1814, and this document is on record in Will Book D, p. 132, and makes ample provision for his beloved wife Regina. Son Leonard and a Jacob Trout, probably a son-in-law, were executors of the estate. In the will is an item which states: "the remaining of my estate shall be equitably divided among *all* my children." Unfortunately their names are not given. Leonard and William Drumheller, the latter the grandfather of Hiram D., were brothers. Family tradition says there was another brother, as well as some sisters. In 1782, after the township was organized from a part of Oley township, John Drumheller was one of the taxables, as was one Nicholas Drumheller, who probably was a brother. The father of these men, probably was J. Leonard Drumheller, who crossed the ocean on the brigatine "Mary and Sarah" Capt. Thomas Brodrick, from Rotterdam, which qualified at Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1754. Leonard Drumheller, son of John, made his will June 7, 1832, and he died in the early part of 1837, his will being probated on March 8th of that year. He was a farmer in Earl township. His wife, Susanna, bore him one daughter, Hattie, and a number of sons, one of whom was David, who was the executor of his father's estate.

William Drumheller, grandfather of Hiram D., was born May 18, 1792, in Earl township, and died there April 24, 1882, being buried at Oley Church. He was a farmer by occupation and owned the farm that descended to his son, Charles. He was a captain in a company in the War of 1812, was a well-read and intelligent man, and was as well known for his fine physique and great strength as for his many sterling traits of character. He married Elizabeth Fisher, who was born in Oley township, May 9, 1793, and died Oct. 29, 1867, and to them was born an only son; Charles.

Charles Drumheller, father of Hiram D., was born in Earl township, in 1814, and died in August, 1889, being buried at Oley Church, of which he was an official Lutheran member. He was a lifelong agriculturist, being engaged in cultivating the forty-five-acre farm which he had received from his father. Charles Drumheller was married to Abigail Dierolf, a daughter of Daniel

Dierolf of Rockland township, and she died in 1897, aged eighty-five years. They had the following seven children: Amelia m. Samuel Dierolf; Emeline is deceased; Peter lost his life at the battle of Gettysburg; Henry owns the homestead in Earl township; Deborah m. George Hartline; Ezra died young; and Hiram D.

Hiram D. Drumheller was reared in his native township where he attended the public schools, and when eight years of age left his home and for four years lived with the family of John Guldin. For the following nine years he resided at the home of Abraham Guldin, John's son, in Oley township, and on reaching maturity he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1876. At this time he engaged in farming for five years, for his former employer, Abraham Guldin, in Oley township, and in 1881, located in Reading, where he has since made his home. For five years he was employed by Davis, Printz & Co., as a carpenter and pattern maker, and in 1886 he commenced working as foreman for the Reading Hardware Company. Four years later he was promoted to the position of foreman of all the wood-working departments a responsible position which he now very efficiently fills. He resides in his own residence, No. 424 South Fifth street, which he has occupied since Oct. 3, 1904. Mr. Drumheller is a member of the Reading Hardware Association, in which he has held office since 1890, having been treasurer of the association since 1901, and he is also connected with Court Progress, of the Foresters of America. He belongs to Zion's United Brethren Church of Reading, Mrs. Drumheller being connected with Faith Reformed Church.

Mr. Drumheller was married (first) to Mary E. Schaeffer, who was born in Amity township, March 1, 1849, and died June 10, 1899. The following children were born to this union: Warren, deceased; Annie, m. to Martin Wagner, of Reading; Carrie, m. to Henry Raudenbush, of Reading; Mary, who is deceased; and Walter, who lives in Reading. Mr. Drumheller m. (second) Mary J. Hatt, daughter of Daniel and Martha (Lambert) Hatt, of near Fritztown, and granddaughter of Daniel and Catherine Hatt.

Mr. Drumheller is one of the well known residents of his community in Reading, and is highly respected by all who know him. He is one of the most trusted employes of the Reading Hardware Company, and has the esteem of his employers and subordinates.

HARRY D. JESBERG, who is at present conducting the well known "Montgomery House," Nos. 938-940 North Eighth street, Reading, Pa., was born in August, 1867, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, son of John and Elizabeth (Deal) Jesberg.

John Jesberg came to this country from Wurtemberg, Germany, and for the rest of his life was engaged in trucking and hotel keeping in Reading. He died in 1890, when seventy-four years old, and his wife in May, 1903, in her seventy-third year, both being members of the Lutheran Church. Of the eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesberg, seven are now living: John; William; Maggie, m. to Charles Benzel, of the firm of Jesberg & Benzel; Rosie, m. to John Hiller; Elizabeth, who m. Peter Gift, deceased; Harry D., mentioned below; and Annie, m. to Henry Weiler. In political matters Mr. Jesberg was a Democrat.

Harry D. Jesberg was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and his first work, at which he continued until eighteen years of age, was at farming by the month. In 1887 he came to Reading and engaged as clerk in the "Montgomery House," which he purchased in 1903, in company with Harry S. Weiler. Under this management the business flourished from the start.

Mr. Jesberg married (first) Ellen Miller, daughter of Susan Miller, and she died in 1902, aged 36 years, leaving three children: Edna, Ida and Catherine. Mr. Jesberg m. (second), in 1907, Mrs. Anna (Ketner) Rohrbech.

Mr. Jesberg is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the I. O. R. M., the F. O. E., the White Swan Camping Club, the Excelsior Beneficial Association, the Marion Fire Co., the Firemen's Relief Association and the United States Health and Accident Insurance Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

HENRY LENCKE died June 10th, 1908, aged forty-seven years, a man cut off in the very prime of life, blessed with a devoted wife and loving children, enjoying the fullest confidence of the owners of *The Reading Eagle*, and the esteem of his fellow workmen. Mr. Lencke was born and reared in Reading, and his untimely death, which was not entirely unexpected, coming as it did after a protracted illness, brought sorrow to many. Mr. Lencke was a son of Henry Lencke, Sr., who died Feb. 7, 1907, aged eighty-one years.

Henry Lencke Sr., was a well known cabinet maker, who was born in Germany, and when a boy learned the trade of his father and grandfather. In 1853 he married, and several years later came to America with his young wife and located at Reading. There he was employed in furniture making by Frederick Henninger. In 1869 he worked as a carpenter for the Reading railroad, and a few years later he began manufacturing picture frames and rubber stamps at No. 48 South Seventh street. He conducted this business until the death of his wife Johanna, in 1891, when he retired permanently. He was an expert in polishing all kinds of woods with shellac, and made many special cabinets, including some for music and other for sewing machines. At one time he did a large business in filling special orders of this kind. He belonged to the Seven Wise Men, Knights of Pythias, and the Red Men, and as he possessed a strong tenor voice he was a very valued member of the Harmonie Maennerchor for many years, and was an honorary member until his death. He joined it thirty years prior to his death, and was financial secretary for twenty years. In religious faith he was a member of St. John's German Lutheran Church. He is survived by these children: Mary m. Herman Petsch, of Lower Alsace township; and J. K. Lencke is engaged in the pneumatic tool manufacturing business at St. Petersburg, Russia. There are eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in this family.

When Henry Lencke, Jr., was a lad he began carrying *The Reading Eagle* and on Jan. 31, 1874, he began what was to prove a service of thirty-four years, working first in the press room, and later learned the trade of a printer. He showed such aptitude for the work that he was advanced until he became foreman of the press room, and held that responsible position for nearly a quarter of a century.

His fraternal affiliations were with the Masonic order, he having been past master of Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M., serving as master in 1891 and 1904; was a member of Excelsior Chapter No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., and Reading Lodge of Perfection. He was secretary of the Consolidated Masonic Board of Charities. Mr. Lencke was also active in the affairs of St. John's Lutheran church, for nine years having served as deacon, retiring from the vestry a short time prior to his death only to be elected trustee of the congregation. He was president of the school board for several years. Mr. Lencke was also a member of several German organizations, including the Reading Turn Verein and the Unterstuetzungsbund.

Mr. Lencke is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mary Louise and Laura Alice. Mrs. Lencke, whose maiden name was Alice German, is a daughter of the late Owen and Mary (Fry) German, of Germansville, Lehigh county.

EUGENE P. DE TURK, a well-known merchant of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in the hardware business, was born Dec. 11, 1865, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, son of William and Elizabeth (Butz) De Turk.

The progenitor of the De Turk family in Berks county was Isaac De Turk, born 1686, who originally came from northern France, where was seated a wealthy and

highly honorable family of the name of De Turk. They possessed peace and happiness, vineyards and wealth. Over their bright home, however, the dark shadows of adversity soon fell. The family was Protestant, and when the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes sounded throughout France in 1685 it fell heavily upon this family. The heartless dragonades ravished their homes, while the government confiscated their property, and among those who escaped was Isaac De Turk, who with many others fled to Frankenthal, in the Palatinate. Seeing no hope of returning to his native home, he resolved to accept the gracious invitation of Queen Anne of England to the Huguenots and Palatines, to come to her dominions, and he arrived in the autumn of 1707 in New York. In this party was an accomplished young widow Maria Weimar (or Vemar) and her little daughter, Catherine, and to the former Mr. De Turk was married soon after their arrival in New York. They settled in Esopus, and were among the settlers of Quassick Creek, in Dutchess county, in 1709, soon after which time the commission of Pennsylvania (province) issued a warrant to him for 300 acres of land, out at a place called Oley, "of which locality this is the first mention." In 1721 he purchased another tract, adjoining his own, most of this land being in the possession of his descendants at the present day. Mrs. De Turk was the daughter of Jean De Harcourt, a prominent citizen of Muehlhausen, in Lower Alsace, and of the French nobility. Mr. and Mrs. De Turk had these children: Catherine, who married Abraham Levan; John, who married May 13, 1740, Deborah High; and Esther, who married Abraham Bertolet. In his will Isaac De Turk bequeathed his entire landed estate to his son John, who paid his sisters their apportioned parts according to appraisement.

John De Turk was born in 1710, and was a prominent Moravian. The visit of Count Zinzendorf and the holding of the third Moravian Synod at his place were important events. John De Turk had these children: Isaac, born Aug. 25, 1741, died young; Daniel B., born Sept. 18, 1742, married Catherine Levan and served as a captain in the Revolutionary war; Susanna, born March 27, 1745, married———Schaeffer; John, born Jan. 20, 1747, married Elizabeth Bertolet; Maria, born July 16, 1748, married D. Weiser; Samuel, born May 25, 1750, married Catherine Kerst; Abraham, born March 9, 1752 married Anna Weiser; Daughter, born Nov. 18, 1753, died young; Esther, born Feb. 9, 1755; Philip, born April 30, 1757, married (first) Esther Shenkel, and (second) Maria High; Jacob, born Nov. 24, 1759, died young; and Deborah, born June 12, 1761, married Peter Knabb.

By his marriage with Esther Shenkel, Philip De Turk had five children, namely: Philip, born May 30, 1782, m. Maria Yoder; John; Isaac, born Oct. 19, 1788, m. Lydia Wagner; Susanna, born July 15, 1790, died young; and Daniel, born Feb. 22, 1792, died young.

John De Turk, son of Philip, was born April 27, 1787, and was a farmer on the old homestead in Oley township. He was a foremost citizen and was active in the interests of the Reformed Church of his district, dying in 1865, aged seventy-eight years. By his wife, Susan Knabb, he had five children: Amos, who died single; Nathan, m. to Esther Deysher; William; Susan, m. to Henry A. F. Kohler; and Sarah, born Feb. 16, 1834, and died Sept. 15, 1889.

William De Turk, father of Eugene P., was born in Oley township, on the original De Turk homestead, March 18, 1829. His youth was spent upon the farm and he attended the pay school of his district for some years, acquiring a fair education. When a young man he located in Maxatawny township, where he purchased a good farm of 100 acres of land, living there until 1883, when he removed to Kutztown, and was there living at the time of his death, caused by a brief illness due to a cold, Dec. 24, 1898. He was a good man and an upright citizen. On June 3, 1860, Mr. De Turk married Elizabeth Butz, daughter of Egedius Butz, and to them were born three sons: Alvin J., m. to Mary Kohler; Lewis B., m. to Lizzie Rahn; and Eugene P.

Eugene P. De Turk obtained his early educational training in the public schools of his native locality, and later attended the Keystone State Normal school for a period of two years. In 1886 he began clerking in the general store at Kutztown, continuing in that capacity for seven years. On Nov. 1, 1892, Mr. De Turk embarked in the hardware business on Main street, Kutztown, and has prospered from the beginning. During the winter of 1903-04 he erected a large store on Main street, where he has been successfully engaged to the present time. He carries a more varied stock than any other hardware dealer of his district, and is a man of unquestioned integrity, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. He and his family worship at St. Paul's Reformed Church of Kutztown. In politics Mr. De Turk is a Democrat.

On Aug. 23, 1888, Mr. De Turk married Lizzie A. Deisher, daughter of John D. and Hannah (Koehler) Deisher and to this union these children have been born; John W.; Lawrence A.; Lloyd E.; Harry C.; Olivet H. E.; Lillian M.; Grace I.; George Deisher who died aged six months; and Charles A.

WILLIAM RAPP HINNERSHITZ, son of the late Jacob and Barbara Rapp Hinnershitz, was born Sept. 2, 1840, in Cumru township, Berks Co., Pa. He was baptized by Rev. William Pauly, May 3, 1841, and confirmed in 1859 in the First Reformed Church by Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach who also officiated at his marriage. He was married to Ellen, daughter of David and Esther Levan, of Reading, April 29, 1860, and their happy married life continued until she died, July 5, 1907. Mr. Hinnershitz was the last of his family, the following brothers and sisters having preceded him in death: Amelia A., wife of Franklin A. Althouse; Henry A., John R., and Mary A. Hinnershitz.

In 1850 Mr. Hinnershitz entered the employ of Kerper & Keely, grocers, then located at the southwest corner of Eighth & Penn streets. He served them faithfully until 1865, when he formed a partnership with his father-in-law, David Levan, under the firm name of Wm. R. Hinnershitz & Co., they doing business at No. 747 Penn street. After the death of Mr. Levan, which occurred two years later, he associated with himself in the same business, the late John E. Bubp and they did business under the firm name of Hinnershitz & Bubp. They conducted the business with much success for a period of twenty-four years, when, in 1891, Mr. Hinnershitz retired from the firm.

After that he was actively engaged in the building business, both individually and in partnership with several prominent builders, the foremost of whom was a Mr. Rehr. In all, he was instrumental in the erection of several hundred first-class dwellings erected in different parts of this city. He served the Provident Building and Savings Associations Nos. 1 and 2 as president for five years, during which time he superintended the erection of a large number of substantial buildings for them in the northeast section of Reading. He was superintendent of the erection of the annex building of St. Paul's Reformed Church, also superintendent of the erection of St. Andrew's Reformed Church; at the same time acting as treasurer of the building funds. He was one of the organizers of the Penn, Schuylkill Valley and Reading National Banks and served as a director of the Schuylkill Valley Bank until the organization of the Reading National, which occurred in 1893, when he resigned and became a director and vice-president of that institution, which office he has held ever since.

Mr. Hinnershitz was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. and A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; a charter member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and formerly a member of Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 65, K. of P.; and Brotherhood of the Union, H. F. No. 7. He was a lifelong Republican, but refused all public offices tendered him.

JOHN W. MOORE, who is extensively engaged in truck farming in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, where he is known as a practical agriculturist and public-spirited citizen, was born Feb. 15, 1853, at Hampden Furnaces, in Robeson township, this county, son of John and Hannah (Wagner) Moore.

George Moore, the grandfather of John W., was a farmer of Robeson township, where he died in 1860 at an advanced age, in the faith of the Lutheran Church. The name of his wife is not known, but his children were as follows: Jesse, Nicholas, Daniel, George, Levi, John and Annie (who married Jonas Slouch).

John Moore, born and educated in Robeson township, there engaged in work for the E. & G. Brooke Co., at Hampden, later removing to Birdsboro, Pa., where he was accidentally killed when but twenty-nine years old. His children were: Angeline, who married George Bell, had eight children, Agnes, Sally, Reuben, Minnie (deceased), Alice, William, John and Levi; Albina, who married Harrison Ziegler had six children, Abram (deceased), John, Harrison, Reuben, Nora and Walter; Wilhelmina, who married Howerd Seifert, had six children, Reuben, Wilbert, Harvey, Heber, Minnie, and Rudie; and John W. The father was a Lutheran, and the mother died in the faith of the Reformed Church in 1881, at the age of sixty-three years.

John W. Moore was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and at the age of fifteen years he apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade with Isaac R. Sands, at the Scarlett scythe factory, where he remained five years, subsequently following his trade for four years at Beckersville. In 1875 he removed to the country in Robeson township and for two years engaged in trucking, in 1877 locating on a property owned by Joseph McKently, which consisted of fourteen acres, about ten acres of which were purchased by the Reading water board. The balance of this land, as well as much land which he rents, Mr. Moore devotes to truck farming, giving special attention to the raising of radishes, beets and cabbages.

Mr. Moore married (first) Ellen J. Duchman, and to this union ten children were born, namely: Minnie M., who married Howard Noll and has one child, Ethel N.; William E., who married Susan Ulrich; Carrie E., who married William Fulmer and has one child, Leroy; Rosa E., who married Walter Klopp, and has two children, Ruth M. and Grace M.; Jennie E.; Oliver C., who is connected with the shoe manufacturing firm of Curtis & Jones; Estella F., Mabel E.; and two who died in infancy. Mr. Moore's second marriage was to Kate Heckman, who had a son by a former marriage, Jacob. Mr. Moore is a member of the Alsace Reformed Church, and his wife is a Lutheran. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as school director. Fraternally he is connected with Muhlenberg Castle, No. 372, of which he was high priest for five sessions; and Washington Camp No. 168, P. O. S. of A.

ADAM YODER. Prominent among the agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., who deserve mention in this publication, is Adam Yoder, a substantial farmer and self-made man of Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. Yoder was born April 10, 1847, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Ruth) Yoder.

Jacob Yoder, grandfather of Adam, was born in Oley township, June 27, 1792, and when a young man learned the shoemaking trade, which he followed in Oley township until past thirty years of age. At this time he came to Lower Heidelberg township, where he became the owner of thirteen acres of land, on which he died Sept. 23, 1861, being buried at Hain's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was married (first) to Lydia Brown, of Rockland township, by whom he had children: Polly, m. to a Mr. Kelchner; Amos; William, who lives in the vicinity of Lower Heidelberg; John, who lived at Wernersville, where he followed the trade of wheelwright (he was the father of Frank and grandfather of Leonard G. Yoder, both of Wernersville); and James, of Adamstown, a soldier in the Civil war, who was killed while in action. Mr. Yoder m. (second) Catharine Ernst, born Dec. 8, 1800, and died Jan. 11, 1875, and to this union there were also born five children: Sarah, Kate, Daniel, Hettie and Benneville.

Amos Yoder, father of Adam, was born in Oley township, March 23, 1816, and died at his own home in Wernersville, May 22, 1892, and was buried in the east cemetery at Hain's Church, of which he was a deacon and elder. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and followed agricultural pursuits all of his life. Mr. Yoder married Elizabeth Ruth born Oct. 31, 1810, who died Nov. 21, 1878, daughter of Philip Ruth, and they had two children, namely: Adam and David (who died aged twelve years).

Adam Yoder was reared to agricultural pursuits, and he has followed this occupation all of his life with much success. For many years after his maturity he worked for his father, but later he purchased for himself a fine farm of twenty acres at Hain's Church, on which he has resided since 1901, and on which are located good buildings. In addition to this property, which is in excellent condition, Mr. Yoder owns a house in Wernersville, which was formerly his father's. Mr. Yoder is a good and substantial citizen, and is highly respected in his district for his many sterling traits of character, and for the fact that he has acquired his possessions through thrift and economy. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious affiliations are with Hain's Church, of which he was a deacon and elder for a number of years.

In May, 1869, Mr. Yoder married Margaret Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Fisher) Ruth, and to this union there have been born eight children: Ella m. Reuben Wenrich, of Grand View; David is of Wernersville; James died aged seven years; William is of Wernersville; Amos died aged four years; Harvey is of Wernersville; Lizzie died aged eighteen years, being buried on her birthday; and Freddy died in infancy.

AMOS YODER, manager of the Lauer farms in Spring township, and one of the most thoroughly practical and successful farmers in the county, was born at the Wool factory, near Wernersville, June 1, 1857, son of Daniel and Susanna (Gerhart) Yoder.

Daniel Yoder, son of Jacob (born June 27, 1792) and Catharine (Ernst) Yoder, was a lifelong farmer. He began work for himself on the old Reily Fisher farm in Lower Heidelberg, at the woolen mills, where he made his home many years. He then moved to the Van Reed farm, which he tenanted four years, and then moved to Womelsdorf, to a farm belonging to Dr. Horace F. Livingood, where he resided for thirty years. He was an excellent farmer, and ranked as one of the best in his district. He owned a tract of twenty-eight acres in Marion township, and at his death was possessed of much personal property. He died June 10, 1901, and was buried at Hain's Church. He married Susanna Gerhart, of Wernersville, and they were the parents of four children: Henry and John, of Wernersville; Amos; and George, of Womelsdorf. All are engaged in farming, the first two having now practically retired, while the last named is still at work and in very comfortable circumstances.

Amos Yoder was reared under his father's care, and he worked for him until he was twenty-four years old. He then began for himself on the Joseph Leiss farm of 120 acres in Lower Heidelberg township, and there he lived for two years. He then moved to the Henry Hain farm, where is now located the State Insane Asylum. He remained there and farmed for himself four years, then sold out, and when in 1891 the Asylum was established there he was made superintendent of the farm connected therewith, overseeing the cultivation of some five hundred acres. He had a most responsible position, which he filled with credit for thirteen years. He possesses good executive ability and was able to produce good crops on the State lands. It was his intention to retire to Wernersville, but Mr. Frank Lauer persuaded him to take his present place in Spring township, where he has charge of two hundred acres of the best land in the county. In politics he is a Democrat. With his family he attends

Hain's Reformed Church. His fraternal connection is with the I. O. O. F., of Wernersville.

On Sept. 25, 1885, Mr. Yoder married Candace Keim, born Feb. 19, 1869, and died Oct. 27, 1899, daughter of Abraham Keim, of Strausstown. Five children blessed this union: Minnie, born Sept. 26, 1886, was educated in the Reading Classical School; Mabel, born March 15, 1890, graduated from the Spring township high school; and Hattie, born June 9, 1893, Daniel, born Dec. 27, 1896, and Helen, born April 10, 1898, are still in school.

EVAN P. CHRIST, a well known and successful educator residing in Reading, now in the railway mail service, is a representative of one of Berks county's old and honored families.

John Christ, Sr., great-grandfather of Evan P., was a farmer in Tulpehocken township, this county. He was the father of the following children: John; Daniel had children—Mrs. William Burkey, Mrs. William Rishel and Mrs. Ritter; Jacob had children—William, Adam, Charles, Frank, Mrs. Joel Stump, Mrs. Henry Potteiger, Mrs. Frank Mengel, Mrs. William Himmelreich, Mrs. George Wann and Mrs. Henry Haag; Benjamin had—Mrs. Lizzie Himmelberger-Gerhart, Mrs. Catharine Burkey-Feich-White and Mrs. Sarah Feich; David had—John, Wellington, Thomas, Mrs. Lizzie Schaeffer, Mrs. Kate Becker and Mary; Elizabeth m. Jacob S. Haag, and had three children, Israel, Gerean and Kate (m. Aaron Kline); Mary (Polly) m. John Stoudt, and had a son, John, now living in Reading; and Margaret m. John Seaman, whose children were—John (of near Hamburg), Mrs. Mary Shock and Mrs. John Dunkel.

John Christ, son of John, Sr., was born March 9, 1809, and died Jan. 19, 1887, on the old Christ homestead, a tract of land that had been in the Christ name more than one hundred years. He was a farmer all his life. By his wife whose maiden name was Dundore, he had ten children: Lousia m. Levi Staley; Levi died aged five years; Jonathan D. had Thomas, Mrs. Joseph Leinbach and Clara; Harrison D. had children—Mary, Alice and Howard; Kate; Aaron D. has Monroe, Minerva and Oscar; Sarah; Henry D. has Helen and Rosa; James D.; and Levi D. has Verna, Willard and Norma.

James D. Christ, son of John and father of Evan P., was born in Penn township Nov. 18, 1848, and was reared upon the farm, following that vocation until 1896, when he moved to Reading, now residing at No. 200 West Greenwich street, that city. He is a builder ad contractor and has a high reputation for doing thorough and substantial work. In politics he is a Democrat and for some years he was assessor of Penn township. With his family he belongs to St. Mark's Reformed Church, Reading. Mr. Christ has been twice married. His first wife, Mary A. E. Obold, was born April 26, 1847, in Penn township, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Billman) Obold. She died March 1, 1897, the mother of Evan P. and Samuel J. (born Oct. 30, 1886). Mr. Christ married (second) Ellen Albert, of Bern township, and they have one daughter, Anna.

Evan P. Christ, the subject of this sketch, was born in Penn township Jan. 27, 1873. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his district, and later he attended a subscription school taught by Prof. Michael A. Gruber, at Bernville. In the spring of 1890 he was licensed to teach by Prof. W. M. Zechman, superintendent of public schools. He taught his first term at Snyder's school in Penn township. In the spring of 1891 he attended the Schuylkill Seminary, at Fredericksburg, Lebanon county. In the fall of that same year he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and continued there until his graduation in the class of 1893. He then taught in Muhlenberg and Penn townships at an advanced salary for three years. In 1896 he came to Reading, and this city has since been his home. For four terms he taught the same school at Oakbrook, in Cumru township, and from 1904 to 1908 was one of the teachers in the Reading night school. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has always been an active worker for his party's welfare. He served a clerkship in the Engineering Department at the city hall. His fraternal connections are with Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum, and Railway Mail Association. On April 7, 1908, he was appointed a railway postal clerk by the Post Office Department of the U. S. Government.

In February, 1897, Mr. Christ was married to Mary C. Bickel, daughter of the late Isaac and Angeline F. (Werner) Bickel, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Magdalene (Wenrich) Bickel, of North Heidelberg. Four sons have blessed this union: Harold J., E. Isaac, George B. and Richard U. Mr. and Mrs. Christ are members of the Second Reformed Church of Reading.

JONAS F. HILL, a well-to-do resident of Richmond township, Berks county, is engaged in cultivating the soil on his 156-acre farm in the northeastern end, upon which he was born, and where he has spent all his life.

John Jacob Hill, the ancestor of the numerous Hill family in eastern Pennsylvania, especially in Berks county, located in Windsor township in 1741, where he became the owner of a plantation. To him and his wife, Elizabeth, were born the following children: Anna Mary m. George Nicholas Hildebrand; Caterina m. Adam Myer; Mrs. John Heffley; John; Peter; Frederick; Casper and Jacob. The father made his last will and testament Nov. 21, 1775, and it was probated Jan. 17, 1776. As executors were named George Merckel, Michael Lesher and John Daniel Hill. In the will Frederick and Casper received special bequests of fifty pounds each.

Frederick Hill, son of John Jacob, lived in Richmond township, where he owned a farm and where he died. His wife, Maria, and Casper Merckel, an old neighbor, were the executors of the will. In this will he bequeathed all his lands in Richmond and Ruscombmanor townships to his two sons, Jacob and Frederick. He made ample provision for his wife, she to have 100 pounds before any distribution of the estate was made, besides receiving annually 15 pounds in gold and silver, and to have two cows, beef, pork, linens, iron pots, beds, stoves and all of the household furniture which might add to her comfort. He died in July, 1794.

Frederick Hill (2), son of Frederick, and the grandfather of Jonas F. Hill, was a most prosperous farmer and business man, owning a gristmill and sawmill on a tract of fifty-three acres owned by him, and adjoining lands of David Kutz, Isaac Levan and Isaac De Turk. He was the owner also of two tracts in Clinton township, Crawford Co., Pa., one containing 426 acres and the other 407 acres. Mr. Hill married Sarah Hill, a remote relative, and they became the parents of seven children as follows: Frederick, the father of Jonas F.; Philipina, m. to Jacob Stout; Mary; Catharine; Lucy; Sarah Ann; and Judith. The father of this family died in December, 1848, and in his will, which was made July 31, 1848, he disposes of a large estate. He gave his son Frederick a farm of 150 acres in Richmond township, for which the son was to pay $5,000 in payments of $400 a year to his six sisters until the whole amount was paid. He also ordered his executor, his "true and trusty friend, Henry Heffner," to sell the two tracts he owned in Crawford county, Pa., to the highest bidder, and to divide the proceeds among his six daughters.

Frederick Hill (3), son of Frederick (2), and father of Jonas F., was born July 21, 1831, and died in 1901. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout his long and active life, at one time owning and operating the Hill homestead in Richmond township. In religious faith the Hills are Lutherans and members of the Moselem Church of that denomination. Mr. Hill married Emeline Yerger, daughter of Fred Yerger, of Montgomery county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, m. to Cyranus Weidenheimer; Clara, m. to Frank Weidenheimer; Jonas F.; Benjamin F.; Aquilla, m. to Frank Merkel; Rachel, Wilson and Emeline, who died unmarried; and Ella, Eda, David and Alice, all of whom died young. All the children of this family are

deceased with the exception of Jonas F. and Mrs. Aquilla Merkel.

Jonas F. Hill was educated in the common schools of his native township, and subsequently took a course at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. On Jan. 4, 1879, he was married to Mary Schwoyer, daughter of Benneville Schwoyer, a well-to-do farmer of Richmond township, and this union was blessed with these children: Elda G., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is connected with a leading firm in Kutztown, Pa., as bookkeeper and stenographer; Frederick S. (m. and has a son Paul); Irene B., m. to Irwin Schaeffer, a carpenter of Richmond township (they have two children, Arthur and Oliver); Annie E., m. to Edwin Sell; Laura E.; Warren S.; Sallie A.; Ida L.; and Stella M.

In politics Mr. Hill is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and has served his township as school director for three years. He has taken quite an interest in the education of his children. He and his wife are members of Becker's St. Peter's Church, of the Lutheran denomination. Mr. Hill is a practical farmer, and his tract of land is one of the best cultivated in his locality. He has always maintained a good reputation in his district, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

RUDOLPH ENSSLEN, who died Nov. 25, 1906, at his home No. 306 Elm street, Reading, was engaged in an extensive delicatessen business. He was a native of Germany, born in Kirchheim, Wurtemberg, Jan. 25, 1859, son of Ferdinand Ensslen, and was educated in that country, where at the age of eighteen years he was traveling salesman for a wholesale cheese house.

In 1880 Mr. Ensslen came to America, landing at New York, from which city he came directly to Reading, being first employed by the Lauer Brewery Company, where he remained until Jan. 1, 1900. At this time Mr. Ensslen embarked in the cheese and delicatessen business, for which he was so well qualified. He always carried the best quality of goods and his customers realized this fact. He catered to hotels, stores, etc., as well as to private residences, and his delivery wagons were to be seen at any time on the streets of Reading. Mr. Ensslen carried the best lines of cheese, both domestic and foreign, sausages, meats, canned goods and condiments. His cheese and meats were imported principally from Switzerland and Germany.

Mr. Ensslen was married in 1881 to Mary Kirschmann, and they had two children: Carl F. and Augustus Rudolph. The family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Ensslen also belonged. He was a member of Mt. Penn Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; Reading Turn Verein; Maennerchor; and Bavarians. He was recognized as a man of much business ability. Besides his wife and children he was survived by a brother Albert and three sisters, Emma, Louisa and Pauline, all in Germany.

ABRAHAM R. SCHANNAUER, of Wernersville, formerly postmaster at Reinholds Station, was born at Gouglersville, in Berks county, Aug. 8, 1864. He pursued his education in the public schools at that place, until he was ten years old, when he accompanied his widowed mother to her home at Reinholds Station, in Lancaster county, and there continued going to school, afterward attending the Keystone State Normal School until he was nineteen years old. He was first employed in the creamery at Reinholds Station for over a year, when he entered the store of E. S. Hassler at that place as clerk, continuing with him there and at Spring Grove for over a year, and serving as assistant postmaster at the latter place. Returning to Reinholdsville he bought the general store of Samuel Binkley, which he carried on for six years, serving as postmaster during the Harrison administration. Then selling out he removed with his family to Wernersville. He was employed as a salesman in the Rosenbaum clothing house at Reading for several months, afterward entering the general store of Henry Shappell, at Wernersville, where he continued for nine years. Mr. Shappell selling out to Isaac M. Rothenberger, he has remained with the latter until the present time.

Mr. Schannauer was married in 1886 to Rebecca Hain, a daughter of George G. Hain, of Wernersville, and by her has two children, Irwin and Eva.

Joseph Schannauer, father of Abraham R., was a farmer residing at Gouglersville, a progressive citizen of that community, and a devoted, generous member of the Lutheran denomination of the Wyomissing Church, having donated the land for the purpose of that church in 1850. He was born at Gouglersville in 1800, and died there in 1874. He was married three times. His first wife was a Miss Armel, the second Catharine Reinhold, and the third Eva Reinhold, a sister of the second. By the third union he had eight children: Elizabeth married Harvey Stricker; Miss Kate; Maria m. Eugene Mayer; Matilda m. Lewis Keller; Abraham R.; Jesse, unmarried; and two died young. Eva Reinhold was a daughter of John Reinhold, a farmer of Reinholds Station, was born in 1822, and attained an age of nearly ninety years.

WILLIAM B. HELDER, senior member of the plumbing firm of Helder & Burkhard, whose place of business is situated at No. 1021 North Ninth street, Reading, was born in this city in 1873, son of Elias and Sarah (Lorah) Helder, the former of whom died in 1900, while the latter still survives.

Mr. Helder secured his education in the public schools of his native city, after leaving which he worked at box making and in a hat factory for some time. At the age of seventeen years he was apprenticed to John Dexal, to learn the plumbing trade, and he continued with this gentleman until starting work as a journeyman. Mr. Helder first engaged in business alone at No. 1037 North Ninth street in 1901, but four months later he admitted Daniel Burkhard as a member, and together they have built the trade up until it is one of the largest of its kind in the city. They employ on an average eight men and keep a full and up-to-date supply of plumbers' supplies and heating apparatus. Mr. Helder is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Lodge of Perfection; Vigilance Lodge No. 518, I. O. O. F.; and Progressive Americans. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, while in political matters he is independent, voting rather for the man than the party.

In 1898 Mr. Helder was married to Miss Laura Kline, and to this union there has been born one child: Rhea M.

JOHN VAN REED EVANS was a lifelong farmer in Spring township, where he died July 5, 1864. He was born Jan. 29, 1804, son of Philip Thomas Evans, and a descendant of a Welsh emigrant who came to America in 1720.

The Evans family, so long represented in Berks county, has an enviable reputation for honesty and right living. Three brothers named Evans emigrated from Wales about the year 1720, and landed at Philadelphia, whence all went prospecting through Pennsylvania, with the result that Daniel settled in Chester county, Philip (the ancestor of John Van Reed Evans) in Berks county, and the third in Montgomery county.

Joshua Evans, grandfather of John Van Reed Evans, was born in 1733, and died in March, 1778, when he was aged forty-five years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Thomas, was born July 1, 1746, and died in 1813, at the age of sixty-seven, after a widowhood of almost thirty-six years. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, Peninnah, Philip Thomas, Mordecai, Sarah and Joshua. Mrs. Evans' parents, Philip Thomas and his wife, Esther, lived in East Vincent township, Chester Co., Pa., but they owned outlying land near Reading, upon which their daughter Mary and her husband, Joshua Evans, settled. By the will proved in Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1774, Philip Thomas willed this farm to Joshua Evans' son Philip Thomas Evans. As previously stated, Mr. Evans and his mother continued to live on the farm, improved it, and built the stone farm house.

Philip Thomas Evans, father of John Van Reed Evans, was born on the old Evans homestead just mentioned, July 13, 1770, and he passed all his life on that place, dying there Sept. 26, 1835. On Feb. 1, 1801, he married Anna Elizabeth Van Reed, daughter of John and Eve (Yost) Van Reed, who was born Sept. 29, 1778, and died July 18, 1853, aged seventy-four years. They became the parents of children as follows: (1) Thomas, born Jan. 7, 1803, died July 30, 1844, aged forty-one years. He m. Sarah Bechtel, and lived eleven miles up Maiden Creek. (2) John Van Reed was born Jan. 29, 1804. (3) Joshua, born Dec. 25, 1805, died Dec. 12, 1826. (4) Mary T., born Sept. 11, 1807, m. Peter Bright, and moved to Danville, Montour Co., Pa. (5) Charles Van Reed, born March 4, 1810, died April 13, 1891. He m. Maria Spohn, and was the father of thirteen children. (6) Abner, born Dec. 25, 1811, died May 21, 1816. (7) Hannah was born Feb. 10, 1814. (8) Henry Van Reed, born Jan. 8, 1818, inherited the mill property, and died Oct. 29, 1838. (9) Anna Elizabeth, born May 10, 1821, m. Thomas H. Jones, who died in 1850; she makes her home in Reading.

John Van Reed Evans engaged in farming upon the old homestead, where he lived for a number of years. About seven years before his death he retired, and erected a residence along the pike. There his last days were spent. He was a Republican in politics, and was much thought of in the community. He served as school director in his district.

On Dec. 16, 1832, Mr. Evans married Anna Miller, born Dec. 14, 1814, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Ruth) Miller. She died aged sixty-five, the mother of fourteen children: Lewis, who lived at Sinking Spring; a son that died in infancy; Catharine, who died unmarried in 1864, at the age of twenty-seven; Emeline m. to Abraham Gernand, and living in Rossville, Ill.; Rebecca m. to Gernand Maurey, of Rossville, Ill.; Miss Hannah; Henry, who died young; Sarah, m. to James Baum, and living at Carlisle, Ill.; Philip Thomas, a retired farmer at Hoopeston, Ill.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Obold, of Reading; George, a retired farmer at Rossville, Ill.; Dennis, who died young; Mary, m. to E. E. Kohler, of Reading (killed in the wreck of the excursion train at Honda, Cal., May 11, 1907); and Miller, who is foreman in a hat factory and resides with his sister, Miss Hannah, in Reading.

Miss Hannah Evans and her brother Miller have their home at No. 141 Elm street. The Spring township farm is owned by Miss Hannah, who has it rented. The Evans burial plot is in the old Baptist Cemetery in Cumru township, Berks county.

CHARLES A. HAWK, who has been connected with that great industry, the Reading Iron Company, for the past thirty-seven years and enjoys the distinction of being the third oldest employe in his department, is a self-made man who has acquired property and gained the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens entirely through his own efforts.

Mr. Hawk was born Sept. 9, 1848, in the Third ward of Reading, son of Charles and Alice Sabrina (Keller) Hawk, the former of whom was born at Nazareth. By trade he was a machinist, and he came to Reading after marriage, working in the Philadelphia & Reading shops until he enlisted in 1864 for service in the Civil war. He was a member of Company G, 88th Pa. V. I., and died in the army at Alexandria, Va. He is one of the great army of dead that sleep at Arlington. To him and his wife, Alice Sabrina Keller, were born six children: Albert, who served in the Civil war, and died after being taken prisoner; Rebecca, m. to Edwin Ball, both deceased; William, who served through the Civil war, and is now employed as an engineer at the Cramp shipyards, Philadelphia; Julius, who served during the Civil war, and died in 1900; Charles A.; Alice, m. to Absalom Whitman, and living at No. 1129 Spring street, Reading. The father was a well known citizen, a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political views he was a Republican.

Charles A. Hawk attended the public schools of Reading, and began when but a boy to provide for his own needs. He worked first on the construction of the Lebanon Valley Railroad, then for a short time was employed by the Reading Iron Company, in their pipe mill, and then began to learn the molder's trade in the Philadelphia & Reading shops where he remained five years. From there he went to Cumberland, Md., for about a year, and then returned to Reading and worked at the Scott foundry, but since Feb. 4, 1872, he has been connected with the Reading Iron Company, and as mentioned above is the third oldest in his department, in this immense plant. He began work under Mr. Lewis Miller.

In 1872 Mr. Hawk married Susan Rink, daughter of David and Esther (Landis) Rink, and their children are: Mary E., m. to Harry T. Fick, a cigar maker; Alice, m. to Dr. Milton Lichtenwalner; Estella N., a graduate of the Girls' high school, Reading; and Florence R., also a graduate of the Reading High school, class of 1908. The parents of Mrs. Hawk were both born in Longswamp township, Berks county, where they were among the prominent people.

Mr. Hawk is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican, and is now serving as school controller of the Eleventh ward, his term expiring in 1912, a period of sixteen years service. Fraternally he belongs to Chandler Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 227, and Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A. As long as it was in existence he was a member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. He is also a member and president of the Scott Foundry Beneficial Association, which has a membership of 146 men, and of the N. E. Republican Association. In 1883 he erected his attractive residence at No. 513 Cedar street, Reading, and he is one of the well known and universally respected citizens of that city.

ELMER DAVIDHEISER, a successful farmer residing on the Davidheiser homestead at Monocacy, in Amity township, Berks county, was born Dec. 21, 1865, son of George and Elizabeth (Shirey) and great-grandson of Jacob Davidheiser, of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Davidheiser was born in Falkner Swamp, Montgomery county, and lived one and one-half miles east of Sassamansville, where he owned and cultivated a good farm. Among his children were: Henry, George, Jacob, William, Mrs. John Fegley, Mrs. Henry Hoffman, Mrs. Washington Smith and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, the last two marrying brothers.

George Davidheiser, son of Jacob, was born March 10, 1798, and died Sept. 9, 1863. In 1836 he settled in Douglass township, Berks county, not far from Pottstown, along the Iron Stone creek. Here he built a brick mill in 1840 or 1841, which he sold some twelve years later to a man by the name of Wampole, and which is now the property of Mahlon Weidner. After he sold his property in Douglass township, Mr. Davidheiser moved his family to Amity township, locating about 1848 on the Philadelphia turn-pike, between Douglassville and Monocacy, where he had a large and fertile tract of land. He was a millwright by trade, and in earlier life followed that occupation in connection with farming. He and his family were Lutheran members of the Amityville church. On Aug. 25, 1822, he married Salome Fegley, born Feb. 8, 1804, daughter of Conrad and Catharine Fegley. She died Nov. 20, 1857, and both she and her husband are buried at Amityville. Fourteen children blessed their union: John, born Aug. 23, 1823; Catharine, 1825-1832; Sophia, born March 9, 1826; a son, Dec. 12, 1828; Sarah Ann, 1829-1833; George, Sept. 14, 1831; Rebecca, 1833-1835; Jacob, Jan. 14, 1835; Caroline, 1836-1858; Mary Ann, Nov. 25, 1838; Lovina, April 26, 1840; one, July 1, 1842; Engeline, 1844-1854; and Lizzie, Jan. 19, 1847.

George Davidheiser, son of George and Salome, was born Sept 14, 1831. After his marriage in 1855 he began

farming the old Davidheiser homestead, and remained there for ten years, and then bought the adjoining farm of nearly 100 acres on which he lived for three years. In 1868 he bought a farm near Monocacy where he lived until his death Feb. 3, 1870. After that time the widow and her children operated it, until the spring of 1908, when the son Elmer assumed charge of it. The father was a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Amityville, and there he was buried. On June 17, 1855, he married Elizabeth Shirey, born Sept. 23, 1833, daughter of William and Sallie (Harner) Shirey, the latter of whom, born Sept. 16, 1812, is still living and is the oldest lady in Lower Berks county. The children born of this union were: Amanda m. Samuel Shirey, and lives in Reading; Annie m. Wellington Shirey (brother of Samuel), and lives in Monocacy; Ammon died young; a daughter died in infancy; Elmer; and George, who worked five years as a wheelwright and fourteen years in the Reading Car Shops, went to Ashland, Ala., in April, 1909, to engage in the graphite business (he m. Ellen Griesemer, daughter of Irwin Griesemer, formerly of Oley township, now of Alabama, where he, too, is in the graphite business). In 1868 the father built the present stone residence on the farm.

Elmer Davidheiser received his education in the public schools near his home, and as he was but four years old when his father died, it was necessary that he early take his place as one of the workers on the home farm. He was but seventeen when he began work for his mother, conducting the fifty-two acre farm with great success. In the spring of 1908 he began for himself. The Davidheiser tract is located on the Old State Road just above Monocacy, and its general appearance proves it one of the best managed places in that locality. The land is highly productive and Mr. Davidheiser is scientific in his care of the soil.

Mr. Davidheiser is popular in fraternal organizations, belonging to Monocacy Lodge, No. 441, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 240, P. O. S. of A., of Douglassville; and Neversink Camp No. 7634, M. W. A. of Reading. He and his family are Lutherans. In politics he is active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has been delegate to a number of county conventions, and for six years, 1894 to 1900, was a member of the school board, of which time he served four years as secretary and one year as president.

Mr. Davidheiser married Katie Wallace, daughter of Dr. James Wallace, and they have had four children: George Ammon, Annie Laura, a daughter that died in infancy, and William Elmer.

AUGUSTUS BULLES, one of the well-known hotel men of Reading, who is conducting the popular "Hampden Park Hotel," situated at the corner of Thirteenth and Spring streets, was born Aug. 18, 1858, at Philadelphia, Pa., son of Tabold and Catherine (Noah) Bulles.

Tabold Bulles, who emigrated from Germany as a young man, settled at Philadelphia, and there engaged in the shoe business until 1861, at which time he came with his family to Reading, being for many years employed in the Scott foundry at the latter place. He died in 1871, and was buried at Alsace Church, his wife being interred in the Charles Evans cemetery. They had these children: Katie, Beulah, Theodore, Augustus, Julius, Edward, Ida and Albert.

Augustus Bulles attended the public schools of Reading, and as a boy worked in the brick yard near his home for twelve years, after which he learned the shoemaking trade, an occupation which he followed for about fifteen years at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1886 he returned to Reading, and for seven years was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, also serving on the Reading police force during 1896-1897-1898, under Mayor Weidel. In 1906 he became the proprietor of the "Hampden Park Hotel," which he has conducted to the present time with success, having a large and steady patronage. Mr. Bulles is a charter member of Camp No. 329, P. O. S. of A., and also belongs to the K. G. E. No. 53, the F. O. E. No. 66, and the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association. He and his family are members of St. Thomas Reformed Church.

Mr. Bulles was married to Elizabeth Koehle, and to this union the following children were born: Albert, William, Joseph, Raymond, Frank, Arthur and Caroline.

Mrs. Bulles is a daughter of Alvis and Elizabeth (Reis) Koehle, of Milwaukee, Wis., who were the parents of these children: Elizabeth; Josephine, m. to Charles Mack; and Albert and Joseph of Milwaukee, Wis. Carl Reis, grandfather of Mrs. Bulles, was born along the Rhine in the Fatherland, and came to America many years ago, being buried at Milwaukee. He was a ship-builder by trade, but later became a liquor dealer and left an estate of forty acres. By his first wife, who died three months after coming to this country, he had two children: Elizabeth and Josephine.

ANDERSON. Robert Anderson is the first of the Anderson family of whom there is definite record. He was born in Chester county and was an early resident of Reading where he worked as a shoemaker. He died there and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. His wife was Maria Hamilton, of Chester county. Their children were: John, a shoe merchant of Mahanoy City, where he died; Frederick H.; David, now deceased, a shoe merchant at Reading.

Frederick H. Anderson, son of Robert and father of John P., was born near Pottstown in Chester county, in 1829, and died at Reading in April, 1897, aged sixty-eight years. He, too, was a shoemaker by trade, although early in life he was a bricklayer,—a trade he had learned upon coming to Reading in young manhood. Later he learned to be a shoemaker and finally became a shoe merchant. So excellent was his work that his customers sent to him for shoes of his own make as far off as New York City and even Texas. His religious affiliations were with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Mr. Anderson was married in 1855, at Reading to Lavinia Hetrick, a daughter of John and Hannah (Bower) Hetrick, of Heidelberg township, Berks county. Their children were: John P.; Ida Olivia, m. to Irwin Maurer of Reading, by whom she has these children—Frederick T. and Lillian May.

JOHN P. ANDERSON was born Nov. 8, 1861, at Reading where he now resides making his home in the Fifteenth ward. His education was obtained in the schools of Reading, but when he was a mere lad he commenced clerking in his father's shoe store, and remained with him until 1895. As his father's business included making shoes, Mr. Anderson learned the shoe cutting trade, and he worked at the bench. When his father closed his business at Reading and opened a retail store at Pottstown, carrying on the manufacture of infants' shoes, of which he had made a specialty, Mr. Anderson went with him. After four years he returned to Reading and became a cutter for Curtis, Jones & Co., remaining in this position for three years. Then for five years he had charge of the cutting room for the Birdsboro Shoe Co., and in connection with this employment, he acted as an extra man for the United Traction Company. In 1899 he became connected with the firm of George M. Britton & Co., now located at Fourth and Penn streets, where he has since remained, having charge of the shoe, comfort and blanket departments, and he is one of the most valued men of this large establishment.

Mr. Anderson is a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church. Fraternally he is a member of Court Progress, No. 116, Foresters of America; Washington Camp No. 178, P. O. S. of A., of Reading; K. of P., No. 65; and has been connected with the Liberty Fire Company since 1885, and is a member of the Beneficial Association.

On Oct. 16, 1884, Mr. Anderson was married to Lizzie M. Bechtel, a daughter of Franklin and Mary (Sallada) Bechtel, of Reading. Their children are: Corita M. and Helen. They reside in their own pleasant home at No. 138 West Greenwich street.

WILLIAM HOYER, line foreman for the United Traction Company at Reading, was born April 26, 1862, in Cumru township, son of Reuben and grandson of Benjamin Hoyer.

Benjamin Hoyer made his home in Robeson township, Berks county. For many years he taught school, chiefly in Exeter township, but his death occurred at his home in Robeson. His wife was a Ruffner, and they had children as follows: Samuel, Henry, Edward, Reuben, Harriet, Hannah and Rebecca.

Reuben Hoyer, son of Benjamin, was born in Robeson township, and for twenty-five years he was engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal for Charles Bickley. For a while he was in the employ of the Reading Hardware Company, and for sixteen years was in charge of the stables of the South Reading Market, his long term of service being convincing proof of his fidelity to duty. He died in November, 1904, aged sixty-seven years and was buried at Yocom's Church in Cumru township. He married Mary Westley, daughter of Daniel Westley, and their children were: William, Catharine, Samuel, Ida, Milton, Tillie, Edith, Annie, Sarah and Charles.

William Hoyer attended the public schools in Cumru township. His first work after completing his education was the care of horses for private parties, and this he continued for four years. He then entered the employ of J. O. Thomas in the grocery business, and with him continued for three years. On March 4, 1888, he became an employe of the Reading City Passenger Railway Company, driving a horse car for one year, and acting as conductor five years. Then for one year he drove the trolley repair wagon, after which he was made assistant lineman, and at the end of four years chief lineman. He has charge of 127 miles of wire, and has proved a most efficient workman.

On Dec. 25, 1881, Mr. Hoyer married Catharine Seidel, daughter of Frederick Seidel, and of their eight children, three are living, namely: Lawrence, Harry and Mamie. William, a promising young man, died May 16, 1909, aged twenty-three years, and is buried at Yocom's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyer are Lutheran members of Christ's (Yocom's) Union Church in Cumru township. Mr. Hoyer is a Republican in politics. He and his family reside in their own home at No. 1623 North Tenth street, Reading.

JESSE SHIREY, now living retired, was for many years an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co. He was born in Robeson township, Berks county, July 17, 1833, son of Samuel and Sarah (Yocum) Shirey.

The family, as far as is known, is of German origin, the great-grandfather of Jesse Shirey emigrating to America in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and settling in Berks county. His name is not known.

Samuel Shirey, the father of Jesse, was educated in the common schools of Robeson township, and learned the trade of stone mason when a boy. This he followed, and he also carried on farming, owning a tract of 100 acres of finely improved land which he later sold, removing to Reading. Here Mr. Shirey worked at his trade until he died, in the faith of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Shirey was a Republican. He and his wife were the parents of: Jeremiah, David, John, Samuel, Levi, Jesse, Joseph, Elias, Charles (died aged ten years), Catherine (m. Charles Rogers), Mary (m. George Pierce), Sarah (m. Aaron Houck) and Hannah (died single).

Jesse Shirey was educated in Robeson township and later removed to Chester county, locating in Coatesville, where he learned the trade of harness-making. This Mr. Shirey followed for some years, and continued it for four years after locating in Reading. At the outbreak of the war he was employed by the Government in the making of cavalry saddles, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company I, 128th Pa. V. I., under Capt. Richard R. Jones, serving nine months, and participating in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain and Chancellorsville. He was taken prisoner at the latter and was taken to Libby Prison, but twelve days later was paroled. His term of enlistment having expired, Mr. Shirey rejoined his regiment at Annapolis, Md., and was sent to Harrisburg, Pa., where the regiment was mustered out of service. He re-enlisted in 1864 with the 100-day men in Company B, 195th Pa. V. I., Eighth Army Corps, which was held as a reserve when General Early invaded Maryland. The regiment was doing police and patrol duty along the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, being stationed for a time at Monocacy Junction, and later at Tabb's Station, being mustered out in December, 1864. After the war Mr. Shirey worked at his trade for a time, and was then for thirty-seven years employed by the Philadelphia and Reading Company, as superintendent of the leather department. Mr. Shirey was placed on the retired list March 12, 1903.

Mr. Jesse Shirey married in 1859 Mary M. Burt, daughter of William Burt, and five children were born to this union: Charles and Burt, deceased; Ralph, at home; Lizzie, deceased; and Hattie, deceased wife of Adam Heffelfinger. In religious belief Mr. Shirey is liberal. He is fraternally connected with Emblematic Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F. and was formerly a member of the Encampment. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN S. FRITZ, engaged in the photographing business at No. 852 Penn street, Reading, was born on his father's farm in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1861, and there remained until fifteen years of age. At this time he went to Philadelphia, and was there employed two years, when he began to learn photography, starting with his brother-in-law in a car, traveling through the country. Mr. Fritz remained with his brother-in-law for six months, and then bought him out, following the business for the next nine months in the surrounding counties. Not finding business very profitable he decided to give up photographing for the time being, and went to Atlantic City, where he was employed for some time, and later at Philadelphia, remaining at the latter place two years.

Being a skilled mechanic, Mr. Fritz had no trouble in getting positions, and he worked at Philadelphia, Pa., Orange, N. J., and at Lailor's in Reading. In June, 1883, Mr. Fritz again went out with a car, and traveled through Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan, and from Cold Water, in the last named State, he shipped his goods back to Reading, Feb. 28, 1886. In August, 1886, he engaged in business at No. 418 North Sixth street, Reading, where he remained in business for ten years, being very successful. He came to his present place in 1896, and here he has a fine studio. His business is growing daily, his work being of the highest standard, and he also does a large business in framing and crayons, water colors and pastels.

Mr. Fritz was married in Reading to Miss Elizabeth Apffel, daughter of the late Francis Apffel, of Reading, and they reside at No. 346 North Sixth street. Their children are: Lillian, aged seventeen years, a graduate of a musical institute; Raymond, aged fifteen years, attending Stoner's College; and Elsie, aged thirteen years, attending the city schools. The family are members of Grace Methodist Church.

STAUDT. The Staudt family have lived for several generations in Berks county, and at the present time in Lower Heidelberg township are found the brothers Henry L. Staudt and Aaron L. Staudt, both successful and highly esteemed farmers.

Matthias Staudt, their grandfather, lived in Penn (formerly Bern) township, near Bernville, having his home at Staudt's gristmill, on the Tulpehocken creek. He married Catharine Geiss, daughter of John Geiss, of the same township, and she died in 1848. He died in 1847. They had nine children, as follows: William m. Mary Wenrich; John m. Mary Christ; Samuel m. Catharine Leiss; Elias m. Catharine Brecht; Elizabeth m. Samuel Rentschaler; Mary m. Jacob Potteiger; Leah m. Jared Faust; Sarah m. Isaac Stupp; Hettie m. John Reber.

Samuel Staudt, son of Matthias, grew to manhood and engaged in farming. He died in 1900, when aged eighty-five years. He m. Catharine Leiss, daughter of Henry

Leiss, and she died in 1877, aged fifty-six years. Of their sixteen children, twelve died young, those reaching maturity being: Henry L., Aaron L., Violanda (m. Henry Keroch), and James (unmarried).

Henry Leiss, father of Mrs. Catharine (Leiss) Staudt, was a farmer in Tulpehocken township. He m. Catharine Vogel, daughter of Melchior Vogel, of Bern township, and they had ten children: David m. Anna Bright; John m. Kate Filbert; Adam m. Catharine Miller; Jonathan m. Justina Moyer; Joseph m. Eliza Stupp; Judith m. John Kline; Rebecca m. Thomas Kilmer; Mary m. Benneville Dundore; Catharine m. Samuel Staudt; Elizabeth m. John Moore.

Henry L. Staudt, son of Samuel and Catharine (Leiss) Staudt, was born in North Heidelberg township Nov. 23, 1848. He was brought up on his father's farm, giving his assistance at home until he was twenty-five years old. In 1867, however, he began farming for himself on his father's farm. For twenty-five years he tenanted all in Lower Heidelberg with the exception of five years he lived on the farm of David Klopp (an uncle of Mrs. Staudt) in North Heidelberg. In 1898 he purchased his present farm of 158 acres, improved with good buildings. He erected the present barn, 40 x 95 feet, in 1900. He also owns another tract, containing eighty-four acres, adjoining his large farm. Mr. Staudt is a believer in modern methods, and he has a complete stock of up-to-date farm implements. He keeps nine horses and twenty-two head of cattle. His product is disposed of at the Reading market, which he attends once a week, having stands Nos. 172-173 at the West Buttonwood street market. Beside the farms just mentioned Mr. Staudt owns a one-half interest in the old Staudt homestead in Lower Heidelberg, consisting of 133 acres. His son Charles K. cultivates this place, which is very valuable, the buildings being exceptional. The house was built in 1847, and the barn, 40 x 101 feet, was erected by Samuel Staudt in 1858.

In his political affiliations Mr. Staudt is a Republican, and he is one of the foremost men of his township. He has served as deacon and elder of Hain's Church, of which he and his family are Reformed members. He is a man of sound judgment, and has encouraged his children to avail themselves of the best educational advantages, and to fit themselves for places of usefulness and honor in the world.

On Nov. 14, 1874, Mr. Staudt m. Emma R. Klopp, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Allspach) Klopp, farming people of Marion township. Six children were born of this union, namely: (1) Rev. Calvin K., born Feb. 29, 1876, graduated from Palatinate College, Myerstown, and from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, winning high honors, and is a minister. He preached in Iowa and in Dakota, Ill., and for some time conducted the Interior Academy at the latter place. At the present time he is connected with the University of Chicago. He m. Ida Dunges. (2) John S. received his education in the public schools, the Wernersville high school, Lancaster Academy, and Franklin and Marshall College. He taught first at Parkville, Mo., then two years at Shreveport, La., after which he was made a member of the faculty of the University at Ithaca, N. Y. (3) Charles K. is a farmer on his father's place in Lower Heidelberg. He m. Eve Bender. (4) Paul K. assists his father at farming. He owns a tract of twenty-six acres in Lower Heidelberg, which he purchased from the Schaeffer estate (the previous owner being James Wahl), this tract being located along the Tulpehocken creek, and having considerable fruit and good water. (5) Irwin H., a bright and promising youth, died in 1906, at the age of fifteen years. (6) Levin K. died aged seven months.

Aaron L. Staudt, son of Samuel and brother of Henry L., was born in Lower Heidelberg township, on the old Staudt homestead, Dec. 22, 1849. He received his education in the township schools and was brought up by his father to a thorough knowledge of farming. At the age of twenty-four he began farming for himself on the farm whereon he now lives, and he has continued there uninterruptedly from that time. From the beginning until 1907 he attended the Reading market, covering a continuous period of over thirty years. He served the township as a school director for one term, and he officiated as a deacon and elder at Hain's Church for several terms.

In 1872 Mr. Staudt m. Catharine Spatz, daughter of John Spatz, of Lower Heidelberg, and they have five children: William m. Cora Hain; Eva m. Adam Kintzer; Carrie m. Harry Reber; Gertrude m. George Teter; Florence is attending the township school.

John Spatz, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Catharine (Spatz) Staudt, was a farmer in Centre township. He m. Mollie Runkel, and became the father of ten children: Samuel m. (first) Kate Wagner and (second) Catharine Bernhard; Benneville m. Sarah Reich; William m. Lizzie Kurtz; Daniel m. Leah Kurtz; Peter m. Kate Lindenmuth; Jared m. Sarah Becker; Abraham m. Matilda Hollenbach; Mary m. Daniel Faust; Sarah m. Joseph Hix; and John.

John Spatz, son of John, Sr., and father of Mrs. Staudt, was engaged in farming in Lower Heidelberg. He died in 1886, aged seventy-five years. His wife, Sarah Faust, daughter of John Faust, of Centre township, died in 1902, aged eighty-two years. They had eleven children, namely: Amelia m. Darius Leininger; Matilda m. Jacob Moyer; Daniel m. (first) Rebecca Blankenbiller, and (second) Elizabeth Ruth; Catharine m. Aaron L. Staudt; Caroline m. Henry Stitzel; Anna m. Charles Noll; John m. Catharine Hiester; Elizabeth m. Edwin Tobias; and Sarah, William and Joseph died young.

WILLIAM D. FILBERT, representative of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., New York City, was born at Womelsdorf, Pa., May 13, 1868, son of William S. Filbert, and a representative in the sixth generation of the family in America. From (I) Samuel Filbert, the emigrant ancestor who took the oath of allegiance Aug. 30, 1737, and his wife, Susanna, Mr. Filbert is descended through (II) Philip and his wife, Anna Maria (Myers), (III) John Filbert and his wife, Anna Maria (Leisse), (IV) Samuel Filbert and his wife, Catherine (Kalbach), (V) William S. and his wife Charlotte H. (Dewald). The history of each generation in detail appears elsewhere in this volume under the caption "Filbert Family."

(V) William S. Filbert was born Jan. 20, 1834, in Marion township, son of Samuel and Catharine (Kalbach) Filbert, and for many years he was a successful merchant at Womelsdorf, for a long time being in partnership with his brother George. He retired from business in 1908, and now resides at Womelsdorf. On Dec. 20, 1857, he married Charlotte H. Dewald, and to this union were born four children: John E., superintendent of the Nagle Boiler Works at Erie, Pa.; Kate, who married C. M. Petree, of Womelsdorf; William D.; and Harry S., who died at the age of twenty-one years.

(VI) William D. Filbert attended the public schools at Womelsdorf, and in 1884 he graduated from Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He then clerked in his father's store, acquiring a good practical knowledge of the commercial world. He continued here for fourteen years, being a partner for eight years. He then spent six years in the manufacture of cigars at Womelsdorf, and at the end of that time he became connected with Fairbanks, Morse & Co., a firm handling gas, gasoline and oil engines, Eclipse and Fairbanks-Morse windmills, steam and power pumps, railway specialties, dynamos and motors, mining supplies, gas producers and producer gas plants. In this position he has given great satisfaction. He is a man of pleasing personality, winning friends for himself and for the company he represents, and withal he is strictly a business man. He resides at No. 143 West Greenwich street, Reading.

Mr. Filbert has taken an active interest in public affairs. He is a believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and he served as president of the council at Womelsdorf when the town hall was built. Socially he belongs to Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Com-

mandery, No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mart S. Filbert and he are the owners of the Womelsdorf Consolidated Water Company.

Mr. Filbert married Miss Sadie Ermentrout, daughter of Joseph C. Ermentrout, and they have two children: Joseph W. and John H. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

AMANDA G. JONES, for many years principal of the Bingaman and Orange street school, in Reading, was one of a family in which many members have distinguished themselves by their intellectual attainments, either as teachers or ministers, a distinct scholarly trait appearing through several generations. Miss Jones, herself, was particularly successful in her work, in which she was engaged from the time of her graduation from the Reading high school in 1863, until her death March 16, 1908. She was a member of Berks County Chapter, D. A. R., by virtue of her descent from Lieut. Josiah Philips, her great-grandfather. Miss Jones was the daughter of Jonathan and Joanna (Philips) Jones, the latter of whom moved to Reading in the spring of 1860, after the death of her husband.

Jonathan Jones, a resident of Chester county, was the son of Samuel and Rachel (Davis) Jones, and grandson of Joseph and Lydia Jones, of Pikeland township, Chester county. His mother, as Rachel Davis, taught in the township long before the days of public schools, and was a very learned woman for her day. In religious faith she was a Baptist, and for fifty-nine years was a devoted member of the Great Valley Church.

On the maternal side Miss Jones traced her descent from Joseph and Mary Philips, who came from Wales to Chester county in 1755, and whose remains are interred there in the Vincent Burying Ground. One of their sons, Lieut. Josiah Philips, was a personal friend of George Washington, and served in the Revolution, three of his brothers being in the same company. One of Lieut. Philips's sons, Rev. Josiah, at one time pastor of the Windsor Baptist Church, in Chester county, was the father of Joanna Philips, who married Jonathan Jones.

Jonathan and Joanna Jones were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Samuel, Josiah, Ann Jane, Rachel D., Mary S., A. Judson, Amanda G. and Jonathan. Both parents are now deceased, and are interred in the Great Valley Baptist burying ground. Of the children there are two living: Miss Rachel D. lives in Reading; and A. Judson, of Minneapolis, was in early life a teacher, teaching his first term in Cumru township, Berks county. During the Civil war he served in the army, for more than three years, in Company B, 24th Wis. V. I., and afterward settled permanently in Minnesota. Samuel was a soldier in the Civil War. Ann Jane died aged six years. Jonathan, the youngest, was graduated from the Reading high school in 1863, served some time in the army and then entered Bucknell College, receiving a degree therefrom, and became principal of the Young Ladies' Seminary connected with his Alma Mater, a position he was ably filling when he died in Lewisburg, in 1882. Mary S. graduated from Bucknell College, and was a teacher in the Reading schools.

MELCHER. The Melcher (or Melchior) family was early settled in Bucks county, Pa. In the Goshenhoppen church records one Nicholas Melcher had a son George, born Feb. 13, 1743, and this George is said to have been the father of John, mentioned below.

John Melcher moved from Bucks county to Washington township, Berks county, where he owned the farm that is now the property of his grandson, James K. Melcher. He was born Dec. 12, 1791, and the greater part of his life was devoted to blacksmithing and farming being very successful in all that he undertook. He was prominent in public affairs as an ardent Democrat, and he held the offices of school director, auditor, and was frequently delegate to county conventions. His tract of one hundred acres was always in first class condition, and the stone building still on the land was formerly used by him for a blacksmith shop. He died Aug. 16, 1872, and is buried at Bally Catholic Church cemetery. He married Salome Buck, born Oct. 11, 1798, in Bucks county, and died Nov. 6, 1883. Their children were: Eliza m. (first) John Siegfried, and (second) Charles Kehs; Reuben; Jacob inherited the homestead, and his children were—John, Sarah, Edwin, Agnes, James and Kate; Mary m. Samuel Kohl, of Bally, and both are deceased; John m. Mary Schutt; Bennett, of Bally, had children—Lucy, George, Mary, Rosa and Howard; Lena m. John K. Adam, and lived at Bally; William, of Bally, m. Mary Linsenbigler, deceased, and has no children: Agnes died young; Sarah m. Jacob Giebel, deceased, and lived at Bally; Catharine was an invalid, and died aged sixty-five; and Joseph M., of Bally, had children—Katie (deceased), Clara (of Kansas) and Leo (at Clayton).

Reuben Melcher, son of John, was born in Washington township Feb. 1, 1818. He learned the blacksmith's trade under his father, and followed it for many years, but later in life he owned and cultivated the farm now the property of his son, Nicholas. He was very industrious, and his good farm was acquired by hard labor and thrift, and he was highly respected. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and never missed an election. He died Jan. 12, 1901, and was buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Bally. He married Catharine Quigley, born Feb. 9, 1820, daughter of John and Mary Quigley, of Washington township. She died June 15, 1864, the mother of two children: Nicholas; and Salome, m. to Aaron Eddinger, of Washington township, who is engaged as a cement layer.

NICHOLAS MELCHER, son of Reuben, and now a well known citizen of Bally, was born on the old Melcher homestead in Washington township, July 21, 1853. He was educated in the township schools which he attended until he was seventeen years of age. He remained at home working on the farm until he attained his majority, and then went to Reading, where he learned plastering. In the spring of 1875 he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he worked at his trade until January, 1880, when he returned to Berks county, and worked for his father on the farm for two years. He then married and began farming on his present place in Bally, formerly Churchville. He has a farm of sixty-five acres, which was once the property of his father, who erected the residence in 1853, and the barn the following year. The house has been remodeled by Mr. Melcher. He is an expert cement layer, and was the pioneer in the cement business in the village in which he lives and in the surrounding country. He also deals in different kinds of Portland cement, and has always been interested in this line.

Mr. Melcher is very much interested in the success of the Democratic party, and takes an active part in its work. He is a friend of the public schools, and has held a number of local offices. He and his family are active members of the Roman Catholic Church, belonging to the parish of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On Feb. 3, 1883, Mr. Melcher married Mary Mutter, daughter of George and Mary (Stoudt) Mutter, of Washington township. Their children were: Pauline; Lillie, who took the white veil and is at the Immaculate Heart Convent at Westchester, Pa.; Stella; Victor; Mary; Herman; Reuben; Helen; Raymond; Mabel; Marion; George; Leonard; Cyril; Regis, who died aged two years; and Grace.

Bennett Melcher, son of John and Salome (Buck) Melcher, was born April 30, 1828. He attended the parochial schools at Bally, and then learned the shoemaker's trade in 1842, following it until 1866, when he began farming at the farm connected with the church of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Here he continued until 1885, and he is now living retired from active work. He married Hannah Quigley, daughter of John Quigley, of Durham, Bucks county. Their children were: Lucy, m. to William Eddinger; Rosa m. to Solomon Brensinger; George W.; Mary, m. to John Chelius; and Howard, m. to Anna Adam.

GEORGE W. MELCHER, son of Bennett, was born July 4, [illegible] ory course. He then began teaching in Washington [illegible] railroading, and f[illegible] gage master or cond[illegible] facture of men's t[illegible] 1905 in connection [illegible] began the manufacturing of silk ribbon. Since 1907 [illegible] has handled the ribbon exclusively, having disposed of the rest of the business. He carries on business under the name of The Orino Silk Mills, and operates eighteen looms. The product of the mills runs to about $100,000 per year, and is shipped all over the United States. Everything about the factory is strictly up-to-date. The building is 54 x 78 feet and two stories high. He has considerable ground not yet occupied by the building, thus being able to expand as the business increases. The factory is heated by steam, and its own dynamo furnishes the lighting. In March, 1908, was organized the First National Bank of Bally, Mr. Melcher being chairman of the organizing committee. He was elected its president, and the bank was opened for business July 1, 1909.

Mr. Melcher is a member of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, and fraternally is connected with Reading Council No. 793, Knights of Columbus; Lodge, No. 814, B. P. O. E., of Pottstown; and St. Joseph's Beneficial Society at Bally. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is now serving as deputy coroner of his district.

Mr. Melcher married Rosa Clemmer, daughter of David B. Clemmer, of Bally. She died June 11, 1904, aged thirty-nine years, nine months. Their children were: Bertha, born July 27, 1886; Charles C., March 23, 1888; William C., March 27, 1890; Mary C., June 24, 1893; John C., Nov. 22, 1895; Paul C., Aug. 20, 1898; Cecilia C., Dec. 18, 1900; and Bennett C., March 15, 1903.

IRWIN WILLIAM L. HUYETT, late a farmer of Cumru township, Berks Co., Pa., was born there June 14, 1860, and died Oct. 27, 1894, aged thirty-four years, four months, thirteen days.

Isaac Huyett, his grandfather, born in Cumru township April 5, 1805, died Aug. 17, 1871, aged sixty-six years, four months, twelve days. He was a farmer and cattle dealer in Cumru township, carrying on extensive operations for many years. He married Sarah Gaul, born Feb. 14, 1804, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Gaul, died July 19, 1871, aged sixty-seven years, five months, five days. They had children as follows: Isaac G., father of Irwin William L. Huyett; Joseph G., who died in 1900; Mary Ann, m. to (first) Christian Gaul and (second) Henry Hettinger; Kate, m. to James Pennypacker; Elizabeth, m. to Samuel Reifsnyder; and Sarah G., born Jan. 24, 1837, died Jan. 9, 1872, m. to Henry Close. In religious belief this family were Lutherans.

Isaac G. Huyett, born June 9, 1833, died Sept. 11, 1872, aged thirty-nine years, three months, two days. He was a farmer in Cumru township, where he lived and died. On Oct. 23, 1855, he m. Hannah S. Lauer, born July 29, 1837, died Aug. 22, 1887, aged fifty years, twenty-three days. They had children as follows: Sarah (m. Howard Potteiger), Irwin William L., Tyson (m. Kate Mohn), Kate (m. (first) Douglass Hornberger and (second) a Haak) and John.

Irwin William L. Huyett was reared on the old Huyett homestead in Cumru township, living there with his parents until they died, and after his mother's death obtaining the farm for his own. He remained there until his death, engaged in general farming. The place is near the "Five Mile House." Mr. Huyett was a successful farmer, and though he died when comparatively a young man, left his family in comfortable circumstances.

On Jan. 17, 1888, Mr. Huyett was married to Matilda V. Reber, born Feb. 26, 1862, daughter of Benneville and Mary Ellen (Dechert) Reber, who had a family of five children, namely: Conrad, of Sinking Spring; Sarah, m. to Frank Hartman; Mary, m. to Peter Leinbach; Matilda [illegible] of J. William L. Huyett, and Thomas D., [illegible] proprietor of the Rockford Lumber [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Huyett had four children: infant, born Feb. 7, 1889, died Feb. 12, 1889; Luke R., born June 28, 1890; Irwin W., born Oct. 27, 1892; and Mary Ellen, born Nov. 29, 1894.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Huyett has resided in her own comfortable residence on Main street, Sinking Spring, where she lived prior to her marriage. Mr. Huyett was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring, and served as deacon. He is buried in the family lot at that church.

PETER D. WANNER, a member of the Berks county Bar and one of the prominent men of Reading, is descended from French-German ancestry, whose first American representative, Martin Wanner, lived in the Palatinate, Germany, and came to America in August, 1732, landing in Philadelphia, and after remaining at Germantown for several years, removed to Colebrookdale Township, in this county.

In the Old World, however, the line is carried back for centuries. From an old manuscript it is learned that the name Wanner is recorded in the genealogical table book of the German noblemen, at Vienna, Austria, among the nobles that resided in Wangen, Upper Swabia. The ancestral line is traced back to the year A. D. 790. At this period Charles the Great, King of France, enlarged the city and surrounded it by high walls; this being completed, he appointed Bertrande de Vanneres, a distinguished and experienced warrior, as chief counsellor of the city. Bertrande de Vanneres was born in France, and afterwards went to Germany, and when he became a resident of the town Wangen, he changed his name into Bertrand Wanner. His wife was Julia Kurtz, from Ricordia.

The Escutcheon.—Two lilies were engraved upon his shield, and one on the helmet; these composed the escutcheon of his family in France. Besides two lilies he had engraved on each side of the one a horn, as a sign that he was empowered to counsel and to protect the City. He died A. D. 832, and left two sons, named Winfred and Herbert, who bore the same escutcheon.

The family soon became very large, and a number still remain residents of Wangen, where they are held in high estimation among the nobility. In the reign of King Ludwig their nobility was re-established and ratified, by order of the King. The escutcheon was improved and distributed among those that resided in Upper Swabia. By order of Charles V., of Germany, the biographies of those most distinguished were written and placed in the archives at Vienna, where they can be seen at the present day.

The two above mentioned were officers under the King, the one stationed at Augsburg and the other at Constance. On account of the unremitting war which raged at that time throughout nearly all Germany, only two of the Wanner family remained in Germany in the year 1539. Those were named Godfried and Henry Wanner. They were both Counsellors at Wangen, and from thence the Wanner lineage became divided into two families:

(1) Godfried became the father of those that remained in the Swabian line, but soon some settled in Baiern and Switzerland. Godfried became chief burgess of Wangen. The name of his wife was Lucia Dollinger. He died A. D. 1592, and left three sons, named William, Anthony and Friedrich. Of these William remained in Wangen, Anthony resided in Augsburg, and Friedrich went to Switzerland.

(2) Henry went to Frankfort-on-the-Main and became a trader in gold and silver. The name of his wife was Bertha Jannetka. He died in 1580, and left a son named Rudolf Wanner, who died in 1580, and left a son who became a goldsmith in Frankfort, and obtained great wealth; but during the Thirty Years' war he was plundered by the Spaniards and left but a small patrimony to his sons at his death. The foregoing is taken

from the Europe Escutcheon Book and the family record in the library at Vienna.

Martin Wanner, previously mentioned as the first Wanner to come to America, was Peter D. Wanner's great-great-grandfather. He came to Colebrookdale township, where he followed farming and became the father of three sons, Christian, Jacob and Peter, the last named our subject's great-grandfather.

Peter Wanner, who came to Fleetwood, then called Coxtown, where he became noted for his activity and influence, built and was for a time "mine host" of the famous old stone hotel at that point, which has housed many important personages in its time. He was also proprietor of the old stone grist mill there, and of an abandoned woolen mill higher up on the stream. He died at the home of his son John about 1831, when he was aged ninety-two years.

John Wanner, son of Peter, was born at Coxtown, and was a very talented man and highly esteemed by the people, who elected him Justice of the Peace for a number of years, also county commissioner, and member of the Legislature. He established and lived on a farm near Kutztown on the Reading road, where he died in November, 1842, in the prime of life.

Peter D. Wanner, the immediate subject of this review, was born near Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., Dec. 1, 1840, son of William Wanner, son of John Wanner. He passed the formative period of his life with his parents on the Wanner Homestead, in hard work—the lot of the average farmer's boy—in the winters picking up the rudiments of an education at the local school. Although his opportunities were poor, he manifested such aptness and was so eager to advance, that he finally prepared himself to enter the schoolroom as a teacher. Whatever else can be said of this time-honored occupation, it is true that it has been the stepping-stone by which many a poor boy has been enabled to get a start in life. After teaching during the winters of 1857, 1858 and 1859, Mr. Wanner, in the Spring of 1859, entered Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa., where he made rapid progress, and in 1860 became a student of Fairview Seminary, at Kutztown, and later on one of the assistant teachers, pursuing his studies at the same time. At the close of two years he was far enough advanced to enter Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., where he graduated in 1865. Two months later he was admitted to the Bar at Lancaster, which means that he crowded a college and legal course into three years, an unusual accomplishment.

Mr. Wanner commenced to practice his profession at Reading in the fall of 1865, and soon acquired prominence at the Bar. He ran for district attorney in 1868 as a Democrat, but was not elected to the office until 1871. In 1875 he was appointed county solicitor. In 1878 he ran for Congress against the Hon. Hiester Clymer, and came very near defeating him at the Primary. Prior to this defeat, Mr. Wanner had given all his time and attention to law and politics.

In 1879 he became interested in the works of The Mellert Foundry & Machine Company, Limited, and later on also in the Reading Foundry Company, Limited, both large concerns, in which he succeeded remarkably well up to the panic of 1893, having become almost sole owner of both, and he had amassed a handsome fortune; but during the prolonged depression between 1893 and 1900, he lost the greater portion of it, but by no fault of his, and he claims for himself that no man could have managed better, or would have stood more heroically by the works than he did; and that with but slight support from some friend, with money and influence, he could easily have bridged over the crisis, and would now be one of the richest men in Reading. Fate, however, decided against him on this line, and he again returned to his first love, the practice of law, and occupies fine offices on the third floor of the building known by his name, corner of Court and Reed streets, which he built in 1895. While in the iron business, Mr. Wanner also became interested in the construction and management of a large number of water works, in which he made considerable money, and he is still interested in some four or five companies. He has been an active member of the Reading Board of Trade since its organization many years ago, and served as its third President.

In 1904 Mr. Wanner, in his anxiety to get back into practice more quickly, became a candidate for district attorney; and again in 1907, but his candidacy was not well received owing to a custom in Berks county politics, against giving a candidate a second term in certain offices that he held once before. However, Mr. Wanner does not propose to lie down either in law or politics, and is determined to succeed in both before making his final exit.

Mr. Wanner is of a literary turn of mind, and has read and written a great deal in his time. Many of his papers have been published in newspapers, etc. He has also been very fond of speaking even from his boyhood, and has, without doubt, made more public speeches than any other man in his County.

Mr. Wanner was married to Miss Kate Mellert, daughter of Arnold Mellert, Sept. 5, 1872. There were born to them two daughters, Mary E. and Elsie F. and three sons, William A., John P., and Clarence M.; three other children died in infancy.

The possibilities of the American boy have had a fair demonstration in the career under consideration. By sheer will power and determination, securing an education in the face of great obstacles, battling his way unaided to the front in his chosen profession, succeeding in a line foreign to his preparation, only to have the coveted prize slip from his grasp, but through no fault of his own, and again to achieve success in law and politics,—great is the American boy! But he must be great in spirit, must "hitch his wagon to a star" and keep his eye on the main chance. For such men of Peter D. Wanner's stamp are examples for earnest study, for the qualities which lifted them may be cultivated, and achieved by the youth who has the strength and force of character to attempt it.

Mr. Wanner resides at the head of Walnut street, in one of the most beautiful homes of his adopted city.

MORRIS B. MELOT, former landlord and restaurant proprietor at Fleetwood, was born in Oley township, Berks county, Feb. 25, 1855, and comes of French Huguenot stock, being descended from Pierre Melot, who came from France to Philadelphia, Oct. 22, 1773, and soon afterward settled in Oley township.

George S. Melot, son of Pierre and grandfather of Morris B., was born in 1782 in Oley township, and spent his life there, residing half a mile south of Friedensburg. His occupation was that of farmer and drover. By his union with Susanna Seyer he had twelve children, Rosanna, Elizabeth, Johannes, Levi, Johan George, Susanna, Maria, Amos, Daniel, Jacob, Seyer and Catherine.

Amos S. Melot was born Sept. 27, 1824, in Oley township. He became a man of considerable influence in the locality and when the borough of Fleetwood was established in 1872, he was chosen one of its first councilmen. His wife, whom he married Oct. 15, 1848, was Miss Malinda Boyer, daughter of Samuel Boyer. Born Dec. 20, 1827, she survives her husband, and although in the eighty-third year of her age, is still remarkably well-preserved. Amos S. Melot reached only his fifty-seventh year, passing away June 19, 1881. Their children were: William B., who died in April, 1900, unmarried; Chester B., who married Lizzie Zern, daughter of Rev. Zern, deceased, of Fleetwood, and has children—Bessie, Chester and Helen; Augustus B., who married Emma Delp, and died in August, 1895, leaving two children—Jeanette (a teacher in the public schools at Fleetwood) and Charles; and Morris B.

Morris B. Melot removed with his parents from Oley township to Fleetwood in 1863, and he has ever since made his home there. As a young man he was first employed for nine years as a clerk in the general store of Melot, Madeira & Co., in Fleetwood, and after that was in a mercantile business there for himself for two years. During twenty years he was engaged in the hotel and res-

taurant business, and was located at the corner of Main and Richmond streets, when he retired April 1, 1909, and was succeeded by his son Warren. Mr. Melot is active in politics, supporting the Republican party, was county committeeman for more than eight years, and was postmaster of Fleetwood for four years, appointed by President McKinley. While a loyal party man, he is above all a good citizen and is held in general esteem.

On July 15, 1881, Mr. Melot married Miss Clara K. Kemp, daughter of Alfred C. and Susanna (Weaver) Kemp, of Lehigh county, Pa. She has borne her husband four children, namely: Maud married Irwin Leibensperger, of Fleetwood; Warren, twin to Maud, and present proprietor of the "Grand Central Hotel and Restaurant," married Miss Ida Heiter, and has four children, Harold, Milford, Clara and Roger; Gussie; and Morris, Jr. The family reside on the old Melot homestead and the aged grandmother, Mrs. Amos S. Melot, makes her home with them.

FRANK KLINE, an enterprising young business man of Reading, Pa., who is conducting a first-class drug store on Schuylkill avenue, is a native of Reading, born June 6, 1875, son of Jacob and Terrenta (Fisher) Kline, and grandson of Daniel Kline, one of Berks county's early settlers.

Jacob Kline received his education in Bern township, Berks county, and early in life took up contracting, which he followed all his active period. He is now deceased, but his widow makes her home with her son, our subject. In religious belief Jacob Kline is connected with the German Lutheran Church. His politics are Democratic.

Frank Kline secured his early education in the schools of Reading, and when a youth entered the drug store of John B. Raser, where he secured a good, practical knowledge of the business. In 1894 he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating therefrom in 1896, at which time he entered the employ of Charles H. Raudenbush, and Anthony Schaich, with whom he remained three and one-half years. He then accepted a position with the well known Philadelphia drug firm of John Wyeth & Brother, whom he represented until 1901, and in this year he returned to Reading, opening a business of his own at No. 408 Schuylkill avenue, but requiring larger quarters, he purchased and built at No. 432 Schuylkill avenue. Mr. Kline handles a full and complete line of drugs, candies, toilet articles and proprietary medicines, and manufactures several well-known remedies, among them "Mrs. King's Celebrated Child Ease," and "Jumper Kidney Pills," these medicines having gained for him an enviable reputation, being sold throughout the country. His laboratory is at No. 439 Miltinore street. Mr. Kline commands some of the best trade in Reading, and is well deserving of the success which he has attained.

In 1901 Mr. Kline married Miss Bessie M. Schultz, daughter of John B. Schultz, and to this union there have been born three children: J. Denton, Margaret Eleanor and Frank, Jr. Mr. Kline is a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, DeMolay Commandery, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; of Vigilance Lodge, I. O. O. F., Reading; of the K. G. E.; the Schuylkill Fire Company; Knights of Malta; the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, and the Berks County Pharmaceutical Association. He and his wife attend First Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Kline is a Republican.

THOMAS C. BRICKER, floorman in the large department store of Lord & Gage, Reading, was born near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, and received his education in the common schools and at the Palatinate College. He then taught public school for three terms, assisting the railway station agent at Wernersville during the summer season. From 1877 to 1879, he acted as the assistant agent and operator at Boyertown, and from 1879 to 1884, as station agent at Langhorne, on the New York Division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. He was then transferred to Wernersville, where he continued until 1890, excepting a brief service as agent on the Bulson Street Wharf, at Camden, New Jersey.

In 1890 Mr. Bricker formed a partnership with his brother for carrying on the hardware business in Reading. They purchased the store of Jackson & Obold, and carried it on for four years under the name of Bricker Bros. The Wernersville State Asylum having been completed about this time, the position of steward's clerk was offered him, and he accepting it, the firm sold their stock and discontinued the business. Mr. Bricker filled this position in a satisfactory manner for two years, when the board of managers advanced him to storekeeper. After serving for a year as store-keeper, his services and efficiency were so highly appreciated by the board that he was promoted to the responsible position of steward, Dec. 1, 1896, and this he filled up to Aug. 15, 1908, when, on account of ill health, he resigned. His residence is at Wernersville, where he erected a very attractive home for himself and his wife. He assisted in organizing and building the Trinity Lutheran Church at Wernersville, in 1896, and officiated as secretary of the congregation and superintendent of the Sunday-school from its organization. He also assisted in organizing the public library, and the water company of the village, becoming the president of the former, and one of the directors of the latter. Soon after his resignation as steward of the Asylum, Mr. Bricker came to Reading, where he is employed as floorman in the large department store of Lord & Gage. He travels to and from Wernersville.

David Bricker, father of Thomas C., lived retired for some years in Wernersville, after having been a farmer for some thirty years in Heidelberg township. He was born in 1836 and died in 1904. His wife was Caroline Moyer, a daughter of William and Hannah (Hoyer) Moyer, of Womelsdorf, and they had five children: Martin, who died when a young man; Daniel M., now deceased, m. to Lizzie Potts; Thomas C.; Ella C., m. to John Bosler; and Emma C., m. to Eugene Hetrich.

Mr. Bricker's grandfather was Christian Bricker, a farmer of Heidelberg. He m. Hannah Gruber, and they had five children: Jonathan, m. to Mary Herb; Jacob, m. to Annie Gruber; John, m. to Elmeda Brockway; Daniel, m. to Rebecca Hettinger; and Kate, m. to David Cox. Christian Bricker's antecedents came from Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in the vicinity of Brickerville.

Thomas C. Bricker m. Luneta E. Reber, daughter of Levi F. Reber, of Wernersville. Her father, a native of Penn township, m. Mary A. Rumble, of Ringtown, Schuylkill county, by whom he had five children: Luneta; Theresa, m. to Elijah H. Miller; Sarah; John H.; and Robert, who died young. Mrs. Bricker's grandfather, John B. Reber, was of Penn township, where he carried on a large gristmill and farm, and he also became interested in coal operations in Schuylkill county. He was born in 1818, and died in 1894. He was married three times. His first wife was Sarah Fisher, of Heidelberg township, by whom he had two children: Mary A., m. to Dr. James Deppen; and Levi F. His second wife was Mary Gernant, daughter of John Gernant. His third wife was Montana Dunbar. Her great-grandfather was Conrad Reber, born in 1788, and died in 1854. He was married to Susanna Bright of Bernville, and by her had ten children. His father, Thomas Reber, born in 1746 died in 1821; and his grandfather, Johann Bernhard Reber, emigrated from Langenselbold, Germany, in 1738, landing at Philadelphia; naturalized in 1768; m. Johanna Magdalena Hahn, by whom he had five children, John, Ludwig, Thomas (above named), Valentine and Peter.

Mrs. Bricker's grandfather on the mother's side was Henry Rumble, whose wife was Salome, and they had six children besides Mrs. Reber, mother of Mrs. Bricker, namely: Henry m. Elizabeth Seenley; Rebecca m. William Kaudig; Daniel m. Sarah Seltzer; Joshua m. three

times, (first) Lucy Seenley, (second) Hannah Derr, and (third) Jennie Aldrich; John P.; and Jacob.

JOHN J. SPOTTS, a good, practical farmer of Caernarvon township, Berks county, whose fertile farm of ninety acres is situated near Morgantown, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1859, son of George and Mary Ann (Grube) Spotts, the former of whom was born in 1837 and died in 1882, and the latter of whom makes her home in Morgantown, being about seventy years of age. George Spotts, Mr. Spotts' grandfather, died in 1861, and was buried at Churchtown, as was also his wife, who had been a Miss Ax.

John J. Spotts has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits and his present farm is in a high state of cultivation. He is a Republican in politics, but has always refused to allow his name to be connected in the way of political preferment. He and his family are members of the Morgantown Methodist Church. He married Sept. 2, 1885, Emma Byler, born on the farm on which the Spotts family now reside, it formerly having belonged to her father. Three children have been born to this union: Dora, born in 1886; Mamie, born in 1889; and Ralph, born July 13, 1895.

Jacob Byler, Mrs. Spotts' great-grandfather, came to this township from Germany and settled on the old Byler homestead in Lancaster county, and of whom the following story is told: After a heavy snow storm had subsided, Mr. Byler went to the woods, to gather fire-wood. Noting several snow-covered mounds his curiosity was aroused and he brushed away the snow, only to find that the mounds were Indians, who had wrapped themselves in blankets and gone to sleep! Mr. Byler's curiosity nearly cost him his life.

Jacob Byler's son, also named Jacob, was born July 3, 1776, and died June 23, 1845. He married Magdalene Byler, born Dec. 11, 1775, and among their children was a son David, the father of Mrs. Spotts, born July 20, 1821, who died Jan. 4, 1885. He married Phoebe Bean, who survives him and lives in Morgantown, being in her eighty-third year.

GEORGE C. DILLON, an energetic and enterprising business man of Reading, Pa., and one who has made his own way in the world, is conducting a first-class grocery in that city. He was born Oct. 3, 1867, in Reading, son of George W. Dillon, a shoemaker by occupation, who in the summer months followed boating along the Schuylkill river. George W. Dillon married Mary A. Mohr, born in Schuylkill county, and they became the parents of these children: Moses, employed by the Reading Iron Company, at Reading; William H., employed by the Reading Hardware Company; Mrs. E. R. Knowles, of Port Carbon, Pa.; and George C.

George C. Dillon received his literary training in the public schools of his native city, and his first employment was with the Penn Hardware Company. Leaving this firm, he engaged with the Reading Iron Company, and remained eleven years in their employ, after which he drove the country team of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, for three years. Being then employed by George E. Lesher, in the grocery business, he continued with that gentleman for one year, the next year being spent with J. E. Clouser. Mr. Dillon was employed by the National Biscuit Company, as salesman, for eleven months, at the end of which time he engaged with Kurtz & Mayers, selling coffee, spices, etc., and at this latter he continued for three years or until engaging in business on his own account, Oct. 23, 1902, being located at No. 725 Washington street. Here Mr. Dillon has built up a very lucrative business. His straightforward manner of doing business, his genial courtesy and cordiality, and his native honesty and integrity have won him not only a large and steady patronage, but a host of warm friends as well, and he is very popular in his community.

On Dec. 24, 1890, Mr. Dillon married Mary E. Eckenrode, daughter of James Eckenrode, and to this union has been born one daughter, Ruth Viola. In political affiliations Mr. Dillon is connected with the Republican party, and he was elected a member of the school board in February, 1909. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. Very popular in fraternal circles, Mr. Dillon is a Mason, joining Lodge No. 62, in January, 1898, and is also connected with the Red Men No. 186, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Liberty Fire Company.

MAHLON D. WINTER, postmaster at Centreport, Berks county, and a man who has been in business in that vicinity from early manhood, was born Jan. 13, 1869, in Centre township, son of Christian R. Winter and grandson of Christian Winter.

Christian Winter, the grandfather, was born in Berks county and followed shoemaking in Centre township, where he is buried, at Belleman's Church. He lived to the age of ninety-seven, having been born in 1800 and died in 1897. His wife's maiden name was Rick, and they had a family of nine children: William, John, Christian R., Charles, Frank, Cyrus, Malinda, Elizabeth and Lavina.

Christian R. Winter, son of Christian, born in 1829 in Centre township, followed lime burning there. He retired in 1902, and now makes his home at Centreport. He married Susanna Dundore, and they have a family of seven children: Matilda m. Miles Royer, of Illinois; Mary m. Oliver Horning; Katie m. David Mengel; James lives in Kansas City, Mo.; William is unmarried; John, of Reading, m. Louisa Kauffman; Mahlon D. is mentioned below.

Mahlon D. Winter attended public school in Centre township, and learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for eighteen months. After that he clerked in a general store at Centreport for three years and two months, and then engaged in business for himself at West Leesport, where he remained for two years. He was next at Centreport for two years, was engaged in sawmilling for one year, and in 1898 embarked in the confectionery business at Centreport, which he has continued ever since. In 1906 he went into the lumber business again, cutting down timber. He has one mill in operation, and has cut many feet of timber in Berks county. In 1907 Mr. Winter built a shirt factory at Centreport, a frame building two stories high, where from twenty-five to fifty hands are employed.

Mr. Winter has been quite active in the public affairs of Centreport, has served six years as councilman of the borough, as surveyor, as school director (acting as secretary of the school board), and as Republican committeeman of Centreport for eleven years. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster by the late President McKinley. He is connected with Odd Fellows Lodge No. 141, at Leesport, and with Camp No. 446, P. O. S. of A., of Centreport. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Winter married Lizzie E. Ernst, of Centre township, daughter of Emanuel and Priscilla (Klopp) Ernst, and six children have been born to them, five surviving: Oscar (who died when eight years old), Lloyd, Frank, Raymond, Armand and Alberta.

GEORGE S. STIRL, a well-known business man of Reading, who is engaged as dealer in local stocks, bonds and investments, and also having a general steamship agency, located at No. 37 North Sixth street, Reading, Pa., was born in Maxatawny township, Sept. 29, 1864, son of Ernest A. and Isabella C. (Wink) Stirl.

Ernest A. Stirl was a native of Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany, and while in his native country learned the trade of coppersmith. He later took up the study of music, graduating from the conservatory of music at Leipzig. On coming to America he located at Hamburg, Pa., and was living with his family at Shippensburg, Pa., at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted as chief bugler in Company L, 22d Pa. Cav., a position he held throughout his service. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war, and returned to Hamburg, Pa., where he lived until his death May 10, 1866. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom George S. is the only survivor.

Mr. Stirl married Helen M. Shearer, daughter of Joseph Shearer, and to them have been born three children: Joseph S., George S. and Miriam L.

JOSEPH S. SNYDER, a representative agriculturalist of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, whose fine farm of 118 acres is situated along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, was born April 13, 1851, in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, son of John and Elizabeth (Stohler) Snyder.

Samuel Snyder, grandfather of Joseph S., resided at Iona, Lebanon county, where he owned several farms, and was a man of considerable means. He married Martha Gingrich, and they had six children: John, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Kate and Sarah.

John Snyder, father of Joseph S., was born in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county, in 1820, and died near Lebanon in 1900, being buried at Iona. He was a farmer by occupation, owning a nice property, and was a member of the meeting-house in his community. Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Stohler, who died in 1883, daughter of Johannes Stohler, of Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, and they had children as follows: John, Samuel, Monroe, Malinda, Joseph S., Martha, Sarah, Kate and Lizzie.

Joseph S. Snyder was reared on his father's farm, and when twenty-four years old he began farming on an eighty-eight acre tract in his native township, where he resided for four years. He then sold his farm stock and removed with his father-in-law to Millcreek township, where he resided one year, at the end of that time purchasing a seventy-acre farm, which he operated for a period of eighteen years, this farm being located in the southwest corner of the township. Mr. Snyder also owned an eighty-acre property in South Lebanon township, but on moving to Berks county in 1891, he sold both of these tracts and purchased the well-known Michael Kintzer farm in Lower Heidelberg township, which consists of 118 acres of some of the best land to be found in this part of the State. On this property are located a Swiss barn 106x45 feet, and a large brick house, which is beautifully located and surrounded by a large, well-kept lawn. Mr. Snyder has fine farm stock, and cultivates his property with the latest and most highly improved machinery, and his operations in the agricultural line were attended with much success. In the fall of 1908 he gathered 3500 bushels of corn from twenty-two acres. He still owns this farm but in the spring of 1908 moved into Reading. He attends the Reading market once or twice a week, having stand No. 106 at the Kissinger market-house. In politics Mr. Snyder is a Democrat, but he has never been desirous of holding public office. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Schaefferstown Church.

On Oct. 5, 1876, Mr. Snyder was married to Maggie Person, born in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, June 19, 1856, daughter of David and Adaline (Moore) Person, and she died May 14, 1904, being buried at Schaefferstown. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, namely: Clayton died aged three years; Emma m. John Bennetch, of Spring township; David lives in Ohio; Milton is ticket agent at Gladwyne, Pa.; Lizzie; Addie lives at Gladwyne; Alice m. Feb. 6, 1909, William H. Noll, and lives in Reading; Irwin is the dairyman of the Griscolm Company, at Gladwyne, Pa.; Ella; Mary died when nearly six years old; John; Hiram; and Laura died in infancy.

H. J. CROESSANT, proprietor of the Empire Bottling Works, No. 215 Moss street, and sole agent for Sheboygan Mineral Water, is a native of the city of Reading, born in 1856, son of Henry Croessant and wife, whose maiden name was Miller.

Mr. Croessant's parents died when he was but two and one-half years old, and he was reared and cared for by Herman Floto. His education was secured in the schools of Reading, and he was first employed by Mr. Floto, with whom he continued until eighteen years of age. At this time he learned the house painting trade at which he continued for four years, when he went to work for Daniel Wentzel, and continued bottling beer until 1882. At this time with a Mr. Freis, he purchased the concern, from James Wentzel, and in 1897 he bought Mr. Freis' interest, and since that time has been running the business alone. The plant at No. 215 Moss street is equipped with the latest modern machinery, and he manufactures a high grade of carbonated drinks, bottling Lauer's, Barbey's, Reading, Deppen's, Ballentine's and Piel's beers of New York. He employs on an average ten men, and five teams, furnishing all the leading hotels and cafes in the city. Mr. Croessant is a member of the K. G. E., the P. O. S. of A., the Bavarians, the Phœnix, Maennerchor, Liederkranz, Americus and Commercial Clubs, the Rainbow Fire Company, and several other societies.

Mr. Croessant was married to Sophia Bower, and to them were born four sons: Henry, who died aged thirteen years; William, who is employed by his father, and m. to Agnes Wielands; Herman, employed by his father, and m. to Mary Stehman; and Frederick.

JOHN GEORGE SCHUMACHER, late a retired business man of Reading, Pa., who was formerly largely interested in the coffee roasting line, was born May 4, 1838, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John and Margaret (Koenig) Schumacher, and died Sept. 4, 1909.

The parents of Mr. Schumacher were natives of Germany, and the mother died there aged sixty years. In 1851 the father came to America. Prior to this he had been a farmer but in this country he was a laborer. He died at the age of fifty-eight years. There were twelve children in the family, evenly divided, and four of them are still living, John George and two sisters in Schuylkill county, and one yet in Germany.

John G. Schumacher attended school in his native land and also learned the weaving trade there. In 1861 he came to America, landing at New York city, going thence to Philadelphia and from there to Schuylkill Haven, where he found employment at different jobs. In 1874 he came to Reading and later went to railroading, working for thirteen years for the Pennsylvania Company, between Pottsville and Philadelphia. He then bought a coffee roaster which he operated with ample success up to 1892, when he retired from active business. He lived in his pleasant home at No. 1046 Elm street and owned considerable city property, mostly in the Ninth ward, where he had twenty-four houses. He was also in the wall paper business for a time, and had a practical knowledge of many lines. His last years were fully occupied in looking after his real estate investments.

Mr. Schumacher was married (first) to Mary Rolland, and they had one daughter, Annie M., who died in 1895, the wife of George Becker. Mr. Schumacher m. (second) Annie Rote, and they had one daughter, Mary, wife of Daniel Parker, a resident of Exeter township. Mr. Schumacker m. (third) Margaret Schmidt, widow of Benjamin Herbst.

In politics Mr. Schumacher was a Democrat. He had belonged to the Lutheran Church from boyhood, and had filled almost all of the church offices. He was a well known and very highly esteemed citizen. In 1892 he made an enjoyable visit of three months in Germany, visiting the scenes of his early life.

CONRAD G. BOWER (deceased) was born in Switzerland, March 22, 1846. His father came to America with his family of six children in 1851, landing at New York, whence he came direct to Reading. Here he followed his trade of wheelwright, but lived a retired life for twenty years prior to his death, on Jan. 22, 1897. His wife died Aug. 5, 1895, and both are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Reading. On the voyage to America two of the children died and were buried at sea. The children born in Switzerland were: William, Francis, Victor, Mary, Joseph and Conrad G.; while three born after the emigration to America were: John, Louis (deceased) and George.

Conrad G. Bower came to America with his parents when five years of age, and attended the public schools of Reading. His first employment was in a brick yard, and he later learned the hatting trade, which he followed for fifteen years in the factory of Kutz & Arnold. He then embarked in the hotel business at Locust and Elm streets, where he remained twenty-six years, retiring from business in April, 1903. On Jan. 22, 1904, Mr. Bower passed away, aged fifty-seven years, ten months. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted Feb. 10, 1865, in Company F, 192d Pa. V. I., Col. William Stewart, and was honorably discharged Aug. 24, 1865. For twenty years he was a member of Post 16, G. A. R., and of the Ivy Leaf Association, in which he was very popular. Both he and his wife belonged to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

On June 4, 1868, Mr. Bower married Sarah A. Hauck, who was born in Lancaster county, daughter of the late John and Mary A. (Getz) Hauck, the former of whom came from Bavaria, Germany, in 1846, locating in the city of Lancaster, Pa., where he was the owner of the land on which St. Joseph's Catholic Church now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Bower had no children, but adopted and reared Mary A. Gantz, who survives. Mrs. Bower resided at No. 343 North Twelfth street, where one of her most precious possessions was an old spinning-wheel, which was secured from a farmer, whom Mr. Bower, while on one of his numerous fishing trips, had seen throw it on an ash pile. In the death of Conrad G. Bower the city of Reading lost one of its good citizens. Honest and straightforward in his dealings with his fellow men, he was respected and esteemed by all, and his loss is felt not only by his immediate friends, but by the community at large. Mrs. Bower survived until Aug. 23, 1907, when she, too, entered into rest, beloved by all who knew her.

WELLINGTON L. WISE, whose fine farm lies three-quarters of a mile southeast of Amityville, Berks county, is a member of a family whose early home was in the Palatinate, Germany, his great-grandfather, Ehrhart Weiss, emigrating from that locality to America during the latter half of the eighteenth century. When he first came to the New World, in company with others he traveled through the Oley Valley with a view to settling there, but they found there only wood of small growth, and this caused them to question the fertility of the soil. They drifted along in the direction of what is now known as Koch's Tavern in Pike township, where they found heavy timber and good water, and accordingly chose that place for their new homes. Ehrhart Weiss had a number of children, and many of his descendants are in Lower Berks county at the present time.

John Weiss, son of Ehrhart, was born above Gabelsville, in Colebrookdale, and there grew to manhood and learned the tailor's trade. This he followed some years, and then came to Douglass township, and bought the 163-acre farm now owned by Wilson Schmale, and this he cultivated for forty years. At the end of that time he moved to Earl township, and for a number of years conducted the "Worman Hotel." When he retired his son-in-law, Jeremiah Wentzel, took charge of the same place. Mrs. Weiss died at this hotel from a stroke of apoplexy, while sitting in her chair, Oct. 15, 1852. She was Anna Hartranft, born Nov. 17, 1786, daughter of William and Anna Barbara Hartranft. Mr. Weiss made his home with his son-in-law at the hotel until his own death April 6, 1879. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Sarah m. Samuel Fisher; Samuel (born Aug. 2, 1809, died Feb. 9, 1883) m. Catharine (born Nov. 24, 1815, died July 22, 1895); Polly; Rebecca; Sophia; Ephraim (born Oct. 16, 1816, died March 4, 1864); Catharine; William H.; Henry and Caroline.

William H. Wise, son of John, was born in Douglass township, near Pine schoolhouse, Jan. 31, 1822, and died in the same township Jan. 18, 1898, and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Amityville. William H. Wise was a farmer, owning a ninety-two acre farm in Douglass, which is now the property of his son Warren. He was a Lutheran member of Amityville church, and served as deacon and elder many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and long served as school director. He was public-spirited and progressive, and was sincerely interested in furthering the cause of public education. He married Rebecca Levengood, born March 17, 1826, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Weiler) Levengood, and she died May 5, 1875, the mother of ten children, as follows: Philip, Leah, Rebecca, Wellington L., Amanda, Delilah (born Sept. 4, 1857, died Aug. 22, 1877), Irwin, Harvey L., Warren and Annie.

Wellington L. Wise, son of William H., was born in Douglass township, adjoining Amity on the south, Dec. 16, 1852. He was reared to farm work and educated in the public schools, completing his literary training by twenty weeks in Kallynean Academy under Prof. I. B. Hankey. In 1873 he was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and he taught his first term at what was then known as "Goosetown school," now School No. 4. In all he taught seven terms, three in Earl township and four in Douglass, and he became well known for his "spelling bees," which were most enjoyable affairs and were always well attended. In the spring of 1882 he began farming in Douglass township on the farm whereon he was born and reared. At the end of three years he sold out his stock and moved to the Jeremiah Van Reed residence and in partnership with his father and brother Philip bought a steam threshing outfit for $1,500, and for one year followed threshing. In 1884 he bought what is known as the Henry Eagle farm in Amity, of 146 acres, 146 perches. The present house was built many years ago, but in 1895 Mr. Wise remodeled it, and built an addition. He has his farm in a high state of cultivation, and has a full line of the best modern farm implements.

In politics Mr. Wise is a Democrat, and he has been a man of influence in his party. He was elected a member of the school board in 1903, and later re-elected, and since 1907 has been secretary of the board. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church, in which he is a member of the vestry. From 1885 to 1903 he served as deacon, and he was then elected elder and a member of the church council.

On Feb. 7, 1880, Mr. Wise married Rosa E. Rhoads, daughter of Maberry and Mary Ann (Schaeffer) Rhoads, of Amity, and they have eleven children, namely: Mary; Wayne; Delilah; Nora, a graduate of the Interstate Commercial College, Reading, is head bookkeeper for Penn Troy Laundry, Reading; Howard is a teacher in Douglass township; Carrie is an expert penman and is a student at the Pottstown Business College; Annie is a member of the choir at Amityville, as is also her sister Carrie; Eva attended Reading high school; Ella and Le Verne are twins; and William J. In 1878 Mr. Wellington L. Wise and his brother Philip went to Sterling, Rice Co., Kans., where they bought a 160-acre farm at a place called Lyons, paying $12.60 an acre. Shortly afterward they sold it for double the purchase money to a man who later sold half of it for $40,000, and cut the other half up into building lots which he sold at good prices. The village of Lyons became the county seat of Rice county, and real estate prices soared high.

Harvey L. Wise, son of William H. and brother of of Wellington L., was born in Douglass township Jan. 17, 1863, and was educated in the public schools in Douglass and trained to farm work. In 1891 he began farming in Amity on rented land, and so continued for seven years—two years on the Levi Heist farm, and five on his father's farm. In 1898 he bought the farm upon which he now resides, located one-quarter mile southeast of Amityville. It consists of fifty-three acres, and Mr. Wise pays particular attention to his dairy. This farm at one time belonged to John Wentzel, and later to Milton Reiff, from whose assignee Mr. Wise purchased it. He and his family are Lutheran members of Amityville church, in which he has been a deacon for eight years. In politics he is a Democrat. On Oct. 27, 1888, he married Mary Rhoads, daughter of Maberry and Mary

the parents of these children: Kate; Samuel E.; J. Howard; Mamie, deceased; Lottie; and Noami and Esther, deceased.

Samuel E. Fritz was educated in the common schools of Cumru township, and was reared principally with his maternal grandfather, Samuel Kurtz. He learned the business of plumbing, spending three years with E. S. Summons and three years with the Daniel Adam Steam Heating & Radiating Co., and then started in business on his own account at No. 305 Elm street, Oct. 24, 1898, remaining there for seven years. At this time he successfully passed the examination, registering No. 26, Thomas Weber, Inspector. Mr. Fritz has done some of the largest jobs in his line in Reading, although his operations are not confined to this city, he also having done work in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and other cities. He is considered an expert in the line of steam and hot water heating, and has the reputation of doing his work promptly and well. His offices in Reading are among the best appointed in the city, and he employs from twelve to fifteen men the year around.

On June 28, 1894, Mr. Fritz married Alice Lewis, daughter of Samuel, a native of Lancaster county, and one child has been born to this union, Edith M., who is attending school. Mr. Fritz is a member of the Knights of Malta and the Red Men. With his wife he attends the Reformed Church.

J. HOWARD ESCHELMAN, merchant and postmaster at White Bear station on the Wilmington & Northern Railroad for twenty years, was born May 18, 1853, in Caernarvon township, Berks county, near Morgantown, and when a year old his parents moved to Robeson township at Plowville, where his father had purchased a plantation. He attended the schools of the township, the Keystone State Normal School, and Ursinus College, until 1874, assisting his father on the farm while school was closed. In 1871 he became a teacher and taught public school in the township for eight terms. He served as a school director for three terms, officiating as treasurer of the board for two terms. In 1887 he purchased the general store at White Bear station along the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, and located there with his family; and since then he has been carrying on business at that place. He has also been serving as postmaster at Scarlets Mill, a post office established in 1869. In 1890, he was elected as a justice of the peace of the township, and he filled the office for one term of five years. In 1898, Mr. Eschelman purchased the Scarlet farm, situated a short distance from the store on the road to Birdsboro, and he has since been cultivating this farm in connection with the store business. In 1897 he officiated as mercantile appraiser of the county. In politics he has been a Democrat from the time he became of age.

In 1875, Mr. Eschelman married Elizabeth Ann Kurtz, daughter of Jacob Kurtz. She was educated in the local schools and the Keystone State Normal School, and taught public school in Robeson township for six terms. Mr. and Mrs. Eschelman have seven children: Annie Minerva (m. to William S. Westley); Laura Susan (educated at Keystone State Normal School, taught public school in the township seven terms, and m. to Harvey H. Riegner); Nora Priscilla (m. to Allen H. Schmehl); Jacob Howard (educated in local schools and Stoner's Business College); Mary Florence (educated in Reading Collegiate Institute, taught public school in township two terms, and m. to George A. Cosgrave); Lizzie Kurtz, (educated in Reading Collegiate Institute); and Harvey Hiester (attending the Keystone State Normal School, in class of 1909). The family are members of the Reformed Church at the Plow.

Mr. Eschelman's father was Moses Eschelman. He was born in Brecknock township, Berks county, in 1828, and brought up to farming which he followed until 1856, when he moved to the "Green Tree Hotel," in Cumru township, several miles south of Reading, and he carried on the hotel business at this place about ten years. In the settlement of his father's estate in 1866, he took the farm, store and hotel at the "Plow", in Robeson township and cultivated the farm until his decease in 1885, having sold the store and hotel. He was married in 1851 to Priscilla Steffey, daughter of Jacob Steffey, farmer of Brecknock; by whom he had six children: Jacob Howard (above); Annie Elizabeth (m. to William R. Freese); John Jefferson (m. to Annie Wolf); Moses Hiester (m. to Alice Messner); and two died in infancy.

His grandfather was Absalom Eschelman, born in 1803 in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, where he carried on farming, and droving until 1852, when he removed to the "Plow Hotel" in Robeson township, Berks county, and becoming the owner of the hotel, store, and farm of 128 acres in 1854, he carried on the business there combined until his decease in 1865. He married Sarah Burkhart (born 1813, died 1846), and they had seven children: Moses (above); Augustus (m. to Catharine Bitler); Christina (m. to William S. Duchman); Elizabeth (m. to Benjamin F. Becker); Justina (m. to John Fry); Sarah (m. to Jacob Fry); and Rose (m. to Wilson Sweitzer). They were members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Eschelman's great-grand-father was Christian Eschelman, who settled in Brecknock township some years after the erection of Berks county, where he secured a farm and carried on farming. He died in 1851, aged eighty-four years. He had the following children: Samuel, John, Joel, Absalom, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Foreman.

Mrs. Eschelman's father, Jacob Kurtz, was born in Robeson township in 1824, and besides being brought up on his father's farm learned the trade of miller which he followed until his decease in 1901, aged seventy-six years. He took much interest in local politics as a Democrat for many years, and exerted great influence at county conventions in behalf of candidates for office. He served as school director of the township for several terms. He married Susanna Bitler, daughter of Michael Bitler (died in 1876, aged seventy-four years), and Elizabeth Kachel, his wife (died in 1863, aged seventy-five years). Jacob Kurtz and wife had three children: Elizabeth Ann (above); Mary Etta (m. to Israel Fry); and Henry Kauffman (m. to Susan Westley, and upon her decease to Harriet Fritz). Jacob Kurtz's father was also named Jacob, and he was married to Ann Shingle.

JORIAS K. SNYDER, an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Reading, Pa., engaged in the livery business at No. 942 Bingaman street, was born in 1862, in Dauphin county, son of Jacob Snyder.

Jacob Snyder formerly followed farming in Dauphin and Snyder counties, and is now located in Middlesex township, Cumberland county, where he still continues an agriculturist. He married Elizabeth Kissinger, and they became the parents of these children: John, Elmer, Jacob, Harry, Mary, Ida, Lily, Emma and Jorias K.

Jorias K. Snyder obtained his education in the public schools of his native locality, assisting his father at farm work during the summer months until his eighteenth year, when he went West to Dakota and later to Nebraska, being employed at different kinds of labor. He remained three years, two years being spent on a large cattle ranch owned by Jesse Dinslow in Upper Nebraska. Returning to the East, Mr. Snyder located for a short time with his parents in Cumberland county, after which he spent a short time in Lykens, Dauphin county, thence going to Philadelphia, and located in Reading in 1891, engaging in the grocery business at Seventh and Bingaman streets. He remained in this capacity for two years, at the end of which time he engaged in the livery business in partnership with Mr. Ed. Noll, at No. 136 Peach street, under the style of Snyder & Noll, later purchasing Mr. Noll's interest, continuing to operate on his own account. Mr. Snyder later sold his livery to Mr. David Mosteller, and engaged in the same business at No. 942 Bingaman street, where he has since been located. Mr. Snyder also engaged in the hotel business for three years, running the "Spring Garden House," at the same time conducting his stables.

Mr. Snyder married Mary N. Lyons, of Perry county, Pa., and two children were born to this union: Annie E. and Nina M. In political matters Mr. Snyder is a Republican, but he has neither sought nor cared for public office. The family are Lutherans. He is very popular in fraternal circles, in which he takes an active part, being a member of the P. O. S. of A., and of the Eagles. Mr. Snyder's home is situated at No. 925 Chestnut street.

SAMUEL G. SCHWOYER, a prominent resident and well to do agriculturist of Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in cultivating his 103-acre farm, was born on the place where he now resides, and where he has spent his entire life, Sept. 13, 1863.

John Schwoyer, grandfather of Samuel G., was the owner of the homestead above mentioned, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout a long and useful life. He married Polly (Maria) Mercklen, daughter of Casper Mercklen, an early settler and large property owner of Richmond township, and to this union were born these children: Elizabeth, Benneville, Anna, Kate, Maria, Florenda, John, Jacob, Stanley, Solomon and Daniel (twins) and Cosmus, who still resides in Fleetwood, who was born Sept. 27, 1825.

Benneville Schwoyer (1809-1877) was a wealthy farmer of Richmond township, owning considerable property, including that now owned by his son, Samuel G. He married Sophia Adam, daughter of William and Kate (Gift) Adam, of Richmond township. To them were born the following children: Maria, Emma, Catherine, Daniel, Samuel G., Tella, Allen, William and Edwin. Of these children Emma, Catherine, Daniel, Tella, and Allen all died young.

Samuel G. Schwoyer has spent his entire life on the farm on which he now resides. He is energetic and industrious, and his farm, which is very well cultivated, shows the effect of his labors.

Mr. Schwoyer was married, Dec. 25, 1886, to Emma Stetzler, daughter of Jacob and Hettie (Schappel) Stetzler, of Perry township, and to this union were born three sons and two daughters: Jennie C., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School of Kutztown, is teaching in Richmond township; Spaydt R. died aged one year; Solon P. and Esther F. are attending the State Normal School; and Paul S.

J. E. CLOUSER, who is conducting a successful grocery enterprise at Reading, Pa., is one of the most prominent men in fraternal circles in this section of Berks county. He was born Jan. 24, 1865, in Reading, son of William and Margaret (Tyson) Clouser.

William Clouser, who was a highly esteemed citizen of Reading, followed hatting all of his life, and died in 1890, aged fifty-six years, his wife passing away in 1892, at the same age. Their children were: William H.; Emma m. Omer Francis; J. E. lives at Reading; and Sarah E. m. George Reed. In religious belief the family were connected with the M. E. Church, while in political matters Mr. Clouser was a Republican.

J. E. Clouser received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he secured employment in the pipe mills of the Reading Iron Works, where he remained three years. He then learned hat finishing with his father, and this occupation he followed until 1892, in which year he embarked in the grocery business, continuing to the present time, and meeting with much success. Mr. Clouser, as noted before, is very prominent in fraternal circles. He is past master of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; past high priest, Reading Chapter No. 152, R. A. M., eminent commander of De Molay Commandery, K. T.; member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Philadelphia Consistory, 32d degree; and a member of Allen Council No. 23, R. & S. M. He is also a member of Neversink Tribe, No. 351, I. O. R. M., past district deputy of the Thirty-fifth District of Pennsylvania; member of the Knights of Malta; of Mt. Penn Council, Royal Arcanum; of Neversink Council, Loyal Association, and Immediate Relief. He represented the Grand Lodge of the State during the Washington Anniversary. He is president of the Union Fire Company, of which he is also captain, and president of the Uniformed Rank. In political matters Mr. Clouser is a Republican, and is now serving as school controller of the Sixteenth ward.

In 1884 Mr. Clouser was married to Della A. Sharp, daughter of John M. Sharp. They have no children.

CHARLES LEITHEISER, a well known citizen of Fleetwood borough, Berks county, who conducts a restaurant, cigar store and pool room on Main street, was born Oct. 5, 1861, in Muhlenberg township, son of Francis Leitheiser.

The great-grandfather of Charles Leitheiser was Jacob, who bought a piece of ground in the borough of Reading (then Alsace township) in 1795, and court records show that he purchased land in this township as early as 1777. He had three sons: James, William and George.

George Leitheiser, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 22, 1792, and died April 13, 1881, aged eighty-nine years, one month, twenty-one days. He was a shoemaker by trade, an occupation which he followed where Hyde Park is now located for many years. He married Mary Cake, born Nov. 10, 1795, died Nov. 22, 1872, aged seventy-seven years, twelve days, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Cake, English people. They had issue, namely: Henry; John, 1814-1875; Jacob; Sarah; Reuben; Alexander; Rebecca; Francis; and Mary, 1829-1903.

Francis Leitheiser was born July 25, 1827, in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, and was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg. There were no public schools in the locality at that time, but he attended a pay school for several months of two years, at Alsace Church. On June 29, 1850, he married Mary Ann Adams, daughter of William Adams of Alsace township. She was born April 15, 1829, and died Feb. 3, 1903. They had children: Ellen, who died in infancy; Susan, m. to William Yeager; Emma, m. to Jacob Wessner; Catherine, m. to the late Morris Harner; Hannah, m. to Lawrence Wessner; Mary Ann, who died in childhood; John Jacob, a merchant at Hyde Park, Pa., m. to Lizzie Gring; Charles; George, m. to Sallie Leinbach; and Annie, born Feb. 5, 1869, m. to William H. Dietrich, Jr., of Reading, Pa., and died April 11, 1906.

Charles Leitheiser received his education in the local schools, and when a young man worked in a foundry in Reading for some time. He then accepted a position in a paper bag factory, in the same city, and there remained until he engaged in the baking and huckstering business. In 1887 he removed to Fleetwood, Pa., and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, but later added a cigar store, restaurant and pool room. Mr. Leitheiser is a successful business man and through thrift and economy has been enabled to buy a nice brick residence on Main street, as well as several well-located building lots.

On Feb. 5, 1885, Mr. Leitheiser married Martha Dengler, daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Diehl) Dengler, of Oley township, Berks county. They have had no children. Socially Mr. Leitheiser is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., Reading; and the K. G. E., at Fleetwood. He is a Lutheran in religious belief, and a Democrat in politics; and served in 1904 as councilman of the borough of Fleetwood.

HARRY T. BECK, a well-known resident of Reading, Pa., and ex-constable of the Ninth ward of the city, was born in 1861, son of Theophilus Beck, and grandson of Theophilus Beck, Sr., the latter of whom, a resident and well-known business man of Reading, was the first stocking manufacturer in the city, and was located on Penn street, between Seventh and Eighth. He died aged sixty-two years, after a long and very successful business career.

Theophilus Beck, father of Harry T., was born in Reading and received his education in the public schools. He was employed with his father throughout life, and died at the early age of twenty-seven years. He married Barbara Snyder, daughter of Joseph Snyder, the well

known bridgebuilder of Reading, Harry T. being the only child born to the union.

Harry T. Beck was educated in the schools of Reading, and learned the barber's trade, following this for a period of eighteen years, his place of business being for fifteen years at No. 143 North Ninth street. He later removed to his present residence, Nos. 202-204 North Ninth street. He was for seven years proprietor of the well known "Ninth Avenue hotel," located at the corner of Ninth and Walnut streets. In 1890 Mr. Beck was elected constable of the Ninth ward, and he served in that office four terms or a period of twelve years. From 1902 until 1906 he conducted a restaurant at No. 202 North Ninth street. Mr. Beck is a Democrat in politics, and besides being constable, has served as assistant county detective under two district attorneys, Adam Reaser and George Wagner. He is connected with St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and is a member of the Knights of St. John and the Heptasophs.

Mr. Beck married Rosa Steinel, daughter of Peter and Margaret Steinel, and to this union there have been born these children: Howard, Adelia, Lucy, and one that died in infancy.

THEODORE R. LACEY, of Birdsboro, whose enterprise, industry and good business ability have won him a substantial position and comfortable competence, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, in March, 1866.

His education was limited to that he acquired in the district schools in the vicinity of his home, but his mind was quick to grasp details, and he gained a good foundation for what later knowledge was won in the hard school of experience. At the early age of eleven years, he hired out as a farm hand, and he continued at that work until he was seventeen. Coming then to Birdsboro, he clerked in a hotel for two and one-half years. At the end of that time he learned the barber's trade, and at it spent nine months, when he saw a good opening in the butcher business, and with his usual sagacity determined to engage in that line. This he did for several years with E. Dengler as a partner. After selling out his interest in the butchering business, he engaged in the livery business until 1899, when he sold out, and entered the wholesale liquor and bottling business. A natural born love for horses, however, induced him to add a livery stable, and he now has one of the best in this section of the State, with ten horses and vehicles, thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. He manufactures all kinds of carbonated beverages, employs three men, and keeps a wagon constantly on the road. His business is increasing, and success has attended all his efforts.

Mr. Lacey has ever had the confidence of the people of Birdsboro. When but twenty-three years of age he was made burgess, and fulfilled the duties of that office to the satisfaction of all. In politics he is a Republican. His social connections are with the K. G. E.; P. O. S. of A.; F. O. E., of Reading; and Independent Americans. He is chief of the Birdsboro Fire Department.

In 1888 Mr. Lacey married Clara Manmiller, daughter of Samuel Manmiller, and they have had two children, Claude, and one that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey attend the Reformed Church, and are active in its work.

GEORGE LAURENCE STECKLINE, a lifelong resident of the city of Reading, Pa., where for many years he was engaged in an extensive baking business, died at his home, No. 419 Maple street, Oct. 9, 1896. He was born in Reading, Dec. 22, 1859, son of John C. and Catherine (Ziegler) Steckline.

John C. Steckline was born in 1837, in Germany, and died Nov. 28, 1891, in Philadelphia, being buried in the Fernwood cemetery of the latter place, while his wife was interred in the German Lutheran cemetery, Reading. In his native country he had learned the shoemaker's trade, and this he followed in Philadelphia during all of his residence there. In 1858 he married Catherine Ziegler, daughter of George and Catherine Ziegler, and she died in 1872, aged thirty-six years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steckline, as follows: George L.; Charles m. Alice Machmer; Julia m. Allen Body; John m. Ida Billman; Kate m. James Eisenhart; William m. Alice Goodman, deceased.

George L. Steckline attended the public schools of Reading, and in 1883 engaged in the baking business at No. 1041 Cotton street, where he lived for some years, then removing to No. 417 Maple street, where he made his home until his death, at which time he was in comfortable circumstances, owning the residence at No. 417 Maple street, and the building at No. 419, corner of Culvert street, in the latter of which Mrs. Steckline now resides. He was a good business man, and his bakery goods were well known for their excellence and purity, finding a ready sale throughout Reading and the surrounding country. In politics he was a Democrat, and his fraternal connections were with Germania Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Charity Lodge No. 34, Jr. A. P. A.; Knights of Honor, and Friendship Fire Company. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

In 1883, Mr. Steckline married Miss Mary Catharine Grund, born —— 15, 1867, and to them were born six children, as follows: Annie C., born Oct. 7, 1883, m. Herbert Lichty, and has one son, Charles G.; Laura M., born Feb. 21, 1885; Gertrude E., born Dec. 11, 1887; George L., born April 12, 1889, died Feb. 20, 1890; Helen M., born July 9, 1893; and Emily C., born July 29, 1896.

Johann Christian Frederick Grund, father of Mrs. Steckline, was born Sept. 17, 1836, in Wittenburg, Germany, son of Johann and Barbara Grund. In 1857 Mr. Grund came to America, and from that time until his death followed moulding in Reading. He m. Catharine Koch, born Dec. 31, 1840, in Wittenburg, and to them were born seven children: Johannes, born March 27, 1861, m. Mary Hadley, deceased; Heinrich, born Feb. 13, 1865, m. Amelia Libka; Mary Catharine, born —— 15, 1867; Barbara, born April 17, 1872, m. John Pfantz, a baker of Reading; Frederick W., born June 19, 1874, m. Emma Shoemaker; Annie C., born Nov. 23, 1876, m. John Lonsberger, of Reading; and Karl C., born March 18, 1879, died at the age of eleven years.

DR. ULYSSES S. G. BIEBER, veterinary surgeon of Kutztown, Pa., was born April 12, 1865, in Maxatawny township, on the old Bieber farm, son of Jonathan and Brigitta (Schwoyer) Bieber, and a member of an old and honored family of this section.

Dewalt Bieber, the great-great-great grandfather of the Doctor, emigrated from Germany in 1742, with his son and two brothers, John and George, and settled near Valley Forge, Chester county, his farm being still known. Ex-Governor Beaver of Bellefonte, Pa., is one of his descendants. John died in the American army at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. One of his sons, John by name, moved to Maxatawny township about 1770, becoming the progenitor of a numerous posterity, of whom the late Captain Bieber and Walter B. Bieber are descendants. Dewalt Bieber, the emigrant, settled on the old Bieber farm about 1770 or before, and here he died, being buried in the private burial ground on the farm.

Dewalt Bieber (2), son of the emigrant Dewalt, was born in Germany, Oct. 26, 1729, and died Jan. 26, 1808. On Jan. 24, 1750, he married Sybilla Steinbunner, and they had ten sons and two daughters. He was known as the "Barra Bieber," because he successfully fought with a bear one evening on his farm. He was a very powerful man, being able to lift a barrel of cider to his lips and drink from the bung-hole. After the battle of Germantown a part of Washington's baggage-train had retired to the country north of Reading and several battalions rested on the Bieber farm. The women baked bread and cakes for the soldiers, and later the giant, Dewalt Bieber, regaled them with hard cider. After they had emptied several barrels they became troublesome, and undertook to help themselves, and when they refused to listen to Mr. Bieber's request, he took a single-tree and drove them from the

premises. The soldiers retaliated by injuring some of his cattle.

John Bieber, son of Dewalt (2), was born in December, 1766, and died Aug. 15, 1845. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Wentz, by whom he had children: Elizabeth, m. to Solomon Christ; Sallie, m. to Peter Neff; Dewalt, m. to a Miss Yeager: John, m. (first) to a Miss Siegfried and (second) to a Miss Fetherolf. John Bieber m. (second) a Miss Siegfried, and to them were born: Jonathan S.; George, who lived in Ohio, m. Polly Rahn; Susanna m. Jonathan Christ; and Mary m. John H. Siegfried.

Jonathan S. Bieber, grandfather of the Doctor, was born in 1808. He was reared on the old homestead, became a well known farmer and was a highly esteemed citizen. For twelve years he was postmaster of Kutztown. He was an active Republican, and was frequently delegate to the conventions of his party. He was married to Katherine Schlouch, daughter of Christian Schlouch, and their children were: Daniel, m. to Caroline Lichtenwahn; Jonathan; and William, m. (first) to Caroline Frey and (second) to Clara Bailey.

Jonathan Bieber, son of Jonathan S. and father of Dr. Bieber, was a well known farmer of Maxatawny township and owned the old Bieber farm, which has been in the possession of the family for 130 years. He was an influential citizen, was interested in many enterprises, and was successful in all of his undertakings. He was a stockholder of the Keystone State Normal school, of the Kutztown Agricultural Fair and of the Kutztown Furnace. He established one of the first milk routes in Kutztown, conducting it for twenty-six years, and was known as the "Milk Bieber." He was a consistent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, filling many offices of importance therein. In politics a stanch Republican, he was an active worker in the ranks of his party, attending every Republican county convention in Reading in his time, and being frequently delegate to both county and State conventions. Jonathan Bieber married Brigitta Schwoyer, daughter of Samuel Schwoyer, a prominent citizen of Maxatawny township, and children as follows were born to this union: (1) Clara m. Allen Butz, of Allentown, Pa. (2) Rev. Milton, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal school, of Muhlenberg College, and of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, taught the Bernville high school and the Kutztown high school, and has been a minister of the Gospel for a number of years, serving with great success charges at Mt. Joy, Pa., and Binghamton, N. Y., at present serving his church as field missionary for New England, being located at Worcester, Mass. (3) Ulysses S. G. (4) Robert S., who is a scientist and has charge of electrical machines in Brooklyn, is deaf and dumb, and is a graduate of the school for the Deaf and Dumb in Philadelphia. (5) Anna m. Peter Schwoyer, and lives in Richmond township. (6) Jonathan E., single, who is a graduate of the Allentown Business College, is in business in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Ulysses S. G. Bieber spent his boyhood days on the farm and attended the schools of his district, later going to the Keystone State Normal school. In 1888 he graduated from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in 1892 from the American Veterinary College of New York. He then located at Kutztown, where he soon established a large and lucrative practice. His services are constantly in demand, and he is busy at all hours. The Doctor is a Republican, and a regular member of the Lutheran Church. Along with his extensive practice he finds time to attend to many business interests. He is known as an extensive builder, being one of the owners of the ten new houses recently erected on Park avenue by Bieber, Heffner & Co. In all he has built twenty-five houses. He is a stockholder in and treasurer of the Kutztown Agricultural Fair Company; secretary of the Schuylkill Valley Veterinary Association; and has for a number of years been secretary of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Association. Since 1898 the Doctor has been the Berks County Veterinarian. He is a stockholder in the Blue Mountain Telephone Company, a stockholder and director of the Saucony Shoe Factory and a stockholder of the Kutztown Park Association.

Dr. Bieber was married Oct. 18, 1888, to Maria E. Sharadin, only child of Henry and Abbie (Deisher) Sharadin, of Maxatawny township. To this union have been born two children: John Henry, born Aug. 9, 1889, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class 1908, and now a student at Muhlenberg College, is also an expert motor cyclist, and has won several prizes; Edgar William, born April 10, 1894, a student at the Keystone State Normal School, does all the wiring for his father in his new buildings.

Mrs. Sharadin, mother of Mrs. Bieber, is the owner of the well known John Deisher farm of 150 acres, located North West of the borough of Kutztown, and adjoining the Kutztown fair ground.

MORGAN W. KLINE, who was for some years engaged at the machinist's business, at Reading, Pa., and later at painting and wall papering, is the son of Alexander S. Kline, a native of Berks county.

Alexander S. Kline was educated in the subscription schools of the county, and when a young man was employed on the Schuylkill Canal, later engaging in the distilling of liquors, a business which he carried on for several years, and then, disposing of this industry, removed to Pottsville, where he carried on a successful produce business for several years, an occupation which he followed in Reading, to which city he later removed. He was still carrying on this business in Reading at the time of his death in 1888. He was a very prominent man, and was held in high esteem in the city. Mr. Kline married Lovina DeWald, a native of Berks county, and a member of an old established family of this section. They had three children, namely: Henry and Lewis (deceased), and Morgan W.

Morgan W. Kline received his education in the common schools of Berks county, and also attended the schools of Pottsville, and while a young man worked at the machinist's trade, later learning the house painting business, as well as paper hanging, which he followed for some years. In 1869 he married Esther Fernsler, daughter of Frederick Fernsler, and six children were born to this union, namely: Frederick, who is employed by Curtis, Jones & Co., shoe manufacturers, as shipping clerk; Alexander, a barber of Reading; Sophia, at home; Wayne and Harriet, at school; and Morris, who died at the age of one and one-half years. In religious belief the family are members of the Evangelical Church.

Frederick Fernsler was born in Schuylkill Co., Pa., and early in life learned the cabinet maker's trade, which he followed until 1850, in which year he engaged in the hardware business at Pottsville. This occupation he carried on until the close of the Civil war, when he retired, and died in 1878, aged fifty-eight years. He married Harriet O'Neill, also a native of Schuylkill county, and they became the parents of six children: Hannah, m. to Augustus Doerflinger; Henry, m. to Catherine Schoener; Esther, m. to Morgan W. Kline; Frederick, who died in infancy; Frank, and Anna. Mrs. Fernsler died in June, 1905, at the age of eighty-five years. The family were members of the Evangelical Church.

DAVID KEINARD, a well-to-do citizen and landowner of Robeson township, Berks county, who is now devoting his attention to truck farming, was born in 1859, in Robeson township, son of Peter and Christiana (Eames) Keinard.

Peter Keinard, who was a farmer and collier by occupation, was of German extraction, and lived and died in Robeson township. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, respectively, and had three children: Mahlon, m. to Ella Wagner; Mary, m. to Joseph Kerper; and David. Mr. Keinard was a Democrat all of his life, but never held public office.

David Keinard was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and after completing his studies engaged in farming, at which he has been occupied ever since. He purchased his present farm in 1879, a tract of fifty-six acres known as the Jacob Bitler property, and here he has made many improvements. He also owns twenty-four acres of timber land, known as the Swavely tract, formerly owned by the Scarletts.

In 1879 Mr. Keinard married Margaret E. Kennedy, daughter of Edwin Kennedy, and to them there have been born nine children, namely: George, Milton, Edwin, Bertha, Laura, Frederick, Elmer, Heber and Howard. The family attend the Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Keinard is a Democrat.

HARRY J. LUKEN, one of the best known acrobats to be found on either the American or European stage, was born at Chester, Ill., Feb. 20, 1874, son of Ernest A. and Lena (Hickman) Luken.

Ernest A. Luken was a native of Germany, from which country he came to America when he was twenty-one years of age. In his early life he taught school, and then entered the grocery business in Illinois, his last location in that State being Kaskaskia. There his wife, Lena Hickman, died, and he moved to Reading, Pa., with his family. Here he was engaged in the furniture business until his death which occurred in 1901. To him and his wife were born the following children: Edward, of Chicago; Gerhart, a hatter at Reading; Harry J.; Augustus, born in 1877, who as a boy of eleven years began his professional training as an acrobat (his wife is of English birth); Mary, who married Charles Dougherty, of Reading; and Clara, of Reading.

Harry J. Luken, who is the head of the quartette known as the "Four Lukens," is a self-made man. He attended the public schools, and for two years was employed by the Sternbergh Bolt & Nut Works, at Reading. He began to practice gymnastics as a small boy in the old Boas Building, on Penn street, and he was only a youth when he determined to make it his life work. With his brother, Augustus, he started out with the Sun Brothers Circus, of Toledo, Ohio, in April, 1894, and they stayed with this circus exactly four days. Before that season closed they were with five different shows. This was their start, but nothing daunted they kept it up until they reached the top of their profession, having played in the greates circuses in the world, and all over the world, their last circuit engagement being with Forepaugh & Sells Bros.' circus. In 1901 they went into vaudeville on Keith's circuit. On Oct. 31, 1903, they started for their first European trip, showing at the Empire Theater, London, for ten weeks, and since then they spend the fall and winter of each year in Europe, and the summer in America. On Sept. 20, 1908, they began a six-weeks engagement at the Winter Garden, Berlin, Germany.

On May 20, 1908, Mr. Luken married Evelyn Armstrong, of Orange, N. J. Socially he belongs to the White Rats of America. Mr. Luken built a fine gymnasium at No. 121 Thorn street, Reading. The building is 26 x 70 feet, and 26 feet high, and it is fitted up with pool and billiard parlors and bowling alleys. Here the "Four Lukens" do their practising when not on the road.

CALVIN A. LEINBACH, a leading business man of Spring township, Berks county, whose grocery and notions store is situated at No. 624 Penn avenue, West Reading, was born May 23, 1870, in Bern township, son of James T. and Catharine (Ahrens) Leinbach.

Jacob Leinbach, grandfather of Calvin A., was born in Oley township, and when a young man went to Bern township, where the rest of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He died at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried at Epler's Church, of which he was a member. Mr. Leinbach married Catherine Shill, daughter of Henry Shill, of Bern township, and she died at the age of sixty-five years, the mother of the following children: Harriet m. Jacob Hain; Washington died at Leesport; Catherine m. Adam Boone; Jacob lives at Leesport; Angeline m. Daniel Allenbach; James T.; Eliza m. William Mosser; Sarah m. (first) Henry Chipp, and (second) Jonathan Reeser; Cassia m. Charles King; and Reuben lives in Illinois.

James T. Leinbach, father of Calvin A., was born Feb. 14, 1826, and after leaving school worked for some time on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-eight years he began working on his own account in Bern township, where he continued for many years. He worked thirteen years in Maiden-creek township, and three years in Sinking Spring. In 1895 he removed to the city of Reading, and purchased a residence at No. 133 Walnut street, where since that time he has lived practically retired. On Jan. 17, 1852, Mr. Leinbach married Catherine Ahrens, daughter of Henry and Anna (King) Ahrens, and to this union there were born eleven children, as follows: Adam lives in Whiteside Co., Ill.; Reuben lives at Sinking Spring; James lives at Ridgewood, Cumru township; Mary; John died at the age of thirty-seven years; Calvin A.; Katie; Washington is of Shillington; Angeline; Hattie, and a son died in infancy. Mr. Leinbach is a member of Epler's Church, where he has served as a deacon. In politics he is a Republican.

Calvin A. Leinbach attended the schools of Bern and Maiden-creek townships, and spent his boyhood days on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he began to clerk in the grocery store of Isaac From, with whom he continued for three years. He then returned home for a period of five years, and in 1894 he embarked in business in Reading, locating at Second and Walnut streets. There he continued until 1902, in which year he located at No. 540 Penn avenue, West Reading, this being his location until April, 1906, when he secured his present place of business, No. 624 Penn avenue. Mr. Leinbach has a fine store room, 38 x 28, where he carries a full line of fancy and staple groceries, as well as a large and varied stock of notions.

Mr. Leinbach married Katie Gruber, daughter of William and Catherine (Matz) Gruber, and to this union there have been born four children: Catherine M.; Gruber C. died aged two months, twenty-two days; Mildred A.; and Fern A. born July 29, 1908. Mr. Leinbach is a member of St. James Reformed Church of West Reading, where he is a deacon, a member of the financial board and a teacher in the Sunday-school. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

JAMES STRAUSS, a popular citizen of Reading, Pa., who is proprietor of the well known "Berkshire Hotel," was born in Bethel township, Berks county, in 1865, son of Percival L. Strauss, and was but four years of age when he went to Lebanon county with his father, there receiving his education.

After leaving school Mr. Strauss assisted his father in the hotel business until 1889, in which year he moved to Reading, and was employed for a period of fifteen years at the "Penn Hotel," his services being efficient and faithful. At the end of this time, May 9, 1904, Mr. Strauss took charge of the well known "Lafayette Hotel," Nos. 721-727 Franklin street, Reading, making many improvements and changing the name to that it now bears—the "Berkshire Hotel." Mr. Strauss has spared no pains to make this one of the finest hotels of its size in Reading. It has thirty-three fine, light, airy rooms, all nicely furnished, with steam heat, and all modern conveniences. He commands a very lucrative patronage in Reading, and many out-of-town visitors make the "Berkshire" their headquarters while in the city. Mr. Strauss is a genial and jovial host, and he has made many friends since coming to this city.

In 1894 Mr. James Strauss married Miss Catherine E. Franks, daughter of Alfred Franks, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Strauss are connected with the Reformed Church. He takes much interest in political matters, and casts his vote with the Democratic party.

RICHARD A. WOLFERSBERGER, manufacturer at Wernersville, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, near Wernersville, Jan. 31, 1852, on the Wolfersberger premises adjoining the planing-mill, son of George and Hannah (Whitman) Wolfersberger.

George Wolfersberger, father of Richard A., was a cabinetmaker and undertaker near Wernersville for forty years. George was a small boy when his father died, and after quitting school at an early age, entered the cabinet-making shop of Anthony Derr, and there learned the business until he became of age when he started for himself. He continued in active business, with a successful career and the high respect of the community, from 1852 until his decease. He died in 1896, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Hannah, daughter of David and Catharine (Seitzinger) Whitman, and they had five children, namely: Richard A.; Elkana, who died aged thirty-eight years; George, m. to Rosa Yoh; Mary, m. to William C. Feather; and Sallie, who died young.

Mr. Wolfersberger's grandfather was also named George, and he also followed the undertaking business at the same place for a short time, having died while a young man. He married Hannah Fisher, daughter of Peter and Polly (Weber) Fisher, and they had three children: George; Elizabeth, who died single at the age of seventy-nine years; and Mary, who died young.

Richard A. Wolfersberger was educated in the township schools, and when fourteen years of age entered the cabinet-making shop of his father, learning the business, and remained until he became of age. He was then admitted into partnership with his father and brothers, Elkana and George, trading under the name of Wolfersberger & Sons. His father had also established the undertaking business, and the son Richard attended entirely to this branch, continuing to do so from 1861 until his father's decease in 1896, a period of thirty-five years. The planing mill department was added in 1882.

Upon the decease of his father, the firm was re-organized by the surviving son Richard, and the son-in-law William C. Feather, and they have since traded under the name of Wolfersberger & Feather, the former superintending the manufacturing department in the mill and the latter attending to the undertaking department besides assisting in filling the mill orders. They have developed a large and profitable trade, directing the funerals in the community for a considerable distance round about, and supplying the mill work for numerous building operations, not only in their immediate vicinity, but extending to Womelsdorf, Myerstown, Bernville, Sinking Spring, Wyomissing, West Reading and Reading.

Richard A. Wolfersberger married Magdalena Sharman, daughter of Aaron Sharman and Sarah (Grime), and they have five children: George, William, Mary, Alice and Richard.

JACOB BARBEY, proprietor of the "Barbey Hotel and Cafe" at No. 435 Penn Square, Reading, is of German parentage and ancestry, although he himself was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1857, son of Jacob Frederick Barbey. He is one of three brothers, the others being John, of Portland, Ore.; and Daniel, of Saratoga Springs, New York.

Mr. Barbey married Catharine C. Fasig, daughter of the late James A. Fasig. Their children were: Paul F. died in infancy; George D., a graduate of the Reading high school, class of 1904, and of Pennsylvania State College, class of 1908, is now engaged as an electrical engineer; Grace Catharine was valedictorian of the class of 1905, Reading high school; Jacob W., valedictorian of the class of 1906, Reading high school, is now a member of the Mining Engineering Department of Pennsylvania State College, class of 1910. The family are connected with Grace Lutheran Church. Mr. Barbey is a member of Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Germania Lodge, No. 158, I. O. O. F.; Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; and Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E.

MISS SARAH EVE LEHMAN, one of the old and highly esteemed residents of Kutztown, Berks county, who is a business woman of exceptional ability, is a native of the borough of Kutztown, born July 2, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Eve (Copp) Lehman.

Rev. Daniel Lehman, grandfather of Miss Lehman, was a pioneer in American church work and a prominent Lutheran minister of his time. He came to America from Germany on the Pennsylvania packet "Peter Osborn," landing at Philadelphia April 30, 1773, and no doubt would have met the fate of a redemptioner, had not the Rev. Dr. Kunze interested himself in his behalf and paid his passage. Dr. Kunze, having ascertained that he was well grounded in the rudiments of knowledge, employed him as an instructor in his seminary and also gave him instruction in theology. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1775, and was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church in 1778. The Rev. Mr. Lehman for a time lived in Reading, and up to 1780 was the regular pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1780 he removed to Moselem, Richmond township, where he resided for about thirty years, serving at different times many congregations, including Moselem, Kutztown, Hamburg, Rockland, Trexlertown and Grimville. He died Oct. 2, 1810, and was buried under the altar of Moselem Church.

Jacob Lehman, father of Miss Sarah E., was born in Richmond township, April 7, 1790. He was a tinsmith by occupation and an esteemed citizen of Kutztown. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and a member of Capt. Gabriel Oldt's company. On April 9, 1815, he married Eve Copp, daughter of Conrad and Eve (Knoedler) Copp. He died April 7, 1865. His children were: Daniel, a cooper by trade, died at the age of seventy-seven years; William; Elizabeth died single; Jacob died in infancy; Henrietta died in early womanhood; Catherine m. John Wylie, and her descendants still reside in Kutztown; Jacob, who entered the Civil war as a first lieutenant and rose to the rank of captain, died in Philadelphia about 1886, leaving a widow, Sarah (Thompson) Lehman; Nathan was twice married; Mary m. Edward Andrews, and lives in Pottsville, Schuylkill county; and Sarah Eve is of Kutztown.

Sarah Eve Lehman received her education in the public and private schools of her native locality, and at an early age decided upon a business career. She entered mercantile life as a hat and shoe merchant on Main street, Kutztown, and there she has continued with much success to the present time, her stand having been well and favorably known for over a generation. Miss Lehman has been very prosperous in her business ventures, and is also well-known in Kutztown for her activity in Church and Sunday-school work.

HARRY S. CRAUMER, a well-known stenographer and court reporter, was born in Lebanon, Pa., July 2, 1879. His parents were Rev. L. W. and Mariah (Smith) Craumer.

Rev. L. W. Craumer, after spending the early part of his life in the service of the United Brethren denomination, came to Reading in the early nineties as pastor of the Salem Church, where he remained until he retired from the ministry, in 1892. He died Nov. 8, 1900, at the age of seventy-three. His wife, Mariah, was a daughter of George S. Smith, a farmer of Union county. They became the parents of a large family, as follows: Minnie and George, both of whom died in early childhood; Millizena, who lived to be but twenty-four; Albert S., a merchant of Lebanon; Elmer E., an attorney-at-law, of Pittsburg; Clara, wife of H. B. Leavens, of Kansas City, Mo.; Elizabeth, in the service of the Baptist Church, at Kodiak, Alaska; and Harry S.

Harry S. Craumer attended the public schools of Lebanon. At an early age, however, he was obliged to discontinue his studies, and go to work to contribute towards the support of his parents. Soon after the opening of the

Spanish-American war, he enlisted in the United States Army, being enrolled in Company B, 12th U. S. Infantry. During his three years' continuous service, he did military duty in both the United States and the Philippines, receiving honorable mention for meritorious service at one of the ten or twelve engagements in which his company participated. After the war, Mr. Craumer returned to Reading, and took up the study of shorthand. Soon afterward, he established himself as a public stenographer, and by dint of hard work rose to be stenographer of the Orphans' Court, to which position he was appointed by the Hon. H. Willis Bland, president judge of said court, in January, 1909. In politics he is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Spanish-American War Veterans, and is also connected with the I. O. O. F.

MILTON W. SMITH, junior member of the mercantile firm of Seidel & Smith, of Virginville, Pa., is an enterprising business man of Berks county. He was born April 5, 1876, in Windsor township, son of S. Paul Smith.

Andrew Schmidt, a native of Germany, was the emigrant ancestor of this family in America, and his son, Michael, had eleven sons and two daughters. One of them was Joseph, a prominent farmer of Windsor township, who owned several farms near Windsor Castle. He was the father of George, John, Jacob, Maria, Daniel, Joseph, S. Paul, William and David.

S. Paul Smith, who has lived retired in Virginville for the past few years, was for a long time an agriculturist, his fertile farm of 116 acres being located near Windsor Castle. He married Ella L. Seidel, daughter of William and Susanna (Dreibelbis) Seidel, and had children—Mary, Sally, Milton W., George, Joseph and Annie.

Milton W. Smith was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the schools of his native township, and later attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He was still in his teens when he started to teach school in Greenwich township, and afterward taught two terms in his native township. In 1896 he began clerking in the general store of Saniel Reeser, at Hamburg, Pa., with whom he was employed until John Wagner purchased the store. He continued with Mr. Wagner until 1901, when he formed a partnership with William F. Seidel, and he has since carried on business with Mr. Seidel. Being a thorough business man, Mr. Smith has appreciated the needs of the people of this section and has accordingly carried a large and complete stock. The success of the firm is largely due to his ability, straightforward dealings and uniform courtesy to all patrons.

In 1895 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Ida Balthaser, daughter of Joel and Esther (Sunday) Balthaser, and the children born to this union are: Paul Luther, Grace Emily and May Esther. Mr. Smith and family are connected with the Zion's Church in Perry township, of which they are Reformed members. Mr. Smith is identified with the Masonic fraternity; he is a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, Hamburg; Reading Lodge of Perfection; and Philadelphia Consistory.

OTTO J. STAHL, who is a well-known business man of Reading, Pa., conducting the Eclipse Supply Company at No. 106 South Fifth street, was born Jan. 22, 1871, in Brooklyn, N. Y., son of Otto and Mary (Neville) Stahl.

Otto Stahl, father of Otto J., was a native of Germany, who emigrated to America in about 1860, and settled first in Brooklyn, N. Y., there following the trade of machinist all of his active period. He married Mary Neville, who emigrated from Limerick, Ireland, about 1855. They became the parents of three children: Bertha, m. to Otto Huhn, and living in New York; Amelia, deceased; and Otto J.

Otto J. Stahl was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., and when a boy was employed by Journeay & Burnham of that city as a cash boy, with which firm he continued for some time. His attention to business and his inherent ability soon gained him promotion, and when he left this well known firm some years later he had worked his way up to the head of a department. He then accepted the position of collector with the American Wringer Company, No. 99 Chambers street, New York City, with which company he continued six years, when he was made manager of the Reading office, a position in which he continued two years. At the end of this time Mr. Stahl purchased the firm's interest, and since then he has conducted the business under the firm style of Eclipse Supply Company. The business was first located in the Stauffer building, at the corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, but in 1906 it was removed to its present location, where Mr. Stahl has by fair methods, and honestly represented goods, gained his share of public patronage. He employs on an average from fifteen to twenty-five persons in his establishment, where are sold furniture, carpets, and household specialties of all kinds.

Mr. Stahl is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E.; Friendship Lodge No. 5, Knights of Pythias; and the Knights of Khorassan. He is independent in politics. Mr. Stahl has made many acquaintances since coming to Reading in 1899, and each acquaintance has become a warm friend.

JACOB H. MAYS, a prosperous young business man and influential citizen of the borough of Womelsdorf, Berks county, which he has been serving since 1904 as justice of the peace, was born Feb. 16, 1879, in Heidelberg township, son of Henry J. and Susan M. (Deppen) Mays.

Nicholas Mays (Mace), great-great-grandfather of Jacob H., was a native of Germany, whither his parents had emigrated from Switzerland, and in 1715 he came to America and located in Lebanon (formerly Lancaster) county, coming from New York via Harris Ferry, where Harrisburg is now located. His children were: Nicholas, Philip, George, John, Jacob, Valentine, Henry, Benjamin, and Marguerite Elizabeth.

Jacob Mays (Mace), son of Nicholas, and great-grandfather of Jacob H., was a native of Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and was a tailor by trade. He married Susan Baseor, daughter of George Baseor, who was massacred by the Indians at what was known as the "Baseor Hotel" in the Blue Mountains. These children were born to Jacob Mays and his wife: John; William, who died at Manheim; Henry, who died at Anderson, Ind.; Jacob, who died at Pottsville; Marguerite E., who died unmarried; and Daniel, who died at Schaefferstown.

John Mays, son of Jacob, and grandfather of Jacob H., was born at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, in 1813, and died May 26, 1898, aged eighty-five years, having followed the trade of hatter practically all of his life. He married Susan Missimer, born in 1816, who died in September, 1900, aged eighty-four years, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Homan) Missimer, of Pottstown, Pa. Five children were born to this union: George died young; Miss Anna lives in Lebanon county; Kate died young; Jacob Henry married Catherine Eberling, and resides at Denver, Pa.; and Henry Jacob, twin of Jacob Henry.

Henry Jacob Mays was born Aug. 5, 1838, at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and at the age of fourteen years engaged in the tanning business there, working for William Miller. In 1859 he went to Baltimore, where he learned the currier's trade from F. Ache & Son, in the frame building where the great fire broke out in 1904. At that place he remained until 1865, in which year he came to Womelsdorf and engaged in tanning until 1888, when he formed a partnership with his son, Jacob, as a partner, in the hide business, of which the son took entire charge in 1902. Mr. Mays is now enjoying the comforts of a well-earned rest. His home is on the very ground where General George Washington spent the night of Nov. 13, 1793, in the then "Seltzer Hotel." Mr. Mays is a stanch Democrat, and he has always been active in party affairs. He is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Womelsdorf, and the

Knights of Pythias, of Robesonia. He was also an Odd Fellow, and helped to bury a Mr. Wilty, the first Odd Fellow in the United States. Mr. Mays is a member of the Reformed denomination of Zion's Union Church.

On Feb. 8, 1866, Mr. Mays was married to Susan M. Deppen, born Dec. 4, 1841, daughter of Isaac P. and Susan (Wenrich) Deppen, of Heidelberg township. The following children have been born to this union: Annie m. Franklin Reifsnyder; Jacob H.; Esther m. J. W. Herst, of Denver, Pa.; H. Robert E and John Deppen.

Jacob H. Mays spent his boyhood days with his parents, and acquired his education in the township schools, the borough high school, Stoner's Business College at Reading, and Albright College, at Myerstown. In the spring of 1902 he engaged in the leather, hide and tallow business at Womelsdorf, which he has successfully continued to the present time. He buys hides in large quantities all over Eastern Pennsylvania, and these he prepares for the market, selling them through his New York broker. He has been very successful in this line, and his business is rapidly growing to mammoth proportions. In 1904 Mr. Mays was elected a justice of the peace, since which time he has settled a number of estates, has a nice clientage, and has also the support of his brother, H. Robert Mays, a promising young attorney of No. 541 Court street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and now county solicitor of Berks county.

Mr. Mays is an active Democrat, and has been delegate to a number of county and State conventions. Socially he is connected with Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; K. G. E., Womelsdorf Castle; I. O. O. F., of Womelsdorf; and the Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company. He and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church, of which he is a trustee.

On Nov. 15, 1903, Mr. Mays was married to Minnie M. Bickel, daughter of George and Lizzie (Schaffner) Bickel, of Rehrersburg, Pa. Two daughters, Margaret E. and Jeanette L., have been born to this union. In 1906 Mr. Mays erected a beautiful residence on High street, Womelsdorf, a Colonial mansion of three stories, which is considered one of the finest homes in the borough.

JOSEPH W. HOLMES, a coal dealer of Reading, and a lifelong resident of that city, was born there Nov. 27, 1859, son of James W. and Hannah Miller (Swartzwelder) Holmes.

James W. Holmes was a native of England, but came to this country in 1828, when he was six years of age. A machinist by trade, he secured a position in that line of work with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, and remained there a long time, largely during the period when Mr. Mulholland was superintendent. Mr. Holmes belonged to the Liberty Fire Company and was its first president, while along fraternal lines he was identified with the Odd Fellows. He had the reputation of being the best rifle shot in Reading, and displayed great enthusiasm over the rifle practices. He was a member of one of the earliest gun clubs formed in the city. In politics he was an adherent of the Democratic party. Mr. Holmes died in 1895, aged seventy-three years, and his wife in 1862. Her maiden name was Hannah Miller Swartzwelder, and she was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1828. Children were born to them as follows: Allen, deceased; Winfield; Catherine, m. to F. H. Gartlan; William; Joseph W.; and another that died in infancy. The family were members of the Episcopal Church.

Joseph W. Holmes attended the public schools of Reading, and on completing his studies there, applied himself to mastering telegraphy. His first position was with the Philadelphia & Reading system, and he was employed at various points all along their line. In 1880 he left the railroad work to become telegraph operator at the tube works of the Reading Iron Company, and was in the service of that corporation for the unusual period of twenty-six years and one month, to the mutual satisfaction of both parties. In April, 1906, Mr. Holmes resigned and accepted a position with the Philadelphia Light and Equipment Company, but this association was of very brief duration, and Aug. 20, of the same year, he went into business for himself. He is established on Thorn street, between Washington and Walnut, and deals in flour, feed and all grades of anthracite coal. He bought the good will of R. W. Lance, and from the very first of his assuming control of the business he has been markedly successful. He has many friends in Reading, and enjoys the highest reputation for integrity and ability.

Mr. Holmes was married in 1887 to Miss Ida M. Dietrich, daughter of Daniel F. Dietrich. The only child born to this union died in infancy. Mr. Holmes is a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, in which he is a vestryman. While his life has always been a busy one, Mr. Holmes has found time for considerable activity in political life and has invariably given his support to the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of Washington Camp, No. 303, P. O. S. of A., and is a trustee of the organization.

J. ADAM KOLB, who is engaged in tin roofing, spouting, roof painting and heater and range repairing at No. 225 North Ninth street, Reading, Pa., was born Feb. 6, 1855, in that city, son of Christian Kolb.

Christian Kolb was born in Menzingen, Baden, Germany, and when thirty years of age came to America, locating for a short time in New York City, whence he came to Reading. For several years he had charge of the tank department at the Philadelphia & Reading shops, and he later engaged in lighter work in the shop, the last two years of his life being spent in retirement. During the Civil war Mr. Kolb enlisted in the Union army, but on account of his advanced age was never called upon to serve. He died Nov. 5, 1900. Mr. Kolb married Rosanna W. Knertzer, who died in 1861. Eight children were born to this union, only two of whom lived to maturity, Catherine, deceased, wife of Asher Smith, by whom she had one son, Percy; and J. Adam.

J. Adam Kolb, the only living representative of the family, attended the public schools of Reading and the high school. When fifteen years of age he was first employed at Hendel's hat factory, where he remained three years, and then went to learn the trimming trade with William Rapp in Reading, remaining with him six years, afterward being employed at the Pennsylvania & Reading shops. In 1879 he went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was employed six months, at the end of this time returning to Reading. For twenty-five years he was employed with the well-known firm of Snader & Nagle, tinners of Reading, and on April 9, 1906, he engaged in tinning at his father's old home, No. 225 North Ninth street. He does a general line of roofing, spouting, roof painting and heater and range repairing, and employs two skilled workmen. He is also engaged in the sale of the well-known boat pump.

Mr. Kolb was married (first) to Annie Weaver, of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, and to this union there were born: Ida E. m. Ira Conklin, of Ohio; Eva m. Charles Miller, of Wyomissing, Berks county; Carrie m. Charles Sheaffer; Margaret, and John. Mr. Kolb m. (second) Miss Sarah Redcay, of Reading.

In politics Mr. Kolb is a Republican, but he has never been active. He is connected with the First United Evangelical Church. Fraternally he is a member of the P. O. S. of A.

FRANK E. MEITZLER, proprietor of the "Hotel Biery," at Mertztown, and the owner of an excellent farm, was born Dec. 30, 1873, on the old homestead farm in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Peter B. and Amanda (Rishel) Meitzler.

It is possible to trace the Meitzler family back to the great-grandfather, Henry Meitzler, but very little is known of him except that he served in the Revolutionary war, and was the father of a large family.

Daniel Meitzler, son of Henry and grandfather of Frank E., was born in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county. He followed the trade of shoemaker until he was fifty years old, in the meantime acquiring two farms and conducting one until his death, which took place at the age of eighty-three years, three months and nine days. He was interred at St. Peter's Church in Lehigh county. He married Susanna Bleiber, born near the Berks county line in Lehigh county, and they had two sons, Peter B. and Joseph, the latter of whom died unmarried when aged thirty-six years.

Peter B. Meitzler was born on the old homestead in Lehigh county, and he also engaged in shoemaking and farming. He died March 4, 1884, aged thirty-eight years. He married Amanda Rishel, daughter of Nathan and Sallie Annie (Brensinger) Rishel, who died Aug. 3, 1884, five months after the death of her husband. They had three children, namely: Frank E.; Louis N. m. Lizzie Liebensperger, and has three children, Nevin, Florence and John; and Alice S. (born Oct 11, 1877, and died at the Allentown Hospital, May 16, 1906, where she was a trained nurse).

Frank E. Meitzler was eleven years old when his parents died and the three orphan children were taken in charge by Jonas Rishel, an uncle, by whom Frank E. was reared and taught all kinds of farm work. Although his uncle was very strict, Mr. Meitzler now realizes that much of his success in life may be attributed to the compulsory industry of his youth. For the past ten years he has been operating the "Hotel Biery," which is the leading hotel at Mertztown.

On Sept. 5, 1896, Mr. Meitzler married Myra T. Schmoyer, daughter of James H. and Eliza (Lichtenwallner) Schmoyer. She was born at Jonestown, Lebanon county, Jan. 19, 1872. They have had two children, George Franklin (born in 1897, who died April 28, 1899) and Marjorie Mary Eliza; she was born at Mertztown, Dec. 5, 1901, baptized by Rev. Mr. Brensinger, and now attends the public school. Mr. Meitzler belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he was baptized and confirmed by Rev. William K. Helfrich; and Mrs. Meitzler is a Lutheran.

HARRY A. HECKMAN, who was the building inspector of the city of Reading from 1902 to 1908, is of German-English ancestry. He was born in Reading Jan. 12, 1857, son of Henry and Rebecca (Albright) Heckman.

(I) Johann George Heckman, the pioneer ancestor of the Heckman family, was born Jan. 6, 1748, in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and came to America during the Revolution as a soldier in King George's army. After the close of the war, with others of his countrymen, he settled in the Alsatian hills in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa. He became a farmer, his property lying three miles from Temple; it is now owned by his grandson Abraham. In 1780 he was assessed with 100 acres of land. He married a woman of foreign birth, Maria Magdalena Hamm, born Aug. 16, 1755, died July 6, 1832, who had accompanied her parents to America when quite young. For many years she lived in a Quaker family, and when she was grown to womanhood she adopted the Quaker style of dress. In 1790 the Federal census reports Johann George Heckman the head of a family of thirteen children: George; Peter, 1777-1857, is buried at Zion's Church in Perry township; Samuel, born Oct. 6, 1783, died Aug. 19, 1851; John; Adam; Daniel; Jacob; William; Magdalena m. Henry Schmeck; Susanna m. John Schmeck; Catharine m. John Shade; Elizabeth m. Peter Betz; and Mrs. Nicholas Wagner. The father of these children died March 22, 1835.

(II) Adam Heckman, son of Johann George, born July 29, 1789, married, July 30, 1815, Catharine Heffner, and they lived on their farm above Temple. Their children were: William m. Angelina Huey; Adam, born May 15, 1823, died March 31, 1863, m. Isabella Rothenberger (1830-1904); Jacob m. Abbie Deysher; John m. Susan Seidel; George m. Kittie Seidel; Elizabeth (Schmehl); Catharine (Fies); Hannah (Schmeck); and Lena (Rothermel). Adam Heckman died Dec. 16, 1863. At the time of his death he had forty-five grandchildren.

(II) George Heckman, son of Johann George, was a tanner. He is buried in the Dunkards' graveyard at Pricetown, Pa. His wife was Esther Wanner, and they were the parents of children as follows: (1) Peter moved to Ohio. He had a son who became colonel in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, where a monument was erected to his memory. (2) George (1803-1891) located in Minersville, Schuylkill county, where both he and his wife died. He married Sophia Hoch, daughter of Daniel Hoch, of Berks county, and she died in 1894, aged eighty-six years, after a married life of sixty-two years. They had six children: Daniel H., born at Pricetown, Feb. 12, 1831, who accompanied his parents in 1846 to Minersville, where he has become a wealthy tobacconist (he m. Magdalena Miller, of Berks county, and has two children, Willard T. and Susan E.); Susanna, who died in infancy; Amelia (Osman); George W., a merchant at Minersville; Sally Ann and Elizabeth Catherine, who both died young. (3) Aaron died in Pricetown. (4) Esther married Daniel Miller.

(II) John (Johannes) Heckman, son of George, was born on the homestead in Alsace township, March 21, 1787, and died at the old homestead in Frush Valley, April 23, 1859, aged seventy-two years, one month, two days. By trade he was a carpenter, and this he followed in connection with farming in Alsace township. He owned a forty-acre farm in Frush Valley. He married Magdalena Noll, who was born Sept. 17, 1795, and died Dec. 15, 1886, aged ninety-one years, two months, twenty-eight days, and was buried in the Heckman lot in the cemetery at Alsace Church. Mr. Heckman was first buried in the old Alsace graveyard, and later removed to the lot of Henry Heckman at Alsace church, of which the family were Lutheran members. Of the fourteen children born to John and Magdalena Heckman, four died young. The others were: Henry is mentioned below; Nicholas died in infancy; Nicholas (2) m. Hannah Bernhart, and died at Pricetown March 11, 1904, in his eighty-second year, (was born in 1822). Magdalena m. Samuel Rothenberger; Samuel m. Elizabeth Deisher, died at Philadelphia, and is buried at Allentown; Francis m. Lucy Bush, of Pricetown, and is now (1909) seventy-eight years old, living at Pricetown; Lewis m. Susan Lutz, and died in Frush Valley; Amelia m. Amos Schmeck; Sarah m. Francis Hartman; and Catharine died young. All, including the respective husbands and wives, are deceased, with the exception of Francis and Amelia.

(II) Daniel Heckman, son of Johann George, was born Jan. 23, 1790, and lived on a farm in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, adjoining that of his brother Adam. He married Hettie (Esther) Noll (sister to Magdalena, wife of his brother Johannes), and they had twelve children: Catharine, or Kate, m. to George Wessner; Abraham, deceased; Joseph; Adam, 1830-1846; Charles; Sophia, m. to Levi Reber; Sarah, m. to Solomon Dunkel; Mary, m. to Paris Althouse; Lucetta and Rebecca, who died small; and two who died in infancy.

(II) Jacob Heckman, son of Johann George, was born in Alsace township, and prior to 1808 settled in Windsor township, Berks county. He died during the Civil war, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a stone mason and farmer, and left a large estate to his family. He married a Miss Stricker, and their children were: Samuel, Daniel, Benjamin, Adam S., John, Isaac, Jared, Elias, Charles, Polly (m. Charles Oldt), Kate (m. Charles Wessner), Susanna (m. Aaron Miller), Sarah (m. John Lilly, of Union county). All are deceased.

(II) William Heckman, son of Johann George, lived in Bern township, and is now deceased. He married a Miss Shoemaker, of Shoemakersville, and they reared a large family.

(III) Henry Heckman, son of John and Magdalena (Noll), was born Aug. 16, 1820. He was one of the leading and active contractors and builders for a period of over thirty-five years, having erected some of the best buildings in the city, whose architecture differed not widely

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from that of the present day, more particularly in the construction of high-class residences. He ranked among the best builders in the city. He led a retired life for over thirty years, and died Sept. 26, 1905, aged eighty-five years, one month, ten days. He married Rebecca Albright, who was born Jan. 26, 1824, daughter of George and Catharine (Burns) Albright. The father was born in Germany July 14, 1795, and died in his fifty-ninth year. Mrs. Catharine (Burns) Albright, born Dec. 30, 1798, daughter of Richard Burns, a native of Scotland, died in her thirty-third year. To Henry and Rebecca (Albright) Heckman were born eight children: Daniel A., born April 29, 1844, is a foreman in the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company's service; George A., born Aug. 22, 1845, is a real estate dealer; Rebecca A., born June 7, 1847, died July 6, 1850, aged three years and twenty-nine days; Amanda A. was born Dec. 28, 1850; Susan A., born Oct. 21, 1852, died Dec. 28, 1856, aged four years, two months; Harry A. was born Jan. 12, 1857; Catharine A., born March 8, 1860, died Oct. 19, 1861; Alice A. was born May 16, 1865.

(IV) Harry A. Heckman was educated in the high schools of Reading. At the age of seventeen he entered his father's employ, and served a four years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's and builder's trade. In those days much of the work was done by hand, and the young man received the old-time thorough training in every detail, thus perfecting himself for a most successful career. When the father retired, Mr. Heckman entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and spent seven years, working in every department, in both the building of rolling stock and the erection of different buildings, for the company. At the end of that time he engaged in house carpentering, his original occupation, and then for twelve years carried on the contracting and building business, winning a high reputation for honest and efficient work in the hundreds of buildings he erected in Reading.

At the February election in 1891 Mr. Heckman was elected a member of the Reading school board from the Ninth ward, and during his term of office there were two schoolhouses built in the upper section of the ward, where persistent efforts had been made to get school facilities for almost twenty years. This was due largely to the untiring work and interest of Mr. Heckman, who served on some of the most important committees, and was chairman of the building committee for a number of years. In May, 1899, he resigned, moving into the Eighth ward, where he spent five years, and then moved into the Sixteenth ward, where with Cyrus Q. Guldin he erected their beautiful homes at Sixteenth and Mineral Spring Road, Mr. Heckman now living at No. 1604.

In 1902, when the Hon. Edward Yeager, mayor of Reading, wished to appoint a building inspector whose knowledge of the builder's art would lend weight to his inspections and insure the elevation of the office to the useful plane it was intended to occupy, he chose Mr. Heckman, and that his choice was justified by results was shown at the end of the three years' term, when the Hon. Edward R. Gerber, succeeding to the office of mayor, re-appointed Mr. Heckman, to the very great satisfaction of the public. Mr. Heckman as building inspector introduced a number of reforms and advanced the dignity of the office. During his career, one of great importance, came the investigating of the different opera houses and public buildings and halls after the destruction of the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago, and the revising of the building ordinance. All this was additional work entailed upon the office. In the year 1905 there were 1,094 buildings erected—the highest record ever made in the history of Reading for one year's building operations. Mr. Heckman after his induction into office brought such a standard of excellence into this department that it is not only one of the most important, but one of the most systematic. It has become a bureau of general information, and is, indeed, now able to bear the burden of being directly responsible for the safety of the people so far as the construction of buildings is concerned.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Heckman has been prominently identified with the order of Odd Fellowship, of which he has made a deep study. He is also connected with a number of other secret institutions. He was one of the founders of the Philomathean Literary Society, a prominent organization in its day. He is also a member of the Board of Trade and is active in Sunday-school and church work, having served as a vestryman of Trinity Lutheran Church for a number of years, for a long time was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and at present is one of the librarians.

Mr. Heckman has been very prominently identified in the adjusting and appraising of fire losses for the last twenty-five years and has settled the bulk of losses on the most important buildings in the city damaged by fire in years gone by, up to the present time, his ripe experience having made his services to be felt with the middle department of the underwriters association and the assured throughout the whole State of Pennsylvania.

On Dec. 30, 1879, Mr. Heckman was united in marriage with Hannah E. Hafer, daughter of the late Daniel H. Hafer, who formerly was a hat manufacturer in this city. Mrs. Heckman is a graduate of Reading high school, class of 1878. Seven sons have blessed this union: William Burns died in infancy; Daniel Warren was born July 4, 1882; Edwin Walter died in infancy; Harry Raymond was born Dec. 11, 1886; Herbert Russell, born Nov. 5, 1889, a graduate of the high school, class of 1909, is preparing himself for the profession of civil engineer; George Albright was born Aug. 19, 1893, and Stewart Dale on May 3, 1896.

(V) Daniel Warren Heckman, son of Harry A., attended the Reading schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he accepted a position with the Reading Cycle Company, with whom he remained nearly a year. He then spent nearly five years as a salesman for Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, and three years more as a clerk for the Maurice E. Roeder Transfer Company. He took a course in bookkeeping at Stoner's Interstate Commercial College and for three years studied in the night high school. Having always been fond of music, for five years, 1894 to 1899, he was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church choir, and at present is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church choir. In 1906-07 he took a course in pianoforte and pipe organ tuning with the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., and graduated therefrom June 26, 1907. He is at present engaged in the pianoforte and organ tuning business, with his office at No. 1604 Mineral Spring Road, Reading. He is also chorister of the Hinnershitz Union Church choir, Tuckerton, Pa. On April 8, 1900, he became a communicant member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and is active in its work, is president of the Luther League, and teacher in the Sunday-school; and he is treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Beneficial Brotherhood.

(V) Harry Raymond Heckman, son of Harry A., graduated from the Reading high school in the class of 1905, and then entered the office of Scholl & Maurer, architects. He conducted his father's business when the latter was engaged in his duties as building inspector, and the business is now carried on under the name of H. Raymond Heckman & Co., architects and builders, the father again connecting himself with the business. The office is at room 508, Baer building. H. Raymond Heckman designed and superintended the work of the beautiful homes at the southeast corner of Sixteenth street and Mineral Spring Road erected by Messrs. Heckman and Guldin, the design being so different from others erected in Reading.

JESSE M. SPRECHER, painter and paper-hanger, with place of business at No. 102 North Eighth street, Reading, is one of the city's thorough and representative business men. He was born at Reading, Pa., Jan. 10, 1852, son of Solomon and Radosa (Michael) Sprecher.

Like many other old families, the Sprechers have a tradition that the name was brought to this country by three brothers who were born in Germany. After reaching

America they separated, one settling in Lebanon county, and one in Lancaster county, Pa., while the third located in Western Maryland. The Pennsylvania archives show the following facts in this connection: Hans Georg Sprecher, on ship "Pink," landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1732. His wife Cathrina was also a passenger on the same ship.

Johan Christoph Sprecher, on ship "Patience," landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 16, 1748, and was then twenty-five years old. A second Hans Georg Sprecher came over the Atlantic on the ship "Janet," landing at Philadelphia, Oct. 7, 1751. Jacob Andreas Sprecher emigrated on the ship "Peggy," landing at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1754. Solomon Sprecher, father of Jesse M., had a half brother named George and it is claimed that the head of the Lebanon county Sprechers was named Georg, and in all probability one of the above mentioned Hans Georg Sprechers was the great-grandfather of Jesse M. The subject of ancestry is a very interesting one, and there are many who can claim a much less clear line than Mr. Sprecher.

Frederick F. Sprecher, grandfather of Jesse, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., and is buried at Hill Church, above Lebanon. In that vicinity he owned a large farm and conducted it throughout his active years. His three children were: Frederick, who lived on the homestead farm; Solomon; and Mrs. Jacob Stoever, who lived on an adjoining farm.

Solomon Sprecher was born in Lebanon county, Pa., Feb. 8, 1814, and died in November, 1885, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He came to Reading in the spring of 1846, and followed the carpenter's trade, doing a large amount of work of a most substantial character, much of which stands practically unimpaired to the present day. He built a row of houses on Pine street above Fourth; a row on Fourth below Pine street, the Boas mansion at Fourth and Pine, the Kerper Building at Eighth and Penn streets, and many others in all parts of the city as it was in his day. In politics he was a Democrat, and for twelve years served as a member of the school board of the First ward, then refusing re-election. He and family were members of the First Reformed Church, and he was on the building committee when the church was remodeled in the early eighties. Solomon Sprecher married Radosa Michael, who was born in the neighborhood of Rehrersberg, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 12, 1812, and died Jan. 9, 1889, and is buried at the side of her husband in the Charles Evans cemetery. They had five children, namely: Mary, born Jan. 13, 1838, m. David Paulsgrove, and lives with her daughter in Reading; Darius M., born Jan. 13, 1846, who is a well-known and skillful carpenter at Reading, and has a son, Harry F., who is foreman of a large machine shop in Chicago; Jesse M.; and two others died in infancy.

Jesse M. Sprecher attended the public schools of Reading until he was sixteen, and then for two years he was salesman in a grocery business. At the age of eighteen he entered the shops of Leymaster, Leiling & Co., at Reading, where he remained six years, and became a thoroughly informed workman in the trade of paper-hanging and painting. On April 1, 1876, he formed a partnership with Jacob E. Babb, under the firm name of Sprecher & Babb. This lasted until Aug. 1, 1883, when Mr. Sprecher began business alone at his present location. He carries a full line of wall papers, paints, glass, etc., and gives employment to twelve experienced men. There is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Sprecher enjoys the best trade in his line at Reading, and when contracts are to be given out for particular and artistic work, he is pretty sure to receive them. He has twice painted the First Reformed and the Trinity Lutheran Church.

On April 9, 1874, Mr. Sprecher was married to Rosa C. Coleman, a daughter of Owen and Catherine (Phillippi) Coleman, and they have had five children: Ida M. and Elmer M., surviving; while Charles O., Edwin J. and Willard S. died young. With his family he belongs to the First Reformed Church, of which he was both treasurer and deacon for three years. He has many social and fraternal connections. He belongs to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member also of Perseverance Council, No. 19, Order of Independent Americans, of which he was secretary for the unusual period of thirty-nine consecutive years and then voluntarily retired, but he is still chairman of the board of trustees of the lodge and manages their finances. He belongs to Reading Council No. 46, O. U. A. M., of which he has been financial secretary for a quarter of a century. He was the organizer of Fidelia Chamber, No. 5, Knights of Friendship, passed all its chairs and also the chairs of the Grand Body of the United States. He was a personal friend of the founder of the order, Dr. Mark G. Kerr, of Philadelphia.

JACOB P. HUNSICKER, blacksmith and coachmaker at Stouchsburg, Berks county, and one of the substantial citizens at that place, is a native of Lebanon county, born at Myerstown, March 14, 1874, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Failor) Hunsicker.

The early home of the Hunsickers was in Switzerland. Christian Hunsicker, great grandfather of Jacob P., was born near Fredericksburg, in Bethel township, Lebanon county, and it is thought he served in the war of the Revolution. He made his home at Hamlin, Lebanon county. Among his children were: Elizabeth, who married Michael Hoffman, and had ten children; Philip; and Jacob, born in 1804, who died in 1864.

Philip Hunsicker, son of Christian, was born in Bethel township, Lebanon county, in 1787, and died there in 1871; he was buried at Klopp's Church, of which he was a member. By trade he was a carpenter, and he owned a tract of sixty acres. He married Mary Ann Noll, who died in middle age, and they had eleven children, namely: Polly, Jonathan, Catharine, Betsy, Daniel, William, John, Caroline, Sybilla, Elias and Henry.

Elias Hunsicker, son of Philip, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, Dec. 4, 1836. He grew to maturity there, and in his young manhood learned tanning from Elias Frantz, who had opened a tannery. From 1841 to 1848 he followed that business, and then went to Indiana, where for a short time he worked at carpentering. Returning to Pennsylvania he engaged at coachmaking in Berks county, and then returned to Myerstown once more to follow the tanner's trade. In 1864 he married Elizabeth Failor, born Sept. 22, 1842, daughter of Godlieb and Mary (Long) Failor, of Lebanon county. She died Oct. 28, 1898. Their children were: Mary Ann, who married Joseph Swanger, of Myerstown; Franey, wife of Milton Yeager, of Millardsville; Frank, of Womelsdorf; Jacob P.; Harry, of Millardsville; Sallie, who married William Swanger, of Myerstown; Adam, of Harrisburg; and Samuel W., a horseshoer who is employed by his brother Jacob at Stouchsburg.

Jacob P. Hunsicker, son of Elias, attended the common school at West Myerstown until fourteen years of age, and then for about three years worked at Loos' tannery, in his home town. He next went to Stouchsburg, and learned blacksmithing and coachmaking with John B. Hacker. At the end of three years he went to Boyertown, where he worked in Hartman & Strunk's coach works for a short time. The following year he spent at Lititz, Lancaster county, and at its close he returned to Myerstown and assisted in the establishment of the water company. He and his brother Harry formed a partnership, and conducted a blacksmith shop at Prescott, but after one year Jacob P. went to Millardsville, where he conducted a smithy for five years. In 1900 he located at Stouchsburg, having the preceding year purchased the property where he now lives. There is about an acre of ground, and he has a good business, employing two to four people all the while. He carries on a general blacksmith business, and does all kinds of wheelwright work.

In 1898 Mr. Hunsicker married Lillie Rauch, daughter of William and Sophia (Zeller) Rauch, of Jackson township, Lebanon county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker have been born three children, namely: Edna S., Jacob W. and

May E. They attend the Reformed Church at Myerstown. Mr. Hunsicker is a member of Washington Camp, No. 137, P. O. S. of A. He was elected and served as judge of election in Marion township in 1908.

ROBERT A. RANKIN, an enterprising business man of Reading, Pa., who deals in roofing, spouting, cellar furnaces, etc., at No. 700 North Ninth street, was born Aug. 17, 1870, in Reading, son of John H. Rankin.

Henry Rankin, grandfather of Robert A., was a native of Scotland, and he died in Reading, burial being made at the Charles Evans cemetery. By occupation a contractor, Mr. Rankin was always an industrious, hard-working man, and he became a man of affairs, dying in comfortable circumstances. Among the work done by him may be mentioned the building of all the locks on the Schuylkill Canal between Port Clinton and Norristown. To him and his wife were born these children: Peter; John H.; William, who went to Oakland, Cal., during the gold rush in 1849, and died there; and Margaret, who died in Illinois.

John H. Rankin, father of Robert A., was born in a log cabin in the Blue Mountains of Upper Berks county, Dec. 20, 1837, and in 1861 entered the employ of the Reading Company. By strict attention to business, he won the respect of his employers, and for a number of years he was general foreman at the company's car shop, later becoming master car builder. In 1896 he was promoted to general store keeper, in which office he had general supervision of the supplies used by the company on the various divisions. The business transacted at the big storehouse is the same as any well regulated mercantile establishment. On Jan. 1, 1907, Mr. Rankin reached the age limit, but his services were regarded as so valuable to the company that the management decided to waive the limit in his case, and he assumed the title of superintendent of supplies, now having charge of twenty-eight storehouses, located at principal points on the Reading system. Few officials are better known on the Reading, and more universally respected. He was chairman of the Philadelphia & Reading Y. M. C. A. from its organization in Reading until 1905, when he retired. He is, however, deeply interested in the work, and is a frequent visitor to the rooms of the association. Mr. Rankin married Mary E. Boas, and to this union there have been born eight children: William, Henry, Catherine, Robert A., Anna, Sarah, Edward and Marguerite.

Robert A. Rankin attended the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years learned the trade of tinsmith from William B. Laucks, of Ninth and Washington streets. In 1893 he engaged in business on his own account at his present stand, where he has since been engaged. Mr. Rankin is an independent Republican. With his family he attends the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 329, P. O. S. of A., Reading.

On June 11, 1896, Mr. Rankin married Carrie Castor, daughter of Edward and Mary (Martin) Castor, and they have had two children: Bryant L. and Stewart L.

WILLIAM AULENBACH, a prosperous farmer of Oley township, resides upon his fine farm one-half mile west of Friedensburg. He was born in Reading Aug. 13, 1874, son of James Aulenbach and grandson of Charles Aulenbach.

James Aulenbach, son of Charles, was born in Reading Aug. 8, 1845, and is now a farmer in Alsace township. He learned the hatter's trade which he followed for some years, then learned boiler making from J. Obert, of Reading. This latter trade he followed until he feared he would lose his hearing, and he then resumed work at his first learned trade. In 1882 he began farming, purchasing a farm of fifty-eight acres, to which he has since added, and on it he has carried on farming ever since. He is a member of Spies's Church. He married Mary Linsaman, and they had two children: William and a daughter that died in infancy. Later he married Annie Linsaman, daughter of William and Margaret Linsaman, of Reading, natives of Wittenburg, Germany, and sister of his first wife. By his second marriage he had these children: Harry; James; Emma; Carrie and Charles.

William Aulenbach was reared upon the farm and attended the schools of Alsace township. When old enough he learned the carpenter trade from Jonas Dautrich, and for four years followed it. Later he worked in the Reading car shops and then for four years was a trolley car conductor for the United Traction company of Reading. He next became a conductor on the Oley Valley Railway Company's lines. Mr. Aulenbach had the honor of conducting the first trolley car over the road, and was in the employ of the company for some four years. In 1905 he began farming on the Levi Merkel farm in Oley, as a tenant, and continued thus for two years, when in 1907 he purchased the tract, which consists of 106 acres of very fertile land. The death of the owner occurred in 1905, and Mr. Aulenbach bought the property from the estate. The house was built by Jared Hoch in 1858, as the Hoch homestead. Mr. Aulenbach is a member of Emblematic Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F., Reading, and is on the staff. He and his family are members of Spies's church.

On June 16, 1894, Mr. Aulenbach was married to Mary Wanner, daughter of Martin Wanner, of Alsace township. These children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Aulenbach: William, George, Elmer, Raymond, Mabel, Bessie, Charles and Leon.

JOHN F. WITMAN, a popular and very well-known resident of Reading, who is serving in the capacity of ticket agent at the main station of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, is a native of this city, born Dec. 22, 1841, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Lutz) Witman.

Edward Witman was for many years well known as a leading business man of Reading, having for a time a tailoring establishment on Penn street, where the Y. M. C. A. building now stands, and a hotel at Fifth and Franklin streets. Edward Witman died in 1876, aged seventy-five years, after having retired from active business in 1857, the same year that his wife passed away.

John F. Witman received his education in the public schools of Reading and was a member of the third class to be graduated from the Reading high school, only two of the class of seven now living. Soon after leaving school Mr. Witman secured a position as clerk with the Reading Hardware Company, Harbster Brothers, later going to Robesonia, Berks county, as a clerk with a Mr. S. Shearer, Returning to Reading, Mr. Witman was employed as a newsboy, running on the *Daily Times*, his next position being in the book store of Mr. H. A. Lantz on Penn street. In August, 1861, John F. Witman entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, as a brakeman, then as baggageman, and later as a conductor of passenger train, continuing in the latter capacity until May, 1874, when he was made assistant ticket agent at the old frame outer depot, moving into the new depot in September of the same year. On April 1, 1887, Mr. Witman was appointed ticket agent, and has been in charge of the office since that time. His kindly, genial and courteous manner has made him very popular with the patrons of the railroad. This is one of the best posts on the company's lines, and as it is also one of the busiest it is necessary that a man of ability be in charge. Mr. Witman has always proved himself worthy of the charge and of the confidence placed in him by his employers.

Mr. Witman married Miss Helen Beaver, daughter of the late D. L. Beaver, M. D., of Reading, Pa., and to this union have been born: Prof. Harry L., the well known music teacher of No. 719 Penn street; Mrs. C. B. Rhoads, of Reading; and J. Fred, Jr., a civil engineer of Reading.

Mr. Witman is a veteran of the Civil war, at the outbreak of which he enlisted for three months service in Company G, 1st P. V. I., Captain George W. Alexander, and after the expiration of his term of enlistment, veteranized in Co. B, 128th Pa. V. I., Captain William McNall, with the nine months men, becoming sergeant, and being promoted to sergeant major. He is a member

of Camp No. 61, P. O. S. of A., and past master of Lodge No. 62 F. & A. M., of Reading. In politics he is a Republican, in religious belief a Lutheran. Mr. Witman resides with his family at No. 536 Buttonwood street.

WILLIAM R. FREES, who is engaged in truck farming near Textile, Pa., is one of Spring township's enterprising agriculturists, and was born June 4, 1845, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of Henry and Sarah (Reeser) Frees.

The Frees family came from Friesland, Holland, and the progenitor in this country is supposed to have been Johannes Frees, the great-grandfather of William R., the latter of whom has in his possession an old Bible, in which the ancestor's name appears in German script.

Samuel Frees, son of Johannes and grandfather of William R., was born in Robeson township, where he became a successful farmer and the owner of upwards of 200 acres of land, much of which was timbered. He is buried at Plow Church, of which he was an official member. He married Mary Moore, and they had ten children, as follows: John, born Sept. 18, 1815, was a farmer of Brecknock township, and died July 9, 1897; Sallie m. Christian Jacobs, of Robeson township; Henry; Leah m. Thomas Jacobs, brother of Christian; Katie m. John Schaeffer of Robeson township; Mary m. John Westley; Hannah m. Ephraim Dickinson; Marguerite m. Michael Westley, all of Robeson township; Samuel spent his life in Robeson and Cumru townships; and Daniel, born March 8, 1835, died Feb. 17, 1876, m. Mary Westley, and left a family of six children.

Henry Frees, father of William R., was born in Robeson township, April 2, 1821, and died May 12, 1901, at the home of his son, William R., being buried at Robeson (Plow) Church, of which he was deacon and elder. He spent his life in agricultural pursuits, owning a small farm in Caernarvon township, and was well known and highly esteemed in his community. Mr. Frees married Sarah Reeser, born Aug. 13, 1822, died May 27, 1894, daughter of William Reeser of Robeson township. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frees, namely: Mary, m. to David Goodman, of Reading; William R.; Lizzie, m. to Elhannon Frees, of Robeson township; Amanda, m. to Heber Moore, of Caernarvon township; and Samuel F., who died of small-pox in his youth.

William R. Frees was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, and in 1868 took a trip West, visiting Roseville and Freeport, Ill., and Hastings, Minn. In 1870 he returned home and until 1877 worked for his parents, at which time he removed to Robeson township where he remained for three years. He spent four years in Union township in tenant farming, and from 1886 until 1902 operated the John Haas farm in Cumru township, during eight years of which time he drove a daily milk route to Reading. In the spring of 1905, Mr. Frees purchased the Joshua Eyrich farm of thirty-seven acres, in Spring township, a valuable and well located tract, on which are a new set of buildings, and from which can be had a fine view to Reading, two miles distant. Mr. Frees and his family are members of Christ (Yocom) Church in Cumru township, Mr. Frees being a Lutheran, while his wife adheres to the faith of the Reformed denomination.

On Jan. 8, 1876, Mr. Frees was married to Annie E. Eshelman, daughter of Moses and Priscilla (Steffy) Eshelman, of Plowville, Robeson township, and to this union there has been born one son: Harvey Luther.

Harvey Luther Frees was born Feb. 3, 1877, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, and taught school for some years. He is now in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Reading. He married Mamie S. Babb, daughter of Daniel Babb, and they have two children: Alma Loriane and Harold W. D.

JOHN W. BORST, machinist, at Reading, Pa., and a well-known and respected citizen, was born in the house in which he still resides at No. 112 North Ninth street, Reading, Feb. 25, 1854, son of Jacob and Catherine (Felix) Borst.

Jacob Borst was born in Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 20, 1820, and came to America in childhood. He learned the trade of machinist in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops at Reading, and continued in the employ of this corporation until his death Dec. 12, 1890, at the age of seventy years. He married Catherine Felix, who died March 13, 1878, aged fifty-five years. Both were buried in the Catholic cemetery at Reading. They have three surviving children: Emma C., who resides with her brother, J. W.; John W.; and Jacob A. The last named is also a machinist, and is employed in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops. He married Mary Fleer, and they have these children: Nellie, Francis, Charles, Joseph and John.

John W. Borst attended the public schools of Reading until the age of fifteen years. In 1870 he entered upon an apprenticeship in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops and worked until it was completed, and continued with the company for twenty-five years. In 1902 he accepted his present position with the Birdsboro Foundry and Machine Company, and is considered one of the most expert machinists in their employ.

Mr. Borst married Mary Scheck, daughter of Andrew and Mary Scheck, of Leesport, Pa. Mrs. Borst died March 5, 1888, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a family, viz.: Charles J., a graduate of Brunner's Business College, who is now employed as bookkeeper at W. W. Essick's Optical Factory, at Reading, m. Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 1908, Mayme E. Herbst; George A., a salesman in the Home Store, at Reading, m. June 25, 1908, Elizabeth Nevin, and lives at his wife's home No. 922 North Eighth street; and two children are deceased. Mr. Borst is a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church at Reading.

CHARLES F. HILL, proprietor of the Fleetwood Marble and Granite Works, is a representative of a family settled in Berks county since early times. The first ones of the name to come to that part of the State were Johan and Frederick Hill, and while the exact date of their arrival from Europe is not known, their names were on the list of tax-payers of Oley township in 1757, when the first tax was collected there. Johan, a farmer, was the progenitor of Charles F. Hill.

Peter Hill, son of Johan, was a blacksmith by trade and followed that calling all his active life. His last years were spent in Coxtown, now Fleetwood, where his descendants still live. His wife was Susanna Koller, who was born in 1791, and died in 1883. Their children were as follows: Abraham, who left Berks county when a young man and was never heard from again; Peter, born in 1825, who moved to Iowa in 1855, became a very successful business man and died in 1896, leaving a large family; Jacob; Conrad; Hannah; Hettie; and Susan.

Conrad Hill was born in Oley township in 1822. He settled in Richmond township, and there followed the calling of a blacksmith for forty-seven years, residing both in Walnuttown and Fleetwood. He married Susanna, daughter of Jacob and Sally (Price) Fox. The Price family were a prominent one in Berks county, Pricetown being named for Jacob Price. The children born to Conrad and Susanna Hill were: Jacob; Sarah, m. to Frederick Schenk: Peter; James; Charles F.; Susan, m. to Morris B. High; and Conrad, Jr., unmarried. The father of this family died in Fleetwood in 1899, in his seventy-eighth year.

Charles F. Hill was born Oct. 13, 1857, at Walnuttown, a mile east of Fleetwood. His parents, though most honest and industrious, were poor, and the boy was able to secure only a limited education in the township schools. Later, however, he resumed his studies by himself, and became a man of very creditable attainments. At the age of twenty he went into the wholesale and retail marble and granite business. His establishment is equipped with the most modern machinery operated by steam. There are upwards of forty men employed and his trade extends over the entire State of Pennsylvania and in New Jer-

sey. Monuments attesting his skill and real artistic ability may be seen in many places, notably, perhaps, the De Long and Stocker monuments in the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading; the Koch, Schoene, Loros and Ritter, at Allentown; and the Isaac Kutz monument in the Fleetwood cemetery.

The political principles espoused by Mr. Hill are those of the Republican party, and he has always been active in the service of his party and his locality. He has been a delegate to numerous party conventions, was a school director for six years, has been a member of the board of health for the past ten years, and a member of the borough council for more than twenty years. He was elected chief burgess of Fleetwood over and over till he finally refused to serve longer, on the plea that his own business claimed all of his time. In addition to carrying all these responsibilities Mr. Hill acted for fifteen years as treasurer of the cemetery board of Fleetwood, while he has also always been actively concerned with church matters. A regular attendant and consistent member of the Mennonite Church at Fleetwood, he has long been a trustee, and is now class leader.

On April 29, 1877, Mr. Hill married Miss Mary A. Rahn, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Merkel) Rahn, and granddaughter of John Rahn. To this union have been born: Charles R., m. to Bertha Fink; Katie R., m. to Adam R. Leibensperger, of Reading; and Frederick R., Lewis R. and Clara R., at home. Mr. Hill is a man of unusually fine character. He is devoted to his home and family, and is a loyal citizen and consistent Christian.

JOSEPH S. BACHMAN, proprietor of Bachman's Steam Pretzel Bakery, No. 836 North Eighth street, Reading, was born in Austria in 1863, and came to America with his parents, Francis and Margaret (Settler) Bachman, in 1868.

In his native country Francis Bachman had learned carpentering and cabinet-making, and these occupations he followed on settling in Reading. He is now living retired at No. 351 North Eleventh street, at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife also surviving at the same age. They have had a family of five children: Joseph S., the only child born in Europe; John, a stone cutter of Reading; Annie, m. to Adam Heister; Margaret, m. to John High; and Charles, who is employed by his brother in the Bachman Steam Pretzel Bakery plant. In religious belief the family are Catholics.

Joseph S. Bachman was educated in the public and parochial schools of Reading, and his first work was at Koenig's Marble Yard, which position he left to engage in carrying the *Daily Post* for Wilhelm Rosenthal. His next employment was with the Penn Hardware Company, where he remained about one year, and he then apprenticed himself with Anthony Vogelman. After several years spent as a journeyman, Mr. Bachman in 1886 engaged in business at No. 450 North Eleventh street, where he spent three years, was for one year at No. 232 Mifflin street, and then engaged in model baking on Fifth street. Later he removed to No. 609 Moss street, but in 1897 he engaged in the pretzel baking business, at his present place, selling out his general baking establishment. Mr. Bachman had three years experience as a journeyman pretzel baker, which gave him a complete and comprehensive knowledge of the business, and from a humble beginning he has established the largest enterprise in this line in the State of Pennsylvania. He employs a force of thirty people, having a night shift, has two wagons on the streets of Reading constantly, and his trade reaches all over the United States.

Mr. Bachman m. Mary Mercer, and they have two children: Francis, m. to Florence Folk; and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman are Catholics in religious belief. He is a Democrat in politics, is captain of the Marion Fire Company, a member of the Knights of St. John, and major of the Second District of Pennsylvania. He also served as captain for five years of this order, and was chairman of the convention committee for June, 1908.

JAMES H. S. GRIESS, of Pottstown, Pa., is a native of District township, Berks county, born March 28, 1860. He belongs to a family which has long been identified with Hereford township, where his great-grandfather, Jacob Greiss, lived.

Jacob Greiss was a charcoal burner and laborer in Hereford township, living between Perryville (now Harlem) and the Devel's Hole. In his later years he moved to District township, where he died during the fifties. He and his wife are buried in unmarked graves at Huff's Church. Her maiden name was Rauch, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Peter lived in Hereford; his wife was a Fry, and they had children—David, Henry, Adam, Elizabeth (m. John Gangler), and Lucinda (m. Samuel Kehs). George, grandfather of James H. S. Griess, is mentioned later. Philip, m. to a Yeakel, was a laborer in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa. David lived in the Blue Mountains, where he was engaged as a charcoal burner. John (1817-1902) lived in District township, where he had his own home and worked as a laborer; he m. Sallie Moyer (1820-1905) and they are buried at Huff's Church. Polly m. a Mr. Fenstermacher, and lived in Longswamp township, where he kept a hotel known as "Ginders Hotel," near Topton. Peggy never married. Catharine m. Abraham Gehris, and they lived in Hereford, where he was a laborer; they are buried at Huff's Church. Barbara (Bevvy) m. Benjamin Sell, and lived in Longswamp township. Elizabeth (Betzy) completed the family.

George Greiss, son of Jacob, was a weaver and wove all kinds of linens. He owned his own home and eight acres of land, on which property his shop was located. He married Sarah Gehris, and they lived in Longswamp township, but they are buried at Huff's Church, in Hereford township. They were the parents of children, as follows: Jacob, who married Mary Rothenberger; Philip, who was a tailor at Womelsdorf, Berks county; George, who lived at Alburtis, Pa.; Peter, a blacksmith in Hereford, who is mentioned below; David, who settled out West and died there; Daniel was a cobbler and died unmarried at Albertis; Sarah, m. to Henry Wendling and John, who lived in the State of Delaware and who m. Mary Jane, daughter of Capt. J. and Sarah Evans (she is buried at Huff's Church).

Peter Griess, father of James H. S. Griess, was born in 1835 in Hereford township, and died Nov. 18, 1891, aged fifty-six. He is buried at Bally Catholic Church. Mr. Griess was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, until 1874, when he took up farming in the same township, continuing there for three years more. In 1877 he moved to Maxatawny and burned lime for one year. In 1878 he moved to Hereford township, Berks county, where he engaged in farming until his death. He married Mary Schoch, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Kehs) Schoch, born Jan. 25, 1838, and as she was a member of the Catholic Church he too adopted that faith. Mrs. Griess now makes her home with her son Jermanus, near Clayton, in Hereford township. She was the mother of nine children, viz.: Amelia (m. Henry Hering), James H. S., Jermanus (unmarried), Jane (m. Henry Kehs, of Pottstown), Maggie (died aged seven years), and four who died in infancy.

James H. S. Griess received his education in the schools of Salisbury township, Lehigh county, and in the city of Allentown. He was reared upon the farm, but when quite young began working in the ore mines around Siesholtzville, doing such work for four years. In 1882 he settled in Pottstown, where he learned the milling business from Bertolet & Miller, in 1885 succeeding Mr. Bertolet in the firm, which has since been Miller & Griess. They have the most extensive business in their line in the upper part of Montgomery county, manufacturing from seventy-five to one hundred barrels of flour daily, and their leading brand is the "Favorite," which finds a ready market all over the eastern part of the United States. This firm also buys and sells feed, doing a general business in that line, and enjoys in a large measure the good-will and confidence of the people of the town

and surrounding district. They do besides a large coal and wood business, having gained considerable patronage in that line. Six men are employed regularly, and the firm has prospered throughout its existence.

In addition to his business, Mr. Griess owns a valuable farm of 103 acres in Hereford township, near Clayton, which he rents; this was formerly the Samuel D. Heil property.

On April 26, 1885, Mr. Griess married Matilda G. Covely, daughter of David and Mary (Gery) Covely, of Hereford township, and they have had three children: J. Allen (deceased), Norman R. and Raymond P. This family are members of St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Pottstown. Mr. Griess holds membership in the St. Joseph Society at Bally, and the St. Aloysius Society and Knights of Columbus at Pottstown. He is a Charter member of Father Bally Council, K. of C., of Pottstown, and also a fourth degree member.

FRANCIS A. ULLE was born in Reading in 1862, of German parentage, son of Zachariah and Elizabeth J. (Thieme) Ulle, natives of Erfuhrt, Saxony.

Zachariah Ulle was born in 1811. He served the required period in the German army, then learned the barber's trade, and came to America to follow it under the freer auspices offered in this country. He and his wife landed in New York City in October, 1853, and proceeded thence to Reading, where they settled. Mr. Ulle was first located at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, in the old jail building, for four years, and then moved to Seventh and Penn streets, on the present site of the Rosenbaum building, where he remained twelve years. The next five years he was on Eighth street, and then for seven more at No. 44 South Sixth street. He was very skillful in his work, and enjoyed a large and regular patronage. He departed this life at the home of his son, Francis A., Feb. 28, 1885, aged seventy-three years. His wife is still living, and resides in her son's home. Their children were: Gustave, a barber in New York City; Albert H., a hotel keeper in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Francis A.; and Emma C. married Wilson O. Knabe, a barber located in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Francis A. Ulle was sent to the public schools of Reading, and after finishing his studies he learned cigar making with his brother. He worked at that trade for two years, but then felt that the compensation was unsatisfactory, and so decided to learn the barber's trade. He went to Philadelphia to learn it and at different periods spent five years there in the work. He also lived in Chicago for some nine months. In 1883 Mr. Ulle established himself in business in Reading, at No. 619 Chestnut street, but after three years there he moved to his present location No. 129 South Ninth street. He does a large business, with four chairs in his shop, and he gives the best of service to every patron.

Mr. Ulle was married in 1886 to Miss Wilhelmina Schumacher, daughter of August Schumacher, of Reading, and five children have been born to them, Augustus H., Elizabeth W., Frederick F., Paul T. and Marie A. Mr. Ulle is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and is an active worker in its various departments.

WILLIAM F. FORRY, one of the extensive farmers of Berks county, was born there Jan. 9, 1865. He owns the old Governor Hiester homestead in Bern township, one of the landmarks of the county. It is located on the road leading from Hiester's Mill to Reber's Mill, seven miles from Reading, and the farm contains 400 acres of valuable land. The post office address is Roseglen Farms, West Leesport, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.

Through boyhood Mr. Forry attended the schools of Womelsdorf, after which he went into the knitting mill which his father operated from 1872 to 1903. Later he became a member of the firm conducting the business, and lived at Myerstown, Duncannon and Shamokin, residing in the latter city for ten years. Failing health finally caused both him and his father to retire from that industry. Then Mr. Forry returned to Berks county, and invested in land as above mentioned. He takes a deep interest in his agricultural operations, and as he has the finest water in the county in abundance, and makes use of the best and latest improved machinery, he meets with success. He makes a specialty of hay and potatoes, and breeds thoroughbred Jersey cattle, large English Berkshire swine and pure bred poultry, shipping to cities in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

Mr. Forry was married in 1889, to Miss Amelia Adams, daughter of Richard Adams, of Bern township, and they have three sons: John W. and W. Frank, twins, and Richard. In politics he is a Democrat but not active. He is a leading member of Epler's Reformed Church.

EDWIN KERSHNER, a member of the firm of Ammon & Kershner, proprietors of the "American House," Reading, Pa. (one of the best known hotels in the State), was born Aug. 19, 1873, at Bernville, Berks County, son of Henry J. and Sarah A. (Faust) Kershner.

The heads of the Kershner families in Berks county emigrated from Amsterdam, and arrived at New York during the winter of 1722-23. In 1759 Conrad Kershner's name appears as a land-owner in Bern township. One of his sons was Philip. One of Philip's sons, Peter Kershner, was a farmer in Bern township all his life, and died in that portion now within the limits of Penn township, the farm upon which he lived and which he owned being still in the possession of the family. Peter Kershner married a Miss Bodey, and ten children were born to them, five sons and five daughters. The sons were: Peter, Henry J., Lewis, George and James. Peter Kershner, the grandfather of Edwin, was a Democrat in politics, and wielded considerable influence in his community, having held a number of local offices.

Henry J. Kershner, second son of Peter Kershner above mentioned, and father of Edwin, was for many years a cattle dealer and farmer in Berks county, but retired in 1899. He and his wife had twelve children, ten of whom are now living: George, Edwin, Palmer, Louis, Jared, Charles, Sarah H., Katie L., Walter W. and Warren W., twins; the two who died in infancy were Franklin and William.

Mr. Edwin Kershner married Fannie A., daughter of George M. Ammon, the former proprietor of the "American House." They have one child, George Ammon Kershner, born Oct. 26, 1907.

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HOWARD WIEGNER KRIEBEL, son of Henry Kriebel (Israel and Sarah, nee Schultz, Kriebel) and Mary Ann Wiegner (Jacob and Rosina, nee Yeakel, Wiegner), was born in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., 1859, educated in the public schools of his native township, at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. (graduated, 1876), and at Oberlin, Ohio. He was married to Thamar K. Schultz, daughter of Thomas Schultz (Rev. Christopher and Susanna, nee Yeakle, Schultz) and Hannah Kriebel (Jacob and Anna, nee Yeakel, Kriebel), in 1884. He taught in the public schools of his native township and at Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa., where he served also as bookkeeper, secretary and trustee. He resigned from this position to write "The Schwenkfelders in Pennsylvania, A Historical Sketch," published in 1904 by the Pennsylvania German Society, of which he is a member. Since 1906 he is publisher of The Pennsylvania-German, an illustrated monthly magazine devoted to the biography, genealogy, history, folklore, literature and general interests of German and Swiss settlers in Pennsylvania and other States and their descendants.

JOHN K. FAUST, a representative citizen and well-known business man of Reading, engaged extensively in paving contracting, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1859, son of Jacob and Lydia (Kline) Faust.

Philip Faust, grandfather of J. K., settled in Upper Bern township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his active period. He died about 1850, aged about

sixty-five years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Christiana Lehr, died in 1870, aged eighty-three years. They had these children: Daniel, deceased; Mary, m. to William Hinckel; and Jacob, father of J. K. Philip Faust was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and he and his wife were attendants of the Reformed Church.

Jacob Faust, son of Philip, was a carpenter by trade, also owning and operating a farm, first in Lower Heidelberg township, and later in Jefferson township, and being a very thrifty man was considered very well-to-do at the time of his death, in 1892, when in his seventy-fourth year. His wife, Lydia Kline, died in 1888, aged sixty-five years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, while he was connected with the Reformed denomination. In politics he was a Democrat. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Faust, ten of whom lived to maturity: Samuel, of Penn township; Sarah, m. to Daniel Shade; Amelia, m. to Levi Reber; Daniel; Kate; Catherine, m. to Frank Hollenbach; John K.; Franklin; Matilda, m. to Alvin Rehn; and Allen K., a missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan. In religious belief Mr. Faust was Reformed.

John K. Faust was educated in the district schools of Lower Heidelberg township, and followed farming until his twenty-ninth year, when he came to Reading and engaged in the paving and cement business. He enlarged his operations from time to time, and is now one of the largest contractors in cement and flag stone paving in the city of Reading. Since 1902 he has done considerable building in he northwestern section of the city of Reading, these houses being for sale, and like in his other business he has been very successful in this new venture.

Mr. Faust was married in 1882 to Harriet Hassler, daughter of John and Anna (Moyer) Hassler, and two children were born to this union: Charles Floyd (deceased) and Howard Calvin, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster; the latter married Elenora Brossman, daughter of James Brossman and wife (nee Kissling, of Reading). Mr. Faust is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and the Knights of Malta. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as a member of the school committee of the Sixth ward. Mr. Faust owns a beautiful residence at the corner of West Greenwich and McKnight streets.

CYRUS DECHERT ALTHOUSE, retired farmer living at Shillington, was born in Bern township, Sept. 21, 1866. He was educated in the township schools and brought up to farming until he became of age, when he began to conduct farming operations for himself and has continued to do so until the present time. In 1897, he moved to Shillington, and has since resided there. In 1887, he was married to Sarah H. Fritz, daughter of Henry Fritz, retired farmer, and Susan Hinnershitz his wife, of Shillington. The latter died Feb. 14, 1909, aged sixty-six years.

His father was Adam Althouse, who cultivated a large farm in Bern township for thirty years until his decease in 1877, aged sixty-three years. He was married twice. His first wife was Susan Shepp, daughter of Daniel, of Alsace township (now Muhlenberg), by whom he had four children: Milton, Nathan S., Ellen (m. Augustus G. Christman), and Emma (m. Isaac W. Steininger). After his wife's decease in 1855, Mr. Althouse in 1859 m. (second) Angeline Dechert, daughter of Daniel, of Spring, by whom he had three sons: Monroe B. (m. Mary Tobias), Cyrus D. (above), and one died young. In the settlement of his estate, his farm of two hundred acres was divided into two equal parts, the part adjoining the Schuylkill having been adjudged to his son Monroe, and the other part adjoining the Tulpehocken to his son Cyrus, which parts they still own and cultivate.

His grandfather was John Althouse, farmer of Bern, who died March 24, 1847, aged seventy-six years. He was married to Catharine Knabb, of Oley, who died in 1858, aged seventy-eight years. They had eight children: John (m. Sarah Seidel); Daniel (m. Catharine Dunkel); Henry (m. Mary Kissinger); Adam (above); William (m. Elizabeth Guldin); Mary (m. Isaac Graeff); Catharine (m. Adam Kalbach); and Elizabeth (m. Solomon Dunkel). John Althouse devised to his son Adam a large farm in said township, about three miles from Reading, which extended from the Schuylkill River to the Tulpehocken creek and contained over two hundred acres.

His great-grandfather was John George Althouse, farmer of Bern, where he carried on farming for many years until his decease in 1811, aged sixty-six years. He was married to Maria Barbara Herbine, of Oley, by whom he had four children: Peter (m. Catharine Schaeffer); John (above); Maria (m. a Kershner); and Catharine (m. a Rieser). His wife died in 1822, aged eighty-one years.

As to antecedents of Mr. Althouse's mother, see biographical sketches of her brother Adam Dechert, and of her cousin Henry M. Dechert, which appear in this publication.

Mr. Althouse's wife's parents had four children: Cyrus (m. Ida Trexler); Martin (m. Ada Eberle); Rebecca (m. Daniel Krick); and Sarah (Mrs. Althouse). Her father Henry Fritz is a retired farmer at Shillington and has served as the tax collector of Cumru township for many years. His father Martin Fritz carried on farming for many years along the Schuylkill in Cumru township, at the "Little Dam," and died at Shillington July 22, 1891, aged eighty-three years. He was married to Margaret Gring, who died Oct. 12, 1880, aged seventy-five years. They had six children: Lewis (m. Sarah Focht); John (m. Catharine Epler); Henry (above); Susan (m. Jeremiah Garet); Sarah (m. John Grill); and one died young.

JOHN T. ADAMS, member of the pretzel baking firm of J. T. Adams & Co., of Reading, is a native of Alsace township, Berks county, born March 29, 1856, son of William Adams, a farmer of that township who died Dec. 24, 1904, and Fernie (Tobias) Adams, whose death occurred in 1870.

John T. Adams spent his early school days in his home township, and the latter part in the schools of Reading. At the age of fourteen years he began to learn the trade of pretzel making, with a Mr. Muntz, with whom he remained eight years, the next thirteen years being spent with the late Benjamin Lichtenthaeler. In May, 1893, Mr. Adams engaged in business with Mr. J. S. Hendricks, and they are located under the firm name of Hendricks & Adams, at Nos. 333-335 Cherry street, the entrance to the factory being at No. 332 Penn street. Mr. Hendricks retired from business in October, 1907, and Mr. Adams continued the business, taking his son Paul as a partner. They manufacture what is known as the "Original Pretzel." When they first started in business they employed but two hands; now they have fourteen. Their first year's business was 1,060,273 pretzels, and the year of 1905, 3,712,644. Their trade is very large, and they ship to all parts of the United States, from Boston to San Francisco, as well as abroad. They have two large ovens, and four wagons are continually busy in the city, where the firm's goods are in great demand.

In 1877 Mr. Adams married Miss Mary Knabb, daughter of the late David G. Knabb, of Reading, and these children have been born to the union: Paul, member of the firm of J. T. Adams & Co.; Martha, wife of William Estey. Mr. and Mrs. Adams reside in the house in which she was born, No. 1035 Franklin street. Fraternally a Mason, he is very active in the work of that society, and is also connected with the Odd Fellows. He served on the council of the Lutheran Church, and has been very prominent in educational work in Reading. He is one of the city's representative citizens.

GEORGE W. S. DELLECKER, an industrious and useful citizen residing in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, near the Montgomery county line, was born at Englesville, Feb. 15, 1850.

The Dellecker family is of French origin, the early spelling of the name being De la Cour. Rev. Frederick

De la Cour was born in France Feb. 2, 1738, and he died in Falkner Swamp, Montgomery Co., Pa., Jan. 15, 1799, and was buried at Swamp Church. He came to America in 1757, and from that time to 1770, he preached at East Amwell, N. J., then went to Rockaway, N. J., and stayed there until 1782. The following two years were spent at Goshenhoppen, Pa., and from there he went to Falkner Swamp. For forty-two years he preached the doctrines of the Reformed Church. In 1900 a memorial window was placed in Swamp Church by his descendants. His wife, Barbara, was born Nov. 18, 1745, and died May 7, 1784.

Frederick Dellecker (De la Cour), son of Rev. Frederick and Barbara, was born Dec. 30, 1776, and he died Feb. 15, 1853. He married Catharine Beitman, and they became the parents of fourteen children, namely: Sarah, m. to Jacob Yerger; Lucy, m. to George Fisher; Sophia, m. to a Mr. Mock; Frederick, who lived and died at Gilbertsville, Pa.; Elizabeth, m. to a Griesemer; Hannah, m. to a Scholl; William, who lived and died at Gilbertsville; Henry B., who lived and died in Milwaukee, Wis.; Rebecca, m. to William Weiant; George, who lived and died in Muhlenberg township, Berks county; Samuel B., mentioned below; Catharine, m. to a Wittman; Susan, m. to David Shaner; and Polly, m. to a Romich.

Samuel B. Dellecker, son of Frederick, was born Oct. 26, 1814, in Douglass township, Montgomery county. He was a carpenter by trade all his life, and he died Dec. 28, 1879, at Boyertown. He married Susan Sassaman, born Jan. 16, 1821, in Washington township, Berks county; she died Oct. 25, 1860, in Colebrookdale township, and was buried at Boyertown. Four children were born to them, namely: Henry S.; Catharine, who died in childhood; Mary, who married Frank Rhodes, of Boyertown; and George W. S.

George W. S. Dellecker attended the common schools, and later Boyertown Academy. In 1871 he was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and taught his first term in Washington township, teaching in all four terms. He was trained to farm work by his grandfather, Henry Sassaman, near New Berlinville. He learned the trade of painter and grainer, and followed that occupation for about twenty-five years. He also has a thorough understanding of the butcher's trade, and followed it during the winter for a number of years, and regularly for two years at Barto. For three years he was engaged in the hotel business. In 1898 he began farming in Douglass township, and in 1900 he moved to near Englesville, where he owns the thirty-two acre tract formerly known as the Abraham Yoder tract. This he devotes to truck farming, and is meeting with deserved success.

Mr. Dellecker has been twice married. He wedded (first) Andora Smith, daughter of Richard F. Smith, of Barto. She died two years after her marriage. Mr. Delecker m. (second) Annie Harner, daughter of Samuel Harner, and ten children have blessed this union, as follows: Bertha, m. to Charles Sands; Warren, of Colebrookdale township; Harvey, who died aged twenty-four years; Susie, m. to William Schoch; Alice, m. to Edward Grim; Mabel, who died aged sixteen years; Henry, of New Berlinville; Annie, m. to Clinton Kane; and Miss Laura and Walter, at home. Mr. Dellecker is a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religion.

JOHN RUDY, a resident of Mount Penn, Pa., who is engaged in the express, drayage and ice business, was born Feb. 10, 1862, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, son of George and Maggie (Stahl) Rudy.

George Rudy, who was the foreman of large stables in his native country, died there in 1872, when thirty-eight years old, and his wife met her death by asphyxiation at Hoboken, while on her way to visit her son. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy had seven children: Andrew, of Reading; John; William, of Lancaster county; Lizzie, wife of Henry Kissel, of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany; Charles, of Lancaster county; Maria, who died at the age of eight years; and Helena, who died when fourteen years old.

John Rudy was reared in his native country, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of eighteen years he entered the German army as a member of the 118th Regiment, 4th Company, Infantry, "Gross Herzog Prince Carl," and served three months. In 1885, he married Maggie Seilheimer, born in Hesse Darmstadt Dec. 17, 1864, daughter of Henry and Maggie (Deximer) Seilheimer, and for three years thereafter they remained in that country, Mr. Rudy being engaged in grape growing. In 1888 Mr. and Mrs. Rudy came to America, and, locating in Reading, he secured employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He then purchased a thirty-five acre farm in Lower Heidelberg township, on which he resided for two years, when he sold out and removed to Exeter township, where for four years he managed the vineyard of George Romich. Mr. Rudy next located at Dengler's P. O., now Mount Penn, where he purchased a home, and since that time has been engaged in the express and ice business. In politics he is a Democrat. He is an ardent member of Union Fire Company, of Reading, uniform rank, the Firemen's Relief Association, Mount Penn Fire Company (of which he was one of the organizers), and Union Fire Company and Veteran Firemen's Associations. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Mt. Penn Lodge, having transferred from Germania Lodge, Reading; the I. O. O. F. Accident Association; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 66; the Eagles Mountain Home Association; and the Exeter Live Stock Association.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rudy eleven children have been born: John, born Dec. 17, 1886; Charles, Sept. 9, 1888; Katie, Oct. 18, 1891; Clara (died when eight years old); William (died when fourteen months old); George, April 5, 1896 (was drowned on Sept. 8, 1908, and his body was recovered three days later by Earl Dease); Annie, May 5, 1897; Harry, Jan. 20, 1900; Samuel, Jan. 20, 1901; Ellen, Jan. 30, 1904; and Elmer, Aug. 27, 1905, (died in infancy).

SEIDEL. The Seidel family is an old and honored one in Berks county, and the grandfather of Franklin H. Seidel and Oliver H. Seidel was a farmer by occupation who resided on a fine farm northeast of Fleetwood, near Pricetown, in Berks county, upon which he died. His wife was Rebecca Miller, and they had these children: Benneville, Frederick and Eliza (m. Henry Gauger, who lived at Fleetwood). All are now deceased.

Benneville Seidel was born in Ruscombmanor township on July 29, 1826, and he died at Moselem, Sept. 20, 1896. During his younger days he was a farmer, but later during the Civil war he operated a hotel at Pricetown. Still later he was employed for sixteen years at the Moselem furnace, and at the expiration of that time he returned to farming and was thus engaged when he died. He is buried at St. Peter's church at Moselem, to which he belonged. His wife, Caroline Heffly, daughter of George Heffly, died Nov. 16, 1900, aged seventy-two years. Their children were: Sarah, born Jan. 22, 1853; James, Oct. 13, 1855; Elizabeth, Sept. 1, 1854; Catherine (m. Ephraim Folk); Samuel, April 6, 1858; George, Frederick and another son all died in infancy; Phoenes, May 20, 1862; Franklin H., Dec. 2, 1865; Oscar, Oct. 11, 1867; Milton, April 8, 1869; Alvin, Feb. 2, 1873, and Oliver H., July 15, 1874.

FRANKLIN H. SEIDEL, son of Benneville Seidel, and a resident of the Tenth ward, Reading, was born Dec. 2, 1865, at Moselem, in Richmond township, where he resided until he was sixteen years of age, when he left the ore mines in which he had been working, and engaged to work for John Sell, a farmer of Richmond township. After three years he left Mr. Sell and went to Freeport, Ill., being then but twenty years of age. After a short residence there, he returned home, and settling in Reading worked for the Reading Iron Company at the pipe mill for three years. He then went to Howard, S. Dak., and for three years worked on a farm, but as that part of the State was visited by a drought,

everything was destroyed, and once more he returned to Berks county, and found employment at the Reading Cotton Mills, April 4, 1890. He has remained with this company ever since and is now fireman of the large plant.

Mr. Seidel resides in his new house at No. 533 South Eleventh street, and has since 1892. He also owns a residence at No. 535 South Eleventh street, and one at No. 430 South Ninth street. A self-made man, Mr. Seidel naturally feels a pride in what he has accomplished, and he has not only gained success materially, but he has retained the confidence and respect of his employers and fellow workers. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. Seidel is a member of Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F., and the Foresters of America. He and his family are consistent members of St. Luke's Lutheran church of Reading, of which he is a deacon, having held that office since 1904 under the Rev. F. K. Huntzinger.

In April, 1891, Mr. Seidel married Ellen Weidenhammer, daughter of Reuben Weidenhammer, of Richmond township. They have had these children: Lizzie, born Feb. 15, 1892; Arthur, Dec. 10, 1894; and twin sons and Amy F., all three of whom died in infancy.

Oliver H. Seidel, a resident of Reading, and a son of Benneville Seidel, was born at Moselem, Richmond township, Berks county, July 15, 1874, and was reared on a farm until he was twenty-one. For a year he worked at Windsor Castle, and then he went to Newark, N. J., and was a waiter in a restaurant for a short time, gaining valuable experience. In 1897 he came to Reading, and has lived here for the past eleven years, being engaged in various ways. For some time he had been agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company when he entered the employ of the Reading Traction Company, but in 1902 he entered the Reading Cotton Mills and is now assistant foreman of the weaving department, although he commenced there as a loom fixer, and worked his way up through his own ability. Like his brother, Franklin H. Seidel, Mr. Oliver H. Seidel owns his own home, a very pleasant brick house at No. 550 South Eleventh street, which he purchased April 1, 1907. In politics he is a Democrat, and is very active in the work of the party, although he has never held office aside from giving his services to the tax collector's office during 1907.

Fraternally Mr. Seidel is a member of Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand, and he is also a member of Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., and the United Traction Company Employes Beneficial Association. He and his family are members of Huntzinger's Lutheran church of Reading.

On Nov. 14, 1901, Mr. Seidel married Annie Schlageter, daughter of Stephen and Agnes (Buck) Schlageter, a native of Germany who came to the United States in 1890.

WILLIAM J. LEVAN, an energetic and enterprising young business man of Reading, Pa., engaged in the manufacture of glue, is a native of the city, born in December, 1871, son of Joseph Levan.

Daniel Levan, grandfather of William J., was a resident of Berks county, and the pioneer glue manufacturer thereof, a business in which, with his brother, he continued until his death at the age of fifty-one years. His children were: Daniel, in the fertilizer business in Lebanon, Pa.; Catherine; Sallie; George; Samuel; Edward and Joseph.

Joseph Levan was born in Reading in 1839, and was well known and highly esteemed. He engaged in the manufacture of hats on Penn street, near Eleventh, and continued in the business for five years, when he engaged in the glue business, his first plant being in the rear of his hat factory, and he later took the old plant in Exeter township, where he continued until his death, Dec. 21, 1904, aged sixty-five years. He was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Elizabeth Gahres, who now resides with her son, William J. They had two children, our subject, and Catherine (deceased).

William J. Levan attended the public schools and one term at Stewart's Academy, and then began assisting his father in the glue business, and at the latter's death took up the management of the business in which he has continued to the present time, being very successful. The plant, which was started in Exeter township in 1875, is five stories high, the main building being 40 x 75 ft., and the wing 30 x 70 ft. It is fitted with an eighty horsepower boiler in a 20 x 40 ft. boiler house, and a twenty horse-power engine. Mr. Levan manufactures the finest grade of glues, and his goods are in demand all over the United States. He employs from ten to fifteen skilled workmen.

Mr. Levan married Clara R. Hartman, daughter of Daniel Hartman, of Reading, and they reside at No. 1114 Perkiomen avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Levan have these children: Estella May, Ruth Adell, Lee DeWitt, Elsie Margaret, Russell Joseph, Mary Elizabeth and William H. Mr. Levan is a Republican. He is a member of Zion's U. B. Church, and takes an active part in its work, having been organist and chorister for fifteen years, and superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Knights of Friendship Camp No. 212, P. O. S. of A., the Maccabees, and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

FRANKLIN HAAS, farmer and shoemaker above Monocacy, in Amity township, Berks county, was born where he now lives Oct. 5, 1845. The name Haas is also spelled Haws, but Haas is the more common spelling. The early home of the family was in Germany.

George Haas, according to the Federal census report of 1790, was a resident of Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, and was the head of a family consisting of five persons, including himself and wife, Catharine, and three sons under sixteen years of age. George Haas was a farmer, and is probably buried at Lobachsville. His three sons were: (1) Abraham is mentioned in full below. (2) George made his home in Ruscombmanor township, and there died in 1859, his will on record in Will Book 10, page 583, making ample provision for his second wife, Susanna, and children—Reuben, William, George, Joel, James, Elizabeth, Louisa and Susanna. (3) Johannes, born May 15, 1791, was a peddler, and died Jan. 7, 1862, and was buried at Friedensburg, as were also his wife Catharine Eshbach (1794-1853) and daughter Maria (1817-1853). Joel Haas, son of George and Susanna, and grandson of George the founder, had a son who now operates the Bertolet mill near Friedensburg, in Oley township; his wife, Elizabeth Minner, has borne him six children—Allen, Howard, Edwin, Eli, Lizzie and Grace.

Abraham Haas, son of George, was born Sept. 13, 1788, and died March 13, 1855. He was a stone mason by trade, and owned a small tract of land in Oley township, near Friedensburg. He married Maria Laucks, born Feb. 5, 1792, and died on her birthday Feb. 5, 1847. They are both buried at Friedensburg. They had thirteen children, namely: David; Henrietta, born 1814, died 1851, unmarried; Daniel, born 1815, died 1851; Maria, born 1819, m. Daniel Nine, and died 1851; Willi never married; Emma m. Levi Youse; Jemima, born 1827, died 1851; Catharine m. Wister Tallie; Joel L., born 1831, died 1901; Anna Rebecca, born 1833, m. Aaron M. Rhoads, and died 1903; Amelia m. Daniel Hoppes; Jeremiah, born 1826, died unmarried 1851; and Charles died aged two years.

David Haas, son of Abraham, was born in Oley township, Oct. 6, 1811, and died Sept. 26, 1887. By trade he was a stone mason, and this he followed the greater part of his time around Amity township. He bought the farm which is now the property of his son Franklin in 1840, but it then consisted of but fifteen acres, to which, however, he in time added twenty-six acres more, the son having since added the remainder. He was a self-made man, and he died respected by all who knew him. He and his wife are buried at Amityville, where they were Lutheran members of the church, and he a member of the vestry. He married Catharine Francis, born Jan. 20, 1814, daughter of Jacob Francis, of Amity township, and she died Nov. 5, 1877. They had three children: Mary m. Jacob

Guldin; Matilda, born 1843, died unmarried 1899; and Franklin.

Franklin Haas received his education in the public schools which he attended until he was sixteen years of age. He learned the shoemaking trade from his uncle William Francis, with whom he served eight months, when Mr. Francis gave up his work. Mr. Haas then went to Boyertown, and served a year as apprentice, after which he worked as journeyman at Douglassville for three years. In 1869 he began business for himself at his present home. He did a great deal of custom work for many years. He made his home with his parents as long as they lived, and after their deaths the farm became his, and he has divided his time between farming and his trade. He taught one man the trade, and while he himself has given up the making of new shoes, he still does cobbling for the neighbors. His farm is delightfully situated on the road from Monocacy to Yellowhouse, and it consists of ninety-three acres of good land, all brought to a high state of cultivation. Two streams of fresh water and plenty of wood are attractive features of the place. In politics Mr. Haas is a Democrat, and for six years he served as a member of the school board, and he has been delegate to a number of county conventions. With his family he attends Amityville Church, of which they are Lutheran members. He served as deacon and elder for a number of years.

On May 28, 1873, Mr. Haas married Margaret Rhoads, daughter of David S. and Rebecca (Beideman) Rhoads, of Amity. Their children are: David, a carpenter of Amity, m. Miani Matthias; Mary m. Henry Hartman, a carpenter, of Amity; Oscar, who lives near his father, m. Mame Beck; Walter, a farmer in Amity, m. Lizzie McLear; and James, who assists his father on the farm, is unmarried.

HARRY S. ESTERLY, a leading citizen of Reading, Pa., engaged in the manufacture of cakes, crackers and biscuit, with his brother, Romanus Esterly, under the firm name of the Reading Biscuit Company, also following the occupation of railway mail clerk, was born in Exeter township, in 1866, son of Henry and Sarah (Snyder) Esterly.

Harry S. Esterly attended the public schools and graded schools of Reading, and in 1882 and 1883 took a course at the Kutztown State Normal School. He began teaching school at the age of fifteen years, in Exeter township, continuing at this profession in all ten years. Mr. Esterly then took a civil service examination for the position of railway postal clerk, passing very high in rank, at Philadelphia, in 1894. In October, 1895, Mr. Esterly began running between Philadelphia and Pottsville, and was considered one of the most faithful and efficient clerks in the mail service. He resigned in May, 1907, to give his entire attention to his business. In April, 1903, Mr. Esterly formed a partnership with his brother, Romanus, and since this time they have been engaged in the manufacture of crackers, cakes and biscuit, the firm style being The Reading Biscuit Company. In this venture the Messrs. Esterly have been very successful, and their patronage extends throughout the State.

Mr. Harry S. Esterly was married in April, 1905, to Miss Sallie E. Kantner, daughter of W. C. and Sarah (Epler) Kantner, of No. 103 South Sixth street, Reading, and they have one son, Franklin Kantner. They have their home at No. 143 South Eighth street. Mr. Esterly is a Mason, being connected with Blue Lodge No. 62, Consistory, and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Sons of America and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious connection is with Schwartzwald Lutheran Church.

THOMAS LONG, proprietor of "Treichlersville Hotel," in Hereford township, Berks county, comes of one of the early settled families of Longswamp township, this county.

Prior to 1759 Jacob Long owned property in Longswamp township. He died in 1807, old in years, and his will is on record in Will Book A., page 530, executors: Abraham Long, his son, and John Wisler, his trusty friend. His wife's Christian name was Anna Catharine. The following nine children were mentioned in Jacob Long's will: Michael, deceased; Elizabeth, m. to John Groh; Maria Catharine, m. to Jost Miller; Maria Juliana, m. to George Geist, and mother of Jacob; Jacob; Henry; Frederick; Abraham; and Daniel.

Jacob Long had a brother John Nicholas Long, who settled in Rockland township at an early date, and died there in 1782, survived by his widow Elizabeth, and children: Mary Appolonia, m. to John Kercher; Jacob; Nicholas; John; and Henry. The three last named were under age at the time of their father's death. His will was witnessed by his brother Jacob, and Paul Grosscup, the ancestor of the Chicago jurist, Peter Grosscup.

Frederick Long, seventh child of Jacob, was born in Longswamp township, and lived in the "Long Valley" near Longswamp Church, where he is buried. He owned a seventy-acre farm on which he erected a set of buildings, among which is a small stone house still standing. He was a Reformed member of Longswamp Church. He married Rachel Wolp, and their children were: Peter, who never married; Samuel; Andrew, who lived on the homestead, had two children, William and Rosa, and was succeeded by his son, William.

Samuel Long, son of Frederick, was born on his father's farm in 1807 and died in 1895 at Klines Corner. He was a shoemaker in Longswamp in the vicinity of Longswamp Church. He owned Howerter's tannery in Long Valley, which adjoined the old stand. He was a Reformed member of Longswamp church. He married Eliza Fegley, daughter of Philip Fegley, of Longswamp township. She was born in 1813, and died in 1888. They had five sons and five daughters: Mary m. Nathan Poh; Henry lives near Trexler's charcoal furnace in Longswamp; Judith, deceased, m. Harry Schell; Frank died unmarried; Hettie died unmarried; Thomas; Eliza m. Allen Swoyer; Lewis; and one son and one daughter died small.

Thomas Long, son of Samuel, was born in Longswamp township July 20, 1850, and was reared upon his father's farm. He attended school for a short time only, usually three weeks in the winter. He worked for his parents until of age. For some years he butchered, and then for three years he hauled ore for the mines in Longswamp. In 1884 he began farming and followed it for twelve years in Richmond township, nine years in Rockland, where he owned a farm. In 1896 he entered the hotel business, conducting the "Longswamp Hotel" for six and one-half years, "Huff's Church Hotel" for one and one-half years. Since the spring of 1905 he has been proprietor of the "Treichlersville Hotel," an old stand, which before the Civil war was known as the "Sand Spring Hotel," so named because of a big strong spring 400 yards northeast of the present hotel, where the settlers used to get their silver sand to clean their tin ware. Mr. Long owns a farm at Huff's Church of sixty-five acres. This was originally a Fox homestead, later belonged to the Clemmers, and since 1902 has been Mr. Long's. He has it rented. He keeps a good hotel, and his table has won praise from many a weary traveler.

On Aug. 20, 1874, Mr. Long married Sarah Agnes Acker, daughter of Thomas Acker and his wife, Mary Fritch, of near Alburtis, Pa., and granddaughter of Nathan and Abbey (Dunkel) Acker. To this union there have been born six children: Lillie, widow of Edwin Ruppert, who was killed in a trolley car accident near Catasauqua, Pa., Dec. 15, 1904, in the thirty-third year of his age (she has two sons, George and Leroy); Rosa, who married William Gery, of Alburtis, and has one son Harvey and one daughter Helen; Jennie, who married George D. Shelly, of Philadelphia, and has a son, De Witt; Oliver and Thomas, who died, aged respectively six and three years, of croup, just one week apart; and George A., a student in school. Mr. Long is a member of Mertztown Lodge, K. P. He and his family are Reformed members of Longswamp church, where he has served faithfully four years as deacon.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LERCH, butcher and successful business man of Reading, Pa., was born in Bern township, May 1, 1863, son of John S. and Eliza (Tobias) Lerch, and grandson of John and Margaret (Steffy) Lerch.

(I) Johannes (John) Lerch was born Oct. 21, 1773, and died May 8, 1861, aged eighty-seven years, six months, seventeen days. He was a farmer in Bern township, where he owned a tract of land which later became the property of his son, John. Mr. Lerch was active in church affairs and was instrumental in the establishment of Epler's Church, of which he was a member and officer, and where both he and his wife are buried. He married Margaret Steffy, born Dec. 11, 1774, died Sept. 23, 1844, aged sixty-nine years, nine months, twelve days. Their children were: Rebecca, m. to Jared Yarnell; Hannah, m. to Peter McKinney; Harriet, m. to John Wissner; Polly, m. to William Hafer; Catherine, m. to William Hafer, as his second wife; John S.

(II) John S. Lerch, father of George W., was born Aug. 23, 1808, in Bern township, and died there Feb. 9, 1876, aged sixty-seven years, five months and sixteen days. He was a farmer and owned a small tract of land, where he lived and died. He was married in Bern township, in the church of which he was an official member. His wife, Eliza Tobias, born Dec. 9, 1828, daughter of Jacob and Henrietta (Schmaltz) Tobias, died March 11, 1869, aged forty years, three months, two days. Their children were: Hannah, m. to Joseph Barr, of State Hill; Emma, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Catherine, m. to Reuben Albright, deceased; John, deceased; Deborah, m. to Henry S. Riegel, of Cumru township; Clara, m. to Frank Krick, of Sinking Spring; George W.; Margaret, of Reading; Annie L., m. to Ernest Bechtel, son of John R. Bechtel, of Reading; Charles W., who was adopted by Jared Yarnell, when quite young, and is known as Charles W. (Lerch) Yarnell, and is now alderman of Reading.

(III) George Washington Lerch was reared upon his father's farm, until he was sixteen years of age, attending public school. When he was sixteen he removed to Reading and entered the employ of John Adams, a butcher, remaining with him two years learning his trade. He was then three years at Leitheiser's butchering establishment on Penn street, and on Oct. 20, 1884, he commenced in business for himself at No. 408 North Ninth street, where he has since continued, building up a large trade. In 1887 he purchased the building which has a frontage of twenty feet on North Ninth street. In addition he also owns his residence at No. 410 North Ninth street. Mr. Lerch kills three beeves, six calves and five hogs each week, to meet the demands of his trade. In addition to his Ninth street store, he has one at Ninth and Buttonwood streets which he operates as a market house. His trade, which is a large one, is constantly growing, and he has been successful from the very beginning.

In politics Mr. Lerch is a Democrat, and in religious matters he and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Reading.

In 1892 Mr. Lerch married Jennie Ann Greisimer, born in Reading, who died July 24, 1904, aged thirty-one years, daughter of William Greisimer, and they had three children: Eremenie, Palmer and Bruce. Mr. Lerch m. (second) Theresa Bachman, daughter of John Bachman of Reading. No children have been born of the second marriage. Mr. Lerch is among the progressive, public-spirited business men of Reading, and the success which has come to him is but the just reward of his years of hard work, intelligently directed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lerch are widely known and very highly respected in church and social circles.

JACOB W. HENNE, a business man of Strausstown, Berks county, was born there Feb. 11, 1858, son of Moses and Leah (Feick) Henne. The family has long been settled in upper Berks county, his great-grandfather, John Henne, having lived in that section.

George Henne, son of John, lived in what was then Bern township, near Shartlesville, died there, and is buried at St. Michael's Church. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. He married Mary Grasy, and to them were born six children; Elias died at Shartlesville; Levi died in Schuylkill county; Joel died at Shartlesville; Moses is mentioned below; James died in the West; Rachel married Solomon Seyfert.

Moses Henne, father of Jacob W., was born June 7, 1828, in Upper Bern township, died Sept. 3, 1901, and is buried at the Blue Mountain Church, Strausstown. When a young man he followed farming, but later he engaged in the hotel business at Strausstown, continuing in that line for a period of thirty-seven years, and he was very well known and much respected. He married Leah Feick, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Shade) Feick, born Oct. 10, 1828; Mrs. Henne is still living at Strausstown. To this union were born children as follows: Sarah m. Wilson Keener, a carpenter; Emma m. Howard F. Henne, a shoemaker; Cassie and Kate are unmarried; Dianna m. C. V. Reber, an undertaker, of Strausstown; Mary is unmarried; William died in 1899; Jacob W. is in business at Strausstown.

Jacob W. Henne attended the public schools of his home locality, and after leaving school was first employed with his father. He then learned cigar-making, which trade he followed for a period of twenty-five years, during twenty of which he was engaged as a manufacturer at Strausstown. In 1899, Mr. Henne embarked in the carriage business, which he has since continued, dealing largely in buggies, carriages and harness, at Strausstown, and since 1901 he has also conducted a general store there, having a large and well selected stock.

Mr. Henne married Rebecca Schaeffer, daughter of Mr. Jacob Schaeffer and wife (whose maiden name was Potteiger), of Jefferson township. He is a Lutheran member of Zion's Blue Mountain Church, Strausstown, Pa., and is a Republican in political sentiment.

RHEIN. The emigrant ancestor of the well-known Rhein family in Berks county was David Rhein, who came to America from the Palatinate of Germany in 1752, settling in Reading, Pa. Here he married, and to him were born two sons: Daniel and Henry. David Rhein was a cabinetmaker by occupation, and also conducted the first undertaking establishment in the town of Reading, manufacturing himself the coffins used in his business. He was a prominent figure of his day, and was a man of powerful build. A good citizen and upright man, he held the respect and esteem of all with whom he came into contact.

Henry Rhein, his son, married a Miss Ebling, and they became the parents of these children: Elizabeth, m. to a Mr. Granger; Polly, m. to a Mr. Shadle; Peter; Daniel; and Henry (2). Henry Rhein was also a cabinetmaker, following in the foot-steps of his father throughout life, and being as well equipped both mentally and physically. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. Henry Rhein (2), son of Henry, followed the same business as his father and grandfather before him, continuing the occupation of cabinet-maker in Reading all of his life. He was noted for his honest business methods and many other sterling qualities, and was respected by all. Mr. Rhein married Margaret Shearer, daughter of John Shearer, and to this union were born children as follows: Henry, m. to Emma Stauffer; Amelia, m. to John Duth, a cabinet-maker, who died in Philadelphia, and had one son, James R. Duth, who is now living retired in the city of Reading; and Rebecca S. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Rhein were members of the German Reformed Church.

Mrs. Rebecca S. Miller, youngest daughter of Henry Rhein, was educated in the schools of the city, and all of her life was greatly interested in the science of Phrenology. She was also well known as a floriculturist. She died May 4, 1907.

CLAYTON C. LUDWIG, an energetic young business man of the city of Reading, Pa., formerly of the Franklin Specialty Company, was born at Tower City, Schuyl-

kill county, in 1875, son of John B. and Katie (Loose) Ludwig, the former of whom died Jan. 30, 1907. The children in their family were as follows: Eliza, John, Peter, Sallie, Harry, Rose, Clayton C., Charles, Mary, Emma and Olive.

Clayton C. Ludwig attended the public schools in the coal regions, and for a time was employed in the coal mines. When thirteen years of age he came to Reading with his parents, and learned the cigar-making trade, at which he worked until 1901, in which year he engaged in business with Luther A. Rhode, at No. 343 North Eighth street, this being the origin of the Franklin Specialty Company. These partners remained together for a year, at the end of which time Mr. Ludwig bought Mr. Rhode's interest, taking Mr. H. E. Fahrbach into partnership. They located at Nos. 807-809 Cherry street, in April, 1903, and here they continued until Jan. 25, 1909, when they sold out to parties from Newark.

The Franklin Specialty Company as conducted by Messrs. Clayton & Fahrbach manufactured hammers, hardware and household specialties, and for workmanship, style, quality and durability had one of the finest lines of goods on the market. Among the company's products were found the "Cracker Jack" hammer and claw hammer, the "Korker" hammer, the "Winner ½ lb." hammer, the "Franklin" hammer and the "Hub" shoe hammer; the "Royal" iron stand and the "Acme" pot stand; the "Rambler" fishing-rod holder; the "Imperial" roller towel rack; the "Dandy" ice pick; the "Full Weight" 1lb. hammer; the "Marvel" rotary nutmeg grater, and many other specialties so necessary to the house-wife. They made a specialty of job, nickel, brass and copper plating, oxidizing, bronzing and electroplating; and their work was of the highest grade. The company employed from fifteen to twenty skilled hands at all times.

Mr. Ludwig is a member of the Aerie No. 66, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Red Men, and is president of the Electric Wheelmen. He makes his home with his mother at No. 304 North Ninth street.

PHAON LOY, a farmer along the Ontelaunee, above Trexler, in Albany township, Berks county, was born at New Bethel Church, in Albany township, July 6, 1852, son of Michael and Polly (Behler) Loy.

The name Loy was originally spelled Ley. From the records in the Berks county courthouse is gleaned the following: Mathias Loy, of Greenwich township, died in 1783, and his will is recorded in Book B, page 74, his wife Anna Maria and son George being the executors of his large estate. The following children are mentioned —George, to whom was given 150 acres of land; Matthias, who had a wife Mary, and to them was given a tract of 150 acres; Adam; Margaret; Catharine and Mary. The widow Anna Maria made her will in 1786, and died in 1787.

Adam Loy, grandfather of Phaon, lived in Albany township and there owned the farm that is now the property of Levi Sechler, near the New Bethel (Corner) Church. He was an officer in the church, overseer of the poor for Albany township in 1817, and was a prominent and highly esteemed man. He died in Albany township in 1844, and his will was probated April 22, 1844, its witnesses being Benjamin Lenhart and Heinrich Schmit. He married Susanna Focht, and their children were: Jeremias, Joseph, Michael, Adam, William, Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth (m. Michael Hendricks), Polly (m. Samuel Unger), and Susanna.

Michael Loy, son of Adam, was born on his father's farm in Albany township. He began farming on the home farm, and after some years sold it and purchased what is now the Wallace E. Bailey farm, where he lived three years. He then purchased the farm on which he died, and which is now the property of his son, Phaon. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years served as supervisor and as tax collector. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, belonging to New Bethel Church, in which he served as deacon, elder, trustee and member of the building committee. He married Polly Behler, and their children were: Louisa lives with her brother Phaon; William, deceased, m. Mary Graver, and had children—James, Clara, Annie, Mary and Herbert; Phaon; and Ellen m. Lenius Reinhard, a carpenter at Trexlertown.

Phaon Loy grew to manhood after the manner of farmer boys, working on the home farm and attending the district school. In the spring of 1878 he began farming for himself in Jackson county, Iowa, where he lived for five years. In 1883 he returned to Berks county, and began the cultivation of his father's farm, where he now lives. Until 1901 he rented the farm, and in that year bought it from the estate. It consists of 141 acres, located along the road from Kempton via Trexler to Wanamakers. The present set of buildings were built by a former owner, Samuel Brobst. Mr. Loy plants from fifteen to eighteen acres in potatoes.

In politics Mr. Loy is a Democrat, and for four years served as school director, during which time he was president and treasurer of the board. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 544, Independent Americans, at Kempton. He and his family are Lutheran members of New Bethel (Corner) Church, in which for a number of years he was deacon and elder.

On March 1, 1879, Mr. Loy married Louisa Miller, daughter of Moses and Sibylla (Miller) Miller, granddaughter of Major William Miller, of Hamburg. To this union have been born: Albert L., m. to Mary Bauscher, of Kempton; Sallie, m. to William Kunkel, of Albany township; William M., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, class of 1908, and now teaching in Albany township; Mahlon O.; Verna E., a student in the Normal School; and Arline M.

CURTIS E. KRAUSS, local superintendent of the Otto Eisenlohr & Bros. cigar factory, Reading, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., Dec. 13, 1872.

Balthaser Krauss, the ancestor of the American family of the name, was a son of Widow Anna Krauss, who came to Pennsylvania in 1733. On Jan. 16, 1736, he married Susanna Hoffman, and their children were: Rosina, born April 10, 1737; Susanna, Aug. 29, 1738; Barbara, July 22, 1742; Balthaser, Nov. 28, 1743; and Maria, July 17, 1750. Balthaser Krauss died Feb. 25, 1774, and his wife April 14, 1791.

Balthaser Krauss, son of Balthaser the emigrant, was born Nov. 28, 1743. On June 14, 1769, he married Susanna, daughter of H. Heinrich Yeakel, and their children were: John, born March 1, 1770; Andrew, June 21, 1771; Balthaser, Nov. 10, 1772 (died Aug. 26, 1779); Regina, 1775 (died 1807); Helena, 1776; Rosanna, 1780; George, Feb. 23, 1783; and Lydia, July 3, 1786.

John Krauss, son of Balthaser and Susanna (Yeakel), was born March 1, 1770. On May 11, 1795, he married Rosina Yeakel, daughter of Michael Yeakel, and their children were: Sarah, born 1795 (died 1798); Maria, Jan. 7, 1798; a daughter, 1800 (died unnamed); Anthony, May 23, 1803; Daniel, Oct. 16, 1805 (died April 3, 1808); a daughter, 1811 (died 1811); a son, 1813 (died 1813); Joseph, Nov. 14, 1814; and Lydia.

Andrew Krauss, son of Balthaser and Susanna (Yeakel), born June 21, 1771, married Nov. 30, 1797, Susanna, daughter of Andrew Schultz. Their children were: Regina, born 1798; Leah, 1799; Joel, Oct. 11, 1801; George, Dec. 14, 1803; Samuel; Rebecca, Nov. 20, 1805; John; and David, Jan. 12, 1821.

George Krauss, son of Balthaser and Susanna (Yeakel) and the next in direct line to Curtis E. Krauss, of Reading, was born Feb. 23, 1783, in Upper Montgomery county.

Jacob Krauss, son of George, was born May 9, 1807, in Kraussdale, Montgomery county, where he engaged in farming all his life. Like his ancestors he belonged to the Schwenkfelder religious society. He married Lydia Krieble, and they had these children: Amos, born March 21, 1833; Amanda, June 19, 1834; Selina, June 1, 1837; Samuel, Aug. 23, 1839; Jacob, Feb. 1, 1842; Catharine,

March 21, 1844; and Mary, Oct. 23, 1846. Jacob Krauss died in 1879.

Amos Krauss, son of Jacob and Lydia (Krieble), was born in Lehigh county, March 21, 1833. His early years were spent on his father's farm, and in 1883 he moved to Quakertown, where he followed farming. For some years he taught school in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. He is now living retired in his own home. He is a man of high repute, and has been a good and useful citizen. His wife, Sophia Edelman, is a daughter of John Edelman, of Montgomery county. They had nine children: Amanda, m. to Frank Ackerman; Ambrose, who died in infancy; Preston, of Philadelphia; Morris, of Quakertown; Percifur, of Philadelphia; Puella, m. to L. H. Bartholomew, and died in August, 1906; Virginia, m. to Francis C. Detweiler, of Philadelphia; Curtis E.; and Sylvia, m. to Jeremiah Wissler, of Souderton, Pennsylvania.

Curtis E. Krauss was educated in the public schools of Quakertown, whither his parents had removed when he was eleven years of age. At the age of seventeen he learned the cigar maker's trade from Henry Sommer & Son, with whom he remained about two years. He then worked at different factories in Quakertown, and the surrounding district, after which he connected himself with the H. Smeal Cigar Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, as general manager, remaining there four years. The following two years he was in the preparation department of Graham & Ernst, cigar manufacturers at Quakertown, acquiring a varied and valuable experience. He then, June 1, 1904, became foreman of Otto Eisenlohr & Bros'. factory at Richlandtown, Bucks county, remaining there until March 1st of the following year, when he became the general manager and superintendent of the Otto Eisenlohr & Bros'. factory at Reading, the second largest of its kind in that city. The plant is located at Seventh and Washington streets, the main building is 55x100 feet, and the annex is 30x45 feet, all four stories high. The interior is finished in hard wood, and everything is arranged on a strictly sanitary basis. There are about 400 persons employed, and over all Mr. Krauss has entire charge.

In 1895 Mr. Krauss married Miss Lizzie Heist, daughter of Henry C. and Leanna Heist, of Quakertown. Two children have been born to them: Herman Lloyd and Christine Leome. Socially Mr. Krauss belongs to St Bernard Commandery, No. 49, Knights of Malta, of Quakertown; and Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading. He and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. The family home is at No. 723 North Fourth street, Reading.

ADAM A. KURTZ, who has been a lifelong resident of Cumru township, Berks county, was born on the old Kurtz homestead in this township, Aug. 31, 1862, son of Samuel and Catherine (Hains) Kurtz, and grandson of John Kurtz.

Samuel Kurtz was born May 14, 1814, in Cumru township, and died Dec. 17, 1884, and was buried at Yocom's Church. He was a lifelong farmer in his native township, where for many years he owned the old homestead. Mr. Kurtz married Catherine Hains, who died Dec. 4, 1884, aged sixty-seven years, seven days, daughter of Samuel Hains, of near Shoemakersville, Pa. To this union were born these children: Elizabeth, unmarried; Annie, m. to John Fritz, of Shillington; David, who lives at No. 317 South Fifth street, Reading; Samuel, of Spring Mount, Pa.; Catherine, m. to Rufus Yost, of Spring township; Mary, m. (first) to George Fisher (deceased) and (second) to Henry Fenstermacher, of Reading; Lydia, m. to Evan Spohn, of Sinking Spring; Rosa, m. to Morris Moser, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; and Adam Amos.

Adam Amos Kurtz obtained his education in the township schools, and until eighteen years of age worked on the home farm. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for four years. In 1887 he commenced work at the Reading Pipe Mill, where he has continued as a pipe cutter to the present time. In political matters Mr. Kurtz is a Republican, and fraternally he is connected with Chamber No. 28, Knights of Friendship, and Reading Tent of the Maccabees. Mr. Kurtz and his family are members of Yocom's Union Church, he being of the Lutheran denomination. In 1891 he erected a brick residence on Fern street in Oakbrook, and in 1897 he purchased another large brick residence located next to the one in which he lives.

On Sept. 19, 1886, Mr. Kurtz was married to Emily Tyack, daughter of James Tyack, a foreman in the Radenbush mines in Cumru township, who was born in London, England, Jan. 18, 1822, and died in 1874. He was married in St. Tillery, England, in 1843, to Grace Laity, born Nov. 24, 1827, daughter of Richard Laity, of England, and she now resides with her son-in-law, Mr. Kurtz. Mr. and Mrs. Tyack had thirteen children, Mrs. Kurtz being the twelfth. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam A. Kurtz were born five children: Florence E., who died in infancy; Robert H., who died aged four years, two months; Ernest J., who died aged fourteen months; and Harry A., born March 20, 1896, and Annie G., born Feb. 21, 1899, who are now attending school.

WILLIAM DEAL JESBERG, a prominent and influential citizen of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the wholesale liquor business at No. 1062 North Tenth street, was born in 1860, in Reading, son of John and Elizabeth (Deal) Jesberg, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany.

John Jesberg, who came to this country when a young man, followed trucking for the greater part of his life, also conducting a hotel in Reading. He died in 1890, aged seventy-four years, and his wife in April, 1903, when seventy-three years old, both in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Jesberg had eleven children, of whom seven are now living: John; William D.; Maggie, m. to Charles Benzel; Rosie, m. to John Hiller; Elizabeth, m. to Peter Gift, deceased; Harry, m. to Ellen Miller, deceased; and Annie, m. to Harry Weiler. In political matters Mr. Jesberg was a Democrat.

William D. Jesberg was educated in the public schools of Reading. In 1891 he opened the "Montgomery House," at No. 938 North Eighth street, where he continued for twelve years, and spent one year at No. 815 Penn street. In 1894 he engaged in the wholesale liquor business at his present stand, No. 1062 North Tenth street, Reading, where he carries a full and complete stock of imported and domestic wines and liquors. Since 1907 the firm has been W. D. Jesberg & Son.

Mr. Jesberg married Miss Delilah Crum, and two children were born to this union: Edward, with the firm of W. D. Jesberg & Son; and Elsie, who died at the age of eight months. Mr. Jesberg is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He is very prominent in fraternal circles, and is a popular member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Friendship Chamber, No. 284, Knights of Friendship; Washington Camp, No. 163, P. O. S. of A.; Manangy Tribe, No. 316, I. O. R. M., of which he is treasurer; Columbia Accident Association; Twentieth Century Quakers, No. 2; Phœnix Accident Company; Saginaw, Mich., Accident Insurance Company; Marion Fire Company, of which he is treasurer; Independent Gun Club; Excelsior Beneficial Association, in which he serves as treasurer; White Swan Camping Club; Public Registry Company of Philadelphia; Red Men's Fraternal Insurance Association; Knights of Friendship Funeral Benefit Fund; and Eagles' Mountain Home Association.

HENRY D. FORTNA, one of the best known hotel men of Heidelberg township, Berks county, who is successfully conducting the popular "Eagle Hotel," at Robesonia, was born April 28, 1849, in Cornwall township, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Henry and Elisa (Kleiser) Fortna.

Henry Fortna was born about 1813, son of David Fortna, the latter a resident of Lebanon county, who was of French extraction. Henry Fortna, the father, engaged in farming and milling all his life, and in the latter business was especially successful, selling his property for

$18,000; most of this, however, he lost through unwise loans. He was one of the influential Democrats of his section. Mr. Fortna died aged sixty-nine years, ten months and ten days, and was buried at Lebanon. He married Elisa Kleiser, and to this union there were born the following children: Catherine m. Henry Yeager, of Lebanon; Louisa m. Henry Yocum; Rose, deceased, m. David Hoffman; Cyrus died unmarried; Eliza, deceased, m. Elias Humma; Henry D.; and George is deceased.

Henry D. Fortna was reared to farming and milling pursuits, and continued to work for his parents until twenty-three years old, when he commenced driving a bottling team, which work he continued for some time, and in 1873 he engaged in the bottling business on his own account. In this he was engaged for some sixteen years. He had a large business and generally had four or five men working for him. In 1882 he first engaged in the hotel business at Lebanon, where he conducted the "Farmers Hotel" for one year, when he sold out. In 1886 he came to Berks county and located at Womelsdorf, where for three years he was proprietor of the "American House." Then after seven years spent in conducting the "Monocacy Hotel" he returned to Lebanon county and for four years resided at the old home. In September, 1903, he purchased the "Eagle Hotel" from Harry Buch, at Robesonia, where he has built up a large and lucrative trade. This hotel is a modern structure with all the latest improvements, has thirty-two rooms and accommodates many boarders. During the summer months Mr. Fortna's hotel is especially well patronized. Mr. Fortna sets one of the finest tables in the township, keeps his rooms scrupulously clean, and as he himself is genial, whole-souled and courteous it is easy to see why his hotel is so well liked.

In 1871 Mr. Fortna was married to Emma Gebhart, daughter of Edward and Mary (Louser) Gebhart, of Lebanon, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Annie m. Peter Shurr, of Stowe, Pa.; Mamie m. Daniel Shirey, of Douglassville; Carrie m. Albert Keinard, of Stowe, Pa.; Emma m. John Richard, of Stowe; Jennie is unmarried at home; Harry D. assists his father; and Edward W., a cigar maker by trade, is at home.

AMBROSE L. RHOADS, a representative business man of Reading, Pa., dealing in butter, eggs, cheese, lard and smoked meats at No. 333 Penn street, was born in 1857, in Earl township, Berks county, son of Enos and Elizabeth (Long) Rhoads.

Mr. Rhoads was educated in the schools of his native township, after leaving which he engaged in the huckstering business, handling butter, eggs, etc., and continued thus employed until 1882, when he came to Reading. Here from 1883 to 1892 he worked with his brother, Jonathan L. Rhoads, and then purchased the latter's interest, since which time he has continued alone under the style of A. L. Rhoads & Co. Although he deals in produce of all kinds, Mr. Rhoads makes a specialty of butter and eggs. He is well and favorably known throughout Reading and the surrounding country, and has a large and increasing business, which he conducts with excellent judgment. He has always taken an interest in the welfare of the city and county, and is a leading Democrat. His business acumen and integrity would well fit him for any office, and in 1907 he was nominated and elected to the office of county controller. He has been a heavy tax payer in Reading for the past thirteen years, owning several properties. Mr. Rhoads attends St. Paul's Reformed Church, Reading. He is fraternally connected with Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Rhoads married Mrs. Kate (Kelchner) Rhoads, widow of his brother Jonathan L., by whom she had two children: Luther K., a druggist in Reading; and Ada, m. to John R. Melcher.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BEAR, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Hamburg, Berks county, who is successfully engaged in the hotel and restaurant business, was born Feb. 22, 1860, in the borough of Hamburg.

Hans Bear came to this country Sept. 20, 1743, on the ship "Phœnix" from Germany, and soon after landing settled in Weisenburg, Lehigh Co., Pa.

Jacob Bear, son of Hans and great-great-grandfather of George W., was a farmer of Weisenburg. He had six sons and six daughters, and to each of the former he was able to give a farm.

Johan Adam Bear, one of the six sons of Jacob, was born in Weisenburg in 1770, and in 1812 removed north of Kutztown, in Maxatawny township, Berks county. He married a Miss Knerr, and they had children as follows: Jonathan, Eva, John, Peter, Solomon, Lydia, Betsy, Charles, Susanna and Polly.

John Bear, son of Johan Adam, was an early resident of Albany township, Berks county, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Catherine Adam, daughter of Henry Adam. Their children were: Solomon, Sarah, Peter, Henry, Catherine, Joel, John, Nathan, Lucy, and Dr. Samuel A.

Nathan Bear, son of John and Catherine (Adam), was born in 1832, in Albany township, Berks county, and received his education in his native place. When about twenty-two years of age he located in Hamburg, and clerked in Major Beideman's store, where he remained until becoming engaged in the mercantile business for himself, in which he continued until 1884. At this time he removed to Wilmington, Del., to engage in the life insurance business, in which he successfully continued until a few years prior to his death, in 1903. Nathan Bear was an energetic, enterprising business man, honest and upright in his dealings, and a good citizen. He married Elvina Keller, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Keller, and nine children were born to this union: Catherine died in infancy; Lizzie m. James Yeager, of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Annie resides in Wilmington; Lovina m. James Kelchner (deceased), of Hamburg; Phoebe m. George Bowman, of Hamburg; John A. m. Lillie Hains, of Johnstown; George Washington; Calvin D. m. Lizzie Francis; and Thomas J.

George Washington Bear was educated in the public schools of Hamburg, and later attended Oley Academy at Friedensburg, Berks county, leaving school at the age of seventeen years, to work in his father's dry goods and grocery store. Here he remained for a period of six years, and at the end of this time engaged in the hotel and restaurant business for himself, in which he has continued successfully to the present time. Mr. Bear is a good business man and an upright citizen. Personally he is a man of commanding appearance, standing six feet, one and one-half inches, and being proportioned accordingly, weighing 215 pounds. He has a kindly, genial, courteous manner and has many friends in the community.

On Jan. 23, 1883, Mr. Bear was married to Annie C. Trexler, daughter of Nelson and Cordelia (Fister) Trexler, and to this union have been born: Hattie W., Ralph J., Harold T., and Nelson W. Nelson Trexler and his wife were the parents of these children: Ella, m. to Dr. J. A. Hatzfield, of Pueblo, Colo.; Annie, m. to Mr. Bear; Lizzie, m. to A. P. Westley, of Hamburg; James G., m. to Millie Rumbel; and Franklin J., m. to Laura Hollenbach.

THOMAS J. FESSLER, of the well known Excelsior Bottling Company, Nos. 37 and 39 Maple street, Reading, Pa., was born in Sheridan, Berks county, in 1864, and came to Reading with his father in 1872. He attended the public schools and received a fair education, and his first employment was with the Cunningham Bottling Company, of Philadelphia. He was employed at different establishments until 1884, when he engaged in business at his present place. He owns the latest and most improved machinery for bottling beer, porter, brown stout, ale and all carbonated drinks. He employs ten skilled workmen in his fine two-story brick building, and the volume of work requires six wagons for delivery.

Mr. Fessler was married in 1886, in Reading, to Miss Carrie Saul, of this city, and they have these children.

Mabel, Candas and William. In politics Mr. Fessler is a Democrat. He is fraternally connected with the Eagles, the Red Men, the Odd Fellows, the American Order of Owls, and the Elks. His residence is at No. 137 South Ninth street, Reading, and he is well known and highly esteemed in the city. He has been successful financially, and as a good citizen is greatly respected. He is one of Reading's representative men.

FRANKLIN S. STUMP, a highly esteemed citizen and representative farmer of Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., where he operates an excellent farm of 148 acres, was born Sept. 26, 1862, in Albany township, Berks county, son of Nathan and Mary (Miller) Stump.

John and Elizabeth (Bausher) Stump, the great-grandparents of Franklin S. Stump, are buried at Dunkel's Church, where many of the family name are now at rest. Their son Samuel, born Oct. 16, 1794, died March 5, 1864, married Rachel Leiby, born April 15, 1801, died May 22, 1875, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Leiby. Samuel and Rachel Stump had children: Aaron m. (first) Elizabeth Zettelmoyer, (second) Ann Dietrich; Nathan; Samuel m. (first) Sallie Greenawalt, (second) Amanda Acker; John; Joel m. (first) Mary A. Dietrich, (second) Julia Kistler; Mary m. Isaac Miller; Leah m. Moses Greenawalt; Elizabeth m. Nathan Dietrich; Joseph m. Hettie Hollenbach; Gideon m. Katie Yenser; Moses m. a Miss Olds; Catherine A. m. Edwin Bond; Charles; Peter m. Elizabeth Kunkle; and Daniel.

Nathan Stump, father of Franklin S., was born in Berks county, Nov. 29, 1823, and m. (first) Elizabeth Miller, by whom he had two children: Sarah, born Feb. 21, 1847, m. Alfred S. Miller; and Mary E., born July 28, 1848, m. William Levan, and died in 1905. Mr. Stump m. (second) Mary Miller, born Feb. 1, 1833, died June 21, 1882, daughter of Isaac (1804-1855) and Hannah Miller. To the second marriage of Mr. Stump there were born five children: John, born Sept. 1, 1860, m. Emma Leiby; Franklin S.; Ella, born March 11, 1867, m. Nathan Snyder; Charles R., born March 19, 1871, died Aug. 29, 1877; and Amanda, born July 9, 1874, m. Lewis Kern. Mr. Stump m. (third) Sybilla Miller. Although the three wives all bore the same name they were no relation.

Franklin S. Stump was educated in the public schools of his native township and the Keystone State Normal School, and for ten terms thereafter, nine in Berks and one in Schuylkill county, he was engaged in school teaching. Subsequently, however, he embarked in agricultural pursuits, and he is now engaged therein, being a modern, practical farmer. With his family he attends the Lutheran Church at Lenhartsville.

In 1885 Mr. Stump married Mary Ann Bausher, born in 1865, daughter of Simon and Anna (Dietrich) Bausher, granddaughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Foos) Bausher and great-granddaughter of Philip Bausher on the paternal side, and granddaughter of Michael and Hannah (Will) Dietrich, great granddaughter of Johan Michael and Sophia (Brunner) Dietrich, and great-great-granddaughter of Adam and Maria Barbara (Steinbruck) Dietrich on the maternal side. Mrs. Stump's father was born Nov. 2, 1841, and her mother March 9, 1841.

Mr. and Mrs. Stump are the parents of ten children, as follows: Gertie, born Dec. 10, 1885; Robert, May 9, 1887; Mamie, Dec. 9, 1888; George, Aug. 21, 1890 (died April 17, 1892): Annie April 3, 1892; Cora, March 26, 1894; Edna, Nov. 8, 1897; Helen, Aug. 25, 1899; William, July 15, 1901; and Harvey, July 2, 1903.

LEONARDO VERRENDO, an Italian merchant of the city of Reading, Pa., whose place of business is situated at No. 153 Penn street, was born not far from Naples, in Southern Italy, Oct. 11, 1867, son of Nicoli and Mariantonia (Diiassia) Verrendo, the former of whom, who resides in the old country, owns much land in Castelfranco, in Miscano, Province of Benevento, Italy.

Leonardo Verrendo was educated in the schools of his native country, and in his youth worked for about five years at butchering with his maternal uncle. He then returned to his home to work with his father until 1888 when he came to this country. His father had come to this country previously, but prior to his son's landing in New York had returned to his native country again. Mr. Verrendo went from New York to Michigan City, where he was employed as a railroad laborer, following this line of work for two years, and at the end of this time made his way to the anthracite coal district. Here he engaged in coal mining at Hazleton until one year later, when during the riots he engaged in the mercantile business. One year later he came to Reading, engaging in business near the Berks County Court House on North Sixth street, continuing there for five and one-half years. In 1902 Mr. Verrendo located on his present property, which he purchased of Joseph Shearer. Mr. Verrendo stocked his place with a fine and complete line of domestic and imported fruits, and he has been very successfully engaged in business here to the present time.

Mr. Verrendo was married Nov. 15, 1892, to Anna Gindilesca, a native of the province of Potenza, Italy, and they have had four children, one of whom survives, Nicoli, aged eight years. Mr. Verrendo was naturalized a citizen of the United States Sept. 28, 1896, and is a Republican in politics. He is very popular in his community, and is considered a substantial business man.

CALVIN OSCAR BERNDT, a substantial citizen of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, who is carrying on operations on the old Berndt homestead, near Calcium P. O., was born on his present property, son of Herman and Lydia (Gruber) Berndt.

Samuel Berndt, grandfather of Calvin O., was the owner and operator of the Berndt home, where his life was spent in agricultural pursuits, as have been those of his son and grandson. He was married to a Miss Dunkel, and they had the following children: Anna and Joel died single; Kate, deceased, m. Abraham Heckman; Elizabeth, deceased, m. Daniel Reiff; Herman; and Stephen m. (first) Hannah Kohler, (second) Mary Kohler (sister to his first wife), and (third) a Miss Bush.

Herman Berndt was born and reared on the old home place, and after many years spent in farming, now resides near the home property which his son is engaged in operating. He married Lydia Gruber, daughter of William Gruber, and they had two children: Miss Katie; and Calvin Oscar.

Calvin Oscar Berndt was married Sept. 28, 1895, to Sarah Wanner, daughter of John and Hannah (Dreibelbis) Wanner, and a descendant of some of the oldest families of Berks county. Eight children have been born to this union: Herbert, born Sept. 14, 1897; Hettie Victoria; Samuel; Sarah Anna; Ellen Lydia; Calvin Herman; William John; and ————. The family are members of Blandon Reformed Church. Mr. Berndt is a Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to office.

PENTA & RADNAZZO. Among the flourishing business concerns of Reading, Pa., is that of Penta & Radnazzo, of No. 44 North Fifth street, dealers in foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, canned goods, etc.

Mr. Radnazzo was born Sept. 4, 1863, near Naples, Italy, and came to this country in 1884, settling in Reading. He married in his native country, Carmella Repucci, and they have three children—Maria Madalena, Maria Giuseppa and Francesco. In their religious belief they are Roman Catholics. Mr. Radnazzo received his naturalization papers in 1890, and is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Penta, who was born Nov. 1, 1860, in Italy, came to America in 1884, and after a short time engaged in business with Mr. Radnazzo. He was married in 1894 to Rosina Runo, and to them have been born three children: Lorenzo A., Michael G. and Giovanni. In religious belief they are Roman Catholics. In 1896 Mr. Penta received his naturalization papers, and like his partner is a Republican.

Messrs. Penta and Radnazzo are among the enterprising business men of Reading. Their place of business is fully stocked with a fine line of foreign and domestic fruits

and nuts, canned salmon and other delicacies, and they deal both wholesale and retail. They have an excellent reputation for fair business dealings, and their business in the city is constantly increasing. In addition to the lines above mentioned, they are agents for the Fabie Line and Folly Steamship Company, the Cunard Line, the White Star Line, the Italian Royal Mail Steamship Company, the Anchor Line, the Austrian & American Steamship Company, the Hamburg-American Line, and the La Veloce (Italian Line). They transact a large amount of business for the Italian colony, especially in financial transactions, they being the medium through which much of the money goes to Italy from this city.

JOHN CALVIN HOFFEDITZ, one of the victims of the wreck of the Mystic Shriners excursion train at Honda, Cal., May 11, 1907, had long been collector for the Barbey Brewing Company, of Reading. He was born in Reading Feb. 24, 1854, and was the last survivor of the four children born to Capt. John C. A. and Emma (Reifsnyder) Hoffeditz.

Theodore Ludwig Hoffeditz, grandfather of John Calvin, was born in Germany, and came to America when eighteen years of age. He had learned the trade of piano maker in his native land, and he followed it in this country for a few years. Being a man of scholarly attainments he turned his attention to teaching school in the northern part of Berks county, after which he took up the study of theology in Philadelphia under a minister of the Reformed Church. He was engaged in Biblical instruction the remainder of his life, a period of forty-six years, and was one of the most active ministers of the Reformed Church at that time, being president of the Synod a number of times. He was one of of a committee, composed of Rev. Benjamin Schneck and himself, sent abroad to secure a German professor for the Mercersburg College, which resulted in their returning home with Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, who later won distinction as a writer in America. The Rev. Mr. Hoffeditz was an earnest and eloquent advocate of the church, and while residing in Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton county, he traveled as far as sixty miles to and from his charges, always making the journey on horseback. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Julia Roth, who was born in Saucon township, Northampton county, in 1793. They had children as follows: Louisa, who is unmarried; Theodore C. W., a minister of the Reformed Church, now deceased; Matilda, deceased, who married and moved West; Maria W., deceased; Charles W. L., now living retired in Philadelphia; Pauline C., unmarried; Capt. John C. A., mentioned below; William B., deceased, a printer, who lived in Anaconda, Mont.; and Emma Julia, who resides in Lehigh county, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Hoffeditz died in 1858, and his wife survived him one year, passing away at the age of sixty-six years.

Capt. John C. A. Hoffeditz was born in Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton county, April 5, 1829. His education was acquired in Nazareth Hall Academy, in Northampton county, and when he started out for himself he began to learn the trade of tanner and currier, which he followed for a few years. He came to the city of Reading in May, 1852, and embarked in the dry-goods business, at which he continued for three years, when he went into the wholesale liquor business, continuing at that for a period of twenty years. During that time he was also connected with oil development, and in 1865 was engaged in boring two wells in Canada, from which he realized handsome profits. In 1867 he became superintendent of the construction of the Grand Boulevard west of Central Park in New York City, being thus employed for about one year. In 1868 he became connected with the East Penn railroad, continuing until it came under the management of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, one year later. After closing out the liquor business, he, in partnership with his son, built a large factory in Reading, where they engaged in the manufacture of carriages for three or four years, since which he has lived a retired life. Prior to the Civil war he was connected with a cavalry company, and when the war broke out he organized in 1861 a company of cavalrymen, of which he was captain, and it was the first to be accepted by General Cameron, then Secretary of War, after the first battle of Bull Run. The organization left Reading as an independent company Aug. 3, 1861, but was soon attached to the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, and it served throughout the war. Captain Hoffeditz served faithfully eleven months, when he was incapacitated for further service by a disease of the throat. He was obliged to leave camp much against his will, and returned to his home. About half of this brave and patriotic company who left happy homes, and sacrificed the business in which they were engaged, gave up their lives in the defense of their country.

Captain Hoffeditz married Emma Reifsnyder, a native of Reading, and they became the parents of four children, of whom John Calvin was the last survivor. In politics Captain Hoffeditz was originally a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he became a follower of Fremont and Lincoln. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of his party, and is at present assessor of the Seventh ward of Reading, the wealthiest ward in the city, and he has performed his duties in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. He also served twelve years as a member of the school board from the Seventh ward. Socially he is very prominent in the work of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M. (of which he is the third oldest past officer living); Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; and DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, K. T. He is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, to which his ancestors belonged.

John Calvin Hoffeditz received his education in the public schools of Reading, graduating from the high school in the class of 1873. His earlier education had been obtained in the Moravian school at Nazareth, in Northampton county, but on the removal of his parents to Reading he entered the public schools. He began life as a clerk and later became teller in the Farmers National Bank of Reading. Later he and Frank Godshall formed a partnership under the firm name of Hoffeditz & Godshall, for the manufacture of carriages, their place of business being located at the corner of Eighth and Cherry streets, Reading, for a number of years. In April, 1883, Mr. Hoffeditz became collector for the Barbey Brewing Company, and this position he filled until the time of his tragic death. He survived the terrible wreck some few days, and passed away May 23, 1907. He was a man highly respected by all, and his untimely death brought great sorrow to his many friends.

Mr. Hoffeditz became a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M., of which he was master and treasurer; Reading Chapter, R. A. M., No. 152, of which he was high priest; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T., in which he served as eminent commander and as trustee; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was also a member of Progressive Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Meade Camp, Sons of Veterans; Royal Arcanum; Loyal Association; and Reading Lodge, B. P. O. E. He was a member of St. Paul's Memorial Church of Reading, and was an official in the church. In his earlier years he had been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

On Sept. 28, 1886, Mr. Hoffeditz married Miss Clara C. Boyer, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Clouser) Boyer, the former born in Bernville, son of Michael K. Boyer, and the latter a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Yerger) Clouser, of Reading. They resided at No. 106 North Eleventh street, where they had made their home after October, 1898.

DANIEL A. MOSSER, a contractor and builder, and former hotel proprietor, now living retired in West Reading, was born in Cumru township, July 7, 1842, son of John Mosser.

Nicholas Mosser, great-grandfather of Daniel A., came from Germany and settled in Brecknock township, Berks

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county. Tradition says he was a brother of that Mosser around whom centered the coal land litigation in Schuylkill county (mentioned in full in Mosser family sketch). Besides several daughters, he had two sons: Samuel, who died a bachelor; and John.

John Mosser, son of Nicholas, was born in Brecknock township, and was buried at Wyomissing Church. He married Maria Hornberger, daughter of Conrad, and their children were: Polly m. Abel Major; John; Rebecca m. Reuben Messinger, and had three children—John and Samuel, living, and Mary, deceased young; Benjamin m. Polly Kissinger, and had two children—William and Mary; Nicholas, Jr., m. Sarah Grill, and had children—Franklin, Adam, John, Ben, Charles, Henry, Kate, Mary, Sallie and Amanda; Daniel m. Catharine Stafford, and had children—James, Henry, Augustus, Lydia, Catharine and Sarah; and Catharine (Kate) m. Jacob Schabel, deceased.

John Mosser, son of John and father of Daniel A., engaged in blacksmithing and farming near Mohnton, Pa., where he owned a tract of thirty-eight acres. As chosen representative of the Republican party he served as supervisor of Cumru township for eight years. He is a Reformed member of Gouglersville Church, in which he served as deacon and elder, and in many other ways. He died May 12, 1895. He married Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Isaac Adams, of Cumru, and their children were: Daniel A.; and Catharine A. (m. Charles Beidler, of Cumru).

Daniel A. Mosser, son of John, was reared upon the home farm, remaining there until he was twenty-two. Then, in 1864, he began the butchering business which he followed for twenty-two years. He began at the Five Mile House, then went to the Green Tree, and later to Reading, attending the Reading markets and having a large trade. For four years he farmed a small tract of thirty-eight acres on the line between Cumru and Spring townships. In 1890 he became the proprietor of the "Farmers and Mechanics Hotel" of West Reading, conducting it successfully for three years. He then (1893) assumed the same relation to the "West Reading Hotel," which he bought and improved, practically rebuilding it. He built up a large trade, the public finding in him the accommodating, courteous host that insures a hotel's success. In 1903 he sold this to the Lauer Brewing Company. Mr. Mosser has engaged to a considerable extent in contracting and building, and has erected a number of dwellings in West Reading, among them four for himself. This includes his charming home at No. 539 Penn avenue, and three at Cumru and Sixth streets. He also has building lots and other real estate. Mr. Mosser is a stanch Republican, and efficiently served as a representative of the Fifth ward in the common council of Reading, in 1880 and 1881. He and his family are Reformed members of the Gouglersville Union Church, of which he was deacon four years.

On March 5, 1870, Mr. Mosser was married to Amelia Barto, born Oct. 15, 1850, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Bloch) Barto (the former a shoemaker in Rockland township) and granddaughter of John Barto. To Mr. and Mrs. Mosser have been born twelve children, five of whom are still living: Emma, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, m. Fred Wertz; Maggie died young; John lived to the age of nineteen; Harrison and Allen both died young; Edward is a machinist and lives with his parents; Elizabeth is a stenographer with the Reading Hardware Company; Howard died young; Wilson is a machinist and lives at home; Alice died young; Daniel, Jr., and a daughter, twins, were born Jan. 18, 1896, but the latter was still born. Mr. Mosser is a man of strong personality. He is five feet, eleven inches tall, and weighs 250 pounds. He has decided opinions, which he is capable of defending intelligently, and he is a debater of no mean ability. Tenacious as he is of his own opinion, he is always good-natured to those who disagree with him, and he is a very companionable man, with many warm friends.

JOEL A. ARNOLD, proprietor of one of the leading bakeries of Reading, Pa., was born at Bally, Berks county, in 1869, son of Joel Arnold.

Joel Arnold, the father, was a wheelwright by trade, following his business in Lebanon county and later in Berks county, where he died aged twenty-nine years. Joel Arnold married Elizabeth Wallbach, and they had the following children: Malinda; George, a printer by trade, and a foreman on Long Island; Katie, wife of Henry Kohl, mentioned elsewhere; Augustus, of Reading, a bookbinder by occupation, and foreman at Wonnberger's; Joel A., and John and Mary, deceased. After the death of Mr. Arnold, his wife married Benedict Seisz, and to them were born: John, Mary and Annie. Mrs. Seisz died at the age of fifty-three years.

Joel A. Arnold attended the parochial school at Reading, after leaving which he learned the baker's trade, but worked instead at cigar making, an occupation which he followed for twelve years. In 1898 Mr. Arnold engaged in baking, starting in business at No. 1025 Oley street, where he remained two years, then locating at his present place of business No. 935 Walnut street. Here he erected a bakery 20x75 feet, of brick, and fitted it out with the most modern machinery, and he is doing a flourishing business, employing from twelve to fifteen hands, and four wagons daily. Mr. Arnold is well known as the maker of the famous Arnold's Milk Bread, which has an enormous sale all over Reading.

Mr. Arnold married Miss Katie Koenig, daughter of Andrew and Mary A. (Delsch) Koenig, and to this union have been born these children: Joel, Raymond, Florence, George, Herman and William. Mr. Arnold is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is fraternally connected with the Knights of Columbus.

OLIVER S. GETTIS, who has been a moulder in the employ of the Reading Hardware Company for a period of twenty-three years, resides in Oakbrook, Cumru township. He was born April 26, 1866, in Perry township, Berks county, son of James B. and Lydia (Gehret) Gettis.

Jacob Gettis, grandfather of Oliver S., came to Virginville, Richmond township, according to his own statement from Morgantown, Berks county. He followed tailoring until his death in 1870, in his sixty-ninth year. His wife, Catherine Brown, born in 1819, died in 1856. Their children were: Eli was proprietor of the Virginville Hotel; William, a shoemaker of Reading, m. Susan Gehman, daughter of Jacob Gehman, of Lehigh county, and had four children, Howard, Wayne (deceased), William and Walter; James B. was the father of Oliver S.; Edwin, a well-known shoe merchant of Reading, has a son, Byron, of Philadelphia; and Alfred died young.

James B. Gettis was born in Upper Berks county, and early in life learned the stone mason's trade. He became one of the old-time schoolmasters of the upper section of Berks county, teaching for some years in Richmond township, where he now resides near Moselem Church. He married Lydia Gehret, daughter of Samuel Gehret, of Richmond township, and to this union there have been born five children, namely: Amanda, m. to James Dautrich, a contractor of Reading; Oliver S.; James G., a carpenter of Palo Alto, Schuylkill county; Edwin, who died unmarried in 1889; and Mary, m. to Edward Schwoyer, of Moselem.

Oliver S. Gettis spent his boyhood days in Richmond township, where he received his education, and he was reared upon a farm, on which he worked until his twentieth year. He then learned the moulding trade with the Reading Hardware Company, and with this company he has continued to the present time. Mr. Gettis is a skilled workman, and has earned the respect of his employers and the esteem of his fellow employes. He is a member of Perseverance Council No. 19, Jr. O. U. A. M., Reading; Knights of Malta No. 47, Reading; and the Iron Moulders Union of North America, No 348. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. In 1904 Mr. Gettis erected his fine home on Lancaster avenue, Oakbrook, being his own arch-

itect, and here he and his family have resided happily ever since.

On Jan. 1, 1889, Mr. Gettis married Bertha Trait, born in Caernarvon township, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Stella May, and Sallie Susanna, attending the Cumru township High School.

Philip Trait, father of Mrs. Oliver S. Gettis, was a lifelong blacksmith, living for many years in Cumru township, where he died in March, 1884. He is buried at the Plow Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, as was his wife, Susan (Glass) Trait, who died in May, 1904. Their children were as follows: Aaron, of Reading; William, of Cumru township; Samuel, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Ellen, m. to Morris Hoffman, of Cumru township; and Bertha, Mrs. Gettis.

SAMUEL G. DUNKELBERGER, until the fall of 1908 junior member of the firm of Fessler & Dunkelberger, bottlers of Reading, is a native of that city, born April 11, 1869, son of Samuel E. Dunkelberger, a prominent contractor who operated extensively in Reading. He died when forty-nine years old, while his widow, Matilda Bady, survives him and resides in Reading, the mother of three children: John, deceased; Eleanora, wife of Charles Yeager of Reading; and Samuel G.

Samuel G. Dunkelberger attended the public schools of his native city, and on Jan. 26, 1885, engaged in the hotel business at the Academy of Music building, remaining there nearly ten years, engaging in the bottling business on Jan. 1, 1895. Mr. Dunkelberger attended to all of the outside work of the firm, while Mr. Fessler looked after the details of the work in the office. Our subject retired in 1908, and now lives at No. 614 Chestnut street.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Miss Ella Wint, daughter of William Wint, of Easton, Pa. They have three children: Gertrude, Harry and Herbert, all attending school. Mr. Dunkelberger is a Mason, belonging to Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Elks, the Eagles, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Odd Fellows.

SAMUEL H. KOCHEL, a well-known Berks county hotel keeper, who is conducting the popular "Gibraltar Hotel," at Gibraltar, Pa., was born in Robeson township, April 3, 1861, son of John and Amelia (Harner) Kochel.

Samuel Kochel, grandfather of Samuel H., was a stone mason by trade, and followed that calling in Exeter township, where many stone mansions and Swiss barns testify to his skill and workmanship. He died in 1868, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Kochel was a Lutheran in religious belief, and a Democrat in politics. He married (first) Elizabeth Quinter, by whom he had these children: Samuel, John, Lucetta, Reuben, Joseph, Jeremiah and Solomon. He married (second) Anna Steiger, and to this union were born: Leah, Cordelia, Allison, Caroline and Amanda.

John Kochel was born in Exeter township, but later removed to Robeson township, where he lived for forty-four years, he following the trade of a stone mason all of his life, some of his work being the building of all the abutments for the Wilmington & Northern Railroad. He died in 1902, and his wife in 1901, both in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Twelve children were born to them: Daniel; Margaret m. Edward Beard; Elizabeth m. Frank Riley; Mary m. William Richards; Isabella m. Joseph Eades; Samuel H.; Emma m. Al Koch; Solomon is deceased; Kate m. Al Potteiger; Ella; John; and Susan died young.

Samuel H. Kochel was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and early in life learned the stone mason's trade, which, however, he did not follow for long, his next occupation being that of pipe welder and heater at the Seyfert McManus pipe foundry. Later he went to Pittsburg, in the employ of the Pittsburg Tube Works, and thence to Warren, Ohio, for the Page Tube Company, and subsequently for the Wheeling Tube Company. After six years in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Kochel returned to Berks county, and engaged in a hotel business at Second and Buttonwood streets, Reading, where he continued for three and one-half years. He then leased the Michael Hawk sand quarry, where he remained about seven months, and in the fall of 1897, he purchased the "Gibraltar Hotel" which he is now conducting with much success. Mr. Kochel understands the wants of the traveler, and his hostelry is becoming very popular with the traveling public, who appreciate his clean service, excellent fare and moderate rates.

In 1880 Mr. Kochel married Anna M. Kuhlman, and to them two children have been born: John J. and Anna C. (m. Elmer Clauser, a machinist). In religious belief the family are Lutherans. Mr. Kochel is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never been an office seeker.

NATHANIEL S. DIPPERY, who for nearly twenty years held the position of janitor of the Girls' high school, Reading, died at his late residence, No. 232 Washington street, May 6, 1906. Mr. Dippery was born in Spring township, Berks county, in 1842, son of Frederick and Catherine (Steinment) Dippery.

Jacob Dippery, grandfather of Nathaniel S., was a resident of Berks county, and was a farmer by occupation. He died on the old Seitzinger farm in Berks county, at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Gross, survived him, living until eighty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dippery were Lutherans. Their children were: Jeremiah, Edward, Aaron, Frederick, Catherine (m. John Seidel) and Mary (m. John Boyer). Jacob Dippery was a Democrat until President Buchanan's administration, after which he was a Republican.

Frederick Dippery succeeded to the old Seitzinger farm, later occupied by the State Constabulary, and was well known in his day as a skilled veterinary surgeon. He died December, 1867, and his widow died at the home of her daughter Kathrine Hemmig Aug. 5, 1907, aged ninety-three years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dippery were: Nathaniel S.; Harrison; Gideon; Frank; James; Kathrine (Hemmig) and Elmira.

Nathaniel S. Dippery received his education in the schools of his native township, after leaving which he assisted his father at farming. In September, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 104th Pa. V. I., serving honorably therewith until Oct. 4, 1863, when he received his discharge. Returning again to his native place, Mr. Dippery was employed for a few years at milling in Spring township, and then came to Reading in 1877. Here he was appointed janitor of the Girls' high school in December, 1887, and he took up the duties of that position in January, 1888, serving continuously therein until his death. He was a member of the First United Evangelical Church of Reading.

Mr. Dippery was married to Miss Salesa M. Ziebach, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Weber) Ziebach, and to this union there were born children as follows: Mary died at the age of three years, two months, ten days; George Adam, born Sept. 16, 1871, m. Annie M. Palm, and they have two children, Nathan Henry and Emma Salesa; Annie L. m. Mark Davis Holl, and has two children, Ruth Lugorah and Naomi Margaret. Mrs. Dippery resides at the old home on Washington street. She is well known in her community, and is greatly esteemed for her many lovable traits of character.

PERCIVAL F. GEISEWITE, a grocery merchant at Reading, whose place of business is conveniently located at West Buttonwood street and Schuylkill avenue, was born June 15, 1858, in Bern township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Margaretta (Faust) Geisewite, and grandson of John Geisewite, an early settler.

The great-grandparents of our subject both died on the ocean while on their voyage from Germany to America. At that time, John Geisewite, grandfather of P. F., was

an infant and when it was discovered that his parents were dead, a passenger by the name of Stitzel, took the orphan babe as his own. John Geisewite married Elizabeth Sheetz, and they had the following children: John m. Mary Breinich, and had eleven children: Charles lived in Schuylkill county; Sally m. Harry Hartman; Amelia m. Jacob Frederick; Elizabeth m. Christopher Jacobs; Caroline m. William Knoll; Amanda m. James Seidel; Emma m. Solomon Rheinhart; Louisa died young; Ellen m. John Putt; Adeline died young; Ellinda m. William Hoffman; Daniel (father of our subject); Jacob lived in Ohio; Betsey m. Reuben Dobson; and Benjamin died at Temple, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Geisewite, father of P. F., was born in Berks county. He grew to manhood with but meager educational opportunities and learned the trade of paper making, which he followed up to the time of his death, in 1863, when he was fifty-two years old. He married Margaretta Faust, and their children were: Priscilla m. Adam R. Heister, of Penn township; Elizabeth m. Joel Yoe; John; Daniel F.; Henry; Amanda, deceased, m. Isaac Hollenbach; Otilda m. Howard Weber; and Percival F. The father took only a voting interest in politics, casting his ballot in support of the Democratic party. As far back as the family can be traced it has been connected with the Reformed Church.

Percival F. Geisewite obtained his education in the schools of Bern township. His first work was as a day laborer when he was thirteen years of age. He then found employment with H. C. Van Reed, who operated a paper mill, with whom he remained until Mr. Van Reed's death, and then continued with his successor, Charles L. Van Reed, until 1884, when he came to Reading. In April of that year he was engaged by his brother to operate a grocery store on the corner of Hamilton and Jefferson streets and soon after he purchased the business and continued at that stand until 1897, when he moved to his present location. He does a thriving grocery and notion business here, carrying a large stock. He also operates a huckster wagon which visits the outlying districts, buying eggs and country produce. By his straightforward business methods, Mr. Geisewite has gained many firm friends in this city to which he came as a stranger.

In 1879 Mr. Geisewite was married to Kate Reber, daughter of Harrison M. Reber, a member of one of the old representative families of this section. They have four children: Emily A.; Mary died in 1901; Edwin, who assists his father in his business, m. Florence Goodwin; and Anna died aged one year and nine months. Like other members of his family Mr. Geisewite belongs to the Reformed Church.

JEREMIAH M. CONRAD, of Pottstown, a conductor on the Colebrookdale branch of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, is a member of a family which has been settled in Berks county, Pa., since his great-grandfather Conrad came to this county from Germany, and settled at a place called Stone Hill, in Pike township, Berks county, and followed farming.

George Conrad, son of the emigrant and grandfather of Jeremiah M., was also a farmer by occupation, and died on his farm in Pike township, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He is buried at Hill Church. His children were: Benjamin, Benneville, Gabriel, Sarah and Harriet, the last named still living, in Oley township, this county.

Benjamin Conrad, son of George, was born Dec. 10, 1802, and died in November, 1861. During the fall and winter seasons he followed butchering, but he was a mason and engaged principally at that trade, being a well known contractor in his section of the county. He employed about fifteen men, and many of the barns still standing in Oley township were of his construction. Mr. Conrad was twice married, first to Sarah Moyer, daughter of George Moyer, born Aug. 21, 1811. Eight children were born to this marriage, of whom Isaac, Katie, Amanda and Gabriel died unmarried; George is a resident of Bechtelsville, Berks county; Malinda m. Jacob Rhoades, and lives in Oley township; Jeremiah M. is mentioned below; Sarah m. John Sweinhart, who was with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for fifty-two years, and is now on the retired list, and living at Pottstown, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Conrad m. Mrs. Maria Moser, daughter of Fritz Moser, of Pike township, and they had three children namely: Augustus, a painter, who resides in Boyertown, Pa.; Ella, m. to Jacob Davidheiser, and living at Pottstown; and Kate, m. to Henry Trout, and living at Pottstown. Benjamin Conrad was a member of the Hill Reformed Church, where he and his wife are buried. He was a Democrat in politics, and quite active in the public affairs of his locality, serving as constable and supervisor of Pike township.

Jeremiah M. Conrad was born Nov. 17, 1848, in Pike township, Berks county, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Moyer) Conrad. He has made his own way in the world since he was eleven years old, and he had few early advantages. He received his early education in the township schools, and was employed at farm work until he was nineteen, when he went to work in an ore mine near Barto, continuing there for eighteen months. On May 6, 1872, he went to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, starting as front brakeman on a mixed train. He was engaged as brakeman for three years, and then took charge of a baggage car for a time. For the past twenty-eight years he has been a regular conductor on the Colebrookdale branch on both freight and passenger trains, and during that long period of service has been singularly fortunate, having never had an accident. He is a careful and conscientious worker, and has proved trustworthy and reliable.

Mr. Conrad married Miss Emma Frey, daughter of George Frey, of Forgedale, Washington township, Berks county. She died June 30, 1908, aged fifty-seven years, two months, seventeen days, and is buried at Pottstown. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad became the parents of eleven children, namely: Mary m. Elam Schultz, of Pottstown, and they have three children, William, Emma and Florence; Katie is the wife of Joseph Guinter, of Pottstown, and has four children, Harry, Paul, William and Florence; Henry F., assistant yardmaster at Pottstown, m. Pauline Weinger; Miss Alice is at home with her father; George is engaged in teaching, giving private lessons in Latin, Greek, German and geometry, at Pottstown; John lives at home; Emma died young; William Jeremiah died young; James died young; Florence and Cecelia, twins, died in infancy.

On Aug. 4, 1909, Mr. Conrad married Mrs. Vesta L. Dankel, daughter of Charles and Sarah S. (Fegley) Reese. Mrs. Conrad had three children by her first marriage, born as follows: Elsie C., Feb. 24, 1894; Pearl S., May 2, 1896; and Edith M., July 11, 1898.

Mr. Conrad's home is at the corner of Fourth and Johnson streets, Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pa. He is a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief and Conductors' societies. In religion he is a Catholic.

FREDERICK W. COONLEY, who died Jan. 29, 1900, at the early age of forty-one years, was a very active business man and good citizen of Reading. He was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., in 1858, son of Frederick and Johanna (Oxford) Coonley. After the death of his mother he was reared by his stepmother Susan Emore Coonley.

The name of Coonley is a well known one in Pennsylvania and many of the name have the Christian name of Frederick.

Frederick Coonley, grandfather of Frederick W., was born in Germany, and came to America when seventeen years of age. He located at Lancaster, and lived there to the age of eighty-two years. By trade he was a brickmaker, and in time became a man of capital. He married Mary Keech, who lived to be sixty-seven years old. They had children as follows: Elizabeth, deceased, m. Samuel Kissinger; Margaret, deceased, m. Jacob Shadell; George was a resident of Chambersburg; Frederick (2); Rosanna, widow of John Goodman, lives at Chambersburg; Sarah

died unmarried; Jacob died in the Civil war; and Louisa m. John Kendig, and they live at Philadelphia.

Frederick Coonley (2), father of the late Frederick W., was born in 1835, at Lancaster, and there became a prominent brick manufacturer. Later he sold his plant to a Mr. Poutz, who continues in the business his predecessor founded. For some years Mr. Coonley engaged extensively in contracting and building and at the time of his death he owned a large amount of real estate. He was twice married. After the death of his first wife, Johanna Oxford, he married Susan Emore, of Reading. He died in 1880, at the age of forty-five years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in fraternal connection a Mason.

Frederick W. Coonley attended the public schools of Lancaster, and after his mother's death was under his stepmother's care. He worked with his father, but later learned the baking business, and followed it for some years. In 1888 he came to Reading, and in 1896 established a smoked meat business and had a stall in the Kissinger market. He was a successful business man. His burial was in Gethsemane Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Coonley was married, July 17, 1894, to Emma C. Specht, of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of Kilian and Elizabeth (Smith) Specht, and they had one daughter, Susan Elizabeth, who is a student at St. Peter's parochial school.

Kilian Specht, father of Mrs. Coonley, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1843, and came to America when eight years of age. He lived for a short time in Philadelphia and then went to Jennings county, Indiana, where he lived until the war broke out when he enlisted. After the war he returned to Seymour, Ind., where he was manager of the Rader house. From there he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then spent two years at Covington, Ky. In January, 1900, he came to Reading and retired from business, and his death occurred Feb. 17, 1904, and he was buried in Gethsemane Catholic cemetery. In 1871 he married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of John and Anna Smith, and she resides with Mrs. Coonley. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Specht were: Emma C., Charles, Edward, Mamie, Elizabeth, Adelaide, and Samuel. Mamie is the widow of Henry Kortekamp, who died April 11, 1905, at Reading, Pa., leaving two children, H. Elmer and Ada (who died Oct. 28, 1907, aged three years).

Mrs. Coonley is a very capable business woman, and she continues to conduct the business in smoked meats at the Kissinger market, having a well established trade. She resides at No. 1115 Walnut street, with her young daughter and her aged mother. She is a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

KARL AUGUST SCHAICH, proprietor of "Kuechler's Roost," one of the best known and most popular summer resorts of Berks county, situated in Lower Alsace township, was born Aug. 12, 1863, in Nurtingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Christian Wilhelm and Louisa Ernstina (Lindenschmidt) Schaich.

Christian Schaich, the grandfather of Karl A., was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was a weaver by trade, an occupation which he followed for some time, being later appointed by city ordinance as auctioneer of his district. He then lived retired until his death, which occurred in his sixty-fifth year. He had the following children: Karl; Henry; Christian W.; Louisa, who was married; and Margaretta, single. With the exception of one child, Christian Wilhelm, this family all remained in Germany.

Christian Wilhelm Schaich, father of Karl A., was born Aug. 14, 1839, and was reared in Wurtemberg, where he learned the trade of weaver from his father and later engaged in farming. He emigrated to this country in 1857, and on Sept. 30, 1861, he was married at Williamsburg, N. J., to Louisa Ernstina Lindenschmidt. In 1862 they returned to the Fatherland, where Mr. Schaich died April 7, 1892, aged fifty-two years. Mrs. Schaich, who was born Nov. 18, 1840, died May 14, 1898, the mother of these children: Christian, born in 1862, the only child of his parents to be born in America, is a retired butcher and lives at the old home; Karl A.; Gottlob, a gardener by trade, is married and resides in the old country; Frederick, a brewer at Baltimore, is married; Miss Ernstina makes her home in Germany; Louisa married Frederick Glasser, a butcher of Philadelphia; Henry, who is married, owns and conducts a steam sawmill in Germany; William is a factory worker in Germany; Mary married George Gantner, a brewer at Philadelphia; Albert, a cooper, resides at the old home; August, who is a brewer of Philadelphia, is married and has a family; Miss Paulina resides in Reading; and Gottlieb, who is married, is superintendent of a railroad in his old home.

Karl A. Schaich was educated in the home schools until fourteen years of age, after which he served a three-year apprenticeship to the tanning trade, and subsequently engaged therein as a journeyman, traveling to Bavaria and Hamburg, Germany, and to Switzerland and France. On his return home he served from 1883 to 1886 as a member of the standing army, as is the custom, and for a short time thereafter worked at his trade. On Aug. 3, 1889, he arrived at New York City, whence he traveled to Philadelphia, and thence after two years to Reading, where he worked for William Getz, or the firm of Winter & Getz, until 1905. He then purchased what is known as "Kuechler's Roost," from the Goetz estate, and here he has since resided. Since taking possession of this property Mr. Schaich has remodeled the house into a large stone summer resort, and has furnished it throughout with the best hard wood furniture of the latest improved type. This makes the place one of the handsomest of our mountain resorts.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30, 1905, Mr. Schaich was married to Catherine Seabold, of Philadelphia, daughter of David and Catherine (Burkhertmeyer) Seabold, natives of Germany. One child, Carl Frederick, was born to this union, Sept. 28, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Schaich are members of St. John's German Lutheran Church, of Reading. On Nov. 6, 1896, Mr. Schaich left for his native land to pay a visit to his aged mother and brothers and sisters, returning to Reading the following April.

CHARLES G. BOYER, one of Reading's representative young business men, and the popular proprietor of the "Madison Hotel," corner of Third and Franklin streets, is a native of Reading, born June 29, 1869, son of Alvin N. and Mary Ann (Getz) Boyer, grandson of Jacob and Susan (Nagle) Boyer, and great-grandson of Henry and Rebecca (Rudy) Boyer.

Henry Boyer was a butcher by trade, and he followed this occupation for many years in Reading, on South Sixth street, just beyond Franklin. He accumulated a considerable property for his children, who were: Henry; John; Betsy, m. to Abraham Kesper; Jacob, grandfather of Charles G.; George; Rachel, m. to a Rightmyer; and Charles. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Politically he was a Democrat.

Jacob Boyer, son of Henry, was also a butcher by trade, and followed this practically all of his life, retiring in 1862. He was a man well known for his sterling traits of character, honest and upright in all of his dealings. He and his wife, Susan Nagle, were the parents of: Harriet, m. to John Shanneman; Peter; Mary, m. to Joseph O'Brien; Alvin N., father of Charles G.; Sarah Louisa, m. to John Strohacker; Henry; Esther, single; and Jacob. The father was a member of the Lutheran Church, and the mother of the Reformed. He died in November, 1871, aged seventy years, two months, and his wife at the age of ninety years, in 1890. Mr. Boyer was formerly a Democrat, but before his death joined the ranks of the Republican party.

Alvin N. Boyer was born in Reading, Pa., July 23, 1843, and was educated in a school conducted by Joshua Davis, an old Quaker. The school was located on Washington street, and was known as the Quaker school house. Later he attended a school at the corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, under Jesse Steiner, and still later a school under the tutorship of Benjamin Hoge. After completing his education he went into the butchering business, in

which he continued until 1903, in which year he retired. He conducted a meat market on Penn street, between Second and Third streets, having located there in 1868. Mr. Boyer was married in 1861 to Mary Ann Getz, daughter of Aaron Getz, and a second cousin to Ex-Mayor Getz's father. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were: Clara, m. to George Henchen; Emma, m. to Edward Pengerly; Charles G., and Miss Martha. Politically Alvin N. Boyer is a Republican, and was a member of the board of school directors for several years.

Charles G. Boyer was educated in the public schools of Reading, and the Chester Farr Business College. After completing his schooling he engaged at the butchering business until 1901, when he embarked in the hotel business, at the corner of Franklin and Third streets. Mr. Boyer is well adapted to the work of a hotel manager and proprietor, and his hotel—the "Madison"—is one of the nicest little family hotels in Reading. Its rooms are well furnished with modern conveniences. Mr. Boyer is well and favorably known in Reading and commands the public respect.

Mr. Boyer was married Oct. 5, 1895, to Catherine Lauther, daughter of Gerhardt Lauther, a prominent hotel man of Reading, who formerly owned and conducted the "Madison Hotel." Mr. Boyer is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Foresters of America, and he belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics but has never been an office seeker, taking only a good citizen's interest therein.

JOHN B. STUMP. Among the old and honored families of Berks county, Pa., who have been identified with the agricultural interests of this section for many years, may be mentioned that of Stump, of which John B. Stump, a highly respected citizen and retired agriculturist of North Heidelberg township, is a worthy representative. He was born in North Heidelberg township, Dec. 5, 1833, son of Daniel and Maria Magdalena (Bennetsch) Stump.

Christopher Stump, one of the pioneers of Heidelberg township, Berks county, was a man of remarkable physical strength, and over six feet in stature. He accompanied Conrad Weiser to the midwinter Indian conference of the Six Nations in northern New York. He was twice married, and had sixteen children, in all, among them being two Susannas, two Margarets, two Catharines and two Christophers. He owned several slaves, according to his will, which was made Feb. 28, 1769, and in which he is mentioned as Christopher Stump, von Heidelberg township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) county. He left the eldest son one shilling as his birthright. The second son, Frederick, is doubtless the celebrated founder of Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, formerly Stumpstown, founded in 1758, whose questionable escapades there made him flee his native heath, to appear later in the wilds of Tennessee as a pioneer. It is said he left his neighborhood because he had despatched an Indian. In 1780 we find him at Nashville, Tenn., where that backwoods Commonwealth was formed. Several German names appear among the signatures to the Compact of government, among them Jacob Stump, afterward "killed by Indians in his field while father, 'Old Fred Stump,' just escaped with his life by running." "By sure, I did run dat time," the old German was wont to say, looking back upon his experience! He was a miller here later, but by this episode it would seem that the vengeance of the Red men followed him, if indeed this is our Stumpstown Stump, as is very plausible.

The children of Christopher Stump were: George Adam (who received £100 as well as the shilling mentioned as his birthright),Frederick, Christopher, Maria (m. Johannes Scheuer), Susanna (m. John Leineweber), Margaret (m. Ludwig Maris), Catharina (m. Georg Adam Bush), Henry, Magdalene (m. William Frymer), Susanna, Catharina (m. Leonhart Strickler), Juliana, Margaret, Leonhart and Christopher (who received the homestead in Heidelberg township of 270 acres), and Michael (who received 250 acres of land over the Blue Mountain, on the Mahanoy creek, which was patented land, so the deed says).

The estate of Christopher Stump was very large, most of the sons receiving £100 each, while the daughters received but £50. This incident, bequesting the daughters only one-half the sum given the sons, would seem to confirm the impression that female members in the pioneer families were regarded as less valuable than the male members.

Johannes Stump, the great-grandfather of John B., was born in 1746. He was a farmer, and took up land along the Tulpehocken creek, in North Heidelberg township, where he died in 1822. He is buried on the homestead, in a private burial-ground, where many of the family name sleep their last sleep. His children included Samuel, Benjamin, John and another son, the latter two of whom settled in Ohio. Samuel Stump and John Merkey, the latter possibly a son-in-law of Johannes, settled up Mr. Stump's estate. The family were Dunkards in their religious faith.

Johannes Stump had a brother Casper, who had settled across the Tulpehocken, in what is now Jefferson township, where in 1759 he paid £20 tax, being a large landowner. There is no record that Casper Stump left any descendants, and if he did they left this section as young men.

Benjamin Stump, the grandfather of John B., was born Dec. 5, 1779, and died on his large farm near North Heidelberg post-office Jan. 10, 1841, aged sixty-one years, one month, five days. He married Magdalena Boyer, daughter of Abraham Boyer, and their children were: William, born in 1807, who died in 1825; Daniel; Molly, who married Joseph Richardson; Sally, who married Matthias Miller; and Eliza, who married Joseph Kalbach.

Daniel Stump, father of John B., was born on the old homestead near the line of Jefferson, in North Heidelberg township, April 21, 1805, and died April 24, 1875, aged seventy years, three days; he was buried at the Corner Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was a lifelong farmer, owning a tract of 200 acres, and for many years was supervisor of his district. Mr. Stump married Maria Magdalena Bennetsch, daughter of Heinrich Bennetsch, and they had these children: William, who had Jonathan (the father of Milton L. and William B.), Henry and James; a daughter who died in infancy; Adam, who was the father of Levi; John B.; Amanda, who married Adam Stoudt; Isaac, who was the father of Charles, who went West; Henry, who died young; Benjamin, born in 1840, who died in infancy; and Daniel, of Robesonia, who is the father of Adam of Bernville.

John B. Stump was reared upon the home farm, and when twenty-four years of age began operating a tract of seventy acres, to which he added ten acres. On that property he spent nineteen years. In 1877 he removed to the old Werheim farm, later known as the Dundore and still later as the Miller farm, Mr. Stump purchasing it from a Miller, and here he resided until the spring of 1908, when he moved to his fine residence in Robesonia, purchased by him in the fall of 1907. The farm on which Mr. Stump spent thirty-one years consists of ninety-six acres; he also owned another, of 112 acres, in North Heidelberg township. All three of his farms are tenanted, two of them by his sons.

In politics Mr. Stump is a Democrat. He and his family are members of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church, of which he was deacon and trustee, and he helped to purchase the cemetery. He is greatly respected in his district, where he has lived a clean, upright and honorable life. He and his wife are in comfortable circumstances, and the sunset of their lives is a happy one.

Mr. Stump married Amelia Gruber, daughter of Emanuel Gruber, and to them have been born ten children:

(1) Adam G. Stump is mentioned at length below.

(2) Isabella married John Filbert, of near Robesonia.

(3) Ida married James Lengel, of Reading.

(4) Henry G. Stump, born July 14, 1865, has been a lifelong farmer. He operated one of his father's farms for several years and then bought the farm known as

Arthur Himmelberger's farm, in Heidelberg township, containing sixty acres, where he now resides.

He and his family are members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he was deacon for two years. In political matters he is a Democrat. On Dec. 5, 1885, he was married to Emma V. Fisher, daughter of John W. and Ellen (Lamm) Fisher, and to them has been born a family of four children, Charles L., E. Mabel, Claire A. and Le Roy U. (who died in June, 1906). Charles L., son of Henry, married April 6, 1907, Lizzie I. Gelsinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gelsinger, and to them has been born one son, Le Roy H.

(5) John S. Stump, born July 26, 1870, in North Heidelberg township, was engaged in farming for several years on one of his father's farms, and now farms the J. Balsley place, near Womelsdorf, Pa. On Dec. 25, 1890, he married Amelia Fromm, daughter of Nathan and Lovina (Fahr) Fromm, and there have been born to them two sons, John C. and Harry F. He and his family are also members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church, of which he was serving as deacon for two years. He is a Democrat in political matters and was a school director for three years in his district, and its treasurer for one year.

(6) George D. Stump was born Feb. 10, 1873, in North Heidelberg township. In 1896 he engaged on his own account in farming on one of his father's farms.

He is a Democrat in political matters, served as committeeman for two years in his district, and was several times a delegate to the county convention.

He and his family are members of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon two years. On June 1, 1895, he was married to Katie Brossman, daughter of Jared and Catherine (Kalbach) Brossman, and to them three children have been born, Raymond, Varia and Eugene.

(7) Cora married Harry Kalbach, of Reading.

(8) Katie died when three years old.

(9) Maggie married John Lengel, of Reading.

(10) Wallace Stump was born March 21, 1882, in North Heidelberg township, and was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until of age, when he left for Reading and secured employment in Van Reed's Paper Mill. On May 17, 1902, he was married to Mary E. Texter, and to them have been born three children, Elizabeth May, Sadie Amelia Ellen, and one son, who died in infancy. Mr. Stump was a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, until a year ago, when he joined the Hain's Church, near Wernersville, Pa. In political matters he is a Democrat.

Adam G. Stump, one of the prominent agriculturists of North Heidelberg township, was born July 2, 1858, son of John B. Stump. He attended the common schools of his district, which he left at the age of sixteen years, when he commenced working for his parents. In 1880 he engaged in farming on his own account on his father's farm in North Heidelberg township, residing there eight years, at the end of which time he purchased twenty-five acres of good land, on which he built a new barn, 30x56 feet, in 1903. Here he has carried on operations to the present time, and has met with much success, being ranked with the substantial men of his township. He is a Democrat in political matters, and in addition to being a member of the school board served as treasurer of that body for three years. He and his family are members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he was deacon two years, elder for four years, trustee three years, and president two years. Among Mr. Stump's valued possessions is an old "grandfather" clock, made in 1829, which belonged to Jonathan Haak. Michael Gruber, grandfather of Mrs. Stump, bought it at the Jonathan Haak sale, and it then came into the possession of Mrs. Stump in 1888.

On Aug. 30, 1879, Mr. Stump was married to Clara M. Althouse, daughter of Reuben and Henrietta (Gruber) Althouse. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam G. Stump have been born four children, three sons and one daughter: Warren A., who died in infancy; Claud C., who taught school for one term and then took up the study of pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, but was obliged to leave that institution on account of ill health (he entered the White Haven Sanatorium and after a stay of three months left for Mt. Alto, Pa., where he now resides); Miles, a student at school; and Verna May.

William B. Stump, an energetic and progressive young agriculturist of North Heidelberg township, where he is serving as school director and assessor, was born Jan. 19, 1876, in that township, son of Jonathan E. and Anna (Graeff) Stump. As shown above he is a grandson of William, great-grandson of Daniel, and great-great-grandson of Benjamin (son of Johannes).

Jonathan E. Stump was born March 23, 1849, in North Heidelberg township, on the farm of his father, William Stump. He followed farming the major portion of his life, but retired from agricultural pursuits in 1886, and since 1889 he has lived in his frame house near Klopp's store. He retains his father's and grandfather's farms in that district, two fine tracts of 110 acres each, one of which is tenanted and the other operated by his son William B. Mr. Stump is the heaviest tax-payer of North Heidelberg township, a most influential man of his district, and highly respected by all who know him. He has served seven times as delegate to county conventions; six years as school director, and eight years as tax collector. He is a botanist of note, and has collected and mounted many specimens of plant life. He is also a well-known antiquarian, and has a large collection of muskets and other interesting relics of the wars since Revolutionary days, and his comfortable home contains many valuable paintings. He is a Lutheran member of St. Daniel's Church, of which he has been treasurer for more than thirty years. He has also been treasurer of the cemetery board since its organization, in 1880. His wife was a member of the Reformed congregation of the same church.

Mr. Stump married Anna Graeff, born April 23, 1848, who died in October, 1903, daughter of Benjamin Graeff, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children were born to this union, Milton L. and William B.

Milton L. Stump, son of Jonathan E. and Anna (Graeff) Stump, was born Oct. 19, 1870, in North Heidelberg township. He attended the local schools of his district and the Bernville high school, taught by Prof. Milton J. Beiber, and Michael A. Gruber. In the spring of 1890 he entered the store of Klopp & Kalbach, dealers in general merchandise and farming implements, as clerk, and there he has been engaged ever since. He is a Democrat in political matters and is at present an auditor in his district. He is a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church, serving two years as deacon, four as elder, and now as secretary, which office he has held since 1904.

On April 13, 1895, Mr. Stump was married to Alice E. Collins, daughter of Dr. Owen E. and Joanna (Fahrenbach) Collins, of Obold, Pa. They live with his father. Mrs. Stump was a school teacher for four consecutive terms and one spring term—two terms in Geigertown (Robeson township), one term in North Heidelberg township, and one term at Obold, in Penn township.

William B. Stump attended the local schools and Bernville high school, which was then taught by Profs. M. A. Gruber and Theodore Kulp, and worked for his parents until he was of age. In the spring of 1898, he commenced operations on his grandfather's farm, a tract of 110 acres, on which a barn was erected in 1843 by Daniel Stump. The house, one part of which is constructed of logs, stands over a strong, excellent spring of water, this having been a custom of the pioneer settlers, as a precaution in case of siege by the Indians, as well as for convenience. He is an energetic and industrious farmer, operates his property by the most up-to-date methods, and has eight horses, four mules and twenty head of cattle.

Mr. Stump is one of the stanch Democrats of his district, and has always been active in the ranks of his party. He has held various local elective offices, and in the spring

of 1907 he was elected a school director of North Heidelberg township, now serving in the capacity of president of the board; in the spring of 1908 he was elected to the office of assessor. With his family he attends St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he has been a deacon.

In 1896 William B. Stump was married to Laura F. Brown, the estimable daughter of the late Samuel L. and Catherine (Fisher) Brown, prominent agricultural people of Heidelberg township, and to this union have been born two daughters: Anna Catherine, born March 11, 1897, and Dorothy Hannah, born Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1907, and baptized Easter Sunday, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Stump are well known in North Heidelberg township, where they are held in the highest esteem and have many warm friends.

FRANKLIN W. HOFFMAN, a highly esteemed citizen of Perry township, who for some years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., April 9, 1850, son of Michael and Esther (Wartzenluft) Hoffman.

Michael Hoffman, grandfather of Franklin W., was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of this section, and served in the State Assembly. His children were: Samuel, m. to Hannah Dunkel, had three children, David, Jacob and Hannah; George, m. to Abbie Fisher, had three children, Henry, William and Samuel; Michael, father of Franklin W.; and Benjamin, m. (first) to a Miss Fisher, had, Samuel, Mary and Cornelius, and (second) to Elizabeth Bailey, and had one daughter, Catherine.

Michael Hoffman, son of Michael, born in 1813, died in 1875. For ten years he was a farmer in Upper Bern township, where he owned an 144-acre farm. In the latter 'fifties he purchased the farm now owned by his son, Franklin W., and in 1868 built the barn which is still standing. He was a prominent man in his time, and when the public school system was inaugurated became a teacher. He was assessor of his district for many years, also serving as school director, and for many terms was an official member of Zion's Union Church. Michael Hoffman married Esther Wartzenluft, and to them were born these children: Catherine (1839-1865); Joel (1841-1872); Franklin W.; Caroline and Michael W.

Franklin W. Hoffman attended the public schools in his native district for one term, and later in Perry township until his twentieth year, being reared to the labor on his father's farm. After leaving school he worked for farmers in the locality for a number of years, and in 1874 purchased a tract of fourteen acres. After marriage in the same year he located on this farm, continuing there for about one and one-half years, when he purchased his father's farm, which then consisted of 111 acres of fertile land. Here Mr. Hoffman has resided ever since, improving the property, and building a summer-house and other outbuildings. Mr. Hoffman is a skilled butcher, and in this line his services are much in demand throughout the district in the fall and winter seasons. Politically Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat, and although he has never cared for public office, has been Assemblyman on several occasions. He is a Lutheran and attends Zion's Church, where he has served as deacon, elder and trustee for a period of twelve years.

On Aug. 30, 1873, Mr. Hoffman married Mary Schappell, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Adam) Schappell, and granddaughter of Jeremiah Schappell, and to this union there have been born three children, as follows: (1) Washington L., born Feb. 22, 1874, m. Amelia Andora Adam, born Oct. 20, 1871, and their children are: Morris L., born May 7, 1893; Henry S., Aug. 26, 1895; Charles W., Dec. 5, 1897; James F., June 29, 1899; Jacob N., Sept. 27, 1900; Elmer L., Oct. 20, 1901; Neven S., Dec. 12, 1902; Annie A., July 28, 1904; Mary A., March 12, 1906; and William M., July 26, 1908. (2) Mahlon S., born July 9, 1884, m. Dec. 22, 1906, Lillie E. Rothermel. (3) Annie S. was born June 29, 1892.

MICHAEL W. HOFFMAN, brother of Franklin W., is a farmer of Perry township, and a prominent member of the Shoemakersville Band. He was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Pa., in the last hour, on the last day in December, 1854. In 1858 his parents moved into Perry township, where Mr. Hoffman obtained a limited education in the local schools. He was reared a farmer, which vocation he followed all his life.

Mr. Hoffman is a musician of talent, all his children having inherited their father's musical traits, and being great lovers of music. For many years Mr. Hoffman played the trombone in the church choir of Zion's Union Church of Perry township. In 1887 he joined the famous Althouse Band of Shoemakersville, Pa., which furnished music for hundreds of celebrations, concerts, and other public functions. His band played at Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Elmira, in New York; and in Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Bethlehem and other cities and towns in his own State—Pennsylvania. Three of his sons belong to the band of which their father is the trombone player.

Mr. Hoffman is a man of honor and integrity. The imprint of honesty is upon his countenance, and he is a true son of a good family. Thrifty and industrious he owns three tracts of good land, comprising all told fifty-five acres. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family worship in the historic Zion's Church in his township, of which church they are Lutheran members.

On Jan. 19, 1878, Mr. Hoffman married Cadance A., daughter of William and Mary (Gardner) Reber. Mrs. Hoffman was born March 15, 1859, and died Sept. 6, 1900, in her forty-second year. To this marriage were born children as follows: Milton R., born Dec. 12, 1878, m. Mary Ellen Kerschner, and they have two children, Pearl and Charles Milton; William M., born May 3, 1880, m. Alice Weber, and has a daughter, Florence May; James M., born Nov. 21, 1882, died Nov. 3, 1906, his death due to shooting himself accidentally in the arm when crossing a fence about a quarter of a mile from home while hunting on November 1st on his father's farm; Samuel A., born Jan. 19, 1884, died Dec. 2, 1885; Hettie Ann, born June 25, 1885, died Dec. 10, 1896; Thomas J., born Feb. 7, 1887; Ida M., born April 14, 1889; Robert E., born Oct. 16, 1890; Ellen R., born Feb. 24, 1893; Lizzie C., born Jan. 5, 1895; Elsie V., born Feb. 22, 1897; Nora E., born April 7, 1898. Since the death of the mother of these children the father has kept the family together and has watched over his children with tender care and affection.

WILLIAM A. WEYMAN, foreman of the brick laying departments of the Reading Iron Company's Scott Foundry and Steam Forges, has been thoroughly trained in his particular line of work. He comes of a family that long had their home in Hanover, Germany, his great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather, Herman H. Weyman and Herman H. Weyman II, respectively, both living at Nein Kirchen Am Milan, in that Kingdom. The latter was the father of three children: Dr. Herman H. III, Catharine (Kirzick) and Frederick.

Dr. Herman H. Weyman III, son of Herman H. II, was born Jan. 16, 1808, in Nein Kirchen Am Milan, and there he received his elementary education. He graduated from the University at Siegel, April 15, 1833, and then spent one year in the University at Berlin. In the fall of 1834 he emigrated to America, and made an extensive trip through the United States. Tradition says he settled near Baumstown, in Berks county, and that he was called into consultation at Geigertown, where he became acquainted with Miss Sarah Geiger (daughter of State Senator Paul J. Geiger of Geigertown, now deceased), who became his wife Oct. 1, 1843. Their children were: (1) Annie m. Allen J. Covington, who served in the Confederate army under Gen. Lee as a sharpshooter, and who after the close of the war moved to Reading, Pa., and became an honored and useful citizen. (2) Margaret m. William C. Coleman, an extensive contractor at Los Angeles, Cal. (3) Katurah m. Benneville D. Angstadt, of Oley township. (4) Paul J. died in infancy. (5) Herman H. IV is deceased. (4) Horace C. lives at Redlands, California.

Herman H. Weyman IV, son of Dr. Herman H. III, was born August 3, 1853. By occupation he was a brick layer, and he was foreman of the Brick Laying Departments of the Reading Iron Company's Scott Foundry until his death, which occurred suddenly Dec. 29, 1907. He married Rosy E. Eaches, and they became the parents of children as follows: Herman H. V, born Oct. 12, 1873, m. Annie, daughter of Prof. P. J. Kuhn, of Reading; Rosie E. died in infancy; Elmer G. m. Hattie M. Brown, daughter of Charles Brown, of Reading; Lillian May died in infancy; William A.; and Florence L., born Aug. 20, 1885, is at home.

William A. Weyman was born in the city of Reading Oct. 20, 1882, and was educated in the public schools of his native city, spending about two years in the high school under Prof. M. E. Scheibner, principal. On Jan. 20, 1899, he accepted a position as a clerk in the drug store of W. W. Troop, but on April 17th following he became an employe of the Reading Iron Company's Steam Forge Department, under the superintendence of Gerald F. Dale, and July 1, 1900, he became an apprentice brick layer under his father. After serving a full apprenticeship of three years he became a full-fledged journeyman, and continued with his father until March, 1905, when he was appointed assistant foreman under his father, a position he held until the latter's sudden death, and on Jan. 6, 1908, he was promoted to his father's position, and this he has since ably filled.

In politics Mr. Weyman is a Democrat. He is a member and has been active in Christ's Evangelical Church, taking particular interest in the Sunday-school. Fraternally he is quite prominent, being a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Progressive Lodge, No. 470, I. O. O. F.; Wyanet Tribe, No. 301, I. O. R. M.; Court Conrad Weiser, No. 199, Foresters of America; Neversink Camp, No. 7634, M. W. A. Mr. Weyman has taken great pains to memorize the unwritten and staff work of the I. O. O. F., and has proved himself a thorough and efficient student of this work.

On July 25, 1903, Mr. Weyman married Mary Riegel, daughter of Lewis and Emma E. Riegel, of Reading, and they have two children: Levira E., born Nov. 19, 1904; and William A., Jr., Dec. 3, 1906.

JEROME PEARSON REESER, dealer in coal, lumber and grain at Sinking Spring, was born at the Reeser Mill, near West Leesport, Bern township, June 19, 1869, son of Cyrus and Catharine (Shalter) Reeser. When two years old his parents moved to Sinking Spring, and he received his education in the local schools, at the West Chester Normal school, and at Stoner's Business College in Reading. In 1891 he associated with Samuel B. Keppel as a partner, in carrying on the coal, lumber, grain, flour and feed business, on premises adjoining the railroad station at Sinking Spring, and he continued as a partner until 1900, when he purchased the interest of Mr. Keppel in the business, and he has been carrying it on in a successful manner to the present time.

Mr. Reeser served as a township auditor for a term of three years; and he has officiated as treasurer of the Reformed Church at Sinking Spring since 1902. He is public-spirited, and believes in encouraging industrial enterprises, and co-operated with other enterprising citizens in the establishment of the Sinking Spring Foundry Company, in 1902, and held an interest in the plant for several years.

Mr. Reeser married Jennie Van Reed, daughter of Joshua Van Reed, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg, along the Cacoosing creek, and they have two sons, Harvey and Herbert. Joshua Van Reed married Elizabeth Cochran, of Philadelphia, and by her had these children, Joshua (m. to Jennie Schrack), Jacob, James, Jennie, Ella and one who died young.

Cyrus Reeser was a native of Bern township, near West Leesport, where he carried on the coal, lumber and grain business for many years until 1871, when he purchased the hotel stand along the railroad adjoining the Sinking Spring station, and removed to that place. He married Catharine Shalter, daughter of Benjamin Shalter, a farmer in the northern section of Alsace township, and they had four children: Jerome Pearson, George, Cora (m. to Thomas Huyett) and one who died in infancy.

Daniel Reeser, father of Cyrus, was a farmer of Bern township. He married Catharine Stoudt, and by her had two sons: William, m. to Elizabeth Rickenbach; and Cyrus.

Abraham Reeser was the father of Daniel and great-grandfather of Jerome Pearson Reeser.

WILLIAM H. ROLLMAN is successfully engaged in the butchering business at Edison, Cumru township, and has long been a familiar figure at the Reading markets, attending Reading street market daily, Fourth and Penn street market twice a week (stands Nos. 25 and 26), and Crystal Palace market (stands Nos. 114 and 115). He was born July 11, 1869, son of Joshua S. and Amelia (Mengel) Rollman.

The Rollmans have long lived in Cumru township. Johan George Rollman, great-grandfather of William H., was born Nov. 16, 1756. In 1785 he married Magdalena Bright, who was born Nov. 5, 1765, and who died Oct. 1, 1821, aged fifty-seven years, ten months, twenty-eight days. Seven sons and five daughters were born to them. Johan George Rollman died June 20, 1814, aged fifty-seven years, seven months, four days.

William Rollman, son of Johan George, was born March 17, 1797, and died Nov. 14, 1847, aged fifty years, seven months, twenty-seven days. He was a farmer and land owner in Cumru township, his son Henry inheriting the farm. On Dec. 11, 1816, he married Elizabeth Spohn, who was born Nov. 20, 1798. She died Nov. 21, 1864, aged sixty-six years, one day. Their children were: Joshua S.; Henry, born Jan. 21, 1819, was a merchant in Reading, and died Sept. 3, 1890; William, born March 8, 1822, died Dec. 21, 1840, aged eighteen years, nine months, thirteen days; Sallie died unmarried; Molly married William Matz, of Reading.

Joshua S. Rollman, son of William and father of William H., was born in Spring township in 1825. For a number of years he kept the "Central Hotel," at Sinking Spring, and became well known to the traveling public. His hostelry was well patronized, and its proprietor won great popularity for his courtesy and his first class entertainment. Before the Civil war he engaged in butchering, but abandoned it to devote some years to carpentering in Reading. He later resumed the butcher's business, and continued it until his death, April 17, 1885, when he was aged sixty-one years. His remains were interred at the Sinking Spring Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. He married Amelia Mengel, born in April, 1835, daughter of Daniel Mengel, and they became the parents of four children: Sarah, m. to Ephraim Stitzel, of Reading; Rosa, who died young; Miss Amelia; and William H.

William H. Rollman, son of Joshua, passed his boyhood days under the parental roof. When he was fifteen his father died, and this placed responsibility early upon the lad's shoulders. He took hold of the butchering business left by his father, and with an ability and judgment far beyond his years carried it on for his mother. He killed from eight to ten hogs a week, at that time. He has followed this line of work ever since, with the exception of seven years, 1892-1898, when he worked at hatting for his father-in-law, Jacob Kessler, of Mohnton. Since he has returned to butchering he has enlarged his business, and besides hogs, calves and sheep, he kills two or three steers a week, and he is considered a first class man at his trade. For three years he lived at the "Five Mile House," but since 1901 he has made his home at Edison.

On Feb. 21, 1891, Mr. Rollman married Julia A. Kessler, born April 17, 1869, daughter of Jacob Kessler, of Mohnton. They are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Mohnton. In his political views Mr. Rollman is an independent Democrat. He is one of the enter-

prising men of his township, and he is looked upon as a worthy and substantial citizen.

WILLIAM E. SHEIDY, of Wyomissing, Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Bern township, April 10, 1862, son of Joseph and Margaret (Hafer) Sheidy.

Joseph Sheidy was born in Bern township in 1840, where he followed farming until his retirement from active life. During the Civil war he served in the volunteer infantry, but was wounded during the first year in the right arm, the bullet passing through it. The homestead in Heidelberg township at Blue Marsh consists of a very comfortable house surrounded by three acres of land, which Mr. Sheidy purchased from Adam Cress. His wife, Margaret Hafer, was born in Bern township, daughter of William Hafer, of that township, and died in July, 1881, and is buried at Epler's church. Joseph Sheidy died in the fall of 1908. The children born to him and his wife were: William E.; Joseph, of Heidelberg township; Benjamin, of Centre township; Jacob, of Penn township; Charles, of Cumru township; Adam, of Brownsville, where he is in the hotel business; Irwin, of Heidelberg township; Margaret, m. to Charles Dechler. Joseph Sheidy had two brothers, Jacob, who lived in Bern township; and Frederick, who lived in Lower Heidelberg township.

William E. Sheidy attended the local schools of Heidelberg and Spring townships, and worked upon his father's farm. At the age of twenty years he commenced to work for himself, hiring out to the farmers in his vicinity until 1885, when he began farming in Heidelberg township on the Henry Ahrens farm. There he lived as a tenant for four years, and in the spring of 1890 came to Wyomissing where he cultivated the Thomas G. Yaeger farm until it was sold to the Wyomissing land company. He then turned his attention to his farm of twenty-four acres in Lower Heidelberg township, on which he planted 500 peach trees and raises considerable fruit. For four years he conducted the Wyomissing coal yards, but in 1902 he sold that property to Calvin Rutt.

In 1903 Mr. Sheidy built a double brick house in Wyomissing borough, on Wyomissing boulevard, three stories in height and supplied with all modern improvements. He and his family live in one of the houses and rent the other. Since locating in Wyomissing, he has been engaged in hauling, and has built up a big business, keeping four horses always busy. In connection with this business, he erected a lare brick stable in 1907, 20 x 30 feet in dimensions. In all his enterprises Mr. Sheidy has met with success, and is now one of the prosperous business men of Wyomissing. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been delegate to various county conventions. He and his family are members of Hain's Reformed church. Fraternally he is a member of West Reading Castle, K. G. E., No. 487, of West Reading.

On July 16, 1881, Mr. Sheidy married Isabella Brown, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Keeney) Brown, and granddaughter of Philip and Catherine (Besbaur) Brown. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheidy: Florence, m. to Edward Gaugler, of the Blue Marsh; William B., unmarried, of Wyomissing; Jacob B., m. to Sallie Suttsman, and in his brother's employ; Thomas B., unmarried, living with his father; Charles B. and Henry, both at home.

JAMES M. ENDY, who is conducting a flourishing grocery business at No. 501 South Twelfth street, Reading, and is also engaged in other business enterprises, was born in 1862, near Colebrookdale, Berks county, son of Daniel H. and Sarah (Muthard) Endy.

Mr. Endy received his education in the schools of Earl township, his first work being on a farm, on which he lived until nineteen years of age. At this time he came to Reading, and for nine years was employed at the Reading Iron Works as a heater. In 1887, in company with his brother-in-law, he engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Twelfth and Cotton streets, still remaining in the iron company's employ, while his partner conducted the business under the style of Endy & Brown. In 1896 Mr. Endy gave up work at the mill and turned his attention to the grocery business. He has a finely equipped store, well stocked with fancy and staple groceries, fruits, canned goods, smoked meats, etc. In addition to this business Mr. Endy is engaged in building, as a member of the firm of Diener, Endy & Fisher. They have improved the southeastern section of Reading, building residences therein, and these are quickly being occupied. Mr. Endy bears an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity, and as a self-made man has earned the respect and esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

In 1886 Mr. Endy was married to Miss Amelia Wentzel, daughter of John and Maria Wentzel. Mr. Endy is a member of the I. O. R. M., the Knights of Malta and the Pennsylvania Immediate Relief Association. He is a Democrat in his political belief, but he has never sought office. He connected himself with Grace Lutheran Church about 1881, and has been a faithful member of that religious organization to the present time, having served on the consistory of that body for about three years.

WILLIAM WILSON WEBBER, a prominent coal dealer at Sinking Spring for twenty years, was born at Wernersville, Berks county, June 24, 1869, son of George M. and Valeria Ruth (Gaul) Webber. While he was a boy his father removed to Sinking Spring, and he received his education in the public schools, and also in After engaging in teaching public schools for two terms Prof. Oberlin's Charter Oak Academy of that place. in Spring township, 1885 and 1886, he assisted his father in the coal business for two years, and then, when but eighteen years old, took a county license to carry on the general business of dealing in coal, lumber, flour and feed for himself, his father directing his attention to the wholesale lumber trade. He continued alone in the business until 1892, when he formed a co-partnership with David G. Miller, and they carried it on until 1894 under the name of Webber & Miller. He then purchased Mr. Miller's interest, and has since carried it on by himself in a very successful manner.

In 1906 Mr. Webber assisted in establishing a national bank at Wernersville, becoming one of its directors and serving since as secretary of the board. In social matters he assisted in organizing lodges of the Sons of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle and Odd Fellows, at Sinking Spring; and he is affiliated with the Free Masons, Knights Templars and Mystic Shrine at Reading.

Mr. Webber married Catharine Hoffman, daughter of Dr. C. N. Hoffman, of Sinking Spring, and by her he has two boys, Harold and Christian.

George M. Webber was born at Rehrersburg, Berks county, in 1837, and there received his early education in the public schools. While studying for the ministry at the Pennsylvania College he became ill and this prevented his graduating. Upon his return home he directed his attention to teaching public school, and he taught several terms in the Northeastern section of Berks county. While teaching he was married to Miss Haas. He then located at Wernersville, and carried on the business of dealing in coal, lumber, grain, flour and feed. His wife dying, he married Miss Valeria Ruth Gaul, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Ruth) Gaul, of Heidelberg township. After remaining at Wernersville for several years, he located at Sinking Spring in 1877, and established himself in the same business which he carried on until 1887, when he was succeeded by his son. He died in 1891, leaving his wife and three children, William W., Jennie, and Bessie (m. to Elmer W. Deck).

Samuel Webber, father of George M., was a farmer of Tulpehocken township. He married a Miss Miller, and they had nine children: Frank; Willoughby; Paul, unmarried; Albert, m. to Elleanora Gerhart; George M.; Lewis; Samuel; Kate, m. to Daniel Emrich; and Elizabeth, unmarried.

GEORGE FLECKNER, a well-known resident of Reading, Pa., who is at present working at the Reading Hardware Company, was born in that city in July, 1860, son of George Fleckner, a native of Germany.

George Fleckner, Sr., came to America in the spring of 1850, landing at New York City, whence he immediately made his way to Reading. A blacksmith by trade, Mr. Fleckner followed this occupation for a number of years, and for several years was also employed at the ore mines. He was a skilled nail-maker, nails in his time being made by hand, and the last years of his life were spent at the Scott Works. He died in 1873, at the age of fifty-six years. George Fleckner married Justina Michael, born in Germany, who died on Nov. 20, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Fleckner were the parents of these children: John, who died in 1895, aged forty-five years; twins, who died in infancy; a daughter who died in infancy; August, who died young; George; Adam, who died when five years old; Tracy, who m. George Grant, had two children—Lillie and Harry—and died in 1890; Catherine, who m. William Lerch, now residing in Reading, had children—Annie, Minnie, Jennie, Florence, Daniel, Mary, Arthur and Paul—and died Feb. 19, 1906; and William, George and Ralph, all deceased.

George Fleckner, son of George, attended the Tenth and Green streets school, and when a lad of twelve years was employed as a water-boy in the Pipe Mill, later securing employment in the hardware shops of Reading. He has been in the employ of the lock-fitting department at the Reading Hardware Company for twenty-five years.

Mr. Fleckner married Miss Mary Seigfreid, daughter of William and Mary (Benssing) Seigfreid, and they reside in their own home at No. 1014 Washington street, Reading. Mr. Fleckner is a Socialist in politics. He is connected with the Liberty Fire Company, which he joined June 2, 1881, with Thaddeus Stevens Council No. 252, and Knights of Friendship. He is a musician of some note, and has played in the best bands and orchestras in the city. Personally is very popular, and is considered one of the good, reliable citizens of Reading.

GEORGE C. DENGLER, one of the younger men of Birdsboro to win success, is the proprietor of the excellent "St. Elmo Hotel." He was born Jan. 12, 1881, son of William and Savannah (Cramp) Dengler.

George Dengler, great-grandfather of George C., settled in what is now Mt. Penn borough, and established a hotel there which is still known as "Denglers." He also owned and operated a lime kiln and carried on a farm. His death occurred in 1866, when he was aged about eighty years. His wife died in 1878. They had a number of children, of whom Charles of Klapperthal is the only survivor. The others were: Effenger, grandfather of George C.; Frank; Madison; Ann, m. to Dr. Greissemer; Sarah, m. to Samuel Missemer, and Wilhelmina, m. to a Mr. Kretz, and lived in Indiana. In religious belief they were all Lutherans.

Effenger Dengler, son of George, learned the trade of butcher, which he followed many years. After locating in Birdsboro he engaged in the hotel business, where the "St. Elmo" now stands. He finally sold this property to his son William and retired. He was one of the best known men in the county. His death occurred when he was aged seventy-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elmira Ludwig, bore him twelve children, as follows: George, William, Frank, Charles, Effenger, Irvin, Harry, Clara (m. Joseph Hook), Ida (m. William Marshall), Annie (m. William Marquet), Sally (m. Samuel S. Spotts) and Charles (died in infancy). They were reared in the faith of Luther. In his political belief Mr. Dengler was a Republican, and for several terms held the office of councilman. He also served as tax collector, and was ever to the fore in the work of his party. His fraternal connections were with the I. O. O. F., of Reading.

William Dengler was the son of Effenger and father of George C. As stated above he purchased the old hotel property from his father, and conducted a hostelry for some years. He was connected with the Masons; the P. O. S. of A.; and the K. G. E., and was a member of Friendship Fire Company of Birdsboro. He served as councilman for a good many years. He married Savannah Cramp, daughter of Jacob and Kathryn Cramp, and their children were: George C., Jennie C., Raymond C., Harry C., Claude E. and Kathryn C., the last three deceased.

George C. Dengler was educated in the schools of Birdsboro, and then clerked in the hotel for his father. He has literally been trained all his life to the hotel business, and has adopted it as a calling quite naturally. On April 1, 1902, he engaged in the restaurant business, and continued until Nov. 14, 1905, when he assumed the management of the "St. Elmo." He is a typical hotel proprietor, friendly, courteous and accommodating, and he enjoys a large trade. His hotel contains fifteen rooms, and is conveniently located.

In 1901 Mr. Dengler married Lulu Miller, daughter of I. W. Miller, and three children have come to brighten their home: Jennie, Rufus and Adaline. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dengler attend the Episcopal Church. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A.; I. O. R. M.; and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., of Reading; and Friendship Fire Company, of Birdsboro. He is progressive and energetic, and is looked upon as one of Birdsboro's rising young men.

WALTER PRUTZMAN, engaged in business at No. 304 Penn street, Reading, Pa., as a dealer in stoves, heaters and ranges, and as a tin and sheet-iron worker, was born in Reading in 1854, son of Asaph and Margaret (Mengel) Prutzman.

Walter Prutzman was educated in the schools of Reading, and as a boy learned the trade of tin and sheet-iron worker at his father's place of business. Later he connected himself with W. H. Bitting, under the firm style of Bitting & Prutzman, this partnership continuing for twelve years. Since this time Mr. Prutzman has conducted the business alone. The stand, which is at No. 304 Penn street, a 21 x 90 foot building, is one of the oldest in the city, the business having been founded by Asaph Prutzman in 1860, his son now employing on an average six clerks, selling stoves and furnaces from catalogue, and repairing the same. He has a well-managed, flourishing business which is increasing daily, his fair dealings having won the confidence of the people of the community. In 1880 Mr. Prutzman was married to Miss Rosie High, daughter of Joseph High, and to this union there were born two children: Maude M., who died aged five years; and Paul B., engineer at the Reading Heat & Power Company. Mrs. Prutzman died in 1898, and Mr. Prutzman was married (second) to Miss Rebecca Lembach, daughter of Lewis Lembach. There have been born no children to this union.

Mr. Prutzman served eight consecutive years (1891-1899) as school controller of the Sixth ward, and again in 1904, and 1908. He was a delegate to the city convention that nominated William H. Rowe for mayor. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church and have been active workers in the church for years.

JOHN A. RUTH, who died in Reading April 17, 1901, belonged to a family long resident in Berks county, and was born there in Spring township, Sept. 17, 1839, son of John and Rebecca (Allspach) Ruth.

John Ruth owned two very valuable farms in Spring township, and was also extensively engaged in buying and selling cattle. He was a prominent man in that region during his day, and was also well known in Reading, where many of the older citizens still remember him. He died during the early sixties, aged eighty-five years. He and his wife had seven children, namely: Cyrus, of Sinking Spring; Eliza, m. to William Potteiger; John A.; Henry Y.; Sarah, m. to Samuel Deppen; and two that died in infancy. The family were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Ruth was a Democrat.

John A. Ruth was educated in the common schools of Spring township, and remained at home until he was eighteen years old. He then began working in the iron mines in that township, and spent several years in that employment, but later he came to Reading, and was thereafter identified with that city. At first he was in the hotel business on South Sixth street, and later was with the Harbster Iron Company. From there he went to a position with John Bowman, a wholesale liquor dealer, located on Penn street, between Third and Fourth, and was still employed by him at the time of his death in 1901. Mr. Ruth always supported the Democratic party in politics, and in religion he was a Lutheran. At one time he was a member of the P. O. S. of A., but later took his name from its rolls.

During the Civil war Mr. Ruth enlisted in the Union army, but in a short time was discharged on account of disability, as he had contracted a chronic intestinal trouble.

On Sept. 21, 1872, John A. Ruth married Ellen, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Becher) Feeney, of Chester county, the former a native of Ireland. Mrs. Ruth was born in this country in Leesport, Pa. Five children were the issue of this union, namely: Lillie, m. to Joseph Lewis; Nora, m. to Luther Yeager; Mary; Grace; and Minnie, deceased. Luther Yeager, who is now employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, enlisted during the Spanish-American war in Company A, 4th Pa. V. I., under Capt. Willets, and served in Porto Rico, being honorably discharged in November, 1898.

DAVID RENNINGER, deceased, who throughout life was engaged in the milling business in Berks county, was born in Colebrookdale township, this county, son of Abraham Renninger.

Abraham Renninger was engaged in milling in Berks county all of his life, and his son, David, after receiving his education in the common schools of his community, learned the business with him. David Renninger died at the age of thirty-one years, while his wife, Mary Moyer, daughter of Henry and Mary (Koller) Moyer, of Blandon, Pa., passed away aged sixty-eight years. They had three children: James, who died young; Mary A., and John, who also died young.

Mary A. Renninger was married (first) to Daniel Behm, and to them were born two children: William D. is deceased; and Edgar R., a printer by trade, who for several years was employed on the Reading *Eagle*, married Annie Moyer, now deecased, and they had three children: William L., Leon R., and Mary A. Mrs. Behm married (second) Lucian Roland, who was a plumber by occupation. They had no children. Her third marriage was to LeVan M. Krick, whose death occurred July 3, 1904. He was employed for many years as baggagemaster for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and was also engaged in the cigar, tobacco and fishing tackle business at the corner of Eighth and Elm streets, Reading. He was a member of the Reformed Church. In political matters he was a Democrat, and was connected with the P. & R. Relief Association. Mrs. Krick resides at No. 810 Elm street, her son, Edgar R., and his children residing with her.

JOHN SCHREINER, who for a number of years has been a trusted employe at the Scott foundry, Reading, Pa., is a native of Eidesheim, Rheinpfalz, Germany, born in that country Sept. 15, 1849, son of Frederick and Mary (Glasser) Schreiner, farming people of the Fatherland, who are both dead.

In May, 1882, John Schreiner came to America, landing at New York City, whence he came to Reading, Pa. He became at once employed at the Scott foundry, where he has continued to the present time. Mr. Schreiner has been a faithful, steady employe, and has earned the respect of his employers and of his fellow workmen. He married Catherine Koenig, also born in Germany, eight miles from her husband's birthplace, and she died July 7, 1887, aged twenty-seven years. Their three children were: Miss Minnie, a seamstress, resides at home; George is a machinist by trade and is employed at Wyomissing, Pa., at the textile works; and John died in infancy. Mr. Schreiner resides at No. 329 North Mulberry street, Reading. In his political opinions he is a Democrat, but he has never taken an active interest in public matters, preferring to give his time and attention to his work. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church of Reading. Mr. Schreiner is also connected with the relief association of the company with which he has been so long identified.

WILLIAM O. HERBSTER, who has been employed by the United Traction Company for some time as conductor, is a member of a well-known family of this section. He was born in Montgomery county, Dec. 18, 1872, son of Daniel G. and Henrietta (Dries) Herbster.

Benjamin Herbster, grandfather of William O., was a resident of Albany township, Berks county, but his death occurred in Reading, when about fifty years of age, as did that of his wife, Lydia (Zimmerman) Herbster. They had these children: John, who died at Allentown, Pa., in 1905; Isaac, who died young; Daniel G.; Benjamin, who resides in Ohio; William, who died young; Catherine A., who m. Monroe Newhard, of Allentown, Pa., and died there in 1897, leaving three children, Ella, Lillie and Estella (the latter a teacher in the schools of Allentown); Rev. Samuel, a minister in the Lutheran Church; Lydia, who died when nineteen years of age; and Nathaniel, who died in 1904.

Daniel G. Herbster and his wife resided at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., where he was retired. He died April 10, 1909, aged sixty-seven years, and he is buried at Schuylkill Haven. They had children as follows: Sylvester D. m. Caroline Brown, and resides at Schuylkill Haven; Rose m. David Frey, and also resides at that place; Elizabeth m. Morris Oswalt; William O.; Nora m. George Zimmerman; and Thomas m. Annie Zimmerman, of Schuylkill Haven.

William O. Herbster attended the public schools of Schuylkill county, and when a young man learned the monument business, which he followed for about seven years in Reading. He then accepted a position with the traction company as motorman, continuing in that capacity for four years, when he was transferred to the position of conductor. He is now on the Perkiomen run. Mr. Herbster married Miss Emma E. Babst, daughter of John and Lovina (Meitzler) Babst (mentioned elsewhere), and two children have come to this union: Florence, who died aged seven months; and Helen I., born March 28, 1900, attending school. The Herbsters reside at No. 1258 Buttonwood street, Reading, and are well known and highly esteemed in their community. In his political belief Mr. Herbster is a Democrat, but he has never taken an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; Camp No. 330, P. O. S. of A., and is also connected with the Relief Association of the United Traction Company.

WILLIAM D. A. BORKERT, for many years well known as a bricklaying contractor of Reading, Pa., who has been recently appointed to the position of City Park policeman, was born April 20, 1860, at No. 1024 Penn street, Reading, son of the late William G. Borkert.

Daniel Borkert, grandfather of William D. A., was one of the earliest contractors in Reading. He married Mary Gantz, and their children were: William G., Daniel, Mary, Albert, Augustus, Amanda, Richard, John, Frank and Susan.

William G. Borkert, son of Daniel, was a brick-layer by trade. He married Catharine Miller, daughter of John and Catharine (Kutz) Miller, and their children were: John J., Emma, Katie A., William D. A., Susan A., Mary E. and Cora R., of whom Susan A. and Cora R. died young.

William D. A. Borkert received his education in the public schools and at high school. After leaving school he learned the hatting trade, which he followed for a

few years, and at the age of nineteen engaged with his father to learn brick-laying, continuing with him until the latter's death, July 29, 1901, and then for two years with his uncle, Albert Borkert. Mr. Borkert continued brick-laying for twenty-five years, and in 1894 received an appointment as inspector of the big sewer building contract. After its completion he was employed in 1899, as the first inspector on the asphalt paving contract in Reading. Mr. Borkert spent three years in work at City Park, and when William High was elected park superintendent, Mr. Borkert was put on the police force to succeed Ammon Griesemer. Mr. Borkert is active in Eighth ward Democratic politics and has acted as judge, inspector and clerk, and was a delegate to city conventions. He is a member of the Bricklayers' Union No. 21; Knights of Friendship, and Grace Lutheran Church. Mr. Borkert has held the offices of president, vice-president and secretary of the Union.

Mr. Borkert married Ellen S., daughter of Peter L. Stout, the only left-handed violin player in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Borkert have had children, as follows: William is deceased; Katie m. Robert I. Oswald, and has two children, Stanley C. and Harold W.; Mabel m. David Stout, and has one daughter, Dorothy; Esther m. Oscar A. High, and has one daughter, Edna E.; and Mary, Cora, Lery, Elwood, Marguerite, Ruth, Charles D., Joice L., Edna, Warren R., George L., Miriam W., Dorothy L. and Hazel E., the last six named being deceased. The family live at No. 113 North Tenth street.

ARUS RHODE. One of the oldest and most honored families of Berks county, Pa., is that of Rhode, which has a worthy representative in the borough of West Reading in Arus Rhode, a well-known carpenter and highly esteemed citizen. Mr. Rhode was born March 25, 1850, in Bern township, son of Samuel and Sarah (Noecker) Rhode.

The Rhode (Roth) family had its origin in the personage of Christian Rhode (or Roth), who was a native of Switzerland, from which country he came to America in 1751, settling in Bern township, Berks county. Here he accumulated considerable land, paying twenty-eight pounds tax in 1759. Among others Christian Rhode had two children, Jacob and Frederick, who, tradition says, were very young at the time of emigration.

Frederick Rhode, son of Christian and grandfather of Arus, spent his life at "Snokastettel," "Nattown," Bern township, where his death occurred. He was a laborer by occupation, but succeeded in becoming the owner of much valuable property. He married Elizabeth Sassaman, a native of Europe, and they were buried at Epler's Church in Bern township. Six children were born to Frederick and Elizabeth (Sassaman) Rhode, as follows: Christian, of Bern township; John, a farmer of the same township; Samuel; Jacob, also a farmer of Bern township; Daniel, who settled in Cleveland, Ohio; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried.

Samuel Rhode, father of Arus, was born in August, 1813, in Bern township, where he spent his life in farm laboring, and died in 1874. He married Sarah Noecker, born Oct. 20, 1819, who died Aug. 11, 1859, daughter of Jacob and Christina Noecker, and the eleven children born to this union were named from the calendar, the name taken being that opposite the date of the child's birth. The children were as follows: Amelia m. Franklin Neider, of Reading, and has had two children, Sarah and Franklin (deceased); Catherine m. John Johnson, of Pottsville, and had five children, one daughter and four sons; Malinda m. Reuben Roeder, of Reading, and has eight living children; Hillarius, a painter of Fremont, O., and a veteran of the Civil war, has the distinction of being the possessor of the longest beard in the State, it having reached the unusual length of thirty-two inches (he has an only daughter); Hilderbertus also a soldier in the Civil war, died of typhoid fever while serving in the army (he had no issue); William, a painter and substantial citizen of Dyersburg, Dyer county, Tenn., was twice married and by his first wife had two sons; Arus; Sarah m. Henry Wagner, of Bern township, and has an only daughter; Emma m. Joseph Werner, of Bern township, and has two sons and two daughters; Valeria m. Jacob Houck, of Reading, and has one son and two daughters; and Edwin died at the age of sixteen years.

Arus Rhode worked on the farm until sixteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade with Benjamin Matz, of Spring township, in whose employ he continued for nine years. At the end of this time he married his employer's daughter. Mr. Rhode then worked for different boss carpenters for some years, part of which time he was superintendent of a gang of twelve men for Harry Cheedam. Since 1887 Mr. Rhode has been in business for himself, doing contract work and building houses, and during the last twenty years he has erected 604 residences, in addition to many factories and business houses, stables, etc., also engaging in job work on the side. He has employed at times as many as twenty-two skilled mechanics, but during the last few years he has only had from four to eight men in his employ. He erected the large Edward W. Alexander hat factory twice, the first having been destroyed by fire. In 1871 Mr. Rhode came to West Reading and purchased the first building lot sold here, on which he erected the first house. He also owns two other dwellings in the borough, and is considered one of West Reading's substantial men. Honest in all his dealings with his fellow men, a master of his trade, and a true Christian gentlemtn, Mr. Rhode has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. In the spring of 1909 he was elected second chief burgess of West Reading. Although not a candidate for the nomination the citizens put his name on the ticket and elected him by 118 majority. He and his family are Lutheran members of Kissinger's Union Church of Spring township, of which Mr. Rhode has been an elder since 1904.

On May 17, 1871, Mr. Rhode was married to Mary Ann Matz, born March 25, 1843, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Fisher) Matz. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhode, but they have adopted three children, whom they are rearing to man and womanhood with the care they would give their own: Samuel Werner, a nephew of Mr. Rhode, and Katie M. and Eva M. Stamm, daughters of Jared and Elizabeth (Matz) Stamm, of Bern township, the latter of whom is a sister of Mrs. Rhode. Jared Stamm was a son of Jared, and grandson of Jared, who was a son of a pioneer.

PATRICK J. McCAULEY, proprietor of the "Rising Sun Hotel," at Reading, has been connected with various other business enterprises and is well known in building and contracting circles. Mr. McCauley was born in 1866, in County Mayo, Ireland, son of Peter and Ellen (Clark) McCauley.

Peter McCauley, who was a farmer all of his life, lived and died in County Mayo, Ireland, his death occurring in 1874, in his fifty-fourth year. He was twice married, and by his first wife had a son, Robert, who still lives in the old country. Five children were born to his second marriage: Margaret, of Reading, m. Edward Coney; Peter is in Ireland; Patrick J.; John also resides in Ireland; and Catherine is deceased. In religious belief the family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. McCauley died in 1900, aged fifty-four years.

Patrick J. McCauley came to America in 1884, on the steamship "British Princess," which landed at Philadelphia. From that city Mr. McCauley came to Reading, where he arrived May 26, 1884, and he at once found employment with the Reading Iron Company, in whose tube mill he worked until 1886. In this year he went to Hartford, Conn., where he clerked in a hotel for two years, then returning to Reading, where he engaged as a clerk in the hotel of Jacob Etzel, Tenth and Greenwich streets for two years. After one year at Ninth and Greenwich streets, Mr. McCauley, in 1893, returned to his native country, but remained only seven months, again coming to Reading. He engaged in the insurance business

for a short time, and then associated himself with the "Harugari Hotel" on South Sixth street for five years, at the end of which time he purchased his present property, the "Rising Sun Hotel," which caters to first class trade. Mr. McCauley is a genial, courteous host, and makes an earnest effort to furnish his patrons with all conveniences.

On May 5, 1897, Mr. McCauley was married to Catherine Cullen, daughter of John Cullen, and to them have been born: John, Paul, Jared, Thomas, Margaret (died at the age of four months), and James. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mr. McCauley being a member of the building committee on St. Joseph's parochial school. He has also engaged extensively in the building business in Reading, erecting a number of properties in the northwestern section of the city. Politically he is a Democrat, but takes only a good citizen's part in public matters. Fraternally he is connected with the Junior Fire Company.

JOHN F. LUTZ, a well known business man of Esterly P. O., in Exeter township, Berks county, engaged as furniture dealer and funeral director, was born Nov. 22, 1863, in Alsace township, now Mt. Penn borough, son of John and Mary Ann (Freyberger) Lutz.

John Lutz, father of John F., was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and came to America as a small child, being reared among the farmers of Berks county. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and became a skilled mechanic, and with his brother, David Lutz, carried on that business in Alsace township, now Mt. Penn borough, for a number of years. Deciding to give up blacksmithing, Mr. Lutz purchased a farm, but death called him before he had settled thereon. His family, however, located on the property, whence they removed later to St. Lawrence, Exeter township. John Lutz was one of the best marksmen in this section of Berks county, and was a popular member of Capt. Gechter's company of light horse guards. He was a stanch Democrat. Five children were born to John Lutz and his wife, Mary Ann Freyberger, namely: George, who died April 27, 1907; Sarah, m. to Jacob R. Bingaman, of Exeter township; Annie, m. to Jackson Snyder, of Oley township; Clara, m. to Daniel A. Rathenberger, of Friedensburg; and John F.

John F. Lutz was educated in the public schools of his native locality, and in Prof. D. B. Brunner's Scientific Academy at Reading, after leaving which he spent a few years in A. J. Brumbach's woolen mills. He then went to Friedensburg, where he learned the undertaking and cabinet-making trade with Uriah H. Schlegel, serving two and one-half years to the trade. He then entered the employ of Schrader & Kline, after leaving whom he worked for Samuel Bohler, a pipe organ manufacturer, and having accumulated the means erected his present place of business in 1885. From a modest beginning Mr. Lutz has built up a large, first-class trade, extending not only throughout Exeter township, but into the city of Reading. In December, 1895, he graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming. Mr. Lutz is fraternally connected with Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., Esterly; is a charter member of St. Lawrence Castle, No. 463, K. G. E.; and Neversink Camp No. 7,634, M. W. A.; Bohemond Commandery No. 277, A. I. O. Knights of Malta; and was a member of the building committee of the present P. O. S. of A. hall. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 28, 1888, Mr. Lutz was married to Miss Lena H. Schmeck, daughter of Amos and Amelia (Heckman) Schmeck, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Katie E., Minnie M., Esther E. and John E.

FREDERICK A. LATTEMANN, of Reading, Pa., is one of the many valuable citizens which Germany has given to this country, men who have become valuable to their communities and have served as substantial patriots their adopted country.

Born in Hanover, Germany, in the year 1833, Frederick A. Lattemann is the son of Henry and Sophia (Coleman) Lattemann. He learned the trade of molder in his native country, and followed that trade there until 1867, when he came to America on the steamer "America." He settled first in Norristown, but later removed to Conshohocken, Montgomery county. In 1869 he came to Reading, and began work at the Mellert Foundry. Eighteen months later he secured employment at the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and there continued to work for eighteen years, at the end of this period returning to the Mellert Foundry, where he remained until his retirement in the year 1898. Since that time Mr. Lattemann has been engaged in looking after his various real estate properties in the city of Reading.

Mr. Lattemann was married, in Germany, in 1857, to Miss Johanna Haunschild, and to them were born two children, viz.: Fred, born in Germany, is employed at the City Hall, at Reading; and Matilda m. George H. Titlow, and has two children, Edwin and Paul. In political faith Mr. Lattemann and his son are Democrats. The religious connection of the family is with the Lutheran church. The family residence is at No. 419 South Tenth street, Reading.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH SMITH, one of the best known and most highly esteemed ladies of Lower Alsace township, Berks county, who is now making her home with her children at "Pleasant View Hotel," near Carsonia Park, is the widow of the late Albert Smith, and daughter of John George and Wilhelmina (Holtzinger) Smith.

John George Smith was born Feb. 22, 1820, at Flahingen amt Bretten, Grofherzogthum Baden, Germany, emigrated to America from his native land with his brother, Conrad, nearly sixty years ago and settled first at Philadelphia, whence he removed to Reading, and there became foreman for F. J. Obert, with whom he was employed at the time of his death, Dec. 7, 1897. He was married to Wilhelmina Holtzinger, who was born April 2, 1822, at Altlofzheim, Baden, and died Aug. 25, 1883. To this union were born the following children: John George, a master boiler maker of Roxboro, Manayunk, Pa.; Frederick, deceased, who was also a boiler maker; Wilhelmina, m. to Henry Sotters, a boiler manufacturer of Pottstown; Catherine, m. to George Beyerle, a hotel proprietor of Reading; Emma, m. to Albert Barto, a retired hotel keeper of Reading; and Mary Elizabeth.

Mary Elizabeth Smith was reared under the parental roof, and educated in the public schools of Reading. She was married to Mr. Albert Smith, also of Reading, and this union was blessed with these children: Mary Elizabeth, m. to John George Goll, a carriage builder of near Stony Creek, Alsace township; John George, who died young; Wilhelmina and Albert, who also died young; Charles Frederick, who conducts his father's business and resides with his mother; and Misses Anna E., and Cora Mabel, at home.

The death of Mr. Albert Smith occurred at "Pleasant View Hotel," the present home of the family, Feb. 23, 1903.

WILLIAM A. MANNERBACK, a member of the firm of Henry R. Miller & Co., hat manufacturers, at Reading, Pa., was born in 1873, in that city, son of George W. and Rosa A. (Humbert) Mannerback.

For many years George W. Mannerback was a prominent citizen of Reading, largely interested in real estate and at one time a member of the city council. In his earlier years he was connected with the Seyfert, McManus Iron Company, and later was elected constable, and then alderman, an office which he held for a protracted period. He died May 19, 1899, at the age of fifty-five years. He married Rosa A. Humbert, who still survives, and they had five children, namely: Kate and Harry, who died young; Lucy, who died at the age of twenty years; William A.; and Anna W. George W.

Mannerback and wife were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

William A. Mannerback attended the public schools of Reading, and was quite young when he started out to make his own way in the world. After a short period as office boy for W. H. Reinoehl & Co., he commenced at the bottom of the ladder in the hat manufacturing business, determined to master every branch of that industry. Through close application to business and strict honesty, he attracted the attention and gained the approbation of his employers, John R. Miller & Co., and March 20, 1905, when the company was reorganized, as Henry R. Miller & Co., John R. Miller retiring, Mr. Mannerback was invited to become a member of the firm. This is one of the old and reliable business houses of the State and in its line is second to none in Pennsylvania. The output of the firm include high grade wool and felt (women's) hats, trimmed and untrimmed, and sales are made all over the United States and Canada, shipping being made direct from the factory to the trade.

In 1897 Mr. Mannerback was married to Carrie E. Simon, a native of Berks county. Fraternally he belongs to Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E.; Neversink Tribe, I. O. R. M.; Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., and is also a member of Liberty Fire Company, of which organization he was secretary for three years.

HENRY P. ANTHONY (deceased) was for many years a valued employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and one of the most trusted locomotive engineers on that line. He was born in 1825, at Morgantown, Pa., and until the age of twenty-one years remained on the home farm. He then went to Reading, and for a time was employed on the Philadelphia & Reading line as a laborer, later worked for the road as fireman, and after six years experience was promoted to engineer. For many years Mr. Anthony followed this dangerous and responsible duty, during which period he had many experiences and very few accidents. In 1890 he retired from the service, followed by the respect and esteem of his employers. He died Sept. 7, 1904.

In 1856 Mr. Anthony was married to Mary Nyce, and they had thirteen children, as follows: Andora, deceased; Amelia; Frank; Ella, deceased; Catharine; Alonza; Anna, deceased; Henrietta, deceased; Mary, deceased; Charles; Alice; Edward, deceased; and Harry. Mr. Anthony was a worthy member of the Baptist Church. He belonged both to the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternites, and also to the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association. His widow still survives, and resides at No. 148 West Douglass street.

MAHLON E. GEHRIS, an enterprising young business man of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, who is engaged in butchering and the manufacture of smoked meats and sausages, was born in Muhlenberg township, Oct. 4, 1878, son of Mahlon and Emma (Yerger) Gehris.

Mahlon Gehris, Sr., who is also a native of Muhlenberg township, is a laborer and is employed at the Carpenter Steel Co., Inc. He is a Democrat in politics, and is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A. His religious belief is that of the Reformed Church. Mr. Gehris married (first) Emma Yerger, by whom he had seven children: John m. Katie Hill; Charles m. Jennie Yoder; William m. Ellen Lando; Mahlon E.; Edwin; Lizzie m. Irvin Hinnershitz; and George. He m. (second) Laura Nixon, and one child, Lillie (m. to Morris Kline), was born to this union.

Mahlon E. Gehris was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and until twenty-three years of age worked on a farm. He then learned the butchering business with Rothermel & Mercinger, with whom he remained three years, and in 1904 he purchased the H. F. Kramer stand, where he has since successfully continued to the present time, manufacturing bologna, summer and fresh sausages, hams, etc. He kills on an average four steers, eight hogs and nine calves per week. Since engaging in the business he has attended the Tenth and Windsor market, occupying stalls Nos. 144 and 145.

In 1903 Mr. Gehris was married to Mary Weber, daughter of Henry Weber, and two children, Clarence N. and Harry Mahlon have been born to this union. Mr. Gehris is fraternally connected with the K. G. E., and in political matters is a Democrat. He and Mrs. Gehris attend the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM H. WAGNER, the proprietor of the "Hotel Wagner," a first-class hostelry situated on the northwest corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Reading, was born at Reading, Pa., Nov. 8, 1867, son of Henry D. and Helena (Feisner) Wagner.

Henry D. Wagner was born at Wassenbach, Kurhessen, Germany, Oct. 14, 1818, and died at Reading, in March, 1889, aged sixty-nine years. He came to America when a young man and located at Reading, and for many years was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, working for that corporation until his death. He owned his home at No. 427 Moss street. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a man of Christian life and sterling character. He married Helena Feisner, born March 6, 1834, in Kilba, Kurhessen, Germany, whose death preceded his by eleven months, when she was aged fifty-two years. They had the following children: Henry, who died Nov. 8, 1902; Anna, m. to Henry Trumbore, of Reading; John, residing at Reading; Mary, who died in October, 1906; William H.; Conrad; and Adam, of Reading.

William H. Wagner was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after his boyhood was over he went to work in the Reinhold hat factory, at Tenth and Spruce streets, Reading, and remained there about two years. His brother Henry was then made city highway commissioner, and he drove a city team for four years. He was about eighteen years of age when he went to work in the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops, where he continued until the spring of 1905, when he became the proprietor of the "Hotel Wagner," its first owner. Mr. Wagner is a man of standing in the community, and his house is first-class in every particular. He does a fine business.

On March 23, 1896, Mr. Wagner married Anna Nagle, daughter of George G. and Priscilla (Geiger) Nagle, of Reading. They have had six children, namely: Paul, Raymond, Esther, May, James F. (died Oct. 15, 1907) and Harry. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner belong to St. John's Lutheran Church. He is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; of the Independent Americans, No. 27; of Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, F. & A. M., of Reading; and formerly of Resolute Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. He is also a member of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association, and of a number of social organizations.

OSCAR L. LESHER, a young business man of Shartlesville, Upper Bern township, Berks county, was born in Jefferson township, near Schaefferstown, this county, July 8, 1880. He is a son of Solomon W. Lesher and a grandson of William Lesher.

William Lesher was engaged in farming for some time in Windsor township, Berks county, later moving to Tulpehocken township, where he died and is buried at the Union Church at Rehrersburg. He and his wife had the following children: Solomon W., William (living at Saginaw, Mich.), Israel, Emma and Nicholas.

Solomon W. Lesher, born in 1840, died Sept. 29, 1905, and is buried at the Union Church at Rehrersburg. For many years he was a well-known merchant of upper Berks county, doing business at Schaefferstown (Tulpehocken post-office) in Jefferson township. He removed thence to Lincoln, Lancaster county, and eventually to Shartlesville, where he was located for a period of twenty years, meeting with success as a merchant. He also served as postmaster at Shartlesville, and he had a high reputation as a citizen.

Mr. Lesher married Ellen Moll, daughter of George and Susanna Moll, and they became the parents of six child-

ren, namely: Lizzie, who married Reily Kline; Cassie C.; George F., a resident of New York City, manager of the Morrisdale Coal Company; Charles R., of Wigton, Pa., superintendent of the Phillisburg Fire Brick Works; Norton M., who is in business with his brother Oscar at Shartlesville; and Oscar L.

Oscar L. Lesher attended the public schools during his boyhood and later took a business course, becoming a stenographer. He was engaged in that capacity at Newark, N. J., for one year, and then went to Philadelphia, where he followed the same line of work for three years, returning to Berks county in 1902. He assisted his father until the latter's death, after which he ran the store in the interest of the estate until 1908, when he and his brother Norton M. Lesher formed their present partnership and bought out the business, which they conduct under the firm name of Lesher Brothers. They enjoy a large trade and the high standing won by the upright methods their father practised so many years. They have a fine store, 20x80 feet, well stocked, and conducted in the most enterprising manner.

Oscar L. Lesher married Laura Maneback, daughter of Edward Maneback, of Rehrersburg. Mr. Lesher is a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belongs to Frieden's Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics, and was appointed postmaster at Shartlesville Oct. 30, 1905.

JAMES M. KRICK, a well known resident of the Twelfth ward of Reading, who is one of the old and trusted engineers on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was born Jan. 24, 1850, in Reading, Pa., son of Abraham and Mary (Moyer) Krick, and grandson of Adam Krick.

Adam Krick, who was a native of Berks county, was a prominent man of his day, and kept a hotel near the city of Reading. He and his wife had these children: William, John, Peter, Abraham, Maria, Ellen and Hannah.

Abraham Krick, son of Adam, was born in Berks county, and for many years followed the milling business near Bernville, his property being known as Krick's Mill. Mr. Krick died in Reading at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Moyer, died in her sixty-first year. Their children were: Henry, Franklin, Levan, James M., Abraham, Jr., Adam, Mary (m. Harry Levan) and Ellen.

James M. Krick attended the schools of Jefferson township, Berks county, and came to Reading in 1865, spending the first eighteen months of his stay here in a mill. For two years he was a bar clerk, and on May 3, 1871, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as brakeman, a capacity in which he served for nine years. He was then promoted to fireman, and after six years to the position of engineer, in which he has continued to the present time, having the full confidence of his employers.

In 1874 Mr. Krick was married to Hannah Weldy, daughter of John C. and Maria (Finefrock) Weldy, and to them were born: Charles, a railway postal clerk on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Emma, m. to Winfield Edmund Snyder, a clerk in the Keystone National Bank, Reading; and John, a railway mail clerk, who resides at home.

In political matters Mr. Krick is independent. He is a member and liberal supporter of the Lutheran Church, and is also connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association. Mr. Krick's residence is at No. 615 North Ninth street, Reading.

WILLIAM B. LUTZ, proprietor of the "Spring Valley Hotel," at Spring Valley, Pa., where he also operates a coal yard, was born Feb. 18, 1865, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, son of William and Caroline (Borrell) Lutz.

Jacob Lutz, grandfather of William B., was a blacksmith of Alsace township, at what was known as Seidel's shops. There he spent his entire life, and died well advanced in years. Among his children were: Godfried; Samuel; Jacob; William; Fredericka, whose first husband was John Weaver; Amanda, m. to Peter Laas; and Maria, m. to John Hinnershitz. In religious belief the family adhered to the Lutheran faith.

William Lutz, father of William B., learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and this he made his life work, being engaged in this occupation at the time of his death, which occurred in Muhlenberg township. He married Caroline Borrell, born in Muhlenberg township, daughter of Jacob Borrell, and their children were: John; William B.; Charles; Jacob; Samuel; George; Catherine, m. to Percival Hunsberger; Susan, m. to James Hartman; Emma, m. to James Clay; Annie, m. to Adam Wanner; and two who died in infancy. In religious belief William Lutz was a Lutheran, while his wife belonged to the Reformed Church. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as delegate to various county and State conventions.

William B. Lutz received his education in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and early in life learned blacksmithing and horse shoeing with his father, which he followed for twenty years. He also engaged in driving a horse and cart while the Pennsylvania Railroad was being built from Philadelphia to Pottsville, but in 1901 disposed of his business interests to engage in the hotel business, first renting the "Spring Valley Hotel" for two years. In 1903 he purchased this property, where he made a number of substantial improvements, and in the following year bought Spring Park, which is located directly across the street from the hotel, and is one of the best appointed places for Sunday-school picnics, camp meetings and family re-unions in this section of Berks county. Here he has also made a number of improvements, including the erection of a fine dancing pavillion, and has made the park one of the most popular in Muhlenberg township. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Lutz purchased the Spring Valley Shooting Grounds, where the Spring Valley Gunning Club has held several contests, and here a number of records have been lowered. One of the longest live bird shoots ever held was celebrated here in 1907, 1,200 live birds being shot, and gunners from all parts of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey participating.

On May 31, 1890, Mr. Lutz was married to Annie Schmehl, daughter of Lewis Schmehl, and to this union there has been born one child: Pearl Amelia, who is attending St. Michael's Seminary, where she has carried away several prizes in musical contests. Fraternally Mr. Lutz is connected with the K. G. E.; Muhlenberg Lodge, No. 1085, I. O. O. F.; Reading Aerie, No. 66, F. O. E.; Washington Camp, No. 168, P. O. S. of A., and the Independent Gun Club, of Reading.

JOHN HENRY MAST, who has been an employe of the car building and repairing department of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad for some years, has also been prominent in public affairs in the Fourteenth ward of Reading, Pa. Mr. Mast was born Feb. 1, 1858, in Reading, son of John and Catherine Dorothea (Braun) Mast.

Bernhardt Mast, grandfather of John Henry, was a native of the Fatherland, where he and his wife, Eva, spent all of their lives, engaged in agricultural pursuits. They had these children: Frederick, who came to Reading, m. Mary Bauer, and had five children, Fred, John, Christina, Elizabeth and Annie; John; and a son and daughter remained in Germany. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

John Mast was born Feb. 21, 1821, in Germany, and in his native country learned the trade of carpenter. He came to America about 1847, landing at New York, whence he journeyed to Niagara county, N. Y., and from there returned to New York City. Later he removed to Philadelphia, and from that city walked to Reading, thence to Port Clinton, where he followed his trade of carpenter with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose employ he continued until the superintendency of William Good, when he retired. From that time until his death,

which was caused by a stroke of paralysis, he was engaged in improving his property. He and his wife, Catherine Dorothea Braun, had ten children, six boys and four girls: Kate F. m. Morris Arnold, and has four children, Emma (m. William Schick), Annie (m. Harvey Litch), Harry and J. Edward (single); John Henry; Rose E. is unmarried; Anna D. m. Charles Hoffmaster; Charles E. m. Annie Neiman; Mary B. is unmarried; and four sons are deceased. In religious belief the family are Lutherans. Mr. Mast was a member of the I. O. O. F.

John Henry Mast was educated in the schools of Reading, Pa., after which he learned the trade of carpenter under the instruction of Aaron Steinbach. Since that time he has been engaged in the car building and repairing department of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. Mr. Mast is a member of the P. O. S. of A.; Mt. Penn Council, Royal Arcanum; Reading Relief Association; Philadelphia & Reading Veteran Association; and Marion Fire Company. A Democrat in politics, he has always been active in the ranks of his party, and for three terms served as a member of the common council from the Fourteenth ward. He is a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife attends Calvary Reformed Church.

Mr. Mast was married to Miss Annie E. Furman, a native of Reading, and to this union there have been born two children: Ellen L. m. George E. Reinhard, and has one child, Gertrude; and Bessie R. m. Warren Romig.

REV. CHARLES E. KISTLER. On the records of the Jerusalem church, known in the 18th Century as the Allemangel church, there are recorded hundreds of baptisms of Kistler children, while in the cemetery under the shadow of the church are many graves marked with the same name. Near the center of the oldest part of the cemetery lies a slate stone (which is now being replaced by the descendants with a marble slab) bearing the inscription "I. G. K. 1767." This is supposed to be the stone that marked the burial place of the progenitor of the American Kistlers, who was legally known as Johannes, but was called Joerg or George by Pastor Schumacher in his record, and Hanjoerg or John George, by his neighbors.

(I) Johannes Kistler was a native of the Palatinate, in Germany. On Oct. 5, 1737, he came in the ship "Townshead" from Amsterdam to Philadelphia, and soon after to Falkner Swamp, or Goshenhoppen, in what is now Montgomery county, Pa. It is supposed he was accompanied by his wife, Anna Dorothea, and his oldest children. In 1747 he took out a warrant for land and moved to Albany township, Berks county, then wild and barren, where he made his permanent residence. The vicinity was named "Allemangel" or "All Wants." Johannes Kistler was taxed in Albany in 1756, and was naturalized in 1761, on Sept. 10th of which year he and his neighbor, Michael Brobst, appeared before the Supreme Court in Philadelphia, and there received the papers that made them citizens of Pennsylvania. He was a Lutheran and served as elder of the Allemangel church for a number of years, where his children were baptized and confirmed. His children were: (1) Jacob, who left seven children—Philip, Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Catharine and Magdalene. Samuel Kistler Brobst, a teacher of James A. Garfield, was a grandson of Philip; and so was Michael Kistler, the tanner, whose son Stephen was at one time the most extensive tanner in eastern Pensylvania. (2) John remained on the homestead after his father's death. The name John runs through at least five generations, and the trade of blacksmith follows it. John's children were: John William, born May 29, 1757; and Abraham, born Dec. 20, 1761, who is the ancestor of the Perry county Kistlers for whom Kistler post-office has been named. A descendant, Rev. Dr. John Kistler, has for many years been professor at the oldest Lutheran Theological Seminary in America, located at Hartwick, N. Y. (3) George remained in Berks county. In 1779 he was the owner of 248 acres of land and a grist mill. In 1778 he was elected elder of the Allemangel Church, and as he was referred to as George Kistler, Sr., he doubtless had a son George. The archives of Pennsylvania show that a George Kistler served in the Continental army during the Revolution. (4) Philip, born Oct. 19, 1745, died Aug. 28, 1809. He had nine children: Jacob, John, Ferdinand, Philip, Jonathan, Barbara, Maria, Catharine, and Elizabeth. Of these Jacob was a lieutenant in the War of 1812. (5) Michael moved to Ohio, and is the ancestor of the large Kistler settlements in Indiana. His family consisted of John, Michael, Joseph, Nathan, Monroe, Salome and Judith. (6) Samuel was the youngest son of his father. (7) Barbara m. (first) a Brobst, and (second) Michael Mosser of Lowhill. (8) Dorothea m. Michael Reinhart. (9) Elizabeth m. a Mr. Keller, near Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

(II) Samuel Kistler, son of John George, was born Sept. 20, 1754, and died April 24, 1822. He was an extensive land owner. In 1803 he built a very substantial stone mansion in Kistler's Valley, which remained his home to the time of his death, and which has until recently been the property of his descendants. He built the Kistler mill near Tripoli. For many years he has been an elder of the Jerusalem church, and it was while he held that office that the present house of worship was erected, 1812-14. All these buildings erected about a century ago, stand as firmly today as though they had been built in recent years. Samuel Kistler was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Ladich, bore him three children, and his second, Catharine Brobst, twelve. These were: Barbara m. Henry Sunday, and is buried at Dunkel's church; Jacob S., father of Samuel J. (who was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency), is buried at the Jerusalem church; Samuel is buried at Tripoli church; John S. is buried at Jerusalem church; Michael died in Ohio; Christian is buried at Tripoli; Daniel and David both died in West Penn, Schuylkill county; Jesse died in Ohio; Levi is buried at Jacob's church, Jacksonville, Pa.; Charles is buried at Newton Falls, Trumbull county, Ohio; Maria Elizabeth m. Jacob Snyder, and died in Ohio; Catharine m. George Weida, and died in Lowhill; Salome m. Jacob Mosser, the tanner, and died in Allentown; and Magdalene m. Solomon Mosser, and is probably buried at Lynnville. The descendants of Samuel Kistler are scattered all over the United States. Many of them have become successful business and professional men. An unusually large number are physicians and ministers of the Gospel.

(III) Jacob S. Kistler, son of Samuel and grandson of John George, was born Oct. 5, 1781, was justice of the peace, and held other offices, and died Oct. 7, 1845. He married Anna Barbara Bausch, who died Nov. 19, 1867. He left sixteen children: John, Jacob, Nathan, Stephen S., David, Jonas, Charles and Catherine (m. to Reuben Buck) are all buried at the Jerusalem church; Reuben died in Louisville, Ky.; Salome, m. to John Hermany, is buried at Jacksonville, Pa.; Mary, m. to Elias Wertman, died at Peoria, Ill.; Lydia, m. to Daniel Long, is buried at New Ringgold, Pa.; Elizabeth lives at Saegersville, Pa.; Anna Fena, m. to Charles Lenhart, is buried at Bethel church in Albany township; Helena, second wife of Daniel Long, died in Atchinson, Kans.; and Samuel J., Associate Judge of Lehigh county, member of the State Legislature, justice of the peace for many years, and family historian, is buried at the Heidelberg church, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Stephen S. Kistler, son of Jacob S., was born in Kistler's Valley, Dec. 16, 1817, and died March 13, 1874. He was married to Abigail Brobst. They had eight children: Philip, William S., Mary, Albert and Jacob are buried at the Jerusalem church; Sarah, m. to Harry Stine, lives at Fogelsville; Fianna, m. to Emanuel Seidel, is buried at Hamburg; and Samuel died at Seipstown.

(V) William S. Kistler, son of Stephen S. and great-great-grandson of the emigrant John George, was born Nov. 15, 1840, and died Sept. 19, 1887. He served nine months in the Civil War. He was married to Maria Grim, daughter of Reuben Grim and his wife Sarah Wanner. They bought the old Kistler homestead where their eight children were brought up. These are: Jesse, a physician at Allentown; Elmer, who was for many years a school teacher of Lynn Township, and is now a justice of the

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peace; William U., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg, and St. John's, Spinnertown, Pa.; Charles E., pastor of Alsace Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa.; Stephen O., who remained on the old homestead; Mary, married to Dr. A. F. Baver, Stony Run, Pa.; and Sallie and Kathryn, who live with the mother at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. It may seem remarkable that so many out of the family have entered professions. This is, however, nothing unusual with the Kistlers. Four sons of William B. Kistler have entered the medical profession, and three sons of Jacob Kistler have done the same.

(VI) Charles Edward Kistler, son of William S. and Maria (Grim) Kistler, was born in Kistler's Valley, near Lynnville, Pa., Aug. 23, 1870. He is the fifth of a family of eight children, all of whom are still living and enjoying good health. His father had resolved to educate all his sons to become school teachers, which he realized in the three oldest. Before Charles' turn came, the well-meaning father died, leaving the mother with the large family. With rare tact the mother took upon herself the care of the family to whom was left a large farm and much hard work, but very little opportunity for intellectual improvement. Charles E. was, however, not dismayed. Every evening, no matter how hard the work of the day, he could be found at his books, sometimes long after the rest of the family had retired. Within a year after his father's death he had charge of a public school in his home district. The next three years of his life were spent working on the farm during the summer, and teaching school during the winter months. He had mastered the common branches so thoroughly that during the course of a teacher's examination the county superintendent asked him what school he had attended that he was able to answer all the questions more accurately than any of the other applicants he had examined up to that time. He was afraid to say that for more than two years he had not attended any school. So successful was he as a teacher that he earned a State Teacher's Permanent Certificate. When quite young he felt a strong desire to become a minister of the Gospel. He was convinced that the ministry would afford him the greatest opportunity of doing good. In view of this he took private lessons during the last winter he taught school, and with the additional instruction of a few weeks in a select school, he prepared for Muhlenberg College, to which he was admitted without conditions in the fall of 1891. With very little means, and with no prospect of receiving adequate support from any source, he began his career as a student. Although often pressed by want, he was never discouraged. In the spring of 1895 he was granted a leave of absence by his professors to open a summer normal at Lynnville. Here he met with remarkable success. In spite of strong opposition he was so richly patronized that the succeeding part of his course became pleasant and agreeable. In June, 1895, he graduated from Muhlenberg College with credit; and in May, 1898, from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. His class at the seminary was the largest that was ever graduated from that institution, and a number of his classmates expressed their fears that there might be no place for them. To such Mr. Kistler would say: "If the Lord wants us to work in His kingdom, He will have a field of labor ready for us at the proper time." Mr. Kistler does not believe that the man should hunt the place: if he is worth having, the place will seek him. Without any effort on his part he received a unanimous call to become the Lutheran pastor of the Alsace Lutheran congregation, then worshiping with the Reformed in the union building erected in 1850 and removed in 1908. After his ordination, June 6, 1898, he accepted the call to Alsace church, and was installed as pastor in July, 1898, His pastor, Rev. H. S. Fegley, who had baptized and confirmed him, was one of the officiating clergymen.

When the Rev. Mr. Kistler came to Alsace the Lutheran congregation had been without a pastor for some time, services were conducted only once a month, and the prospects were so discouraging that a number of the members united with neighboring churches. With Rev. Kistler came new life. The congregation, although 160 years old, at once began to grow rapidly. The advisability of separating from the Reformed congregation, worshiping on alternate Sundays in the old building, soon became evident to him. The sentiment on both sides seemed almost unanimous against separation. With no one willing to help take a prominent part in the movement, Rev. Mr. Kistler started it single-handed. With such courage and fairness did he handle the matter that many firm supporters were soon won, and in three years the separation was effected. That it was peaceable and heartily received on both sides, is proved by the twin churches now standing on Alsace hill, costing nearly $100,000.

Under the Rev. Mr. Kistler's pastorate of eleven years 700 members have been added to the Alsace Lutheran congregation now numbering 826 communicants; the evening services have been introduced, so that there are two services on every Lord's Day, or eight times as many services, as there were when he came and all of them more than twice as well attended; the liturgy has been introduced at all the services; the Sunday-school has quadrupled its membership; a very active Mite Society and a Luther League have been organized; and the activity and income of the congregation have increased fully tenfold. Rev. Mr. Kistler preaches English and German with equal fluency. For the last two years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Reading Conference of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He has for many years been chairman and historian of the large Kistler family reunions held annually in Lehigh county. He supplied the pulpit of Friedens church, Bernville, 1901-02, and was pastor of the Blandon Lutheran congregation, 1903-08. He had a number of offers which would have made his work easier and more lucrative, but he prefers to remain where his work will count most. He resides at No. 344 North Ninth street, Reading.

On Aug. 23, 1899, the Rev. Mr. Kistler was united in marriage with Effie Fisher, daughter of the late Henry D. Fisher, and his wife Elizabeth (Rothenberger) Fisher.

A brief but interesting history of the Alsace Lutheran Church has been prepared by the Rev. Mr. Kistler, and is here appended in full:

"ALSACE LUTHERAN CHURCH. Encouraged by Penn to come to his Province, the people who left Alsace, Germany, in 1681, pushed their way up the Schuylkill Valley until they reached a place surrounded by hills like their home in the Fatherland. So many of these Alsatians settled here after 1735 that when the township was erected in 1744 it was named Alsace in their honor. Scarcely had they erected their rude homes when they began to build a little log church for a place of worship. This was the first Alsace Church. It was built in 1737, eleven years before the city of Reading was laid out, and fifteen before Berks county was erected. It was a union church from the beginning. Since a number of the people were Huguenots, there was occasional French preaching. Muhlenberg in his report to Halle, wrote: 'As both Lutherans and Reformed, because of poverty and want of regular pastors, took up with tramp preachers, they were continually involved in strife with one another, until the Reformed left the church and their share of the cost of the building was paid back to them.' The little log church was replaced by a stone edifice erected by the Lutherans about 1752. In 1796 the Lutherans and Reformed united again, and built a two-story brick building which stood where Grace Reformed church now stands. The school-room and home of the organist and teacher took up the first floor, while the church auditorium was on the second floor. The last services in this building were held, March 30, 1850, when it was torn down so that the material could be used in the construction of the new edifice, which was dedicated on Sunday, Oct 20, 1850. It stood till the summer of 1908, when the Lutherans and Reformed after a peaceable separation built and dedicated the twin, granite edifices which now stand there.

"From the beginning of Trinity, Reading, in 1752, Alsace became a part of Trinity charge and remained so for an hundred years. On account of this it numbers among its former pastors some of the best educated and most prominent Lutheran ministers in the early history of the Church in America. The following have been the pastors of the Alsace church: Rev. Mr. Wagner, previous to 1754; Rev. Mr. Schumacher, 1754-58; Rev. John C. Hartwick, founder of Hartwick Seminary, 1758; Rev. Bernhard Haushil, graduate of the University of Strassburg, pastor in Philadelphia and New York, 1758-63; Rev. John Krug, 1764-71; Rev. F. Niemeyer and Rev. P J. Krotz, 1771-74; Henry Moller, 1774-76; Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, who afterward became the first speaker of the Congress of the United States, 1776-78; Rev. Daniel Lehman and Rev. Charles F. Wildbahn, 1778-96; Rev. Mr. Marcard, 1796-97; Rev. Daniel Lehman, 1797-1801; supplies, 1801-03; Rev. H. A. Muhlenberg, D. D., 1803-29; Rev. Jacob Miller, D. D., 1829-50 (the last two both served as president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; and Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg was a member of Congress, declined a seat in Van Buren's cabinet, and in 1838 became United States minister to Austria); Rev. A. T. Geisenheiner, 1851-52; Rev. R. S. Wagner, 1852-57; Rev. T. T. Iaeger, 1857-65; Rev. Mr. Wicklein, 1865-73; Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, 1873-97; Rev. Charles E. Kistler, 1898 to the present time.

"The cemetery near the church was laid out and used soon after the first Alsace church was built. Many of the inscriptions on the sandstone tombstones are no longer legible. The dates on the tombstones of John Theodore Baum, who died in 1762, and John Fisher, who died in 1763, can still be read. Subsequently the cemetery was enlarged and incorporated. It remains under the control of the Alsace Lutheran and Reformed congregations.

The Alsace Union Sunday-school was organized about 1887. With the exception of brief intervals, Mr. D. D. Becker has been the superintendent during its existence. Although the Lutheran Sunday-school is only a little over a year old it is much stronger than the Union School has ever been. Mr. Becker is still superintending it.

" For more than a century the growth of the Alsace Lutheran congregation was very slow. With the approach of the city of Reading and the rapid development of Muhlenberg township, very remarkable progress has been made during the last decade. With its present equipments, its willing workers and its splendid field, the prospects of the congregation could hardly be brighter.

"The following are the members of the vestry: Howard E. Ahrens, president; Joseph C. Frederick, vice-president; Garson M. Huyett, treasurer; Daniel D. Becker, secretary; deacons: Fred Leas, Paul Leas, Jacob Wertz, Charles Hirleman, Clayton Rissmiller and Robert Cunnius."

JACOB ECK (deceased), who was for many years engaged in carpentering in Reading, Pa., although the last five years of his business life were spent in conducting a grocery business, was born in 1842, near Fleetwood, Richmond township, Berks county, son of John and Kate (Rothermel) Eck.

Peter Eck, grandfather of Jacob, was a native of France, and on coming to this country settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, where he engaged in farming all of his life. He and his wife, a Miss Kase, were devout Catholics, and were buried at Bally. Their children were: Jacob, Peter, John, Nancy, Magdalene, Lydia, Savilla, Sarah, Rachel and Leah.

John Eck, son of Peter and father of Jacob, engaged in farming in Richmond township, where he was considered a very prosperous man. He married Kate Rothermel, and to them were born a family of whom seven grew to maturity, as follows: Jacob, Charles, Peter, Catherine, Sarah, Mary and Savilla.

Jacob Eck was reared in the home of his father, and attended the schools of his native locality, after leaving which he learned the carpenter's trade, being employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad for over thirty years. About five years prior to his death he retired from active business life, and opened up a grocery store, which his widow has conducted since his death in 1895. Mr. Eck was a man of sterling qualities of character, and a faithful member of the Baptist Church. In political matters he was a Republican, and fraternally he was connected with the K. G. E.

In 1876 Mr. Eck was married to Miss Susan Yorgy, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hiester) Yorgy, and to them were born three children: William, who represents the Hooven Mercantile Company, of New York, m. Magdalen Whitman, and has one child, Lance; Catherine, and Mary.

Henry Yorgy, father of Mrs. Eck, was a well known citizen and proprietor of a hotel near Amityville, Berks county, being also by trade a tailor and clockmaker. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church in his seventy-sixth year, while his wife, Mary Hiester, a member of the Reformed denomination, died when seventy years old. Their children were: Sarah, Harriet and Catherine, deceased; Mary; John; Amelia; Susan and Henry.

FRANK P. STEINER, proprietor of the Reading Commission Company, located at the southeast corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, Reading, was born at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Aug. 4, 1879, son of Frank Steiner and grandson of Michael Steiner.

The Steiner family is of German origin, and was located in Pennsylvania prior to the war of the Revolution. It has had a reputation for honesty and industry. Michael Steiner was born in Lebanon county, and he became the owner of land in Jackson township, that county. He died on his farm there and is buried at Myerstown. In political principle he was a Democrat, while his religious connection was with the Reformed Church. He and his wife had three children, namely: Moses died in Lebanon county; Rebecca married Daniel Robeson; and Frank is mentioned below.

Frank Steiner, son of Michael, was born in Jackson township, Lebanon county, and he followed farming on the old homestead which he bought from his father. He died there in 1890, and is buried at Myerstown. He was a very well known man, and was long active in the Democratic party. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He married Susanna Wolever, daughter of Peter Wolever, of Millersburg, Berks county, and she now resides on Railroad street, in Myerstown. The five children born of this union were: Selma m. Francis Reber, and lives in West Myerstown; John M. m. Mary Smith, and is a farmer at Myerstown; Rebecca m. Jonathan Miller, a farmer at Myerstown; Frank P.; and Emma m. Lloyd Laysher, a cigar maker at Richland, Pennsylvania.

Frank P. Steiner attended the local schools in the vicinity of his home and the Myerstown high school, graduating from the latter in 1896. He then assisted his mother on the home farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he engaged in the milk business along the Lebanon Valley Railroad at Myerstown, Womelsdorf and Sheradin. He shipped the first milk to the Reading Pure Milk Company, Reading, but later shipped mostly to Philadelphia. This business he followed with great success for five years, and then, Feb. 11, 1904, he came to Reading and became a salesman for E. B. Slichter, then located at No. 25 South Sixth street, in the commission business. At the end of one year and seven months, in company with Warren F. Linderman and Seidel Handwork, Mr. Steiner bought out Mr. Slichter and formed the Reading Commission Company. Shortly afterward Mr. Linderman sold out his interest to his partners, and the two carried on the business for a year. Mr. Steiner then purchased Mr. Handwork's interest, Dec. 24, 1907, and since that time has been the sole owner of this large and growing business. He deals in fish, clams, oysters, produce, oranges, bananas, peanuts, doing both a wholesale and retail business, and making a specialty of fish, oysters and peanuts, being the largest dealer in these products in the State, outside of Philadelphia. He has trade in five counties and keeps four teams constantly busy, and employs six men. He is located at the old place at Sixth and Franklin streets.

On Sept. 17, 1898, Mr. Steiner married Ida M. Leininger, daughter of Cyrus and Malinda (Zerbe) Leininger, and they have one son, Ralph C., who is in school. In politics Mr. Steiner is a Democrat, but in local affairs is not bound by party ties. Fraternally he belongs to Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; the Reading Hose Company; Ogalala Tribe, No. 186, I. O. R. M., in all of which he is very popular. He bears an untarnished reputation in the business world, and the success he has attained is well merited.

WILLIAM B. HAFER, one of the prominent agriculturists and dairymen of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, who is conducting an excellent farm of seventy-one acres, was born July 31, 1858, in Muhlenberg township, son of Abraham and Fietta (Berstler) Hafer.

Abraham Hafer was a blacksmith by trade, but spent the major portion of his life as a farmer, dying on a tenant farm in 1891, when fifty-six years of age. His wife still survives and makes her home in Reading. Of their children there is the following record: Catherine, deceased, m. Adam Keller, and had one child, Deborah (m. to Thomas Rismiller); William B. is mentioned below; Francis was killed by a fall in which he was impaled on the handle of a garden rake; Isabella, deceased, m. Daniel Glass, and had two sons, William and Elmer; Rebecca m. James Berstler, and had five children, Gertrude, Robert, Alva, Elsie and Warren; and Laura m. William Gass, and had one child, Leroy (died in infancy). In religious belief the family were Reformed. Mr. Hafer was a Democrat in politics, and for some years served as school director.

William B. Hafer received his primary education in the public schools of Muhlenberg township, but his subsequent training was in the school of experience. For several years he was engaged in farm work for his father, and he then learned the butcher's trade with William K. Leitheiser, of Reading, an occupation which he followed for about three years, and later went to Louisville, Ky., where he also engaged in butchering. Mr. Hafer then enlisted in Company D, 8th U. S. Regulars, in which he served five years, being promoted to first sergeant. His enlistment occurred in 1882, in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence he was transferred to Columbus, where he was stationed about six months, and then to Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal., where about fourteen months were spent. At the end of this time Mr. Hafer's company was transferred to San Diego, Cal., where they were stationed for fifteen months, and then sent to the frontier in Arizona to quell the Apache raids, instigated by the Indian warriors under the wily Chief Geronimo. After eleven months of frontier fighting the regiment was transferred to Fort Bridger, Wyo., and after eight months to Fort Robinson, Nebr., where the balance of Mr. Hafer's term of enlistment was spent. After his discharge he returned East, and accepted a position in the tube works of the Reading Iron Company, where he remained eight years, and in 1896 he located on the old Fisher homestead, owned at that time by Edward Medler. This he purchased in 1902, and since that time he has made many improvements on this fertile, seventy-one acre tract. In addition to carrying on experimental work in agricultural lines, in which he has been very successful, he is conducting a dairy and keeps from seventeen to twenty head of Holsteins to furnish the people of his vicinity with milk, his product also finding a ready market in Reading.

Mr. Hafer was married to Kate Medler, daughter of Edward and Mary Ann (Gaul) Medler, and three children have been born to this union: Guy, Ray and Fay, who attend the high school at Leesport. In religious belief Mr. Hafer is Reformed and he has been active in Sunday-school work. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 68, P. O. S. of A., and in politics is independent, having held the office of supervisor under the new road law passed by the Legislature in 1905.

RICHARD G. LINCOLN, a retired citizen of Reading, Pa., and the owner of the old Lincoln homestead in Exeter township, one of the most historic spots in Berks county, was born in Exeter township, Dec. 5, 1844, son of John D. and Sarah (Gilbert) Lincoln, and grandson of Thomas.

Thomas Lincoln was a lifelong farmer in Exeter township, and there died at the age of eighty-six years. He had three children, John D.; Anna, m. to John Koub; and one daughter who died young.

John D. Lincoln was born Dec. 1, 1814, in Exeter township, and was engaged in farming there all of his life, he owning a small tract of land. He died at the age of eighty years, in Reading, his wife being eighty-four years old at the time of her death. They were the parents of the following children: Amelia, who died single; Alfred, of Exeter township; Harrison, of No. 935 Franklin street, Reading; Elizabeth, m. to Samuel Hafer; John, who died in 1876; Richard G.; Martha, m. to David Focht; Anna; Sarah, m. to Lewis Ruth, of Reading; Mary, m. to Daniel Biehl, of Reading; and Oscar, who died at the age of two and a half years.

Richard G. Lincoln attended the public schools of Exeter township and the Buttertown school. His first business venture was the opening of the "Red Lion Hotel" at Baumstown, where he remained for a period of thirteen years, after which he went to Birdsboro, being there engaged in a company store for three years, as clerk. Mr. Lincoln's next employment was with the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company, in the same borough for a period of three years, and in 1886 he came to Reading, where he was employed with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, at the freight depot as clerk. After seven years at the latter place, Mr Lincoln went to the lumber yard of Reuben Hoffa, of which he had charge.

On May 17, 1866, Mr. Lincoln married Hannah Y. Stoner, daughter of George and Catherine (Young) Stoner, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Roswell, a graduate of the Reading high school and Stoner's Business College, is now employed at the freight department of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and resides at home; Virginia, single, resides at home. Mr. Lincoln is a Democrat, and has served as tax collector of the Ninth ward. In religion he is a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 314, of Birdsboro, and a member of Castle No. 302, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln reside at No. 220 North Ninth street, and are much esteemed in their community.

FRANK R. WENDLING, a successful young business man of Robeson township, Berks county, who is proprietor of the Gibraltar Flour Mills, Gibraltar, Pa., was born Nov. 10, 1876, in Mertztown, Pa., son of Edward and Catherine (Zeigler) Wendling.

David Wendling, grandfather of Frank R., was a native of Clarion county, Pa., and was a millwright by trade, also engaging for some years in agricultural pursuits. He died in Mertztown, Pa., in 1889, in his eighty-fifth year, and his wife, at the same place in 1880 at the age of seventy-five years. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Joseph, Tillman, Mary, Carrie, Matilda and Edward. Mr. Wendling was a Democrat in politics.

After receiving a good common school education, Edward Wendling took up the trade of his father, that of millwright, and this he has followed all of his life, having, since 1889, operated a mill at Bower's Station. He is a Lutheran in religious belief, in politics is a Democrat, and is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. He and his wife, Catherine Zeigler, had these children: Ida, m. to A. F. DeLong; Olivia, m. to John A. Fenstmacher; Catherine, single; Emma, m. to Bennewell Miller; and Frank R.

Frank R. Wendling secured his education in the schools of Mertztown, and as a young man engaged in buttermaking at the Mertztown creamery, continuing there until his father removed to Bower's Station, when he entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1896. He

then taught school for five years, when he removed to his present location, and has here been very successful. Mr. Wendling is enterprising and energetic, and has built up a large and lucrative business, the capacity of his mill being twenty-five barrels, in addition to which he does a great deal of custom grinding. He also does all kinds of sawing, making a specialty of shingles. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has been a member of the Gibraltar school board since 1904, now serving in the capacity of secretary of that body. Fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E., and the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Wendling was married in 1899 to Mary Bieber, of Lyons, Pa., and two children, Homer and Catharine, have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Wendling attend the Lutheran Church.

FRANK K. REIFSNYDER, a prosperous business man of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in roof painting, was born Nov. 12, 1873, in that city, son of Owen E. and Caroline (Kesser) Reifsnyder, natives of Berks county.

Owen E. Reifsnyder was for many years employed at the tin shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and died in Reading in 1900, aged seventy-seven years. Although he was a member of no church, his religious belief was that of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had seven children, five of whom still survive: Sally, m. to Peter Oswald; Emma, deceased, m. to Charles M. Ludwig; Amanda, deceased, m. to George Mayberry; Anna, single; Irvin; James, and Frank K.

Frank K. Reifsnyder received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he worked in a cigar factory as errand boy, later learning the trade of cigar making, which he followed until 1900. In this year he engaged as a contractor in roof painting, and he has continued in this line to the present time, being very successful. He owns a residence property at No. 140 South Twelfth street, and there he and his wife reside. Mr. Reifsnyder was married in 1904 to Anna Mays, daughter of Henry J. and Susan (Deppen) Mays. Two children, Henry O., and Anna Mays, have been born to this union. Besides Mrs. Reifsnyder, Mr. Henry J. Mays was the father of H. Robert; Esther M., wife of William J. Horst, of Denver, Colo.; and Jacob H., of Womelsdorf.

Mr. Reifsnyder is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and Progressive Lodge and Brotherhood, Independent Order Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to the choir thereof, while Mrs. Reifsnyder belongs to the United Evangelical faith.

JONAS B. REIDENOUER, a successful citizen of Boyertown, where he is employed by the Colebrookdale Iron Company, is a member of a family which traces its American origin to a German from the Palatinate, who fled to the New World to escape religious persecution in the Old. This emigrant was Johannes Reidenour, who was born in 1690, son of Nicholas and Susanna Reidenour, of Rothenhal. He crossed the Atlantic on the ship "Lydia," which qualified at Philadelphia Dec. 11, 1739, and on the same vessel came his son, Johannes, Jr., then sixteen years of age. In 1759 one John Reidenour was a taxable resident in District township, Berks county, and this must have been the son, as the father died in 1755. Both are buried at Hill Church. The father was married in 1716, and he and his wife, Maria Catharine, had children as follows: John, born in 1717, died in 1721. George, born in 1718, married Elizabeth Kippinger, and removed to western Maryland, where many of his descendants are found. George Nicholas, born in 1720, did not come to America until 1764. Margaret, born in 1722, married John Nicholas Philips. Johannes, born in 1723, married Elizabeth Herbein. John Jacob, born in 1725, died young. Catharine Barbara, born in 1728, married Peter Kohn. Christina, born in 1729, married John Adam Forch. Christopher was born in 1731. Maria Ellis, born in 1733, married Conrad Smith. Maria Albertina, born in 1735, died young. Elizabeth, born in 1737, died young. Anna Ursula was born in 1740.

In the hill country contiguous to the Maxatawny and Oley Valleys were seated the Oley, Hills, and the district now comprised in the townships of District, Pike, Rockland and Ruscombmanor townships. This territory has an abundance of fine water. In these districts were located a large number of Alsatians and Lorrainese at an early date, among them being the Reitenouers, Mosers, Gerbers, De la Camps, Beavers, John Ruhlin, Matthieu Morrett, Nicholas Guerin, John George Riehl, Henry Linville and John Michael Grauel.

Johannes Reidenouer, the younger, was born in Germany Dec. 26, 1723, and at his death June 14, 1805, was buried at Hill Church. He made his will Aug. 28, 1801, and it is on record in Will Book 4, page 294. To him and his wife, Elizabeth Herbein, born 1732, died Jan. 20, 1808, were born the following children: Johannes, 1759-1828; Frederick, 1762-1837; Jacob, 1764-1831; Abraham; Mary Elizabeth, who married George Seibert; Susanna, who married John Stauffer, and had a son Jacob to whom her father bequeathed a sheep; Barbara, who married Michael Hoffman; and Catharine, who never married.

Johannes Reidenouer, born Dec. 3, 1759, son of Johannes, lived in District township, Berks county, where he owned a small tract of land which he cultivated in addition to working among the farmers. He died July 22, 1828, and is buried at Hill Church. He married Elizabeth Herb, born in 1752, and died Jan. 20, 1808, a tall, strong woman of decided character. Their children were: Abraham, who lives at New Berlinville; Jacob, of Maxatawny township; John, who died in Washington township; Daniel; Susan, m. to Abraham Herbst, of District township; Catharine, m. to a Mr. Lehr, and they lived in Philadelphia; and Peggy, m. to Peter Case, of Hereford township.

Daniel Reidenouer, son of Johannes and Elizabeth, was born Jan. 5, 1814. He devoted himself to the cultivation of his tract of twelve acres and to day labor, and at his death May 2, 1892, was buried at Hill Church. He married Maria Polly Becker, who was born Feb. 11, 1817, and who died May 18, 1900. Their children were: Sarah, m. to William Mutter, of New Berlinville; Jonas B.; Reuben, of Lock Haven, Pa.; George, who died aged fifty years; David, twin to George, who died in the Civil war; Mary, m. to Andrew Kemmerer, of Washington township; Lizzie, m. to Jonathan Hoffman, of Washington township; Ellen, widow of Jacob Gildberg; Emma, widow of James Herbst.

Jonas B. Reidenouer, son of Daniel, was born in District township, Berks county, Nov. 10, 1839, and now lives in a fine brick home in Boyertown, which he erected in 1902. This is a double house, the one-half being occupied by Mr. Reidenouer, and the other by his married daughter, Ella. Mr. Reidenouer learned the blacksmith's trade at the age of seventeen with John Deysher, of Boyertown, and this he followed two years, when he became the blacksmith for the Phoenix Iron Company at Boyertown, sharpening tools, and later he became the engineer of the Company, continuing in this employ for thirty-five years, and becoming one of their most valuable men. Since 1895 he has been employed by the Colebrookdale Iron Company. In politics he is a Democrat, and while actively interested in his party's welfare has never held any office except that of school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church, in which he has been a deacon.

In 1863 Mr. Reidenouer married Emma Stetler, daughter of Christian and Mary (Fry) Stetler, of Gilbertsville, and their children are: Henry, of Boyertown; Thomas and Horace, of Pottstown; Ella, m. to Ray Hartlein, of Boyertown; and Charles, of Chicago. Besides his home Mr. Reidenouer owns a good house on Philadelphia avenue. He is one of the substantial citizens of the borough.

JOHN L. BERNET, an enterprising young business man of Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in a successful butchering business at Leesport, was born Nov. 27, 1875, at Kutztown, this county, son of Llewellyn and Salome (Rickenbach) Bernet.

Moses and Mary(Reeser) Bernet, grandparents of John L., were highly esteemed residents of Berks county, where they carried on agricultural operations. Their children were: Llewellyn; Magdalena, m. to Daniel Bernet; William, who died single; Eber, who went West and there married; and Louis, who is still unmarried.

Llewellyn Bernet, father of John L., was born in Berks county, and engaged in an extensive lime and iron ore business. He married Salome Rickenbach, and to them were born children as follows: Cyrus, who died young; John L.; Mary, who died in about 1880; and Howard, who married Maggie Hunsberger. The mother of this family is now conducting a general store at Leesport, near the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

John L. Bernet was brought up partly in Kutztown, but after his father died, in 1880, he was brought by his mother to Ontelaunee township, where he completed his education and learned the trade of butcher. This occupation he has engaged in to the present time, in all eighteen years. In politics he is a strong Democrat, and has held various township offices, including those of school director and supervisor. He has the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen to a high degree. He is a member of Camp No. 165, P. O. S. of A.; Lodge No. 503, K. G. E.; Independent Americans, No. 985; and Modern Woodmen, No. 9284, in all of which he is very active. He and his wife are active members of the Reformed Society at Gernand's Church, and he holds the position of deacon.

On Dec. 18, 1897, Mr. Bernet was married to Minnie E. Schappell, daughter of P. Sassaman and Sarah (Dreibelbis) Schappell, and they have children, as follows: Florence; Lewis Howard and Dorothy Mabel.

FRANKLIN AULENBACH, a retired blacksmith and boiler-maker of Reading, Pa., was born in a house which stood at the present site of the junction of Perkiomen avenue and Mineral Spring road, Reading, April 15, 1843, son of Charles and Katie (Likens) Aulenbach, the former of whom founded Aulenbach cemetery.

Andrew Aulenbach, grandfather of Frank, was a hatter by trade, and one of the pioneers of this business in Reading. He was a substantial citizen for his day, and reached an advanced age, he being the first to occupy a grave in Aulenbach cemetery. Among his children were: Jacob, Charles and Kate.

Charles Aulenbach, son of Andrew, was also born in Reading, and learned from his father the hatter's trade, which he followed in connection with agricultural pursuits all of his life. He died aged sixty-three years and his wife, Katie Likens, March 23, 1880, aged sixty-six years. Their children were: Henry; John, who died in Andersonville prison; William; Kate; Franklin; Charles; James; Joseph and Louis, all of these children being deceased except Franklin and James.

Franklin Aulenbach received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a young man worked at the hatter's trade, later apprenticing himself to the blacksmith and boiler-maker's trade, which he followed in Reading until the outbreak of the Civil war. For the next three years he was employed by the Government as a blacksmith and boiler maker, and on his return to Reading was given a position by F. J. Obert, with whom he continued for fourteen years, acting as superintendent of from thirty to forty men. He then became proprietor of the "Perkiomen Hotel," which he conducted for sixteen years, but since 1896 has been engaged in making ornamental fences, etc. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been prominent in public matters, having been councilman from the Eighth ward, water assessor, ward assessor, register assessor for ten years, and assistant market commissioner. His religious belief is that of the Reformed Church. Mr. Aulenbach is fraternally connected with Emblematic Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and is also chief patriarch of the Patriarchs Militant, and of Esther Degree Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah.

Mr. Aulenbach married Anna M. Reinoehl, and to this union there have been born six children: Katie; Carrie, deceased; Alice, m. to Silas Ermentrout; George, deceased; Charles, an electrician; and F. Keim, a clerk.

MONROE C. KILLIAN, a well-known resident of Mohnton, where he is employed in the Wyomissing Hosiery factory, was born in Muddy Creek, Lancaster county, Sept. 8, 1869, son of Rudolph and Catherine (Coldren) Killian.

Rudolph Killian, Sr., grandfather of Monroe C., was a farmer of Lancaster county, being a large land owner in East End township, where he died. He married Millie Lessley, and their children were: Samuel, Sophia, Henry, Rudolph, Emanuel and Maggie.

Rudolph Killian, son of Rudolph, Sr., and father of Monroe C., was born in Lancaster county, near Terre Hill, and for several years manufactured cigars, also having the stage route between Lancaster and Terre Hill and Reading for eight years, or two terms. He also carried on farming, but is now engaged in a livery and general hauling business, and owns a tract of land at Terre Hill. Mr. Killian married Catherine Coldren, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Steffey) Coldren, and to them were born children as follows: Wayne, of Montgomery, Ill.; Diller, of Brownstown, Pa.; Kinser, deceased; Monroe C.; Mary, m. to Jacob Winehold, resides at Bowmanville, Pa.

Monroe C. Killian spent his school days in Lancaster county, and learned the cigar making trade with his father, which he followed for two years, then driving an express train at Terre Hill, during this time attending school in the winter months. At the age of sixteen years he began driving a stage between Terre Hill and Lancaster, Pa., and this he followed for seven years—three years to Lancaster, and four years between Terre Hill and Reading. He then did hauling for three years for his father, and in 1897 came to Mohnton, where he was engaged in J. H. Spatz & Co.'s straw hat factory, remaining there three years. The next two years were spent in farming in Spring township, where he purchased land, after which he engaged in a draying business at Mohnton, which he followed for three years. After one year spent in the Spatz planing mill, in 1906 he was employed by the Wyomissing Hosiery mills, where he has continued to the present time as general utility man.

On July 21, 1897, Mr. Killian was united in marriage with Miss Sue E. Spatz, daughter of John H. and Mary (Snader) Spatz, a complete history of this family being found in another part of this volume. To this union there were born these children: M. Phamia and John Randolph. In politics Mr. Killian is an independent voter, casting his ballot for the man he thinks best fitted for the office. He is a member of the Woodmen of America. Mrs. Killian is connected with the Evangelical Association of Mohnton, and is a teacher in the Sunday-school, and for several years was teacher of the infant class.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Killian was erected on Wyomissing avenue in 1897, and is one of the most modern and substantial residences of the section. Mr. and Mrs. Killian are very popular in their community, where they have a wide social circle.

GEORGE W. BROSSMAN, a gardener at Reading, residing at No. 533 Gordon street, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, Aug. 23, 1856, son of Benjamin Brossman. He was reared on his father's farm, where he lived until he was twenty-three years of age. He then went to Montgomery county, where he worked on a farm at Yerkes, also called Collegeville, for a period of four years. In 1877 he came to Reading, and for a number of years engaged in huckstering, being a very successful produce dealer. For two years he followed the carpenter's trade, and built four houses on Gordon street and one on Tulpehocken, and he owns considerable real estate. Since 1904 he has been in the employ of Charles W. Hendel, hat manufacturer, as gardener.

Mr. Brossman served as a policeman under the administration of Mayor Weibel. In his political faith he is a Democrat. He and his family attend St. Daniel's Luth-

eran Church near Robesonia. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Friendship, No. 28, Reading; Reading Consultory, No. 3, K. C. O. K. of F.; and the Foresters of America.

On Feb. 4, 1892, Mr. Brossman married Ellen R. Richards, daughter of Adam Richards, of Bernville, and they have two children, Ella R. and George A.

JOHN P. STAPLETON, a well-known school teacher of Berks county, was born in Oley township Nov. 14, 1881, son of Samuel B. and Catharine (Pyle) Stapleton.

"The Stapleton family is of English nobility. Becoming a Quaker, Robert P. Stapleton was ostracized by his kindred and came to Pennsylvania. He 'settled' a plantation known as the Stapleton Place. The date of his coming to Oley township is not known. His plantation of over four hundred acres lay on the Manatawny Creek in Oley, immediately south of the Oley Churches. The small brick house built by the emigrant sometime prior to 1745 may still be seen, just across the field to the east where the pike turns at right angle toward Reading, at the toll gate near Stapleton. In 1734 he had surveyed a tract of land 'adjoining his own.' This land was on the east side of the creek. In 1736 he had a warrant granted him for two hundred acres, originally surveyed for Thomas Miller, millwright, March 20, 1719, who sold his right to said Robert (Pa. Arch. III, Series, Vol. 2). But this was after he warranted land 'adjoining his own' and does not settle the date of his coming.

"The Stapleton family history was difficult to trace. The foresight of Rev. A. Stapleton, a foremost minister of the United Evangelical Church, stationed now (1909) at York, Pa., preserves to posterity the following data. Rev. Stapleton writes: 'In 1861-63, when I was a mere boy and lived with my grandmother, Elizabeth Stapleton, of Oley (1795-1874), the widow of William Stapleton, of Oley (1781-1849), she told me of my ancestor. This stimulated me to know my full history, and with determination I began to unravel it. It took me over twenty-five years of most recondite and seemingly hopeless research before I was able to give a satisfactory account of Robert P. Stapleton and his family. He seems to have been a younger scion of the Carlton branch of the family, the baronial name of which was 'Beaumont.' A full history going back to A. D. 1308, is found in 'Burke's British Peerage' and 'Burke's County Families of the United Kingdom.'

"Robert and Catharine Stapleton had children as follows: (1) Tobias patented land in Albany township, 1747, and where he died at a very advanced age in 1805, leaving descendants. (2) John died, 1754, on the old home, leaving an only son, John 2d, born 1751, died 1820, buried at Amityville. He was the great-grandfather of Rev. A. Stapleton. (3) William, born 1720, died 1785, on the lower half of the lower plantation. Left no issue. (4) Charles emigrated with his father to the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and became a great land owner there. (5) Elizabeth m. Mich. Keltner, emigrated to Virginia. (6) Catharine m. Samuel Dark, emigrated to Virginia. (7) Mary m. Fred Painter; emigrated to Virginia. (8) Sarah m. Conrad Arnold; emigrated to Virginia. (9) Margaret m. (first) Jacob Reich, (second) Fred Cutley, Virginia.

"In 1750 a considerable emigration took place from Oley to the newly surveyed lands of Lord Fairfax in Virginia. The wife of Lord Fairfax being a Stapleton, it is probable that there was some connection with that fact and the emigration of Robert P. Stapleton, of Oley, to that region, as he seems to have been the promoter of the movement from Oley. Stapleton left his son John in charge of the Oley plantation, while he started anew on a plantation of 428 acres on Holman's Creek, seventeen miles southwest of Woodstock, Va. Here he died near the beginning of 1755, at which time his will, which is at Winchester, Va., was probated. Unfortunately his son John died in Oley, near the same time (December, 1754).

"The family Stapleton, descendants of Robert, is very small. The descendants of Charles in Virginia cannot now be differentiated from those of Sir John Stapleton of Virginia, who seems to have been a close connection of Lady Fairfax. The descendants of Tobias are few and scattered in the hilly district of Albany township, Berks county, and Penn township in Schuylkill county. They spell the name Steveldon, and are thoroughly Germanized. William, as said, had no issue. John had an only son, John Jr. He was a first lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. This John, Jr., in 1780 married Rosina Miller, daughter of John Wilhelm Miller who in 1751 came from Ittligen, near Carlsruhe, Baden, to Pennsylvania, and settled at now Pleasantville, in Oley, on the Manatawny. He was the first potter and tiler in the valley.

"John Stapleton, Jr., a grandson of the emigrant, had two sons and five daughters. Sons: William, 1781-1849; John, 1790-1861. William only was married of the sons. He had a large family, but only two sons who had issue, viz.: William, b. 1815, father of Rev. A., died 1899; and John D., 1817-1897, the grandfather of John P. Stapleton."

John D. Stapleton, grandfather of John P., was born in Oley township March 21, 1817, and died Aug. 27, 1897, and is buried at Oley Churches. He was a carpenter and undertaker, and lived below Griesemersville. He built many barns and houses in his locality, and buried many people. He was a Lutheran member of Oley Churches, and was treasurer of the church many years, and was highly esteemed by all. He married Catharine Biehl, born Oct. 21, 1822, died Jan. 31, 1890. Their children were: Albert, a carpenter and undertaker, who lived in Earl township; Samuel B.; John B., 1852-1898, unmarried; and Rebecca, m. to John Kupp.

Samuel B. Stapleton, son of John D., was born in Oley township May 23, 1846, and died Oct. 30, 1906, having passed his entire life in his native township. By occupation he was a carpenter, and he also cultivated an eleven-acre tract of land he owned. He was a Lutheran and is buried at Amityville, of which church he was a member. He was tax collector of Oley township at the time of his death. He married Catharine Pyle, daughter of Henry Pyle, a school master. She was born May 10, 1849, and died Dec. 10, 1904. Their ten children were: Sallie, who died in infancy; Harry, a railway mail clerk; Annie, m. to Eli B. Griesemer; Katie, m. to Henry Conrad; Rebecca, deceased, m. to Jonas Snyder; Samuel, of Oley; John P.; Frank, a line man; a daughter that died in infancy; and Martin L., of Oley.

John P. Stapleton received early home training on his father's farm. He attended the public schools of Oley, Oley Academy, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, which he attended three terms. For four seasons he was hired out on the farm with Ammon S. Hartman, and also on the farm in Oley, working in all eight seasons at farm work by the month. During vacation he works on the farm for relatives and friends in the neighborhood. On June 23, 1902, he was licensed by Prof. E. M. Rapp to teach in the public schools, and four years later was granted a professional certificate, and at the end of another year a permanent certificate. He taught two terms in Earl township, and five terms in Pleasantville, the latter being the only independent school district in Berks county, and in the fall of 1909 he will be in Earl township. He is very successful in his work, and is a thoroughly conscientious worker for the good of his pupils. Upon the death of his father the court of Berks county appointed him tax collector of Oley township, which position he filled very creditably for two and one half years. Mr. Stapleton is a member of the Lutheran Church at Amityville, and his wife is a member of the same faith, at Oley.

On May 18, 1907, Mr. Stapleton married Clara S. Drumheller, daughter of Mahlon B. Drumheller, of Earl township. To this union has been born one daughter, Agnes C., June 5, 1908.

WILMER H. SLATER, one of the energetic and enterprising young business men of Reading, who as W. H. Slater & Co., is engaged in the printing business at No. 500 North Tenth street, was born July 11, 1879, at Terrehill, Lancaster county, son of John and Sarah (Lesher) Slater, who resides at that place.

Wilmer H. Slater attended the schools of his native county, and when a young man learned the printing trade at the office of the *"Times"* at Terrehill. He remained in this capacity for six years, and in July, 1895, came to Reading, where he secured employment with Henry Bieber, continuing with this gentleman a period of five years. He later engaged in the restaurant business for a short time, but sold this and bought the printing business of William Turner, known as the Christian Life Printing Company, at No. 991 Walnut street. This he operated for a short time, but sold it back to Mr. Turner, establishing his present business Aug. 1, 1905. He enjoys a good and growing trade, doing all kinds of job and book work, also manufacturing postal cards and advertising novelties. His office is fully equipped with the best and most modern machinery. Until October, 1908, he was located at No. 806 Walnut street, but the increased volume of business necessitated larger quarters, and he removed to his present location on North Tenth street, where he has five times the space. He occupies the entire three stories. He has added books, stationery and novelties to his stock, and under the name of "Slater's Novelty Shop" carries on a mail-order business. He is the sole owner of the business, and directs it all himself.

Mr. Slater married Esther E. Weber, and four children have been born to this union: Warren F., Mary H. (deceased), and Ruth I. and Naomi A., twins. Mr. Slater is a member of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church of Reading, in which he is class leader and a teacher in the Sunday-school. He is very popular in his community, as is his wife, and their many friends always find a cheery welcome at their home at No. 810 Walnut street.

SCHMICK. Casper Schmick (also spelled Smeck) in the old tax list in 1758, was the ancestor of this old and honored family, and the father of Christian Schmick. As early as 1757 Casper Schmick was taxed in Maxatawny township. In 1775 he paid ten pounds in the same district.

Tradition states that Johannes Schmeck, of Alsace township, Berks county, was a brother of Casper, and he died in 1762, his last will having been made Oct. 24, 1762, and probated Nov. 2nd of the same year. His wife Elizabeth and son Henry were the executors. He left a large estate. His wife was to have among other items of value, 300 pounds of lawful money. Son Henry obtained one plantation, while son Valentine another. The two daughters, Anna Clara and Anna Margaret both obtained large legacies.

(II) Christian Schmick, son of Casper Schmick and great-grandfather of Henry J. Schmick, was born Nov. 7, 1761, and was the first of that name to settle in Maxatawny township. He built a stone house in 1816, which is still standing, and in excellent condition. It is occupied by Henry J. Schmick and family. His wife was Elizabeth Mattern, born Dec. 2, 1768, died Aug. 22, 1848. Christian Schmick died Dec. 30, 1844. He, his son Heinrich, and grandson William and their wives are all buried in Hope cemetery at Kutztown Pa. Among the children of Christian Schmick are: Heinrich; Casper, Jonathan and Christian.

Some very interesting information is gleaned from old records regarding the purchase of certain lands by Christian Schmick, as follows: On March 20, 1795 Christian Schmick bought from Godleib Becker forty acres, 117 perches, in Maxatawny. On April 12, 1802, Christian Schmick bought thirty-four acres, sixteen perches, from Jacob and Maria Brobst. On May 1, 1810, Christian Schmick bought of Peter Mattern and wife, thirty-four and one-half acres for 379 pounds and ten shillings. On May 1, 1810, Christian Schmick bought of Peter Mattern sixteen acres, fifty perches, for 196 pounds and ten shillings, this latter piece of land being woodland.

(III) Heinrich Schmick, son of Christian Schmick and grandfather of Henry J., was born April 26, 1807, on the homestead in Maxatawny, and died July 24, 1897. He was a farmer, and in 1880, built the barn on the homestead property, the former barn having been destroyed by fire in the fall of 1879. He was a well known man of Upper Berks county, and an elder of St. John's Reformed church, at Kutztown, and very active in the work of that organization. On May 29, 1836, he was married by the Rev. A. S. Herman to Anna Hager, born March 10, 1813, died March 18, 1878, and they had one son, William.

(IV) William Schmick, son of Heinrich Schmick and father of Henry J. Schmick, was born on the homestead Dec. 18, 1837, and died April 29, 1888, and is buried in Hope cemetery at Kutztown. He was a farmer. He married Elizabeth Zimmer, born May 1, 1841, and they had two children: Annie, m. to J. Richmond Merkel, of Bridgeton, N. J., principal of public schools of that city; and Henry J. Mrs. Elizabeth (Zimmer) Schmick resides with her son, Henry J.

The history of the Zimmer family is also very interesting. Mrs. Schmick is a daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Reit) Zimmer, granddaughter of Johannes Zimmer and great-granddaughter of Heinrich Rudolph Zimmer.

Heinrich Rudolph Zimmer was a native of Holland, but came to America, settling in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a farmer. His farm was later owned by William Roth. Mr. Zimmer is buried at Grimville church, and his last resting place is marked by a blue slatestone slab. He had four children: a son whom tradition says disappeared, probably having been killed by the Indians; Johannes; Margaret (Kohler) and Catharine.

Johannes Zimmer, son of Heinrich Rudolph Zimmer and grandfather of Mrs. William Schmick, was a native of Greenwich township as was his wife, Rosina Witt, and they had children as follows: Sally, John, Gideon, Rudolph, Solomon, Henry, Daniel and Penrose.

Daniel Zimmer, son of Johannes Zimmer and father of Mrs. William Schmick, was a shoemaker by trade. He was born July 22, 1809, and died at age of eighty-seven years. He married Caroline Reit, born Aug. 1, 1811, daughter of George Reit. They had children as follows: Anna Maria, born May 29, 1832; Johann Daniel, Sept. 6, 1833; Hannah, Dec. 13, 1834; Amandus, July 13, 1836; Amelia, Jan. 13, 1838; Catharine, Dec. 19, 1839; Elizabeth, May 1, 1841; Henrietta, Feb. 23, 1844 (died Feb. 8, 1853); Judianna, Aug. 9, 1846, and Charlotte R., Aug. 27, 1849.

(V) HENRY J. SCHMICK, son of William Schmick, is a prosperous farmer at Schmick's Hill, in Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa., and was born Sept. 12, 1875, on the farm originally owned by Christian and Elizabeth Schmick, his great-grandparents. Mr. Schmick was brought up on the farm. When only twelve years of age he had the misfortune to lose his father, and two years later he began practical farming. After several years, however, he sold his stock and removed to Chicago, where for two years he was in the employ of the Union Stock Yards. His next change was made when he came back to Berks county in December, 1896, and here he remained until April of the following year when he again went West, and traveled through Kansas and adjoining States. In 1898 he returned to Berks county once more to make it his home, and in 1902 he resumed his farming operations. His valuable property is the old homestead which was willed him by his grandfather Heinrich Schmick. This tract consists of 143 acres of good agricultural land, and about sixteen acres of woodland. Mr. Schmick has a well-stocked, well-improved farm and owns some very valuable machinery.

On May 29, 1900, he was married to Hettie K. Ely, daughter of Clinton and Sarah (Kleine) Ely of Richmond, and granddaughter of David and Clarissa (Breyfogel) Ely. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Schmick, Harlon Ely. In politics Mr. Schmick is a Republican, and he has always taken a deep interest in local affairs. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Reformed church at Kutztown.

EDWARD A. GICKER, one of Reading's enterprising young business men, who is manager of the well-known O. F. Kauffman Music House, was born Feb. 16, 1873, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Absalom and Sarah (Werntz) Gicker.

John Gieker, great-grandfather of Edward A., was a joiner of Bern township, Berks county, and died at the old Hain's Church, when nearly ninety years of age, and was buried at Bern Church. He married a Miss Freymoyer, and they had two children: Jonathan and Catherine.

Jonathan Gicker, grandfather of Edward A., was born in Bern township, where he followed butchering, also operating a small farm in connection therewith. Later in life he removed to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, where he engaged in the hotel business until his death. Mr. Gicker married Rebecca Kissinger, daughter of Abraham Kissinger, of Bern township, and to this union there were born the following children: Jonathan, Washington, Absalom, George, Louisa, Abraham, Aaron and Amelia.

Absalom Gicker, father of Edward A., attended the schools of Bern township, after leaving which he learned the butchering business with his father, with whom he remained until twenty-two years of age. He then went to Schuylkill county, and there engaged in the hotel business for one year. He carried on a like business at Jonestown, Lebanon county, for one year, when he returned to Pine Grove, and in 1880 located in Reading, where he was employed at different occupations, finally engaging in the hotel business for six years. He then sold out to engage in hauling, which he followed for a short time, did butchering for one year, re-engaged in the hotel business for another year, and in 1893 embarked in the fish business, in which he has continued to the present time with much success. At his stand at the Fourth street market house, Cherry street, he handles all kinds of fish in season, and is handling his share of the large business done there.

Absalom Gicker married Miss Sarah Werntz, of Pine Grove, daughter of Frederick and Sarah L. Werntz, and to this union the following children have been born: Edward A.; Frank, a molder employed by the government and residing at Washington, D. C., m. Catharine Heck; Irene m. William Mee, proprietor of the old "Corner Hotel" at Williamsport, Pa.; Catherine m. Frederick Wise, of Reading, Pa.; Florence R. is at home; Ralph resides with his parents; and three children died in infancy.

Edward A. Gicker came to Reading as a boy and attended the public schools and Stoner's Business College, from which he was graduated in 1896. He then accepted a position as foreman in a bicycle factory, having charge of the frame department, where he remained three years. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Gicker enlisted in Company A, 4th Pennsylvania, National Guard, and left Mt. Gretna, May 11, 1898, for camp. He then went to Porto Rico, where his regiment remained three months, he acting as sergeant major. After returning home, Mr. Gicker engaged with Mr. Goodhart, the well known tobacconist of Penn street, Reading, as manager, and remained with this gentleman for two and one-half years. In 1900 he purchased the phonograph department of C. H. Lichty of Reading, which he successfully conducted until Nov. 28, 1905, with Edward L. Woomer, at which time he sold out to O. F. Kauffman, now deceased, and since that time has been manager of the Kauffman Music House.

On Dec. 29, 1899, Mr. Gicker was married to Florence C. Mack, daughter of George and Catherine (Hoernle) Mack, and to this union one son has been born: E. Douglas, born in 1905. Socially, Mr. Gicker is connected with the Masons, belonging to Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter No. 152, R. A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; DeMolay Commandery No. 9, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of Reading, the Penn Wheelmen, the Philharmonic Band, and director of the Apollo Orchestra. Mr. Gicker is a member of the Second Reformed Church. He and Mrs. Gicker reside in their own home at No. 1023 North Eleventh street, Reading, and are well known in social and musical circles.

SAMUEL W. LADD, who died in Reading, Pa., in 1864, was for some years engaged in a mercantile business in that city. He was born in November, 1840, in Connecticut, son of Stephen A. and Hannah (Kingsbury) Ladd, and a descendant of the English progenitor, who came from the mother country at an early day and settled in New England.

Stephen A. Ladd, father of Samuel W., was a farmer in Connecticut all of his life, and in that State he and his wife died. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Annie, m. to Giles Meacham; Sarah; Sabrina, m. to a Stacey; Mary, who died single; John; and Samuel W. In religious belief the family were Congregationalists. Politically they were a family of Abolitionists, and were strongly allied with the Whig party, and later, on the organization of the Republican party, they were prominent in that organization's ranks.

Samuel W. Ladd was educated in Connecticut, and came to Reading, Pa., as the representative of an old and substantial Massachusetts insurance company. He was later engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until 1864, when his death occurred. Mr. Ladd married Amanda Shalter, daughter of Francis B. and Hannah (Seidel) Shalter, and to them were born six children: Lillie m. to John B. Otto, of Williamsport; Charles R., deceased; Hannah E., m. to Rev. F. F. Buermeyer; Evelyn E., m. to Dr. Milton H. Valentine; Annie E., deceased; Lura, m. to Dr. John W. Lowe. In religious belief Mr. Ladd was a Lutheran, to which faith Mrs. Ladd, who survived him until Jan. 29, 1909, also adhered. In politics he was a stanch Republican.

EDWARD A. HARTGEN, proprietor of the "Eagles' Inn," located at the northwest corner of Tenth and Washington streets, Reading, was born Oct. 1, 1877, at Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., and came to Reading with his parents in his infancy. He attended St. Paul's parochial school and later learned the trade of confectioner, which he followed for a period of twelve years. He then, in 1902, entered the hotel business, and has since been successfully engaged in that line, conducting the "Eagles' Inn" in a perfectly up-to-date manner.

Mr. Hartgen has numerous social connections, belonging to Aerie No. 66, Fraternal Order of Eagles; to B. I. L. of A., No. 155, of which he was one of the organizers and charter members; to Columbus Commandery No. 271, Knights of St. John; to the Knights of St. George; to the Catholic Literary and Social Union, and to the Bavarian Beneficial Association. He also holds membership in the German Alliance of America. He is a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he is actively identified with the Democratic party; and is a member of the Northeastern Democratic League.

On June 2, 1887, Mr. Hartgen was married to Miss Annie C. Kemp, daughter of John and Margaret (Rafter) Kemp, and they have a family of three children; William E., F. Anthony and Charles A.

Jacob Hartgen, father of Edward A., was born in 1843, in the Province of Nassau, Kingdom of Prussia. In his youth he learned the trade of baker, but gave it up to enlist for the Austro-Prussian war, which lasted four months, being concluded in 1866. After the war he went to Antwerp, Germany, where he worked at his trade for nine months. The next four months he spent at sea as cook and baker, after which he came to America. He went to Mineral Point, Wis., where he met his future wife, and from there to Galena, Ill., where he

met President Grant just after his nomination. He was married a year later to Mary Fritz, and the young couple went to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Mr. Hartgen worked in Sears & Co.'s cracker factory. The oldest son, J. Fred was born here. Their next location was Bellevue, Iowa, where the second son, Joseph was born. On coming to Pennsylvania, Mr. Hartgen first located in Mahanoy City, but stayed there only one week, when he went to Philadelphia. For about three years in the seventies he was located in Norristown. After the birth of his son Edward A., he located in Reading, where he has remained.

ROBERT T. HAMILTON, a well-known resident of Reading, Pa., who was employed in the planing mill department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company until his death Feb. 15, 1909, was a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Hamilton was born in Johnstown, Pa., July 18, 1837, son of John and Margaret (Dougherty) Hamilton.

John Hamilton was born in 1813, in Huntingdon county, Pa., and when a young man located at Johnstown, where he followed the trade of patternmaker, being one of the earliest employes of the old Cambria Iron Company. He died in 1885, in Lower Yoder township. His wife, Margaret Dougherty, was born Feb. 20, 1815, at Loretto, Cambria county, daughter of John Dougherty, who was among the earliest settlers of Cambria county and one of the first citizens of Johnstown. He removed from Johnstown to a small farm near Loretto about the year 1812, and it was on this place that Mrs. Hamilton was born. She had the distinction of being christened by Father Gallitzen, the famous prince priest, whose life is so romantically interwoven with the early history of Cambria county. She grew to young womanhood in Loretto, and when about twenty years of age came to Johnstown and shortly afterward was married to John Hamilton. At the time of her death, which took place Dec. 24, 1905, at No. 749 Franklin street, Johnstown, Mrs. Franklin was the oldest woman in the city, being nearly ninety-one years of age, and she had spent practically all of the many years of her residence there in the place in which she died. She was well known in the city, particularly among the older residents. The funeral took place from St. John's Catholic Church, of which she was one of the earliest members, and following a mass of requiem interment was made in the cemetery in Lower Yoder township. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, only four of whom survive their mother: Robert T., of Reading; and John H., Charles and Frank, all of Johnstown. One son, William, died in infancy, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Devine, Mrs. Elizabeth Amy, Mrs. Tillie Baird and Ida Hamilton are deceased.

Robert T. Hamilton was educated in the schools of Cambria county, also receiving instruction under the Rev. Mr. Sembower, of Reading, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1863. In this year he accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, with which he was ever afterward connected. In August, 1862, Mr. Hamilton enlisted in Company K, 136th Pa. V. I., First Army Corps, Second Brigade, serving out his full term of nine months. He was a faithful and efficient soldier, and during his services was in a number of serious engagements, including Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

In 1860 Mr. Hamilton married (first) Mary Fix, a native of Reading, by whom he had five children, three of whom still survive: Howard M. m. Della Murdoch; Warren L. m. Hannah Drunkenmiller; and Emma H. m. Joseph Tyon. Mr. Hamilton m. (second) Louisa Hessley, a native of Lehigh county, who survives him, and resides at No. 935 North Third street, Reading.

In religious belief Mr. Hamilton was a Roman Catholic, but later he joined the Lutheran Church, of which his widow is also a member. He was a member of McLean Post, No. 16, G. A. R., which he joined over thirty years ago; Reading Council, No. 46, O. U. A. M.; and the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association; and he was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he was a stanch Republican.

ROBERT B. CHURCH, one of the best known passenger locomotive engineers on the Schuylkill Valley branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in August, 1851, across the river from Harrisburg, in the vicinity of Wormleysburg, Cumberland county, son of Robert R. and Louisa (Phillips) Church.

Mr. Church received his education at White Hill Seminary and in Wormleysburg, and came to Reading in 1868, apprenticing himself to the carpenter's trade with George W. Garst, a well known contractor and builder, with whom he remained until 1871. In the following year he removed to Reynoldsville, Pa., and after a short period there went to Harrisburg and thence to Baltimore, Md., engaging in work for the Northern Central Railroad, as firemen, Aug. 20, 1872. In 1875 he resigned his position and resumed carpentering, returning to Reading, where he worked for his former employer, Mr. Garst. Mr. Church followed carpentering until 1879, and in this year re-engaged in firing, and continued in the service of the Northern Central Railroad until Oct. 27, 1886, when he was transferred to the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and in October, 1889, was given a passenger run, which he has continued to hold to the present time.

In 1872 Mr. Church was married to Sophia A. Artz. He joined King David Lodge, F. & A. M., of Baltimore, Md., and was transferred therefrom, in 1895, to Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, being a delegate to the conventions held in Chicago in 1887 and at Atlanta, Ga., in 1892, representing divisions No. 90 of Pottsville, and No. 75 of Reading. Mr. Church has hosts of friends in Reading, where he is well and favorably known.

HENRY L. SARTORIUS was born in Reading Oct. 13, 1861, son of Jacob and Mary (Lenhart) Sartorius. His father was a German by birth but came to this country as a young man, and establishing himself in Reading, was in the tobacco business there for many years. In 1869 he moved from his former quarters at No. 719 Penn street to No. 600 Bingaman street, and was still in business there when he died in 1872, aged forty-three years. His wife died in July, 1895, at the age of fifty-two years. They had two children, Henry L. and Emma. Jacob Sartorius was a Democrat in his political views, while in religious belief he and his wife were Reformed.

The school days of Henry L. Sartorius were passed in Reading and during this same period he worked more or less around his father's cigar store and became familiar with the business, an experience which was of use to him later. His first regular position was with the Philadelphia & Reading Express Company, while afterward he spent twelve years working for the Adams and the United States Express Companies. In 1897 he went into business for himself, and at his father's old stand on Bingaman street opened a book store, together with a stock of tobacco, cigars, smokers' supplies, etc. He has built up a regular patronage, which is steadily increasing and has done well financially.

In 1904 Henry L. Sartorius married Miss Tillie Davenport, and they have a daughter, Mary L., born in October, 1906. Mrs. Sartorius is a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, while Mr. Sartorius belongs to the First Reformed Church. In his political attitude he is independent favoring which ever party puts forward the best candidate. He is much concerned with lodge work and specially interested in Masonry. He is J. W. of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, F. & A. M.; P. H. P. of Excelsior Chapter No. 237, R. A. M.; P. C. of Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; also a member of Rajah Temple, of A. A. O. N. M. S.; of Philadelphia Consistory, 32d degree, while he is also a charter member and S. W. of Reading Lodge of Perfection. As a loyal citizen

of Reading, his name appears too on the rolls of the Liberty Fire Company. Mr. Sartorius is an able, wide awake and enterprising man, and is very well thought of in the city where his life has thus far been spent.

FRANK ANTHONY KURFESS, who has been connected with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shop since coming to Reading, is a highly esteemed citizen of the Tenth ward, residing at No. 1136 Spruce street. He was born Oct. 22, 1840, in Neuhausen, Kreis Esslingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Ernst Johan and Francisco (Harrer) Kurfess.

Ernst Johan Kurfess was born Dec. 25, 1806, in Neuhausen, and died April 4, 1871. He was a tanner all of his life, and owned an establishment and twenty-five acres of land. He was widely known, becoming very prosperous in his latter years, although for three years prior to his death he was an invalid. He married Francisco Harrer, born in 1806, daughter of Lorentz Harrer, and their children were: August; Albert, who came to America in 1855, settling at Schuylkill Haven, his latter years being spent in Philadelphia, where he died; Gustav; Frank A.; Mary, and Joseph.

Frank Anthony Kurfess attended the schools of his native country until fourteen years of age, and then learned the machinists's trade, which he followed successfully in the Fatherland until May 15, 1881, on which date he left Esslingen and twelve days later landed at Castle Garden, N. Y. He then visited his brother Christian of Schuylkill county for a time, after which he came to Reading and settled at No. 1019 Cotton street. In 1891 Mr. Kurfess purchased the property at No. 1136 Spruce street, where he has lived ever since. Mr. Kurfess has been employed as a machinist in the Philadelphia & Reading Locomotive shop ever since coming to Reading. In politics he is a Democrat, while he and his family are religiously connected with St. Paul's Catholic Church.

On July 12, 1868, Mr. Kurfess was married to Matilda Kambeitz, born March 1, 1846, daughter of Heinrich and Louisa (Schaeffer) Kambeitz, the former a master shoemaker at Hesse Darmstadt, and to this union three children have been born: Marguerite, born Dec. 29, 1869, m. Joseph Impink, of Reading, and they have five children—Marguerite, Joseph, Catherine, Carl, and Alberta; Ernst, born Dec. 16, 1872, died Aug. 10, 1873; and Mary C., born Feb. 2, 1880, is at home.

CHARLES W. SHAFFER, who was for many years a mail carrier in the city of Reading, and an honored veteran of the great Civil war, was born in 1841, in Reading, son of Henry and Betsy (Leader) Shaffer, and died in 1902.

Henry Shaffer was born near Kutztown, Berks county, in 1800, but early in life removed to near Tuckerton, Muhlenberg township, and in 1838 to Reading. He had learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, and this he followed with Adam Wade until 1850, in which year Mr. Wade's property was destroyed by the great floods. Mr. Shaffer then secured employment at Deisher's box factory and lumber mill, and here he continued to work until his death in 1869. His wife survived until 1891, and was eighty-four years old at the time of her death. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: George, m. Sadie Walters, and had three children—Walter, Alvin and Charles; Mary m. Cyrus Runyon, lives in Altoona, and has fourteen children; Eliza m. John L. Fisher, and had fourteen children; Frank m. Caroline Eyrich, and had three children; John H., m. Rose Ann Egge, and had five children, three of whom are living; Lovina is single; Sophia m. Clinton Morris, and had three children; Charles W.; and Susan died young. In their religious belief Henry Shaffer and wife were Reformed, and they were buried at Alsace Reformed cemetery. Mr. Shaffer was a Democrat in politics, and held the office of constable. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Charles W. Shaffer was educated in the schools of Reading, Pa., after leaving which he took up the trade of carpenter, and worked at Deisher's planing mill. While thus employed the Civil war broke out, and, fired with patriotism, young Shaffer enlisted in Capt. Groff's Infantry, in which he served three years and nine months, participating in some of the hardest fought battles of the great war. He was a man of spirit and bravery, and had a record of which any man might well feel proud. After the end of his services to his country, Mr. Shaffer returned to Deisher's factory, where he remained until the administration of James Cannon as mayor, when Mr. Shaffer was appointed lamp repairer at the City Hall lock-up, and later he passed the civil service examination for letter carrier, a position which he held for about eight years. This was practically his last work, as injuries received during the war compelled his retirement in later years. He died in 1902, the city of Reading losing one of its most highly esteemed citizens.

Mr. Shaffer married Elizabeth Rhoads, who was born in Reading, and they became the parents of three children: Charles, Annie and Daniel. Although allied with no religious body, Mr. Shaffer was one of Reading's truly good men. He was a member of Liberty Fire Company. He was always a Republican, casting his first Presidential vote during the Rebellion.

SAMUEL M. HARTMAN, who is engaged in the harness business in the city of Reading, was born in Oley township, Berks county, in 1850, son of Gideon and Sarah D. (Maurer) Hartman. His grandfather, Samuel Hartman, was a native of Alsace township, this county, where he conducted a small farm and followed the trade of millwright. He married Elizabeth Wrightmoyer, and they had ten children, Lewis, Gideon, Absalom, Valentine, Augustus, Israel, Samuel, Jessie, Eliza and Emma. In religion this family was connected with the Reformed Church.

Gideon Hartman was born in Alsace township, near Spies's Church, and received his education in the local schools. He learned the trade of miller, but followed it only a short time, when he turned his attention to huckstering, raising and selling farm produce for twenty years. He retired in the spring of 1876, after which he removed to Lyons, along the East Penn railroad, where he lived for nineteen years. In 1898 he located at Reading, and died there in January, 1903, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a temperate man in all things, and never used tobacco or spirituous liquors himself. He was a Democrat in political belief, and in religion was allied with the United Evangelical Church. In August, 1845, he married Sarah D. Maurer, a daughter of Henry H. and Sarah (Dotterer) Maurer, and to them were born sixteen children, eleven sons and five daughters, namely: Mary, Gideon (deceased), Nathaniel, Samuel M., Henry (deceased), Albert (deceased), James (deceased), Ammon (deceased), Sarah, Edward (deceased), Susan, Elizabeth, Violetta, John, Harvey and Warren. Mrs. Hartman, who is now in her eighty-third year, still resides in Reading.

Samuel M. Hartman spent all his school days in Oley township, but his advantages were rather limited, for he began work in a brick-yard when only twelve years old. He worked thus for one year, at the end of which time he was hired out to Dr. Herbst, who at that time was county treasurer. This was in Pike township, and there he remained one year in the Doctor's employ. He then went to learn the trade of harness maker in his native township, with J. Cleaver. At this time he was fourteen years old. After two years Mr. Hartman came to Reading, where he remained about six months, and then went to Birdsboro, where the next three years of his life were spent. He again returned to Reading, but was engaged at carpenter work for one year, working the next three years at Pottstown, and six months at Philadelphia. Again returning to Reading, Mr. Hartman in 1875 engaged in his present business, first locating where the Penn National Bank now stands, on Penn street. There he remained five years, and in 1880 located at his present place, No. 806 Penn street, where he has remained ever since. He has an extensive trade, all over Berks county,

and his stock is of the highest standard. Mr. Hartman employs two skilled workmen.

In 1876 Mr. Hartman married Clara Bridegam, daughter of William Bridegam, a tinsmith of Reading, and one child has been born to this union, Helen, who is attending school. In politics Mr. Hartman is a Democrat. He served as councilman of the Third ward for two terms, and was a delegate to the county convention several times. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Arcanum; the Freemasons, Royal Arch Chapter, Commandery and Shrine. Mr. Hartman is a public-spirited citizen and good business man, greatly esteemed by all who know him. He and his family reside at No. 15 South Eleventh street.

Henry H. Maurer, grandfather of Samuel M. Hartman, on his mother's side, was born in Colebrookdale township, near Boyertown, Pa. In boyhood he learned the trade of tailoring. He was a self-made man, very studious, and taught school in the eastern section of the county. He was a very successful business man and also served as justice of the peace, and came to be known in the neighborhood as the country lawyer. He held the office of recorder of deeds of the county from 1842 to 1845. He was a noted auctioneer, and also conducted a hotel near Friedensburg, in Oley township, for many years. In politics he was a Democrat. He died May 15, 1834, at the age of seventy-nine years. A grandson, Dr. E. M. Herbst, is at present serving his third term in the Senate of Pennsylvania as the Senator from Berks county.

A. MONROE MOSER, a highly esteemed resident of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in work at the Philadelphia Mint, was born in the latter city, Dec. 5, 1854, son of David and Sarah (Harbold) Moser, both deceased. David Moser was the well known contractor and builder, who has for many years done all of the carpentering and repair work for Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart. Three children were born to David and Sarah (Harbold) Moser: George; Rosa, wife of Jonathan Wise, of Lebanon, Pa.; and A. Monroe.

A. Monroe Moser received his education in schools of Reading, Pa., having come to this city from Philadelphia with his parents when one year old, and then entered the high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1871. He then started to learn the carpenter's trade, and remained with his father, off and on, until 1896, having at different times from 1886 to 1891 served as letter carrier, and under Mayor T. P. Merritt served as building inspector of Reading. Since May 6, 1896, he has been employed at his trade at the Philadelphia Mint, although he makes daily trips from that city to Reading, his home being at No. 1011 Washington street.

Mr. Moser married (first) Alice Defenbach, who died in 1891, one child being born to the union, Sarah Irene m. to Charles Quinter. Mr. Moser's second marriage was to Miss Bertha Kepner. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Moser has served as president and secretary of his (the Eighth) ward, and has been a delegate to numerous county conventions. Since 1876 he has been a member of the Rainbow Fire Company, having filled all the offices in that company, and in 1884 was called to the president's chair, a position he has held to the present time, with the exception of three years that he resided in Philadelphia. In his religious belief Mr. Moser is a Lutheran. He is connected with two Mint associations.

DANIEL H. HARTMAN, one of the esteemed retired residents of Reading, is a surviving veteran of the Civil war, and took an important part in that great struggle. Mr. Hartman is a native of Berks county, Pa., and was born in Alsace township, in 1846, son of Samuel H. and a grandson of John Hartman.

Grandfather John Hartman was a very prominent farmer of Alsace township and owned a large amount of valuable land in that township. There he died aged sixty-eight years, and his remains rest in the Spies's cemetery. He had a large family.

Samuel H. Hartman, father of Daniel H., followed closely in his father's footsteps. He became a man of substance, and a leader in public matters in his township, and he also passed away at the age of sixty-eight years, and was laid to rest by the side of his parents. He married Judith L. Hartman, daughter of Daniel Hartman, and she lived to the age of sixty-six years. Politically he was a Democrat. The children of Samuel H. Hartman and wife were: John H.; Daniel H.; Mary and Catherine. John H., the eldest son, enlisted in Company D, 198th Pa. V. I., Aug. 25, 1864, and was mortally wounded at the battle of White Oak Swamp, from which he died five hours later, aged thirty-four years.

Daniel H. Hartman attended the public schools of his native township utnil sixteen years of age, and then began to learn the carpenter's trade. He worked also one year as a millwright, and one year as a carpenter at Logansport, Ind. In 1865 he was again at home, but prior to this he had served his country in her hour of peril, faithfully and well.

Daniel H. Hartman enlisted from Berks county, Pa., July 3, 1863, to serve three months or during the emergency and was mustered into service at Harrisburg, Pa., in Ermentrout's Independent Battery A, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, Capt. William C. Ermentrout commanding. The battery was recruited in response to Gov. Curtin's call for emergency troops to assist in protecting the Keystone State from the threatened invasion by the Confederates. Daniel H. Hartman received his honorable discharge at Harrisburg, Aug. 26, 1863, by reason of expiration of term of service. Mr. Hartman had done his full duty during his first term of service, but he realized that the war was not over, and the help of brave and loyal men was still needed. On Aug. 25, 1864, he re-enlisted, at Reading, Pa., to serve one year or during the war, and was mustered into the service at Philadelphia as a private in Capt. Isaac Schroeder's company, this being Company D, 198th Reg. Pa. V. I., commanded by Col. Horatio G. Sickles. Early in the morning of Sept. 19, 1864, the regiment moved to join the Army of the Potomac, in front of Petersburg, Va. Upon its arrival it was assigned to the First Brigade, First Division, Fifth Corps, at a point on the Weldon railroad, which had just been captured from the enemy. Soon after, Col. Sickles was placed in command of the brigade, Lt. Col. John B. Murray succeeding him in command of the regiment. The first engagement with the enemy was at Preble's Farm, Va., Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, 1864. Later engagements were Hatcher's Run, Dabney's Mills and Vaughn Road, the Appomattox campaign, including Quaker Road or Gravelly Run, Boydton, White Oak Road, Five Forks, Petersburg, Sutherland Station, Sailor's Creek, High Bridge, Farmerville and Appomattox, all in Virginia. During the Appomattox campaign alone, the regiment lost between 500 and 600 officers and men in killed, wounded and missing. After General Lee's surrender at Appomattox, April 9, 1865, the regiment went into camp at Arlington Heights, Va., and remained there until June 3, 1865. Mr. Hartman did not escape injuries during this long exposure to danger. He received a gun shot wound in the left ankle, at Gravelly Run, Va., March 29, 1865, and was confined one day in the field hospital and then rejoined his regiment, determined not to be left behind. By reason of the close of the war, Mr. Hartman received his final honorable discharge near Washington, D. C., June 3, 1865.

In 1871 Mr. Hartman came to Reading and was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops for a period that covered thirty-six years, during which time this great system was extended hundreds of miles. Mr. Hartman retired May, 29, 1901, retaining the cordial good-will of the corporation which he had served so devotedly for a decade over a quarter of a century.

On Oct. 20, 1866, Mr. Hartman was married to Mary M. Hinnershitz, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Gibson) Hinnershitz. To this marriage twelve children were born: Mary Alice, m. to Charles W. Richard, had one child, Carrie (m. to Daniel Burkey, and has a son, Daniel); Clara, m. to William J. Levan, of Reading (mentioned

in full elsewhere); Carrie Agnes, m. to Jacob H. Holder, has two children, Ira and Dorothy; Lottie, m. to Joel M. Strunk, has two children, Alice and Paul; Bertie, m. to Albert F. Mast, has one son, Daniel H.; and Gertrude, m. to Milton Seidel, of Reading, has two children, William M. and Mary Magdalena; and Samuel H., Daniel H., Ida F., Hattie M., Katie and Judith, all of whom are deceased.

In 1897 Mr. Hartman built his present home at No. 123 South Ninth street, Reading, and later built the modern residence in the rear for his daughter. For three years Mr. Hartman was constable of Alsace township. He is a member of Star of Nativity Lodge, Shepherds of Bethlehem, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Hartman also belongs to Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., of which he has been senior vice-commander.

ADAM MILLER FISHER, foreman of the coremaking department of Orr & Sembower's plant, and a citizen of Oakbrook, Berks Co., Pa., was born Nov. 9, 1870, in Marion township, son of Abraham and Catherine (Miller) Fisher. He is a descendant of

Wilhelm Fischer, a native of Germany, who was the founder of a very large and prolific Berks county family. He settled in a section of the country now embracing Spring (formerly Cumru) and Lower Heidelberg (then a part of Heidelberg) townships and owned about one thousand acres of land. He was a farmer by occupation, exceedingly industrious, and was known as a man of sterling qualities. During his lifetime there was little clear land in Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships, and he often heard the howl of wolves in the forest around his primitive home, a typical log cabin dwelling. Frequently he stood in fear of the Indians who still roamed the forests after the date of his settlement and whose attacks endangered the lives and property of the hardy settlers. He adhered to the German Reformed Church, and Hain's Church in Lower Heidelberg township was his spiritual home. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the graveyard of that old established house of worship, and there, too, sleep scores of descendants of this noble pioneer. Among his children were: Frederick, Wilhelm, George, Michael and Daniel.

Michael Fischer, son of Wilhelm the emigrant, was born on the old homestead Nov. 19, 1769, and died on his farm near Wernersville, Pa., Dec. 16, 1845, aged seventy-six years, twenty-seven days. He owned a farm of 127 acres located one and a half miles south of Wernersville, which his family cultivated. He was a weaver, and made all kinds of cloth and linen goods in demand in his day. He was a man of prominence in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor in his district for many years; this office was abolished by Act of Assembly on March 29, 1824, after which directors of the poor were elected. Michael Fischer was much esteemed, and he was widely known for his uncompromising honesty. Like his father, he is buried in the graveyard at Hain's Church of which he is a member. He married Elizabeth Hemmig (born Aug. 29, 1774, died July 22, 1845, aged seventy years, ten months, twenty-three days). The children born to them were as follows: Christian, born July 1, 1793; Michael, Jan. 4, 1795; Daniel, Sept. 27, 1796; Catharine, Aug. 15, 1798; Philip, Jan. 25, 1800; Wilhelm, Jan. 15, 1803; Sarah (m. John Stump); Elizabeth (m. (first) Daniel Fisher and (second) Isaac Boyer).

Wilhelm Fisher, son of Michael Fischer, and grandfather of Adam M., was born Jan. 15, 1803. He was a well known man in his community, having passed all his life in the district where he was born, and furthermore he was enterprising and thrifty. Under his father he learned plain weaving, but he also acquired the art of fine weaving, and did well at his trade. He lived upon a tract adjacent to his father's farm, consisting originally of 6 A. 131 rd., to which he later added thirty-one acres. Here in 1837 he built a log house which is still standing. He married Ellenora Boyer, and to them were born children as follows: Peter, born May 13, 1826, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Abraham, born Nov. 17, 1831, a carpenter by trade; Jeremiah B., born May 20, 1837; Polly, wife of Emanuel Eberly, residing near Fritztown, where he followed carriage-making for many years, but is now living retired upon his farm; and Lavina, born Jan. 21, 1842, who married John H. Steffy, and died May 17, 1898, aged fifty-seven years (they had no children). Mr. and Mrs. Fisher worshipped at Hain's Church, and there they are buried.

Abraham Fisher, father of Adam M., was born Nov. 17, 1831, in Berks county, and in early life learned the trades of blacksmith, wheelwright and carpenter, which he followed until his retirement, since which time he has resided at Bernville. He married Catherine Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, of Montgomery county, and she died March 12, 1896. Their children were: Emma, m. to Elmer H. Kline; Jacob, m. to Alva Long; Katie, who died when eighteen years of age; Mary, m. to Frank White; John; Sallie, who died at the age of nineteen years; Caroline, m. to Charles Klopp; Adam M.; Clara, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Amelia, m. to Jeremiah Huffort.

Adam M. Fisher spent his school days at Womelsdorf, and at an early age secured employment in a brick yard at that place. At the age of eighteen years he began to learn the trade of blacksmith at Shillington, with John W. Wertz, with whom he continued for nine years. He then engaged at coremaking, entering Orr & Sembower's plant in 1898, and he is still employed with that company, being foreman of his department. Mr. Fisher is a skilled mechanic, and his services are highly valued by his employers.

In 1893, Mr. Fisher was married to Catherine H. Shearer, daughter of Aaron and Emma (Heister) Shearer, a sketch of which family appears elsewhere in these annals, being one of the oldest of the county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher: Earle S., born Oct. 6, 1893; Ralph S., born July 4, 1896; and Norman, born Aug. 26, 1902. Politically Mr. Fisher is a Republican, and he and his wife are Lutherans in their religious belief. He is connected with the Iron Molder's Union.

HENRY KOHL, one of the enterprising business men of Reading, who is engaged in the restaurant business at No. 209 North Ninth street, was born in Cumru township, Berks county, in 1865, son of Richard and Sarah (Keffer) Kohl.

Henry Kohl attended the schools of Cumru township, and came to Reading with his father in 1879. He was first employed in the Reading Fire Brick works and was later in the nickel plating department at the Philadelphia & Reading shops. Here he remained for eight years, and then, being eager to enter business on his own account, opened a restaurant, in 1901, at No. 207 North Ninth street, where he was located for a period of nine months. At the end of this time Mr. Kohl located at his present site, No. 201 North Ninth street, and here he has continued to the present time with much success. He has two large dining rooms and a large front room, and his trade includes some of the best in Reading.

Mr. Kohl was married to Miss Katie Arnold, daughter of Anthony and Sarah Arnold, and to this union have been born children as follows: Vincent, who is assisting his father; Arnold, at school; and Anetta. In politics Mr. Kohl is a Democrat, but he has never taken an active part in public affairs, his business claiming all of his attention. He and his wife attend St. Paul's Catholic Church. Mr. Kohl is a member of the Eagles.

CHRISTIAN BIXENSTINE, who has been employed as a roller at the Reading Iron Company's Oley street mill since its opening in 1896, has lived in Reading all of his life. Mr. Bixenstine was born in this city, Sept. 24, 1845, son of Gottleib and Elizabeth (Stricker) Bixenstine.

Gottleib Bixenstine, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, came to America about 1830, and for a short time thereafter worked at his trade of potter in Reading. Later

he engaged in hod carrying, and at this occupation and common laboring he was employed for the remainder of his life, dying in 1885. His wife died in 1887, the mother of children as follows: Amelia, Charles, Sophia, Caroline, William, Louisa and Christian. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Bixenstine were Lutherans, while politically he was a Democrat.

Christian Bixenstine received a common school education in Reading, and as a young man engaged at the old Seyfert & McManus rolling mill, where he remained until twenty-six years of age. At this time he engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading iron mill, known as the old rail mill, and remained there until the mill suspended operations, when he returned to his former employers, and there continued until 1895. At this time the Reading Iron Company opened its Oley street mill, and he secured employment there as a roller, a position he has held to the present time.

In 1871 Mr. Bixenstine married Barbara Ney, and to this union there were born four children, one of whom, Albert, survives. He is employed at the Acme Motor Car Company. Mr. Bixenstine is a member of Alsace Reformed Church, while his wife and son are Lutherans. He is fraternally connected with the Ironworker's Union and the Workmen's Society.

ED. C. GANSTER, proprietor of the "Hotel Ganster," No. 200 Schuylkill avenue, Reading, Pa., was born in this city, Oct. 30, 1867, son of Jacob and Catherine (Rebholtz) Ganster.

Peter Ganster, the emigrant ancestor of the family in this country, came from Bavaria, Germany, to Reading in the early part of the eighteenth century. He was a forgeman and expert iron-worker and owned and operated an iron foundry in his native country. On coming to the United States he lived retired until his death, which occurred about the year 1860. He and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Christina Libbert, were the parents of: Joseph, of Reading, m. to Margaret Klos; Margaret, m. to Anthony Seubert, of Lebanon, Pa.; George P., deceased; Christopher, deceased; Catherine, deceased, m. to Anthony Kronise; Jacob; and John, deceased. In religious belief the family were devout members of the Catholic Church. Politically Mr. Ganster was a Democrat.

Early in life Jacob Ganster learned the machinist's trade, and followed that occupation for several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, 3d Pa. V. I., June 4, 1861, and was honorably discharged Feb. 13, 1863, on account of disability, having been wounded in battle in Virginia. After returning home he resumed his trade, and subsequently engaged in the flour and feed business at Franklin and Orange streets, Reading. On Dec. 30, 1870, he was accidentally killed, while making a heroic effort to stop a run-away horse, which was drawing a wagon containing a man, woman and child. The occupants of the vehicle were saved, but Mr. Ganster died of his injuries. He left his widow with three children: Ed. C.; Charles, and August. Mrs. Ganster died July 5, 1894, aged sixty-three years, in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, of which her husband had also been a member.

Ed. C. Ganster received his education in the schools of Reading, as well as the parochial schools, and later business college. His first employment was for the Harbsters of Reading, in the hardware store, and at the Johnston foundry. At the age of thirteen years he began clerking for Conrad Kaltenbach, remaining with that gentleman for ten years, when he purchased the stock of his employer and carried on a general store until 1905, in this year closing out his business to engage as a hotel keeper. Locating at No. 200 Schuylkill avenue, Mr. Ganster proceeded to improve the property, and has now one of the most modern little hotels in the city. It has fifteen finely-furnished rooms, supplied with electric lights, steam heat, and other modern conveniences, and he always carries on hand a full line of the choicest cigars, liquors, etc. Mr. Ganster has been very successful in this venture, his hotel proving one of the most popular of its size in the city.

In 1890 in Reading, Mr. Ganster married Miss Mary Schlegmilch, a native of Lancaster county, and to this union one child has been born, Leo, a stenographer in the employ of the Reading Hardware Company. Mr. Ganster is a member of the Knights of St. John, being first vice supreme president of the Order, and is also connected with the Bonifacius Brotherhood. In political matters he is a Democrat. He is religiously connected with St. Paul's Catholic Church.

PENROSE L. REICHWINE, train despatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Reading, was born at Mohnton, in Cumru township, Berks county, Jan. 31, 1877, son of Henry J. Reichwine. The family originated in Baden-Baden, Germany, and the name has been spelled Reichwine, Richwine, Richwein, Reichwein, etc.

Cornelius Reichwine, grandfather of Penrose L., was born in Berks county, and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of gun barrels for the government, having his factory in Cumru township, where is now the borough of Mohnton. In 1838 he opened a shop which later became Ruth's gristmill. He died in Cumru township at the age of eighty-two years. His wife's maiden name was Holtry. Their children were: Richard lives in Reading; Joseph died in Reading; Isaac lives in Florid, Putnam Co., Ill.; John died aged three years; Daniel is deceased; Henry J.; Louisa died young; Mary married Cyrus Hoffert; Tillie married John Regar; Amanda married James O'Neill; and Catharine married a Lambert.

Henry J. Reichwine, son of Cornelius, was born March 25, 1846, and was a skilled hatter, following that trade with George Hendel for many years. He is at present in the employ of the Neversink Dye Works at Reading. He married Sarah Amanda Lutz, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Hemminger) Lutz, and they have three children: Penrose L.; Bertha m. Walter Amman; and Kate is at home.

Penrose L. Reichwine attended the public schools and high school at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., and when sixteen years of age he learned the art of telegraphing, entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He spent five years as an operator, and in 1906 he was made train despatcher at Reading, the position he still holds.

Mr. Reichwine has been twice married. He m. (first) Josephine Weaver, daughter of Aaron Weaver, and she died at Lynnport, Lehigh county, in January, 1895, leaving a son, Harry L., now in school. Mr. Reichwine m. (second) Miss Marion Pearl Elliott, daughter of Horace Elliott, of Pottsown. She was a well known school teacher in that city. Mr. Reichwine is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 66, F. O. E.; P. R. R. Relief Association; Royal Arcanum. He and his wife attend the United Evangelical Church. Their home is at No. 635 North Front street, Reading.

HARRY L. BRIGHT, assistant foreman of the job department of the Reading *Eagle*, was born July 13, 1863, at Philadelphia, Pa., son of John R. and Elizabeth (Scull) Bright.

Tracing the Bright or Brecht family to its founding in Berks county, Pa., it is found that Michael Brecht, 1706-1794, was married in 1728, to Margareta Simone, 1708-1778. They had the following children: Jacob, born April 13, 1729; George, Feb. 9, 1731; Michael, March 24, 1732; Katherine, April 6, 1734; John, Feb. 20, 1736; Peter, May 13, 1738; David, Aug. 9, 1740; Maria, Aug 1, 1742; Sarah, Jan. 19, 1745, and Christina, Aug. 12, 1747. The late A. G. Green, Esq., prepared a genealogical sketch of this Bright family, which, in pamphlet form, may be found among the archives of the Berks County Historical Society.

John Bright, great-grandson of Michael and grandfather of Harry L., was a native of Berks county and a descendant of one of its pioneer families. He was engaged in a hat business at Reading, where he died

after the close of the Civil War, and his remains were interred in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married a member of the Rehr family and they had four children, namely: Henry lived and died at Reading; Catherine m. James Thompson; Sarah m. George Graul; and John R.

John R. Bright, son of John, was born March 2, 1829, at Reading, and died Nov. 2, 1867, in the thirty-ninth year of his age. By trade he was a hatter. He lived at Reading until 1859, when he moved to Philadelphia, and there lived until his death, when his remains were brought to Reading and interred in the Charles Evans cemetery. On Dec. 26, 1859, he married Elizabeth Scull, born June 7, 1836, daughter of Marks B. and Barbara (Breiner) Scull, of Reading. They had two sons: Edward S. and Harry L., both of Reading.

Harry L. Bright was educated in the public schools of Reading. He became a clerk in a grocery store, where he remained for one and one-half years, and then served a four years apprenticeship to the printer's trade in the office of the *News*, at that time located on the corner of Sixth and Court streets. In August, 1882, he entered the employ of the Reading *Eagle*, and now, as assistant foreman of its job department, has under his supervision from fifteen to twenty-two men.

In 1888, Mr. Bright married Sue M. Yocum, daughter of the late Jacob A. and Joanna (Goodhart) Yocum, and they have one son, J. Herbert, who was born May 8, 1889. The latter is a graduate of the Reading high school, class of 1908. Mr. Bright and family occupy their own pleasant home which is located at No. 105 Oley street, in the Fifteenth ward. Mr. and Mrs. Bright belong to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, while their son, J. Herbert, sings in the choir of the Memorial Church of the Holy Cross, of which he is a member. Mr. Bright is a member of the following organizations: Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; Emblematic Order of Odd Fellows, No. 163; Juniata Tribe, No. 74, I. O. R. M., of which he has been treasurer since 1892; Jr., O. U. A. M., No. 163; and Printers' Union, No. 86.

HARRISON T. KERN, proprietor of the restaurant at the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad outer station, Reading, Pa., was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Charles S. and Elizabeth (Lenhart) Kern.

Charles S. Kern in early life was a bookkeeper in Reading, but later removed to Tamaqua, where for fourteen years he was engaged in a successful mercantile business. This he sold out and returned to Reading, where he followed bookkeeping until his death in 1903, at the age of sixty-six years. He married Elizabeth Lenhart, who died in 1882, when forty-two years old. Of their children three are now living: Edwin C., a clerk in his brother's employ; Miss Catherine, who resides in Reading; and Harrison T. Charles S. Kern m. (second) Mrs. James Kern, his brother's widow, and there were two children born to this union: Anna Bell and Helen, of Reading. Mr. Kern was a soldier during the Civil war, being in the three months service. In religious belief he was Methodist.

Harrison T. Kern was educated in the schools of Tamaqua, after leaving which he became a clerk in a hardware store, where he continued eight years. On June 15, 1891, he came to Reading, where he was employed by his brother, J. J. Kern, until the latter's death, three years later, when he assumed charge of the Philadelphia & Reading dining room. Under his able management this restaurant has become one of the leading dining rooms along the Philadelphia & Reading system, and here are employed fourteen people. The service is excellent and prices moderate, and everything possible is done to make patrons comfortable.

Mr. Kern married Anna M. Alt, born in Berks county, daughter of John M. and Lena (Schrifle) Alt, and to them there have been born two children, Catherine E. and a son deceased. Mr. Kern is a member of Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, De Molay Commandery, Reading Lodge of Perfection, Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree), and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and of the Temple Club. Politically he is independent, while he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

PETER CONNOLLY at the time of his death was employed at the Reading Sheet Iron Mill. He was a native of Ireland, born in County Tyrone in 1841. The voyage to America was made when he was sixteen years old, and while still hardly more than a boy he secured a place with the iron company and remained with them steadily until his death. He was faithful and efficient and was promoted from time to time until he became a foreman in the sheet iron department. For this position Mr. Connolly was admirably fitted, for he commanded the respect both of those under him and of his superior officers, had exceptionally good ability and was well known as a first class iron man generally.

In 1871 Mr. Connolly married Mary, daughter of Patrick Casgrove, and like her husband she was of Irish birth. She came to America with her parents when only six years old, and hence was educated entirely in the Reading schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Connolly were born five children, namely: Cecilia and James died young; Mary E., a graduate of the Girls' high school in Reading, and for several years one of Reading's successful teachers, died July 19, 1904; Nellie died July 5, 1901, aged twenty-two; and Edward, clerk and formerly timekeeper in the Reading Tube Works, of the Reading Iron Company, married Miss Carrie Aulenbach, and has four bright children, Edgar, Estella, Florence and Harold. The family were all devout Catholics. In politics Mr. Connolly was a stanch Democrat. At the time of his death he was still actively at work with the promise of many more years before him, for he passed away when in his fifty-third year, Jan. 31, 1894.

FRANK H. ROTHERMEL, who is conducting a successful business at the corner of Green and North Front streets, Reading, where he carries a full line of meats and canned goods, was born in 1875, in Bern township, Berks county, son of Adam B. and Rebecca (Hartman) Rothermel.

Leonard Rothermel, great-grandfather of Frank H., was born in Maiden-creek township, where he engaged in farming all of his life. He was the father of nine children: Jeremiah, John, Leonard, David, Mary, Catherine, and three who are recorded as named Harvey, died young.

Jeremiah Rothermel, like his father Leonard, was born on the old Rothermel homestead in Maiden-creek township, May 17, 1822, and was a general merchant at Blandon, where the upper hotel is now situated. He also engaged in farming for some time, but had been living retired for some years prior to his death Feb. 16, 1890. He married Lydia Brown, born Sept. 26, 1824, and to them were born nine children, as follows; Calvin died aged three years; Amelia, m. William Gernant; Maria and Eva died young; Catherine m. David L. Rottenberger; two children whose names are not recorded; and Jeremiah m. Emma Brockway. Mrs. Lydia Rothermel died April 16, 1902, in the faith of the Dunkard Church, in which her husband was a preacher.

Adam B. Rothermel was born in Maiden-creek township, May 21, 1854, and died June 9, 1907. He married (first) Mary Hartman, daughter of Amos and Rebecca Hartman, and to this union there were born nine children, as follows: Wilson, Mary, Amelia, Susan, Frank, Adam, Harry, Edward (deceased), and Oliver. He m. (second) Elizabeth McKentley, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Snyder) McKentley, and one child was born to this union, Herbert, at school.

Frank H. Rothermel was educated in the schools of Bern and Muhlenberg townships, and until twenty years of age was engaged in farming. At this time he learned the butchering business with H. F. Kramer, with whom he remained for seven years, and in 1903 embarked in business for himself at the old H. F. Kramer stand in Reading, three years later locating at his present place

of business. Here Mr. Rothermel has introduced many modern improvements, his large refrigerator, holding one and one-half tons of ice, keeping all his fresh and house dressed meats in the best of condition. He also carries a full line of canned goods and smoked meats, and the excellence of his goods as well as his moderate prices have won for him a large and steady trade.

Mr. Rothermel was married to Miss Bertha Kramer, daughter of H. F. Kramer, and to this union there has been born one child, Harold. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel are Lutherans. He is a Republican in politics.

PETER F. BRICKEL, a highly esteemed resident of Reading, Pa., who lives in his own home at No. 1037 Washington street, has been an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for nearly thirty years. Mr. Brickel was born Sept. 24, 1862, in Reading, son of Francis and Mary (Falter) Brickel.

Francis Brickel was born in Bavaria, Germany, Oct. 9, 1809, and came to America in 1849, locating at Eleventh and Penn streets, Reading, where he died May 1, 1890. By occupation he was a laborer. He was a member of St. Paul's Church, and was buried at the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Brickel married Mary Falter, who was born in 1826, and died Jan. 5, 1890, four months prior to the death of her husband. They had a family of seven children: Kate, m. (first) William Schultz and (second) Andrew Gravy; Helen m. Marks Heilman, of Pottstown; Mary m. Cyrus Schultz, who is a teller in the National Union Bank, of Reading; Rose m. Calvin Fry, deceased; Frank lives at Reading; Peter F.; and Thresa m. Harry Ball, of Reading.

Peter F. Brickel was educated in St. Paul's parochial school, Reading, and when sixteen years of age learned the trade of machinist in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, for which company he has worked ever since 1879, having never been employed by any other firm. He is a skilled machinist, and one of the company's most trusted employes. Mr. Brickel is connected with the St. Boniface and Holy Cross Beneficial Associations, and with Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E. He is religiously identified with St. Paul's Catholic Church, of Reading.

In 1892, Mr. Brickel married Mary Elizabeth Seidel, daughter of Philip and Mary Elizabeth (Reich) Seidel, of Stony Creek, and granddaughter of Jacob and Lydia (Deisher) Seidel. To Mr. and Mrs. Brickel there have been born these children: Francis, who died aged fourteen months, fourteen days; Mary E., who died in infancy; Leon Philip, and Paul Peter.

MARK DAVIS HOLL, of Reading, Pa., was born near Wernersville, Berks Co., Pa., Nov. 16, 1876, son of Benjamin and Mary (Hain) Holl, of No. 303 Chestnut street, West Reading, and grandson of Peter and Catherine (Spatz) Holl.

Peter Holl, great-grandfather of Mark D. Holl, was born in Cumru township, Berks county, and was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife, whose name is not known, were the parents of these children: Samuel, Jacob, Benjamin, Peter, Mary, and Julia Ann.

Peter Holl, son of Peter, was born in Cumru township, and when a boy learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for about twenty years, his latter years being given to agricultural pursuits. He was a very powerfully built man, and was noted for his great strength. Mr. Holl died at the age of sixty-six years, and he and his wife had children as follows: Sarah m. Isaac Hassler; Mary m. Isaac Ruth; Elizabeth died young; Lovina also died young; Emma m. Louis Frederick; Annie m. William Moyer; Matilda m. William Frederick; John; and Benjamin. In religious belief the family were Reformers.

Benjamin Holl was educated in the schools of Heidelberg, and as a boy worked on a farm. Until 1891 he was engaged as a laborer, and in this year removed to West Reading, where he engaged in the hotel business for one year, then engaging in work at George Trexler's brick yard. After ten seasons here he engaged in teaming for Abram Hains, who conducted a coal yard, but two years later began driving a bakery wagon for Oscar Holl. In 1905 Mr. Holl became an employe of the Montello Brick Company.

Mr. Holl was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Hain, daughter of Bennewell and Susan Hain, and to this union there were born eight children: Oscar, a baker of West Reading, m. to Ida Glass; Lillian, an expert spectacle operator; Mark D., m. to Annie L. Dippery; James, m. to Estella Keener; Cora, m. to Rev. Paul Dundore, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church of Palmyra; Emma, and Herbert. Mr. Holl is a member of the Reformed Church of West Reading. He is a Democrat in politics, and is fraternally connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Reading.

Mark Davis Holl attended the district schools of the place of his nativity, and in 1888 came to Reading, where he was first employed at the Alexander Stocking Company's factory. He later entered the hat factory of the same firm, and is now employed in the starting department.

Mr. Holl was married in 1900 to Miss Annie L. Dippery, daughter of the late Nathaniel S. and Salesa (Ziebach) Dippery, and they have had two children: Ruth Lugorah, who died May 5, 1907, aged eighteen months; and Naomi Margaret. Mr. Holl is a member of the Reformed Church of West Reading. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, serving as District Grand Chief of Berks county; to the Grand Fraternity of the Golden Eagles; to the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and to the Knights of Malta.

ROBERT F. WALTER, a carpenter at Reading, was born in that city Nov. 4, 1871, and there he spent his boyhood days. In 1879 his parents moved to Gettysburg, Adams county, and there, too, he attended school, completing his education at the age of eighteen years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for six years. On June 2, 1898, he enlisted in the Second United States Cavalry, and was sent to Fort McPherson, Ga., remaining there until June 28th, when he was sent to Tampa, Fla., and assigned to Troop A, going then to Fernandina, Fla. From that point the regiment was sent to Montauk Point, L. I., where Mr. Walter was taken sick, and was sent home on furlough, being discharged while home Nov. 7, 1898. He re-enlisted Jan. 24, 1899, and was sent to Huntsville, Ala., being returned to Troop A, Second United States Cavalry. He served until Jan. 23, 1902, and in that time he went to Cuba, and remained three years and three months at Matanzas. On Jan. 23, 1900, he was promoted to corporal, and on March 6, 1901, to sergeant, and he was discharged at Matanzas, Jan. 23, 1902. The next day he re-enlisted in the same troop, and served in Cuba until April 24, 1902, when the troop was sent to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., remaining there until Dec. 18, 1903, when they were ordered to the Philippine Islands, embarking from New York Dec. 20, 1903, and arriving at Manila Feb. 18, 1904. They served in the Islands until Dec. 15, 1904, when they embarked for San Francisco, where they arrived Jan. 15, 1905, and on Jan. 31, 1905, they were discharged at Angel Island, California. Since that date Mr. Walter has been in Berks county, and has been engaged in carpenter work at Wyomissing. His brother, William A. Walter, also lives in Wyomissing.

AUGUSTUS BELZ, a representative citizen of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., who holds the responsible position of foreman of the braiding machine department of the Textile Machine Co., located at Wyomissing, was born Nov. 2, 1874, at Neihoff, Hessen-Cassel, Germany, son of Primus and Pauline (Schmitt) Belz.

Primus Belz was born in 1841, at Neihoff, Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and was a blacksmith by trade. He was married to Pauline Schmitt, who was born at Neihoff in 1843, and they had a family of seven children, namely: Franceska, Robert, Libba, Augustus, Martha,

Joseph and Carl (who is in the African army), Augustus being the only one of the family to come to America to this date.

Augustus Belz was educated in the schools of his native country, and when fourteen years of age commenced to learn the trade of machinist, which he completed when seventeen years of age. This he followed in Germany until 1892, when he came to America, landing at New York on May 1st of that year. He went immediately to Philadelphia, where he remained until July 8th, and at that time came to Reading, being employed at Remppis Ornamental Iron Works for a short period. Since 1894 he has been in the service of the Textile Machine Company at Wyomissing, and he has held his present position since 1902. He is a very efficient mechanic, and has twenty-two skilled laborers in his charge. Since April, 1903, he has occupied his own home. He is a member of the Holy Cross and Bonifacius Beneficial Association, and his religious connection is with St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Belz was married in 1900 to Mary T. Kohler, daughter of Bernhard and Theresa (Maurer) Kohler, natives of Germany. Mrs. Belz was born April 5, 1882, and died July 20, 1906, survived by her husband and one son: Joseph B., born at Reading, Feb. 15, 1903. In 1908 Mr. Belz married (second) Maria Dihl, a native of France.

JOSEPH YETZER, a successful tin and sheet iron worker at Hyde Park, Pa., was born near Landis Store, Berks county, son of Joseph, Sr., and Catherine (Kemp) Yetzer, the former a native of Switzerland, the latter of Berks county.

Joseph Yetzer, Sr., came to America and settled in the vicinity of Landis Store, working at his trade of tinsmithing. Later he purchased a small farm which he cultivated while still continuing at his trade. In 1866, however, he sold his property, and, removing to Reading, bought a residence on Walnut street, where he lived until 1870. He then disposed of it and bought the property at 105 South Ninth street. There he lived until 1885 when he died, aged sixty. His wife survived him until 1905, and was about eighty at the time of her demise. They had these children: Mary, now a sister of charity at Danville, Pa.; Emma, unmarried; John, who married Minerva Pauleus, and has three children—Frank, Clara and William; and Joseph. In religious belief the entire family are Catholics. In politics Joseph Yetzer, Sr., was a Democrat.

Joseph Yetzer, son of Joseph, Sr., was educated in the schools of Reading, and learned his trade under his father. Mr. Yetzer has always been a tinsmith, and came to Hyde Park in 1898, where he has built up a flourishing business by the thoroughness of his work and his honorable business methods.

In 1886 Mr. Yetzer married Ella Boas, and their children are: Charles, Gertrude, Mary, Helen, Esther, Raymond, Arthur and Harold. Like the other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Yetzer are Catholics. In politics Mr. Yetzer is a Democrat.

FRANCIS L. LEVAN, who, for the past thirty years has efficiently held the responsible position of car inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Reading, is a well-known citizen whose pleasant home is located at No. 625 North Ninth street. He was born near Lobachsville, Berks Co., Pa., in 1851, son of Jacob K. and Mary (Schappel) Levan.

Jacob K. Levan came to Reading in 1854, and worked at his trade of dyer for a short time, and then engaged with the Keystone Iron Works at the foot of Pine street, where he remained until he died in 1877, aged sixty-six years. His widow lived to the age of seventy-three years, dying June 6, 1905. They had four children: Francis L.; Malinda, m. to Samuel Legalhoff; Anna, m. to William Ritter; and Ellen, m. to John Zimmerman. In politics, Jacob K. Levan was affiliated with the Democratic party. Both he and wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Francis L. Levan was educated in the Reading public schools. While still young he went to work, entering the employ of the old West Reading rolling mill at the foot of Penn street, where the Pennsylvania depot now stands. Upon resigning this position he entered the employ of the Keystone Iron Company, with which he continued for seven years. In 1877 he accepted his present responsible position, one which carries with it much danger, but he has never met with a serious accident.

Mr. Levan married Elmira Henry, daughter of Jacob Henry, of Reading, and they had three children: Charles and Alice are both deceased; and Rosie m. William Carroll, and has three children, Stanley, Miriam and Catherine. Mrs. Levan is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Levan belongs to the Knights of Malta, is a charter member of Mt. Penn Castle, No. 51, K. G. E., and belongs to the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association.

DEISHER. Some time between the years 1765 and 1775 there came to America from Germany three Deisher brothers. On the official records their names appear as Teisher, but it is not known whether this is the original way of spelling or only a clerical error. Tradition has it that the original spelling was Tysher. These three brothers were Peter, John and Stephen. According to the prevailing tradition John settled in Oley township, where he afterward lived, and where some of his descendants are now living. Stephen settled at Walnuttown, near Fleetwood, and Peter settled in Maxatawny township, near where is now the thriving borough of Kutztown.

Peter Deysher came to Pennsylvania about the middle of the eighteenth century, and located in Maxatawny township, Berks county. His wife, who preceded him in death, bore him six children: Peter; Stephen, who was a taxable in Richmond township in 1759, paying £9 tax; Jacob; Mrs. Henry Kinne, whose son John was mentioned in his grandfather Deysher's will; Barbara, who married Peter Hister; and Elizabeth Susanna, who was unmarried as late as 1761. Peter Deysher's will, recorded in Will Book 1, page 102, was made Jan. 9, 1761, probated June 27, 1761. In it he is classed as a yeoman, and as "old and infirm in years." His son Stephen was executor.

Peter Deysher, great-grandfather of Henry K. Deisher, of Kutztown, was born on the tract of land in Maxatawny township which the first Peter purchased when he settled in that locality. He married Elizabeth (Betzy) Lesher, who survived him. Of her family history nothing is known except that she had a sister married to a man named Potts, and lived in Schuylkill county near where is now Pottsville. Peter Deysher and Elizabeth, his wife, had sons Peter and John. The latter lived on the old homestead, and died there; he had two sons, Daniel (who had nine children, seven living) and John (died without issue), and three daughters, Mrs. Peter Knabe, Mrs. William Scholl and Mrs. Elizabeth Hill. Peter Deysher, the father, died at the age of thirty-five years, and was buried in a private graveyard on his farm where his parents and other members of the family are also buried. Through the advance of years this place of interment has been farmed over and there now is nothing to show it ever existed. His will, which is on record in Will Book IV, page 437, was made Sept. 7, 1807, and probated Sept. 25, 1817, his friends, Jacob Kutz and David Hottenstein, being executors. This will proves him a man of much forethought, providing for the education of his sons, and that his farm of 234 acres and all the rest of his estate be kept together until his children should become of age. This farm is now owned by Abbie Sharadin, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Deysher. On this farm were erected by Mr. Deysher a set of buildings, all since replaced except the spring house, which is still in a good state of preservation.

Peter Deysher, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Lesher), was born on his father's farm in Maxatawny township Nov. 21, 1802. His father dying when he was young, he was early thrown upon his own resources. He received such educational advantages as could be obtained in that

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day, and he became a man of considerable force of character and a useful citizen. He was one of the first school directors of Maxatawny township, and helped to inaugurate the free school system, superintending the erection of the first public school houses that were built in the district. He was frugal and industrious, and by good management acquired the ownership of a part of the old homestead, upon which he lived and died. The land he owned embraced the farm of his son William, 135 acres in Lower Macungie, Lehigh county; of his son Charles, 175 acres in Maxatawny; of his son John D., 128 acres; and of his son Jacob, 137 acres. Peter Deysher was twice married. He first married Elizabeth Dunkel, born in Greenwich township, Feb. 28, 1800, daughter of Jacob Dunkel and his wife Hannah Dreibelbis. To their union were born the following children: Hettie m. Isaac Christman; Elizabeth m. William Wanner; William (deceased) m. (first) Sarah Kutz, (second) Sarah Butz, and lived in Lehigh county; John Dunkel Deisher, born April 8, 1826, is mentioned below; Anna m. William Kohler, of Greenwich township; Hannah Susannah m. Stephen Leibensperger; Caroline m. George Sell, of Richmond township; Peter died when a child; Jacob m. Caroline Butz; Abbie m. Henry Sharadin, of Kutztown; Charles m. (first) Hetty Kindt, (second) Susanna Kindt, and (third) Sarah Campman, and lives in Kutztown; Maria m. Charles Rahn; Louisa m. Nicholas Kieffer. Elizabeth (Dunkel) Deysher, the mother, died Jan. 3, 1864, and Mr. Deysher married Rachael (Ryle "for short") Peters, born Oct. 23, 1811, who died Sept. 2, 1873, without issue. Peter Deysher died May 15, 1884, and he and both of his wives are buried in Fairview cemetery, at Kutztown. He was an official member of St. John's Lutheran Church. His signature, herewith given, shows that he wrote the name Deysher, though his children use the "i." John Dunkel Deisher, his son, whose signature is also shown, when questioned recently upon this subject, said: "When the public schools and the learned teachers came they spelled it with an 'i'."

Peter Deysher

John Dunkel Deisher, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Deysher, was born in Maxatawny township April 8, 1826, on his father's farm adjoining the old Deisher homestead, and there he grew to manhood. The only language then spoken in his neighborhood was the Pennsylvania-German. This was the language of the country school he attended and of all his schoolmates. This was a serious handicap, and he never learned to speak English. This, however, did not keep him from coping quite successfully with life's difficulties. He engaged at farming, and prospered. Through the assistance of his father he early acquired a fine farm, later liquidating his indebtedness to his father by installments. This farm, situated about one and one-half miles east of Kutztown, contains 128 acres. He bought a limestone quarry in the same locality, built five kilns and engaged extensively in burning lime. His business rapidly increased and in order to supply the demand he soon found it necessary to buy another quarry and two more kilns. He also bought both wooded and cleared lands in Greenwich township, and in another part of Maxatawny, increasing his possessions to very respectable proportions. He farmed and burned lime until in 1885, when, admonished by the steady advances of age, he relinquished the active duties of life and removed to Kutztown, where he has been residing ever since. In February, 1909, to lessen his cares he sold his farm to his son John, and another homestead to his son Charles, and divided the bulk of his possessions among his children.

Mr. Deisher is an earnest Christian man and belongs to the Lutheran Church, of which denomination his family have been adherents in the past. In politics he is an unswerving Democrat, but beyond serving as school director he has never sought or held office.

John D. Deisher married Hannah Kohler, daughter of John and Rebecca (Leiby) Kohler, and to them the following children were born: William, a carpenter by trade, died in Allentown in 1901; Sarah m. John Mertz, and lives near Kutztown; Louisa m. Jacob Swoyer, of near Kutztown; Mary died young; Hannah m. Reuben Wessner, and lives in Allentown; Caroline m. B. D. Druckenmiller, and lives in Kutztown; John m. Luella Herbine, and has farmed his father's farm since 1885, purchasing it in February, 1909; Henry K. is mentioned below; George died in infancy; Lizzie m. Eugene De Turk, of Kutztown; Charles m. Lizzie Dietrich, and lives near Kutztown, on his father's property, which he purchased in February, 1909. Mrs. Hannah (Kohler) Deisher died June 1, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Deisher has since married Mrs. Flora (Ebert) Hill.

John D Deisher

HENRY K. DEISHER, son of John D. and Hannah Deisher, was born in Maxatawny township March 12, 1867. Possessing a natural aptitude for learning he was sent early to the district school, where, notwithstanding the fact he was unable to speak the English language, he made rapid progress. He excelled in memorizing, and before he was six years old was able to recite from memory all of the counties in Pennsylvania with their county-seats, all of the townships and boroughs of Berks county, and all of the school districts in Maxatawny township. It so happened that he had a teacher who could draw lessons from nature—leaves, stones and other things gathered in forest and field. This teacher upon one occasion requested his pupils to bring him specimens of all the different kinds of stones of which they had knowledge, and among the collection Henry K. Deisher brought were eight Indian arrow-heads, which he had found upon his father's farm. These exhibits did duty until the end of that term, and then there came a teacher of different views regarding nature studies. Pebbles and stones and leaves of grass did not appeal to him, and when the school-house received a renovation the entire exhibit collected by the pupils of his predecessor, unknown to Henry K. Deisher, was thrown out of doors as so much trash. Being then not yet seven years old, the disappearance of his arrow-heads was a sore loss to him, and on learning what had been done with them he went on a search, luckily finding them all. He took them home and placed them where they would be safe, and they became the nucleus of an archaeological collection which has long been meat and drink to the owner, besides winning him a proud distinction. Beginning in his early youth, it gradually grew until in time it became the curiosity and talk of the neighborhood. Encouraged by the comments it received, he when but eleven years old exhibited it at the Kutztown Fair, where it was awarded first premium, although he had a very strong competitor. It now numbers 22,000 specimens, all properly classified, and arranged in a large upper room which Mr. Deisher had expressly constructed for it in the new home he recently built. So long and intently has he been working in this special field, and so thoroughly conversant is he with its details, both from experience and from books, that it has become his art, and he revels in it and discourses upon it with the readiness and force of a master. Besides being the wonder of the community it is one of the largest and most remarkable private collections of the kind in the country, constantly attracting visitors, and it has been inspected by some of the most learned authorities in America.

On completing the course of the district schools Henry K. Deisher entered the Keystone State Normal School with the intention of taking a full course in it. After attending this institution for several terms a clerkship in the leading dry-goods store in Kutztown was offered him, which induced him to give up his project of graduating from the normal school and enter upon a mercantile career. He clerked in Kutztown for several years and then yielded to a thirst to see something of the outside world and took a trip to the West, traveling through twenty-three different States. With his curiosity concerning the Western

country somewhat satisfied he returned to Kutztown and engaged as a clerk in the mercantile trade until he was ready to enter upon business for himself. In 1890 he became proprietor of the King Knitting Mills, which he enlarged and equipped with improved machinery, and other devices calculated to increase the quantity and quality of the output. Under his personal direction and management the industry has grown to large proportions, and it now affords steady employment to many hands of both sexes. The goods it turns out enjoy a high reputation and annually command large sales both at home and at a distance, his trade covering nearly every section of the country.

On Dec. 29, 1892, Mr. Deisher married R. Annie Wagonhorst, daughter of John and Louisa (Siegfreid) Wagonhorst, of Kutztown, and to this union has been born one child, Dorothy Ruth. The family home is on Noble street, and is both beautiful in appearance and admirably designed for the convenience of living. It is tastefully furnished, and the visitor sees at a glance that it is not only the seat of domestic comfort, but the abiding place of genius and art as well. Mr. Deisher is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Kutztown, and his wife belongs to the Reformed Church, and through their integrity, sociability and Christian graces they enjoy the respect and friendship of the entire community. In politics Mr. Deisher is independent, voting for what he considers the best men and advocating for his municipality advanced ideas, and this course has received significant indorsement in his being elected councilman in recent years by an overwhelming majority. Since January, 1908, he has served as a director of the Kutztown National Bank. Mr. Deisher is a member of the Berks County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania German Society.

JOEL FOSTER STRAUB BIEHL was born Oct. 26, 1875, near Fleetwood, in Richmond township, Berks county, Pa., son of Daniel K. and Arlinda (Straub) Biehl.

Daniel K. Biehl, was born in Richmond township on the old homestead. He was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the local schools, at an early age learning the trade of blacksmith, which he followed first in Richmond township, then at Fleetwood, and since 1885 in Reading. He married Arlinda Straub, of Richmond township, and to this union were born: Heber S., Jacob S. and Harrison S., all of whom learned the blacksmith's trade; and Joel Foster Straub.

Joel Foster Straub Biehl was eight years of age when his parents removed to Fleetwood, and there spent two years, he attending the public school of that place. On locating in Reading in 1885 he attended school regularly, and was graduated from the high school in 1894. While attending high school he also clerked in the law office of W. Kerper Stevens, and when the firm of Stevens & Stevens was formed, he was employed by these gentlemen, whom he left Nov. 18, 1894, to connect himself with the law firm of Rourke & Heinly, later engaging with Mr. Rourke, with whom he has continued ever since, and who has offices at No. 44 North Sixth street. In 1900 Mr. Biehl was admitted to practice before the courts of Berks county.

Mr. Biehl was married Feb. 18, 1903, to Grace W. Hoover, daughter of Albert R. and Elizabeth W. (Wright) Hoover, of Reading, Pa. Mr. Biehl is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. His political views make him a Democrat.

CHARLES E. DREAS, of No. 1811 Perkiomen avenue, Reading, Pa., second oldest conductor in point of service on the Reading Traction Company's lines, was born in the Sixteenth ward, Reading, Jan. 6, 1871, son of John and Elizabeth (Levan) Dreas.

John Dreas, great-grandfather of Charles E., followed farming in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he owned land, and there died about 1853, when past eighty years of age. He married Catherine Fink, daughter of Peter Fink, and among their children were: David, of Maiden-creek township; Daniel, of Evansville, Pa.; Jacob; Elizabeth, m. to Daniel Barndt; Catherine, m. to William Beil; and Lydia, m. to Daniel Saul.

Jacob Dreas, son of John and grandfather of Charles E., was born in 1810 in Richmond township, and was long a resident of that section, owning a small farm near Evansville. He died in 1887, and was buried at Bechtel's Church. Mr. Dreas married Anna Moll, daughter of John Moll, and she died in 1901, aged nearly ninety years, having lived in her latter years with her son, Jacob, at Pricetown. Mr. and Mrs. Dreas had these children: Eliza, who died young; John; Sally, m. to George Boyer; Lydia, m. to Amos Rauzahn; Simon, m. to Malina Wanner; Isabella, m. to Jacob Anshenbranner; Caroline, m. to F. M. Betz; Amelia, m. to James Phillips; Ephraim, m. to a Miss Keller; Katie, who died young; Jacob, m. to Henrietta Rhoads; and Mary, m. to Wilson Strasser.

John Dreas, father of Charles E., was born Dec. 9, 1835, in Richmond township, and was reared on his father's farm, working thereon until 1877, when he came to Reading and entered the employ of the Reading City Passenger Railway Company, where he worked fifteen years. For the next five years he was employed with the National Nut & Bolt Works, and since 1902 he has been stable boss for the American Iron & Steel Company. In politics Mr. Dreas is a Democrat; and he and his wife attend Blandon Lutheran Church. In 1850 Mr. Dreas was married to Elizabeth Levan, daughter of Daniel and Angelina (Breiner) Levan, of Alsace township, and to this union there were born ten children, as follows: Amelia, who died in infancy; William, who also died in infancy; John, m. to Susan Focht; Daniel, m. to Margaret Leaderer, deceased; Charles E.; Owen, m. to Jennie Brubaker; Luther, who died in childhood; Decosta, who is a salesman with Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Reading; Clara, m. to Harry Rapp; and Dora, who died in childhood.

Charles Elwood Dreas was educated in the Reading public schools, which he left at the age of fourteen years to become a horse-car driver for the Reading Traction Company, one year later becoming conductor. When the electric cars were installed on this line Mr. Dreas became a conductor thereon, and this position he has held to the present time, being very popular with passengers and one of the company's most trusted employes. Socially he is connected with Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F., of Reading, to which he has belonged since reaching his majority; the Odd Fellows Brotherhood of Boston, Mass.; and is a charter member of the United Traction Company Beneficial Association. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Dreas and his wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Reading.

On May 11, 1898, Mr. Dreas married Emily A. Merz, born in Reading, Jan. 2, 1879, daughter of Albert and Catherine (Dilker) Merz, the former a butcher of Reading. To this union there have been born no children. To Mrs. Dreas' parents there were born six children, as follows: Charles; Catherine; Albert; Henry and Rosa, deceased; and Emily, m. to Mr. Dreas.

PAUL A. WENRICH, whose restaurant is located at No. 545 Penn street, Reading, is one of the well-known business men of this city. He was born at Wernersville, Berks Co., Pa., in 1884, son of Franklin J. and grandson of Jonathan Wenrich.

Franklin J. Wenrich was also a native of Berks county, and for some years of his early manhood he was a school teacher in the vicinity of his home. Subsequently he bought a small farm in Lebanon county, on which he remained a few years, and then operated farms in Berks county prior to buying a small farm near Stouchsburg, on which he resided until his death May 30, 1891. He married Sarah R. Klopp, who resided on the farm above mentioned until her death in February, 1907. Their children were: Samuel E., a farmer of Wernersville; Reuben D., superintendent of the Grand View Sanitarium farm at Wernersville; John F., a clerk at Chicago, Ill.; Bertha, m. to H. B. Troutman, and residing with her mother;

Hannah E., m. to Oliver W. Shaffer, of Wernersville; Sallie, m. to John Marks, of Wernersville; Paul A., and two sons deceased.

Paul A. Wenrich obtained his education in the township schools, and while still a lad, was employed on the farm of F. B. Reed, during the summer seasons. Later he became an employe of the Grand View Sanitarium at Wernersville, and remained there under his uncle, Dr. R. D. Wenrich, for four years, returning to school during the winter months. Mr. Wenrich then learned telegraphing, and for a number of years was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and while stationed at Pawling, Chester county, he also conducted a restaurant there. Finding this line, when well managed, a successful one, on Dec. 11, 1905, he bought his present business at Reading, where he has realized his anticipations. He understands thoroughly the conditions under which a restaurant may be made a paying concern, and the increase in his patronage shows that he meets the requirements of a discriminating public. He is also sole proprietor of the Majestic pool room, shoe shine parlors and barber shop.

Mr. Weinrich married Ella N. White, daughter of Isaac S. White, of Sheridan, Lebanon Co., Pa., and they have three children: Ethel P., Sarah R. and Edgar A. They reside at No. 513 Elm street, Reading. Mr. Wenrich is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Wernersville. He belongs to Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., Reading; Washington Camp, No. 237, P. O. S. of A., of Stouchsburg; No. 489 K. O. T. M. Reading; No. 1489, K. O. T. M., Reading; Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., Reading; Ringgold Band, and O. R. T. No. 237, Reading, the Mutual Benefit Department of same, and other social and beneficial organizations.

EDWARD A. BRINER, now in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Reading, Pa., was born April 4, 1853, son of Henry and Sarah (Frill) Briner.

Peter Briner, the founder of the Briner family in this country, was born in Germany, and came to America at an early date, settling in Reading, Pa. He was a shoemaker by trade, and he followed that occupation all of his active period. He and his wife, whose name is not known, were the parents of five sons, all of whom were shoemakers, and all born in Reading; Peter, Samuel, and three whose names are not known.

Samuel Briner, grandfather of Edward A., carried on the shoemaker's trade, operating a shop, and attended to the old Penn street toll house, across from the Pennsylvania depot. He later removed to Chestnut street, and there plied his trade until his death, some time during the Civil war. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was buried under the auspices of the veterans of that war. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and in political principle a Democrat. Mr. Briner married Elizabeth Koch, a native of Berks county, and they were the parents of eight children: Mary, m. to Henry Astright; Barbara, m. to Marcus B. Scull; Esther, m. to Daniel Werner; Emma, who died single; Daniel; Henry; Lewis; and Margaret, m. to Joseph Barr.

Henry Briner received his literary training in the common schools of Reading, and learned the shoemaker's trade with his father. This occupation he followed all of his life, his death occurring in his forty-third year. He and his wife, Sarah Frill, daughter of John Frill, were the parents of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth m. Frank Fleer, had four children—Mary F. Otto, John A. and Minnie—and died in Philadelphia Feb. 13, 1907; Charles; Samuel; George; John; Edward A., and one who died in infancy. Of these, Edward A. is the only survivor. Mr. Henry Briner was a member of the Universalist Church, and in politics was a Democrat.

Edward A. Briner's education was secured in the common schools of his native city, and at the age of seventeen years he apprenticed himself to the tinsmith's trade with Daniel H. Ruth, remaining in the employ of that gentleman for four years as a journeyman. On July 3, 1873, he accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and has been a trusted employe of that company to the present time in the tinsmith department. He has only been late once in all these years, and that was on account of sickness.

Mr. Briner was married June 12, 1875, to Annie Gift, daughter of Peter Gift, and to this union there have been born two children: Sarah is deceased; and Claude, employed in the sheet iron department of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, m. Sallie Heist, and has one son, Edward.

Mr. Briner and his wife are members of the Universalist Church. He is fraternally connected with Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F.; Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; the Philadelphia and Reading Relief Association; the Veteran Employes Association; Neversink Fire Company, No. 3; and the Veteran Firemen's Association. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM B. LEVENGOOD, an iron worker in the employ of the Glendale Rolling Mills, was born in Douglass township, Berks county, Jan. 22, 1877, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brunner) Levengood and grandson of David Levengood.

Samuel Levengood, father of William B., was born in Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa. In his earlier life he worked in a rolling mill, and later became a repair man on the railroad. After his marriage he lived at Buckmanville, Pa., where he died Dec. 11, 1877. He married Elizabeth Brunner, daughter of William and Matilda (Lessig) Brunner. She was born in Douglass township, Dec. 15, 1849, and died April 2, 1890. They had one child, William B.

William B. Levengood grew to sturdy manhood in his father's home, and then for several years was hired out among the neighboring farmers. At the age of sixteen he began working in the Glasgow Rolling Mills, where he continued nine years, and for three years, 1900 to 1903, he again turned his attention to agriculture. At the end of that time he took his present position in the Glendale Rolling Mills. By thrift and economy he has been able to buy a twelve-acre tract in Douglass township, which he has in excellent condition. It was formerly the property of the Shoemaker family. Mr. Levengood is a man of excellent habits, and is highly respected. He belongs to the Pottstown Lutheran Church.

Levengood. The first of the Levengood family in America was Ulrich Leibengood, who was born in 1688 in Alsace Lorraine. He came to America on the "Charming Betsy," John Ball, master, sailing from Rotterdam, last from London. He settled in New Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pa. His wife Susanna was born in 1697, and their children (five in number) were all born in Germany, their ages at landing in America being given in the Pennsylvania archives as follows, 16, 13, 10, 8, and 5. The children were: Johan Peter, born 1717; Adam, 1720; Jacob, 1723; Maria, 1725; and Anna, 1728.

Adam Leibenguth, son of Ulrich, was born in Alsace Lorraine, in 1720, and made his home in Douglass township, Berks county, where he was a farmer, owning a 160-acre tract. He died in April, 1804. He married in New Hanover township, Trappe Church Records, Christine Gansertine.

Matthias Leavengood, son of Adam, was born Jan. 20, 1749, and died Nov. 10, 1835. During the war of the Revolution he served as a teamster. On Jan. 28, 1783, he married (Reformed Church Records, Falkner Swamp, New Hanover township) Catharine Shuster, born Sept. 29, 1759, died April 11, 1860. Their children were: Solomon; Polly (Mary) m. John Reinert; Katie m. a Clouser; Betsy m. a Hatfield; Matthias, Jr., m. Elizabeth Reinert.

Matthias Levengood, Jr., son of Matthias, was born Jan. 4, 1801, and died Oct. 29, 1869. He lived on the homestead farm in Douglass township, where his father and grandfather had lived and died. He married Elizabeth Reinert, born Sept. 11, 1800, died May 16, 1871. Their children were: Reuben m. Rebecca Imbody; Ra-

chael m. Henry Buchert; Catharine m. Charles Mauger; Mary m. Aaron Yohn; Matthias R. m. Elizabeth Davidheiser; Sarah m. Isaac F. March; Elmina m. Lewis Yohn. Matthias Levengood, Jr., and his wife, and Matthias Leavengood, Sr. and his wife are buried at Amityville, where Matthias, Sr., helped to build the church.

Matthias R. Levengood, son of Matthias, Jr., was born in Douglass township, Berks county, Jan. 22, 1835. He attended the old pay schools a few short winters, and then the free schools later established. He was reared upon the farm, and when twenty-three years old he learned the milling trade from John Nagel, of Douglass township. He was engaged in the milling business three years in that township, and in 1871 located in Earl township, now living near Worman, where he has a sixty-four-acre farm which he cultivated until his retirement in 1902. His son George D. now cultivates the farm, which was the Ephraim Swavely tract, the latter obtaining it from his father John Swavely. Mr. Levengood is a Democrat, and for six years was school director in Earl township, and he was also a register assessor in his district. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Amityville, and for many years he was treasurer of the Sunday-school.

In 1860 Mr. Levengood was married at Pottstown, to Elizabeth Davidheiser, daughter of George Davidheiser, and this union was blessed with eleven children: Ida, deceased, m. Calvin Rhoads; Sarah m. Frank Reinert, of Stowe, Pa.; Emma m. Daniel Weidner; Rufus, formerly a school teacher, is now a farmer in Amity township; Delilah m. Morris Hoffman; George is a school teacher and also the farmer on the homestead; Annie m. Calvin Rhoads (his former wife, Ida, having been her sister); Harvey is principal of the schools at Mauch Chunk, Pa.; and Elizabeth, Mary and Clayton all died small.

Peter Levengood, born Feb. 1, 1807, died April 19, 1876. His wife Elizabeth, born July 1, 1801, died Oct. 28, 1862.

Mary Levenguth, wife Daniel H. Shirey, born Nov. 23, 1824, died Aug. 4, 1890.

John Levengood, son of Joseph and Mary, born Nov. 28, 1798, died July 24, 1863.

Hannah, wife of John and daughter of John and Cath. Yocom, born April 30, 1795, died Jan. 10, 1871.

Daniel Levengood, born Dec. 20, 1801, died Sept. 10, 1867. Mary, wife of Daniel, and daughter of William and Barbara Hartranft, born April 20, 1800, died Dec. 11, 1866.

JOHN J. KERN was born in Reading in 1874, son of Francis and Catherine (Wagner) Kern, and his life has been identified with the city of his nativity, where he is now well established in the undertaking business.

The Kern family is of German stock, and Jacob Kern, grandfather of John J., never left his native country, but spent his life there as a farmer, and died there just three days after his eightieth birthday. His children were: Joseph, Magdalena, Mary, John, Annie, Catherine, Francis, Francisco and Francis (2).

Francis Kern was born in Germany Oct. 3, 1850. He learned the miling trade in his native land, and then when twenty years of age he came to America. Landing at New York City, he came direct to Reading and first secured work at the furnaces of Mr. Eckert. He never resumed work at his original trade, but later went into the Philadelphia & Reading shops, where he has been engaged for the past thirty years in the blacksmith department, making springs. His wife, Catherine, was a daughter of Henry Wagner, a civil engineer, and was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Gemany. She came to America in 1870, and was married to Mr. Kern Sept. 15, 1873. Their family was a large one, but most of them are now deceased. John J. is the oldest. The others were: Francis W. and Catherine M., both deceased; Joseph J., a civil engineer; Henry J., Frank George, Annie M. and Edward F., all deceased; W. F., a bookkeeper; and Eva F., deceased.

John J. Kern was sent both to the public and parochial schools of Reading, but began working while still young. His first position was as cash boy, in the department store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, but instead of working up in that line he went to the printing establishment of B. F. Owens & Co., where he learned that trade and followed it for a few years. Still feeling that he had not yet found the right field for himself he next went into the Philadelphia & Reading shops, and learned to work as a blacksmith. This trade also he pursued for a time, and then entered upon the business in which he is now engaged, that of undertaking and embalming. He went into the establishment of George H. Felix, and during the seven years he remained with him he became thoroughly master of the business. On July 20, 1903, he opened an office for himself at No. 107 North Ninth street, but the following April he removed to his present location, No. 117, on the same street, where he enjoys a good patronage and one which is constantly increasing. He is also president of the Harrison Mutual Burial Association, which he himself organized for the object of providing for the payment of the funeral expenses of the members thereof, the only association of its kind in existence, and having a membership, at the present time, of nearly two million.

Mr. Kern married Emma A. Tischmacher, daughter of Conrad Tischmacher, a well known barber of Reading. They have two daughters, B. Frances and Gertrude H. They are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Mr. Kern is connected with several social organizations, being a member of the Eagles; the M. W. A.; the Knights of St. John, No. 271; the Knights of Columbus, No. 793; Bonifacius Beneficial Brotherhood; Beneficial Brotherhood of The Holy Cross; Twentieth Century Quakers No. 2; American Order of Owls, No. 116; Harmonie Maennerchor; Bavarians; and Liederkranz.

HOWARD L. CHRIST, one of the highly esteemed young citizens of Reading, Pa., is at present occupied with the duties attendant upon the position of Common Pleas court stenographer. Mr. Christ is of German descent, his ancestors having come from Germany some generations ago, and his grandfather, John Christ, was a farmer of Penn township.

Harrison D. Christ, father, of Howard L., died in Philadelphia in 1903, aged sixty-five years, and he and his wife, who was Mary Reber (daughter of Samuel Reber, a farmer of Berks county), had four children, as follows: J. Morris, who died in Aurora, Ill., in 1886, aged twenty-five years; Alice, m. to George Albert, with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Mary, m. to A. H. Dundore, residing at Bernville; and Howard L.

Howard L. Christ was born in Fredericksburg, Pa., Sept. 14, 1876, but received his education in the public schools of Reading. After graduating at the Reading high school in 1895, he became a stenographer, and worked for several prominent concerns for a short time, when he became employed by the court stenographer. In 1899 the latter gentleman was elected city clerk of Reading, and Mr. Christ succeeded him as court stenographer. Mr. Christ's work is considered the best and most accurate.

In 1906 Mr. Christ married Mary, daughter of E. A. Schenck, cigar manufacturer, of Womelsdorf. Mr. Christ is politically a Democrat, and Evangelical in his religious belief.

CHARLES L. ROLLAND, an enterprising young business man of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the manufacture of umbrellas at No. 631 Penn street, was born in this city, July 18, 1875, son of Augustus and Mary (Heanuse) Rolland.

Augustus Rolland was born in the city of Paris, France, and from that place came to America about 1865, locating in Reading, where he became engaged successfully in the manufacture of umbrellas, a business in which he

continued during the remainder of his life. Three children were born to Mr. Rolland and his wife: Charles L.; Augustus, a manufacturer of umbrellas; and Joseph, manager of the Eagle Book store.

Charles L. Rolland was educated in the public schools of Reading, and as a boy learned the trade of umbrella maker in the old Rolland establishment at No. 639 Penn street, remaining there until 1906, after death of his parents. In that year he engaged in business on his own account, conducting it in the same square where it was established for twenty-five years. He keeps a choice assortment of umbrellas and parasols, making a specialty of repair work, counting as customers some of Reading's leading people. Mr. Rolland is a very good business man, and is affable and courteous to all, thereby winning for himself unbounded popularity. He is connected with several fraternal associations, among them St. John Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Mystic Star Commandery, No. 47, Knights of Malta; Lincoln Chamber, Knights of Friendship; and Juniata Tribe No. 74, Improved Order of Red Men.

J. HEBER PARKER, assistant superintendent of the Carpenter Steel Works, was born in 1881, in Reading, son of William H. and Elizabeth (Cotterel) Parker.

Mr. Parker's educational advantages were secured in the public schools of his native city, and he was graduated from the Reading high school in 1896. His first employment was with P. M. Ziegler, the druggist, with whom he remained about sixteen months, when he took a post-graduate course at the high school. After leaving this institution, Mr. Parker engaged with J. H. Stein, at Eighth and Penn streets, remaining in this gentleman's employ for four years, and at the end of this time went to Philadelphia and entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1902, with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. Mr. Parker then went to Cornell University, where he took the full course in Chemical Engineering, graduating in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He returned to Reading, and entered the employ of the Carpenter Steel Company and was appointed assistant superintendent in 1907.

ADAM H. SCHLEGEL, a representative citizen of Mount Penn borough, Berks county, residing in his pleasant home on Perkiomen avenue, has for some years been employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as a molder. Mr. Schlegel was born Oct. 19, 1871, in Ruscombmanor township, this county. Until his sixteenth year he attended the public schools of his native locality, and then learned the molder's trade with Schaeffer & Merkel, of Fleetwood, serving a full apprenticeship of three years. After working a few months for the Reading Hardware Company, he became a molder for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and has continued in that company's employ to the present time. Mr. Schlegel is a skilled mechanic and a steady workman, and is respected by his employers and popular with his fellow workmen. In the spring of 1901 he erected a nice frame residence on Perkiomen avenue, in Mount Penn borough, and here he has a comfortable home. In political matters he is a Democrat, and he is fraternally connected with Castle No. 230, K. G. E., of St. Lawrence, Pa. He and his family worship at Spies's Union Church, he being a Lutheran member, while his wife belongs to the Reformed denomination.

On Oct. 28, 1892, Mr. Schlegel was united in marriage with Sallie H. Kinsey, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Hartman) Kinsey, and granddaughter of Isaac and Judith (Hartman) Kinsey, and to this union have been born three children: Elsie K., born March 10, 1894; Harry K., born April 28, 1896; and Frederick Marshall, born July 27, 1908.

The grandparents of Mrs. Schlegel, who were farming people of Alsace township, had children as follows: Isaac; Benjamin, who died while fighting in defense of his country during the Civil war, when he was less than twenty years old; Sarah, who married Jacob Snyder and now resides in Reading; and Amos, also a resident of Reading. Isaac Kinsey, father of Mrs. Schlegel, who also carries on agricultural pursuits in Alsace township, had the following family: Benjamin; Sallie H., who became Mrs. Schlegel; Annie; Judith; Peter; Darius; Lucetta; Rebecca; Edward, and Hettie. All of these grew to maturity and live in Berks county at this time.

ROBERT E. RICHARDSON, secretary to the Superintendent of Public Schools and chief clerk of the Board of Education, being appointed in 1901 by Superintendent Ebenezer Mackey, and retained by Superintendent Charles S. Foos, when he came to the office, was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Pa., May 8, 1883.

James K. Richardson, grandfather of Robert E., lived at Shartlesville, Berks county, where he died at the age of seventy. He served in the war of the Rebellion for two years, having enlisted in Company H, 128th Pa. V. I., and Company E, 46th Pa. V. I.

Thomas M. Richardson, son of James K. and father of Robert E., is a traveling salesman, a member of the board of education, and prominent in the Democratic party of Reading. He married Sarah H. Koch, daughter of the late Daniel Koch, who was a leather manufacturer and retail merchant of Reading. Of the four children born to this marriage, Emma M. died in infancy; Mamie R. and Herbert C. still reside at home; and Robert E. is the subject of this brief review.

Robert E. Richardson received his preliminary training in the public schools at Strausstown, and private school, with which equipment he entered the Inter-State Commercial College, at Reading. Here he pursued an English and full commercial course, graduating in 1900. His connection with the school board began in the year following, as related above. Mr. Richardson's efficiency in the office is due largely to his thoughtfulness, close observation and exactness and his goodly amount of common sense.

On July 8, 1903, Mr. Richardson married Miss Flora A. Rhein, daughter of John G. Rhein, a contracting painter of the city. They have had three children: Elmer J.; Sarah C., who died in infancy; and Thomas M., born in February, 1909.

Mr. Richardson is a consistent member of the St. Stephen's Reformed Church. His interest in politics is shown by his membership in the Democratic organization known as the North-Eastern Democratic Association, in which he is an officeholder. Mr. Richardson is an expert touch typewriter operator. He is a photographer of ability, and has a well-equipped photographic studio and dark-room, in which he delights spending many of his spare moments.

CHARLES S. MADEIRA, postmaster at Fleetwood and one of the most progressive and enterprising young business men of Berks county, was born Jan. 10, 1876, son of William H. and Clara (Hoch) Madeira.

Mr. Madeira was educated in the borough schools, at Keystone Normal School at Kutztown, and at West Chester State Normal School, and at the age of nineteen years, having finished his education, he was occupied as a clerk for about six years in the York Silk Mills and with N. S. Schaeffer & Co., merchants of Fleetwood. He then started a hosiery mill at Lyons, a town several miles distant, with Charles A. Wanner, another enterprising young man of Fleetwood, as a partner, and operated this mill with upwards of thirty hands successfully for a year, when the firm were obliged to remove to larger quarters. Selecting Fleetwood they secured a convenient site along the railroad near the station and erected a large two-story frame building, equipping it with the latest machinery. The firm have operated with increasing success and employ eighty hands, producing daily 450 dozens of seamless hosiery, which are shipped to all parts of the country.

After establishing himself at Fleetwood, Mr. Madeira interested himself in the Pennsylvania Dye & Bleach

Works at New Cumberland in 1905, by becoming a half-partner with Samuel Peters of Allentown; and also in the Metal Body Company, which he assisted in bringing to Fleetwood from Reading for the manufacture of automobile bodies, the latter company employing 100 hands. Both of these enterprises are operated successfully. He is also interested in building operations at Fleetwood. In April, 1908, he was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt, and is still serving most efficiently.

In 1905 Mr. Madeira was elected a school director and in 1906 officiated as president of the board. Having from boyhood taken an active part in athletic sports, he naturally co-operated with others in organizing the Fleetwood Athletic Association, serving as president thereof in 1905.

PROF. HOWARD H. DE LONG, who for some time has been known to the citizens of Berks county as an educator, and who has made his home at the residence of his uncle, Joel Mertz, near Virginville, Richmond township, was born in Rockland township, Berks county, Jan. 1, 1880, son of Adam B. and Caroline (Hoch) De Long.

The parents of Professor De Long removed in 1881 from Rockland to Lyons, Pa., where Mrs. De Long died of typhoid fever. She was the mother of: Irwin Hoch; Sallie, a graduate of the Hamburg high school, has been a teacher at the M. E. Orphan's Home for the past five years; Emma m. Erie F. Goss, a successful young farmer of Shindle, Mifflin county; John, a merchant at Lewistown, Mifflin county, m. a Miss Guss; and Howard H. Mrs. Caroline (Hoch) De Long, mother of the Professor, was a daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Diener) Hoch, of Rockland township. She had one brother, Elias Hoch, who lost his life in the Civil war, and one sister, Lovina, who is the wife of Joel Mertz, the adopted parents of Howard H. De Long.

Prof. Howard H. De Long was but one and one-half years old when his mother died, and he was then taken into the family of his uncle, with whom he has resided ever since. His boyhood days were spent upon the farm, and his early education was obtained in the local schools of his adopted district, attending until seventeen years of age, when he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He graduated in 1901, and since that time has been engaged in teaching school seven months of the year, the other five months being spent on his uncle's farm. Professor DeLong began his career as an educator in his native township, Rockland, and the following year was elected to teach Schaeffer's school in Richmond township, continuing one year, when the school board, recognizing his ability, promoted him to the village school at Virginville, where he continued very successfully until 1906. At this time he again entered the Normal school to prepare for college, and entered Franklin and Marshall College in the fall of 1907, becoming a member of the class of 1910. Mr. De Long is still a young man, but he has demonstrated by his work in the schoolroom that he is a competent, painstaking teacher, and possessed of excellent qualities of mind and heart. He is loved by his pupils and esteemed by all who know him.

IRWIN HOCK DE LONG, brother of Prof. Howard H., was adopted by Isaac Ziegler, of Bowers, Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Maxatawny, Berks county, the State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., after which he took his preparatory work at Muhlenberg Preparatory School, Allentown, and graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., with the class of 1898. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in the fall of 1898, and graduated in the spring of 1901. In the summer of 1900 he entered the University of Chicago as a graduate student, and in the fall of 1902 he left Chicago for the American School of Oriental Study and Research in Palestine, Jerusalem, where he remained during 1902-03. In 1903 he entered the University of Berlin; and in 1904 the University of Strassburg, receiving his Ph. D. at Strassburg in 1905. He was elected instructor in Old Testament Science at Lancaster Seminary, and in the fall of 1908 he was elected Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the same institution. He married Mary Meister, daughter of Rev. E. Meister, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

WILLIS L. BRIGHT. Among the younger generation of business men of Penn township, Berks county, one who has forged his way rapidly to the front is Willis L. Bright, who is successfully conducting a general store business at Bernville. Mr. Bright was born Dec. 30, 1879, at Bernville, son of Edwin K. and Amelia (Loose) Bright, grandson of John M. Bright, great-grandson of Jacob Bright and great-great-grandson of John Bright.

John M. Bright, grandfather of Willis L., was born Sept. 28, 1824, and died July 19, 1897, at Bernville borough, whence he had moved from his farm in Penn township. His first wife was Lydia Koenig, born July 26, 1825, and died Oct. 10, 1853. To this union were born four children, namely: Henry M., born Dec. 15, 1847, m. Emma E. Geiss; Benton K., born Sept. 25, 1849, m. Deborah Epler; Edwin K.; Jacob K., born June 28, 1853, m. Lizzie Frieling. The second wife of John M. Bright was Lydia Ann Grime, born May 6, 1833, and to this marriage there were also four children: Mary A., born Dec. 7, 1856, m. Charles F. Wagner; Clara, born Oct. 27, 1864, m. Monroe Kershner; Georgie, born Feb. 13, 1867, m. Minerva Stiely; and Emma, born Jan. 17, 1869.

Edwin K. Bright, father of Willis L., was born in Penn township, Aug. 25, 1851. He attended the local public schools and the Normal school at Kutztown, and learned the butchering business at Bernville. In 1880 he removed to Reading, where for five years he worked at his trade, then engaging in business on his own account, a line which he has since followed. Mr. Bright married Amelia Loose, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Schock) Loose, and they had two children: Willis L., and Herbert L., who attended Lehigh University and is now a draughtsman in New York City.

Willis L. Bright attended the schools of his native township and as a young man began clerking for A. F. Schock, later being put in charge of the store, which he purchased March 1, 1907. This is one of the leading business stands of Bernville, an old and well established business, and the main building, located on Main street, at the upper end of the town, is 30 x 100 feet in dimensions. Mr. Bright has proved himself an excellent business man, and the success which he has attained has been well-merited.

Mr. Bright married Dora A. Greenawalt, daughter of A. S. Greenawalt, of Bernville, and they have a daughter, Helen A. Mr. and Mrs. Bright are members of St. Thomas Reformed Church.

JOHN WELLINGTON ALTHOUSE, one of the enterprising young business men of Philadelphia, Pa., who as Director of Foreign Tours is well known to the traveling public, is a lineal descendant of one of the first families of Bern township, Berks county, and was born June 6, 1874, at Ashland, Pa., son of John Wellington, Sr., and Carrie Miriam (Reeser) Althouse.

Henry Althouse, grandfather of John Wellington, Jr., was born in Bern township, and died in 1882 in Reading. He married Mary Kissinger, daughter of John Kissinger, of Reading. John Wellington Althouse, Sr., son of Henry and Mary (Kissinger), was born at Reading in 1844, and met an accidental death in a runaway at Allentown, Pa., in 1875. He married Carrie Miriam Reeser, daughter of Reuben and Henrietta (Ryland) Reeser, and to them there were born two children: Lulu B. (m. Edward Collins); and John Wellington.

John Wellington Althouse was brought to Philadelphia by his parents when he was two years old, and there he attended the public schools until reaching his seventeenth year, at which time he became a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in their office building on South Fourth street. After continuing thus for several years, Mr. Althouse engaged in the coal business in the Pocahontas District of West Virginia, but one year later returned to Philadelphia to embark in the busi-

ness of arranging and conducting foreign tours through Europe, Asia and Africa. Since 1895 he has been engaged in this enterprise with increasing success, his tours having won the patronage of many distinguished people in all parts of the United States.

In 1900 Mr. Althouse was married to Ada P. Koch, daughter of Charles and Caroline (Teeter) Koch, of Orwigsburg, Pa., and granddaughter of Henry and Susanna (Bock) Koch.

AMBROSE B. MADEIRA, justice of the peace at Wyomissing, Pa., and one of Wyomissing borough's energetic and successful young men, was born Sept. 11, 1884, in Bern township. He enjoys the distinction of being one of the youngest justices in Berks county.

Samuel Madeira, great-grandfather of Ambrose B., was of French extraction and of a Huguenot refugee family, and tradition gives him three brothers: John S., who died in 1868, left seven children, among whom were Michael and John; Jacob, who died in 1864 in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, had children, Rebecca, Franklin, Jacob, Eliza, Angelina and Susan; and David, born July 22, 1788. Samuel Madeira married Elizabeth Shepp, daughter of Daniel and granddaughter of Conrad Shepp. He was a farmer in Windsor, now Perry township, and died there in 1832, aged forty-five years. His widow lived to be sixty-nine. Their children were: Catherine was unmarried; William, who died in 1892, had an only daughter, Emma, wife of Cyrus Rick; Mrs. Sarah Lesher; Daniel m. Catherine Becker, and had children, Prof. F. V. B. (deceased), Almira (deceased) and Rev. Charles; John S.; Mrs. Elizabeth Heckman; Mrs. Matilda Betz; Michael; Mrs. Susanna Brownmiller; Mrs. Peggy Michael; and Samuel. The latter died in 1884, in Perry township. He married Caroline Shuman, and they had issue: Louisiana, Richard, Missouri, Kansas, Robert, Minnie, Howard S., Annie, Sallie and Clara.

John S. Madeira, grandfather of Ambrose B., was born Jan. 20, 1822, near Leesport, Berks county, and was reared and educated in Reading. After his marriage he engaged in farming, which he continued until he was sixty-seven years old when he retired and moved to Reading, where he died aged seventy-three years. He was a Democrat, and was active in politics, but never desired public office for himself. He and family belonged to Reformed Church, in which he served both as deacon and elder. He married Catherine Young, born in Ruscombmanor township, Oct. 7, 1826, and died April 7, 1904, daughter of Daniel Young, of Exeter township. They had the following children: Ellen, deceased, m. Jonathan Tobias; John Y.; and Dr. James D., born Aug. 20, 1856, is a prominent physician of Reading.

John Y. Madeira, father of Ambrose B., was born Feb. 13, 1848, in Bern township, Berks county, and there during all his active life he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Since retiring he has lived at Glenside, Reading, Pa. Mr. Madeira enjoyed educational advantages in his youth, attending Brunner's business college at Reading and the State Normal School at Kutztown. In politics he is a Democrat. He married Emma E. Kredell, and they have the following children: Ambrose B.; Allene died young; J. Webster is a knitter at Wyomissing; and Florence E. resides at home.

Ambrose B. Madeira attended the local schools in his native locality, and also went to school for a time in Lower Heidelberg, attending the Blue Marsh school. Later he entered Deck's School of Shorthand, at Reading and he also went through Kerst's Business College, taking courses in bookkeeping, commercial law, etc. All his time, however, in boyhood and youth, was not given to his books, for he assisted his father on the home farm until he was seventeen years old, at which time his parents moved to Reading. Shortly afterward he became assistant shipping clerk with the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company and remained with that concern for a year, going then to the National Brass & Iron Works, also of Reading, where he was employed as office clerk. He continued there two years, after which he took charge for a year of the books of the American Casualty Company, of Reading, and he continued in a clerical capacity with large firms until he entered the employ of the Kaaterskill Paving Brick Company. The factory of this concern is situated at Catskill, N. Y., and their main office is in the Colonial Trust Building at Reading. This is a branch of the United States Brick Company.

Mr. Madeira continued with the above company until the spring of 1907, when he took charge of the office of the American Die & Tool Company, located at Second and Buttonwood streets, Reading. This office he has since filled with credit. In the spring of 1905 he came to make his home at Wyomissing, and his residence is on Penn avenue, in the second house above the Wyomissing Hotel. He was elected one of the first two judges or justices of the peace in this borough, receiving a very full vote. He takes an active and intelligent interest in all that concerns the community. He enjoys the distinction of being the first secretary of the school board of the new borough, and having signed the first Bond issue of the borough of $25,000 for a modern school house. He is serving on the committee on statistics in the Civic League. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Nov. 30, 1905, he was married to Miss Laura M. Becker, daughter of Monroe and Hannah (Gass) Becker, of Wernersville, Pa., and they have one son, J. Earl. Mr. Madeira and wife belong to Hain's Reformed Church of Lower Heidelberg.

CHARLES D. B. KINDT, a highly esteemed citizen of Mohnton, Pa., engaged in funeral directing, embalming and undertaking, was born Aug. 5, 1877, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Daniel M. Kindt.

John Kindt, great-grandfather of Charles D. B., came from Maiden-creek township and located near Muddy Creek Church in Lancaster county, where he owned a fine farm of 200 acres, being a man of considerable means, worth about $50,000. He was a leading citizen and a man of considerable influence, and was an excellent mechanic, doing all of his own carpentering, blacksmithing and weaving. He married Sarah Seidel, daughter of Heinrich Seidel, and to them were born children as follows: John; Joel, who was a forty-niner; Simon, of Lancaster county, m. Mary Redcay; Nicholas, a drover living on the old stand, m. Katie Heft; Solomon, a hatter by trade, and later the proprietor of the "St. Cloud Hotel," Reading, Pa., m. (first) Lucy Bains and (second) Ellen Francis; Adam, a soldier in the Civil war, now living in Chicago, married a lady from that city; Rachel m. Samuel Sallenberger; Sally m. Solomon Lesher; Betsy m. William Geigly; Kate m. Benjamin Pennypacker; and Esther m. Peter Ludwig.

John Kindt, grandfather of Charles D. B., was born in Maiden-creek township. He was a farmer, owning a tract of seventy-five acres near Vinemont, in Spring township. During the Civil war, he was a private in Company E, 167th P. V. I. John Kindt married Mary Mohn, daughter of Daniel Mohn, and to them were born these children: Daniel M.; Sarah m. (first) Elijah Matz, and (second) Frank Fritz; Henry, living on the old homestead at Vinemont, m. Mary Weitzel; John died in childhood; and Mary is an invalid.

Daniel M. Kindt, father of Charles D. B., was born March 27, 1845, in Spring township, and is a retired hatter and laborer of Mohnton. He was reared on his father's farm, and attended pay school for a time. He was twice married, (first) Dec. 27, 1867, to Elmira Bickel, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Gruber) Bickel, by whom he had two children: Belle m. James White, deceased; and Charles D. B. His second marriage was July 19, 1880, to Mary Westley, daughter of John and Mary (Freese) Westley, and to this union were born three children: Howard m. Cora Schupp; Jacob and Mamie.

Charles D. B. Kindt secured his education in the public schools of Mohnton, and from boyhood has practically taken care of himself. He first carried papers, and then

learned the cigar making trade with the firm of R. S. Bittler, and this he followed for four years, at the end of that time turning his attention to cabinet making, and under C. S. Knorr, at Mohnton, he became an expert cabinet maker. While with Mr. Knorr he also learned the undertaking business, and after three years' experience decided to enter into business for himself. His beginning was in a humble way, he at first utilizing an old stable, 14x15 feet, but later was able to erect several model buildings, well-equipped for the carrying on of his business. On Feb. 1, 1901, he took a course in the Massachusetts School of Embalming, where he was graduated. He is now located at Mohnton, opposite the Mosser & Westley store, where his building is equipped with all the latest improved methods demanded in these modern times. In 1904 he purchased a fine rubber tired hearse, and in January, 1907, he provided himself with a first-class embalming carriage, and he now commands the bulk of the business over a large area.

On April 23, 1903, Mr. Kindt was married to Mary A. Ruth, daughter of Henry K. and Elizabeth (Weaver) Ruth, and they have two children: Sibella Ruth and Charles Daniel, Jr. With his family Mr. Kindt belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church, of which his accomplished wife is the organist. On Nov. 19, 1899, Mr. Kindt was elected superintendent of the Sunday-school, which under his direction has increased in numbers and efficiency. The family reside in a beautiful home on Church street, which Mr. Kindt purchased in 1902, and subsequently improved. Fraternally Mr. Kindt is a member of Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A.; the K. G. E.; Lodge No. 186, Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Tent No. 245, Knights of the Maccabees.

MILTON H. KRAMER, proprietor of a blacksmithing establishment at Brownsville, Berks Co., Pa., was born Aug. 23, 1878, in Bern township, son of Harrison and Lydia (Howe) Kramer.

John Kramer, great-grandfather of Milton H., was a stone mason by trade, an occupation which he followed for many years in Bern township, where he died at the age of ninety years. He married Catherine Ruth, and to them there were born these children: John; Daniel; Jacob; Catherine m. John Hiester; Susan m. Jacob Hiester; Sarah m. Jacob Badey; Elizabeth m. Christian Rote; and Rebecca m. Peter Harbach.

John Kramer, grandfather of Milton H., was born in 1808, in Bern township, and was a farmer by occupation, owning a tract of land near "Leinbach's Hotel." At the time of his death, Aug. 22, 1901, he was the oldest resident of Berks county. Mr. Kramer was a Lutheran member of the Bern Church. He married Catherine Bohn, and they had the following children: Harrison is the father of Milton H.; Matilda m. Henry Bowman; Catherine m. Elias Snyder; Caroline m. Daniel Lerch; Jacob B. m. Susan Reeser; Jared m. Amelia Fetter; Mary m. Milton Schrack; and Sarah m. Frank Reeser.

Harrison Kramer, father of Milton H., was born in Bern township, whence he removed to Penn township and carried on agricultural operations there for about twelve years. He was residing in Montgomery county at the time of his death, June 6, 1892, at the age of fifty-nine years, eleven months, twenty-six days. Mr. Kramer also resided in Chester county for six years prior to going to Montgomery county. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations. In religious connection he belonged to the Reformed Church, and was buried at the Mingo Meeting House, in Montgomery county. He married Lydia Howe, born Sept. 21, 1830, daughter of Joshua Howe, of near Fairview, Berks county, and she now resides with her daughter Ellen at Limerick Square, Montgomery county. To Mr. and Mrs. Kramer there were born these children: Clara, who died in infancy; Clara (2); Mary, deceased; Emma, deceased; Rosa; Isaac; James, deceased; Ellen; George, deceased; Charles; Harry, deceased; and Milton H.

Milton H. Kramer remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age, at which time he learned the blacksmith's trade with Adam W. Strause, near Bernville, in whose employ he continued for two years. He then worked at Schaefferstown for one and one-half years for Wilson J. Trautman, spent two years on Samuel Sailor's farm at Shillington, and in the fall of 1904 came to Brownsville and opened his present establishment. In October, 1905, he purchased the Adam Spatz home, and three and one-quarter acres of land joining the eastern side of his shop, and here he has continued to do business on a large scale. Mr. Kramer is a skilled mechanic and an honest workman, and his business methods have won him the respect as well as the trade of the people of his community. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family are Lutheran members of St. Thomas Union Church.

On July 26, 1898, Mr. Kramer married Tillie Reber, daughter of Moses and Catherine (Babb) Reber, of Jefferson township, and they have had five children: William and Paul died in infancy; Eve died aged six years; Mabel was born Dec. 6, 1901; and Annie was born May 14, 1908.

WILLIAM F. ZELLERS, of No. 1720 Centre avenue, Reading, who was employed in the smelting department of the Carpenter Steel Works, was born in Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., son of John and Catherine (Kraemer) Zellers.

John Zellers was born in Bern township, Berks county, but has spent his whole life in Ontelaunee township, where he owns a valuable farm, situated along Maiden Creek. He has been a prominent man in his day, serving as town supervisor on the Democratic ticket, and is known as a hardworking, industrious man. In religious belief he is Reformed. Mr. Zellers married Catherine Kraemer, who died in 1903, at the age of sixty-seven years. To them were born eight children, as follows: Emma, m. to Levi Haas, of Reading; John, m. to Kate Randsong; Charles, a hotel clerk, m. to Sally Martin; Catherine, m. to Abraham Fox; William F.; Ida, m. to William Kemmerer, ex-recorder of deeds of Berks county; Ellen, m. to Hiram Hottenstein, deceased; and Edward, at home, m. to Nora Burkhard.

William F. Zellers was educated in the schools of his native vicinity, and until twenty-one years of age lived on the home farm, after which he engaged at butchering with his brother. In 1890 he became engaged with Carpenter Steel Works, and for a term of fifteen years he was a smelter of crucible steel, this being one of the most expert departments of the works, as the quality of the steel for the crucibles depends entirely upon the skill of the smelter.

Mr. Zellers was married to Annie Brockway, daughter of Llewellyn Brockway, of Hyde Park, Pa., and they have one child, Herbert, who is attending high school. Mr. and Mrs. Zellers are members of the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Malta and the I. O. R. M. In political matters Mr. Zellers is independent.

FREDERICK M. ADAM, senior member of the well-known firm of Adam Brothers, at Temple, Berks Co., Pa., where he is also serving in the capacity of postmaster, was born in 1879, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, son of Michael S. and Mary D. (Moser) Adam.

Michael S. Adam, the father, was born in 1849 at South Evansville, Maiden-creek township. In 1883 he moved to Temple, where he purchased the store and stock of Daniel Kerling, conducting the business until his death, Jan. 21, 1905. He and his wife, Mary D. (Moser) Adam, had a family of eight children: Alice K., deceased; Charles M., of Birdsboro; Frederick M.; Howard; Robert; William; Myers, and Cyrus. In religious belief the parents were of the Reformed faith. Mr. Adam was a Democrat in politics, and served in various township offices in Maiden-creek, including those of school director and auditor. On July 11, 1893, during the administration of President Cleveland he was appointed postmaster by Wilson S. Bissell, postmaster-general.

Frederick M. Adam received his education in the schools of Muhlenberg township, after leaving which he clerked in his father's store until the latter's death, when he took charge of the business, which he has since conducted with much success. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and his straightforward methods of doing business have won him a large and steadily increasing patronage. On Dec. 3, 1902, he was appointed postmaster by Henry C. Payne, postmaster-general, having been recommended by Senator Penrose during President McKinley's administration.

Mr. Adam was married to Cora Gass, daughter of William Gass, and to this union twins were born: Brooke, who died when one year and two months old; and Helen, who died when fifteen days old. Mr. and Mrs. Adam are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is connected with Washington Camp, No. 107, P. O. S. of A.; Lamoriti Tribe, No. 319, I. O. R. M.; and K. G. E., Castle No. 372.

GEORGE DINKEL, an enterprising young business man of Mount Penn, Pa., who is the proprietor of a blacksmithing establishment, was born Dec. 24, 1877, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, son of Charles and Susan (Schmeck) Dinkel.

Frederick Dinkel was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, and was a carpenter and musician. He served two enlistments in the Civil war, being first a musician in a Kentucky regiment, and second a private in the 188th Pa. V. I. He was discharged on his first enlistment on account of deafness. He was killed in June, 1875, when about sixty-five years old, on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Anderson passenger station, near Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., and was buried in the Mifflin County Almshouse Burial Ground. He married Martha Elizabeth Gimble, at Staten Island, N. Y., and they were blessed with twin daughters and one son: Mary A., born March 12, 1853, married Henry S. Keffer; Elizabeth, twin to Mary, married William B. Haag; and Charles. Mrs. Martha E. (Gimble) Dinkel is buried at Kissinger's Church.

Charles Dinkel, son of Frederick, died Dec. 8, 1897, at the age of forty-one years. He was a farmer all of his life, operating extensively in Temple and Exeter townships. He was one of the active members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Dinkel married Susan Schmeck, daughter of Amos and Amelia (Heckman) Schmeck, and to them were born eight children, as follows: George; Harry, of St. Lawrence, an employe of John F. Lutz; Minnie married George Levan; Aminon, of St. Lawrence, a cutter in the Brumbach pants factory at Reading; John, of St. Lawrence, an undertaker in the employ of John F. Lutz; Herbert, who is employed in the woolen mills of St. Lawrence; Daniel, at home; and Walter.

George Dinkel was educated in the public schools of Muhlenberg township, which he attended until fifteen years of age, at which time he started to work out on farms in the neighborhood of his home. When nineteen years old he learned the trade of blacksmith with Frank Swoyer of Black Bear, Exeter township, and soon thereafter started in business for himself at that place. He continued there for almost six years, and then came to his present place of business, buying out Percival Leinbach in the fall of 1904, and here he has since successfully continued, doing a general line of blacksmithing. Mr. Dinkel is a skilled mechanic, and is known throughout Mount Penn as a competent workman, every job turned out of his shop being satisfactory to the patron. In 1908 he built on Perkiomen avenue in Mt. Penn borough, one of the most up-to-date blacksmith shops in Berks county. It is of brick, and is 60 x 30 feet in dimensions. He employs one man besides working himself and is always busy. In addition to his shop, Mr. Dinkel owns a good residence and one acre of land. In political matters he is a Republican, and although he has never sought, nor cared for, public office, he takes an interest in the success of his party's candidates. He and his wife attend the Lutheran Church at Schwartzwald.

On May 24, 1902, Mr. Dinkel married Annie Boyer, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Dilliplane) Boyer, who reside in Reading, Mr. Boyer being an employe of Mertz's storage house. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have five children: Llewellyn, a saloon keeper of Philadelphia; Charles, also of Philadelphia; Herbert, an ironworker of Reading; Earle, an employe of a Reading stocking mill; and Annie. Mr. and Mrs. Dinkel have had two children: Charles Sterling and Martha.

CALVIN RUTH, a young business man of Wyomissing, Berks county, belongs to a family which has been represented in both Berks and Lancaster counties from the early days.

(I) Peter Ruth, the first ancestor of whom we have record, was a farmer by occupation, and operated along the Cacoosing, in Heidelberg township, Berks county. He and his wife Catherine had fourteen children: Michael, Jacob, Christian, Peter, George, John, Henry, Francis, Catherine, Mary, Barbara, Eve, Magdalena and Margaret. The father of this family died in September, 1771.

(II) Francis Ruth, son of Peter, died in 1809. He and his wife Elizabeth had eleven children: Elizabeth, John, Henry, Christian, Catherine, Magdalena, Isaac, Mary, Jacob, Peter, and Rebecca.

(III) Christian Ruth, son of Francis, was born April 20, 1781, in Berks county, and when a young man removed to Lancaster county, in the vicinity of Denver, where he carried on farming. His first wife was a Kurtz, and by her he had six children: Peter, Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Francis and Caroline. To him and his second wife, Susanna (Ludwig), were born four children: Nathan, John, Jacob and Catherine. Christian Ruth died in 1847.

(IV) Francis Ruth was born in 1815 in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and was there reared to farming. About 1860 he removed to Berks county, where he died in 1899, at the age of eighty-four, his wife also being eighty-four years old at the time of her death, in 1903. He married Magdalena Gehret, and to them were born children as follows: Isaac married Mary Holl; Elizabeth married John Dundore; Harriet married John Baer; Susanna married Adam Emigh; Magdalena married Aaron Gaul; Peter married Annie Ebling; John married Anna Zerr; Amanda married John E. Moyer; Francis married Sarah Gehret; Jacob is mentioned below; Sarah married Lewis E. Spohn; Edwin C. married Emma Moyer; Carolina married James Shoup; Henry, Ezrom, and Reuben all died young.

(V) Jacob Ruth, son of Francis, was born Oct. 20, 1853, in East Cocalico, Lancaster county, and was reared to farming, which vocation he followed for many years in Heidelberg township, Berks county. He still owns a farm of 158 acres there, which he now rents, and which is considered one of the most valuable and fertile tracts in that township. Since the spring of 1903 he has resided at Wyomissing. Mr. Ruth has not only been an active man of business, but he has taken an intelligent interest in the public affairs of the communities in which he has resided, and while in Heidelberg he served as school director and as treasurer of the school board. He became the first treasurer of the borough of Wyomissing upon its organization. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to Hain's Church, of which he has been deacon and elder.

In 1873 Mr. Ruth married H. M. Catharine Hain, daughter of Adam L. and Hannah (Gaul) Hain, of Marion township. Mrs. Ruth was born July 20, 1854, and died May 28, 1902, the mother of four children, namely: Eva K., who lives at home; a daughter, twin to Eva, who died in infancy; Adam P., and Calvin. Of these, Adam P. Ruth graduated from the Robesonia high school, from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, in 1896, and from a Reading commercial school. He taught school four terms in Heidelberg township, and is now a clerk in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C., where he resides. In 1903 he married Cadella Jarvis, and they have one daughter, Catherine R., born in 1905.

(VI) Calvin Ruth was born Oct. 19, 1877, in Lower Heidelberg township, and attended the public schools in both Heidelberg and Lower Heidelberg townships, continuing his studies until he was nineteen years old. He was reared upon the farm, upon which he worked until 1903, the year in which he established his present coal business at Wyomissing. Mr. Ruth bought out William E. Sheidy, built a new house, and greatly improved the yard, which has done a thriving business under his management. He disposes of between two thousand and three thousand tons of coal annually, and has built up this large trade himself, enjoying a good reputation for honorable dealing. He is well known throughout this territory, running two daily teams, and has patrons at Shillington, Reading, and along the Harrisburg pike.

Mr. Ruth is a member of Hain's Reformed Church. He also holds membership in Wernersville Lodge, No. 835, I. O. O. F.

HARRY B. ADAM, who is engaged in the manufacture of wagons at Leesport, Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., is one of this section's enterprising young business men, and belongs to an old and honored Berks county family. He was born April 4, 1883, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., son of George G. and Emma (Berg) Adam.

George G. Adam, the father, was reared on his father, Peter Adam's farm in Richmond township, and there learned the trade of stone mason, which he has followed to a large extent throughout his life. He married Emma Berg, and to this union there were born thirteen children as follows: Sallie m. Howard Biehl; Charles B. m. Nora Grommis; Kate R. m. Cyrenius Schlegel; Oscar B. m. Hannah Altenderfer; William B. m. (first) Ella V. Schucher, and (second) Clara Forney; Mary m. Lee Troxell; Nora m. William Schmehl; Peter G. m. Annie Hoch; Edwin B. m. Emma High; Robert B.; Ella May, single; Elizabeth died at the age of five years; and Harry B.

Harry B. Adam was reared and educated in his native township and his early life was spent on the farm, but later he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he has followed to the present time. On Nov. 2, 1903, he embarked in the wagon manufacturing business at Leesport, this county, and this has grown to such proportions that in spite of employing a number of hands, Mr. Adam is unable to satisfy the demand for his product. He is a skilled mechanic and good business man, and his honest methods have made friends of all those who have had business transactions with him.

On April 9, 1903, Mr. Adam married Kate R. Williams, daughter of David and Emeline (Wanshop) Williams, of Exeter township.

MRS. MARY ANN McDONOUGH, a well known woman at Reading, Pa., whose twenty-three years' service as matron of the outer depot of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad gave her an unusually large acquaintance, was born near Friedensburg, in Berks county, April 6, 1846, daughter of Jacob and Judis (Luckens) Hassler, a complete biography of whom will be found in this volume in the sketch of Ezra S. Hassler.

In 1866 Mrs. McDonough married Israel B. Rauenzahn, born July 10, 1840, at Pricetown, who was for some years a farmer and later a railroad man. He met his death in an accident Aug. 10, 1877, at Alburtis, Lehigh county, and was buried at Pricetown. He was a son of Gideon and Elizabeth (Brown) Rauenzahn, the latter of whom was a daughter of Daniel and granddaughter of Jacob Brown, who was the ancestor of a large family of Ruscombmanor and the surrounding townships. Christian Rauenzahn, grandfather of Israel, founded the family in Berks county, and was a descendant of Herr von Rauenzahn. The ancestor brought with him to this country a large family Bible, which contains valuable records of this noble family of the German Empire, and which was sold and now is probably in some Philadelphia museum. Mr. and Mrs. Israel B. Rauenzahn had the following children: Annie E. died in infancy; Albert is a steamfitter and plumber of Reading; Hayward lives at Fleetwood; and Israel is resident of Reading.

The second marriage of Mrs. McDonough was to William A. McDonough, in February, 1905. Mr. McDonough is a son of John McDonough, of Ireland, and is an iron worker of Reading. Mrs. McDonough owns the corner residence at No. 1200 Green street, and the dwelling at No. 620 Moss street, Reading, and she and her husband reside at No. 337 South Ninth street.

WILLIAM GRIESHABER, dealer in woolen and cotton rags, metals, gum shoes and scrap rubber, old iron, shirt clips, tailor and shoe clips, doing business at No. 832 Franklin street, Reading, Pa., was born Oct. 31, 1874, at Philadelphia, Pa., son of Christopher and Caroline Grieshaber.

Mr. Grieshaber was educated in the public schools of Reading and after completing his schooling, went to work and soon established himself in his present line of business, in which he has been very successful. He thoroughly understands his business in all its details and has the confidence of the public. A number of the largest paper manufacturers in this county obtain their stock from him and he ships to Massachusetts and other Eastern States. He employs from three to six men who are busy all the time, and occupies convenient quarters. His warehouse is 20x80 ft. in dimensions, three stories, with basement, and he expects to obtain larger quarters shortly.

Mr. Grieshaber is a very active worker in St. Stephen's Reformed Church, and is a member of the Christian Endeavor Society. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Malta, the P. O. S. of A., and to the Grand Fraternity.

CONRAD JACOBY, a native of Europe, and the ancestor of a family of upper Berks county, Pa., was born Nov. 30, 1744, and died Aug. 6, 1823, in Windsor township, where he made his home. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Anna Magdalena (Kerchner), born Aug. 20, 1757, died Aug. 1, 1822, in her sixty-fifth year. Their married life covered a period of forty-seven years. They are buried in the old graveyard of Zion's Union Church in Perry township, near the stone wall along the street, and their graves are marked by brown sandstone tombstones. The number of their children is not known, but among them were Catharine and Conrad. The daughter, born in 1779, died in 1842. She was the wife of Peter Stitzel (1764-1841), of Windsor township, and they are buried at Zion's Church.

Conrad Jacoby, son of Conrad, born June 24, 1784, died Nov. 15, 1854, aged seventy years, four months, twenty-one days. He married Elizabeth Focht, born Sept. 17, 1784, died June 16, 1862, and to them were born three sons and one daughter, Johann Georg, Daniel, Jeremias (Jeremiah) and Mrs. Joseph Mengel. We have the following record of the three sons:

Johann Georg Jacoby, born in Windsor township Sept. 16, 1807, died March 11, 1850. On Dec. 25, 1832, he married Elizabeth Sonday, and they lived in Windsor township. They are buried at old Zion's Church. Their children were: Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-five years, and Joseph, born June 11, 1843, died Sept. 1, 1906, who married Eliza Grow.

Daniel Jacoby was married three times, first to an Eisenhour, by whom he had two sons, Samuel and Charles (m. Lydia Adam). By his second wife, Rachel (Fegley), he had one son, William, m. to Hettie Lesher, and father of twelve children, one son and eleven daughters, of whom Clara and Alva died young.

Jeremias (Jeremiah) Jacoby was born in Windsor township Jan. 12, 1811, and died Nov. 19, 1855, aged forty-four years, ten months, seven days. He lived in his native township, but is buried with many other members of the family at Zion's Church, in Perry township. His wife, Eva (Hollenbach), born in Windsor March 25, 1811, died Nov. 19, 1871, aged sixty years, seven months, twenty-four days. Five children were born to them, namely: Joseph, John, George, Susan and Ellen.

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Joseph Jacoby, late of Hamburg, Berks county, was born in Windsor township, May 18, 1828, and died at Hamburg June 7, 1902, aged seventy-four years. He was a stone mason. During the Civil war he was a soldier in the Union army. He and wife, Sarah Reeser, were members of St. John's Lutheran Church, and are buried in the cemetery adjoining it in the family plot. Their children, seven in number, were: Wilson; Amanda m. Dr. Cosmus Shomo, of Ashland, Pa.; Adda m. Jacob Bausher, of Hamburg; Sarah Alvesta m. John Brison, of Reading; May Rose, late of Reading, is deceased; Myers lived in Hamburg; and Annie m. Fred Robitzer, a common councilman of the First ward, Reading.

Mrs. Sarah (Reeser) Jacoby was a daughter of John Christian Reeser, of Greenwich township, who was born Nov. 27, 1792, and died on his farm May 16, 1853, aged sixty years, five months, and nineteen days. He married Sara Unger, born Nov. 16, 1794, and died Feb. 24, 1862, aged sixty-seven years, three months, and eight days. They were farming people, and are buried at Lenhartsville. Their children were: Moses, of Allentown; Jacob, a farmer and drover, of Greenwich township; Christian, who lived in Greenwich township; Matilda, m. to Levi Dumn; Sarah, m. to Joseph Jacoby; Mrs. David Hinterleiter; and Mrs. Augustus Hinterleiter, of Allentown, the only one of her father's family still living.

PAUL A. RICK, a well-known young business man of Reading, Pa., who resides at No. 201 Douglass street, was born in 1882, in the city of Reading, son of John and Emma C. (Ammon) Rick.

Hermann Rick, the emigrant ancestor of this family, came to this country in 1712, when twelve years old, and received his education in the pay schools, after leaving which he engaged in a general store business for some time, but later took up agricultural pursuits, which he made his life work.

John George Rick, son of Hermann, was also a farmer, and became a large land owner of Bern township, where he and his wife, Catharine Weiser, were members of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a stanch Whig.

Charles Rick, son of John George, and grandfather of Paul, received his education in the primitive schools, and after completing his studies engaged in a general store business at Centreport and Peacock's Locks. In 1841 he located in Reading, where the rest of his life was spent. He died in 1878, and his wife in 1880, both in the faith of the German Reformed Church. Their children were: Cyrus, for many years cashier of the Farmers' Bank and a member of the firm of Rick Brothers, m. Emma Madeira; John is mentioned below; Charles, a retired citizen of Reading and veteran of the Civil war, who was also a member of the firm of Rick Brothers, m. Emma Pauli; Mary m. Franklin Dundore, of Philadelphia, and had three children: James, formerly a member of Rick Brothers and now proprietor of the Rick Knitting Mills of Reading, m. (first) Ellen Trate and (second) Julia O'Hara; and Ellen m. William A. Arnold.

John Rick, the father of Paul A., was for many years a member of the well-known firm of Rick Brothers, which was established in 1867. He died in 1900, aged sixty-two years. He married Emma C. Ammon, and had three sons and one daughter: George, John, Paul A. and Margaret Julia (who died in September, 1904).

Paul A. Rick attended the public schools of Reading, and was graduated from the Inter-State Commercial College in 1899. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Farmers' National Bank of Reading, and in this connection he has continued to the present time.

In 1902 Mr. Rick married Pearl S. Bingaman, daughter of Thomas and Martha Bingaman, and two children have been born to them: Charlotte A. and John T. Mr. and Mrs. Rick are members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE E. SCHMICK, of Reading, salesman for the Hamburg Broom Works, was born on Port Clinton avenue, Hamburg, March 30, 1881. His boyhood was passed in his native town, and his education was received in the public schools. He graduated from the Hamburg high school in the class of 1901. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Hamburg Broom Works, of which his elder brother, Wilson E. is the proprietor. This position he filled about one year, when he was appointed to a scholarship by Governor William A. Stone, for the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, at Philadelphia, where he took the illustrating course, receiving his first certificate for Industrial Drawing in 1903. He left school in the spring of 1904 to teach drawing to a private class in Reading. In the fall of 1904 he again began traveling for the Hamburg Broom Works, which position he has since filled with great ability. Mr. Schmick travels over Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York City. He is very successful, and has built up a largely increased trade.

On Nov. 24, 1904, Mr. Schmick married Miss Lizzie Edna Mengel, daughter of George and Dinah (Mengel) Mengel, farming people of Port Clinton, Pa. They began housekeeping in Hamburg, where they lived until November, 1905, when they located in Reading, moving into their own comfortable home at No. 326 West Douglass street. Mr. and Mrs. Schmick are consistent and active members of the Windsor Street Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is independent. Socially he is a popular member of Camp No. 78, P. O. S. of A., of Hamburg, of which he is past president; of Arcadia Chamber No. 20, Order Knights of Friendship; of Symmetry Lodge, No. 103, I. O. O. F., both of Hamburg; and St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM R. JACOBS, proprietor of the Quaker Cafe, at No. 523 Penn street, Reading, was born Nov. 23, 1875, at Knox, Clarion Co., Pa., son of Leary R. Jacobs and grandson of Henry Jacobs.

Henry Jacobs, the grandfather, a native of Germany, came to America when fourteen years old, and for some years resided at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., at present living retired. He was a farmer during his active years, and still owns a large and valuable farm. He has now (1908) reached the age of seventy-two. Among the ten children born to him and his wife, Elizabeth, were: Roy, Harry, Albert, Leary R., George, Henry, Halbert, James, and Annie (m. William Leightner, of Shirleysburg, Pennsylvania).

Leary R. Jacobs, father of William R. Jacobs, lives at Altoona, Blair Co., Pa., and is there employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He married Nina Wagner, and they have had two children, William R. and Florence.

William R. Jacobs received his education in the public schools of Altoona. His first work was in a broom factory, where he learned all the details of broom-making, being employed there for about seven years. The next year he worked in a grocery store in the same city, and then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a scale builder, remaining with that company for about fifteen years. In the fall of 1906 he came to Reading, where he became proprietor of the Quaker Cafe, at No. 523 Penn street, buying out William Arthur. Mr. Jacobs has built up a good trade, and is making a success of his establishment. He is well known among the local fraternities, belonging to Juniata Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; to Mountain City Lodge, No. 824, I. O. O. F., of Altoona, and to Aerie No. 66, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Reading.

JOSEPH A. KLEMMER, who is engaged in the plumbing business at Reading, and is located at No. 424 West Ninth street, is a native of this city, a son of Justus and Sarah A. (Richards) Klemmer, and a grandson of John Klemmer.

John Klemmer was a farmer in Berks county for a number of years and then retired to Reading where he served in the office of tax collector for a time.

Justus Klemmer, father of Joseph A., was born in 1842. His education was secured in the district schools and he learned the plasterer's trade. This, however, he did not follow long as he went into railroad work, and was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as an engineer until his death, June 11, 1893, at the age of fifty-one years. His service with that corporation covered a period of thirty-five years, and he was looked upon with trust and esteem by his superiors. He married Sarah A. Richards, daughter of John and Rebecca (Griesemer) Richards, the former was an employe of the Reading Iron Company's mills for many years. He died at the age of sixty-five, and was survived about two years by his widow. The four survivors of the family are: Samuel, of Pottstown; James of Reading; Mrs. Klemmer, and a daughter in Philadelphia. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Klemmer, were as follows: John, who died aged five years: Annie, who died aged seven years; Carrie, aged two years; Henry, who was accidentally killed at the age of twenty-three years; Rebecca, m. to Edward Laimer, of Reading; George, of Reading; Millie, m. to Charles Reily, of Baltimore, Md ; Agnes, widow of William Weber; Albert, a clerk in the Home Store, Reading; Samuel, who died aged nine months; Sarah, at home; Joseph A. and Francis, twins; and Gertrude, at home.

Joseph A. Klemmer secured a good, common school education and then learned the plumbing business, remaining with E. S. Summons, for a period of four years. Going then to Philadelphia, he worked for a time at his trade in that city. On June 29, 1901, he made a trip to London, England. His visit there was with the idea of perfecting himself in his business, getting a fair idea of the various methods of work done on both sides of the Atlantic. After a stay in England of five months, he returned and subsequently was employed by a number of the largest firms in his line in Philadelphia and Baltimore. With all this experience at his command, Mr. Klemmer then decided to go into business for himself and in December returned to Reading, and Feb. 14, 1904, he opened up a plumbing shop at No. 927 Buttonwood street, removing to his present well-equipped quarters, in May, 1906.

Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a valued member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

MORRIS R. BOYER, proprietor of one of the finest livery stables in Reading, of which he took charge March 1, 1901, is also serving in the position of president of the Liverymen's Protective Association.

Mr. Boyer agitated for several years the movement towards the founding of a protective association for liverymen, but until 1906 he met with many rebuffs. In the year mentioned. however, such an association was formed, Mr. Boyer being elected president. The leading livery men of the city made up the combine which was calculated to protect against cut rates and misuse of credit, and this has proved to be of more benefit than was at first anticipated. Mr. Boyer was the first man in Reading to equip his stables with rubber-tired vehicles, and he has recently added a number of new vehicles, including some of the best makes in the country. He is up-to-date in every respect, being considered the leader in his line in this section, and makes a specialty of weddings, theatre parties, receptions, funerals, etc., a ring on either old or new telephone bringing prompt and courteous attention. It has always been Mr. Boyer's aim and desire to furnish his patrons with the best to be obtained at prices reasonable with the service. He has had charge of these stables since March 1, 1901.

A. CHARLES KOHLER, a well known hotel man of Reading, and one of that city's useful and representative citizens, is now the proprietor of "The Grand," located at the northwest corner of Seventh and Franklin streets. Mr. Kohler was born at Reading, June 7, 1865, son of Bernhard and Theresa (Maurer) Kohler.

Anthony Kohler, grandfather of A. Charles, was a vine gardener in Baden, Kappelrodeck Achern, Germany. To him and his wife whose maiden name was Klump, were born five children, namely: Andrew, Magdalena, Caroline, Bernhard and Theresa.

Bernhard Kohler, father of A. Charles, was born in Baden, Germany, Nov. 11, 1835, and when about eighteen years old he came to America, and for a short time located at Philadelphia, where his maternal uncle Klump resided. He soon, however, came to Berks county, Pa., and here the remainder of his life was spent, his death occuring Dec. 18, 1896. He worked upon the farm in Oley township until his marriage in 1859 to Miss Theresa Maurer, daughter of Fortunatus and Anna (Schorr) Maurer natives of Alsace, France, who came to America in 1847 and located in Oley township, below Friedensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer had nine children, of whom four survive, as follows: Theresa, Mrs. Kohler; Fortunatus and John, of Reading; and Maria, the wife of Francis Gross, of Reading. Bernhard Kohler was drafted for three-years service during the Civil war, but obtained a substitute, whom he paid $310, although at that time money was very scarce. In the fall of 1863 Mr. Kohler came to Reading, and for several years was employed as a laborer by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He then worked for thirty-five years at McIlvain's rolling mill, where he was known affectionately among the employes as "Papa," on account of his many years of service. He was an intelligent, well-versed man, of a quiet, peaceful disposition, and was a dutiful Catholic and consistent attendant of St. Paul's Church. He and his wife had the following children: Franklin, who died in infancy; Anna, m. to Augustus B. Hassler; Charles F., who died in infancy; A. Charles; John, a printer of Reading; Katherine, who is single; Joseph, a printer of Reading; Edward, who died at Porto Rico, while a soldier in Company E, 4th Reg., Pa. V. I.; Augustus, who died aged twenty-three years; and Mary, deceased wife of Augustus Betz, of Reading.

A. Charles Kohler was educated in the parochial school of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and started to work for the Reading Hardware Company in the drilling room, where he continued about two years. As a lad he also worked in a rolling mill at Philadelphia, whither his parents had removed in the '70s, and on coming to Reading he clerked behind the bar for his brother-in-law, A. B. Hassler, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Kohler continued with his brother-in-law for nine years, and at the end of that time accepted a position with John Roth on Penn avenue, above Eighth street, the present site of Leitheiser's, where he continued one and one-half years, subsequently entering the employ of E. B. Slichter, on South Sixth street. For two seasons he rented and conducted successfully the retail oyster department, and the following seven years were spent in the employ of G. W. Lehman, at the "American Hotel," with whom Mr. Kohler was associated in business the next five years, the firm being known as Lehman & Kohler. In January, 1899, Mr. Kohler became proprietor of the "East Reading Hotel," which he conducted for four years, and on Feb. 13, 1904, he took charge of "The Grand," which he has since conducted with much success, this being one of the best hotels in Reading.

Fraternally Mr. Kohler is connected with the Knights of St. John No. 271, Uniformed Rank, and is prominently identified with this commandery. He was a subordinate commander, then became president of the Commandery for four years, was then elected first vice to the Grand Commandery, and one year later was elected to the presidency of the Grand Commandery of the Diocese of Philadelphia, his rank now being that of Brigadier General. He also is a member of the Phœnix American Catholic Union. He and his family are active members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

In 1889, Mr. Kohler was married to Anna Hassler, daughter of Augustus Hassler, and to this union there have been born five children, as follows: Annie, Clara, George, Ruth and Edward.

EDWIN S. SUMMONS, who has been extensively engaged in the plumbing business in Reading, Pa., for nearly thirty years, is now located at No. 209 North Sixth street. Mr. Summons was born Jan. 9, 1854, in Reading, son of the late Samuel and Sarah (Henry) Summons.

Samuel Summons, who was formerly a prominent farmer of Chester county, came to Berks county in 1835, and followed the trade of carpenter. He was elected on the Democratic ticket of Berks county to the position of county commissioner, and he served the county during 1856-59 in that capacity. He also served as prison inspector for a period covering twelve years. Until its disbanding Mr. Summons was a member of Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he died in 1881, his wife passing away in 1903. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Summons, only two of whom survive: Miss Mary A., resides at No. 351 North Fifth street, Reading; and Edwin S.

Edwin S. Summons attended the schools of Reading, and when a young man went to learn the plumber's trade, at which he has since engaged. In 1877 he engaged in business for himself on North Fifth street, he coming to his present place of business in 1896. Mr. Summons married Miss Margaret A. Printz, and they have had children as follows: Samuel, Robert, William, C. Raymond, Walter (deceased), Sarah and Edwin. Mr. Summons is a member of Calvary Reformed Church of Reading. In his political views he is a Democrat, but has never sought office. Mr. Summons' residence is at No. 413 Woodward street.

JAMES D. SCHAEFFER, the well known veterinary surgeon, has been a resident of Fleetwood since 1868, and resides in a large brick residence on Main street. Mr. Schaeffer was born Sept. 7, 1835, in Richmond township, near Fleetwood.

George Schaeffer, great-grandfather of James D., was the American ancestor of this family, emigrating from Southern Germany, and in 1759 was a landowner, his tract in Richmond township still being in the possession of the family. It is evident that he made a wise selection as to his location, as the Schaeffer farms are of the best in the county. Mr. Schaeffer reared five children: Elizabeth, m. to John Bieber; Margaret, m. to Dewalt Bieber; Maria, m. to Michael Christman; Peter and Philip.

Philip Schaeffer was an extensive landowner and early settler of Richmond township, where he later presented each of his children with a farm. He married Elizabeth Fetherolf, and they were the parents of these children: George, the father of James D.; Peter; Isaac; Philip; Daniel; Jonathan; William; David; Sally, m. to Joseph DeLong; Elizabeth, m. to Solomon Yoder; Hettie, m. to Frank DeLong; and Annie, m. to Isaac Merkel.

George Schaeffer, was a prosperous farmer of Richmond township, and owned a most fertile tract, consisting of 152 acres, now owned by his grandson, Franklin M. George Schaeffer m. (first) Hettie Merkel, deceased, daughter of Daniel Merkel, and to this union were born: Nathan, Catherine, Elizabeth, Levi and Daniel. He m. (second) Hannah Donmoyer, daughter of Benjamin and Marguerite (Richstein) Donmoyer, of Longswamp township, and these children were born to them: James D.; Hettie, who died at the age of five years; and George D., who served as deputy sheriff of Berks county for fifteen years.

James D. Schaeffer resided on the farm on which he was born until thirty years of age, when he located in Fleetwood. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native place, later attending the Boyertown high school, and in 1855-56 he attended a school of advanced learning at the Trappe, Montgomery county. Upon leaving school he returned to his father's farm, where he worked until his marriage, Dec. 25, 1866, to Miss Emma Schlegel, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Angstadt) Schlegel, of Richmond township, and the children born to this union were: Milton S., a carpenter of Fleetwood; Levi S., a machinist; Katie, m. to Edwin M. Adam, a carpenter of Reading, Pa.; Harriet, m. to Howard H. Boyer, a carpenter of Fleetwood; Miss Maria S., who graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown with the class of 1902, and is now teaching the advanced primary school at Southeast Allentown, Pa.; Sallie S., who is single and resides with her parents; and Franklin B., a machinist of Reading.

After marriage James D. Schaeffer located in Fleetwood, and engaged in a butcher business, which he followed for a number of years. Retiring from that business he formed a partnership with Adam B. Schaeffer, under the name of A. B. & J. D. Schaeffer, and for twelve years the firm engaged successfully in dealing in live stock, handling thousands of horses and cattle. The records show that in one year they bought and sold more thon 3,000 horses and cattle. Mr. James D. Schaeffer did the buying for the firm, making many trips for that purpose into Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, and shipping them to Fleetwood, where his partner disposed of them. The firm had many customers in Pennsylvania, as well as a large trade in New York. After a thorough preparation, in 1889 Mr. James D. Schaeffer was licensed a Doctor of Veterinary Surgery, and this profession he has followed to the present time.

In political matters Mr. Schaeffer is a stanch Democrat. On numerous occasions he has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to public office, having served the town as school director for two terms, and councilman for a period of ten years. He is well and prominently known in business circles, having been a member and treasurer of the Board of Trade for the past ten years. He and his family attend St. Paul's Reformed Church of Fleetwood, of which Mr. Schaeffer is an official member and stanch supporter. Although past seventy-four years of age, Mr. Schaeffer is still very alert and active; time has touched him lightly. Possessed of a sufficient competency, of many friends, and of a loving family, Mr. Schaeffer, in the sunset of his life, is enjoying the fruit of his early labors. He is a representative man of Fleetwood.

EDWIN S. YOUSE, one of Reading's hustling young business men, who has won a substantial foothold in the commercial world through his own energy, foresight, acumen and fair dealing, is engaged in the automobile business at No. 46 North Fifth street. He was born in Reading in 1875, son of Obadiah Youse.

Mr. Youse was educated in the common schools and early showed a marked liking for business. He was only sixteen years old when he took charge of the Wilhelm Bicycle Company's retail store, and so evident was his ability and his upright principles that in a short time he was given full charge of the company's retail affairs, and he remained with that company until it was merged into the Packer Cycle Company, when he was given charge of the new company's sales department. This responsible position he held seven years greatly to his own credit, and to the entire satisfaction of his employers. At the end of that time he purchased the company's interest, and devoted his attention to the jobbing of bicycles for four years, when he added automobiles to his stock, a line that proved so successful that he sold the bicycle part of his business, and has since 1904 given his undivided attention to automobiles. Of the automobiles of which he is the exclusive agent for Berks, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Lancaster, Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland counties are the Chalmers Detroit and Hudson Cars manufactured by the Chalmers Detroit Motor Company, and Hudson Motor Car Company, of Detroit, Michigan. These cars are especially popular for mountain climbing and rough road use, being constructed light and graceful, yet strong and durable, with many styles, all of which, however, are remarkable for simplicity of construction and attendant economy of fuel. Mr. Youse sold the first automobile in the city, and operated the first garage.

In addition to the automobiles, Mr. Youse carries on a wholesale auto sundry supply business, and employs a salesman who covers the territory from the Atlantic to

the Pacific. The specialties handled are known as "The Perfect Brand," and include an air coupling and a drag brake, both of which Mr. Youse manufactures.

Mr. Youse is known as a hustler, and when he started out he had not a dollar to help him, but he has been attentive to business, courteous to customers, and withal has never departed from the path of strict integrity. He has justly won the high place he holds today.

GEORGE KEMP, the well-known proprietor of the "Dewey," Nos. 541-543 Penn street, Reading, Pa., was born in Dukinfield, Cheshire, England, in 1850, son of Nathaniel Kemp. Mr. Kemp was brought to America by his parents, who settled at Yonkers, N. Y., in 1852.

Mr. Kemp was educated in Yonkers and there learned the hatting trade, at which his father had been employed in the old country. At the age of thirteen years, young Kemp ran away from home, and, going to New York City, attempted to enlist on the battleship "Canandaigua." He was prevented, however, on account of his youth, and during the Civil war he sold newspapers. When seventeen years of age he enlisted on the U. S. S. S. "Saratoga," serving part of his apprenticeship in the West Indies, under Lieut. Commander Dewey (now Admiral). He was later transferred to the ship "Contocook" (later changed to "Albany") and served aboard that vessel for twenty-two months, when he was transferred to the "Swatara," and was there promoted to the rank of captain of the main-top by Lieut. Commander McCook, who had been first lieutenant of the "Kearsarge," when that vessel fought its memorable battle with the "Alabama" in 1864, off Cherbourg, France. Mr. Kemp was then transferred to the "Congress" at Samana Bay, and after serving nineteen months on this vessel, he returned home, having received an honorable discharge at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston.

Captain Kemp came to Reading in 1881, and for ten years was employed in the Alexander hat factory, and then engaged in the saloon business at No. 229 South Ninth street, where he remained a period of four years, then removing to No. 226 Chestnut street, and after six years at that location came to his present place, No. 541-543 Penn street. Here he has since been engaged very successfully in business.

On Dec. 31, 1873, Captain Kemp was married to Catherine Hope, who died in September, 1879. He married (second), June 13, 1881, Miss Annie M. Dorgan, of Middletown, N. Y. His children are: James, who is employed at the City Hotel, Reading; George, of Reading; and Alice H. and Irene Y., attending high school. Mr. Kemp is a Democrat and a resident of the Seventh ward of the city, where he is considered one of his party's stanchest supporters. He is fraternally connected with Reading Lodge, No. 549, and is past master thereof; Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine, in which he is captain of the Arab Patrol; and Harrisburg Consistory; is past chief of Reading Castle, No. 49, Golden Eagles; member of the Rainbow Fire Company, and Captain of Keystone Commandery No. 49. While a resident of Yonkers, N. Y., Mr. Kemp was assistant fire chief.

DANIEL MILLER, a well known business man of Reading, who is extensively engaged in stone-cutting and contracting, is a native of Germany, born in Bavaria, Feb. 7, 1857.

Mr. Miller was educated in the schools of his native country and there learned the trade of stone-cutter, which he followed in the Fatherland until 1882, in January of which year he came to the United States. In his native land Mr. Miller had served three years in the army, being a corporal at the time of his discharge. On coming to America he first settled in Newark, N. J., working at his trade there for two years, after which he removed to Stockton, in the same State, continuing there for a like period. At the end of this time he came to Reading, first engaging with Bower & Messimer, and later with Frank Evans. While with the latter gentleman he worked on the postoffice building, and it was he who carved the caps over the main entrance, a very creditable piece of handicraft, for which he received many flattering compliments. In 1889 he formed a partnership with Gottlieb Hersh and August Hess, but two years later Mr. Hersh and Mr. Miller re-formed the firm, the former continuing a partner until his death, in 1895, since which time Mr. Miller has continued alone. In 1885 he built the Girl's high school, one of the handsomest structures in this section of the State, in 1886 the Reading National Bank and the Schuylkill Valley Bank, and in 1884 the church at Ninth and Elm streets, one at Ninth and Greenwich, and one at Hamburg, Pa. He built the Lauer residence, on Third near Chetsnut street, Mercer's residence, a row for Mr. A. H. Kretz, the Baer office building, St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Nolan building. One of the finest pieces of work that Mr. Miller has done is the carving on a mantel in George F. Baer's library. He built the Auditorium in Reading, St. Peter's Catholic Church (this latter being one of the best he has done), worked on the nurses' home for St. Joseph's Hospital, and built the steeple on the church at the corner of Perkiomen avenue and Spruce street. Mr. Miller has the reputation of always living up to the word of his contracts. He is an expert stone-cutter, handling all kinds of stone, such as Hummelstown brown stone, Indiana lime stone, blue flag stone, and all kinds of marble and granite.

In 1885 Mr. Miller was married to Christina Bickley, and to this union four children have been born: Charles, a stone-cutter and machinist; Daniel, Jr.; Catherine, m. to Charles Schauffert; and Helen. Mr. Miller is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat. His fraternal connections are with Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M.; Reading Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. E.; the Harmonie Maennerchor; several beneficial associations; the Bavarian Society, and the Brotherhood of St. John's Lutheran Church.

THOMAS J. R. FEGLEY, who is successfully conducting a general hardware store at Riverside, was born in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, May 1, 1879, son of John F. Fegley, and grandson of John Fegley, both natives of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

John Fegley, the grandfather, was born near Gilbertsville, Montgomery county, Feb. 8, 1797, and died July 17, 1874, aged seventy-seven years, five months and nine days. He was a farmer for the greater part of his active life near Swamp, Montgomery county, and he rests in the cemetery at Sassamansville, at the Union church. He was a Lutheran member of the Swamp Church. He married Mary Fillman, who is buried in the same cemetery. Their children were: Rebecca, m. to Nathan Gilbert; Sophia m. to Frederick Emery; Annie, m. to Rudolph Stettler; Reuben; Josiah, who died in Schuylkill county; and John F.

John F. Fegley, son of John, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, April 3, 1834. He obtained a common school education, and in his boyhood learned the blacksmith's trade. This he followed all his life, first at Pennsburg, then at Pottstown with the Pennsylvania railroad, and later with the Pottstown Iron Company. His last employment was with the Colebrookdale Iron Company, at Colebrookdale. After that he came to Reading, and lived with his daughter Mrs. Elmira Coleman. He died March 10, 1905, and is buried in the Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown, and served as elder and deacon, and he was also a great worker in the Sunday-school. He married Elizabeth Royer, daughter of George and Rebecca (Dotterer). She was born April 2, 1840, and died May 20, 1879, and is buried in Fairview cemetery. The children born to John F. Fegley and wife were: Elmira m. William Coleman, a tinsmith at Reading, and has a daughter Elizabeth, now the wife of William F. Dentzer, Jr.; Benjamin F. died at the age of eighteen years; John H., a traveling salesman for the Bard Hardware Company, is unmarried and residing in Reading; Mary J. m. Fred Yoder, of Friedensburg, Pa., and Thomas J. R.

Thomas J. R. Fegley, who conducts a general hardware business and is rated as one of the successful business men of Riverside, Reading, Pa., received his education in the common schools of Colebrookdale, and in the Boyertown high school. He then became a clerk in the hardware department in J. & H. K. Boyer's general store, where he remained two years, becoming thoroughly acquainted with his particular line, and as well becoming familiar with business principles. In 1896 he went to the Bard Hardware Company, where he remained until in the fall of 1907, and on Dec. 2, 1907, he opened his present store at Riverside. He erected a fine brick building, 20 x 40 feet, two stories high, at No. 1733 Centre avenue, and there he has established a fine trade.

Mr. Fegley is a member of Bohemond Commandery, No. 277, Knights of Malta. He and his family attend Hope Lutheran Church in Reading. In 1901 Mr. Fegley was married to Miss Stella Yerger, daughter of Henry B. and Clara (Brower) Yerger, of Reading. This union has been blessed with one son, John Y. The family home is at No. 1742 North Third Street.

HIESTER ALTHOUSE, a business man and substantial citizen of the city of Reading, who is the proprietor of a restaurant and fruit and cigar store at No. 125 Penn street, is a native of Berks county, born at Mohrsville, Aug. 7, 1867, son of Emanuel and Sarah (Smith) Althouse.

John Althouse, grandfather of Hiester, lived in Centre township, Berks county, where he was engaged in farming. He is buried at Belleman's Church, of which he was an official member. His children were: Emanuel, Isaac, Jacob, Kate (m. James Kercher) and Sarah (m. Cyrus Roth and is deceased).

Emanuel Althouse, son of John, was a farmer and veterinary surgeon at Mohrsville. With the Kauffmans and Fishers of Leesport, he was prospecting in the coal lands of Snyder county, Pa., and lost considerable money. He came to Reading in 1872. He died in 1899 or 1900, and his wife, Sarah Smith, passed away in 1902, aged seventy-four years.

Hiester Althouse was the only child born to his father's last marriage and received his education in the schools of Reading. As a boy he was engaged with his father in a green grocery and dairy business, which after the father's death was carried on by his widow. The business was first located on North Ninth street, but was later removed to North Sixth street, where it was successfully carried on until shortly before her death in 1902, when Mr. Hiester Althouse established himself at No. 125 Penn street. Here he has continued to the present time with increasing success. He carries a fine line of fruits, both domestic and imported, and the most popular tobaccos and cigars.

Mr. Althouse is unmarried. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, and in his political belief is a Democrat.

BENNEWELL HAGY, resident of Reading, who for many years was engaged at the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company's shops as boiler-maker. He was born Sept. 21, 1833, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and died in Reading in 1900.

J. Hagy, grandfather of Bennewell, lived near Schoeneck, Lancaster county. To him and his wife Elizabeth were born children as follows: George, Jacob, Henry, David, Samuel and Elizabeth (m. to Bernhard Byerle).

Samuel Hagy, father of Bennewell, was born in 1796 in Lancaster county, and his death occurred in 1851. He married Elizabeth Wildt, and to them were born eleven children, as follows: Sarah, m. to Jacob Barr; Catherine, m. to Isaac Hiester; Harriet m. to G. W. Hantsch; Edward; Adam; Obed; Lydia, who died young; Bennewell; Abraham; Mary, m. to Joseph Masseno; and Benjamin F. In religious belief Mr. Hagy was a Lutheran, while his wife was a member of the Methodist faith.

Bennewell Hagy received his education in the schools of Lancaster county, and in his youth worked on a farm for several years. Locating in Reading, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with which concern he was connected the remainder of his life. Mr. Hagy was married (first) to Sarah Eisenbise, and to them were born thirteen children, six of whom are now living; Warren m. Sarah Miller, of Reading; Sadie m. Edward Keen, of Philadelphia; Jennie m. Robert Thompson and resides at Philadelphia; Harriet is a dressmaker at Whitners; Mary m. Cyrus Kissling, of West Catasaqua; and George, of Philadelphia, m. Ella Cressman. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hagy was married (second) to Sally Ann Ebling, born in 1831 in Longswamp township, Berks county, daughter of David and Polly (Taller) Ebling, and widow of David Francis. No children were born to the second union. In religious belief Mr. Hagy was a Methodist, while his widow is a member of the Reformed Church.

CHARLES T. RAAB, the genial proprietor of the "Hotel Exeter," at Reading, was born March 30, 1871, at Tresco, Pa., son of George and Savannah (Hopf) Raab.

George Raab, father of Charles T., is a well-known resident of Reading and carries on a shoemaking business, residing at No. 1256 North Tenth street. He was born July 26, 1836, in Wittenberg, Germany, near Elwangen, and came to America when he was eighteen years of age. In September, 1854, he landed in the city of New York and subsequently traveled through a number of the States of the Union, New York, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and then located for a time in Carbon county, Pa. In 1873 he came to Reading and worked for a short time in the rolling mills but has mainly followed shoemaking. He owns his comfortable home. In 1862 he married Savannah Hopf, a daughter of John Hopf, of Saxeweimar, Germany. Mrs. Raab came to America in her tenth year with her widowed mother. John Raab, an older brother of George Raab, was the first of the Raab family to come to America and his son, George J. Raab is a well-known citizen of Reading. The children of George Raab and wife were the following: George, residing in Reading; John, who died aged one year; Mary, m. to John Warner, of Reading; Carrie, m. to Newton Obenheiser, of Reading; Charles T.; Minnie, m. to Edward O'Brien, of Reading; and Joseph, living in Reading.

Charles T. Raab attended school in boyhood near his home, but he was small when he became self-supporting, going to work in a cigar factory in his native place, and after completing his apprenticeship he worked at that trade for twenty years. In 1873 he accompanied his parents to Reading, where the larger part of his life has been spent although he has lived in other places, spending two years at work at his trade in Chicago and one year in New York State. For two years he conducted a restaurant at his present place of business, and started his hotel in the spring of 1908, being one of the two new licensed men in this line in the city. He is also one of the four business men to whom was granted a license in the county. These facts prove how entirely Mr. Raab enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. He gives a careful oversight to his hotel, residing in it himself, and continues some features of his restaurant. He is a member of the Marion Fire Company.

In 1896, Mr. Raab was married to Elizabeth Bauer, daughter of Gottleib Bauer.

MILTON S. PALM, who is carrying on an insurance business at No. 38 North Third street, Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 4, 1851, at Sinking Spring, son of Charles and Anna (Bast) Palm, and a descendant of one of this section's early settlers.

Dr. John Palm was born July 25, 1713, son of Mathias and Savilla Palm, in Heilsbronn, near Nuremberg, Germany. In 1739 he took up his residence at Backnang, near Stuttgart, and was married to Christiana Dorothy Kern. He studied medicine and was given a diploma from the Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons of Berlin in 1743. He practised medicine in Germany until 1749,

and then began to turn his attention to America, making arrangements to dispose of his property. He set sail July 11, 1750, on the ship "Patience," arriving in New York Saturday morning, Aug. 11, 1750. Locating in a small town known as Springfield, now one of the wards of Elizabeth, N. J., he remained a few years, and then removed with his family to Ephrata, Pa., where he practised medicine for a few years, and in 1761 bought from Conrad Raish 1000 acres of ground, laying out a town known as Palmyra, Lebanon county, then Lancaster county. He practised his profession until May 5, 1777, when he engaged his services to the Colonial Government as surgeon. He was on General Greene's staff, and was prominent at the battle of Brandywine Creek, Sept. 11, 1777, and related quite often how Gen. George Washington came up to his army riding upon a white horse. After the battle of Brandywine he helped remove the wounded to Ephrata in ox carts to the Cloister, where he gave them every attention until December, 1777, and then resumed his practice again in Palmyra. He was married, after being a widower, to Elizabeth Williams, by whom he had no children. He died April 25, 1799, and lies buried at Binnagles Church.

Dr. William Palm, grandson of Dr. John, was a prominent practising physician and surgeon for many years in Sinking Spring and vicinity. He was born at that place Dec. 22, 1789, and there married Elizabeth Hepler. Twelve children were born to this union: Catherine, William, Elizabeth, John, Julian, Isaac, Henrietta, Charles, Franklin, Henry, Susan and Mary Ann the last named being the only member of this family now-living.

Charles Palm, father of Milton S., was born at Sinking Spring, Berks county, and was educated in the schools of the township. When a young man he engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicine, in which business he became very successful, becoming well known throughout this section of the country. Mr. Palm was married to Anna, daughter of Samuel Bast, of Kutztown, Pa., and two children were born to this union: Susan, who died in 1863; and Milton S., of Reading. In June, 1863, Charles Palm enlisted in Company C, 42nd Pa. V. I., serving therewith until Aug. 11, 1863, and receiving his honorable discharge. He died March 8, 1886, aged sixty-three years, his wife surviving until Feb. 16, 1896, when she passed away, aged eighty years.

Milton S. Palm received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a young man read law with J. S. Richards, passing the examination successfully at the age of nineteen years, but on account of his youth could not be admitted to the Bar. He accepted a position with W. N. Coleman in the insurance business, with the intention of remaining with him until he had reached his majority, and then to gain his admission to the Bar. The insurance business proved so successful, however, that he continued therein with Mr. Coleman until Oct. 11, 1890, and since that time on his own account. He has been very successful in this line, and at the present time represents some of the leading insurance companies in the country.

In 1870 Mr. Milton S. Palm was united in marriage with Rose Engle, and one son, Myron Raymond, has been born to this union, he now being engaged with the Reading Iron Company. Mr. Palm is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Palm died July 1, 1907.

Mr. Palm is a gentleman of pleasing personality, and is a very brilliant conversationalist, having in stock an endless number of stories and reminiscences, amusing and interesting. The following was related to Mr. Palm in 1873, by Dr. Christian Ritter: "Early in the morning of Oct. 2, 1793, I left Oley township in company with a number of residents on horse-back for Reading. We all dismounted at the corner of Washington and Fifth street, known then as Callowhill and Thomas streets, at 8:30 a. m. We followed back of George Washington and escort across the Schuylkill river, and then by the King's Highway making our first stop with Dr. Peter Palm, Sinking Spring, at 9:30 a. m. The Doctor invited the party in and there in the house a toast was given to President Washington and his escort, all partaking of the 'red-eye' and lime stone water, President Washington sitting at the extreme left of the settee. At the hour of ten they pursued their way to Binckley a few miles further and under the spacious trees they dismounted to see the venerable Binckley. At 10:30 o'clock they galloped their steeds towards the Mid-Way House, now known as Womelsdorf, reaching there at high noon, and took part in a lunch, served at Stouch's Inn. At 2:00 p. m. the party and the General left for Stitestown, now Lebanon, and the Reading and Oley participants returned, after hurrahs and salutes."

EDWARD EGELMAN HAFER, engaged as a photographer at Reading for upward of thirty years, was born in 1843, near Belleman's Church, in Centre township, Berks county, and when a year old his parents removed to near Reading where they resided until 1853. And after the death of the father the family removed to Reading. Edward E. Hafer was given a common school education in the local schools and then placed in the drug store of his uncle, H. W. Bergner, at No. 834 Penn street, where he continued for sixteen years. Having become inclined towards portrait painting in this time, he engaged in painting portraits for two years, and secured a position in the photographic studio of Capt. F. M. Yeager, where he carried on the study of photography in connection with painting. After spending two years, 1872-1874, in this studio, he purchased the business, and has since conducted it in a very successful manner. During this time he has painted portraits on special orders, among the last having been the portrait of "Kuechler at his Roost," for which he was given much praise.

Mr. Hafer was married to Amanda Nagel, daughter of William Nagel, of Pottstown, and they had six children: Minerva (m. Samuel S. Finley, who is conducting a large photographic studio at Chicago, Ill.); Bess Mable; Carl Egelman; and three died in infancy.

His father, Daniel Hafer, was born in 1803 in Alsace township, and brought up on a farm. He then carried on farming in the township named, and in Centre township. He died in 1853. He was married to Charlotte Egelman, daughter of Charles F. Egelman, of Reading, who was recognized as one of the greatest astronomical calculators of the United States in his day. She died in 1886, aged seventy-six years. They had eleven children: Charles (m. Helena Heckman); Mary Etta (m. John Herflicker); John (m. Susan Armpriester); Rosetta (m. Edward Muench); Daniel (m. Susan Dusen); Wilhelmina (m. Jacob Schwalb); Edward Egelman; Anna (m. Charles Fisher); and three died young.

Mr. Hafer's grandfather was John Hafer, a stone mason and farmer who carried on business in Alsace and Exeter townships. He died in 1853. He was married to Gertrude Kline, daugther of Henry Kline, of Alsace township, and they had nine children: George, Daniel, William, Sarah (m. Abraham Wean), John, Matthias, Henry, Anna (m. Samuel Romig) and Levi.

His great-grandfather was Matthias Hafer, who emigrated in 1773, from Alsace, on the borders of the Rhine in Germany, and settled in Alsace township, Berks county, one mile east of Reading, where he carried on farming until his decease. He was married to Julia Schmid, and they had eight children, seven sons and one daughter: John, Matthias, George, Benjamin, Isaac, Daniel, Henry and Maria (m. to Jacob Hill).

CHARLES FREDERICK EGELMAN, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Hafer, was born at Osnabrück, in Hanover, May 12, 1782, and emigrated to this country in 1802, landing at Baltimore. He learned the trade of coach making, and remained there for a time, when he removed to Berks county, Pa. His last piece of work executed there was the body of a coach for Jerome Bonaparte. He was afterward engaged at teaching for a number of years, officiating in this time also as organist for several German Churches in country districts. About 1830 he settled at Reading and assisted in the publication of a German newspaper, entitled *Der Readinger Democrat*. He was recog-

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nized as a man of great scientific attainments, having been particularly accomplished in astronomy. His ability in this branch of learning was utilized for the period of forty-three years in furnishing astronomical calculations for the principal almanacs published in the United States. The study of perpetual motion received his earnest attention for a number of years, he having devised and constructed various machines in his efforts towards accomplishing this object, regarded as impossible. In the matter of copper-plate engraving he was a skilled artist, and executed a number of superior designs, one of them being a view of Reading. He died at Reading, Nov. 30, 1860, aged nearly seventy-nine years. His residence was at the northwest corner of Ninth and Penn streets. He left to survive him seven children: Ferdinand, Edward, Charlotte (m. Daniel Hafer), Julia (m. Henry Hafer), Wilhelmina (m. Solomon Seidel), Catharine (m. John Brissel) and Amelia (m. Dr. H. W. Bergner); and two children, Solomon and Lydia, of a deceased daughter, Henrietta, who had been married to Solomon Seidel.

GEORGE W. WAGNER, former district attorney of Berks county, is the son of William and Catherine Ann (Hollinger) Wagner, and was born July 1, 1861. His great-grandfather, John Wagner, was one of the early residents of Maiden-creek township.

The parents of Judge Wagner having died when he was not yet five years old, he was cared for by a relative until the age of seven years, at which time he became an inmate of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, and continued to reside there until he was thirteen years of age. Afterward he worked on the farm, and attended the public schools during the winter months.

He attended Marion Academy, Stouchsburg, and graduated from that institution in 1879, with first honors. He then taught in the public schools of Lebanon county, and as a student entered the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, in March, 1880, where he continued until June, 1881, at which time he graduated with first honors. He afterward taught in the public schools of Orwigsburg, Pa., for two winter terms, at the same time continuing his studies, and preparing for college under private instruction. He entered the junior class of Franklin and Marshall College in 1883, and graduated therefrom in June, 1885. Immediately upon his graduation he was elected as assistant teacher in mathematics at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and continued to teach there until 1889. In November, 1887, he passed the preliminary examination before the board of examiners of the Berks County Bar, and was registered as a law student in the office of J. H. Marx, Esq., of Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

After leaving the Normal School in 1889 Mr. Wagner came to Reading, and entered the law office of Cyrus G. Derr, Esq., where he continued his studies, and he was admitted to the Berks County Bar in November, 1890. Two years after he was admitted to the Bar he was appointed assistant district attorney of Berks county, which position he held for three years from January, 1892. In 1901 he was elected district attorney of Berks county, and held said office from January, 1902, to January, 1905. He has been admitted to the Superior and Supreme Courts of the State, and the District, Circuit Court and Supreme Court of the United States. In 1909 he was nominated for the office of judge of the Court of Common Pleas. For six years Mr. Wagner was a member of the Reading school board, and for one year its president. He was one of the organizers of the Wernersville National Bank, and is a member of the board of managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf.

Mr. Wagner is a married man, and has resided with his family in the Fifteenth ward of Reading since 1892.

WILHELM ROSENTHAL, for more than half a century engaged in the publishing business, was born Nov. 20, 1823, at Nordhausen, Prussia, in the Harz mountains. His education was acquired in the gymnasium of his native town, where he completed the course in 1840. He was then for nearly five years employed in the publishing house of Dr. Philip Phoebus, after which for a short time he carried on a similar business for himself. In December, 1846, he crossed the Atlantic on the sailing vessel "Biene," landing at New York in May, 1847. For several months he was engaged in that city in Ludwig's printing office, and then in September of that same year went to Philadelphia, where he carried on a book store. While there in 1848 the Revolution developed in Germany, and Mr. Rosenthal, with other German citizens, organized the "German Workingmen's Association," to awaken proper sympathy for the movement, and win greater freedom for the working people. He was elected the first president of the association, and was re-elected annually for five years. During this time the membership greatly increased, and the association built a large three-story structure, sand-stone front, on Third street, Mr. Rosenthal superintending the building—still known as Mechanics Hall.

In May, 1848, Mr. Rosenthal was employed by Mr. F. W. Thomas to edit a new daily paper at Philadelphia, known as the *Free Press,* and this position he held until 1855. He then established a German weekly, the *Wochenblatt,* and continued its publication for three years. He then sold it to Messrs. Hoffman & Morwitz who merged it into their paper, the *New World,* employing Mr. Rosenthal as the editor. Here he remained until July, 1860, acting also as assistant editor of the *Philadelphia Democrat.* He then came to Reading to edit the *Readinger Adler* for Mr. Charles Kessler.

Mr. Rosenthal was an ardent Democrat, as were all the owners of the *Adler,* so he launched boldly into the arena of the exciting politics of the time, urging the election of Breckenridge with all the eloquence and logic he could command. In the Civil war that followed, Mr. Rosenthal advocated the preservation of the Union while he denounced many of the extreme measures that had brought it about. The *Adler* was sold in 1864. In that year Mr. Rosenthal was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, held in Chicago, that nominated Gen. George B. McClellan for the Presidency.

So long had he been in the printing and publishing business that he could not long remain away from it, and he established a German weekly, the *Banner von Berks,* which he published with constantly increasing success and favor. In 1867 he began the publication of a Sunday edition of this paper, which he named *Die Biene* (the Bee) after the sailing vessel that had brought him to American soil. In 1868 appeared the *Reading Daily Post,* a German daily, and this met with his usual success. Mr. Rosenthal was indefatigable in his work, and found great enjoyment in it, retiring only when well past four score years of age. He has been very prominent in the German Order of Harugari, and in 1869 founded a German paper, *Die Deutsche Eiche,* which has become the official organ of that society throughout the United States.

Mr. Rosenthal has been connected with several building and savings societies, and has assisted in building up and developing the city. In 1884 he erected a row of good cottages on Mineral Spring avenue. In the musical and literary societies of the city he has been an active and interested member, and in every way has proved himself a public-spirited citizen of his adopted land.

CAPT. RICHARD HALL JONES, who in his lifetime was a citizen useful to his town, his State and his country in peace and in war, came of loyal, sturdy pioneer stock, descending from the Swedes whose colony was planted at Philadelphia before William Penn was born.

In a case in the Philadelphia library, on Locust street, is an old volume, "Nya Sverige," by the Rev. John Campanius Holm. It was published at Stockholm in 1702, and contains the first printed account of the colonial settlement of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Holm was chaplain of the company of Swedish colonists who came over with Capt. John Printz in three ships in 1643, and established a permanent settlement on Tinicum Island.

The King of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, sent out these early settlers, and they were provided for spiritually by three missionaries, and the first church was built by the government of their mother country. This was a block house, which stood on the present site of Old Swedes' Church (erected in 1700) at Swanson and Christian streets. These first settlers were accustomed to the use of boats, and were wont to use the water instead of the paths and half-opened Indian trails along the shore. A history of any of the descendants of these pioneers would be incomplete, indeed, without a short sketch of their old house of worship, "the meeting place at Weccacoe," now Gloria Dei or Old Swedes Church. The present edifice, as stated, was erected on the site of the old block house in 1700. Originally its ministers were of the faith of the National Church of Sweden—Lutheran in faith, and Episcopal in government. To the energies of the first pastor, the Rev. Mr. Rudman (or Ruchman) was due the erection of the present building. From 1700 to 1786 ten ministers occupied the pulpit, and then as the Swedish languages and purposes had died out, the congregation elected a minister of the Church of England, and of that faith it has since continued, though of such great length have been the pastorates that the present priest is but the fourth of his faith, and his term of faithful service lacks but one year of four decades. The interior has been remodeled several times, but the quaint hint of former days is seen, and the aisle is inlaid with the tablets of the ten Swedish ministers.

"The footprints of an elder race are here,
And memories of an heroic time
And shadows of the old mysterious faith."

In Philadelphia there is yet to be seen a house that was built by one of the companions of Capt. John Printz's voyage. It stands on the desolate flats west of the Schuylkill, and was built (family tradition says in 1650) by Jonas Nielson, who for some years before building this house dwelt in a cave, the site of which is still preserved in the side of the hill which slopes from the front door of the cottage to what was originally the bank of a navigable creek. Ships from the Delaware brought up merchandise to the front door of the cottage, and the cave, the first home of Jonas Nielson and where he partly reared his eleven children, became a store house for the goods brought up for traffic with the Indians. The old house with its two rooms and garret was hardly larger than a packing box. In the ground floor room there is an immense fire place, now walled up, extending almost the entire width of the room and reaching nearly to the ceiling, which is itself scarcely more than seven feet high. In front of this fireplace George Washington once sat as guest. Sessions of court were held wherever a building was available, and the old Jonas Nielson cottage, today so lonely on the Schuylkill meadow, was one of the earliest places in America where trial by jury was held. A trail that led to the house from the direction of Tinicum Island has appeared on the maps of the city from time out of memory as Jones's Lane. Jonas Nielson is buried at the Old Swedes Church cemetery.

By the custom of the Swedes to change their names to the baptismal name of the father, the progeny of Jonas Nielson became known as Jonasson, and in the next generation that was Anglicized to Jones. This is referred to in an old deed of partition on record at the City Hall, which mentions William Jones as "a grandson of Jonas Nealson, yeoman, late of Kingsessing, the said William Jones, having, agreeable to the Swedish custom, changed his surname from Nealson to Jones."

Mounce Jones, son of Jonas Nielson, moved to Amity township, Berks county, late in the seventeenth century. He built the stone house still standing at the Douglassville bridge, on the old Schuylkill road. It bears the date "1716." Mounce Jones had a son Jonas, who had a son Nicholas, who had a son Samuel, who had a son Ezekiel, the father of the subject of this sketch.

Capt. Richard Hall Jones was born near Douglassville, Berks county, Pa., Aug. 22, 1834, and grew to manhood in his native county. From 1851 to 1870 he was engaged in the manufacture of iron tubing in Reading. He became very prominent during the Civil war. In 1862 after Gen. Banks' retreat, Mr. Jones tendered his services to Governor Curtin, but additional troops were refused by the Secretary of War at that time. When the call for nine months' men was made, Mr. Jones opened a recruiting office in the Ringgold Armory, and Aug. 1, 1862, he had succeeded in enlisting 119 men. Acting under orders, on Aug. 9, 1862, he marched his company to Harrisburg, where he remained in camp until the 17th, when they proceeded to the front in defense of Washington, camping near Hunter's Chapel, Virginia. They were organized as Company I, 128th Pa. V. I., and Mr. Jones became captain of the company. On Sept. 6, 1862, the regiment marched from near Fort Woodbury, opposite Georgetown, D. C., to Rockville, Md., where it was brigaded with the First Division of the Twelfth Army Corps. With this Corps it entered upon a severe campaign in Maryland, and was engaged in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, after which it occupied Maryland Heights, opposite Harper's Ferry, Sept. 20, 1862, and from that time it remained there until relieved Dec. 11th following. Proceeding at once to Stafford Court House, Va., it entered upon the Rappahannock campaign. Moving from Stafford Court House by way of Kelly's Ford, it reached the line of battle on the right of Chancellor House, April 30, 1863. In the attack that followed, Captain Jones and thirty-five of his men and Companies C and K of the same regiment, were captured, and sent to Libby Prison. Here they suffered all the horrors and privations of that noted pen, and while there their regiment was mustered out by reason of the expiration of the term of service. As soon as he was released Capt. Jones returned to his home at Reading, and resumed the occupations of peace. He became clerk with the Adams Express Company, and remained with that company until he entered the employ of Mr. George W. Hughes, with whom he remained until the latter's death. Capt. Jones then took charge of the business and carried it on with great success until his own death. The firm is now known as Dietrich & Hollenbach. Capt. Jones died Jan. 15, 1899.

Captain Jones was twice married. By his first marriage to Rebecca Miles, he became the father of two children: James Miles, who married Ellen Kinsey Weidner, and has one child, Dorothy M.; and Nathaniel Wilmer, a train despatcher between Tamaqua and Williamsport, who married (first) Hannah Elizabeth Heffner, had one child, Richard A., and married (second) Ella Stryker. For his second wife Captain Jones married Ellen E. Hughes, and to this marriage three children were born: Henrietta Hughes, who married Edward Newton Wigfall, and has one child, E. Newton, Jr.; Henry Harrison, of Springfield, Ill., superintendent of the Electric Heat and Power Company, who married Ellen M. Van Duyn, and has three children, Ellen L. and Catherine E. and Gilbert A. (twins); and Miss Eleanor A. Mc., at home.

Capt. Jones was prominent in fraternal societies. He was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., in which he was past master; Excelsior Chapter; Reading Commandery; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; I. O. O. F.; K. of P.; and the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Loyal Legion of America. Capt. Jones was one of those men to whom duty is a watchword, and he was never found wanting in any relation of life. At his death he had the esteem of all who knew him.

THOMAS C. SEIDLE, of George W. Beard & Co., prominent and successful building contractors at Reading, and chairman of the Republican county committee, was born Jan. 22, 1866, in Birdsboro, Pa., son of William R. and Elizabeth (Care) Seidle.

The forerunners of the Berks county Seidles were three brothers, emigrants from Sweden prior to the war of the Revolution, one of whom became the owner of land in Longswamp township, which he sold later to purchase a tract near Stony Creek, just above the Stony Creek mills in Exeter township, where he erected an iron

forge, subsequently becoming one of the pioneer iron-masters of Berks county. He had three sons: Benjamin, Philip and Nicholas, the first named of whom became associated with his father in the forge at Stony Creek, and the latter two removed to where the village of Gibraltar is located, Nicholas afterward building what are known as the Yocum forges in Cumru township, which he operated for some years. These he later sold and removed to Reading, where the remainder of his life was spent in retirement.

William R. Seidle, father of Thomas C., was a native of Robeson township, Berks county. He became an agriculturist and a rolling mill employe. He died from the effects of an accident in July, 1893, in his fifty-sixth year, and his wife Elizabeth Care survived him until 1905, when she died aged seventy-two years. They were the parents of six children, namely: Nicholas; Sarah (m. Henry Johnson); Thomas C.; Harry H.; William and Annie. In religious belief Mr. Seidle was a Lutheran, while his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal faith. In politics he was a Republican, and he was very patriotic, enlisting as a soldier in the Civil war in response to President Lincoln's call for 100-day men.

Thomas C. Seidle received his education in the schools of Birdsboro, Pa., and as a boy started to work in the nail factory of the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company, during the summer months and in vacations, while still attending school in the winter months. After graduating from the Birdsboro high school, he taught school for six years, and had intended becoming a lawyer, having read law and passed a preliminary examination. This, however, he gave up, and in 1888 he became assistant chief clerk for L. H. Focht, being appointed chief clerk in 1890, a position he retained until 1894, when he resigned to engage in the publishing business, putting out "Thomas C. Seidle's Photographs of the Most Eminent Modern Statesmen and Politicians of the United States of America." This he continued to do with an office in Washington, D. C., but two years later he sold out his interest to Harry Moyer, to accept a position as bookkeeper with George W. Beard, and this he retained until the incorporation of the firm under the name of George W. Beard & Co., Inc., with George W. Beard, president; Thomas C. Seidle, secretary and treasurer; and Andrew J. Fink, Jr., manager. This was unchanged until 1903, when Mr. Fink and Mr. Seidle purchased Mr. Beard's interest, and they have since carried on the business under the same firm name.

In 1892 Mr. Seidle married Ella V. Conner, a native of Birdsboro, Pa., and to this union has been born one daughter, Marion C., at school. Mr. Seidle is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro; the K. G. E.; and the P. O. S. of A. He has been prominent in politics, and is now serving as chairman of the Republican county committee. For six years he served as school director in Birdsboro, and has been delegate to many county conventions. He was elected a delegate to the national convention which met in Chicago in June, 1908, and nominated Judge William H. Taft for President of the United States.

CHARLES DANIEL WERLEY, M. D., one of the leading members of the medical profession in Berks county, located at Topton, where he has also been prominent in public, fraternal and social circles, was born April 10, 1863, in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, son of Levi and Louisa (Brobst) Werley, and a member of one of that county's oldest and most honored families.

Sebastian Werley, great-great-great-grandfather of Dr. Charles D., was originally of the Rhine country, but before emigrating to America, had settled in France. He made his way to the United States, and settled in the neighborhood of what is now known as Werley's Corner, in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, and there reared his seven children, who were as follows: John Nicholas (or "Honnickle"), Michael, Catherine (m. a Billman), Dewald, Valentine, Maria (m. a Snyder) and Rosina (m. a Kressley).

John Nicholas Werley, son of Sebastian, was evidently born and reared on the old homestead in Weisenburg township. As far as is known he was a farmer, and made that occupation his life work. He was married and nine children were born to him, as follows: Michael, who died young; Andreas, great-grandfather of Dr. Charles D.; Sebastian; Dewald; Catherine; Maria; Sarah; Rosina and Leah.

Andreas Werley, son of John Nicholas, was also a farmer, and owned a property in Weisenburg township in the vicinity of his grandfather's home (possibly it was the same farm). Andreas Werley married and became the father of the following children: Jacob, Elias, Gideon, John, Jonas, Maria, Sarah and Lydia.

Jacob Werley, son of Andreas and grandfather of Dr. Charles D., was born on the old homestead in 1813, and at the age of twenty years was married to Leah Weiss, of the same neighborhood. Shortly thereafter he moved to a farm near New Smithville, Weisenburg township, where he died aged sixty-seven years. To him and his wife Leah were born: Levi; Penrose; Edwin; Feilena, m. to Benneville Smith; and Julia, m. to Samuel Fritz.

Levi Werley, son of Jacob and Leah, was born in Weisenburg township in 1831. He had learned the trade of blacksmith, and, after following this for some time, turned his attention to farming. He married Louisa Brobst, daughter of Daniel Brobst, and died in 1897, aged sixty-six years, the father of two children: Clinton, who died in infancy; and Charles Daniel.

Charles Daniel Werley was reared in his native locality, where he attended the public schools, later entering the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883. During his attendance at the last named institution, he was for two years engaged in school teaching. After graduation he taught four terms in the public schools, and then turned his attention to the study of medicine with Dr. A. C. L. Hottenstein, of Kutztown. In the fall of 1887 he entered Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1889, and then engaged in practice at Topton, where he has since been successfully located.

In 1889 Dr. Werley married Mary A. Wallace, of Atchison, Kans., and they have had two children: Raymond Wallace, who died at the age of four years; and Walter William, attending the Keystone State Normal School. Dr. Werley and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Republican, has served as State delegate and as member of the State Central Committee, and was a presidential elector in 1904 for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. He is a member of the Topton school board, of which he has been the secretary for the past nineteen years. Fraternally, the Doctor is connected with Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., at Kutztown; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, K. T., No. 42; Williamsport Consistory; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading; Washington Camp No. 172, P. O. S. of A., Topton; Orion Castle, No. 501, K. G. E., Topton; Mertztown Council, No. 444, O. of I. A.; and the Royal Arcanum, of Kutztown. Dr. Werley is a director of the Topton National Bank, and of the Topton Building and Loan Association, the Crown Knitting Company, and the T. DeLong Furniture Company, all of which he assisted in organizing. He interested himself very largely in the erection of the Lutheran Orphans' Home, of which he has been the physician, and is an active member of the Berks County Medical Society.

HENRY D. HACKMAN. In naming the representative citizens of Berks county, Pa., whose success in any one line, or a number of lines, entitles them to special attention, we come to Henry D. Hackman, who as an example of a self-made man claims a place of distinction in this record.

Mr. Hackman was born at Womelsdorf, son of Henry and Charlotte Hackman, and was educated in the borough schools. In 1871 he was licensed to teach and followed teaching for a number of years. In 1891

he saw fit to enter the cigar business for himself, made an unusual success of it, and several years afterward erected his present factory. From the start Mr. Hackman's policy has been to manufacture only high grade, hand-made, Havana-filled cigars, and throughout, this standard has been maintained. His brands of "Old Master" and "Lucy Gray" in the five-cent line, and "Bessie Kenton" in the ten-cent line, are known through the length and breadth of the country.

Mr. Hackman has served his town in a number of ways. He was a member of the school board and council for fifteen years, eight of which he was president of council. In 1906 he was instrumental in starting the Y. M. C. A. in Womelsdorf.

Mr. Hackman married Mary Agnes Kaler, daughter of Charles and Mary (Yerger) Kaler, of Lebanon, Pa. To this union five sons were born, viz.: Walter K., H. Bertram, C. Kaler, R. Wright, and W. Huber. Mr. Hackman and his family have many friends.

SAMUEL A. BAER was born Nov. 28, 1846, in Greenwich township, Berks county, in a small one-story log house, two miles west of Kutztown. The parents were poor, and when Samuel was about three years of age, they moved to Albany township, where he attended the public schools of the district. He was but ten years old when his father died, and he worked for four years on the farm of Eli Lutz for board and clothes. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade, at which he made satisfactory progress, but he always felt that he ought to be educated, and so at the end of the first year of his apprenticeship he made arrangements through his sister Kittie to attend the Maxatawny Seminary. Here he at once showed marked talent, and through the kind encouragement of Prof. Henry R. Nicks, the principal of the school, he was enabled to fit himself for the teacher's profession. He taught in the public schools of Maxatawny township from 1864 to 1867, when he entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1869. In 1872 his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of A. M., and in 1884 Ursinus College conferred on him the degree of Ph. D.

From 1869 to 1872 Prof. Baer was instructor of Latin and History in the Keystone State Normal School. Later he was principal of Oley Academy, and in 1875 was elected county superintendent of the public schools of Berks county, which position he filled for six years with great ability. He was, so to say, to the manner born, and knew the wants of his people. He gave special attention to the language problem, and formulated suggestions along this line that are still followed extensively in his own and other counties of the State. He was a leader in the interests of the Pennsylvania Germans, and in 1875 organized at Womelsdorf the Conrad Weiser Memorial Association. In 1877 he read a report before the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association on "The Educational Problem among the German Element," which was extensively published and so favorably received by the public that it secured for him membership in the Pennsylvania Historical Society. He was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania German Society, and is the historian of the Baer family in America. He was always prominent at educational meetings, particularly at the meetings of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, and in 1884 was its president.

He was superintendent of the schools of Reading from 1881 to 1884, after which he was appointed assistant state librarian by Gov. Pattison. In September, 1889, he was again elected city superintendent of the schools of Reading, and served with great efficiency until 1896. He was regarded specially strong as an organizer and as an authority in practical common-sense methods. He was a hard worker, and serious, and left an impress for good in the schools that will be felt for years to come.

From 1897 to 1904 he was principal of the Harrisburg high school, and made an enviable reputation for himself and the school, especially for good order and thoroughness. This school was never in a more flourishing condition than during this period. He had the tact to inspire his students and sent annually to college and other higher institutions of learning at least fifty per cent. of its graduates.

Through sickness Prof. Baer was incapacitated for work for several years, but in 1907 he again took up regular school work by accepting the position of instructor in Pedagogics and English in Eastern College, Front Royal, Va. Here he regained his health and worked with his usual zeal, gaining great reputation as an able instructor. In 1908 he was elected President of Graham College, Va., which position he filled very acceptably to all parties. But in August, 1909, he resigned this position and accepted the chair of Psychology and Pedagogics in the State Normal School at Frostburg, Md., where he is happy in his specialty, and doing good work in helping to train the teachers of his adopted State.

In 1872 Prof. Baer was married to Clara Hartman, a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, and a lady of high culture and intelligence. She is the daughter of Joseph Hartman, son of the well-known printer Hartman, of Lebanon. Her mother was Wilhelmina Stoever, a lineal descendant of the Rev. John Casper Stoever, the distinguished Lutheran pioneer minister of Eastern Pennsylvania. Of this union there were born five children as follows: (1) Mary Pauline died in infancy. (2) Stella Margaret, a graduate of the Reading high school, and a teacher in the public schools of Harrisburg, Pa., was married to Fred G. Hamlin, in 1905, and left a widow in 1908. She resides in Harrisburg, Pa. (3) Joseph Augustus graduated from the Reading high school in 1895, and was appointed through a competitive examination to West Point Military Academy in 1896. He graduated in 1900, and was assigned to the 6th Cavalry, U. S. A. He relinquished his furlough to engage in the Boxer war in China, and entered Peking with the relief expedition. After serving two years in the Philippines he was stationed in 1903 at West Point as instructor in mathematics. In the spring of 1907 he was married to Lelia Lee, of Baltimore, and in the fall of the same year was again stationed in the Philippines, on Mindanao Island, where on July 5, 1909, he distinguished himself by shooting the Moro bandit, Jikiri, and three other Moros. (4) Jerome Jefferson died in infancy. (5) Carl Ambrose was born in Florence, S. C., during a temporary residence in that State. He graduated from the Harrisburg high school in 1904, and from Lehigh University in 1908. He is an electrical engineer and lives in Harrisburg.

John Baer, father of Prof. Samuel A., was born in 1801, in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, but lived during the greater part of his life in Berks county. He was a carpenter by trade. He was married to Katharine Adam, daughter of Henry Adam, of Huguenot descent, and they had children as follows: Solomon, a soldier of the Civil war, who lived and died in Kansas; Sarah, who m. John Smith, and died near Kutztown, in Maxatawny township; Peter, a master mechanic and a soldier of the Civil war, who died in Mercer county, Pa.; Henry, a carpenter by trade, who died in Lawrenceville, Ind.; Nathan, a merchant in Hamburg, Pa., who had a family of ten children, and who died in Wilmington, Del.; Katharine, m. to Henry Williams, and died in Kutztown, Pa.; Joel, a carpenter and millwright by trade, and living in Hamburg, Pa.; John, a carpenter and farmer, who lives in Albany township; Lucy, m. to Harry Weil, and living in Maxatawny township; and Samuel Adam, the subject of this sketch.

John Adam Baer, grandfather of Prof. Samuel A., was born in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, but in 1812 he sold his Lehigh county farm, and moved to Maxatawny township, Berks county, on what is now known as the Hartman's farm. He was married to

Susanna Knerr, a daughter of Abraham Knerr, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and had a brilliant war record. Of this union the following children were born: Jonathan, born in 1796, in Lehigh county, died in 1878, in Greenwich township, Berks county; John, mentioned above; Peter, born in Lehigh county, died near Raisin Center, Mich., leaving many descendants; Eva m. Reubin Schollenberger, of Greenwich township, where she died at a ripe old age; Lydia m. R. Beak, and died at Lockport, N. Y.; Betsy m. Solomon Stoyer, and died in Mercer county, Pa.; Charles, a stone mason and hotel keeper, died near Topton, having raised a large family; Solomon, who lived near Dayton, Ohio, died leaving valuable property; Susanna m. Samuel Smith, had eleven children, and died in Greenwich township; and Polly m. Chas. Harrington, of Lockport, N. Y., where she died leaving three children.

The great-grandfather of Prof. Baer was Jacob Baer, who was born in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, and was a private in Captain Edelman's Company, 4th Battalion, Northampton County Militia. He had twelve children—six sons and six daughters, and gave to each of his six sons a farm. His sons were as follows: Jacob, John Adam, John, Henry, Peter, and Daniel. Of the daughters, one died young; the others were: Mrs. Jonathan Seiberling, Mrs. Holwig, Mrs. Gockenbach, Mrs. Kistler and Mrs. Hartman.

The great-great-grandfather was Hans (John) Baer, who was the immigrant. Having landed at Philadelphia on Sept. 30, 1743, he remained for several years near Germantown, after which he settled permanently in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county. The old home is now the Kerschner farm, and is located about a mile south of Knerr's store. He had these children: Barbara m. Henry Feather, and lived in Allentown; Jacob is mentioned above; Adam lived west of the old home, and was the progenitor of most of the Lehigh county Baers; and John moved to Windsor township, Berks county, and is the progenitor of Baers of the Northwestern part of Berks county.

SAMUEL K. SPATZ, who passed away at his home in Reading on the morning of March 26, 1909, was a man prominent in fraternal and social circles in the city of Reading. He was the proprietor of the Metropolitan Buffet, situated at No. 904 Penn street, that city.

Valentine Spatz, great-grandfather of Samuel K. Spatz, owned farming land in Bern township, and he was a member of the Bern Union church of the Reformed faith. Both he and his wife were buried there. They had children: Jacob, Valentine and Benjamin, sons, all of whom settled in Bern township; and Betsey and Molly, daughters, who married, respectively, William Weaver and John Schmaltz.

Valentine Spatz, grandfather of Samuel K., was born April 23, 1818, in Bern township, Berks county, and died April 1, 1879, aged sixty years, eleven months and eight days. He was a farmer during all his active years, and owned 145 acres of land in Bern township. He married Elizabeth A. Kauffman, daughter of David Kauffman of Centre township, born Nov. 17, 1815, and died Nov. 14, 1888, aged seventy-two years, eleven months and twenty-seven days. The children of Valentine and Elizabeth A. Spatz were: Cyrus, born June 17, 1841; Jonathan K., Oct. 9, 1842; Levi, Sept. 21, 1844; William, Dec. 26, 1847; Lovina, June 12, 1848; Valentine, June 7, 1849; Susanna, in October, 1850 (died young); Helen Elizabeth, Sept. 23, 1854; Amelia, April 25, 1857; and Benjamin, Aug. 7, 1859.

Jonathan K. Spatz, father of Samuel K., was born in the old family home in Bern township and grew up on his father's farm. In 1867 he began farming for himself, and for thirty-five years he continued to farm in different sections of Berks county. In 1903 he became the proprietor of the "Cacoosing Hotel" in Spring township, which he conducted for one year. For a number of years he was known as a horseman in this section and at various times he owned fine animals. Since 1905 he has resided in Reading. In politics he is a Democrat and when he lived in Maiden-creek township he was school director for three years and frequently was a delegate to county conventions. He is a member of the Castle No. 372, K. G. E., of Hyde Park. With his family he belongs to the Reformed congregation of the Bern Union church. On May 15, 1867, he was married to Sarah Kauffman, born in 1846, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shartle) Kauffman, of Centre township, and they had three children, namely: Harry, residing in Reading, m. to Mary Kline; Kate, residing in Reading, m. to Calvin Rothenberger; and Samuel K.

Samuel K. Spatz was born Aug. 1, 1879, in Penn township, Berks county, Pa., and was reared on his father's farm. His education was obtained at the schools of Muhlenberg township, Prof. D. B. Brunner's Business College, of Reading, and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1898. For five subsequent years he taught school in Spring township. In 1900 he entered the Dickinson School of Law, where he was graduated in 1902, and was admitted to the Bar in the same year. He was employed for a time with the Metropolitan Insurance Company, at Temple, and also worked for W. H. Boyd & Co., directory publishers, as solicitor. In 1906 Mr. Spatz opened the Metropolitan Buffet on Penn street, and carried on a successful business there. He was a great enthusiast in athletics, having been manager of the Reading football team, and was Berks County champion of 1906.

Mr. Spatz was associated with many fraternal organizations. He was secretary of the Owls and held membership in the following: Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Reading; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; Oley Lodge No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Reading; Manangy Tribe, No. 316, I. O. R. M.; Reading Aerie, No. 66, F. O. E.; Sinking Spring Camp, P. O. S. of A.; 1900 Beneficial Association; Friendship Fire Company; and the Twentieth Century Quakers, in which he was a charter member. He was a man who was very popular and he had a host of friends. He was buried at Hinnershitz Church.

BLATT. The Blatt family of Berks county has long been classed among those whose representatives are useful and substantial citizens. At the present time, the brothers, Cornelius F. Blatt, a former director of the poor of Berks county, and an extensive and successful farmer of Marion township, and Darius M. Blatt, of Reading, jury commissioner of Berks county, sons of Abraham G. and Elizabeth (Gerhart) Blatt, are worthily bearing the family name.

Frederick Blatt, the great-grandfather of Cornelius F. and Darius M., was a pioneer farmer of Bern township, owning the large farm which is now the property of Levi Rentschler, and lived in a stone house, which was situated near the present Philadelphia & Reading railroad depot, near Mohrsville. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being a member of Captain Shartle's company, and was a man of adventurous spirit. In 1800, with his son Matthias, he rode on horseback to Reading to vote for Thomas Jefferson for President. On one occasion, while he and his brother were hunting in the Blue Mountains, he entered a cave to secure a number of bear cubs, but the return of the mother bear interrupted him, and the warning cry of his brother who was on the outside enabled him to squeeze past the old bear in the opening of the cave and to escape with his life. He is buried at either Belleman's or St. Michael's Church. Mr. Blatt had these children: Adam, who went to Ohio in either 1836 or 1839, his descendants living in the vicinity of Sandusky; David and John, who were residents of Centre; Matthias; and Jeremiah, of Centre, who had four children—Aaron, Reuben, Caroline (m. Adam Bohn) and Malinda (m. George Snyder).

Matthias Blatt, the grandfather of Cornelius F., was born in Bern township in 1777, and died during the winter of 1859, having been a lifelong farmer of Bern

(now Centre) township, where he owned a property of about 100 acres, now the property of his grandson, John B. Blatt. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and is buried at Belleman's Church. He married Rosanna Gerhard, a native of Germany, who came to this country with her parents when nine years of age, and they became the parents of the following children: Adam, who had—Adam, Davilla H., Catherine Mary and Harry (who lives in Kansas); John, whose children were—Jacob, Levi (of Dauphin county), John, William (who was killed during the Civil war), Sarah, Maria and Catherine; Polly (Mary), who died unmarried; Rebecca, who m. (first) Nathan Hafer and (second) Daniel Stepp; George, who had an only daughter, Hettie, who is the widow of Adam Koch; Abraham G.; and Elizabeth, who m. Samuel Billman, a prosperous citizen of Stark county, Ohio.

Abraham G. Blatt, father of Cornelius F., was born in Centre township (then Bern) in 1815, and died on his farm in the same township, in March, 1892. He was reared to farming, and when a young man learned the milling trade, which he followed for twenty-five years in Centre and Jefferson townships, the last mill operated by him being the old Miller Mill, above Bernville, which he conducted for five years in addition to farming a 200-acre property. Mr. Blatt was a very robust man, and was never sick a day in his life, with the exception of his last illness, which was of short duration, being caused by a stroke of apoplexy, which he suffered while on a visit to his brother, George, near Robesonia. His brother passed away eight days later, aged eighty-eight years. Abraham G. Blatt was buried at Belleman's Church in Centre township, and George at the Corner Church in North Heidelberg township.

In 1839 Abraham G. Blatt was married to Elizabeth Gerhart, who was born Oct. 17, 1825, and died in December, 1893, daughter of a well-known musician and the composer of a book of hymns long used by the Lutheran and Reformed churches of Berks county. To Mr. and Mrs. Blatt there were born thirteen children, as follows: Cyrus G., of Bernville; Isabella, who married John L. Boltz; Cornelius F.; Catherine, the widow of William Hain, of Williamsport; Joanna, m. to Abner Hain, Jr., of Lower Heidelberg township; Emanuel, deceased, who is buried at St. Michael's Church, Tilden township; Sophia, m. to Samuel Keim, of Reading; Seth, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Darius M.; Wellington, who met his death in a railroad accident at West Leesport; Charles, a farmer of North Heidelberg township; Benjamin, of Reading; and one child that died in infancy.

Cornelius F. Blatt was born in Centre township, Berks county, May 21, 1847, and was reared to farming. In 1882 he began operating the Madeira farm in Heidelberg township on his own account, continuing there for five years. He then became the tenant upon the Reed farm of 200 acres, located in Marion township, which he has opearted since 1887, in connection with a fifty-six acre property adjoining, which he purchased in 1901. He is a progressive, up-to-date agriculturist, and the fine condition of his property bears evidence to his ability in this line. He keeps thirty-five head of cattle and twenty-two horses. Mr. Blatt is prominently known throughout Berks county. He has been active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and on different occasions has held positions of honor and trust. He was first a school director in Heidelberg township, and later held a like position in Tulpehocken township, where, during his term of office, the board established the Rehrersburg high school and in 1889 erected a four-story building, which is a credit to the community. Mr. Blatt is an able exponent of the cause of education, and has rendered valuable services in this line to his county. In 1899 he was elected a director of the poor of Berks county, and while a member of this board displayed ability, sound judgment and honesty of principle. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Robesonia.

Mr. Blatt was married to Amanda Gruber, who was born in 1848, and died Sept. 29, 1904, aged fifty-six years. To this union there were born four children: James, of Millbach, Lebanon county; Frank, who resides at home and assists his father in farming; Maggie, who also resides at home; and Charles, a farmer of Heidelberg township, who married Maggie Gaul.

Darius M. Blatt was born in Jefferson township, Nov. 4, 1858, and was reared to farming, which he followed until sixteen years of age, at which time he commenced teaching public school, and continued at that profession for fourteen consecutive years. He subsequently became associated with the *Reading Eagle* as collector, and continued in that capacity for sixteen years, when he took charge of the livery stable attached to the "United States Hotel," Reading, and is also engaged in school teaching. In 1909 he was elected jury commissioner of Berks county, and is a competent and pleasing official. In 1877 he was married to Sallie A. Kleinginni, and they have seven children: Julia; Maud; Dallas M., who has two children, Clara and Dallas; Anna M.; Wilhelmina; Bunting; and Darius L.

GEORGE W. ROMIG, the popular proprietor of the "Continental Hotel," who has been prominent in public matters as select councilman from the Ninth ward of Reading, was born in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1863, son of Obediah and Caroline (Schofer) Romig, and grandson of Joseph Romig.

Christian Romig, great-grandfather of George W., was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout a long and active life. For about five years he was the manager of the Pine forge, above Pottstown, after that returning to farming. He died in Montgomery county, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Margaret Speidel, a native of Germany, who came to America when a child, landing at New York, and she attained the same age. They were interred in Exeter township, dying but two days apart. They had three children, namely: Joseph, John and Evans.

Joseph Romig was born in Montgomery county, and when a young man learned the blacksmith's trade with Jacob Fritz, following that occupation for a short time, and then buying a farm, in 1822, in Exeter township, a 135-acre tract near the Black Bear. There he remained until his death, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and a man highly respected and esteemed by all. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. Joseph Romig married Mary Linderman, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Fritz) Linderman, and she died in Exeter township, at the advanced age of ninety-two years, five months. They had children as follows: Rachel m. Benjamin Hill, and died in 1901; Leah m. Isaac Kerns, and resides in Buffalo, N. Y.; Rebecca died when four years old; Obediah was the father of George W. and Joseph; Beckie and Sallie, twins, died when six months old; Mary m. Henry Gilbert, and lives in Exeter township; Joseph, Jr., lives in West Reading; Sarah m. (first) William Quinter, and (second) Peter Shurr, and lives near the Black Bear; Israel died in 1905.

Obediah Romig was born in Exeter township, Jan. 22, 1823, attended the public schools of Exeter township and remained at home with his father until twenty-nine years of age, when he engaged as fireman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and continued in the service five years; he spent the next five years carrying on operations on his father's farm. He then removed to Bern township, Berks county, where he conducted two farms, comprising 250 acres, for Adam Althouse, remaining in that vicinity for two years. Then he went to Cumru township, remaining there one year, in 1867 returning to Exeter. He occupied the Deturk farm one year, then purchased the farm of his father Joseph, and there lived seven years. He then located in Reading, taking charge of the old "Rambo House," on Penn street. After two years at this place

he removed his family to his Tenth street home, where he lived retired for one year. On Jan. 22, 1873, Mr. Romig took charge of the hotel now conducted by his son, George W., and this he conducted very successfully until April 1, 1889, when the transfer was made. From that date Mr. Romig lived retired until his death.

In 1849 Mr. Romig was married to Caroline Schofer, who was born in Germany, daughter of George Schofer, and came to America in childhood. She died in 1898, and Mr. Romig later made his home with his son George W. To Mr. and Mrs. Romig were born children as follows: Sarah Amanda is unmarried; Franklin died when he was four years old; Joseph engaged in the livery business at the "Continental Hotel," and married Ella Amanda Seidel; George W.; Harry, who married Emma Hart, is clerking for his brother George W. The father was a lifelong Democrat, and served in the council of Reading from the Ninth ward in 1885. In religious belief he was a Lutheran.

George W. Romig received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native place, and later attended school at Reading. His first business occupation was as clerk in a grocery store, a position he held for six years, and he was then employed by his father in the hotel business, at his present place. He continued in his father's employ for five years, until April 1, 1889, when he purchased the business from him, and has since conducted it. The hotel, which contains fifty-nine sleeping rooms and numerous private parlors, is located at Nos. 339-355 North Ninth street, and is one of the most popular hotels in the city.

Mr. Romig was elected a councilman of the city in 1891, on the Democratic ticket, and such is his popularity that he has been re-elected three times since. He has served as president of the council, being the youngest man who has ever served in that capacity, and has been a delegate to numerous conventions in the county. The family are Lutherans. Mr. Romig is connected with Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237; Reading Commandery No. 42; the Consistory; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Reading Aerie, No. 66 (F. O. E.); Mt. Penn Castle, No. 51, K. G. E.; Mt. Penn Commandery, K. G. E.; Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; Lexington Commandery, P. O. S. of A.; Veterans, P. O. S. of A.; Bavarians; Maennerchor; Neversink Fishing Club; Ivy Leaf Association; and 89 Social Union.

On Feb. 13, 1889, Mr. Romig married Caroline Witman, daughter of John and Mary (Kern) Witman, and they have had two children, Florence and George W., Jr.

JOSEPH ROMIG, son of Obediah, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, Sept. 26, 1854, and attended the public schools in Bern and in Cumru townships. He lived on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he came to Reading with his father. His first work was at repairing for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and he subsequently learned the butchering business, which he followed for two years. He then engaged in the horse and cattle business, buying and selling, having his stand at Ninth and Buttonwood streets, continuing in this line for twelve years. His next venture was the livery business and this he has carried on to the present, his establishment being the livery of the "Continental Hotel," which hotel is conducted by his brother. He owns from five to ten horses, and also carries on a boarding stable, having one of the most up-to-date establishments in the city, and enjoying a fine patronage in both branches of the business.

Mr. Romig married Ella Amanda Seidel, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Hartman) Seidel, and eight children have been born to them, namely: Warren, a clerk in the Philadelphia & Reading shops, married Bessie Mast, and had a daughter Loraine; Carrie, Bessie, Nora, George W., Gertrude, Harry and Paul reside at home. The family live at No. 543 North Eighth street, Reading. Mr. Romig is a Democrat and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church. In fraternal connection he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is well known in the city and highly respected.

JAMES A. KUHNS, who is engaged in farming in Hereford township, Berks county, is a native of Whitehall township, Lehigh county, Pa., born May 4, 1861, son of Elias and Hettie (Roth) Kuhns.

Jonathan Kuhns, grandfather of James A., married Judith Lichtenwalner, born April 2, 1801, died Jan. 25, 1876, and both are buried at the Jordan Lutheran cemetery. They were the parents of fourteen children: Polly (1820-1891) m. Jonas Rauch, and had thirteen children: Julian, born June 28, 1823, m., Jan. 19, 1845, Levi Fetterman, a farmer at Vera Cruz, and has nine children: Jonas (1824-1846) was a farmer at Guths Station, and m. Maria Kern, by whom he had six children; Elias; Anna m. Samuel Fegley, deceased; Leon, born April 16, 1832, m. in 1859, Julian Kuntz, and had four children; Simon, born July 11, 1837, was a farmer at Siesholtzville, and had children—Harvey, Cora, Mabel, Ida and Eva; Eliza, born 1835, m. in 1857, John H. Fryman, a merchant at Litzenberg, and has four children; Katie, born 1839, m. in 1867 Alfred Seipel a farmer at Bath, and has eight children; Pharon m. Mary Rothenberger and lives at Frankfort, Ind.; the others died in infancy.

Elias Kuhns, son of Jonathan, was born in Upper Macungie, Lehigh county, Jan. 12, 1829. He attended the old pay schools in his district, and when eighteen years old he learned the shoemaker's trade, following it for a few years. He was long engaged at farming, first in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, then for seventeen years in Hereford township, Berks county, on his father's farm, and later he located in Upper Macungie township, buying his father's farm of 112 acres, and on that he lived until his retirement. He now lives in that same township in a charming private residence. He and his family are members of Jordan Lutheran church. He married (first) Hettie Roth, who died aged thirty-four years. They had three children: Anna M. m. Jacob F. Nuss, a farmer at Vera Cruz; Jane m. Walter Schneck, a hotel keeper at Ringers, Pa.; and James A. Elias Kuhns m. (second) Lydia Taggert, who bore him two children: Orwin E., born Nov. 28, 1868, m. Anna M. Wisser; and Rosa m. Samuel Lorach, a farmer at Macungie.

James A. Kuhns was reared upon a farm, and in 1893 he began for himself in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, on the old Rothenberger homestead. His next location was the Abraham Hiestand farm near Shimersville, where he lived four years, and then moved to his father's farm, which he cultivated for three years. In the spring of 1901 he located on the Jacob Deysher farm in Hereford township, where he has since continued. This farm consists of 120 acres, and Mr. Kuhns has equipped it with good machinery. He and his family are members of Huff's Church—he belonging to the Lutheran congregation, and his wife to the Reformed. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 470, P. O. S. of A., at Siesholtzville; and Vera Cruz Castle, No. 449, K. G. E.

On March 9, 1889, Mr. Kuhns m. Maria Gery, daughter of Ephraim W. and Sallie (Lauer) Gery, of Hereford township, where Mr. Gery was born June 4, 1818 (he now lives with Mrs. Kuhns). Mr. and Mrs. Gery had children as follows: Mary, deceased; twins deceased in infancy; Sarah; Henry; William; Alfred, deceased; Kate; Maria; Frank; and James deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns have four children: William H., Jennie M., Lloyd F. and Norman J.

GEORGE DE TEMPLE HAAGE, organist of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Reading, Pa., pianist and instructor on the piano and organ, was born July 3, 1875, near Landis Store, Berks Co., Pa., son of George K. and Mary (De Temple) Haage.

George K. Haage, who followed agricultural pursuits until his retirement, died May 3, 1906, in Reading, aged

seventy years, while his wife, Mary De Temple, is still living. They had children: Emma, Albert, Rosie, J. Augustus, Ambrose and George D. They were all reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Haage was a Democrat in political matters.

George D. Haage received his education in the public schools of Landis Store and Douglassville, his parents removing to the latter place when he was seven years old, and he was fourteen when they came to Reading. His first employment was as a clerk in the grocery store of George Mayers, after which he spent five years in Edward's music store in Reading, at the same time studying piano with Mr. Berg and Carl Moter. He then made a trip to Europe to pursue his musical studies, and remained at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Dresden for three years, then taking private instruction for one year. His instructors in Dresden were Edward Reuss and Percy Sherwood on the piano, and Felix Draescke in theory and composition. He returned to Reading in 1902, and since his return he has devoted his entire attention to teaching and concert work. Prof. Haage is a young man of considerable genius and since the spring of 1903 has been organist at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, being one of the first to introduce the Gregorian Chant in this country, and to instruct a male choir therein. He is also director of the Reading Liederkranz, a popular German singing society of forty-five men.

In 1906 Prof. Haage married Theresa Bettig, daughter of Eugene Bettig, of Reading, and on June 8, 1907, their union was blessed with a daughter, Angela. The Professor is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Literary and Social Union, the Knights of St. John, the Musical Club of Reading, and the Verband Deutscher Chor-dirigenten von Amerika. His home is at No. 226 South Fifth street.

JEREMIAH R. ROTHERMEL, a representative agriculturist of Perry township, Berks county, who is engaged as rural mail carrier, was born Oct. 3, 1855, in Perry township, son of Daniel S. and Esther (Reber) Rothermel.

The ancestor of the Rothermel family in America was Johannes Rothermel, a native of Germany, who died at sea while on his way to this country. One of his sons, Lawrence, was married in 1746 to a Miss Kuhns, of Windsor township, where he had settled in 1738 as a pioneer. He had two children: Leonard; and Maria, who became the wife of John C. Romig.

Leonard Rothermel, great-grandfather of Jeremiah R., was an extensive farmer of Windsor township, owning over 400 acres of land, one tract being now in the possession of his grandson, Jackson Rothermel. He was the father of the following children: Catherine (m. John Fritz); Daniel; Jacob; John; Elizabeth (m. Henry Long); Lawrence; Maria (m. Joseph Tyson); Peter, and Hannah.

Peter Rothermel, grandfather of Jeremiah R., who lived in Windsor township, was a carpenter and farmer, and for some years made his home in Hamburg, where he followed the former occupation. He died in 1879, aged eighty years. He married Esther Saul, and to them were born children as follows: Jacob, Daniel S., Peter, William, Esther (m. Joseph Seltzer), Susan (m. John Krick), and Mary (m. Joseph Reber).

Daniel S. Rothermel, well-known in Perry township, for many years following his trade of carpenter there, was born Oct. 19, 1831, in Windsor township (now Perry), and died March 22, 1897. He owned an excellent farm of seventy-two acres near Mohrsville, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits from 1872 to 1895. In politics he first was a Democrat, and later a prohibitionist, but he never held office. In religious belief he and his family were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was an elder for many years, dying while in office. Mr. Rothermel married Esther Reber, and to them were born children as follows: Jeremiah R.; Albert, who was drowned at the age of three years; Amos, whose death occurred in his thirteenth year; Annie L., who married Samuel Trump; Caroline, who died in youth; Emmeline, who died at the age of six years; Miss Ella, at home; Ada, who died March 15, 1902, aged thirty-one years; Miss Lizzie, at home; Samuel, who married Lizzie Spatz; Katie, wife of Lafayette Rentschler; Howard, single; and Sallie, who died in infancy.

Jeremiah R. Rothermel was educated in the local schools of his native township, the Hamburg high school and Professor Unger's Academy at Shoemakersville, later attending the Reading Scientific Academy under Prof. D. B. Brunner and the Keystone State Normal School. He began teaching in 1877 at the Meeting-House school in Bern township, where he taught four terms, one term in Centre, fifteen terms in Perry, three terms in Ontelaunee, and had engaged a school in Perry for the twenty-fifth term, but resigned same, after his appointment as mail carrier. He obtained a permanent certificate June 4, 1887, under the superintendency of Prof. D. S. Keck, when Dr. Higbee was state superintendent. He was well and favorably known as an educator throughout Berks county, and one of the most popular teachers of his day. Mr. Rothermel made a journey in 1879 to Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm, but the following year returned to his native township, and again began teaching. For one year he clerked in the general store of H. S. Fraunfelter, at Mohrsville, Pa., and also engaged in painting during the summer months, while teaching in winter, doing work at Royersford, Montgomery county, and Reading and other towns in Berks county.

Mr. Rothermel now owns a good farm in the northern part of Mohrsville, consisting of fifty acres of excellent land, upon which stands one of the oldest stone houses in this section. While it is old, it is nevertheless in an excellent state of preservation, and may last for 100 years. It was lately repaired and remodelled, and is now a very cozy and comfortable home. The house is surrounded by a beautiful, well-kept lawn, and the barns and outbuildings are in good repair. Mr. Rothermel also owns a large double brick dwelling in Mohrsville, which is tenanted.

On Aug. 1, 1905, Mr. Rothermel was appointed a rural letter carrier on Route No. 1, from Mohrsville, he making daily trips of twenty-six and three-tenths miles through Centre, Penn and Upper Bern townships. He is a Republican in politics and has been a number of times delegate to county conventions. Mr. Rothermel and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mohrsville, of which he has been a deacon since Easter, 1899, a Sunday-school teacher for many years, superintendent of the Sunday-school for a period, and a member of the Consistory since 1883. He is fraternally connected with Perry Lodge No. 1055, of Shoemakersville, a past grand master; and a member of Welcome Lodge No. 55, Shepherds of Bethlehem, of which he is past commander.

On March 4, 1888, Mr. Rothermel married Mary Kneeream, daughter of Christopher and Christina Kneeream, who emigrated to America from Germany. To this union there have been born the following children: Laura Minnie, born Dec. 27, 1888, died May 26, 1906; Daniel Luther, born July 4, 1892; and Stanley Morris, born Feb. 23, 1898, died May 1st, 1900. Daniel Luther Rothermel is a member of the class of 1909, Perry township high school at Shoemakersville. During his vacation in 1908 he attended Prof. Kerst's National Business College, at Reading, Pa., studying short-hand, book-keeping and typewriting, and intends to complete his course there also in 1909.

LEONARD ISRAEL KAPP, a substantial farmer of Marion township, Berks Co., Pa., who is cultivating an excellent tract of 140 acres of farming land, was born July 10, 1860, in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Leonard and Maria (Mosser) Kapp.

Leonard Kapp, the great-grandfather of Leonard I., was a son of Michael Kapp, a native of Germany, who emigrated to Heidelberg township, now embraced in Jackson township, Lebanon county, long before 1752, in which year Berks county was organized, that section of land being taken from Lancaster county. Leonard Kapp owned much land in Jackson town-

ship, where he died. He had a brother Frederick, who had two sons—George and Andrew.

The grandfather of Leonard I. Kapp, also named Leonard, was born May 24, 1780, in Lebanon county, and died at Reistville, on the old homestead, Sept. 30, 1853, being buried at Christ Lutheran Church at Myerstown. He owned large properties in Jackson township, and was considered a very wealthy man for that day. Mr. Kapp married Anna Yundt, and they had the following children: John, born July 18, 1807; Henry, Dec. 3, 1808; George, Aug. 21, 1810; Catherine, May 10, 1813; Jacob, Nov. 11, 1814; Leah, July 16, 1817; Elizabeth, May 29, 1821; Lydia, Nov. 27, 1823; and Leonard, Feb. 24, 1826.

Leonard Kapp, father of Leonard I., was born Feb. 24, 1826, in Lebanon county, and died Sept. 10, 1882, at the age of fifty-six years, six months, sixteen days, on his farm in Marion township, being buried in the Kapp family lot at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1872 Mr. Kapp moved to Marion township, and settled on a farm of 140 acres, four years later purchasing the farm adjoining, which was the property of Jacob Scheetz, who had obtained it from Adam Schuetz, who had originally settled on it in 1723. The southern part of this farm originally belonged to the Balthaser Anspach, as is shown on the Lindenmuth map of early settlers. The property on which Mr. Kapp first settled belonged to one Samuel Scheetz, a brother of Jacob, the latter of whom owned an ox during the latter forties or early fifties, weighing 3425 pounds, the largest animal that Berks countians ever saw. Mr. Scheetz had a special shed in which the ox was kept, and a special wagon was constructed, on which the animal was hauled to Philadelphia, where after exhibiting it for some time, Mr. Scheetz sold it. Admission was charged to view this great beast, and the country people for miles around rode in on horseback to see it. Later it was killed and mounted, and stood on exhibition in Horticultural Hall, at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. Leonard Kapp was a prosperous farmer and well-known man in his vicinity. He was a Lutheran member of Christ Evangelical Church, in which he was a deacon and elder, and in politics was a Democrat, serving his township as school director for some years. He married Maria Mosser, daughter of John and Sarah (Schuetz) Mosser, and they had these children: Sarah; John L., of Reistville, Lebanon county; Emma, m. to Christ Bucher, of Reistville; Amanda, m. to John Krall, of Reistville; Simon C., an iron worker of No. 521 East Cumberland street, Lebanon; Leonard I.; Maria, who died in infancy; and Annie, m. to Frank Treida, of Mount Aetna, Pennsylvania.

Leonard I. Kapp was born on Israel Day, according to the Almanac, from which he received his middle name. When twelve years of age he removed with his parents to Marion township, where he worked for his father until the latter's death, at which time he was bequeathed the original farm, and his sister Sarah the second farm. Each of these properties consist of 140 acres, and are in a high state of cultivation. Four years after his father's death, Mr. Kapp's farm stock was sold at public vendue, and Mr. Kapp, his sister and mother removed to Stouchsburg, where Mrs. Kapp died Nov. 22, 1906, aged eighty-three years. In the following spring Mr. Kapp and his sister returned to Miss Kapp's farm, and on account of the scarcity of farms in this neighborhood the original homestead was rented.

In politics Mr. Kapp is a Democrat, and he has always been a leader in movements that promise to be of benefit to the community in which he resides. He is a good, practical farmer, and his sister's property, which he cultivates, is one of the fine farms of this section of Marion township. Mr. and Miss Kapp are members of Christ Lutheran (Tulpehocken) Church, where he has been a deacon since 1901. Both are greatly interested in the work of the Sunday-school, of which Mr. Kapp is an official.

GRIFFITH. The Griffiths are an early Welsh family of Pennsylvania. In 1686 and 1698 many Welsh families arrived and settled in the districts of Caernarvon, Brecknock, Robeson and Cumru, in what is now Berks county. Among these was one Hugh Griffith. He had a brother, Ellis Griffith, who was one of the very earliest settlers of what is now Amity township, being one of the signers of the petition for the organization of the township in 1744. In his will, which was probated in 1759, the year of his death, is the following provision: "I bequeath to Cousin Evan Griffith all my land. If, however, he cannot be found, my land shall become the property of brother Hugh Griffith of Robeson township." In 1759 a John Griffith lived in Robeson township, where he was a large tax-payer. By some members of the family it is believed that John was the father of Evan. Michael Griffith, a half-brother of Evan, lived in Chester county; he was a cripple, but was very strong.

Evan Griffith was a well known man in Brecknock township in its early years, coming from Chester county. By occupation he was a pump maker. He sleeps in the cemetery at Allegheny Church, in an unmarked grave. He married Catharine Weiss, and their children were: Samuel, of Robeson township; Mrs. Philip Hummel, of Brecknock; Ann, who married Daniel Brendel; Betzy, who married Henry Trostle; Bevvy, who married Peter Steffy; Sophia, who married Isaac Lewis; John; Cassie, who married John Heddens; William, who died young; Isaac; and Benjamin, who died when he was about thirty years of age, leaving one son and one daughter.

John Griffith, son of Evan, was born Jan. 25, 1792, and died March 13, 1881, in his ninetieth year. He was a farmer in Brecknock township, near Furlows Hotel. In addition to his farming he followed the trade of cooper. For about six years of his life he lived in Mifflin county. His wife was Maria (better known as Polly) Brendel. She was born Feb. 1, 1799, daughter of Abraham Brendel, and she died March 14, 1887, in the eighty-ninth year of her age. To John and Maria Griffith were born children as follows: Cyrus, mentioned below; Catharine, who married Samuel Rathman, a farmer in Brecknock township, and had one son and two daughters; and William, mentioned below.

Isaac Griffith, son of Evan, was born Feb. 5, 1799, and became a prominent man in Brecknock township, where he owned a farm of some sixty acres, now the property of Albert Kachel. For many years he served as supervisor. He died Oct. 11, 1882, in his eighty-fourth year, and was buried at Allegheny Church. He married Catharine Trostle, daughter of Henry Trostle, and became the father of thirteen children, namely: Catharine, Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Cassie, Louisa, Isaac, William, Samuel, Benjamin, Caroline, ———, and one that died in infancy.

Samuel Griffith, son of Isaac and grandson of Evan, was born Nov. 5, 1834, in Brecknock township. He owns an eighty-four acre farm, but is now living retired. He has served his township as school director and assistant assessor. He is a member of the Allegheny Church, where many of the Griffiths lie buried. Mr. Samuel Griffith has been twice married. His first wife was Lydia Eshelman (1839-1870), and his second Elizabeth Zimmerman. His children, all born to the first wife, were: Jeremiah; Sarah A.; Aaron; Jacob E., a teacher and justice of the peace in Brecknock township; and Solomon, who died in 1882, aged twelve years.

Cyrus Griffith, mentioned above as son of John and grandson of Evan, was a cooper by trade, and followed that occupation in Brecknock township many years, being one of the last to work at that trade in his community. He owned a farm of about 100 acres near Knauers, which he rented, and in earlier years this was conducted by his sons. He was born Sept. 21, 1817, in Brecknock, and died Nov. 24, 1903, aged eighty-six years. He was a Reformed member of the Allegheny Church, and was a thoroughly honorable and upright man. While he never rode on a steam car in his life, he traveled as far as the western part of the State, and worked for a time at his

trade in the Kishacoquilla Valley, in Mifflin county. He married Catharine Fritz, who was born Jan. 19, 1821, daughter of John Fritz, and died Dec. 6, 1891, in her seventy-first year. Their four children were: Frank, of Mohnton; John, deceased; Sarah, who died in childhood; and Wayne F.

WAYNE F. GRIFFITH, son of Cyrus, and a foremost citizen and well known justice of the peace of Brecknock township, now engaged in dealing in farm implements and fertilizers at Knauers, was born Dec. 8, 1867. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and his early education was obtained in the township schools and in a private school in charge of Henry T. Kachel. He first became engaged in the farm implement business in 1885, when but eighteen years of age, and since then has carried on the business successfully at Knauers. He has patrons within a radius of twelve miles, and he sells from eighty to one hundred tons of fertilizer every year. His honest, open dealings and genial obliging manners have won him a growing list of patrons. He deals in all kinds of farm implements, and has the largest line of farm equipment in the county, also doing a large amount of repair work.

In politics Mr. Griffith is quite influential as a Democrat, and he has been active in party work, his influence always being sought by those anxious for party preferment. When but twenty-two years of age he was elected township clerk, and he was appointed by Governor Robert E. Pattison justice of the peace, and since then has been re-elected three times. At his first election he had every vote that was polled by both parties, something that had never happened before and never has since to any candidate. He is also the committeeman of his party, representing the township on the county committee. In the organization of the new Mohnton National Bank, Mr. Griffith was unanimously elected cashier, a position he still holds. This bank is in successful operation, and the first year made a net profit to the stockholders of fourteen per cent. Mr. Griffith resides in a modern residence at Knauers, which he erected in 1896. It is surrounded by a well-kept terraced lawn, in which may be found many South Carolina poplar trees, and much beautiful shrubbery.

On Nov. 30, 1895, Mr. Griffith was married to Jennie Kachel, daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Griffith) Kachel, farming people of Brecknock. They attend the Allegheny Union Church, in which Mr. Griffith is a member of the Sunday-school and was a teacher for several years.

William Griffith, son of John and brother of Cyrus, was born in Mifflin county March 5, 1831. From his youth up he engaged in farming and after 1860 made his home in Brecknock township, where he owned 105 acres of land. This he cultivated until 1897. Since the spring of 1907 he has lived in Mohnton with his son Hiram. He sold his farm in 1903. Considering his advanced years he is well preserved, and in spite of his long years of activity is still able to take a keen interest in things around him. He married Catharine Marks, born 1836, died 1881, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Marks. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Elijah, deceased, who married Joanna Hornberger, and had children, Charles, Cora and Maggie; Amanda, who married Nelson Bixler; Maggie, who married Albert Kachel; Augustus M.; Martin, deceased, who married Sallie Gebhart; Hiram M. and Biram, twins; William, who married Emma Krick, and lives at Gouglersville, Pa.; Joseph, who died in infancy; and Dora and Alice, who both died young.

AUGUSTUS M. GRIFFITH, son of William and Catharine, was born in Brecknock township March 16, 1863. He obtained a limited education in the common schools which he left at an early age to work upon the home farm. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, and then for one year drove a team. In 1885 he moved to his father's farm, which he conducted for two years. In 1887 he purchased a sixty-acre farm in Brecknock township, where he farmed for sixteen years. In 1904 he purchased his brother Hiram's bakery at Mohnton, and this he has since successfully conducted. He bakes an excellent quality of bread and pastry, and twenty-five different kinds of cake, for all of which he has a ready market in Mohnton and surrounding districts. In the Reading markets he has stands: No. 196 at Fourth and Penn streets; at Ninth and Buttonwood streets; No. 172, Sixth and Bingaman streets; and No. 60, Tenth and Chestnut streets. He keeps two double teams to supply Mohnton and vicinity. His weekly consumption of flour is estimated at thirty barrels. He has all the latest and best improved machinery. On the evening of May 26, 1905, a fire broke out in a neighboring property, which was communicated by the wind to Mr. Griffith's, and his bakery and dwelling were consumed, entailing a loss of five thousand dollars, only partially insured. He at once rebuilt, and now has a fine home and bakery on Wood street, Mohnton. In politics, like his brothers, he is a Democrat. He and his family attend Allegheny Church, of which they are Lutheran members.

On Jan. 27, 1882, Mr. Griffith married Mary Ann Strunk, daughter of Martin and Kate (Stoner) Strunk, and their children are: Walter, unmarried; Goldie, married to Charles B. High, a school teacher of Shillington, by whom she has a son, Jean; Miss Nora, at home; Stella, married to Harvey Boone; and Tamie, at home.

BIRAM GRIFFITH, proprietor of the "Hotel Griffith," located on the site of the former Mohn's Store postoffice, at Mohnton, Pa., was born in Brecknock township, Berks county, Aug. 5, 1866, son of William and Catharine (Marks) Griffith.

He spent his school days in Brecknock township and worked with his father until eighteen years of age. On Jan. 17, 1887, he came to Mohnton and learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for eleven years, also engaging successfully in horse trading and the livery business, the latter of which he sold in 1904 to his brother Hiram. For a period of three years Mr. Griffith drove the mail between Mohnton and Adamstown, and before the advent of the trolley cars carried passengers. In his youth he had also learned the milling business with Daniel Yelk, with whom he remained one year, although he never engaged in this business on his own account. He built his present hotel in 1904 and received his license in 1905, since which time he has done a large business. His hotel, a three-story structure with twenty-nine rooms, one of the best in Berks county, is well liked by the traveling public, and Mr. Griffith makes a cordial, affable host, being very popular in his community. In his political belief he is a Democrat, and he has served a number of times as delegate to county conventions. He is a member of the Reformed Church of Allegheny, and a liberal contributor toward its support.

Mr. Griffith married Catherine Steffey, daughter of Ephraim, and Elizabeth (Gephard) Steffey, of Brecknock township, Berks county, and to this union were born four children: Katie, who married Harry Whitner, of Mohnton, and has two children; Edith M., who died in infancy; and Edna and Edgar B., attending school.

HIRAM M. GRIFFITH, a substantial business man of Berks county, who is carrying on a flourishing livery business at Mohnton, Cumru township, was born Aug. 5, 1866, in Brecknock township, Berks county.

He attended the schools of his native township, and when a young man learned cigar-making with James and Samuel Prutzman, of Adamstown, Pa., following this occupation for four years. He then learned the hatter's trade with George Hendel, and followed same for four years, after which he engaged in the baking business at which he was employed from 1893 until 1904, when he sold out to his brother Augustus. He then engaged in the livery business, having bought out his brother, Biram. The stable is located at Wood and and Wyomissing avenues, and he has from fifteen to

twenty horses, enjoying a large and profitable business. He is a Democrat in politics, and is connected fraternally with the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 211. His religious connection is with the Salem Evangelical Association of Mohnton.

Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Mary Mosser, the estimable daughter of Nicholas and Sallie (Grill) Mosser, and to this union were born two children, both daughters, Gertrude (who died in infancy) and Marjorie E. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are well known in Mohnton, and enjoys the friendship and esteem of a large acquaintanceship.

SAMUEL DIEHL DIBERT, who has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Reading since 1885, was born Feb. 21, 1855, on a farm in Bedford county, Pa., and while a small boy his parents removed to Bedford. He attended the local schools until he was sixteen years old and then became a clerk in the general store of G. R. Oster & Co., where he continued until 1875, when he went to Reading and entered the cigar factory of Hantsch & Crouse (the junior partner having been his brother-in-law) for the purpose of learning the business. After serving as a clerk for several years he filled the position of traveling salesman until 1883 when he became one of the firm of Dibert Brothers & Co., which established a factory at New York City, and carried on business for two years. The factory was then transferred to Reading and located in the Earl Building at the northwest corner of Fifth and Penn streets. In 1898 Mr. Dibert became the sole owner of the business, and he has carried on the manufacture of cigars in a most successful manner to the present time, shipping his product to all parts of the United States. Since 1893 his plant has been established at Washington and Thorn streets.

Mr. Dibert was made a Freemason in Bedford Lodge in 1880 and in 1890 his membership was transferred to Lodge No. 62, of Reading. He is also a member of Excelsior Chapter and Reading Commandery. He was advanced to the 32° in the Philadelphia Consistory in 1894. Since 1906 he has served as one of the trustees of the Masonic Temple on North Fifth street, Reading.

Mr. Dibert has been an active member of the Board of Trade since 1889. In appreciation of his active services he was placed on various important committees, and it was upon his motion that a general committee was appointed in 1897 to make the necessary arrangements for the proper celebration of the "Sesqui-Centennial of Reading" in June, 1898. When the celebration took place he was the president of the Board of Trade and much of the success of the celebration was due to his persevering energy and official courtesies. From this time he has shown much practical interest in local affairs, more especially of a financial or of an industrial character, serving as a director in the management of different corporations.

In 1891 Mr. Dibert was married to Elizabeth G., daughter of Abraham Peters and Celestia Boyer, his wife, of Jonestown, Pa., and they have two daughters, Blanche E. and Ruth C.

His father, William Dibert, was born in Bedford county in 1827, and brought up as a farmer. He followed farming for twenty years, and then removed to Bedford to engage in the hotel business which he carried on successfully for ten years, in connection with a line of stages between Bedford and Cumberland, Md. In 1900 he removed to Reading, and since then has been living in retirement. He was married to Elizabeth Diehl, daughter of Jonathan Diehl, farmer of Bedford county, by whom he had four children: Sadie (m. Daniel W. Crouse, for many years engaged in manufacturing cigars at Reading); Henry S. (m. Ella G. Newman); Samuel D.; and Jonathan (died in infancy). His wife died in 1904, aged seventy-five years.

His grandfather was Thomas Dibert, also a farmer of Bedford county. He married Elizabeth Robb.

His great-grandfather was Charles Dibert (m. to Mary Wisegarber) who migrated from Virginia to Pennsylvania and became one of the earliest settlers of Bedford county.

LEWIS F. ROHRBACH, a well known school teacher residing in Pike township, Berks county, was born in that township Feb. 2, 1875, son of Lewis Y. and Mary (Frey) Rohrbach.

The first Rohrbach of whom there is definite record in America was John George, who was twice married. By his first marriage he had a son Lawrence. To him and his second wife, Christiana Moser, were born five children: George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Of these Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa; George to have gone West; Eva m. Jacob Finkbohner, and after her death he m. her sister Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John.

Lawrence Rohrbach owned a farm in District township, which after his death became the property of his son Daniel. Daniel's two sons, William and Samuel succeeded to the ownership, and since 1873 it has been the property of William F., son of another Daniel. The farm consists of 120 acres, and the present buildings were erected by Daniel, son of Lawrence. In 1790 Lawrence and John are recorded as heads of families in East District township.

Lawrence Rohrbach had five sons, namely: Daniel, George (who had eight children), Christopher (or Stophel) (who had eleven children), Jacob and Henry.

Daniel Rohrbach, son of Lawrence, became the father of nine children: Benjamin, Daniel, William, Ephraim, Amos, Augustus, Samuel, Hettie and Kate.

Benjamin Rohrbach, son of Daniel, lived in District township. He married and among his children was a son Lewis Y.

Lewis Y. Rohrbach, son of Benjamin, was born on the Rohrbach homestead in District township, July 6, 1835, and died March 11, 1898. Early in life he learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it about twenty years, after which he began farming on the homestead, a tract of 155 acres, and continued there until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as township auditor, and as school director, and was a highly respected citizen. He and his family were members of Hill Church, of which he was deacon and elder. He married Mary Frey, of Pike township, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Bechtel) Frey. She was born July 5, 1838, and died Feb. 24, 1906, and both she and her husband are buried at Hill Church. Their children were: James, a farmer in Pike township; Benjamin, who lives with his brother Greeley; Sarah, m. to Ellis Weidner, of Friedensburg; Jacob, a farmer in Pike township; Greeley, a farmer living on the homestead in Pike township; Lewis F.; John F., who resides in Reading; and Jairus, Caster and Mary Ann, who all three died young.

Lewis F. Rohrbach obtained his early intellectual training in the public schools of Pike township, and at the Oley Academy. Later, in the spring of 1893, he entered the Normal school at Kutztown, and from that institution he was graduated with the class of 1898. Mr. Rohrbach began teaching in Pike township in the fall of 1893, at Heilig's school, where he taught two successive terms. He taught the school terms of 1895 and 1896 at Hill Church, and the following year he remained at Kutztown, completing his term. After his graduation he taught Yoder's school in his home township two terms, and then he taught Lobachs school two and one-half months when his health failed and he has not fully recovered to this time. His two lower limbs became paralyzed, due the doctor claimed to gelsemium. Mr. Rohrbach recovered sufficiently to enable him to teach school again, beginning in the fall of 1902, and he has taught every term since. He is an esteemed and successful teacher of his district. He has a fine working library on pedagogy.

Mr. Rohrbach was married Jan. 23, 1897, to Miss Rachel R. Bechtel, daughter of James D. and Emma (Reichert) Bechtel, the former a substantial citizen of Pike township. To this union have been born three sons, namely: Jonathan B., Morris B., and Claud B. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrbach are Lutheran members of Hill Church, and since 1908 he has been Superintendent of Lobachsville Sunday-school. Mr. Rohrbach is a Democrat, and served the township as tax collector three years, and in different ways has rendered his community efficient service. The family live near Pikeville on their own fifty-five-acre farm, a tract of good land.

John Rohrbach, son of the emigrant ancestor, John George, lived on the farm of 130 acres in District township, now owned by one David Rohrbach, a farmer. The present owner David obtained it from his father John, who had it from his father George, son of John, son of the emigrant, John George. The two original Rohrbach farms have never been out of the family name. John Rohrbach, son of John George, was born July 14, 1747. He married Gertrude Gaiker, and they had six children, as follows: (1) John, born in 1776, owned the farm in District township, now owned by Peter Smith. He m. a Kieffer, and had four children: George, John, Mrs. Jacob Gerhart and Lizzie (m. to Peter Smith). (2) Samuel, born in 1778, lived in Longswamp township. He was very rich and carried his gold and silver in a bushel basket. He m. a Miss Kieffer, and had seven children: George, Judith (m. Charles Fox), Mrs. John Romich, Mrs. Benjamin De Long, Mrs. William Bush, Mrs. Ganby, Mrs. Aaron Waremkessel. (3) George, born in 1782, was a blacksmith and owned the homestead. He married Kate, daughter of Jacob Bittenbender, and they had children Catharine (m. John Huff), Polly (m. John Bechtel), Susanna (m. Israel Moyer), George and John. (4) Daniel. (5) William, born 1786, lived on a small farm in District township. He married and had one daughter Hettie (Esther), m. to John Pauli. (6) Solomon, born in 1788, was a farmer in Longswamp township. He had four children: Horatio, Sallie (died unmarried), Harriet (m. Isaiah Reichart) and Mrs. George Frederick.

Daniel Rohrbach, son of John, was born in 1784. He was a blacksmith by trade, and lived on a farm adjoining the homestead. He married Catharine (Kate) Smith, and they are both buried at Huff's Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were: Daniel, Sallie, Judith, Anna, Lydia and Kate.

Daniel Rohrbach, son of Daniel, was born in District township. He was a successful farmer, and owned a 106-acre farm, which included Solomon Rohrbach's farm of some fifty acres. He was a Democrat, as are the members of the family generally. He married Matilda Fox, born in Rockland township, daughter of Ernst Fox. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rohrbach are buried at Huff's Church of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were: Benneville, who received the homestead; William F.; Daniel F.; and Susanna, m. to Joseph Schweyer.

William F. Rohrbach, son of Daniel, was born in District township, Oct. 14, 1847. He received his education in the old pay schools, his tuition being three and a half cents per day, but some of this he earned by building the fire. He attended until he was fifteen or sixteen years old. His early training had been to farming, and at the age of twenty-four he began on his grandfather Daniel's farm, remaining one year. He then bought the Lawrence Rohrbach farm of 120 acres from William and Samuel Rohrbach, paying $7,200. This he farmed six years, and still owns it. He had a tenant on it for twenty years, one Charles Meck, who cleared $7,000, and then bought his own farm. In 1876 Mr. Rohrbach moved to the farm in Forge Dale, Washington township, where he now lives, containing thirty acres, and this he cultivates for exercise. He owns a farm of seventy acres in Hereford township, which he rents. He had a fifty-acre tract in District, but this he sold in 1905. Mr. Rohrbach and Charles Y. Renninger, a brother-in-law, have a farm of 133 acres in partnership in Earl township, valued at $9,500.

Mr. Rohrbach is one of the heavy tax payers of the district. He is a Democrat, and has been school director of Washington township since 1901. He takes great interest in the cause of education. He and family are members of Huffs Church, and he has been an elder for some years. He was married in 1869 to Amanda Renninger, daughter of Charles Y. Renninger, of Montgomery county. They have two children: (1) Prof. David R., a graduate in the class of 1897, Kutztown Normal school, is also a graduate of the Scientific College and attended Lafayette College, and University of Pennsylvania. He taught public school in Berks county four years, and since 1905 has been principal of the public schools of Williamstown, N. J. He m. Alice Johnson, of Elmer, N. J., and has a daughter, Nora. (2) Miss Alice, a graduate of the Kutztown Normal school, class of 1901, has taught at Reber's school-house in Washington township for seven terms.

Daniel F. Rohrbach, son of Daniel and brother of William F., was born in District township, Jan. 20, 1858, and is a farmer in Forge Dale, Washington township. He attended the public school in District township till he was seventeen years old, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until he was twenty years old. He then began farming a fifty-eight acre tract in District township, which he obtained from his father, and remained there twenty-seven years. In the spring of 1907, he moved upon his 117-acre farm in Washington township, where he now lives. This was the Rush farm for ninety years, and has good buildings, all in good condition.

In politics Mr. Rohrbach is a Democrat, and was school director of District township three years. He and his family are Lutheran members of Huffs Church, of which they are regular attendants. He was married in 1880 to Massie Ann Rohrbach, daughter of Aaron and Maria (Seisholtz) Rohrbach, and granddaughter of George Rohrbach, of Longswamp township where her father now lives. Their children were Aaron H., a school teacher of Washington township; George and Samuel, who both died young; Mary Ann; Corinda Ann; Hettie; Clinton E.; Lizzie V.; Daniel L.; and Maria Anna.

EDWARD SCHULDT, only surviving son of Frederick Schuldt, was born in Reading March 18, 1860. After completing the course offered in the public schools of Reading he entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was graduated there in 1883. Returning to Reading, he took charge for a time of his father's real estate interests, but in 1885 became interested in veterinary science and entered Dr. Cleaver's office for a year's preliminary reading on that subject. He then went to Toronto, Canada, and entering Smith's Veterinary College completed the course there, after which he took another course in Detroit, Mich., in veterinary dentistry. He then came back to Reading and practised for a time with Dr. Cleaver, but later went to New York City for a few years. In 1885 he returned home to take charge of his father's affairs until the latter's death, and after that event gave up his profession, finding that his personal interests demanded his whole time and attention.

On April 22, 1885, Mr. Schuldt married Miss Christina Barth, of New York State, and four children were born to them, viz.: Frederick, who died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Lula; Edna and Elizabeth. Mr. Shuldt belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Frederick Schuldt, his father, passed his earlier years in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where he was born in 1816, and where he remained till he was thirty-two years of age. On arriving in America, in 1848, he located first in New York City, and took a position in a hotel, as clerk, being an expert in that line as well as

in the detection of counterfeit coins. From New York he went to Philadelphia, where he was similarly engaged for several years in the employ of Mr. Fulmer. In 1858, the date of his coming to Reading, he took up an entirely new line, and began as a cooper, making barrels for the Reading distillery. He continued thus until a terrific flood swept away his entire plant, stock and tools. Mr. Schuldt was left with only five dollars as his worldly capital and even that he shared with his partner.

Thus forced to begin the world again, Mr. Schuldt entered upon the long and varied business career which was eventually to make him so well known among Reading's substantial citizens. He first sought employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and helped to lay the rails for a branch road at Port Clinton, after which he was for a time one of a wrecking crew under Mr. Jackson. Returning to Reading he was employed in the manufacture of iron coal cars for a time, but before long secured a place as brewmaster at the Lauer brewery. Subsequently he was similarly engaged with Mr. Flotto and with Nicholas Felix. By 1865 he had accumulated sufficient capital to start in business for himself once more, and opened a cream beer brewery on Ninth street, below Franklin. From this period his interests multiplied and his financial progress became rapid. For three years he carried on a hotel at Ninth and Penn streets, then, in association with Moses K. Graeff and Mr. Schmeck, built the first malt house in Reading. His interest in this he sold out to Mr. Graeff, and going into the real estate business he built sixteen houses, all located in the Third ward. He was also interested in the Gas Company and later put up an independent malt house, which he operated from 1876 to 1883. Selling this in the latter year to Hagey & Pott, Mr. Schuldt closed out his active interests and retired, living quietly in Reading from that time till his death, in April, 1894, at the age of seventy-eight.

According to his means Mr. Schuldt was ever ready to support any really good cause, while private benefactions were unknown and unnumbered. He was naturalized as soon as possible after settling here, and was ever after a loyal supporter of the Democratic party, but was no office seeker. In religion he was a Lutheran. He married Louisa Witman, who died in 1893. They were the parents of four children, namely: Frederick, deceased; Agnes, m. to Albert Woomer; Frederick (2), deceased; and Edward.

ADAM HARTMAN, a successful young business man of Reading, Pa., and one of the members of the firm known as the Reading Cement & Paving Company, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1871, son of Jacob Hartman, also a native of that country.

Jacob Hartman was a miller in Germany, an occupation which he had followed all of his life. In 1878 he came to America and landed at New York, whence, however, he returned to his native country with his family. In 1889 Mr. Hartman again came to America, and now resides with his son, Adam, in Reading. Mrs. Hartman, whose maiden name was Mary Ennig, also resides with her son.

Adam Hartman came to America with his parents when but seven years of age and for a time attended the public schools of this country. He returned to Germany with his father and mother, but when eighteen years old again came to America and located in Reading, being first employed in the Conrad Kessler hat factory, where he remained three years. At the end of this time Mr. Hartman connected himself with the Reading Hardware Company, and after leaving that firm he was engaged for three years at the plant of Orr & Sembower. Mr. Hartman next engaged in the cement business, working for other firms until 1899, when with Samuel Howerter, he engaged in business under the firm name of the Reading Cement & Paving Company, with offices at No. 917 Locust street, Reading. The business has been a successful one from the start, the partners being energetic, enterprising men, and they now employ, even in the dull season, from six to ten hands, while during the busy season they require as many as twenty-seven skilled laborers. The Reading Cement & Paving Company is well known for its high class of work, and the firm has been noted for living up to the terms of its contracts.

Mr. Hartman married Elvina Moser, daughter of Albert Moser, of Reading, and they have had six children: Ella, Daniel, Annie, Maria, Charles and Catharine. Mr. Hartman with his family and parents resided at No. 1103 Chestnut street, until March, 1907, when they purchased a stone-front residence at No. 917 North Twelfth street, where they now live.

FREDERICK GARTMANN (deceased) was a respected resident of Reading for many years. He was born at Marlbergen, Osnabruck, Hanover, Germany, June 10, 1828, son of John Wilhelm and Maria Margaretha (Finkle) Gartmann. The father was a paper manufacturer by trade. His children bore names as follows: Elizabeth, Emma, Frederick, Frantz, George, Heinrich and Anna.

Frederick Gartmann attended the German schools until he was fourteen years old, after which he worked in the coal mines until he was twenty-eight. He then came to America, landing at Baltimore, Oct. 29, 1856, after a voyage of five weeks and two days. The lady who was then betrothed to Mr. Gartmann and who afterward became his wife, crossed the ocean on the same steamer. The travelers went from Baltimore by railroad to Altoona, Pa., and from there to Pittsburg, where they had friends and where they remained for six weeks, in the meantime communicating with two uncles of Mrs. Gartmann. One was named Francis Minkhaus, who lived at Saint Marys, Elk county, Pa., and the other, Frank Fagler, of Reading. After some delay they came to Reading, where Mr. Gartmann followed laboring, and Mrs. Gartmann hired out to William Krauss, who lived at Fifth and Chestnut streets, Reading.

On April 21, 1857, Mr. Gartmann was married to Gertrude Lutman, by Rev. Father Kuntzer, of St. Peter's Catholic Church. She was born in Germany, Aug. 15, 1834, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Minkhaus) Lutman. To Mr. and Mrs. Gartmann were born the following children: John L., who follows the tinsmith business at Reading; Louisa A.; Mary m. James Reedy, of Reading; Rosa S.; Frank F. is a tinsmith; George and Josephine, the latter of whom is deceased.

Mr. Gartmann was always an industrious man, and he worked at Mellert's foundry and then at Lauer's brewery for a time, and then was employed for ten years at Bushong's furnace. His last work was done at the Deppen Brewing Company's establishment. He was a member of the St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Holy Cross Society. He died April 26, 1882, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery. His widow resides at No. 764 North Sixth street, Reading, where she successfully conducts a grocery, owning her own property.

JAMES MATZ, contractor and builder, No. 1273 Cotton street, Reading, was born Sept. 26, 1855, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Gabriel and Elizabeth (Wobensmith) Matz.

His grandfather, Jacob Matz, was also a native of Berks county. He and his wife had the following children: Jacob, John, Isaac, David, Gabriel, Reuben, and several daughters. In politics he was a Democrat. The family belonged mostly to the Reformed Church.

Gabriel Matz was a carpenter by trade, and from 1861 until his death in May, 1889, he was engaged in contracting in Reading. He was a skilled workman, as many of Reading's most substantial buildings and residences built by him will testify, and was a kind and helpful neighbor and a useful citizen. In politics he was a Democrat, but outside of casting his vote, cared little for public matters. He and his wife who died in 1906, aged seventy-

eight years, were the parents of these children: Henry, Clara, James, Susan, Jacob, Sally, Samuel, and Charles. In religious belief the family were Reformed.

James Matz obtained a common school education in Reading, and as a boy learned the carpenter's trade, under his father. For several years father and son were engaged together in contracting and building, but in 1884 James branched out on his own account and since that time his operations have averaged thirty-five houses a year. During this time he has erected five public school buildings, numerous factories, the Keystone Fire Company's building, and that of the Union Fire Company. In 1906 he was engaged in erecting the tool house for the Reading Water Board, at Maiden Creek Pumping Station. He is a skilled mechanic, is honest in his dealings and lives up to the terms of his contract.

On Jan. 10, 1880, Mr. Matz married Miss Annie L. Zeigler, daughter of John and Emma Zeigler, and they had the following children: Charles E., a veteran of the Spanish-American war, is also connected with the regular army, and has seen service in the Philippines; James A., who served in Troop F, 2d U. S. Cav., from June 2, 1898, to Jan. 31, 1904, was promoted to sergeant, and saw service in Cuba, the Philippines and Fort McPherson, Ga.; William A. is a carpenter of Philadelphia; Annie L., in the Girls' high school, Reading; and George W. C., also in high school.

Mr. Matz is fraternally connected with the F. O. E. He has been prominently identified with public matters and for four years served as a member of the common council from the Tenth ward, and also inspector of elections.

EUGENE I. SANDT, ex-alderman of the Eighth ward, Reading, enjoys the distinction of having been elected to that position on the Republican ticket, in a Democratic ward, by a handsome majority.

Alderman Sandt's grandfather, John Sandt, removed from Northampton county to Berks county in 1844.

William Sandt, father of Eugene I., was a merchant tailor of Reading, but owing to failing health retired from that business to take a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and remained with them six weeks, being instantly killed, June 11, 1855, in a rear-end collision. He died aged thirty-two years. His wife was Sabina Oberly, daughter of David Oberly, a Northampton county farmer, who died suddenly from apoplexy at the age of forty-four years. There were five children born to this union: Irwin, retired; Wallace, retired; Alice, widow of George Kline, of Cumru township; Emma, wife of Thomas Sigman, a clerk in the time-keeper's office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; and Eugene I.

Eugene I. Sandt was born April 2, 1848, and was educated in the public schools, which he left at the age of nine years. He secured work in a cotton factory, next at Siegel's hat factory and then learned brush-making. At the age of twelve years he was a messenger boy for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and for thirty-seven years, four months, continued in the service of that company, having been, during part of the time, superintendent of the shops of the Reading system, and for some time general foreman and master mechanic of the New York division. Mr. Sandt retired from the service, May 31, 1898, on account of failing health, and, after resting for two years, was elected alderman of the Eighth ward, on a Republican ticket, by a majority of 100, being the first Republican ever elected in that ward to the position of alderman. He was re-elected in February, 1905, with an increased majority of 406. Mr. Sandt, however, had carried his party to victory in that ward before, being elected, in 1877, registry assessor. In 1888 he was elected to the Reading school board, and served four years, eight months. In November, 1908, he was elected as the Republican county commissioner.

Alderman Sandt has twice been married. His first wife was Annie E. Mellen, daughter of the late Francis and Margaret Mellen, of Reading, the marriage having taken place, Aug. 8, 1870. Mrs. Sandt died July 9, 1893. Five children were born to this union: one child which died in infancy; Jennie, who died aged twenty-eight years; William, in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Eugene H., employed by the same company; and Carrie, wife of Albert De Hart. Alderman Sandt's second wife was Kate E. Harbester, of Reading, to whom he was married Jan. 1, 1903.

The Alderman served as a private in Co. C, 194th Reg. Penn. Vol. Inf., enlisting at the age of sixteen years, and served gallantly throughout the term of his enlistment. He served as a member of the Junior Steam Fire Engine Co. from Oct. 4, 1866, and is still a member of that organization, having held various positions therein. In religion Alderman Sandt is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is connected with Chandler Lodge, F. & A. M.; Camp No. 61, P. O. S. of A.; Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic; Veteran Firemen's Association; the North Eastern Republican organization, and the 14th Ward Republican organization.

GEORGE K. LEVAN, in his lifetime a merchant of Reading who played a conspicuous part in the commercial history of his city, came of stanch Huguenot stock that left the familiar scenes of the Palatinate and vicinity, to find religious liberty and peace under the beneficent laws of the Colony of the Penns.

In the summer of 1727 Daniel LeVan embarked at Rotterdam, in the good ship "William & Sarah," Captain William Hill. The ship touched port at Dover, England, and then started on the long voyage to Philadelphia, where it arrived early in September. On the 21st of that month, all the male passengers over sixteen years of age, subscribed to the following declaration: "We, the subscribers, natives and inhabitants of the Palatinate, or the Rhine places adjacent, having transported ourselves and families into this province of Pennsylvania, a colony subject to the crown of Great Britain, in hopes and expectation of finding a retreat and peaceable settlement there, Do solemnly promise and engage, that we will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to his present Majesty King George the Second, and his successors, Kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the proprietors of this province, and that we will demean ourselves peaceably to all his Majesty's subjects, and strictly observe, and conform to the laws of England and of this Province, to the utmost of our power and the best of our understanding." There were upwards of 300 persons on the ship, of which 117 were males over sixteen years old, and of this number sixty-two were ill on board at the time of arrival, and four had died on the voyage. Those who were well signed the above Declaration themselves, and the names of the sixty-two, who were ill, were signed by the clerk of the Board of the Provincial Council, held at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1727; among the latter so signed was that of Daniel LeVan. Before leaving the Fatherland these followers of the German Reformed faith had engaged the Rev. George Michael Wise, V. D. M., to accompany them, and he was for many years pastor of German Reformed Churches in Philadelphia, Germantown, etc.

Jacob LeVan settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, in an early day. He became one of the leading men of the county, and was judge of the Courts from 1752 to 1762. He was the father of two children—Colonel Sebastian and Jacob.

Colonel Sebastian LeVan was born about 1734, and he died in August, 1794. On Dec. 5, 1774, he was elected a member of the Berks County Committee of Observation, upon which he served as one of the fifteen members. He was a delegate to the Provincial Convention, Jan. 2, 1775, appointed lieutenant-colonel 7th Battalion, Berks county, 1775-76; delegate to the Lancaster Convention, in July, 1776; representative on the Standing Committee, serving later in the State Assembly during 1779-1780; councilor on the Supreme Ex-

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ecutive Council from 1782-84. As a member of such executive bodies he was exempt from bearing arms. The records show an order from the Council of Safety to pay him £88-2s-6d. for arms taken from non-associates, Dec. 6, 1776. His wife was Christiana Schneider, and they had three children: Jacob, John and Margaret who married John Mattern.

John LeVan, son of Col. Sebastian, married Christine Kline, and they had a son, George K.

George K. Levan was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county. In Reading he attained a high place as a merchant, being the founder of the dry goods store now owned by John E. Bubp & Sons on Penn street. Mr. Bubp was his clerk at first, and later Mr. Levan sold out to him. He, himself, then engaged in business on Penn street, near the Farmers' National Bank Building, opening the first queensware store in the city of Reading, and he also carried a line of dry goods. He was a man of pronounced business ability, and was a buyer of great sagacity. His mercantile life ended in 1869 with his election as prothonotary of Berks county, an office he held until 1872, after which he retired, making his home at his comfortable residence on Eighth street, near Franklin. His death occurred suddenly, after he returned home from church, when he was aged sixty years.

Mr. Levan married Nov. 6, 1845, Margaret B. Yoder, daughter of David Yoder, and a representative of an early settled Berks county family. She died in 1900, and is buried beside her husband in the Charles Evans cemetery. They were active workers in, and early members of the Second Reformed Church. They had five children: Annie E., who died in 1880, married James S. White, and had a daughter, Edith, who married Prof. R. S. Birch; Morris Y. died at the age of twenty-three; Miss Martha Y.; Ida died in infancy; and Mary married D. Lorah Mauger, district passenger agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, with his office in Reading, and they have two children, Margaret A. and George L. They reside at No. 813 North Fourth street, Reading.

HUNTER HENNINGER, funeral director at Reading for upward of twenty years, was born at Reading April 26, 1863. After receiving his education in the local schools and Brunner's Business College, he entered the employ of his father for the purpose of learning the business of conducting funerals, and he continued in his father's employ until 1885, when he became a partner. The business was then conducted under the name of J. R. Henninger & Son until the decease of the father in December, 1890, when the son became the sole owner; and he has since carried it on in a very successful manner. In July, 1902, he enlarged his business by purchasing the undertaking establishment of Charles Henninger & Son, at No. 716 Penn street, and upon taking possession of this long established stand he tore down the factory on the rear of the premises and erected in its stead a modern undertaker's plant with the latest improvements for embalming and operating a morgue, making it one of the most complete in the eastern Pennsylvania. Being thoroughly experienced in the business, with an extended acquaintance in the community, he has a large patronage. He is frequently engaged to conduct funerals from Reading to distant places where interment is made, and also to conduct them to Reading from distant places to make interment here. His urbanity and thoughtfulness in the performance of his delicate duties in the hour of bereavement are highly appreciated.

Mr. Henninger has become prominently identified with Free Masonry at Reading, being a past master of Reading Lodge No. 549, a past high priest of Chapter No. 152, and a past commander of De Molay Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Friendship, Royal Arcanum and Progressive Americans.

Mr. Henninger was married in 1890 to Rebecca Boyer, a daughter of B. Frank Boyer, Esq., of Reading, and she died in 1893. In 1900 he was married to Gertrude C. Gerhart, a daughter of Dr. Erasmus and Agnes (Weber) Gerhart, of Millersburg, in Bethel township, Berks county, and by her has two children: Maryan Gerhart and John Hunter. She attended the local schools of Reading and was graduated from the Girls' High School of Reading with distinction in 1895; after which she taught school in Marion township for one term and in Reading for four terms. Since her marriage she has taken much active interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution, being a member of that distinguished society at Reading. Her lineage shows that she has six ancestors who were enlisted in the Colonial army. Mr. Henninger and his family are members of the Second Reformed Church.

Mr. Henninger's father was John Rapp Henninger, who was born at Kutztown. There he learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed at that place; also at Milton and at Reading, locating at the last named place some time before 1860, and embarking in the shoe business at No. 715 Penn street. During 1861 and 1862, he manufactured many thousand pairs of shoes for the United States government. In 1863 he entered the employ of his brother Charles, to assist in conducting funerals. He continued with him until 1870, when he engaged in the business for himself, locating at No. 1025 Penn street; and he continued until his decease in December, 1890, dying at the age of sixty-seven years. He was married to Maryan Latimer Hunter, daughter of John Hunter of Ireland and Sarah Ramsay, his wife, of Scotland, they having immigrated to Pennsylvania. The daughter was born and brought up in the vicinity of Milton, Pa., moved to Reading, and died in 1891, aged sixty-eight years. They had twelve children, four dying early in life. The others were: Sarah, William, Mary, Nathaniel, Martha, Annie, Hunter and Clara.

His grandparents were John Henninger and Sarah Rapp, his wife; and his great-grandparents, Johannes Henninger and Maria Dorothea Kettra.

KUTZ. Tradition says that (I) Nicholas Coots and (Ia) Jacob Kutz, who settled in Maxatawny township, back of Kutztown, on what is now known as the Stock Farm, were brothers, and that they had another brother who settled in Carlisle, Pa., where many of the name live at this time. The name of this third brother was probably (Ib) Samuel Kutz.

(I) Nicholas Coots, also spelled Couts, Cutz, and Kutz, was the first of the family on record in Pennsylvania. On Nov. 18, 1729, he purchased from Casper Wistar, brass button manufacturer, and his wife Catharine, of the city of Philadelphia, a tract of 150 acres of land, situated in Maxatawny township (near Eagle Point, now owned by Isaac Kutz), Philadelphia (now Berks) county, paying for the same fifty-two pounds, ten shillings. On Sept. 4, 1734, he purchased another tract of 222 acres, located in the same township, and on Feb. 2, 1737, two other tracts of 250 3-4 acres from John and Thomas Penn, and on Jan. 6, 1741, a tract of forty-eight acres, all located in the one township. He was the father of six children: Nicholas (2), whose wife's name was Eva; Jacob, whose wife's name was Elizabeth; George, whose wife's name was Margaret; Thomas, whose wife's name was Elizabeth; Adam, whose wife's name was Catharine; and Catharine, who married Conrad Henninger.

(II) Nicholas Kutz (2), eldest son of Nicholas, obtained that part of the homestead on which were the original buildings. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife Eva bore him two sons: Nicholas (3) and Johann.

(III) Nicholas Kutz (3), son of Nicholas (2), was born on the Kutz homestead in Maxatawny township, Feb. 14, 1764, and there his death occurred May 4, 1831, when he was aged sixty-seven years, two months and twenty days. His remains are buried in the family burial ground on the farm—four generations sleeping their last sleep there. He married Maria Susanna Scharadin (1769-1847), daughter of Jacob and Margaretha (Haak) Schar-

adin. They had two children, Samuel S. and Eva Catharine (m. Samuel Swoyer). Nicholas Kutz became the owner of the homestead, and his whole life was devoted to farming.

(IV) Samuel S. Kutz, son of Nicholas (3), was born on the old homestead, Jan. 28, 1800, and he died there May 6, 1878. His life occupation was farming, and he was very successful in all that he undertook, becoming a very wealthy man. He gave a good farm to each of his four sons. He married Catharine Sell, born May 3, 1797, and died in 1872, daughter of Johannes and Margaret Sell. Their four sons were: John, m. to Sarah Dreibelbis; Jacob S., m. to Mary DeLong, daughter of David DeLong; Daniel, m. to Hetty Sell; and Isaac, m. to Susanna DeLong, daughter of Francis DeLong. Of these sons, John became the father of three children: Mary, m. to James Heffner; Madora Ann, m. to Isaac Kutz; and Samuel D., m. to Agnes Heffly. Jacob S. is mentioned in full farther on, as is also Isaac. Daniel (twin to Isaac) became the father of two children, Catharine (m. George Raubenbold, deceased, of Hamburg), and John (who died aged about ten years), and lived on his fine farm in Siegfried's Dale, Maxatawny township. Samuel S. Kutz, the father, was an official member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Kutztown for upwards of a quarter of a century, and was greatly esteemed in the community. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat. He paid the largest tax in the district.

(V) Jacob S. Kutz, son of Samuel S., was born July 3, 1826, and died March 4, 1904. He was a prosperous farmer, owning a tract of 175 acres of the best land in Maxatawny township, one-half mile east of Eagle Point. He and his family were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kutztown, of which he was deacon and trustee for many years. In 1855 he was married to Mary DeLong, daughter of David DeLong and wife (whose maiden name was Bieber), and to this union were born: Edwin S.; Isaac, who had a dream which foretold the day and hour of his death in 1903; Andora, who died aged ten years; and David D., who resides at Kutztown.

(VI) Edwin S. Kutz, son of Jacob S., was reared on his father's farm near Eagle Point, Maxatawny township, where he was born May 19, 1856. He obtained his early education in the local schools, and at the age of fourteen years began attending the Kutztown State Normal School, later entering a school of higher education at Kingston, Luzerne county. In 1882 he purchased the Jacob Merkel farm, consisting of 145 acres of excellent land, situated one-half mile from Moselem Springs, in the direction of Kutztown. Here he has been very successful. He uses only the most modern machinery and best approved methods on his farm, and his property is kept in fine condition. In the spring of 1910 Mr. Kutz expects to turn his farm over to the care of his son Edwin S., Jr., while he himself will move to the new home he is building on Park Avenue in Kutztown. He takes great interest in the educational affairs of his township, and for a number of years served as school director.

In 1880 Mr. Kutz was married to Marietta Deysher, daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Butz) Deysher, agriculturists of Maxatawny township, and to this union have been born four children: Daisy m., Aug. 23, 1906, William Wessner, of Kutztown, and has two children, Arlena and John; Edwin S., Jr., m. Jan. 11, 1908, Susan Heffner, daughter of Abraham Heffner (whose wife was a Stoudt), and has one child, Edna May: George and Helen. To Jacob and Caroline Deysher were born the following: Marietta, Mrs. Kutz; Frank, a farmer and horse dealer in Maxatawny; Jacob P., a wealthy farmer in Maxatawny; Ida and Caroline, both unmarried, who reside with their brother Jacob P.; and George, who is a Lutheran minister at Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

(V) Isaac Kutz, son of Samuel S., was born in the Kutz homestead, where his sons, also, were born, Nov. 19, 1830. He cultivated the home farm until his retirement in 1885, when he sold off his stock, but he continued to make his home there until 1890, when he moved to Fleetwood. In 1893 he erected the finest residence in Upper Berks county. This is located at the corner of Main and Walnut streets, in the borough of Fleetwood. It is furnished throughout with hardwood lumber—the house itself being of brick—and it is surrounded by a beautifully kept lawn. He still owns the old homestead in Maxatawny, two and one-half miles from Kutztown. This consists of 158 acres of the richest land in the county, while the comfortable brick residence on it, which Mr. Kutz built in 1872, makes it a very desirable country place. While still in active work, Mr. Kutz took great pride in his fine dairy, and owned some very valuable cows. On Jan. 17, 1860, he was married to Susanna DeLong, born July 15, 1839, died July 2, 1908, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, seventeen days, and is buried at Fleetwood, Pa. She was a daughter of Francis and Esther (Schaeffer) DeLong, prosperous farming people at Bowers, Pa. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kutz: Franklin S. and Charles W.

(V) Franklin S. Kutz, son of Isaac, was born in Maxatawny township, on the old Kutz homestead, Sept. 17, 1862. He received his education in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School and later attended the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., whence he was graduated in 1882. He then became bookkeeper for Bell, Walt & Co., wholesale shoe merchants of Philadelphia, with whom he remained two years. In 1885 he came to Fleetwood, and engaged in the general mercantile business with Lewis B. Schaeffer, Daniel S. Schaeffer and Charles A. Messersmith, under the firm name of Schaeffer, Messersmith & Kutz. This firm continued in this business until March 11, 1889, when Mr. Kutz and his brother Charles W. bought out the interests of Messrs. Daniel S. Schaeffer and Charles A. Messersmith, doing business under the firm name of Schaeffer & Kutz Bros. until March 27, 1897, at which date the brothers bought the interest of Mr. Lewis B. Schaeffer, and changed the firm to Kutz Bros. This firm continued in the same line, meeting with great success, until in 1906, when they sold out to devote their entire time to the manufacture of seamless hosiery, a business in which they had been engaged since 1895. They employ seventy-five people, and have a ready market for their entire product. In 1898 Kutz Brothers erected the three-story brick business house on the southwest corner of Main and Franklin streets, 40 x 115 feet in dimensions. The first floor is used as the store room, and is one of the finest in that section, while the second and third floors are used for manufacturing purposes. When the First National Bank of Fleetwood was organized in 1907, they erected a three-story brick building on the west side of their main building; the first floor of which is occupied by the First National Bank, and the second floor is used as the firm's office. At the organization of this bank Mr. Franklin S. Kutz became one of its directors, and was elected the vice-president. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Camp No. 103, P. O. S. of A.; and Castle No. 374, K. G. E., both of Fleetwood. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Fleetwood, to which he contributes liberally.

On Jan. 25, 1886, Mr. Kutz was married to Alice S. Schaeffer, daughter of Lewis B. and Caroline (Messersmith) Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, and they have one son, Charles Isaac, born Nov. 3, 1888, who has been given the advantage of a University education. Mr. Kutz resides on Main street, near the home of his aged father. He is progressive and enterprising, and is always interested in anything that will promote the moral and material growth of his town. In 1904 he accompanied the Knights Templars on a pleasure trip to the Pacific coast.

(VI) Charles W. Kutz, son of Isaac and brother of Franklin S., was born on the old Kutz homestead in Maxatawny, Oct. 10, 1865. His early education was secured in the public schools, and completed in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown. He gained his training

for the business world in the famous Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1885. He then remained with his parents until March 11, 1889, when he engaged in the mercantile business established some years before by his brother, Franklin S., and under the firm name of Kutz Brothers, they prospered until they sold out in 1906. Since that time they have devoted themselves to the manufacture of seamless hosiery, as above stated. Both Mr. Kutz and his brother are Democrats, but neither cares for the honors and responsibilities of public office. Mr. Charles W. Kutz is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Kutztown.

On Sept. 17, 1895, Mr. Kutz was married to Katie W. Ressler, daughter of Reuben and Catharine (Wanner) Ressler, and they have one daughter, Katharine Susanna, born July 22, 1900. Mr. Kutz resides with his parents on Main Street, and is devoted to his home and family. He is not a member of any social or fraternal organization.

(V) John Kutz, son of Samuel S. and Catharine (Sell) Kutz, was born in Maxatawny township, on the homestead, Oct. 27, 1821, and he died July 4, 1884, and is buried at Kutztown. He was a lifelong farmer and obtained the Peter Levan homestead at Eagle Point, which his father bought for him in 1846. He was twenty-eight when he settled on the Levan farm. He married Sarah Dreibelbis, born Feb. 7, 1829, and died April 4, 1878, aged forty-nine years, one month and twenty-seven days, daughter of David Dreibelbis, of Richmond township. They had three children: Mary Malinda, born in 1848, married James Heffner, of Kutztown, and died in 1902; Madora Ann, born Nov. 8, 1858, married her cousin, Isaac Kutz; and Samuel D.

(VI) Samuel D. Kutz, son of John and Sarah (Dreibelbis), was born near Eagle Point on his father's farm Aug. 5, 1861. He was reared to farming and worked for his father until he was twenty-three years old, and then began farming on the homestead for himself, where he still lives. The farm consists of 140 acres of good land. He has erected a modern barn, 80 x 45 feet in dimensions —a strictly up-to-date building. He has seven head of horses, and twenty-four head of cattle. His milk is all shipped to the creamery. The house in which he lives was built by Peter Levan many years ago. Everything about the place bespeaks the intelligent care of the owner. All his life he has given evidence of a methodical nature, his days in the public schools and also in the Keystone State Normal School being marked by careful, systematic work. In politics Mr. Kutz is a Democrat, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran Church at Kutztown. All his life with the exception of five years passed at Kutztown three miles away has been passed on his present homestead. In 1893 he married Agnes Heffly, daughter of William Heffly, and they have one son, John W., born Dec. 24, 1894, who at the age of fourteen years graduated from the school at Eagle Point, taking his examination and receiving his diploma at Bowers, and he then entered the Keystone State Normal School, class "D"; and was promoted to the junior class the next spring. He is a boy of much ability, and while devoted to his books, does not neglect the work on the farm. Mr. Samuel D. Kutz has taken Mathias Angstadt, a bright lad of eight years, from the Home of the Friendless, Reading, and has given him a happy home.

(III) Johann Kutz, son of Nicholas (2), was born Nov. 10, 1774, and died March 20, 1846, aged seventy-one years, four months and ten days, and his remains rest in the Hope cemetery at Kutztown. He married and had a son, Daniel B.

(IV) Daniel B. Kutz, son of Johann, became a very prominent man in his community, and devoted many years of his life to public service. He was successfully engaged as a merchant for many years at Kutztown, being associated in business with ex-Judge William Heidenreich for several years until 1857, under the firm name of Heidenreich & Kutz. He was the foremost figure in Berks county politics many years, leading the Democratic party through many battles, and he befriended many men. He supported the Hon. William B. Strong for the judgeship, and after his term of office as judge of Berks county, he was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Col. Kutz was a strong supporter of David Kutz for the Bench as associate judge of Berks county, and he also helped to make his former business associate, William Heidenreich, associate judge of Berks county, and in 1852-55 he worked to make Benjamin Kutz county commissioner. He was assemblyman in 1840-41. He married a Miss Heffner, and they had children: Benneville; Edwin, of Allentown, whose son became alderman of that city; Daniel, who operates a large cattle ranch in the State of Washington; and Mrs. George Weaver.

(V) Benneville Kutz, son of Daniel B., died comparatively young in years. He married Sarah Fisher, daughter of Jacob Fisher, and she died July 28, 1898, at the age of sixty-six years. They were the parents of the following children: Nicholas J.; Anna E., wife of Douglas Seifert, a druggist of Potter county; Carrie E., Mrs. Wilson D. Althouse, a coal operator, at Norristown; Cora L., wife of Wellington D. Hoffman, a station agent on the Philadelphia & Reading railway at Bridgeport, Pa.; Ira George; and Pius, who died in infancy. Jacob Fisher, father of Mrs. Sarah (Fisher) Kutz, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and he died at the advanced age of ninety-nine years and three months.

(VI) Nicholas J. Kutz, son of Benneville and Sarah, was born in the borough of Kutztown Nov. 18, 1860. He received his early education in the district school, and later attended the Kutztown State Normal School, graduating therefrom in 1879. He taught school in Maxatawny township for two terms, and in the fall of 1882 accepted the position of grammar school teacher at Egypt, Lehigh county. After the completion of his first term he was unanimously elected to serve another, but was offered a more lucrative position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in Philadelphia. During President Cleveland's administration he was appointed a registry clerk in the Philadelphia post-office, and after the administration was once more in the hands of the other great political power he was again given his position in the railroad company's freight office, where he continued eight years. In the spring of 1894 Mr. Kutz and N. S. Schaeffer, of Fleetwood, formed a partnership, and commenced business under the firm name of N. S. Schaeffer & Co. They deal in general merchandise, and occupy the entire building at the southeast corner of Main and Richmond streets, Fleetwood, the firm enjoying the largest trade of this thriving town. In 1902 they admitted another partner in the person of George J. Schlegel, opening at this time in addition to the general store a hardware store on the northwest corner of Main and Richmond streets, this stand being formerly known as Kelchner's. Mr. Schlegel has entire charge of this branch of the business. Mr. Kutz is interested in other enterprises, being associated with his brother-in-law, W. D. Althouse, in coal mining in Somerset county, Pa., and Preston county, W. Va., coal operations. Politically Mr. Kutz is an influential Democrat, and a well known factor in local politics. He was a member of the Fleetwood council for six years, serving during that time as secretary of that body. He resides in his comfortable brick residence on Main street, Fleetwood, and he and his family are members of St. Paul's Union Lutheran Church.

On Oct. 29, 1891, Mr. Kutz was married to Clara S. Kline, daughter of Israel and Amelia (Schaeffer) Kline, and one daughter has been born to them, Florence M., a graduate of the Fleetwood high school.

(VI) Ira George Kutz, son of Benneville, was born at Kutztown, May 14, 1867, and is now the popular district attorney of Berks county, elected in November, 1904, by a large majority. His preliminary education was received in the public schools of his native town, and he continued his studies in the Keystone State Normal School,

and was graduated in 1886, with honor. Having chosen teaching as a profession he followed it for the ensuing eight years, three years of which time he was principal of the Kutztown high school. In 1893, having been a student at La Fayette College for a period of four years, he received a diploma from that institution. He then began the study of law in the office of Stevens & Stevens in Reading, and continued there until 1897, in which year he was admitted to the Bar. He entered upon the practice of his profession at once, and remained in private practice until 1904, winning a place in the front rank in the legal lights of the county, and earning the respect and esteem of those much older than himself. He achieved a reputation that made him desirable material for the Democratic nomination for district attorney, and this choice received such a hearty endorsement from the people that he was elected by a majority of 2,500. He has a keen perception of the importance of his duty to his office and to himself, and he has won a reputation for fearlessness in the discharge of that duty that has made him the terror of law breakers and the idol of the people he serves.

On Oct. 20, 1898, Mr. Kutz was married to Clara B. Shepp, daughter of John Shepp, a retired farmer residing in Reading. They have one child, Elizabeth, born Jan. 18, 1900. Mr. Kutz is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F.; K. G. E.; Americus Club; 1900 Beneficial Association; Northeastern Democratic League; and Hampden Fire Company. He is a communicant of Trinity Lutheran Church at Kutztown.

(Ia) Jacob Kutz, mentioned at the beginning of this article as a brother of Nicholas and co-founder of the Kutz family, was a native of Switzerland, who emigrated to America on the ship "Pink Plaisance," which qualified at Philadelphia in the fall of 1732. He was born in 1674, as was also his wife Christina. They were, accordingly, at the time of their coming to this country, fifty-eight years of age. Jacob Kutz settled in Maxatawny township, on the tract now known as the Stock Farm. This property is well located, fertile and with an abundance of good water. The Kutztown Fair Association now owns a part of it, and part of it has been cut into building lots. In the list of names in the Pennsylvania archives, the name of the wife of this emigrant is given as Katharina, but on a tombstone erected to the memory of their son Jacob, it is given as Christina, and this is accepted as correct. Her maiden name was Bossert, and she attained advanced years, dying in the one hundredth year of her age. Their children were: (1) John Adam, who lived in Carlisle, Pa., for some years, later went to Ohio, and there died. (2) Jacob m. Susanna Geeher (1778-1824), and they had children: David, who m. Kate Sell, and had children—Jacob, George, Dewald, Sell, Judith, Sallie, Susanna, Mary and Barbara; Samuel, who m. his cousin, Polly Kutz, daughter of Jacob and Betty, and their children were—Jacob, Aaron, Samuel, Henry, Robert, Mary Ann and Sarah; Joseph (1800-1890), who m. Elizabeth Mertz (died in 1862); and had children—Catharine, Jacob, Charles, Judith, Annie, Catharine (2), Sarah (1825-1887), Diana, Susanna, Hettie, Leah, Betzey, Caroline and Aaron; Benjamin (May 11, 1806-Feb. 9, 1874), who m. Sarah Sittler (1806-1892), and had children—Jacob, Daniel S., Helen and William S.; Betsey or Elizabeth (1804-1867), who m. Johannes Rohn; Rebecca, who m. Jacob Ann; and Ann, who m. George Graver. (3) Daniel is mentioned farther on. (4) Betty m. Jacob Kutz, and they settled at Carlisle, where many of their descendants still reside. Their children were all very strong. In those days much apple-jack was made, and was hauled by wagon to Pittsburg. The boys would lift full barrels of this liquor with comparative ease up on the Conestoga wagons. This Jacob Kutz was, presumably, a descendant of the third brother, mentioned at the beginning of the article as (Ib) Samuel, who settled at Carlisle. To Jacob and Betty Kutz were born children as follows: Polly, David, Jacob, Peter, Jesse, Daniel, Nancy and another son. (5) Catharine. (6) Peter, born April 28, 1780, died March 31, 1859, aged seventy-eight years, eleven months and three days. He was a stone mason in Kutztown. He married Susanna Biehl (1784-1867), and their children were: Charles, Abraham, Josiah and Lucy.

(IIa) Daniel Kutz, son of Jacob, was born in 1782, and he died on his farm in Maxatawny in 1875, in his ninety-third year. He was a life-long farmer, and owner of considerable property in both Maxatawny and Richmond townships. He was buried at Kutztown, where he was a member of the Reformed Church. He married Elizabeth Fister, whose parents came from Switzerland, and they became the parents of children as follows: Sally, who died unmarried; Christina; Nathan; David F.; Jacob; and Elizabeth, born 1826.

(IIIa) David F. Kutz, son of Daniel, was born in Richmond township, Oct. 23, 1819, and is at present making his home with his son, Cosmos D. He is a remarkably well preserved old gentleman, and is able to read without glasses. He was the owner of a valuable farm in Maxatawny township, to which he devoted his energies. He was a man of enterprise and intelligence, and he was an excellent penman, his education having been received in both public and private schools. He married Caroline Haas, daughter of Jonathan Haas, of Longswamp township, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Cyrenus W.; Cosmos D.; Albert Alfred, who died young; Moses; Jarus; Elsworth; Valeria, who married Milton Schollenberger; and Evella, who married Alvin Weiser.

(IVa) Cosmos D. Kutz, son of David F., and one of the most prominent men in Berks county, was born in Maxatawny township, Sept. 27, 1850. His literary training was received in the public schools, and his business education in the commercial department of Wyoming Seminary, also taking some other branches in the latter institution. He early learned the duties connected with a farmer's life, and on leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he was twenty years of age. He then engaged in a mercantile business at Bowers Station, and several years later he went to New Jerusalem, where he remained for seven years. In 1882 he came to Lyons, and with his brother Moses, formed a partnership under the firm name of Kutz Brothers, and they met with considerable success in their undertakings in the mercantile world, but in 1894 they disbanded, and for a short time devoted themselves to the produce business. Mr. Cosmos D. Kutz then sold his right, title and interest to his brother. In 1896 he was elected treasurer of Berks county, and in January, 1897, assumed the duties of that office. Here he served his three-year term, giving satisfaction to his constituents, and proving himself a man of ability and of conscientiousness in the discharge of his duty. He has long been active in Berks county politics as a stanch Democrat, and has wielded great influence in the destiny of his party in the county, assisting many a good man to an office of public trust. He was committeeman in Maxatawny township for many years, and served efficiently as a school director of Rockland township. Since 1887 he has been a justice of the peace in Maxatawny. He has settled up a number of estates, fully justifying the confidence reposed in him. In 1906 he was appointed receiver of the C. W. Landis estate, at Bowers, and later became the trustee of the stockholders—a long and tedious duty, but one which Mr. Kutz discharged with his accustomed ability. He was also the receiver for the Isaac Samuels estate of Reading. He has proved himself a man of large business capacity. He and his brother own one of the largest and most valuable farms in the township. Mr. Kutz also owns other real estate, and his home, opposite the Lyons depot, is a comfortable home, with a fine lawn and beautiful shade trees.

Mr. Kutz and his family are members of De Long's Reformed Church, in which he has held various offices. When the present church edifice was erected in 1902 he was secretary of the building committee, and he liberally contributed toward the building. He is a member of

Lyons Lodge, No. 634, I. O. O. F., and Lodge No. 102, K. P., both of Lyons; Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., of Kutztown, of which he was treasurer for five years.

Mr. Kutz was married in 1872 to Mary Barto, daughter of William and Catharine (Merkel) Barto. Five children have blessed their union, namely: Minnie, m. to Dr. Herbert Schollenberger, of Reading; Lizzie, m. to George Knittle, of Allentown; George W., of Lyons, m. to Annie Printzenhoff, and father of three sons, Paul, George and Floyd (he assists his father in the lumber business); Fred B., m. to Carrie Peters, by whom he has one child, Gladys, and is engaged in the manufacture of hosiery; and Luma, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1897, who is now an efficient and respected teacher in Maxatawny township.

Mr. Kutz is a man of versatility and in the midst of all his varied interests has never lost his complete oversight of all that concerns him. At the present time he is looking after estates, his own property interests, the lumber business, the manufacturing business —he being a senior member of the hosiery manufacturing firm of Kutz, Kieffer & Kutz, employing some fifty hands, keeps abreast of the political situation, and with it all finds time to keep well posted on the events of the world. One of the most difficult tasks ever given him, one that required both the greatest care and endless patience, was that of filing the archives of the county from the time of its organization in 1752 to date (1898). To this work he was appointed by the commissioners of the county. Owing to technicalities of the law payment for this has never been made. Few men stand as high as Mr. Kutz in the estimation of his fellowmen, and he has proved equal to every trust.

(IIIa) Benjamin Kutz, son of Jacob and Susanna (Geeher), and grandson of (Ia) Jacob, was born on what is now the Stock Farm, near Kutztown, May 11, 1806, and died Feb. 9, 1874, aged sixty-seven years, eight months, and twenty-eight days. He devoted his active life to farming, and prospered in all that he undertook. In 1829 he purchased his home, now owned by his son, William S. It then consisted of ninety-nine acres, and a part of it is now the property of the Normal School. He was a foremost citizen of Berks county, and held a number of important offices, being supervisor, school director, county commissioner (1852-1855). He was prominent in St. John's Lutheran Church, and held a number of offices therein. His remains now rest in Fairview cemetery. He married Sarah Sittler, who was born in 1806, daughter of Conrad and Susanna (Dunkel) Sittler, of Greenwich township. She died in 1892, aged eighty-six years and twenty-two days. They became the parents of four children: Jacob, who died young; Daniel S., mentioned below; Helen, m. to Jonathan Biehl, a resident of Kutztown, who is now deceased; and William S.

(IVa) Daniel S. Kutz, son of Benjamin, was born in Kutztown, July 29, 1828, and in his native town has passed all his life. In his boyhood he attended a private school, and later an academy which proved the forerunner of the great Normal school. He became the owner of property near the borough, and he devoted his time to the raising of crops until five years ago, when he retired. He has always been an ardent Democrat, and insists that he voted for but one Republican in his life, that lone occasion being when he was the candidate for inspector, and his Republican opponent asked him to exchange votes. His first vote was cast for James K. Polk for President. He served as assessor of the borough for three terms, as councilman for one term, and he is now judge of elections. In 1850 he married Louisa, daughter of Solomon Kutz. The only child of this union, a daughter, died about twenty years ago. Mr. Kutz is well preserved. He walks briskly, and has a pleasant word for everybody. He writes a good clear and steady hand, and he is able to read without glasses.

(IVa) William S. Kutz, son of Benjamin and brother of Daniel S., was born Dec. 29, 1834, and is now a prosperous farmer at the Normal School in Maxatawny township. He was born and reared on the farm where he now lives. In 1874 his father died, and he has since carried on the farm, which consists of one hundred acres of the most valuable land in the county. In 1892 he erected a comfortable brick house on the farm, but the present barn was built by his father in 1823. Mr. Kutz keeps five head of horses and seven of cattle. In politics like most of his name he is a Democrat. For six years he was school director of Maxatawny township. He is a director of the Sinking Spring Fire Insurance Company, an office he has held since 1895. He is a stock holder of the Keystone State Normal School, and has been treasurer of the Fairview Cemetery Company, for the past quarter of a century. Besides his farm he is the owner of a good residence on Noble street, Kutztown, and also of other real estate. He and his family attend St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he was a trustee for six years.

On June 14, 1870, Mr. Kutz was married to Sarah Kemp, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Swayer) Kemp. They have had three children: Wilson B. m. Mary Deisher, daughter of Daniel Deisher, and lives with his father; Solon Howard died in infancy; and Harry W. m. Nora Berk, daughter of Cornelius Berk, of Richmond township, and has two sons, William and Frederick.

MATHIAS H. DOTTERER, who is engaged in the grocery and general merchandise business at No. 1755 Centre Avenue, Reading, Pa., was born in District township, Berks county, Dec. 26, 1861, and is descended from (I) Mathias Dotterer, the emigrant ancestor of the family, through (II) Mathias (2), (III) Daniel, (IV) Mathias and (V) David.

(I) Mathias Dotterer, whose name on the passenger list is given as Mattheus Dötter, came to America on the ship "Jacob," Captain Adolph De Grove, from Amsterdam, last from Shields, England, qualifying at Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1749. On the same ship were Nichlaus and Martin Dötter, who may have been brothers, or sons over sixteen years of age. His son, Mathias (1744-1827) was about five years old at the time, and because of his tender years his name would not appear on the passenger list.

(II) Mathias Dotterer, son of Mathias, born Jan. 22, 1744, became a pioneer of Lower Berks county. His name is variously spelled Dotterer, Dottero and Toderrow. On the red sandstone that marks his grave just south of the Hill Church, is the following inscription: "Mathias Dotterer, son of Mathias and Catharine, Born Jan. 22, 1744, Died June 30, 1827, aged 83 years, 5 months, 8 days." His wife is buried at his side, her grave being marked by the following inscription: "Anna Maria, daughter Adam and Catharine Imbody, and wife Mathias Dotterer. She was born May 17, 1743, married 1765, and lived in holy wedlock over sixty years. She had 2 sons, 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren at her death, which occurred Feb. 24, 1825, aged 81 years, 9 months, 17 days." They had two sons: Daniel was executor of his father's will (on record in German in Will Book 6, p. 99); and Mathias.

(III) Daniel Dotterer, son of Mathias, was born July 4, 1766, and he died Sept. 13, 1844, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He lived in Earl township, where he owned a farm, and he also owned a tract in Rockland township, bequeathing the latter to his son Henry in his will made Oct. 29, 1834. This will, probated Oct. 14, 1844, is on record in Will Book 9, p. 18; Executors, his son Mathias and Daniel. In the Will Index his name is spelled Daniel Dottero. He married Barbara Muthart (born June 28, 1763, died Dec. 3, 1843) and their children were: Mathias, John, Daniel (1792-1840), Jacob, George, Henry (who was given the tract in Rockland township), Susanna, Catharine and Margaret (whose will, made Dec. 5, 1865, was recorded Dec. 10, 1866).

(IV) Mathias Dotterer, son of Daniel, was born in 1787. He engaged in farming in Washington township, where he owned a 114-acre tract, now the property of

M. G. Gerhard. His death occurred in 1871, and he was buried at Hill Church. He was twice married. His first wife, Catharine Muthart, born Dec. 21, 1799, died Aug. 23, 1834. Mr. Dotterer married (second) Catharine Herb. He was the father of fourteen children: Isaac, David, Jonathan, Aaron, George, Joseph, Israel (had three children), John, Mathias, Abraham, Henry (1825-1856), William (1825-1903), Anna (m. Edward Anthony, of Dale, Pa.) and Catharine (m. William Schoenly, of Boyertown).

(V) David Dotterer, son of Mathias, was born in Washington township in 1823. He was early trained to farming, and followed that calling as long as he was engaged in active labor. He received his education in the pay schools taught by German teachers, and he can give interesting accounts of his early experiences. He taught school at Weikel's Hill, the school being held in a spring house. He owned two farms in Washington township, one of sixty-five acres and one of forty. He is now making his home with his son James near Heydt's schoolhouse. He married Magdalena Heydt, daughter of John and Magdalene (Weller) Heydt. She died in 1896. Their children were: James, who lives in Washington township; Mathias H.; John, on a farm near Sassamansville; and Manasses, who died in 1905, at the age of thirty-five.

(VI) Mathias H. Dotterer, son of David, was reared upon the home farm, and educated in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School. At the age of eighteen years, he began clerking in the store at Hill Church, for John Dotterer, and later he clerked for J. P. Geschwindt, in Longswamp township, and after that he was employed in a similar capacity by William F. Seidel, at Bowers Station. In 1885 he entered the mercantile business for himself, at Bechtelsville, where he conducted a general store for twenty years. He was very successful, and the people of the town showed him high esteem. He was one of the organizers of the borough of Bechtelsville, and was its first justice of the peace. He also served as school director for three terms. He was elected treasurer of the borough many terms, and upon his removal from the borough resigned. In April, 1906, he sold out his stock, good will and fixtures to William R. Yerger, of Friedensburg (who later sold to William A. Henry), and that spring moved to Reading, where he enjoyed a rest until the following October, when he opened a grocery store at No. 400 South Fifteenth street, his present location. He carries a fine line of groceries and fresh vegetables, and his stand is justly popular.

In politics Mr. Dotterer is a Democrat. On Nov. 29, 1884, he married Torinda Gerhard, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Angstadt) Gerhard, of Longswamp township, and they have four children: Winfield S., a bookkeeper at Reading; Raymond A., clerking for his father; and Lloyd J. and Viola M.

HAROLD OBOLD, who is known to the citizens of his section of reading as the proprietor of the popular "West End Hotel," was born Nov. 28, 1867, in Reading, Pa., son of John and Susan (Fichthorn) Obold.

Joseph Obold, the progenitor of this old and honored family, settled in Bern township, Berks county, prior to the organization of the county in 1752, and in 1759 paid a federal tax of eight pounds. His will is on record in Will Book 2, page 80, and was entered Nov. 30, 1770. From this fact and date we glean that he died probably in the early part of November, 1770. His wife, Maria Elizabeth, survived him. From items in his will we learn that he had children at the time of his death who were still under twenty-one years of age. He mentions his son Joseph, who obtained the homestead by paying seventy pounds to the other heirs, and twenty pounds annually to his mother. The will was witnessed by Hieronymus Hemmig, Matthias Stoudt and Nicholas Holler. This ancestor, Joseph Obold, was probably the same party who came to America on the ship "Robert and Alice" which qualified at Philadelphia, Sept. 3, 1739, and on this same ship was one Mathew Onbolt, who was, very likely, a brother. In 1759, in Heidelberg township, lived one Sebastian Obold, who paid a federal tax of ten pounds. We have no record of any children, or that he was related to Joseph Obold, but it is probable that there was some relationship between them.

Joseph Obold, the great-grandfather of Harold, died during the building of the Union Canal, where he contracted a fever. He was a farmer by occupation, owning upwards of 300 acres of land in Penn and North Heidelberg townships, this being subsequently divided among his children, and he was also the owner of "Obold's (later Mount Pleasant) Hotel." Among others he had these children: Rebecca, m. to Andreas Greth; Elizabeth, m. to Benjamin Haas; Mrs. Umbenhauer; Joseph, who had an only daughter m. to James Christ, of Reading; George; and Philip, who made his will March 27, 1843, it being probated June 17, 1843. The last named was a yeoman of Penn township. His wife was Susanna, and they had a number of children, among whom were: Elias, who was executor of the will; and Sophia and Philip, who were under age at the time of their father's death. Their uncle, George Obold, was their guardian.

George Obold, grandfather of Harold, was born in Penn township, in 1800, and died in 1854. He was a tanner by trade, and later became a farmer and dealer in grain, having a station along the Union Canal. He is buried in the private Catholic cemetery in Penn township, the ground for which was donated by the Obolds, Kisslings and Deppens, who were all Catholics, as were the Smiths, Greths, Balthasers, Lamberts and Eckenroths, all of these families being related by marriage. George Obold was married to Rebecca Fisher (born in 1812, died in 1897), and they had these children: William; Alfred; John; Frank; and Henry, who had three children—Hiester, Bertha and Nevin.

John Obold, father of Harold, was born in North Heidelberg township, Feb. 26, 1836, and resided in his native locality until reaching his tenth year, at which time he came to Reading, and spent two years in this city with his parents. He then removed to Lower Heidelberg township, where he worked on the farm until fifteen years of age, and at this time again came to Reading with his parents, attending school here for a short time. He was employed in a grocery store on South Fifth street, the site of the present city hall, for three years, and he then learned the machinist's trade with the Nobles at Front and Pine streets, an occupation which he followed for one and one-half years. For more than twenty years Mr. Obold was employed in George Lerch's hardware store, where the Bright & Co.'s hardware store is now located. In 1862 he enlisted and was made a lieutenant in Company K, 128th Pa. V. I., and served nine months. He was captured at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, and for three weeks was confined at Libby Prison, when he was paroled and exchanged. During the time of Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania he formed Company H, 42d Pa. Vol. Militia, which served six weeks and was mustered out at Reading. He was ever a brave and faithful soldier, and his war record is one of which any man might well be proud. After his services to his country were completed, Mr. Obold returned to the Lerch hardware store, but he subsequently formed a partnership in the same line, with J. T. Jackson, under the firm name of Jackson & Obold, a connection with which he was identified until his election to the office of city treasurer in 1888, which he served for four years and then resigned, since which time he has lived retired, making his home with his son, Harold.

In August, 1862, Mr. Obold was married to Susan Fichthorn, daughter of George Fichthorn, and she died in 1894, aged fifty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Obold there were born these children: George C.; William and Annie, deceased; Emily; Kate; Mary; Harold and John.

Harold Obold received his education in the public schools of Reading, and when only six years of age began selling newspapers after school hours for George Frame, dealing in the *Saturday Evening Review*. Later he entered the employ of the *Reading Eagle*, as a carrier under Charles Frame, and in the morning carried the

Reading Times for Thomas Frescolm. He continued selling papers from his sixth until his fifteenth year, at which time he entered the employ of the Reading Stove Works, where he remained for twelve years in different departments, and the following six years he was a bar clerk at different stands in Reading. For fourteen months he carried on a retail grocery business at the corner of Second and Spruce streets, Reading. Since 1901 he has been the proprietor of the "West End Hotel," at No. 129 Penn street.

Mr. Obold is connected with Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E. and Unamis Tribe No. 330, I. O. R. M. He is also a member of the West End Social Club, the Independent Gun Club and the Neversink Fire Company, with which he has been connected since 1889. Mr. Obold has represented the fire company at various State conventions, and at present is holding the office of captain of the organization.

On May 2, 1891, Mr. Obold was married to Mary C. Murphy, daughter of Charles Murphy, of Ontelaunee township, and one daughter, Susan, has been born to this union.

DANIEL E. HARING, an undertaker at Friedensburg, was born in Ruscombmanor township, May 30, 1847, a son of Philip, a resident of Earl township.

Georg Haring (Hering or Herring), the pioneer ancestor of this family, settled in Greenwich township, Berks county, prior to 1756, in which year his name first appears on the list of taxables published in Rupp's History of Berks county. This was probably the same Joh. Georg Christoph Haring, who emigrated to America on the ship "Edinburgh," which qualified at Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1753. He was then twenty-five years of age. The tax list in Greenwich township in 1775 records both George Haring and John Haring. In 1778 appear George Haring and Widow Haring, but no John. In 1799 are recorded the names of George John Haring and Jno. George Haring. After 1803 John Haring disappears from the Greenwich tax list, as he had then located in Earl. He was probably a son of George and grandson of the pioneer ancestor.

George Haring died in Greenwich in 1885 at an advanced age. He lived below Grimville, on the upper floor of the old mill (which since his death has been unoccupied), and his reputation for psychic powers was wide spread. George Haring married Hannah Georg, and they had two sons: George, who located in Maxatawny township, and has a son, George; and Charles.

Charles Haring, son of George, lived on farm at the line of Maxatawny township, Berks county, and Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, the line passing between the house and barn, the former being in Berks county and the latter in Lehigh. Mr. Haring married Rebecca Leiby, and they had seven children: Mary, Abbie, Addison L., George (of Siegersville), Penrose M. and Henry and John (both of Topeka, Kans.).

Addison L. Haring, son of Charles, resides in Greenwich township. For five terms he taught school. In 1883 he moved to Kansas, and remained there seven years. On his return to Berks county he bought Dietrich's Mill, at Dreibelbis, on the Ontelaunee, and has since operated it. He married Susanna Dietrich, daughter of Venus Dietrich, of Greenwich, and their children are: William, George, Charles, Alice and Calvin.

Penrose M. Haring, son of Charles, was born in Greenwich township, March 2, 1858, and taught school twelve terms in Albany, Greenwich and Maxatawny townships. In 1882 he began farming in Maxatawny township, and has since continued. In 1881 he married Amelia S. Komp, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Wisser) Komp, and they have two children: Cora and Ambrose B. C.

John Haring, grandfather of Daniel E., was born in Greenwich township, and lived there until about 1800, when he went to Earl township, and there he died advanced in years. He married Christina Delp, and among their children was a son, Philip.

Philip Haring, son of John, was born Sept. 15, 1824, and died in 1909. He owned a farm in Earl township, which he cultivated. He married Matilda Eckert, born Nov. 16, 1828, and died Sept. 6, 1884. They had twelve children: Daniel E., born May 30, 1847; Isaac, Jan. 22, 1849 (died Jan. 5, 1881); Peter, 1850; William, 1853; James, 1856; John, 1859; Mary, 1862; Samuel, 1863; Joseph, Nov. 22, 1865 (died Sept. 29, 1884); Anna Matilda, 1871; Katie; and Sarah (1868-1869).

On March 20, 1865, Daniel E. Haring enlisted in Company I, 105th Pa. V. I. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, and was present at the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee. At the close of the war he was mustered out. Coming back home he learned cabinetmaking and undertaking at Pikeville, in Pike township, with Henry Yerger. After remaining with him twenty months, Mr. Haring embarked in business for himself in Earl township, where he had a home and twelve acres of land. There he remained for thirty-five years and then removed to Oley township, which since the spring of 1893 has been his home. His undertaking establishment is in South Friedensburg, in the old public school building. He graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming, Oct. 8, 1897. Mr. Haring has been called upon to prepare 450 people for their last resting place, and he is not only a skilled operator, but his sympathy and reliability have proven very comforting to the afflicted.

In politics Mr. Haring is a Democrat, and for five years served as constable of Earl township. He is an industrious, honest and highly respected man, and one who has through thoroughness of business methods built up a large patronage and firmly established himself in the confidence of the community. He and his family are members of Oley Reformed Church, of which he was deacon for three years, and elder for four years.

In 1870 Mr. Haring married Catharine Hartline, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Bierman) Hartline, of Earl township. They have had children as follows: Amanda m. Calvin Kline, of Oley; Sallie m. Charles Weiser, of Spring Forge, Earl township; Anna m. Thomas Gift, of Jacksonwald; Daniel is in the navy; George died at the age of seventeen; and Calvin died at the age of nine months.

WILLIAM ENGLE, a representative citizen and substantial farmer of Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., was born on the farm on which he now resides, April 9, 1850, son of Heinrich and Susanna (Baer) Engle, and grandson of Jacob Engle.

Jacob Engle, great-grandfather of William and the progenitor of this family in America, was a native of Germany, from which country he came on the ship "Friendship" during the Austrian war (1741-48). After living in America for some time the French and Indian war broke out here, and he returned to his native country, whence he again came to America after the close of the latter struggle. He then settled in Windsor (now Perry) township on land now in the possession of his great-grandson, Jacob S. Engle, and here he died in the latter part of the eighteenth century from the effects of a horse kick.

Jacob Engle, son of the emigrant, was born in Perry township, March 21, 1795, and died there March 16, 1870. He was an agriculturist and owned the Engle homestead of 212 acres, and frequently drove to market in Reading. He was a very intelligent man and was well-read, owning a large library. He took a great interest in educational matters and was one of the stanchest supporters of the free school system. Mr. Engle married Catherine Rahn, who bore him these children: Rebecca, Heinrich, John, Susan, Sabilla, Israel R., Reuben, Sarah and Caroline, the latter three of whom died young.

Heinrich Engle, father of William, was born in Windsor township, Oct. 5, 1820, and died in Perry township in 1900. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life and was a very influential man in his community, serving as school director of his township, and assisting in many ways toward the welfare of his locality. He

was an official member of Zion's Union Church, to which his family also belonged. In 1846 Mr. Engle married Susanna Baer, daughter of Johan Jacob Baer, and to them were born these children: William; Isabella, m. to Adam Schappell; Priscilla, m. to Charles B. Reppert, a successful farmer and dairyman of Perry township; and Jacob.

William Engle obtained a limited education in the schools of his native township and for a number of years worked for his father at farm labor. He now owns and operates the eighty-acre tract, which his son Franklin helps him cultivate. He owns a seven-horse-power gasoline engine, which he uses to thresh, saw wood, and which also furnishes power to operate a machine that grinds all of the grain used by Mr. Engle in feeding his stock. He is a good, practical agriculturist, and a representative of his community. Politically Mr. Engle is a Democrat, but he has never held public office. He is interested in church work, and with his family worships at Zion's Union Church, of which he is a Reformed member. He was an elder in the church for three years.

On Dec. 10, 1870, Mr. Engle was married to Catherine Isabella Bausher, daughter of Benneville and Christina (Stoyer) Bausher, farming people of Windsor township, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Henry R., who died when seven years old; Ellen S., m. to John Wanner; Franklin, m. to Katie, daughter of Ephriam Dries; Senora, m. to George Young; and Daniel J., who died in his third year.

ADDISON W. BORRY, an enterprising young business man of No. 826 Elm street, Reading, Pa., engaged in carpentering and contracting, was born July 24, 1877, in Clay township, Lancaster county, son of Adam and Harriet (Wolf) Borry.

Henry Borry, grandfather of Addison W., was a resident of Lancaster county, and there spent a long and useful life. To him and his wife were born the following children: Jacob, Henry, Rebecca, Adam, Samuel, Fienna, Hiram, John and Eli.

Adam Borry attended the schools of his native township and when a boy learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed several years. He then was employed in a planing mill for a few years, after which he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has continued to the present time, owning a farm in Clay township. Adam Borry was united in marriage with Harriet Wolf, and they became the parents of these children: Lillie, Rebecca, Angeline, Emily (deceased), Moses, Addison W., Samuel (of Reading), Henry, Lydia, and one child that died in infancy.

Addison W. Borry attained his education in the public schools of Clay township, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Reading in 1900, and was employed at the car shops for three months, was then employed by the roadway department of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, was with Beard & Co., E. Dempman and H. Hickman, and finally engaged in business on his own account, July 27, 1903, his first piece of work being done on a residence on Fourth street. Since that time Mr. Borry's work has been in demand, and he employs five skilled workmen as assistants.

Mr. Borry was married to Lillian Heck, of Reading, and to them have been born the following children: Clarence, deceased; Grace; Catherine; Mary; Nomand and Ruth. In politics Mr. Borry is a Republican, but he has never engaged actively in public matters. He is a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Borry are very popular in their community, having made many warm friends.

CALVIN W. ARTZ, a popular business man of Reading, Pa., who is enjoying well-merited success as the proprietor of the "Avondale Hotel" at Riverside, was born Dec. 27, 1864, at Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Daniel and Lizzie (Weaver) Artz.

Benjamin Artz, grandfather of Calvin W., spent his entire life in the vicinity of Mohn's Hill, where he was engaged as a farm laborer. He married and had eleven children, as follows: William, Biram, John, Jacob, Levi, Abraham, Samuel, James, Benneville, Daniel and Mary (m. Abraham Lutz, of Adamstown, Pa).

Daniel Artz, father of Calvin W., was born April 6, 1838, at Mohn's Hill, Spring township, Lebanon county, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits. Later he became a shoemaker, an occupation which he followed at Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon county, for five years, then removing to one mile north of Terre Hill, near Good's Mill, in Lancaster county, where he has resided for many years. Mr. Artz is a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Lizzie Weaver, daughter of Jacob Weaver, and to this union there were born children as follows: David, of Terre Hill; Calvin W.; Isaac, an agriculturist of Luzerne county, Pa.; Lemuel, who lives with his parents; and Morris, who died in infancy.

Calvin W. Artz attended the public school at White Hollow, Lancaster Co., Pa., and learned the cigar making trade of Abner Cline at Terre Hill, where he continued that occupation for six years, then becoming clerk in the general store of Samuel Wechter. Here he continued for eight and one-half years, and in 1893 he came to Reading and entered the employ of J. S. Shade & Sons, becoming a clerk in their well-known dry goods establishment. In 1899, deciding to enter into business on his own account, Mr. Artz engaged in the grocery business on South Seventh street, where he was located until 1907, on Sept. 7th of which year he became the proprietor of the well-known "Avondale Hotel," a forty-room hostelry at Riverside, which he has successfully conducted to the present time. Fraternally Mr. Artz is connected with Terre Hill Lodge, No. 454, I. O. O. F.; the P. O. S. of A., Terre Hill; the Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 47; and Wyomissing Council No. 1158, Royal Arcanum.

On Aug. 5, 1887, Mr. Artz was married to Lizzie Heller, daughter of Jeremiah and Maria (Lorah) Heller, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Mamie, who died in infancy; Grace, Maud, and Stanford, who died when young. The Misses Grace and Maud Artz are vaudeville entertainers of great ability and have won quite a reputation in this line not only in Reading, but throughout the entire county. Among their specialties may be mentioned the Fling Dance, Kildy Sword Dance, Sand Jig, Waltz Clog, Slide Trombone Playing and Duets. The family is well known in this section of the State, and has always borne the reputation of representing the highest type of citizenship.

WILLIAM L. WUNDER, a leading basket manufacturer of Reading, although a native of Broome county, N. Y., born in 1860, has spent nearly all his life in Pennsylvania, as his father moved to Reading in the sixties.

Mr. Wunder's father was a tailor by trade and during the Civil war was under contract to furnish the government with soldiers' clothing. He accumulated quite a fortune, as he was eminently successful in the management of his business, but through carelessness he lost it all again. He married Miss Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Jacob Cook, who was a noted basket maker and manufactured his goods on an extensive scale. Two children were born to this union, the elder of whom died in infancy.

During his boyhood William L. Wunder attended the Reading public schools and afterward worked in Jackson's Rope Walk for three years. Both his parents were adepts in basket making, and the boy's natural interest therein was increased by seeing the work of a band of gypsies from whom he, too, learned the art. So proficient did he become under their tutelage that he went to Philadelphia and opened a business there at Nineteenth and Market streets. He continued for two years and did very well indeed, considering the exceedingly limited capital at his disposal. In 1879 he decided to return to Reading and establish himself there instead. His beginning was humble, for at first he rented only the basement of the store he now occupies, and he spent many long, dreary months in those cramped quarters before he felt justified in renting the store proper and extending his business.

He branched out into the manufacturing of baby carriages, in which line he still has a monopoly in Reading, and later added fishing tackle and toys. Today he conducts one of the most thriving industries in the city, and is the only basket manufacturer there doing business on the ground floor. His goods are of a superior quality and make, and he has all the orders he can fill. His wife helps him in the conduct of the store and renders him most able assistance.

In 1885 Mr. Wunder married Miss Ellen Kapp, their only son, Claude, m. Miss Irene Burkhart, and has a son, William M. In politics Mr. Wunder maintains always an independent stand, seeking to vote for the best candidate regardless of party lines. Himself a great lover of the rod and gun, he was the originator of the petition now being circulated to secure the repeal of the Sunday fishing law. His efforts in this are put forth in the interests of the working man, who has no other opportunity to indulge in that healthful and pleasing recreation. Mr. Wunder has worked hard to attain his established position, and thoroughly deserves the respect which his successful efforts have won for him from Reading's business circles.

DININO. One of the largest fruit commission houses in Reading is that owned by Pietro and Elmer Dinino, who carry on both an importing and retail business. They are of Italian stock, born in the province of Lucca, where their parents, Frank and Maria (Barsotti) Dinino, spent their entire lives. The father was a farmer and fruit grower on an extensive scale, pursuing that occupation till his death in 1879, at the age of seventy-one. Of the ten children in his family, five only are living; two daughters reside in Italy, while three sons, Pietro, Charles and Elmer, are in business in Reading. The three were educated in Italy, but sought to establish themselves elsewhere early in life.

Pietro Dinino was but twelve years old when he left home. He spent three years in Germany before returning to Italy at all, and then made only a brief stay. He went back to Germany, but later removed to London and from there came to America, landing at Philadelphia. He had learned to do ornamental statuary work, and for the first three years in this country he had employment in that line, traveling through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. In 1886 he came to Reading, continued his statuary work for three months, and then for the first time took up the fruit business. Shortly after he decided to locate in Williamsport instead, but after a brief trial returned to Reading and has been successfully engaged here ever since.

Mr. Dinino's place of business is No. 701 Penn street, and he deals on an extensive scale in all kinds of imported and domestic fruits, canned goods, candies, cigars, tobacco, etc. He is ably assisted by his brother Elmer, who attends to the retail side of the business and they are among the largest dealers in their class of goods in the city. Both are young men of great ability and enterprise, and have reaped substantial financial returns.

LEWIS M. WARTMAN, who conducts a cigar and tobacco business at Boyertown, is interested in other enterprises here, and owns two valuable and productive farms. He was born March 30, 1842, in New Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., son of Israel and Anna Margaret (Geiger) Wartman.

Israel Wartman was born Aug. 15, 1795, in Douglass township, Montgomery county, and died Oct. 29, 1879, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was a saddler by trade and also understood the carpenter trade and later in life he became a farmer and cultivated his tract of fifteen acres in New Hanover township, where his death occurred. He was buried in the Wartman family lot at Boyertown. He was a man of exemplary life, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Anna Margaret Geiger, daughter of Dieter and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Geiger, of New Hanover township. They had the following children: Caroline, who died unmarried; Almon, who lives in Chester county; Abraham, who resides at Reading; Julia Ann, who lives at Boyertown; and Lewis M., who resides in his own residence on Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown.

Lewis M. Wartman attended the public schools in the district where he was born and later was a student at Frederick Institute, in Montgomery county, and was subsequently licensed to teach by Prof. Robert Cruikshank. In the fall of 1860 he taught his first term, in New Hanover township, and in all, taught twelve terms, all in the same locality except one term at Boyertown. He then accepted the position of warehouseman for the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. and after one year's service, was promoted to be station agent at Byers, on the Pickering Valley branch of the Reading system. There he remained for two and one-half years, and then had his second promotion, being sent to the more important point, Womelsdorf, where he was continued from 1874 until January, 1879, when he became agent at Boyertown, and remained in that office until he retired from railroad work, Feb. 6, 1902.

Mr. Wartman then entered the Koons cigar-box factory and continued there and was also engaged in superintending his farms, until 1908, when he bought out J. W. Bauman, dealer in cigars and tobacco, at Boyertown. He is interested also in the Union Manufacturing Company. One of his farms, a tract of forty-five acres, is situated in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, and the other, containing ninety acres, lies in Douglass township, Montgomery county. He is numbered with the substantial as well as representative citizens of this borough.

In 1870, Mr. Wartman was married to Susan B. Scheetz, daughter of David K. and Mary (Bower) Scheetz, of Amity township, Berks Co., Pa. They have one daughter, Maggie May, who married Charles H. Sassaman, who has a fine art store in Philadelphia. Mr. Sassaman is a son of Jacob H. Sassaman, formerly sheriff of Berks county.

In his political views, Mr. Wartman has always been a Democrat and a willing worker for his party. For fifteen consecutive years he served as a school director at Boyertown and rendered the borough valuable services in the interest of advanced education. For one term he served as a justice of the peace, and since the spring of 1908, has been assessor of the borough.

F. H. QUINTER, proprietor of a shoe store located at No. 950 Chestnut street, Reading, has only followed a family custom in choosing his occupation, for his father and grandfather before him had been shoemakers.

The paternal grandfather, Peter Quinter, combined farming and shoemaking. He married (first) a Miss Ulrich, by whom he had four children, viz.: Joseph; Jeremiah; Ellen, wife of David Rider; and Mary M., Mrs. William Potts. By a second union to Miss Susan Bechtel, there was an only child, William B. Peter Quinter died in 1866, in the Lutheran faith.

William B. Quinter followed his father's trade and during most of his lifetime was established at Lorane. He married Miss Sarah Himmelreich, and they had a family of seven children as follows: Mary, Mrs. Nathaniel Young; Agnes, Mrs. Henry Moser; Ella, Mrs. Joseph Flickinger; F. H.; Calvin; John; and William. The mother died in 1876, aged thirty-six, while Mr. Quinter died at Stowe, in 1896, at the age of sixty-six years. He was politically an adherent of the Republican party.

F. H. Quinter was born in Lorane in the State of Pennsylvania in January, 1860. He grew up in Berks county, receiving his education in the public schools, and learning the shoemaker's trade from his father. At the age of twenty he went to Geigertown and for three years worked there with a Mr. Hoffman. In 1883 he located in Reading and bought the property where he still carries on his business. The store building now in use was on the property at the time, and Mr. Quinter put in a good stock of shoes, boots and rubbers. He has done well from the beginning, has a thriving trade, and has

won the entire esteem of the community by his honest business methods.

In the same year of his removal to Reading, Mr. Quinter was married on Jan. 25, to Miss Rebecca Myers, who died in 1891 at the age of thirty-two years. Two years later in 1893, he married Miss Alice Eisenhower, by whom he has had two daughters, Sarah Alma and Norma Marion. Mr. Quinter, with his family, belongs to Grace Lutheran Church, of Reading, while fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. While the management of his business has left him no time to mingle actively in politics, he is a loyal supporter of the Republican party.

CHARLES E. SPAYD, of West Leesport, Pa., was born there Feb. 10, 1860, son of Samuel and Susan (Gauger) Spayd, and a member of a family that was planted in this country in 1753, the date of the arrival of the emigrant ancestor on the ship "Rowand." In 1790 the Federal census records Henry, Sebastian, John and Philip as taxables of Heidelberg township, Berks county. Henry Spead had three sons under sixteen years of age, and two daughters; Sebastian Spead had one son over sixteen, three under sixteen and three daughters. John Spead was married and had one daughter.

Philip Spayd, great-grandfather of Charles E., is reported by the Federal census of 1790 as a resident of Heidelberg township, and as married and having one daughter. His son John was born two years later in 1792.

John Spayd, son of Philip, was born Feb. 16, 1792, and died Feb. 6, 1860, and is buried at Epler's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He lived in Bern township, in the vicinity of West Leesport, where he followed the trade of carpenter. He married Elizabeth Albrecht, born April 6, 1791, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Albrecht, and she died March 28, 1846. Their children were: John, who followed the trade of carpenter at Leesport and became the owner of considerable real estate, had children—George and Emma—by his first marriage; Daniel, a cooper by trade, lived at Reading; William, a carpenter at Leesport, m. Louisa Loose, and had children—Helen, Ella, Sallie, Minerva, Louisa, Kate, Howard, Rufus L. and William, Jr.; Samuel is mentioned below; Elizabeth died unmarried; and Mary m. Adam Gehry, of Reading.

Samuel Spayd, son of John, was born in Bern township Feb. 25, 1831, and died at West Leesport March 14, 1892, and was buried at Leesport. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and for many years followed the undertaking business at West Leesport. He was an active member of Trinity Reformed Church, and was a deacon for some years. For many years he was treasurer of the Leesport Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was also active in the Sr. O. U. A. M. He was the owner of three houses besides his own home, and was well known in business circles. In politics he was a Republican. He married Susan Gauger, daughter of John and Mary (Powley) Gauger. She is still living. Their children were: Charles E.; Samuel, of West Leesport; Carrie, who died aged eleven years; and John G., bookkeeper for the Reading Lumber Company.

Charles E. Spayd received his education in the public schools of Bern township, and later attended Palatinate College at Myerstown. At the age of thirteen he began clerking in the general store of S. H. Lenhart, at West Leesport, where he was employed for a period of eighteen years. From 1892 to 1895 he was in business with M. T. Schlappig, under the firm name of Spayd & Schlappig, and they carried on a general merchandise business at West Leesport. In July, 1898, Mr. Spayd became a salesman for the wholesale notion house of Sheibley, Tyler & Co., of Philadelphia, traveling all over Berks and Lancaster counties. He resides with his family at West Leesport, which is one of the boroughs of Berks county. He is a man of intelligence and enterprise, and was instrumental in securing the incorporation of the borough, becoming one of the first councilmen, serving in that body seven years, during all of which time he was the secretary. In politics he is a Republican, and he is interested in all public movements.

In church life Mr. Spayd is especially active. He belongs to Trinity Reformed Church, of Leesport, of which he was deacon, and in 1909 was elected an elder of the church. He is superintendent of the Union Sunday-school, an office he has held since 1898. He is a member of Leesport Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F.; Senior O. U. A. M., No. 141; Knights of the Golden Eagle; Independent Americans; and Daughters of Rebekah.

On Jan. 30, 1891, Mr. Spayd married Miss Alvesta Schearer, born June 8, 1859, daughter of Reuben and Rebecca Schearer, of Allentown. Mrs. Spayd died Dec. 22, 1904, and was buried at Leesport. Two sons were born to this union, namely: Samuel N., a stenographer; and Paul R., a student still in school.

REUBEN SINDEL, a substantial business man of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Sixth and Laurel streets, was born Dec. 3, 1862, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of George and Lydia (Hagy) Sindel.

George Sindel came from Germany to the United States in 1847, being the only one of his family to come to this country. He had engaged in the milling business in the old country, and on locating in Lancaster county engaged in that occupation there and in Chester county. He died in 1894; his wife was a native of Lancaster county and a sister of William Hagy, of Reading. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sindel, six of whom grew to maturity, they being: George H., deceased, a miller by trade; Edwin H., a grocer of Reading; Mary A., m. to A. S. Aston of Safe Harbor; John A., a locksmith of Reading; Reuben; and Emma L., single, of Reading, forelady of the Mt. Penn Box Factory. In religious belief the family were first Lutherans, but later became converted to the belief of the Methodist Episcopal faith. Mr. Sindel was Democrat in politics.

Reuben Sindel was educated in the schools of Lancaster county and Reading, and his first employment was as a clerk in the grocery store of William Morris, with whom he remained eight years, then engaging in stove moulding for two years with Painter & Co. Mr. Sindel then went to Chester county, where he was engaged in the grocery business for four years. After selling out Mr. Sindel returned to Reading, clerking in Bright & Co.'s hardware store for one year, and then, in 1890, engaged in his present business at the corner of Sixth and Laurel streets, where he keeps constantly on hand a full line of fancy and staple groceries, notions and dry goods. Mr. Sindel is affable and courteous, and his honest business methods have won the confidence of a large trade. He is regarded as one of the substantial and representative business men in his line in the city.

Mr. Sindel was married in 1884, to Miss Emma Pflugfelter, and to this union were born five children: Wilber G., a salesman for the National Biscuit Co., of Reading; Leroy J. E.; Ralph L.; Emma C., deceased, and an infant, deceased. Mr. Sindel is fraternally connected with the Maccabees, Reading Tent, and in political matters he is a Republican. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MATTHIAS KLUSEWITZ, a well known citizen of Reading, Pa., died at his residence No. 25 South Tenth street, July 16, 1906. He was born in the vicinity of Graudenz, Germany, a town which was originally a hamlet in Poland, but owing to the wars that frequently ensued, in a series of rebellions, was ceded to Germany. In these struggles, however, Mr. Klusewitz at no time took part.

At the age of fifteen years Mr. Klusewitz left home, going to Graudenz, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and found employment in Barmen, a German town. Here he remained for a few years, after which he traveled from one town to another through Europe. Thinking that possibly he might better his fortune in America, he accordingly set sail with his wife in 1848,

and arrived in Philadelphia, from which city, after several years, he came to Reading. He was the pioneer Polander in this city, and was the first man to obtain employment for a fellow countryman at the Reading Pipe Mills. Upon his arrival in Reading he started in business at Seventh and Cherry streets, and then opened a shop at Canal and Bingaman streets, where he continued one year, when he accepted a position at the Scott Works. Following this he became a foreman at the forge of the Philadelphia & Reading shops, his work being the making of springs for the cars, and he also had charge over the boilermaking department. Subsequently Mr. Klusewitz engaged in the real estate business, in which he was quite successful.

Mr. Klusewitz was a man of considerable means. He was an active church worker. When he came to Reading he joined St. Peter's Catholic Church, later St. Paul's and lastly St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church, of which he was one of the founders. He was patriotic, and assisted those who came from his native land.

Mr. Klusewitz was married (first) to Catharine Katmund, born at Gaennersdorf, Rhein-Preussen, Germany, but there were no children born to this union, and he and his wife adopted and reared: Lawrence; Elizabeth; Edward; Kate and Henry Adams; Josephine Smeagy and Anna. Mr. Klusewitz m. (second) Elizabeth Klaes, daughter of John Joseph Klaes, who came to America Nov. 11, 1881, from Germany. She located in Reading, where she married Mr. Klusewitz Feb. 14, 1886, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, and they became the parents of these children: Matthew A., attending Stoner's Business College; Peter G., at the same college; Martha Elizabeth, attending boarding school; Andrew J. F., attending school; and Matthias, Margaret and Michael, deceased. Mrs. Klusewitz resides at the Tenth street home. She has in her possession, and greatly values, an old family book, brought from Germany, which is 360 years old, it having been printed by one of the first printing-presses at Strassburg, Germany.

MORRIS H. KLINE, one of the leading citizens of Earl township, Berks county, where he is a large property owner, was born in Exeter township, this county, July 19, 1855, son of Cyrus H. and Phoebe (Hoffman) Kline.

Jacob Kline, grandfather of Morris H., was a native of Amity township, Berks county, and there he died on his farm. For some years he lived in Exeter township, on a farm near the Amity township line, the farm being now the property of Alfred Dietrich. He then returned to Amity township, and was engaged in the cultivation of his sixty-acre farm at the time of his death. In 1790, the first Federal census report shows him a resident of Amity township, and the head of a family of twelve persons, as follows: himself, wife, four sons above sixteen years of age, three sons under sixteen and three daughters. His wife was a Holloway, and among their children were: George, who settled in the West; Daniel, who lived at Coplay, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Cyrus H.; Rufus, a machinist at Pottstown; and Jacob, a cooper of Amity township, who married Elizabeth Rhoads (daughter of Abraham), and had children—James, Frank, Albert, Charles, and Ada (m. Samuel Shurr, of Monocacy Station).

Cyrus H. Kline was born in Amity township Jan. 22, 1822, and died at the Spring Forge Jan. 23, 1875. He was a wheelwright and blacksmith, and is said to have been one of the best all round mechanics of his day. He owned a small tract at Weavertown, where he lived about fifteen years before the Civil war. He learned his trade with Peter Turner. In religious faith, both he and his wife, Phoebe Hoffman, were Lutherans. She was born Nov. 22, 1822, and died Feb. 15, 1905. They were the parents of seven children: Horace, 1848-1851; Sarah, 1852-1861; Mary, 1853-1862; Morris H.; Cyrus, of Pottstown; Jacob, who works for his brother Morris H.; and Annie, deceased wife of Clemson Rhoads.

Morris H. Kline obtained a limited education in the township schools in Amity and Earl townships. He learned the wheelwright's trade from his father when quite young, and this he followed until his father died. In 1875 he began for himself at the old Spring Forge in Earl township, where he now lives. He is still engaged in this business and now employs two men. He has made many new wagons in his time—making the entire wagon right out of the logs. His wagons gave good service, and many of them are still in use in the lower end of the county. Up to 1883 he had rented the Spring Forge, from Matthias Mengel, but that year he bought it. In 1884 he suffered from a disastrous fire, but undismayed he started out again, and by thrift and honesty has built up a larger and more extensive business. He built a new building, and has a planer, and all kinds of modern machinery in his planing mill. He owns and operates Kline's sawmill at the same place, and saws more lumber than any one else in this section. In his property there are fifty-four acres mostly of wood and waste land. From about 1810 this was the Shenkel Bertolet property, and after his day it became the property of the Mengels. The Spring Forge was operated by Shenkel Bertolet first, then by Jacob Snell and Marks Darrah. The forge was operated up to 1865, and stood where Mr. Kline has his wheelwright shop. The charcoal house was built in 1810 by the Bertolets, and there Mr. Kline has his chicken house. The stone dwelling was built before 1810. The old sawmill, built in 1835, by Levi Smith, is still standing but no longer operated. The old house near the sawmill was built in 1835, and was used for making the old horse-powers and the crude threshing devices of early days. Mr. Kline owns different tracts of hill land, a total of about 130 acres. He bought the old Cyrus Davidheiser tract of six acres, May 1, 1909, and this he is improving greatly.

Mr. Kline is one of the most substantial men of the township, and has made extensive investments in first mortgages and bank stock. In politics he is a Democrat, and for six years served as auditor of Earl township, and has been delegate to several county conventions. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Athol. He and his family are Lutheran members of Amityville Church, and he has been deacon, and is now elder, an office he has held some years.

On Oct. 28, 1876, Mr. Kline married Mary A. Moyer, daughter of Abraham Moyer, of Hereford, where he has kept the tollgate at Clayton. Mr. Moyer was a Mennonite.

CHARLES F. SANDERS, engineer to the county commissioners of Reading, is a grandson of Jacob Sanders, who was a resident of Kutztown, where his father had also resided. His son, the father of Charles F., was born and reared in Kutztown, and died at the age of seventy-four years. The mother of Charles F., whose maiden name was Sarah Henry, was a daughter of Jacob Henry, of Rockland township, Berks county.

Charles F. Sanders was born in Kutztown, April 1, 1873, and received his education in the Kutztown Normal school, from which he was graduated in 1889. He entered Lehigh University, and, after graduating therefrom, in 1897, engaged in civil engineering for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg, and at this he continued for three years. He then came to Reading, where he has since been engaged in civil engineering.

Mr. Sanders was married Jan. 2, 1893, to Catherine Tobias, daughter of the late John Tobias, of Bern township, Berks county. Mr. Sanders is connected with the Masonic fraternity, as a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M.; and is connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is greatly interested in the affairs of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which he is a member. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Kutztown.

FRANKLIN B. REINERT, of Reading, has been engaged as a contractor and builder in that city since 1884. He is a natural mechanic, and though he never served an apprenticeship to any trade is a skillful worker in many lines.

Mr. Reinert is a member of an old family of Berks county, being a grandson of Peter Reinert, who was a large land holder, owning the famous Reinert Hill property. He was prosperous in business, and was considered very well-to-do for his day. He married Mary Bortz, and they had a family of thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, George, Jacob, John, Andrew, Peter, Sarah, Charles, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Hattie, and Mary (died small). The twelve who lived to maturity all reared large families. This family were Lutherans in religious belief.

Peter Reinert, son of Peter, was born in Berks county and was reared upon a farm. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits all his life, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years, dying in 1889. He married Sarah Reppert, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sheridan) Reppert, and she survived her husband several years, passing away in 1895, at the age of eighty-five. They had children as follows: Elizabeth m. Thomas Bower; John and Jacob both died young; Aaron served as a soldier in the Civil war; Henry also served in that struggle; Charles; Daniel lives in Nebraska; Nathan lives in Lehigh county; Franklin B.; and Sarah m. Nicholas De-Temple. The father of this family was a Lutheran in church connection, the mother a Catholic.

Franklin B. Reinert was born June 8, 1849, in District township, Berks Co., Pa., and there received his education in the common schools and the Kutztown Normal, which he attended in 1870 and 1876. He continued his studies until competent to teach, following the profession for a number of years, during which he was engaged at clerking in Henningsville in the summer months. He combined teaching and clerking in 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875 and 1877. In 1878 he bought and built a home on his mother's homestead. In 1879 he came to Reading, where he has since remained. Though occupied at teaching and merchandising during his earlier manhood, he had always shown a decided predilection for mechanics, and his work has since been along that line. On his removal to Reading he became blacksmith's helper in the Philadelphia & Reading shops. In 1884 he commenced building operations, independently, and from that year until 1892 erected forty houses in all. His success in this work has been steady and noteworthy, the workmanship on every contract he undertakes being reliable and of a high grade. As previously stated, Mr. Reinert has never learned any one trade, but his aptitude is such that he can turn his hand readily to anything in the line of mechanics, from cleaning a watch to building a church. In 1887, at the corner of Tenth and Spring streets, he erected the first United Brethren church, for $800, and in 1900 he built the church at No. 1325 North Tenth street, for the American Salvation Army (this was later sold to the Primitive Methodist Conference for $2,500). In the latter church, the door sills and pavement in front and rear are of cement made from crushed rock and Portland cement. Mr. Reinert can also manufacture all kinds of cutlery, having a variety of accomplishments which he has found very useful in his work. Mr. Reinert is located at No. 1323 North Tenth street. He made the first cement flagstone pavement in Reading in 1892, in front of No. 1323 North Tenth street.

In 1879 Mr. Reinert was married to a daughter of William Border, and they have had two children: Leroy B., born July 11, 1884, who is married to Helen Fleckenstine, and had one child, William L. (died in 1908, and was buried in the first cement lined grave in Alsace cemetery); and Guy, born Sept. 26, 1892.

Mr. Reinert is a stanch Republican, and actively interested in municipal politics, though he has held no offices except that of assessor. Fraternally he is a member of Muhlenberg Lodge, I. O. O. F. On his sixtieth birthday Mr. Reinert devised to the Odd Fellows ground on the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Robeson streets, Reading, to be owned and controlled by them forever.

SOLOMON HIRSHLAND, proprietor of the Reading Pants Manufacturing Company, and one of the city's well-known and representative business men, was born in 1848, in Germany, son of Isaac and Lena (Mayer) Hirshland.

Isaac Hirshland brought his family to America when Solomon was but seven months old, and for a short time resided in New York, where he was engaged in butchering, in which business he was also engaged, in connection with huckstering, after coming to Reading in 1857. He died June 1, 1896, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Hirshland had these children: Solomon; Fannie, m. to Isaac Samuels; Lee, and Harry. Isaac Hirshland was a Whig and Republican in politics.

Solomon Hirshland received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he apprenticed himself to the boilermaker's trade, and worked at that occupation until the strike in 1876, when he accepted a position with a Pottsville firm, in whose employ he continued until 1879. In this year he became traveling salesman for the A. J. Brumbach Woolen Co., continuing with that concern until 1882, when the Reading Pants Manufacturing Company was formed by him, his first location being the second floor of the Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart building. In 1896 he came to his present location, No. 533 Penn street, and here, in addition to manufacturing on an average 400 pairs of trousers weekly, makes a specialty of custom tailoring, in which he does an extensive business. Mr. Hirshland is an enterprising, up-to-date business man, of more than ordinary ability, and has always made a success of anything undertaken by him. Fraternally he is connected with Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M.; Caldwell Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Mr. Hirshland was married to Miss Fannie P. Levy, of Lawrence, Kans., and to them have been born three children: Lawrence, of the Reading high school, class of 1907; Charles Roy; and Carrie, deceased.

GEORGE GLASS, who died in Reading, April 30, 1893, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, Oct. 25, 1830, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Glass.

Mr. Glass grew up in his native county, attending the schools of Robesonia till he was seventeen, and there he learned the trade of a blacksmith, which continued to be his vocation all his life. For a number of years he remained in Robeson township, but in 1875 he decided to move, and accepted an offer to be blacksmith at the Eckert furnaces, near which he lived for the rest of his life. His death occurred when he was aged sixty-two years, six months and five days, and his remains were interred in the Charles Evans cemetery.

Twice joined in wedlock, Mr. Glass's first wife, whom he married Feb. 7, 1856, was Miss Anna Schlecter. She died leaving four children, as follows: Ida, widow of George Bixler; Calvin, m. to Miss Ellen Krick; Mary, m. to Frank Worley; and Anna, m. to Daniel Kauffman. He m. (second) Sept. 3, 1872, Catherine Lewis, who survives him. She was a daughter of Archibald and Mary (Wesley) Lewis. To this union also four children were born, namely: Ella, wife of H. E. Niebel, a photographer; Luther, employed at the Carpenter Steel Works; Emma, a milliner; and Elsie, a teacher. The late Mr. Glass, as well as the members of his family, belonged to the M. E. Church. He was a member of the local lodge of the K. of P., and in his political affiliations was a stanch Democrat.

WILLIAM EISENBISE, now living retired in Reading, at No. 341 1-2 South Seventh street, has throughout his long life known no other home than that city, in which he was born June 27, 1834.

Peter Eisenbise, father of William, was likewise born in Reading, and made it his lifelong residence. He combined the two vocations of hatter and brick manufacturer, following the latter calling during the summer months. He married Miss Susan Schmeck and several children were born to them, but only three are living, William, James K., and Ann Barbara (wife of George Saylor, of Reading). Peter Eisenbise died a long time before his wife, at the age of fifty-three, a believer in the Luth-

eran faith. Mrs. Eisenbise died aged seventy-five. She belonged to the Reformed Church.

William Eisenbise was kept in school during his boyhood, and then was put to work carrying brick from a yard, an occupation in which he continued five seasons. Then began his connection with the Whittaker Rolling Mills, which plant was afterward purchased by Messrs. Seyfert & McManus. There Mr. Eisenbise worked for the greater part of his active career, there being but three brief periods when he was otherwise engaged. In 1862 he enlisted for nine months in Company B, 167th P. V. I., and was mustered out at the end of his term as first sergeant. He afterward served in the United States army. Another break occurred when he passed one year operating a hotel, and another five years was spent in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. But with these exceptions Mr. Eisenbise remained steadily with the one concern and was one of their trusted employes. He retired in 1891, and since then has given his attention to the erection of several houses, which have proved profitable investments.

On June 21, 1855, Mr. Eisenbise married Elvina, daughter of George Bechtold, and their wedded life has extended over more than half a century. Surrounded by their children they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, at their home, No. 341½ South Seventh street. The house was decorated with plants and cut flowers, and red, white and blue streamers ran from the corners of the rooms. The event was made doubly interesting by the marriage of a grandson of the aged couple—Fred G. Schaeffer to Miss Amy Koch. After their wedding they proceeded to the house of the grandparents to help the latter celebrate their golden wedding. Many handsome gifts were exchanged, and a fine supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenbise were each seventy-one years of age. They were married by Rev. Joseph Young, a former United Brethren Pastor of Reading.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Eisenbise were twelve in number: Ada, Peter, William, Alvina, Emma, Alice, George, Harry, Lillie M., Albert, Mary and John. Mr. Eisenbise is a member of the Reformed Church, and fraternally belongs to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., while his name is also found on the rolls of the Liberty Fire Company. Politics was always an engrossing interest with him, and he has done much work in support of his chosen party, the Democratic. He was twice a member of the city council from the Second ward, and after his removal from the Second to the Fifth ward, was a delegate from the latter. His life has been quiet and unostentatious, but nevertheless filled with faithful service and real usefulness, and he commands the respect of all who know him.

CHALKLEY WILSON, who is well known to the citizens of Reading, Pa., as an artist in pastel, water color and crayon, resides at No. 302 North Front street. Mr. Wilson was born Oct. 11, 1857, in Newlin township, Chester Co., Pa., son of John and Maria (Speakman) Wilson.

John Wilson, grandfather of Chalkley, was a native of Ireland and came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. He was a mill man and known as "Slitter John", to distinguish him from the other John Wilsons in the same locality. He was foreman of a forge and rolling mill on Buck and Doe Run in Newlin township, Chester county, and this, in connection with the care of a 132-acre farm was his occupation throughout his active period. He was a well-known man in his day, was a public-spirited citizen, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. In politics he was a Whig. John Wilson married Ann Bentley, born on the northern boundary of England, and they became the parents of these children: Isaac; Ellis; John; Ann, m. to Horatio Stott; Martha, m. to Moses Ford; Phebe, m. to Martin C. Walker; and Alice. Mrs. Wilson was a Baptist in religious belief, and at the age of seventy-five years walked five miles to Coatesville, to attend divine service. She died in 1865, aged eighty-four years, having survived her husband, who died in 1833, in his fifty-eighth year.

John Wilson, son of John and father of Chalkley, was a heater in the old Joseph Bailey furnace at the Pine Iron works in Montgomery county, but the latter part of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits on the ancestral acres. He died in 1880, in his sixty-fifth year, his wife dying in 1883, when sixty-five years old. They were the parents of the following children: Edmund, deceased, m. Rebecca Maitland, and had children, Mary, Edmund, John and Ellis; Mary E. died unmarried in 1869, aged twenty-four years; Martha, who died in 1902, aged fifty-five years, m. George F. Thomas, and had children, Anna Lou, Clara Warren and Walter; Isaac, born in 1848, m. (first) Rachel Reubincan, who died, and (second) Ella Guyn, and they had children, Ray, Percy and Emma; Joseph B. m. (first) Lucretia Thomas, who died leaving one child, Bertha, and he m. (second) Mary Koch; Ellis, born in 1851, died in Harrisburg in 1907, aged fifty-five years; John S. died in the spring of 1881, aged twenty-seven years; Emma died June 19, 1864; Chalkley; Robert died March 27, 1860, in infancy; Annie M. m. William L. Price, and they have four children, Ernest, Harry, Wilfred and Chalkley; and Richard T. m. Della Bean, and has two children, Bessie and Martha. In religious belief the family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Wilson was first a Whig and later a Democrat, and he was fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. for many years, passing through the chairs.

Chalkley Wilson received his early educational training in the public schools of Spruce Grove, Newlin township, Chester county, and remained on the home farm until the death of his parents. The next seven years of his life were spent in and about the iron works, but the last eighteen years have been devoted entirely to his art. Mr. Wilson is an artist of exceptional ability. His portraits in pastel, water color and crayon have attracted widespread attention and earned many words of commendation, while his landscape views find a ready sale among lovers of art in Reading.

In 1886 Mr. Wilson was married to Rebecca H. Jeffers, daughter of Ishmael Jeffers, a native of Newlin township. In his political views Mr. Wilson is a stanch Democrat. He has for a number of years been a member of the Red Men, as well as the Golden Eagles; in the latter he was through all of the chairs, serving as a delegate to Harrisburg in 1890.

J. ADAM HOLZMAN, merchant and postmaster at Tulpehocken, in Jefferson township, Berks county, was born Jan. 26, 1855, in the town where he still resides.

Henry Holzman, his grandfather, was an early settler in Bethel township, near the Blue Mountains, owned land and was one of the well-to-do farmers in his district. He married Barbara Schlassman, and they had six children: Peter, Jacob, John S., Elizabeth, Mary and Catharine.

John S. Holzman, father of J. Adam Holzman, was one of the foremost citizens and public officials of Berks county in his day, particularly well known in the upper part of the county. He was born Dec. 12, 1823, and died Aug. 21, 1893, aged sixty-nine years, eight months, nine days, and is buried at St. Paul's Union Church, at Shaefferstown, Jefferson township. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, later engaging in the butchering business, which he also followed for several years. In 1863 he engaged in the hotel business at Tulpehocken, continuing in that line until 1881, and he also carried on a general mercantile business at that place in partnership with Levi W. Himmelberger, from 1876 to 1878. Buying out Mr. Himmelberger, he took his sons, J. Adam and Henry H., into business with him, and retained an interest in the store until his death, though he took no active part in its management and conduct.

Mr. Holzman was a prominent member of the Democratic party and served many years as postmaster at Tul-

pehocken; was school director of his township; and was elected by a large majority to the office of county treasurer, in which he served from 1885 to 1887. He was likewise active in church work, was a member of the Lutheran Church, and served on the building committee when St. Paul's Union Church at Shaefferstown was erected, in 1884.

Mr. Holzman married Maria Derr, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Bender) Derr, and she survives him, being now the oldest resident of Tulpehocken. She was born in 1824, and though past eighty is still very active both mentally and physically, relating many interesting stories of the early days in this district. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holzman, viz.: James M., deceased; Thomas, deceased; Sarah, deceased; J. Adam; Henry H., a resident of Rehrersburg, Pa.; Martin, deceased; Reiley, deceased; Lovina E., wife of J. Michael Knoll, and residing at Tulpehocken; Francis S., living at Richland, Lebanon county; and four who died young.

J. Adam Holzman acquired his education in the public schools of his native township and has spent all his life at Tulpehocken. He bought out his brother's interest in the mercantile business June 21, 1894, and has since conducted it on his own account, doing a large produce business. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster, and has served as such ever since. He has also been tax collector of his township, having been elected to that office on the Democratic ticket, two terms. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, was one of the first deacons in the new church, has also served as elder, and is at present treasurer of the Sunday-school.

On Aug. 7, 1880, Mr. Holzman married Miss Kate R. Firing, daughter of Augustus Firing, and they have two children: Sallie, m. to Herbert S. Long, and mother of one child, Florence; and Oscar, m. to Mary K. Derr, and they have one child, Paul Adam.

RICHARD D. BECHTEL, a real estate dealer of Oakbrook, Cumru township, Berks county, is of the fifth generation of a family that has lived in that immediate vicinity continuously since 1771, and that has always been found in the forefront of progressive movements for the community.

Of Dutch origin, the progenitor of the American branch, John George Freid Bechtel, came from Holland on the "Pennsylvania Packet," landing at Philadelphia June 17, 1771. He soon chose Cumru township as his location, and his descendants have remained there ever since. Four sons were born to him, namely: John; Jacob, of Cumru township; Daniel, of the same locality, father of Thomas, Lydia, Catherine, Anna and Elmira; and Christian, also of Cumru township, father of one son Fred, who is still living on some of the original Bechtel land, at Brookside.

John Bechtel was born Nov. 3, 1779, and died Jan. 17, 1847, aged sixty-seven years, two months and fourteen days. He was the owner of considerable land, most of it now covered with modern residences. He married Dec. 13, 1801, Magdalena Addams, daughter of the founder of Adamstown. She was born July 4, 1778, and lived to an advanced age. She bore her husband children as follows: Susan, born April 24, 1804, m. A. Hoch; Richard A.; Catherine, born Oct. 18, 1807, m. Jacob Krick, a Spring township farmer; Elizabeth, born March 7, 1809, m. John Heck, a farmer in Cumberland county; John, born June 29, 1810, m. Miss Amelia Siedel, of Gibraltar, Pa.; Sarah, born March 26, 1812, m. John Reeser, a farmer at Milltown, Cumberland county; and Hannah, born Feb. 22, 1814, m. David Oyster, a farmer at Whitehall, Cumberland county.

Richard A. Bechtel was one of the large landowners and prominent men of Cumru township, his life there covering the period between April 10, 1805 and July 25, 1861. A portion of his property was the section now known as Oakbrook. He was married to Miss Rachel Lorah, who lived to the age of sixty-six years. They had two children only, George L. and John L., the latter of whom was born March 1, 1841, and married Miss Catherine Trate.

George L. Bechtel was born Jan. 20, 1839, and lived only to the age of thirty-one years, dying Nov. 26, 1870. He was a man of standing in the community, much liked and esteemed, and his premature death was felt to be a general loss. A farmer by calling, he owned a place of fifty-seven acres, twenty of which was still woodland. He married in 1862 Catherine Janette, daughter of Rufus Davis, and they had four children, namely: Sallie, born July 17, 1863, died Sept. 25, 1891; Jennie, March 31, 1865, died Jan. 29, 1890; Laura, Aug. 10, 1867, died April 1, 1895; and Richard D.

Richard D. Bechtel has already made himself a place of importance among his fellow-townsmen, although still comparatively young, the date of his birth being Nov. 1, 1869. He was given a good education, attending first the public schools and then an academy in Reading conducted by Prof. D. B. Brunner. He began to work early and chose the trade of painter and paperhanger, at which he was engaged for some years, but in 1891 he gave that up in order to enter upon the real estate business. He and Henry B. Heinz formed the firm of Bechtel & Heinz, with offices at No. 518 Washington street, Reading, and for eleven years did a large amount of business in Reading real estate. But in 1902 Mr. Bechtel withdrew from the firm and gave his attention almost wholly to developing the suburb of Oakbrook, where he himself now resides. He owned a tract of thirty-seven acres there, of great value, lying along the trolley line of the Mohnton and Adamstown road. He cut this into building lots and most of them are now occupied by good residences. Mr. Bechtel is a splendid business man, progressive in his methods, and has done remarkably well.

Mr. Bechtel married, Oct. 9, 1896, Miss Catherine Fichthorn, daughter of James and Mary (Heller) Fichthorn, and a granddaughter of George and Hannah (Lutz) Fichthorn. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel have three children, May R., Catherine M. and George R. Mr. Bechtel, with his wife, is a member of Yocom's Union Church. Politically he is a Republican, active in his district and with considerable influence. He has served his district officially as registry assessor, and in 1909 was elected tax collector of Cumru township.

WAGENHORST. The firm of Wagenhorst Brothers, formed in 1883, originally included not only the two present members, Mahlon and Llewellyn, but also their father, Franklin. Beginning as tinsmiths, their business increased in scope rapidly, and the firm now take orders for furnaces and for sanitary heating, healthful ventilaing, all kinds of roofing, spouting and air heating. The family have been tinsmiths for three generations.

John Wagenhorst, great-grandfather of the present representatives, was a resident of Greenwich township, Berks county, and was a farmer and miller by occupation. He was eighty years of age at the time of his death. The children born to him and his wife were: Nathan; Isaac; Charles; John; William, who died young; Maria; Julia; Sophia and Harriet.

Nathan Wagenhorst, son of John, spent much of his life in Montgomery county, Pa., where he was engaged successfully in business as a tinsmith. He was well known in his section, and in 1867 he served as county treasurer. When ready to retire from business life he came to Reading, and spent his last years there with his son Franklin. He lived to be eighty-seven years old. On Oct. 6, 1833, he married Rebecca, daughter of George Beitenman, and she attained the age of eighty-four. They had only two children, Franklin and William B. The latter, born April 27, 1836, m. Louise, daughter of John and Mary (Yost) Keck. He is employed as a tinsmith in the establishment of Wagenhorst Bros., and resides at No. 41 North Tenth street, Reading.

Franklin Wagenhorst was born Feb. 27, 1834. When only twelve years old he began to learn his father's trade. As a young man he established himself in business at Gilbertsville, and worked for some time as a tinsmith, but later bought the hotel at that place, and gave his attention to its management. During the war he put up

a handsome new building, which is still standing. He was very successful as a hotel keeper, and after eleven years in his new hotel, he came in 1876 to Reading, and for two years had charge of the Berks County House. From 1878 to 1883, Mr. Wagenhorst withdrew from active business affairs, but in the latter year his sons, who were then ready to begin work, induced him to resume his earliest calling, and to give them the opportunity of learning the business of tinsmithing. They went into business at No. 953 Penn street, and remained there until April, 1890, when Mr. Wagenhorst bought property at No. 945 Penn street, which afforded them larger quarters. He retained his connection with the business, which was carried on in his name, until the time of his death, Dec. 15, 1905. Fraternally he was a Mason, a member of Stechler Lodge, of Pottstown. In religion he was affiliated with the First Reformed Church. Mr. Wagenhorst was very well known and was a popular musician, being a skilled player on both the cornet, which was his instrument in band playing, and on the violin. In his earlier years he played with the Boyertown Band for a long time, and was treasurer of it for many years. After coming to Reading he was connected with the old City Band for two years, and then retired from musical work.

On Nov. 3, 1855, Franklin Wagenhorst was married to Miss Emmalaree Gilbert, of Gilbertsville, daughter of George W. and great-granddaughter of the John Gilbert, for whom the town was named. Mrs. Wagenhorst died Nov. 4, 1905, and both she and her husband are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. They were the parents of three sons, namely: Mahlon; Lucian, born Nov. 30, 1867, died Jan. 5, 1906, m. Miss Elizabeth Epler, had twin sons, Raymond F. and Ralph Leon (died at the age of five months); and Llewellyn.

Mahlon Wagenhorst was born Nov. 26, 1862. He m. Miss Louisa Heft, daughter of John Heft, and has two daughters: Maude Elizabeth, wife of Charles Suender, of Reading; and Mabel May. The family resides at No. 223 South Thirteenth street, Reading.

Llewellyn Wagenhorst was born April 14, 1869. He m. Annie E., daughter of Peter F. Nagle, of Reading, and resides at No. 326 South Seventeenth street, Reading.

The Wagenhorst brothers are both skilled mechanics and are also gifted with the executive ability to carry their business to success along the right lines. After their father's death they started in business for themselves. They are prompt, energetic and careful, employ only skilled labor, having about ten men engaged under them, and do only the best work. In February, 1906, they bought property at No. 23 North Tenth street, and April 1st, opened their business there, and are making extensive improvements there to meet the demands of their large and constantly increasing trade.

ALLISON F. HAAS, manufacturer of confectionery and ice cream, at the corner of Schuylkill avenue and Buttonwood streets, Reading, was born June 14, 1855, in Centre township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Bergey) Haas.

The grandfather of our subject at one time was a prominent farmer in Bern township, but through endorsing a note for a friend lost all his property.

Nicholas Haas, father of Allison F., came to Reading at an early day and engaged in the quarrying of stone. By an unexpected explosion when engaged in his work, he was crippled for the rest of his life. The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad found in him a faithful watchman at Peacock's Cut, where he remained on duty until his death in 1884, when he was aged seventy-two years. He was a stanch Democrat and at one time served as constable in Bern township. Prior to railroad transportation, he carried and distributed the old Reading *Adler*, a weekly paper, to the different farm houses all over the township. His wife, Elizabeth Bergey, died in 1885, aged sixty-four years. They had these children: Adam; Benjamin; Levi, with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Mary, m. to Edward Yoe; Caroline, m. to Mahlon Dautrich, of Reading; Frank and John, with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; Allison F.; and Ellen L., m. to Henry Deem. Nicholas Haas was well known and both he and wife were much esteemed.

Allison F. Haas received his education in the schools of Centre township, but came to Reading while still a boy. His first employment was driving mules on the canal for the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and after a year with them he hired in the same capacity to a Mr. Goodfellow. He became part owner of the canal boat "Memento." In the fall of 1875 he quit the canal and engaged as brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, where he continued until 1878, when he became fireman, and in 1883 he was recommended by Supt. E. Dale for the position of engineer on the Schuylkill & Lehigh Railroad, soon receiving this important appointment on the main line.

Mr. Haas remained in this position until 1907, and has made a fine record. On no occasion has the train which he commands either killed or severely injured a single person, testifying to his care and devotion to duty. He was held in high esteem by his employers. In 1892, with his son, under the firm name of Haas & Son, he opened up a confectionery and ice cream store at the place above mentioned and the business prospered. The partnership was dissolved in 1907, and Mr. Haas is now conducting the business alone under his own name.

In 1878 Mr. Haas married Valeria Bower, of Leesport, Pa., and they have had two children, namely: Herbert, who married Hannah E. Brown, and has had three children—Bertha M., Caroline V. and Ralph H. (deceased); and Merritt.

Mr. Haas is a member of Camp No. 689, P. O. S. of A.; also Schuylkill Fire Company, No. 12, of Reading.

HARRY E. EBERLY, who is engaged in the produce business at No. 305 South Sixth street, Reading, was born at Blainsport, Pa., in 1867, son of Henry and Anna (Ebling) Eberly.

Henry Eberly, who for twenty-three years was a storekeeper and hotel manager, is now living retired. He and his wife, Anna Ebling, had seven children: Maggie, deceased; Emmeline; Katie; Harry E.; Frank; Stephen and Amy N.

Harry E. Eberly received his education in the schools of Lancaster county, after leaving which he secured employment as a tobacco stripper, meanwhile learning the trade of cigar-maker. He later went into the butter-making business, having charge of creameries in Lancaster and Snyder counties, and in 1893 started into the creamery business in Denver, conducting it for two years. He next located in Snyder county, where he continued the same business, but five years later returned to Denver, where, with J. B. Kurtz, he again engaged in business. He purchased the Stevens, Durlach and Muddy Creek creameries, and also operated at Red Run, Bowmansville, Reinholds and Maiden Creek. In 1903 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Eberly retaining the Maiden Creek creamery and purchasing one at Kempton, which he still retains. He also buys and handles poultry, eggs, etc., and has a large trade, operating an automobile and delivery wagons. He attends the Farmers' Market, at Reading, Pa., occupying stalls Nos. 22 and 24.

Mr. Eberly was married to Miss Alice L. Lutz, of Stevens, and to them have been born three children: Flora, Roy and Myra. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Socialist, while he is fraternally connected with Middleburg Lodge No. 619, F. & A. M., Snyder county; the I. O. O. F.; and the P. O. S. of A.

CHARLES G. HERBEIN, a well known citizen of the Oley Line, Exeter township, Berks county, who has for a number of years been engaged in looking after his several properties, was born Oct. 25, 1839, on the Herbein homestead in Oley township, son of John and Sarah (Gernand) Herbein.

Mr. Herbein was educated in the public schools, and reared on the old homestead, where he remained until thirty

years of age. After his marriage he settled on a farm of 112 acres in Oley township, which he had inherited, and this he operated for two years, then removing to Friedensburg, at which place he lived retired for eighteen months. At the end of this time Mr. Herbein built his present place on the Oley line in Exeter township, where he has since resided, engaged in looking after the management of his farms.

On Feb. 3, 1872, Mr. Herbein was married to Sarah Merkel, born July 30, 1852, in Maxatawny township, daughter of Levi S. and Keziah (DeTurk) Merkel, and to this union there were born three children: Etta G., at home; Herbert J., who is conducting the Oley farm, and m. to Laura Eisenhart; and Annie K., at home. The family are all members of Schwartzwald Reformed Church.

ADAM H. SCHROEDER, whose place of business is at No. 1028 Spruce street, Reading, is one of the leading coal merchants of the city. He was born in Ruscombmanor township, Berks Co., Pa., May 18, 1861, a son of Benneville and Magdalina (Hill) Schroeder.

Benneville Schroeder was a millwright by trade, and also owned a farm in Ruscombmanor township, where he died in 1903, aged eighty-six years. His wife died in the year previous, aged eighty-four years. They had six children, the survivors being: Adam H.; Louisa, wife of A. H. Schmeck; and Susan, widow of Wilson Bortz. They were members of the Reformed Church. In politics the father was a Democrat. He belonged to the O. U. A. M.

Adam H. Schroeder was educated in the common schools of Berks county and also the Friedensburg Academy, where he was graduated and subsequently taught three terms of school. He then accepted a position with the Bard Hardware Company, where he remained for one year, and for nineteen years was then associated with A. L. Frame in the coal business. On Oct. 1, 1906, he purchased the old Frame coal yard, where he is prepared to fill all contracts, carrying a complete line of coal. As a business man he is well and favorably known all over this section, where he has been engaged in trade for the past twenty-five years.

In 1886 Mr. Schroeder married Catherine Bender, of Robesonia, Pa., and they have one son, Walter, a tailor by trade, who commands a good business at Reading, where he resides.

Mr. Schroeder is a member of Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., and Fidelia Chamber, No. 5, Knights of Friendship, of which he is treasurer. He is also a trustee of the Reading Consultory of the same order, and treasurer of the board of trustees, as well as treasurer of the Grand Consultory of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For the past fifteen years he has been secretary of the Washington Fire Company. He owns a fine home at Wyomissing, where he is a school director, and was one of the organizers of that borough. In politics he is a Democrat.

JEROME C. LENGEL, senior member of the well-known cigar manufacturing firm of Lengel & Ernst, of Reading, Pa., was born in Jefferson township, Berks county, June 18, 1865, son of Paul M. and Emma (Riegel) Lengel.

Isaac Lengel, grandfather of J. C., was a native of Jefferson township, and was a shoemaker by trade, an occupation which he followed all of his active period. He also owned and operated a small farm. Mr. Lengel married a Miss Moyer, also a native of Berks county, and she bore her husband two children: Paul M.; and Emma m. (first) Charles Henne, and (second) Frank Wagner.

Paul M. Lengel learned the shoemaker's trade with his father, but devoted his time principally to stone masonry, which he also learned when a young man. He died in April, 1908. He married Emma Riegel, and to this union there were born seven children as follows: James, a shoemaker of Reading, m. Valeria Grimes, and they have two children, Daisy (m. Robert Hottenstein) and Murphy; Jerome C.; Sally, deceased, m. Clinton Shutter; George is deceased; Agnes m. L. J. Geiger, of Reading, and they have four sons, Paul, David, Levi and Lewis; Oscar J., deceased, m. Lydia Lengel, and has one son, Oscar; and Minnie m. George S. Frederick. In religious belief Mr. Lengel was a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife is connected with the Reformed faith.

He was a member of the P. O. S. of A., of Reading, and in politics was a Democrat.

Jerome C. Lengel received his literary education in the common and high schools of Berks county, later receiving a commercial course at Prof. Brunner's Business College at Reading. He taught school in Tulpehocken and Spring townships for five years, and in 1887 engaged with the Reading *Eagle* as bookkeeper, continuing with that publication until 1892. In this year Mr. Lengel accepted a position as superintendent and bookkeeper for Frank J. Hunt, the cigar manufacturer, and continued with that gentleman until he went out of business seven years later. Mr. Lengel then formed a partnership with John A. Ernst, and under the firm name of Lengel & Ernst they operate at No. 113½ North Third street, where they have a factory of three stories, 17 x 45 feet, and manufacture the following well known brands of ten-cent goods: "Tulpehocken," "Wall St. Club," "Legal," "Floradelphia," "Point Blanck," "L. & E.," "Critic," and several private brands. The firm enjoy a constantly increasing business and are extensive shippers to all of the Eastern States.

Mr. Lengel was married in 1890 to Aurilla Hoffman, daughter of George F. Hoffman, and she died in 1903, aged thirty-three years. Their two children were: Frank and Lulu L. In religious belief Mr. Lengel is a Lutheran, while politically he is independent. He is fraternally connected with the Brotherhood of America and the Knights of Malta.

JACOB H. ROTHERMEL, a prosperous citizen of Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., was born July 20, 1863, in the township in which he still lives, and where he has spent all of his life, son of Samuel M. and Esther (Hoch) Rothermel.

The Rothermel family was founded in this country by Johannes Rothermel, a native of Wachbach, Germany, born there in 1688. In 1708 he was married to Sybilla Zimmermann, and to them were born six children: Anna Maria, Lawrence, Paul, Peter, John and Christian. The family started for America, and Johannes Rothermel died on the voyage, his widow and children landing at Philadelphia, Aug. 29, 1730, and locating in the following year in what is now Berks county, Pennsylvania.

John Rothermel, son of Johannes, became a farmer and justice of the peace in Richmond township. It is a matter of record that one Jacob Rothermel was a captain of militia in the Revolutionary army, Second battalion, Third Company, and tradition has it that John Rothermel was a Revolutionary soldier, the probability being that there is a discrepancy in the name and that tradition is correct. John Rothermel's remains were interred in the Rothermel burying ground, one-quarter of a mile west of Fleetwood. He married Mary Siegfried, who is said to have been the first white child in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and they had these children: Abraham, Jacob, Daniel and John. He married again, and the children born of the second union were: Jacob, grandfather of Jacob H.; David; Mrs. Charles Heffner; Mrs. Fegley, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; and Elizabeth Rothermel.

Jacob Rothermel, born May 11, 1798, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, a part of which is now Richmond township, died April 15, 1886, aged nearly eighty-eight years. He was a miller by trade, and also engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil, pursuing this vocation until 1840, when he began farming. On Nov. 10, 1822, he married Sarah Merkel, of Richmond township, and to them were born children as follows: Jonas, Jacob (who died aged eight years), Samuel M., Aaron, Anna (died in infancy), Sarah and John.

Samuel M. Rothermel was born Feb. 26, 1831, and died April 23, 1900. He was a lifelong resident of Richmond township, where in his youth he obtained a limited education. Throughout life he was a great reader, his favorite work being the Bible, and he was possessed of a remarkable memory. When twenty-six years of age he began farming on his father's property in Richmond township, and there he continued for thirty years, in 1887 removing to a farm belonging to his brother-in-law, Daniel Hoch, there continuing until his death. On Nov. 26, 1860, Mr. Rothermel was married to Esther Hoch, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah (Kinsey) Hoch, of Richmond township. To this union were born: Susannah, who died in infancy; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Rothermel was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the schools of his native township, leaving same at the age of twenty years to resume agricultural pursuits. He then purchased from his father a farm of fifty-five acres in Maiden-creek township, and a ninety acre farm near the borough of Fleetwood, which had belonged to his uncle. Since the death of his father in 1900, Mr. Rothermel has inherited additional property, and has in latter years been engaged in supervising the work. He and his wife are consistent members of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Fleetwood. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Rothermel was married to Esther Rothermel, daughter of John K. and Susannah (Peters) Rothermel, of Richmond township. Mr. Rothermel and his estimable wife are greatly esteemed in this community, where he is regarded as an up-to-date, practical farmer, and good, substantial business man.

CLINTON GOTTSCHALL, proprietor of the Speedway Palace Stables, Nos. 934-936 Rose street, Reading, was born in Alsace township, five miles from the city of Reading, in 1873, son of John and Elvina (Smoyer) Gottschall, and grandson of George Gottschall.

Leonard Gottschall, great-grandfather of Clinton, was a native of Germany, and came to America when a young man, settling in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits.

George Gottschall, son of Leonard, was born in that township, and there married Elizabeth Cummins, who died there at the age of eighty-five years. He died aged eighty-two years. They had these children: Ella Shields, Lena Delp, Sallie Sophern, Elizabeth Newkirk, Rachel Heller, Susan Becker, John, Leonard, Daniel and George.

John Gottschall, father of Clinton, was also born in Alsace township. He was at one time an engineer for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, running engine No. 9 on the East Penn road, which he continued for eight years, and then purchased a farm in Alsace township. He returned to Reading, however, and was elected a constable of the Fourteenth ward, being also engaged very extensively at poultry raising. Mr. Gottschall died in 1903, at the age of seventy-nine years, his widow, who survives him, residing in Reading. Their children were: John, a butcher, m. Emma Rapp, and they reside at No. 1026 North Tenth street; Ellen m. Isaac Reiter, of Oley township; and Clinton.

Clinton Gottschall attended the public schools of his native township until fourteen years of age, and then went to Chester county, and remained for a period of three years on his father's farm. At the end of this time he came to Reading and learned the coach blacksmithing trade, which he followed for twelve years, and then engaged in his present business, building, in 1904, his present modern stables, 40 x 102 feet, three stories, at Nos. 934-936 Rose street, which are among the finest in the county. He has stable room for forty horses, and the accommodations at this place are the best to be found in the city.

Mr. Gottschall married Daisy Fichthorn, daughter of Reuben and Clara (Russel) Fichthorn, and to them have been born these children: Clinton, Jr., was killed by a trolley car at Fourth and Windsor streets Oct. 30, 1905, in his sixth year; Floyd, Helen and Paul. In political matters Mr. Gottschall is a Republican. He is a member of the Reformed Church, which Mrs. Gottschall also attends.

J. GEORGE HINTZ, bookseller and stationer at Reading for twenty-six years, was born in Reading Jan. 5, 1862, and received his education in the St. John's Lutheran parochial school, going till he was eleven years old, when he started to contribute something toward making a livelihood for himself by carrying the daily newspapers of Reading, Philadelphia and New York to their patrons throughout the city, getting up very early in the morning to enable him to deliver the *Reading Times* before breakfast. After carrying and selling newspapers for about a year, he found employment in the book and stationery store of Levi J. Smith, on Penn square, and he continued at this place for nine years, having acted as clerk for several years and then as one of the managers of the store until the place was sold in the settlement of the Smith estate.

In 1883 he opened a small store of the same kind at No. 712 Penn street, in a little narrow room, but in one year his obliging disposition won so much patronage that he was compelled to move into larger quarters to accommodate his rapidly increasing trade. He secured a room on the adjoining premises, and he continued there for three years, when he was again compelled to get still larger quarters, and these he found at No. 734 Penn street, by buying the established stand of Keller & Brown, who were engaged in the same business. Upon taking possession of the new stand, he enlarged his varied stock and extended his trade throughout the county of Berks into the adjoining counties in furnishing schools with supplies of all kinds in competition with large dealers. In 1901 he purchased the premises at No. 756, in the same square, next to the Penn National Bank, and after making the necessary changes and enlarging all the departments of the store, moved into the new quarters, and here he has been located until the present time.

While conducting his business, he found time to devote to secret societies, more especially the Knights of the Golden Eagle, a branch of which he helped to organize at Reading, and then came to fill the different offices until he was finally promoted to District Grand Chief of this powerful organization for the district comprising Berks county. He was made a knight in 1885, and served as district grand chief for five years from 1887. He is also prominently identified with the Odd Fellows, the P. O. S. of A., the Masons, Knights Templars and Mystic Shrine. Mr. Hintz has also interested himself in municipal affairs. In this behalf he became a member of the Board of Trade in 1890, and after serving on various committees came to officiate as president in 1899 and 1900. He took a prominent part in the Sesqui-Centennial of Reading, acting as chief of staff of the school parade.

In the establishment of the large modern market house in 1895, at Tenth and Windsor streets, Mr. Hintz was very active, becoming one of the first directors, and finally president of the corporation, which position he has filled since 1900. In the dedication of the monument on Penn Common to the First Defenders from Reading in the Civil war he was chief marshal of the military and civic parade. And he also acted as chief marshal of the great labor parade in the largest labor demonstration ever witnessed at Reading. He served as deputy coroner of the county from 1902 to 1905, and as such held a number of important inquests. He is a trustee of the Homeopathic Hospital, a director of the Merchants Association, and a director in several trolley lines.

In 1883 Mr. Hintz was married to Katherine Hill, only daughter of David and Margaret (Lotz) Hill, and they had twin sons, who died in infancy, and three daughters, Lucy Margaret (m. to Dr. Roy W. Dentler), Mabel Magdalena and Maud Katherine.

Andrew Hintz, father of Mr. Hintz, emigrated from Merklingen, in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1849, and located at Reading, where he followed tailoring for fifty

years. He has lived in honored retirement since 1898, being now in the eighty-first year of his age. He married Magdalena Buyer, of Heilborn, also in Wurtemberg, and by her he had eleven children: Rosa m. J. P. Heuser; Catherine died in 1898, aged forty-five years; Lena m. P. J. Kuhn, and died in 1908; Andrew m. Anna Roether; J. George is mentioned above; Annie died in infancy; Frederick F. m. Mary Dunkel; William G. m. Lizzie Wilson; Emma m. Henry V. E. Crouse; David H.; and Clara C. The parents celebrated their golden wedding in 1903. The mother died in 1906, aged seventy-two years.

David Hill, Mrs. Hintz' father, was brought up in Alsace township, three miles north of Reading, and after learning the trade of machinist filled the position of stationary engineer in the Philadelphia and Reading railroad shops for forty years. He died in 1894 aged sixty-six years. Her mother was a lineal descendant of Col. Nicholas Lotz, of Reading, who rendered important services in the Revolutionary war.

CHRISTOPHER HENRY SCHOFER, of Reading, director of two of the banks of the city, and proprietor of one of the largest and finest bakeries in the State of Pennsylvania, has for three-quarters of a century, or since his fourth year, been a resident of Berks county, and he has been an honored citizen of Reading for thirty-nine years. He is, therefore, most emphatically an adopted son of the county and one whom the entire community is proud to claim. Mr. Schofer's father was a German veteran who fought against Napoleon the Great in the Old World.

Mr. Schofer was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, Jan. 18, 1829. His paternal grandparents were Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Fryberger) Schofer. His father, John George Schofer, was a native of Loschgau, Bissigheim, Wurtemberg, born June 21, 1793, and was baptized and in due time confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. His godparents, or, more formally speaking, his sponsors in baptism, were Conrad Fryberger and wife. John George Schofer received his literary education in the local schools and received practical training in the rope-walks—that is, in the making of rope, which at that time was one of the largest of German industries. Like others of his countrymen, able-bodied and manly, he was enrolled in the army which formed a portion of the allied forces hurled against Napoleon Bonaparte. He joined the ranks Dec. 30, 1813, and saw actual service during the years 1814 and 1815. He was present at the surrender of Paris, during the engagement losing one of his earrings by a French shot which miraculously missed him altogether. He was honorably discharged from the service Dec. 30, 1820.

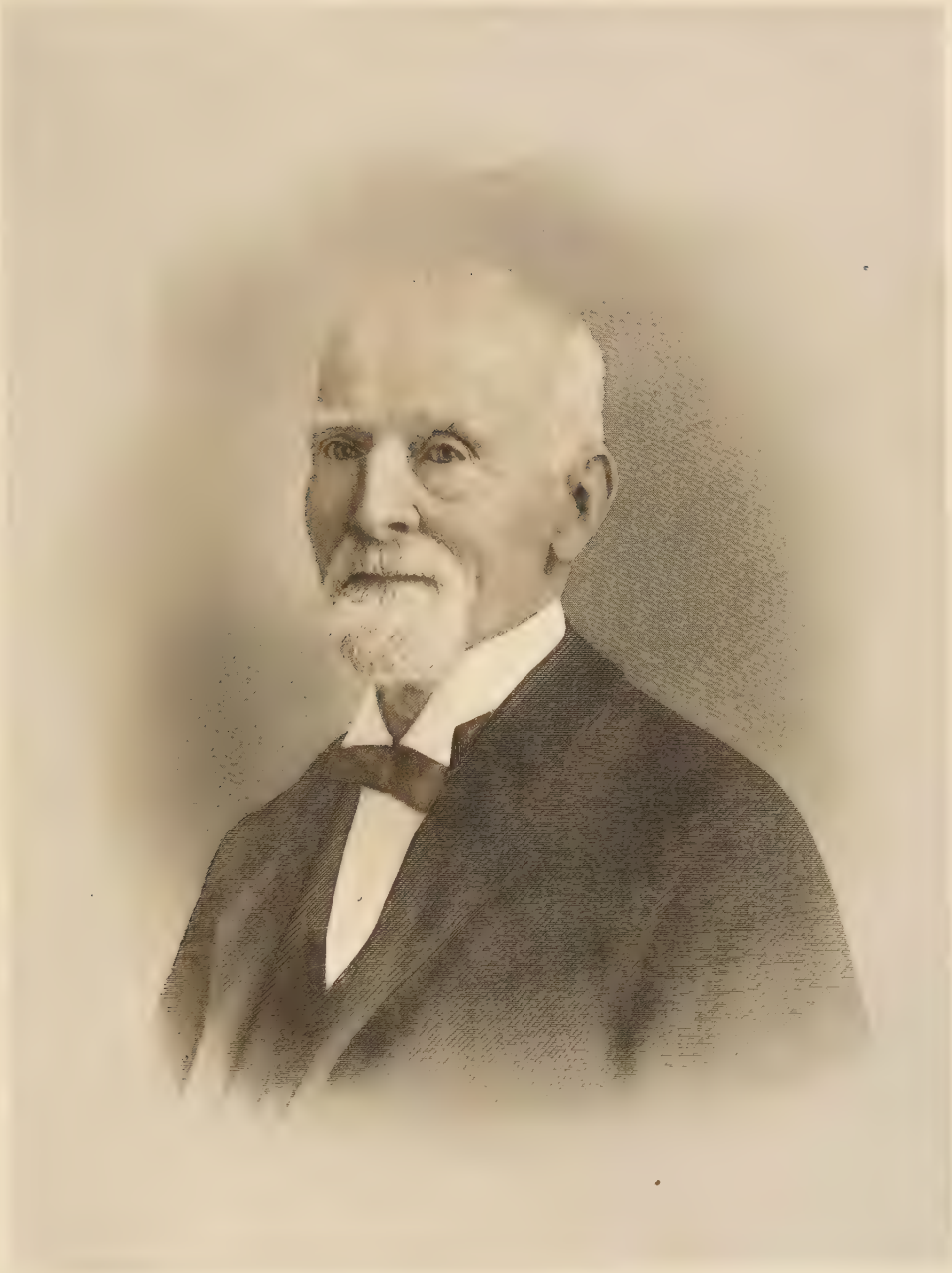
On March 8, 1821, John G. Schofer married Regina Dorothea Bader, with whom he lived for fifty-one years, five months, thirteen days. In 1832 he prepared to leave the Fatherland for America, passing down the Rhine to Rotterdam, where the family (consisting of the parents and five children, the oldest then but nine years of age) took passage for Baltimore. They arrived at the American port May 10, 1832, and commenced their journey overland, on foot and by wagon, into Pennsylvania. The party crossed the Susquehanna at Columbia, Lancaster county, and when they reached Reading a friend and countryman by the name of Neifert met them and conducted them into Oley township, Berks county. There they founded their first home in the New World. At the time of their arrival residences were scarce, and the family therefore moved into a school-house at Oley Church, where they resided until the following spring. Later, for a year, they occupied a house at Bloch's Hill, owned by Daniel Hilbert, and for three years rented a house and lot of Samuel Lobach. They then moved to a small lot owned by Jonathan Grim, where they lived for eight years, or until 1845, when they located in District township, Berks county. The industry and economy of Mr. Schofer and his wife had so borne fruit that they were enabled to purchase a house and lot of John Haak, about one mile east of Landis Store. The children were also maturing, leaving the parental home and supporting themselves, although the family had increased, Mr. and Mrs. Schofer having in all eleven children—six sons and five daughters. During all the years he passed in Berks county John G. Schofer was employed at his boyhood trade of ropemaking, at the occupation of brush-making, or at the various agricultural pursuits which naturally fell to his lot in the new country. He died Aug. 21, 1872, and his remains were interred at Huff's Church, District township, Berks county. His wife died while residing with her daughter Catherine, in Berks county, in 1883. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Schofer were as follows: Catherine, who died in the old country; Jacob Frederick; John Gottlieb, who settled near Siegfried's Church, then called Kuhnsville, and established a store and post-office, known as Schofers (he is now deceased); Fredericka Caroline, deceased; Christopher Henry; Catherina; Salome; a son who died in infancy unnamed; and William, James and Elizabeth.

As noted Christopher Henry Schofer came with his parents and the other four children to America in 1832, he being then in his fourth year. His entire schooling was confined to about three months' instruction in the subscription schools of his locality, but up to the age of twelve years he studied at home and made himself generally useful to his parents and their family. During the following seven years he worked upon various neighborhood farms. In 1848, after having been confirmed in the faith of his fathers, that of the Lutheran Church, by Rev. Isaac Roeller, he was apprenticed to the wood turner's trade, at which occupation he found employment for five years.

On Dec. 8, 1850, Christopher Henry Schofer married Miss Ethelinda Haak, and four years later, with their two children, they removed to Exeter township, Berks county, where Mr. Schofer had purchased a small farm and a sawmill. This double occupation, added to the cares of a growing family, absorbed his time, energies and abilities for the succeeding fourteen years, when he located at Mohrsville, in the same county, and there he conducted a hotel for one year. On selling the hotel he moved to Mount Airy, in Union township, where he farmed for a year, and on March 15, 1870, he became a permanent settler of Reading.

Mr. Schofer's first occupation at Reading was as proprietor of a hotel at No. 219 North Eighth street, after which, for about two years, he was employed in the car shops. Meeting with an accident, however, he was obliged to devote himself to less active manual work, and turned his attention to the baking business, which had already been established by his son, Calvin, with whom he formed a partnership. Subsequently they added a confectionery department to the bakery. Several sons of Mr. Schofer were taken into the business, which has grown to such large proportions, namely: George E., Franklin A., W. H., Jacob A., Charles D. and Harry L. The survivors, under the name of Henry Schofer's Sons, now actively conduct the establishment. The first bakery on North Eighth street was opened in February, 1876, with one small oven 7 x 8 feet. Father and son constituted the force, and they had no team to deliver their goods. Now the firm operate ten large ovens, night and day, and have twenty-five horses to distribute the products of their establishment, which are sold throughout the city and county. They pay especial attention to catering. They manufacture their own ice, and, in fact have the cream of the trade, whether in bakery goods, confectionery, ice cream or the catering line generally. The location of their up-to-date factory and salesrooms covers now Nos. 229-233 North Eighth street, and they have about forty regular employes.

Christopher Henry Schofer, whose valued advice in the conduct of this immense business is still in constant demand, resides at his handsome residence at No. 1238 Perkiomen avenue; his wife did not live to share his late years of prosperity, dying on Feb. 25, 1876. To their union came the following children: William Henry, born Feb. 9, 1852, m. Elinora Kolb; he was one of the firm, and died July 17, 1905. John Calvin, born Oct. 26, 1853, m. Elvesta M. Fogel, and died Jan. 25, 1884. George Emerson,



Henry Schofer

born Oct. 30, 1855, m. Susan Angstadt; he is a machinist by trade, and a member of the firm. A child born June 19, 1857, died unnamed. James Albert, born Dec. 13, 1858, m. Ella C. Kline, and is engaged in business on South Fifth street, Reading. Thomas J., born Nov. 5, 1860, died March 15, 1881. Franklin A., born March 17, 1863, a member of the firm, m. Alice Barbara Cassia Hoffman. Jacob Alvin, born July 24, 1865, m. Lydia Emma Matthias; he is connected with the firm. Charles Daniel, born Dec. 7, 1866, m. Lizzie K. Bittner, and is a partner of the firm. Harry Ludwig, born March 16, 1874, m. Ellen O. Hartman, and is also an associate in the business.

Since his confirmation in 1848 Mr. Schofer has remained a steadfast member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served two terms in the common council of Reading. He is also connected with the fraternity of Odd Fellows.

Besides keeping in touch with the large business actively conducted by his sons, Mr. Schofer is a director of the Neversink Bank (having occupied that position since its organization) and of the old Citizens Bank of Reading, and superintends his two farms in Berks county, one of sixty-five and the other of 120 acres near Jacksonwald. As he is interested in other enterprises, it is evident that he is a remarkably active and energetic man for one of his years. When to his activity and executive ability are added his unswerving honesty, and his justice in the conduct of all his interests, it is not strange that he should be enrolled among the foremost residents of Berks county.

On May 24, 1902, Mr. Schofer left New York for his old home in Germany, and had a most enjoyable trip. He found the house in which he was born, and many other things to interest him.

George E. Schofer, son of Christopher Henry, was born Oct. 30, 1855, in Exeter township. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Mohrsville, and later to Mount Airy, finally locating in Reading in 1869. His education was acquired in the public schools. In 1873 he learned the machinist's trade at Tenth and Spruce streets, at a place known as the Griscom Lock Works, but later known as the Jones, Oaks & Co. Foundry. In 1876 he entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Company, and in 1888 he was appointed foreman of the die and tool department, serving in that capacity until the fall of 1900, when he connected himself with the firm of Henry Schofer's Sons. On account of his mechanical ability, he has made himself especially useful in looking after all the different contrivances used in the business and he has kept in close touch with all things needed in that part of the work.

On Dec. 25, 1882, he married Susan Angstadt, who died in 1901. She was the daughter of Benneville and Sarah (Barr) Angstadt, formerly of Rockland township, now of Reading. Mr. Schofer is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Reading, and also of Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, of the same church. He is also connected with Lodge No. 65, Knights of Pythias; and Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. E., Reading. His children are: Hattie E., born Nov. 22, 1883, m. Thomas Buckwalter; Clarence H., born Jan. 12, 1885, m. Minnie Fidler; Herbert B., born July 27, 1887, is at home; and Earl W., born July 29, 1893, is at home.

Franklin A. Schofer, son of Christopher Henry, was born March 17, 1863, at Stony Creek, Alsace township. In 1868 he went with his parents to Mohrsville, and there attended the public schools until 1869, when they moved to Mount Airy, and then to Reading, where his schooling was completed. In 1880 he began to learn the baking business in all its branches under his father, and in 1898 the business was turned over to the sons, William H., George E., Franklin A., Jacob A., Charles D. and Harry L. The establishment is equipped with all the latest improved machinery, and especial attention is paid to the catering business. They have fifteen teams and deliver all over the city. Mr. Schofer is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and a member of the board of public works. He takes a great interest in municipal affairs.

He married Alice B. C. Hoffman, daughter of Rev. David Hoffman, late of Lebanon, Pa., whose wife was a Miss Kline, of Mt. Aetna. To this union have been born: M. Ethel, C. Harry, Mabel, Florence and Rebe, all at home. Fraternally Mr. Schofer was a member of the old Philomathean Literary, Musical and Social Union of Reading. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery No. 42; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine.

Jacob A. Schofer, son of Christopher Henry, was born in Alsace township, July 24, 1865, and was only five years old when his parents went to Reading, where he was educated in the public schools. In 1882 he became a salesman for the firm of Henry Schofer & Son, and in 1899 a member of the firm of Henry Schofer's Sons. His duties require him to keep in touch with the orders that go through the office, so that the best service may be given the general public.

In 1885 he married Lydia E. Matthias, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Johnson) Matthias, and to this union two children have been born: Alvin H., born July 7, 1887, who was educated in the Reading high school and graduated from Stoner's Business College, Reading, is teller in the Neversink Bank, Reading; Howard J., born Aug. 4, 1889, was educated in the public schools and is a salesman for Henry Schofer's Sons (he m. Helen Zimmerman, daughter of Milton Zimmerman). In politics Mr. Schofer is a Democrat. He and his family are members of Grace Lutheran Church, of Reading, and he belongs to Trinity Brotherhood. Fraternally he is a member of Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., and Encampment No. 43, I. O. O. F.; Castle No. 51, K. G. E.; and Junior Fire Company No. 2, all of Reading.

Charles D. Schofer, son of Christopher Henry, was born in Reading Dec. 7, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of this city. From his youth he has worked in his father's bakery, and when the business was assumed by the sons he became a member of the firm. He resides at No. 817 Walnut street, where he has a charming home. He is a lover of curios, and has a good collection of coins, stamps, Indian relics, china, etc. He is a member of Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F.; Reading Encampment; and Esther Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah. With his family he belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Schofer has been twice married. In October, 1890, he married Lizzie K. Bittner, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Kehner) Bittner, of Reading. The only son of the marriage, Charles, is a student in Albright College. Mr. Schofer m. (second) Oct. 29, 1897, Rosa M. Hatt, daughter of John and Magdalena (Frederick) Hatt, of Spring township. To this union have been born: Myrtle M. and Carl H.

Harry L. Schofer, son of Christopher Henry, and youngest member of the firm of Henry Schofer's Sons, was born in Reading March 16, 1874. He attended the public and high schools of the city, and in 1888 entered the business college of Rev. H. T. Stoner, located at Sixth and Washington streets, taking a course of study in the commercial department. In 1889 he entered the employ of his father as salesman, and remained in that capacity until he became a member of the firm. He still holds his position as salesman, and also has charge of the wholesale and retail department, looking after the teams and checking the supply and the return of each. He also assists in the catering department, when necessary, for funerals, weddings, banquets and private parties, an extensive business in this line being done all over the county.

Mr. Schofer married Ellen O. Hartman, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Hartman, of Northumberland county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. K. Huntzinger. Children as follows have been born of this union: Harold H., born April 12, 1896; Kehl A. and George C., twins, born Dec. 24, 1897 (died in infancy); Stanley W., born July 28, 1900; and Bertha E., born Sept. 16, 1902. Mr. Schofer is a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and was confirmed on Palm Sunday, 1889, by Rev. F. K.

Huntzinger. He has been a member of the vestry, and its secretary during the years 1903 and 1904, and is a member of Class A of the Sunday-school, which has been taught by Harvey F. Heinly, Esq., for over ten years. Fraternally he belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, of Harrisburg; Progressive Lodge, No. 470, I. O. O. F.; Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E., and at one time was first sergeant of Keystone Commandery, No. 49, K. G. E., under Captain George Kemp. He is an active member of the degree staff of Progressive Lodge, has made the unwritten and dramatic work a study, and is fully equipped to fill any position connected with this work of the order. Mr. Schofer is also secretary of the Progressive Association, an auxiliary connected with the lodge, the object of which is the upbuilding of the order. Mr. Schofer has made a number of lengthy trips, having visited the Bahama Islands, the city of Kingston, Port Antonio, West Indies, Cuba, and made five distinct trips to Florida in search of health—the results of which were very beneficial. He has attended two different sessions of the Master Bakers' Association, held respectively in Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill. On the latter trip he was accompanied by his wife, and they visited relatives whom they had never before seen, sons and daughters of Frederick Schofer, brother of Christopher Henry, who settled in Moline and Rock Island, Ill. They were royally entertained, and the happy days of that visit will never fade from memory.

CHARLES GERHARD MOYER, born Jan. 20, 1875, at Stouchsburg, Marion township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Isaac L. and Sarah R. (Gerhard) Moyer. He is at the date hereof (July 26, 1909) unmarried.

Mr. Moyer is an attorney at law, having been admitted to practice at the Berks County Bar Nov. 12, 1900. He is a member with Oliver Lentz, Esq., of the law firm of Lentz & Moyer, located at No. 534 Washington street, Reading, Pa. He is at present Solicitor to the Reading School District.

Mr. Moyer spent his youth at Stouchsburg. He is the only son among five surviving children. His father, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, and a school teacher before and after the establishment of the public school system, was a prominent man in the village, being the proprietor of the "American House," a well-known inn on the turnpike road between Reading and Harrisburg, and also conducting a large general store.

The general education of Mr. Moyer was acquired in the public schools and at the Millersville State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1895. He then registered as a law-student in the office of Rieser & Schaeffer, at the same time attending the Dickinson School of Law, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1899.

The subject of this sketch takes pride in the fact that he taught the high-school of his township for two terms, and that for three years he taught in the night-schools of the city of Reading shortly after these schools were founded and at the time when their success was in doubt.

HENRY L. SMOYER, proprietor of the "Eagle Point Hotel," Eagle Point, Berks county, is one of the best known and most popular hotel men in this part of the State. He was born in Lyon Valley, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Leon and Sarah Ann (Buchman) Smoyer.

Leon Smoyer was born in Lehigh county, and there learned the carpenter's trade. He then went to Allentown, where he worked at his trade or engaged in contracting until his death. He married Sarah Ann Buchman, born in May, 1832, daughter of Andrew and granddaughter of Peter Buchman. To this union was born one son, Henry L.

Peter Buchman was born in Germany, and on coming to America followed his trade of tailor. By his wife, whose maiden name was Shaul, he had children as follows: Andrew, Peter, Catherine, Margaret and Sarah.

Andrew Buchman, son of Peter, was born in Germany. He became a resident of Lowhill township, Lehigh county, where he engaged in farming. He is buried at Weisenburg Church. He married Sally Ann Haas, daughter of Michael and Clarinda (Cossiewic) Haas, the latter an Indian from Lyon Valley. Their children were: Annie, Hattie, Julia, Jennie, Eden, Henry, Sarah Ann, Adelia, Willoughby, Hiram and Louise.

Henry L. Smoyer grew to manhood in Lehigh county, receiving his education in the common schools. He began to learn the machinist's trade but abandoned it on account of poor eyesight. For five years he was employed as head man at the Lehigh county almshouse, and then as steward in the hospital there until 1880, when he moved to Kutztown and conducted a bakery for two and one-half years, after which he ran a stage between Kutztown and Allentown. At the end of four years he rented the hotel at Eaglepoint. After one year there he returned to Kutztown, where for three years he was proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel." He then purchased the "Eagle Point Hotel," a large brick building with a small farm adjoining. This he rented a year later, and went back to Kutztown, where until 1897 he was the proprietor of the "Washington House," that year going to the "Keystone Hotel." The latter he completely refurnished, and greatly improved, making of it a first class hostelry. He had become well known as a hotel man by this time, and his hotel became very popular, being noted for its excellent cuisine and prompt service. In 1901 Mr. Smoyer took charge of the "City Hotel" (to which he gave the name) on North Seventh street, Allentown, but this he conducted only eight months when owing to his wife's ill health, he sold out, and went to live on his farm at Eagle Point, conducting the hotel two years, and then devoting himself to his farm. In the spring of 1908 he again became proprietor of the "Eagle Point Hotel," and this he is conducting with his old time success.

Mr. Smoyer married Anna Frey, daughter of Peter Frey, and they have two sons: John Hamilton, a graduate of Pierce's Business College at Philadelphia, and now bookkeeper and stockholder of a large concern at Pottsville; and George Franklin, who studied at the Keystone State Normal School, then learned the baker's trade, at Reading, and has been bartender at the "Hotel Allan," Pottsville, for five years. The latter is a fine tenor singer, having few peers in the county. In his political belief Mr. Smoyer is a Republican, and in religious faith a Lutheran, while Mrs. Smoyer belongs to the Reformed Church. Mr. Smoyer belongs to the K. G. E., Jr. O. U. A. M., and Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., at Kutztown.

LEVI W. KACHEL, a well known citizen and prominent public man of Cumru township, Berks county, who since the spring of 1906 has lived retired, in his fine residence on Lancaster avenue, Shillington, was born on the old homestead in Cumru township, Dec. 14, 1849, son of Daniel Kachel.

Among the emigrants from Switzerland who settled in Pennsylvania in 1732 was Andrew Kachel. He became the owner of 200 acres of land in Cumru township. His will, on record in the Berks county court house, probated July 16, 1777, is signed in German. He made provision for his beloved wife Ursula, and especially mentioned his son Simon. His wife Ursula and son Andrew were made executors. He mentioned that his three sons Simon, Leonard and John shall have equal shares, except as before stated.

John Kachel, son of Andrew, was a native of Cumru township, and became one of the leading agriculturists thereof, owning a farm of 192 acres on which he resided until his death. He married Catherine Eitzer, and to them were born these children: Jacob, born March 9, 1786, died Oct. 19, 1865, the father of two sons, Henry and Jacob; Andrew died unmarried; John lived near the Green Tree, in Cumru township; William died young; Elizabeth m. Michael Bittner; Samuel; Daniel; Michael was a noted marksman, and figured in shooting matches; Susan m. Eliajh Spencer; and Polly and David both died unmarried.

Daniel Kachel, father of Levi W., was born on the old home in Cumru township in April, 1797, and attained a fair education in the township schools, learning the milling trade when a young man at Tulpehocken Creek. This business he followed for a period of twelve years, and then engaged in farming on the homestead, remaining there until his death, in January, 1894. He was buried at Plow Church in Robeson township, Berks county. In 1853 he built the residence on the farm, as well as some outbuildings, and he was always a good and practical farmer and public-spirited citizen. His religious belief was that of the Lutheran Church, which he attended faithfully and supported liberally. He married Miss Catherine Wagner, daughter of Daniel Wagner, and to them were born: Solomon, m. to Elizabeth Breitenstein, is the owner of the old homestead in Cumru township; Daniel died when eighteen years old; Levi W.; John W., m. to Elizabeth Tothero, is an agriculturist of Cumru township; and Cassie m. James R. Yost.

Levi W. Kachel attended the public schools of his native township until the age of eighteen years, receiving a fair education. After leaving school he worked for his father on the farm. On Dec. 7, 1878, he married Annie Tothero, daughter of Isaac and Leah (Westley) Tothero, of Robeson township, and they at once purchased a small farm of Michael Moyer, consisting of thirty-one and one-half acres near Shillington. On this they remained only two years, after which they purchased a fertile farm of eighty-nine acres in Brecknock township, where they continued until 1889, and then returned to Cumru township, buying a two-acre tract upon which they resided until 1906. In that year they located in Shillington and Mr. Kachel built a fine residence on Lancaster avenue. He also owns two building lots, 30 x 100 feet, in Shillington, also being in possession of his farm in Brecknock township, which he has leased. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Republican, has served his township as school director for three years, 1901-02-03, the last year of which he was treasurer of the board, and is one of the foremost men in the township in educational movements. He has an enviable reputation for honesty anl integrity, and stands high in the esteem of the citizens of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Kachel were the parents of one child, Clayton L., who died when nine months old and was buried at the Plow Church.

MAHLON A. LEINBACH, now living retired in Reading, is a native of Berks county, born in Bern township April 14, 1840, son of Frederick and Maria (Guldin) Leinbach. He attended the public schools of Exeter township, and for a few years was employed on the farm. He then entered the woolen mills of William Brumbach, where he was employed for the long period of sixteen years. At the end of that time he went to his brother, J. G. Leinbach, with whom he was engaged until 1904, when he gave up active work. He was an expert mechanic, and for forty-two years was in charge of the weave room. His present home is at No. 311 North Fourth street, Reading.

Mr. Leinbach was married Jan. 13, 1861, to Miss Mary Ellen Adam, daughter of Jacob and Maria (nee Koller) Adam, and to this union were born seven children, two of whom are still living—A. Ellsworth and Charles E.—and those deceased were: Jacob A., Rosie, Irvin M., Sallie M. and Annie L.

Mr. Leinbach is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Socially he is identified with Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. E., of Reading, and is very popular among his fellow members. In 1904 Mr. Leinbach and his wife, and his brother J. G. Leinbach and his wife, made a tour of the western States, spending some seven weeks in California.

GEORGE FEGLEY, who lived in Berks county for a number of years before his death, was born in 1806 in Douglass township, Montgomery county, where his family has long been located.

Bernhard Fegley, the first of the name in this country, came from Switzerland and settled in this section of Pennsylvania in its early days. He first located in Montgomery county, near East Greenville, but died in Longswamp township, Berks county, in 1782. Little is known of his son, Peter Fegley, the grandfather of George Fegley, except that he was born in Montgomery county and settled in Douglass township, that county, induced by the fact that his uncle (a brother of Bernhard) had made a permanent settlement there. Some members of the family write the name Bird, the English version of the original name; there are descendants of Peter Fegley living in New Jersey who use the English form.

Peter Fegley, father of George Fegley, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, and like his father passed all his life there, engaged in farming. He owned the Fegley homestead, containing about one hundred acres, and is buried at Sassamansville, in Douglass township. He married Elizabeth Low, and they became the parents of fifteen children, two of whom died young, the others being: Henry; George; Hattie, m. to George Hillegas; Sarah, who died unmarried; Maria, who married four times (she had no children); Hannah, who died unmarried; Peter, m. to Rebecca Gottshall (their son was Lewis P. G. Fegley, who is mentioned elsewhere); Juliann, m. to Jacob Schnell; Mary Ann (twin to Juliann), who died unmarried; Jacob, who died unmarried, in California; William, who lived at Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Eliza, m. to William Reinert (both are buried at Lobachsville, Berks county); and Jesse, who died on the homestead, unmarried.

George Fegley learned the trade of wheelwright, which he followed at Congo, in Douglass township, Montgomery county, in his earlier life. He operated the Douglass paper-mill for a period of twenty-six years, and upon moving to Berks county lived at Boyertown for three and a half years, in 1868 moving thence to Hereford township, where he owned a thirty-eight-acre farm and the store property. He cultivated the land himself, but rented the store to his son, E. G. Fegley, who carried it on for thirty-nine years in all. It is now owned by Frederick W. Huber, a grandson of George Fegley, who has been in possession since 1905. Mr. Fegley died at Hereford, Hereford township, in 1886, and was buried at Huber's Church, Niantic, Montgomery county; he was a member of the Reformed congregation of that church, while his wife was a Lutheran.

George Fegley married in 1839, Hannah Daub, of Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., born in 1816, died in 1885. They were the parents of five children, namely: Edward G. who was the owner of the property from the time of his father's death in 1886 until his own in 1905 (He left a son, H. Winslow, of Reading); and Emma S., Mary A., Elisa M. and Hannah A. (m. Ambrose Huber, and died March 20, 1909).

Miss Emma S. Fegley, daughter of the late George Fegley, makes her home at Hereford, Hereford township, living at the homestead. She is an active, intelligent woman, interested in the life of the day, and spends much of her time in reading. She is a member of St. John's Lutheran church at Boyertown.

GEORGE L. WEIDNER, tax collector of Eshbach, Washington township, Berks county, Pa., and one of the best known residents of that place, where he has engaged in shoemaking since 1861, was born in Earl township, near the Amity township line, Aug. 17, 1836.

Jacob Weidner, his grandfather, lived in Earl township, and was the owner of a large farm, the greater part of which was in Amity township. He was buried in a private cemetery on his land. His death occurred prior to 1836. He married a Miss Boyer, and their children were: George, Peter, Daniel, Jacob, Ann and several other daughters, one of whom married Tobias Fisher.

Jacob Weidner, son of Jacob and father of George L., was born on his father's farm in Earl township in 1789, and died in 1847 on his own farm in Earl and Amity townships. There were 150 acres of fine land in this farm,

and the buildings stood in Earl township. Mr. Weidner engaged in farming and was a substantial citizen. He was buried at Boyertown. His wife, Polly Landis, bore him children as follows: Martin, Elizabeth (Leaver), Catharine (Albright), Ellen (unmarried), Samuel, David, Jacob, George L., John, Mahlon and Mary (Gilbert).

George L. Weidner received his first schooling in the German pay school of his native district, near Greshville, and later he attended the free school. In 1852 he went to learn the shoe maker's trade with Abraham Fry, of Colebrookdale, a trade he has followed in Washington township since 1855. In 1861 he came to Eshbach, and here he has since been at work, having made thousands of pairs of shoes in his time. Before the days of shoe factories he did a large business, keeping three men constantly employed, and he became quite well-to-do. He is now one of the most substantial men of his vicinity, and is certainly one of the most highly respected. Since 1879 he has been tax collector of Washington township, and for ten years he was supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat.

With his family Mr. Weidner attends the Hill Church, of which he is a Lutheran member. He was a deacon, and at present is a trustee of the cemetery. He is one of the active workers in the church, and he collected much money for the church.

In 1859 Mr. George L. Weidner was united in marriage with Sarah Reitenauer, daughter of John and granddaughter of Frederick Reitenauer. She was born in 1840. The children born to them are: Susan m. Enos Culp, of Phoenixville; Elizabeth is the widow of Daniel Gruber; Mary m. John Hoppes, of Barto; Ida m. Wilson Fisher, of Allentown; Ella m. Edwin Heydt, and lives in Washington township at the Montgomery county line; and Daniel lives at Weisstown, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county.

HOWARD L. MOSER, a prosperous business man of Cumru township, who is the proprietor of a mercantile establishment at Noble and Fern streets, Oakbrook, Berks county, was born April 20, 1863, in Bern township, son of Joseph K. and Sarah (Reeser) Moser.

John Moser, the great-grandfather of Howard L., was a farmer in Bern township, having a large tract of land, about 300 acres, in the center of the township. He was born in 1782, and died there in 1847. His wife, whose maiden name was Reber, passed away in her seventy-fourth year. They are buried at Gernant's Church. Seven children were born to this couple, John being the only son.

John Moser, grandfather of Howard L., was born on the old homestead in 1803, and was a farmer all his life in Bern township, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. He married Mary Kerschner, of Virginia, daughter of Conrad Kerschner a pioneer of Bern township, and she died at the age of sixty-eight years in 1878. Mr. Moser was a Democrat in politics, and in religious belief belonged to Epler's Reformed Church, which he assisted to build, and in which for many years he was an official. His children were: Reuben, who died unmarried; Joseph K.; John K., who died in 1902, and who was twice married; Daniel, deceased, m. to Mary Long; Sarah, m. to Daniel Blatt; Mary, m. to Daniel Ulrich; Elizabeth, unmarried, who lives with her brother, Joseph K.; and Emma, m. to Abraham Richards.

Joseph K. Moser, father of Howard L., was born Dec. 30, 1833, on the old homestead, and attended the pay and public schools of his native township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and as a young man worked for two years on the John Troxtle farm in Gibraltar, Pa. He then located in Cumru township, and for one year worked on the John Raudenbush farm, later engaging in trucking for nine years. He then retired, and lived in his pleasant home at Oakbrook, which he erected in 1884, until his death Dec. 12, 1908. He was buried at Epler's Church. On March 27, 1857, Mr. Moser was married to Sarah Reeser, daughter of Samuel and Mary Magdalena (Phillips) Reeser, of Bern township, and to this union there were born children as follows: James R., m. to Elizabeth Bernheiser, is an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and is living at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Morris R., a manufacturer of candy at Wilkes Barre, m. Rosie Kurtz; Howard L.; Samuel, who has been an employe of the Reading Iron Co.'s pipe mill for thirty years, m. Lillie Ammon, and resides at Oakbrook; Sarah m. Charles F. Dalton, of Oakbrook; and Katie is also of Oakbrook. Mr. Moser was a Democrat in politics, and a member of Epler's Reformed Church.

Howard L. Moser attended the public schools of his native township, after leaving which he went with his parents to Gibraltar, and in 1872 came to Cumru township, where he engaged in making fire brick, an occupation which he followed for a short time. He then became employed at the Reading Iron Company's pipe-mill, where he continued for about eight years. In 1895 he engaged in his present business at Fern and Noble streets, Oakbrook, carrying a fine line of general merchandise. He is an excellent business man, and his enterprise and fair dealing have won him much trade.

Mr. Moser was married to Emma Bernheisel, daughter of Elias Bernheisel, and to this union two children have been born: Corinne T. m. John Levan; and Floy at home. In politics Mr. Moser is a Democrat, and he has served on the election boards of his township. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, of Reading, where he has served as deacon since 1904. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Americans No. 252, and the Knights of Friendship No. 128.

Elias Bernheisel, father of Mrs. Moser, was born in 1840, and died Oct. 5, 1891, having for many years been an official employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Pawling, Chester county. His wife was Tumella Mcnard, daughter of Jacob Menard, of Leesport, and eight children were born to the union: Elizabeth, Emma, John, Lillie, Alfred C., Claude, Annie and Howard.

MOSER. There has been much confusion occasioned through two of the early settlers of this community bearing similar names, Burkhart Mosser, Jr., and Burkhard Moser. The family to which Howard L. Moser, of Cumru, belongs is that of the latter, Burkhard Moser.

In 1751 there emigrated to America Hans Michael Moser, with his wife Katharine, and four children, and settled in Amityville, Douglass township, Berks county, Pa. They came on the sailing vessel "Duke of Wurtemberg". After locating in this country, a fifth child was born to them. Their children were: (1) George, born 1740, died 1806, and was buried at St. John's, Centre Square, Montgomery county. His will was probated in 1807. He married Margaret Leber, but had no children, and she survived him forty-eight years, dying at the age of 104 years; she is buried in the Muhlenberg cemetery at Trappe. (2) Peter, born 1742, died 1829, aged eighty-seven, and was buried in the Pottstown cemetery. His will was probated in 1830. He settled in Pottstown, and became the father of twelve children, five boys and seven girls, namely: John, Henry, Peter, Jacob and George; Anna Maria m. a Geiger; Catherine m. a Pyle (their son, Henry M. Pyle, lives in Pottstown); Hannah m. a Weidner; Margaret m. a Neidig; Eliza m. a Yocum and moved to Ohio; Anna m. an Egolf; and Lydia m. a Brunner. (3) Barbara, born 1745, died in 1817. She married a Neuman, and settled in Pottstown, but her place of burial is unknown. Her will was probated in 1818. Her four children were: Mary, Peter, Philip and John. (4) Burkhard is mentioned below. (5) Christian, born 1755, died in 1838, and was buried at St. John's, Centre Square. His will was probated in 1839. He was the father of four children, two sons and two daughters, but the two sons died young. The daughters were: Mary, who married Jacob M. Hurst; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Benjamin F. Harry. Christian Moser was the only son of his parents born in America.

Burkhard Moser, born 1748, son of Hans Michael, was three years old when the family came to America. At

the time of the Revolution he and his younger brother Christian enlisted for service in the Continental army, and served through the whole of the war. They sent the pay received from the government to their brother, Peter, near Pottstown, and after the close of the war they returned to Montgomery county. Christian settled in Whitepain township, buying a farm with the money he had received from the government. Burkhard was somewhat eccentric and, it is stated, of "wild habits," and he went into the mountains perhaps a little earlier than 1800, and settled in what is now known as Tamaqua, Schuylkill county. There is evidence to show he visited his brothers on several occasions, and that Peter visited him once or twice. On Jan. 17, 1815, he purchased 416½ acres of land from James McCorckle and John Didier, paying $510 in silver for it. The deed gives the exact lines and posts, and his brother Peter, who seems to have always cared for his brother's money, gave him the necessary funds to make the payment. He built a log house on his land, began to cultivate it, and lived there for some thirteen or fourteen years, paying the taxes on it up to the year of his death. He died in full possession without debts, in 1828, but where he is buried or who performed the burial rites is not known. The land was later claimed by the company who had paid the taxes for two years after his death, then built a log house, which still stands on an elevation near Panther Creek, and claimed it as a squatter's claim. Burkhard Moser was a bachelor, and died intestate as far as is known. This old man of about eighty years at the time of his death, lived alone in the mountains, and naturally those who knew him thought he was without friends or relatives. When Peter died in 1829 he was ignorant of his brother's death, and Christian "was entirely blind eight years before his death, and being a devout Christian, thought little and cared less for all earthly estates." With these brothers was buried all true and exact knowledge of Burkhard's property.

JOHN S. BUCHER, of Seidel Hollow, Robeson township, Berks county, was born in Amity township Dec. 11, 1855, son of David and grandson of John Bucher. The family is of German origin, and has spread over Lancaster, Lebanon, Montgomery and Berks counties, in Pennsylvania.

John Bucher, grandfather of John S., was born in Pike township, Berks county, where he died. He was a forgeman. His children were: Jonathan, David, William George, Sophia, Caroline, Catharine and Elizabeth. Both John Bucher and his wife are buried at Hill Church.

David Bucher, son of John, was born in Pike township, April 12, 1832. He became a very capable blacksmith, and followed that trade all his life. For many years he lived in Amity township, where he died Jan. 3, 1883, and was buried at Amityville, as was also his wife, Mary Smith. Their children were: Hannah, Amanda, John S. and Jacob.

John S. Bucher attended the public schools of Amity township, and the Academy of Boyertown until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then learned the trade of blacksmith under his father's careful teaching. In 1888 he settled in Robeson township, and bought the farm owned by Dr. J. S. Ammon of twenty-five acres of land through which runs a beautiful stream known as Sandy Monocacy—a name which aptly describes this stream, which flows through a valley of red sandy soil. During the rainy seasons this sand is washed into the stream, and rolls on the dam to where it lodges. From there it is taken out and dried, and owing to its purity finds a ready sale. During the season of 1909 Mr. Bucher sold about 500 tons to the United Traction Company—in fact he averages that quantity to this company annually. He also ships to outside parties. The Sandy Monocacy has quite a history as a power supply. For many years it turned the wheels that operated a bloom forge and a bar iron forge on Mr. Bucher's property, originally built and operated by Jonathan Seidel, and through many years a source of good living to many employes. Newer and quicker methods forced their abandonment of late years, and the property was first sold to Dr. J. S. Ammon, who in turn sold to Mr. Bucher. The latter erected a cider mill of improved design and a circular sawmill, and these are still operated by the excellent and untiring little stream.

Mr. Bucher married Rosa Bucher, daughter of George Bucher. Their children are: Charles, living at Reading; Dora, at school; Cora, a public school teacher; Jennie, at school; Verna, at school. Mr. Bucher is a Democrat, and a member of St. John's Reformed Church in Robeson township. He is recording secretary of the church, and at the present time is serving as deacon. Fraternally he is a member of the P. O. S. of A. He is one of the energetic and active men of his community, and is a potent factor in any progressive movement.

WILLIAM D. THOMPSON was born in the city of Reading, Pa., Sept. 28, 1863, at No. 39 Hamilton street, that city, and has resided on the same premises all his life with the exception of one and one-half years. He is the son of William and Barbara (Douglass) Thompson, both of New York City.

The parents moved to Reading in 1861, and the father served in the Civil war.

William D. Thompson received his early training in the public schools of his native city, later attending school at a local business college. He was apprenticed at the Scott Works, Reading Iron Company, and learned the trade of a machinery moulder. After working at this trade for several years he entered the grocery business and followed that for fourteen years. In politics he is a Democrat and has served in his district as ward chairman. For the past seven years he has been employed as Chief clerk to the Board of City Assessors and Building Inspector. He has been a volunteer fireman since his maturity, having served as president of the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, for a number of years, and the Firemen's Union for two terms.

On April 25, 1886, he married, at Lebanon, Pa., Kathryn S. Rauch, of that city. Mr. Thompson is well and favorably known throughout the city and county.

DAVID W. RUBRIGHT, proprietor of the Globe Dye & Bleach Works, of Shoemakersville, Pa., and one of the leading and influential citizens of that place, was born Sept. 19, 1856, in Perry township, Berks county, son of Gabriel and Hettie (Kissinger) Rubright.

Jonas Rubright, the first of this family to settle in Berks county, came from Wurtemberg, Germany, prior to the Revolutionary war, settling in Centre township, where he owned the tract now known as the Rentschler farm, and was an extensive farmer. In later years he lived in Schuylkill county, where he died in the Lutheran faith, and was buried at the Red Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Wertman, was buried in the Zion Church burial ground. It is not known whether or not Jonas and Catherine Rubright had other children than George Philip.

George Philip Rubright lived in Windsor township, where he operated a small farm and worked at the trade of pump maker. He was twice married and the father of sixteen children. Three of the four born to his first wife, Sallie Winter, were as follows: Moses; Hannah, m. to John Achten; and Leah, m. to John Klopp. Mr. Rubright's second wife was Sarah Dewalt, and to this union there were born twelve children, among whom were: Sallie, m. to David Sheary; Gabriel; Joel, who settled in Ohio; Matilda, m. to Stephen Keim; Paul, m. to Sarah Bausher, and father of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters: Katie, m. to John W. Smith, by whom she has one child: Polly, m. to Jared Noecker, and mother of seven children.

Gabriel Rubright was born Oct. 3, 1831, in Windsor township, Berks county, and in youth attended the pay schools of his district, which he left at an early age to learn the trade of carpenter with David Shearer, his brother-in-law. He learned pump making from his father, and for a number of years worked at his trade in the

boat yards, residing at Hamburg. In 1868 he removed to Frackville, Schuylkill county, and there he is still residing, working daily at his trade. Mr. Rubright married Hettie Kissinger, daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Rissmiller) Kissinger, and to this union there were born children as follows: Elias died in childhood; Alfred m. Priscilla Moyer; David W.; Amos m. Jennie Jackson; Katie m. Louis Behmer; Mary m. Alex. Phillips; George died in infancy; Morris was killed in the coal mines, Christmas day, 1893, aged twenty-four years, leaving a widow, Rosa Carp, and three children; William m. Rosa Reed; Lizzie m. George Washer; Annie m. Wilson Rickenbach; Jacob; and Edward, who married Lillie Hoffman. Of the Kissinger family, to which Mrs. Rubright belonged, Mary is deceased; Isaac was killed on the railroad about twenty-seven years ago; Jacob m. a Miss Krupp, and has a son, Lee; and Ellen m. James Shade.

David W. Rubright received his education in the local schools of his township, and at Frackville, Schuylkill county. He began work as a breaker boy in the coal mines, where he picked slate for seven years during the summer months, attending school in the winter time. In 1876 he returned to his native township, and for four years worked upon the farm, but in 1880 began carpentering with Adam Heckman, of Shoemakersville, in whose employ he continued for a period of five years. He then went to Reading and for nine years worked for David Mosser, assisting in building the rear five-story structure of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, and a number of dwellings at Wernersville. For one season he worked at Pottsville, Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, and continued at his trade in nearly all of the villages and towns in Upper Berks county. In 1895 Mr. Rubright went to Camden, N. J., and assisted his brother-in-law, Wilson Rickenbach, in building boats and pleasure yachts. After a few years he returned to Shoemakersville, Pa., and acted as carpenter foreman for William Reeser in building the large plant of the terra cotta works, south of Shoemakersville.

In 1899 Mr. Rubright and F. V. B. Madeira formed a partnership under the name of Rubright & Madeira, and engaged in paper box manufacturing, but after the junior partner's death, Mr. Rubright sold the plant and good will to Henry Stoyer. In 1901 Mr. Rubright entered into business relations with William Grim, under the firm name of Rubright & Grim, and engaged in the bleaching business. This firm was successful from the start, and Mr. Rubright purchased his partner's interest, later admitting David S. Wolf into the firm, under the name of Globe Dye & Bleach Works, and they bleach underwear for the following well-known firms: Globe Knitting Mill, of Shoemakersville, Pa.; Reading Underwear Company, Reading; H. K. Deisher, Kutztown; George Unger, Boyertown; Macungie Knitting Mill, Macungie; Lesher-Raig Knitting Company, Reamstown; Wagner Company, Mohrsville; Moyer & Heissler, Orwigsburg; Samuel Unger Estate, Pottsville; William F. Scheerer & Sons, Pottsville; Ammon Brothers, Reading; Mohnton Knitting Mill, Mohnton; Reading Underwear Company, Mill No. 2, Ephrata; Eagle Knitting Mill, Leesport; Miller & Balthaser, West Leesport; Manheim Knitting Mill, Manheim. The capacity is 5,000 pounds per day.

Mr. Rubright is one of Berks county's self-made men. From a humble beginning in life he has worked his way up step by step, until now he ranks with the successful men of his community. He is the possessor of an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. In addition to being the leading stockholder in the bleach works, Mr. Rubright owns considerable property in Shoemakersville, and in 1906 erected two large brick houses on Noble street, residing in one of them himself, while one of his sons, who is in the employ of his father, resides in the other. He owned the first automobile in the town. This is a Packard touring car, which he bought in Philadelphia and rode home in it, being able to manage it himself the next day.

Mr. Rubright was married to Miss Emma Wheeler, daughter of Harry and Sarah (Unger) Wheeler, the latter of whom died Feb. 17, 1904, at the ripe age of ninety-three years, the mother of ten children. To Mr. and Mrs. Rubright the following children have been born: Mahlon W., born June 10, 1878, m. Clara Martin, daughter of Israel and Caroline Martin, and has one son, George (born Feb. 22, 1906); Jeremiah, born March 6, 1880, m. Nora Betz, daughter of Samuel and Salena Betz, and has had two children, Larue (born Nov. 21, 1906) and Helen May (born November, 1908, died in infancy); Cora Emma, born Dec. 8, 1882, died in infancy; and Edward D., born April 9, 1884, m. Sue Gerber, daughter of John and Susan Gerber.

JOSEPH F. RODGERS, an honored veteran of the Civil war, now living retired in the city of Reading, Pa., was a member of Company L, First Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry, and served until he was obliged to give up a soldier's life on account of injuries received.

Mr. Rodgers was born Aug. 10, 1838, at Mooresburg, Montour Co., Pa., son of Joseph B. and Margaret (Fix) Rodgers, and grandson of Matthew Rodgers, formerly a prominent agriculturist of Millerstown, Pa., where he owned and operated a farm until 1832. In that year he moved to Ohio, then considered to be far West. In that State Matthew Rodgers died. His children were: Obediah, John, Joseph B., Martha and Mary. In religious belief he and his wife were Episcopalians, and he was a lay reader in that body. It is not known that he held any office, but he was a stanch Democrat in political principles.

Joseph B. Rodgers, father of Joseph F., was born in 1810, in Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was educated in the subscription schools. He was a youth of intellect, and became better educated than many of his comrades. In 1833 he learned the cooper's trade at Duncannon and then settled in that business at Reading, where he was extensively engaged for a number of years. His factory supplied barrels for mills and breweries all over the neighborhood, and he employed a large number of hands. He died in 1861, and his wife in 1882, the latter being eighty-two years of age. Their children were: Angeline C. m. William Gay, a mining engineer; Mary R. m. William Brice, a merchant in Philadelphia; and Joseph F. The parents were members of the Universalist Church. In politics Mr. Rodgers was, like his father, a Democrat, and being a man of standing in his community, was frequently urged to accept office but invariably declined. He took much interest in the order of Odd Fellows, and was a prominent member in that organization.

Joseph F. Rodgers accompanied his parents to Reading in 1845, and was educated in the common schools of this city. After leaving school he apprenticed himself to Daniel Byerly, his half-brother, to learn the barber's trade, and after completing the same, opened a shop and continued in that business for a period of fifty-four years, this being the longest period spent by any one in one line of business in this city, and possibly in the State.

On July 30, 1861, Mr. Rodgers enlisted in Company L, First Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry, under Capt. John C. A. Hoffeditz and Col. George D. Bayard. The latter became a brigadier general and was killed in action at the battle of Fredericksburg. He was succeeded by Gen. David Mc. M. Gregg. Mr. Rodgers continued in the service until the discharge of his regiment, and participated in all of its experiences. Upon three occasions he was slightly wounded and once his horse fell and thereby he was seriously injured, sustaining a fracture of the hip from which he never fully recovered.

After the close of his army service, Mr. Rodgers returned to Reading and resumed work at his trade, in which he continued until 1905, since which he has lived retired. He owns the Rodgers Block, one of the best business properties in Reading.

In 1880 Mr. Rodgers married Miss Maria Dunkel, daughter of Henry Dunkel. They have no children. In politics Mr. Rodgers is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member

of the Union Veteran League, of Pennsylvania. His long residence here has made him a very familiar figure in the city, and he can recall the day when he knew every one he met.

MORRIS R. KEEN, who for some years has been carrying on contracting and building operations in the city of Reading, was born Jan. 21, 1853, in Brownsville, Berks county, son of Charles and Henrietta (Reeser) Keen.

Jacob Keen, grandfather of Morris R., was born Feb. 7, 1781, and died Feb. 8, 1829. His wife, Sarah, born Nov. 4, 1780, survived him until Dec. 15, 1842. They were lifelong residents of Reading and members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Charles, William, Mrs. Sophia Eyrich, Eliza (m. Anderson Harvey), and Susan (m. James Lambert).

Charles Keen, father of Morris R., was born Dec. 28, 1816, in Reading, and died June 4, 1864, in Brownsville. He was a tailor by trade, a profession which he followed in Reading, Fritztown and Brownsville, and was a good citizen and highly respected man. He married Henrietta Reeser, who died June 16, 1897, aged eighty-one years, and to them there were born the following children: Reuben m. Rebecca Davis, and had two children, Rev. Edward (of Waynesboro) and Flora; Charles m. Nora Young, and had five children, Claude, Mamie, Nellie, Paul and Earl; Morris R.; Miss Rosie E. is in Philadelphia; Catherine m. Jacob Young, deceased, and had five children. Mr. Keen was a Democrat in politics, and was well versed in local matters, wielding some influence in his district, although never an office seeker. The family were connected with the Reformed Church.

Morris R. Keen was educated in the schools of Brownsville, and in 1864 came to Reading and attended the grammar schools and Prof. D. B. Brunner's Commercial College, after which he taught school for two terms in Cumru township. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for one year, after which he entered Jones and Clauser's hardware store, remaining two years. In company with Reuben Keen he engaged in a general mercantile business at Third and Washington streets, where he continued for five years, after which he purchased a farm in Penn township, which was his home for nine years. Mr. Keen then returned to Reading, and in 1887 engaged in contracting with Adam Brossman, under the firm name of Brossman & Keen, but after one year each branched out in business for himself. Mr. Keen is now associated with Mr. H. G. Fisher, and they do a large business, having built many structures in the northwestern part of the city, including houses on Pear, between Washington and Walnut streets, on Elm between Schuylkill avenue and Front street, and two blocks of houses, twenty-six in all, on Buttonwood street.

On Feb. 6, 1879, Mr. Keen married (first) Susan A. Richards. On Dec. 6, 1902, he m. (second) Catherine Lesher, by whom he has had two children: John L., who died aged about ten months; and Josephine E. He is a member of Epler's Reformed Church. Mr. Keen was one of the organizers of the Schuylkill Fire Company, of which he was the first treasurer, and did much towards the maintenance of this organization.

NEFF H. RHODE, a member of the firm of Neff H. Rhode & Bro., dealers in bicycles and sundries, located at No. 636 Cherry street, Reading, is one of that city's progressive and successful business men. He was born Nov. 24, 1858, at Reading, son of William H. and Mary Ann (Neff) Rhode.

William H. Rhode was born in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1816. He was but nine years old when his father died, and early began to assist in the support of his mother and sister. In his young manhood he engaged in mercantile business in Dauphin county, and moved to Reading in the forties, where he engaged in business at Eighth and Penn streets, conducting a mercantile store on the site now occupied by Leinbach & Co., clothiers, which property he owned. In 1871 he started the jewelry business at No. 534 Penn street, buying out the interest of Solomon Weida, and in this he was associated with his son-in-law, Israel R. Waterman, and his son, Peter A. Rhode, under the firm name of Rhode & Waterman. This continued twenty years. During the early seventies there were several incendiary fires in his warehouse, the last one totally destroying the building and causing a severe loss. In the years he was engaged in the mercantile business he had different partners; the first was Adam Fasig, and the second Isaac R. Fisher—the latter now eighty-one years old. Later Mr. Rhode was in the real estate business, and the fire and life insurance business, and in this he was associated with David Neff, of Reading. They had their office at No. 12 North Eighth street, in the Rhode building, and after Mr. Neff's death, Mr. Rhode continued it until his own death. He was the owner of considerable property, and the First U. E. Church stands on ground once owned by him. He built No. 912 Penn street, in 1857, which contains sixteen rooms, and is now owned by George W. Lehr. Mr. Rhode was one of the organizers of St. James Lutheran Church, Reading, and contributed liberally towards its support and served as elder and trustee. In politics he was a Republican. He married Mary Ann Neff, daughter of William Neff, who died at Womelsdorf. Mr. Rhode died in February, 1883, and his wife in November, 1882. Both are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Their children were: (1) Sallie A., deceased, m. A. W. Straub, of Philadelphia, who for forty-six years has made all the hubs and dies for the United States government in the mint at Philadelphia. He has also a business of his own, being the senior member of the firm of A. W. Straub & Co., manufacturers of the Quaker City Grinding Mill (of which Mr. Straub is the patentee), which has a world-wide market. (2) Francis C. at the age of sixteen volunteered for service in the Civil war, and was taken prisoner and confined for some time at Castle Thunder. He wrote a letter to the Confederate Secretary of War, and his request for exchange was granted, and he served until the close of the war. Later he became a machinist for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and he died in Reading in 1877, at which time he was in a mercantile business. He m. Eveline Bewley, and they had four children: Clarence C., Florence, Nellie and Bessie (m. Samuel Guinther). (3) Carrie E. m. the late Israel R. Waterman, at one time a partner of Mr. William H. Rhode. (4) Peter A., who died in Philadelphia in 1881, m. Emma Wildenstein, and she now lives in Reading and manages the Wildenstein estate. (5) William H., a cigar maker, m. Minnie Goodyear, and has a son Albert E. (6) Mary Emily m. John C. Shade, of Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., who is now a junior partner with his brother-in-law, A. W. Straub, of Philadelphia. (7) Neff Homan is a twin to Mary Emily. (8) Luther A.

Neff H. Rhode was born in the family home then located at No. 912 Penn street, Reading. He attended the public schools and later Brunner's Business College during 1878-79. His entrance into business was in the cigar line which he followed for six years. He was in a restaurant business for one year, and in 1890 entered into the bicycle business with his brother, Luther A., at Nos. 25-27 South Seventh street. In August, 1905, they built their present building, No. 636 Cherry street, completing it in January, 1906. It is a commodious structure of three stories, 30x40 feet, which gives them 2,500 feet of floor space. When they first entered into business they made their main object the buying of second hand wheels and repairing them, but their business enlarged so rapidly that they have increased it along many lines, and now have the largest repair business in Reading. The firm of Neff H. Rhode & Bro. deal in bicycles and sundries, and do expert repairing in all its branches, enameling in all colors, and they are agents for the famous Snell bicycles, for the 20th Century, Rhode Special and Fisk Puncture Proof tires, and they buy, sell and exchange new and second hand wheels. Since starting in this business they have repaired more than 35,000 bicycles, averaging 3,500 to 4,500 a year. This firm was the first to

handle the new Morrow coaster brake, taking this up about 1897. Their works are run by electricity, and they give constant employment to four skilled mechanics. Mr. Neff H. Rhode is also interested in old coins and collects and deals in same having one of the finest collections in the city. At one time he had 18,000 pieces, and in 1876 he sold to John W. Hazleton, of Philadelphia, a collection of 14,000 pieces. At one time he was also interested in stamps.

In 1898 Mr. Rhode married Florence Haak, of Pottstown, daughter of William Haak, and they have a pleasant home at No. 1117 Chestnut street. They are members of St. James Lutheran Church. Mr. Rhode has long been known as one of the city's enterprising and reliable business men. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A., which he joined in 1883, but he has belonged to the order since 1879, and helped to organize Camp No. 225, of Reading; is a member of the Veterans Association, P. O. S. of A., of Pennsylvania (composed of those who have belonged to the order for at least twenty-one years); of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., of Reading; a charter member of Neversink Tribe, No. 351, I. O. R. M., and has been trustee of the Eagles Mountain Home Association since 1907; a member of the League of American Wheelmen since 1896; of Garfield Camp No. 1, Old Guards Association; a charter member and since 1897 treasurer of the Electric Wheelmen's Association; and a member of the Commercial Club, and of Philharmonic Band.

DANIEL GOODMAN, of Reading, who has spent practically all of his life as a wheelwright, was born July 27, 1841, in that city, son of John and Catherine (Allison) Goodman, and grandson of Jacob Goodman.

John Goodman, who was born at Eighth and Franklin streets, Reading, learned the wheelwright business in his father's shop, and followed that occupation for a period of fifty-two years, when he retired and purchased a farm to which his attention was given the rest of his life. He married Catherine Allison, daughter of John Allison, and to them were born nine children, as follows: Mary died in infancy; Henry; Catherine, deceased, m. Joseph Seifert; Jacob is deceased; Maria died single; Eliza; Sarah m. James Koch; Daniel; and Amanda m. Frederick Grotevent. In religious belief the family were adherents of the faith of the Reformed Church. Mr. Goodman was a Democrat in politics.

Daniel Goodman received his education in the schools of his native locality, and when a boy learned the trade of wheelwright with his father. He has worked at that occupation up to the present time with the exception of six years, three years of which were spent as a member of the water board and three years in boat-building. For fifteen years Mr. Goodman has been engaged in business on his own account and in his line is well and favorably known.

At the age of nineteen years Mr. Goodman married (first) Amanda Rhein, and they had five children: Howard L., who is engaged in baking in Reading; Kate H., m. to Milton Shirey; Annie E., a teacher in the Reading high school; Ralph A., deceased; and Paul E. Mr. Goodman m. (second) Amelia Reedy, by whom he has had one child, Daniel A., a pattern maker. Mr. Goodman is a Democrat in politics, and he resides at No. 405 Laurel street, in the First ward.

HARVEY B. UNDERCUFFLER, proprietor of the hotel which stands at Ninth and Spring streets, Reading, was born Jan. 24, 1863, at Boyertown, Pa., a son of Zephaniah and Louisa (Beiderman) Undercuffler.

The Undercuffler family is one of several generations in this section of Pennsylvania. Isaac Undercuffler, grandfather of Harvey B., was born at Pottstown, Pa., where he lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying in 1880. He followed the business of pressing hay. He married Rebecca Rhoads, and they had children, as follows: Zephaniah; Edward, residing in New York; Isaac, who died unmarried; Kate, m. to William Buck; and Mary, m. to Henry Reigner.

Zephaniah Undercuffler, father of Harvey B., was born at Pottstown, Pa., and died at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., in October, 1892, aged fifty-eight years. For thirty years he engaged in hotel-keeping but lived retired for three years before his death. He married Louisa Beiderman, who died in October, 1903, aged sixty-nine years. They had five children, namely: Catherine died unmarried; Mary m. (first) Edward Schwenk, had two children, Harry (died aged two years) and George W. (m. Emily Tea), and (second) Peter L. Reddig; Frank, residing at Reading, m. Sallie Moyer, and had four children, Harry (died aged eleven weeks), Louisa (died aged eleven years, ten months), Reuben and Elsie; Harvey B.; and Techlamiah m. Jacob Reddig (deceased), and had one child, Harry (died aged six months).

Harvey B. Undercuffler was educated in the public schools at Wernersville, in Berks county, and at Ephrata, in Lancaster county. He was practically brought up in the hotel business, his father having been engaged in the same at Boyertown, Treichlersville, Wernersville and Ephrata. In 1889, Mr. Undercuffler came to Reading, where he was employed in a livery business by Howard L. Boyer, after which he worked for three years as a teamster for Major S. E. Ancona and Joseph Kremp. In 1891, he embarked in a hotel business, locating at No. 1301 North Tenth street, where he was associated for one year with his brother, Frank B. After the partnership was dissolved, Harvey B. Undercuffler came to his present large hotel, taking charge September 15, 1892. He has here a commodious, well-appointed building, and included in it is Undercuffler's Hall, where many political and other meetings are held. He is a good business man and is numbered with the city's prosperous citizens.

In December, 1882, Mr. Undercuffler married Annie J. Jones, who died in March, 1887. They had three children, namely: Walter and Warren, twins, born Aug. 8, 1883, of whom Warren died aged eleven months; and Annie J., born Jan. 12, 1885, died Oct. 20, 1891.

On Dec. 26, 1891, Mr. Undercuffler m. (second) Rosa M. Willi, daughter of John Willi, and three children were born of this marriage—Florence May, Effie Charlotte and Leroy Z. The Willi family is of Swiss extraction. Johann Willi was born about 1720, at Siglistorf, Switzerland, and probably died in 1757. About 1745 he married Katharine Willi, and they had two children: J. Heinrich (born about 1750, m. Verona Zimmerman), and Anna Mary (born in 1755, m. Andreas Huliser). J. Heinrich Willi was a man of importance, and was mayor of his home town. He had a son, Xavier, who was the father of Hans, or John. John Willi married Mary Willi, no relative, the name apparently being a common one in Switzerland. They had the following children: Albertina; Amelia died in Switzerland; Angelbert; Katharine lies buried in Switzerland; Hans, of Reading, m. Kate Nagle, and has two children, Mary and Heinrich; Amelia is the widow of Albert Billinger; Godfried lies buried at Reading; Mary m. John Haas; Catharine m. Heber Buckwalter; Fridolin died aged three years; Heinrich died aged nineteen years; Rosa M. m. Harvey B. Undercuffler; and Annie m. Adam Brahm, of Reading.

Mr. Undercuffler is a member of Reading Aerie, No. 66, F. O. E.; and a charter member of Court Victory, No. 123, Foresters of America, and is active in both organizations. He belongs to the Marion Fire Company, and is a member of the Berks County Liquor Dealers' Association, of which he has been treasurer since September, 1907.

ALBERT B. SAUSSER, the well-known dealer in stoves, ranges, furnaces and heaters, whose place of business is located at No. 326 North Sixth street, Reading, Pa., was born in Strausstown, Berks county, Jan. 11, 1865, son of Albert Sausser.

Benjamin Sausser, grandfather of Albert B., was a farmer in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and served his township as constable for several years. He died at the age of seventy years, while his wife, who had been Susanna Reber, passed away when seventy-eight

years of age. Their children were: Jonathan, Joel, John, Albert, Harry R., Mrs. D. Lengel, Mrs. Clouser and Mrs. J. Boltz.

Albert Sausser, son of Benjamin and Susanna, was born July 12, 1826, in Upper Tulpehocken township, and when a young man assisted his father at farming. He then began clerking at Shartlesville, Berks county. While there Mr. Sausser purchased the "History of Berks and Lebanon Counties," published in 1844, which is now in the possession of Albert B. Sausser, and a very valuable book, few of them being in existence. After clerking at the above place for a few years, Mr. Albert Sausser returned to his father's farm, but later went to Strausstown, engaging in the stove and tinning business, continuing therein until his death, in his sixty-ninth year. His wife, who had been Lovina Stoudt, was born Feb. 21, 1826, in Upper Tulpehocken township, and died in 1904. Their children were: Sarah E., born Dec. 31, 1850; James S., July 1, 1852; Charles M., July 21, 1853; Agnes J., Nov. 29, 1856; and Albert B.

Albert B. Sausser attended the public schools at Strausstown, and with his father learned the stove and tinning business. On Oct. 10, 1882, he went to Schuylkill Haven, where he finished his apprenticeship New Year's Day, 1884, when he returned home. In April, 1884, Mr. Sausser went to Tamaqua where he continued until May, 1885, then returning to his home, buying tools and supplies and locating at Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa. There he remained in business for seven years, when he came to Reading, and was here employed in the same business with H. C. Geisler for seven years. On March 2, 1901, he engaged in business at his present place, and September 1st of that year took into partnership Mr. L. H. Gehris under the firm name of A. B. Sausser & Co. They continued together until March 30, 1906, when Mr. Sausser purchased his partner's interests and has since continued alone. He makes a specialty of hot air heating, roofing and spouting in connection with his stove store.

Mr. Sausser married Gertrude, daughter of Samuel J. Radcliffe, and to them have been born: Effie B., James R., Gertrude R. and Albert F. Mr. Sausser is a member of Grace United Evangelical Church, and is a teacher of the married ladies in the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican, and while in Schuylkill county served as committeeman to the county convention. He is well known as a business man, and as a citizen is very public-spirited. His popularity is great.

CHARLES A. HAUEISEN, a well-to-do business man of Reading, Pa., who is the proprietor of a sandstone yard on Buttonwood street above Sixth, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of William and Pauline (Werner) Haueisen, the former of whom died in 1904, the latter ten years previously.

Charles A. Haueisen received his education in the schools of his native country, and there learned the stone-cutting trade, becoming a skilled mechanic in that line. When twenty-seven years of age he came to America, landing at New York City, where he remained three months. After a short time spent in Philadelphia, Mr. Haueisen located in Reading, being engaged in working on public buildings at his trade until he established his present business in a small way, and in this he has continued to the present time, the business having grown steadily, until he is now the employer of from twenty to thirty skilled workmen. Mr. Haueisen not only finds work in Reading, but he is well known throughout the surrounding counties. Building work of all descriptions is executed in a superior manner at short notice, and Mr. Haueisen pays prompt attention to jobbing and repairs. He and his wife reside at No. 419 North Sixth street, Reading.

Mr. Harrison married Annie Holzhauser, and to them were born: Mary, Helen, Caroline, George, Carl, Charles, Harry and Emma, the latter three of whom are deceased.

In political matters Mr. Haueisen is a Republican. He is connected with St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of St. John and the Liberty Fire Company.

HENRY E. HILBERT, senior member of the well-known grocery and general merchandise firm of Hilbert & Smith, of Reading, who was formerly one of the best known educators in this section of Berks county, was born Oct. 29, 1864, in Perry township, Berks county, son of David and Mary (Eck) Hilbert, the former of whom resides on his forty-acre farm near Macungie, Lehigh county.

Henry E. Hilbert attended the public schools of his native district until nineteen years of age, the Lebanon Valley College during the spring term of 1892, and Muhlenberg College in 1898. He began teaching in the public schools at Shoemakersville in the fall of 1886, later taught in Perry township for eight terms, and finally finished his career as an educator by teaching eleven successive terms at the Oakbrook grammar school in Cumru township. On May 30, 1893, he came to Reading, and in the summer of 1900 engaged in the grocery business at the northwest corner of Moss and Perry streets, where he continued very successfully for three and one-half years. He then purchased a residence at No. 1036 North Fifth street, where he resided for three years, and at this time formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, G. Frank Smith, under the firm name of Hilbert & Smith, which has grown to be one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the city. The firm carries a complete and up-to-date line of staple and fancy groceries, notions and dry goods, and its reputation is above reproach, which probably accounts for its phenomenal success. Both partners are able business men, and are looked upon as solid, substantial representatives of the best interests of the city.

Mr. Hilbert is a Republican in his political faith. He had charge of Sub-station No. 2, Reading, for three years, at Moss and Perry streets. Mr. Hilbert and his family are Lutheran members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Tenth and Windsor streets. He was a member of the consistory while living at Shoemakersville for two terms, removing from that place before his term had expired. He has been a superintendent of Sunday-schools since his fifteenth year, being appointed at that time to the superintendency at DeTurks in Perry township, in which capacity he served ably for three years, was the incumbent of a like position at Shoemakersville for four years, and has held the office at St. Mark's, Reading, since 1901. He is a teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, at the present time.

Mr. Hilbert was married June 13, 1891, to Miss Annie S. Smith, daughter of George and Caroline (Long) Smith, and granddaughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Leppart) Smith, natives of Germany.

RICHARD H. PENNEBACKER, a practical farmer of Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., died at Sinking Spring, Aug. 21, 1908, aged eighty-eight years, four months, three days.

The name Pennebacker is sometimes spelled Pennypacker. Samuel Pennebacker, grandfather of Richard H., was a farmer in Schwenkville, Montgomery county, owning the farm that is now the property of ex-Governor Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker. Samuel Pennebacker was a Mennonite. He married and had a large family, among his children being a son, Abraham.

Abraham Pennebacker, son of Samuel, was born at the famous Pennypacker Mills, in Montgomery county, in 1787. He learned the millwright's trade, and this he followed until he was twenty-seven years old. He then came to Berks county, and located in Cumru (now Spring) township, where he came into possession of a good farm of 124 acres by marriage. He also owned another farm of 123 acres, and this he had rented. He was successful, and his neighbors held him in high esteem. He frequently served as juryman and appraiser, and he assisted in laying out many of the Berks county roads. He died Sept. 4, 1848. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Pennypacker) Hill. She was a member of

the Reformed Church, while her husband, Abraham, was a Mennonite. They had six children: Richard H.; John died unmarried, aged sixty-three, at the home of his brother, Richard H.; Charles is of Philadelphia; Abraham is of Reading; Mary A. m. the late Joseph G. Huyett, and is now living at Wilmington, Del.; and James H., born Sept. 10, 1837, now living retired at Edison, m. in 1863, Catharine Huyett (born 1841) and has two children—Alice H. (at home) and Cora H. (wife of H. W. Showalter, of New Holland).

Richard H. Pennebacker was born in Spring township (then Cumru) in 1820. He was reared to farming in his youth, and on starting out in life for himself, chose that vocation, and he continued actively engaged along that line until 1886, after which he lived retired. His farm consisted of 124 acres of land along the Wyomissing Creek. For a few years after he gave up work he remained on the farm, and in 1890 he moved to Sinking Spring, where he died from apoplexy. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious connection a member of the United Brethren Church. He married Mary S. Masser, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Steiner) Masser. She still lives at Sinking Spring. The children of this marriage were: Adam M.; Eva A. m. Charles W. Zacharias (now deceased), and has a daughter, Mary (m. Rev. Irwin Runk, a United Brethren minister now residing at Harrisburg); and Sallie A. m. H. A. Soder, of Freeland, Luzerne county, and has two children, Alberta and Florence.

Adam M. Pennebacker, son of Richard H., was born May 14, 1858, in Spring township, and his education was acquired in the district schools and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, attending the latter institution in 1872-75. He then worked for his father until the latter's retirement in 1886, when he took the farm and engaged in its cultivation on his own account. In 1890 he moved to Reading, and became a bookkeeper for Hamilton Godfrey, remaining there four years. For six years he was shipping clerk at the Mellert Foundry and then he entered the employ of the Keystone Wagon Company, where he has since continued. He resides at No. 531 Schuylkill avenue in his own home.

Mr. Pennebacker married Mary Elizabeth Luft, daughter of Benjamin B. and Catharine (Bollman) Luft, and they have two children: Mary Catharine m. Irwin A. Dautrich, of Reading, and has two children—Harold Llewellyn and Luke Donald; and Benjamin Luke L., for the last ten years has been a jeweler with the Anderson Jewelry Company. Mr. Pennebacker is a Republican in politics, and has been an active worker for his party in the Fifteenth ward. He is a member of St. Mark's Reformed Church. Socially he belongs to Mt. Penn Lodge No. 65, K. P.; and is a charter member of Camp No. 689, P. O. S. of A., Reading, of which for four years he was the secretary.

CHARLES M. SMECK, one of the well-known hotel men of Reading, Pa., who is proprietor of the "Wayside Inn," located at Nos. 257 and 259 Penn street, corner of Third, has been prominently identified with the political and fraternal interests of the city, and belongs to one of the old and honored families of Berks county. Mr. Smeck was born at Birdsboro, Pa., March 17, 1866, son of Ephraim M. and Caroline (Moser) Smeck.

Samuel Schmeck, great-grandfather of Charles M. Smeck, was born Sept. 7, 1778, and his life was spent in Reading, where he followed the trade of hatter. He was first buried at Sixth and Washington streets, Reading, but his remains were later removed to the Charles Evans cemetery. On July 6, 1800, Samuel Schmeck married Ann Eliza Ritzey, born Aug. 25, 1781, and to this union there were born the following children: Edward; Charles, who lived in Reading; William, born Jan. 21, 1812, in Reading, and died in Ohio; Henry, who died while on his way home from Brazil, and was buried at sea; Susanna, m. to Peter Eisenbise, and lived in Reading; Barbara Ann, born March 10, 1822, m. to Elmer Lewis, of Reading; and Ann Eliza, m. to Harrison Hardy, and lived in Reading.

Edward Schmeck, son of Samuel and grandfather of Charles M. Smeck, was born in Reading, Jan. 14, 1801, and died in that city aged seventy-four years, nine months, twenty-five days. He was a carpenter by occupation, and for fifteen years followed that trade in northern Ohio, but subsequently returned to Reading, where for a number of years he was engaged in building houses. He was the assessor and tax collector of the First ward (then called Spruce ward) for sixteen or seventeen years, and was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen. He is buried in Aulenbach cemetery. Edward Schmeck married Hannah Moser, daughter of George Moser, who was wounded five times during his service as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. On one occasion while on picket duty Mr. Moser had a wonderful experience: The picket line where he was put on guard on this night was a very dangerous point, as for five or six nights the picket here had been either captured or killed. According to his report he "heard something crawling and grunting like hogs," and shot and killed an Indian, but was captured. The horse on which he was spirited away, however, was shot by the other Continental picket, and falling, crushed Moser's leg, thus disabling him from further service. It is said he was a brother of Burkhard Moser, around whose estate centers a litigation that has assumed large proportions. He is said to have died a bachelor and left extensive coal lands in Schuylkill county. Edward Schmeck and his wife had the following children: a son, born Dec. 27, 1827, died in infancy; Angeline M., born March 28, 1828, m. James Jones; Ephraim M., born July 26, 1831; James M., born Jan. 25, 1834, died on Penn street, Reading; George M., born Nov. 13, 1835, died in Reading; Elizabeth, born May 11, 1838, in Ohio, m. Thomas Rusk, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa.; Susan, born Jan. 3, 1840, m. (first) Charles Snyder and (second) Ephraim Renninger; Mary Ann, born Feb. 3, 1844, m. Tobias Bartlett; Ann Eliza, born Oct. 9, 1846, died young; Permilla, born Aug. 27, 1849, also died young; and Charles W., born Nov. 7, 1851, died in Reading.

Ephraim M. Smeck, father of Charles M., was born July 26, 1831, in Reading, and when one year old accompanied his parents to the Western Reserve, where he lived fifteen years. When sixteen years of age he returned to Reading and became a heater for Seyfert, McManus & Co., a capacity in which he served thirty years, being located at Reading, Port Clinton, Schuylkill Haven, Philadelphia and other points. After spending two years at Birdsboro he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Pike township, and there resided for three years, subsequently selling out to return to Reading, where he has lived ever since. Mr. Smeck now occupies his own residence at No. 421 Schuylkill avenue, where he has lived since 1889. In political matters he is independent. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Reformed Church. In 1852 Mr. Smeck married (first) Mary Wunder, daughter of Daniel Wunder, and to this union there were born two children, namely: Lillie, m. to Samuel Landis; and Hannah, m. to John Renninger. Mrs. Smeck died quite young, and was buried at the family plot at Aulenbach cemetery. Mr. Smeck m. (second) Caroline Moser, daughter of Frederick and Christiana (Wiend) Moser, farming people of Pike township. There were six children born to this marriage: James is a barber at Lebanon, Pa.; Ellen, m. William Miller; William lives at Reading; Charles M.; Carrie is single; and Harry lives in Philadelphia.

Ephraim M. Smeck enlisted April 2, 1861, in Company A, 14th Pa. V. I., for three months' service during the Civil war, and was honorably discharged Aug. 5, 1861. He was about to re-enlist as a soldier, when he received information that teamsters were needed in the army, and he subsequently served in that capacity on a supply wagon, from August, 1862, until in 1863, when he was again honorably discharged.

When a mere lad, Charles M. Smeck accompanied his parents to Hillchurch, in Pike township, and there spent several years on the farm, coming to Reading with his parents when five years old. He attended the German Lutheran parochial school at Reading, and as a youth

commenced working in the sheet mill of the Reading Iron Company, continuing in the iron business until twenty-two years of age. For one year he operated the big twelve-inch heating furnace at the Blandon Rolling Mill, and then entered the employ of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with which he continued for eighteen months. He was a distributing clerk in the Reading post-office during the administration of Capt. R. P. Stetson for two years and nine months, and then became proprietor of "Lauer's Park Hotel," where he remained two seasons. He next conducted the "Metropolitan Hotel" at Harrisburg for one season, but subsequently returned to Reading and for two years was the proprietor of the "East Reading Hotel." He was also for six months the proprietor of the "Hamilton House," but this he sold out to become House Sergeant under the administration of Mayor H. H. Leader, a capacity in which he served for eighteen months. Following this he purchased the hotel property at Nos. 1356 and 1358 Cotton street, corner of Fourteenth, taking possession thereof on July 31, 1900, and successfully conducted it until Sept. 9, 1907, when he sold the property to the Lauer Brewing Company, and became the proprietor of his present stand. This is one of the best hotel stands in the city, and Mr. Smeck has a large and growing patronage. He is also the owner of a number of building lots in Reading, and has been very successful in his business operations.

In politics Mr. Smeck is a Republican in national matters, while in local affairs he is independent. He has held various positions of trust and responsibility, and in the spring of 1906 was elected common councilman from the Sixteenth ward, an office which he resigned on his removal to the Sixth ward. He is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., Reading; Camp No. 330, P. O. S. of A.; Resolute Council No. 27, I. O. A.; and Court Wyomissing, F. O. A., of which he has been treasurer since 1904. He is also an active member of Schuylkill Fire Company, and a contributing member of the Union and Neversink Fire Companies, as well as of the Philharmonic Band. He is one of the members and heavy stockholders of the Eagles' Mountain Home Association, and is connected with various other Reading clubs and organizations. With his family he attends the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Smeck was married Oct. 6, 1887, to Elizabeth Houck, daughter of Charles and Susanna (Dietrich) Houck, and they have had four children: Florence, at home; William, a cornet player of wide reputation who, although but twenty-one years of age, is assistant treasurer of the Academy of Music; and Walter and James, who are attending school. All of the Smeck children are musicians of ability.

William M. Smeck, brother of Charles M. and son of Ephraim M., was born Sept. 2, 1863, in Reading, and his education was obtained in the public schools of this city. He learned the machinist's trade as a youth at the American Iron & Steel Company's plant, and continued in that company's employ for twenty-seven consecutive years. He is a skilled mechanic and a most trusted employe. In political matters he is a Republican, while socially he is connected with the I. O. R. M.; Resolute Council, American Mechanics; the Friendship Fire Company, and the Nursery Literary Association of Reading, of which he is a past official. He was chairman of the building committee in 1892, which erected the present building of the association, it now having a membership of 103 persons.

On May 28, 1891, Mr. Smeck was married to Emma Maurer, daughter of Isaac Maurer and wife (whose maiden name was Texter).

CHARLES C. MALTZBERGER, who was for many years prominently engaged in business in Reading, Pa., owning and conducting a tobacco store, was born in that city, May 9, 1835, son of John and Elizabeth (Coleman) Maltzberger.

Mr. Maltzberger was educated in the common and grammar schools of his native city and also attended a private school taught by Prof. Kelly, in the old log Quaker Meeting-house then located on Washington street. He assisted his father in his tobacco business, and while yet a young man clerked in William Coleman's dry goods establishment. He later accepted the position of accountant with Hammond, Snyder & Co., remaining with the company for several years, then entering the employ of Shortridge & Co., continuing in Philadelphia until 1861. In this year Mr. Maltzberger returned to Reading and opened a store at No. 639 Penn street, and he was here engaged in the tobacco business until his death in 1874. Mr. Maltzberger was known for his upright and honest business methods, and it has often been said of him that his word was as good as a bond.

In 1857 Mr. Maltzberger was married to Margaret C. Haas, daughter of Christian Frederick and Catherine (Greiner) Haas. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Maltzberger, Christian Greiner, was the master stone cutter in the erection of the present Berks County Court House, this fact appearing on a tablet placed on that structure. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Maltzberger were as follows: (1) Henry, a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1879, is a prominent attorney at law of Reading. (2) Marguerite E. m. Robert Job, a native of Boston, Mass., who is a chemist and for several years was chief chemist of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., resigning this position to become a member of Booth, Garrett & Blair, leading chemists of Philadelphia. They have three children,—Gertrude, Robert and Margaret. (3) Charles J., for a number of years superintendent of the J. H. Sternbergh branch of the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Co., Reading, is now in the sales department of the Reading Iron Company. He m. Martha Elizabeth Job, a native of Boston, Mass. (4) John died in infancy. Fraternally Mr. Maltzberger was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Royal Arch Chapter, and De Molay Commandery of Reading, K. T. While he never united with any church organization he was a Christian, God-fearing man, and attended and supported liberally the First Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a faithful member.

Mrs. Maltzberger was born in Zanesville, Ohio, where her father had removed in 1833. He was a native of Germany and emigrated to America early in the nineteenth century, being a brewmaster by trade, brewing what was known in the early days as "cream" beer. While in Zanesville he purchased much valuable real estate, and owned a brewery, and hotel. He was a very prominent man, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

JACOB N. WILLIAMS, of Reading, one of that city's self-made men, is a representative of a family that has long been known in Berks county.

John Williams, the first of the family of whom there is definite record in Berks county, was a resident and taxable in Alsace township, before the American Revolution. He made his last will and testament March 25, 1806, and his death occurred in the latter part of September, 1807. His will is recorded in Will Book 4, p. 448. He was a Quaker, and two well known Quakers, Mordecai Wright and Samuel Lightfoot, of Maiden-creek township, were his executors. He attended Maiden-creek Meeting House, and it is probable that he is buried there. In his will he made ample provision for his "beloved" wife Ruth, and he mentions four sons: William, Isaac, Joseph and Jesse.

Joseph Williams, son of John and Ruth, died in 1808, without issue. He was a shoemaker in Maiden-creek township. His executors were Jeremiah Starr and Mordecai Wright, both English Quakers. Items in his will were: "My shoemaker tools and clothing shall be divided between my three brothers, William, Isaac and Jesse Williams." "My brothers Thomas, John and Henry Williams shall have five shillings, they having been befriended by me before." "My brother Isaac shall have 15 pounds extra because of the loss of his fingers."

Jesse Williams, son of John and Ruth, had sons, John and Samuel. Of these, Samuel had a son Samuel H., born May 23, 1837, m. to Amanda Deem, and father of Annie, John, Sallie, Lillie, Clara and Edward. Samuel and his family live in Centre township, Berks county.

Abraham Williams, son of ————(probably William), and grandson of John and Ruth of Alsace township, lived in Upper Bern township. He married a member of the Faust family, and among his children was a son, Samuel.

Samuel Williams, grandfather of Jacob N., and son of Abraham, was a cabinet maker and undertaker in Upper Bern township. He married Louisa Wagner, and their children were: Charles, of near Leesport, Pa.; Frank; Howard, deceased; Dianah, m. to Alfred K. Rentschler, former county treasurer; Sarah, m. to a Mr. Young, of Philadelphia; Ella m. to Joseph Martin, of Hamburg, Pa.; Hettie, m. to William Reinhart; and Alfred W., father of Jacob N.

Alfred W. Williams was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Sept. 13, 1852, and he died May 12, 1884. He followed farming in Upper Berks county until his death. His wife was Hettie A. Nies, who is now the wife of Cyrus Kauffman, and they reside at Rosedale, Berks county. The children of Alfred W. and Hettie (Neis) Williams were: Jacob N.; George N.; Katie N., m. to Charles Reeser, of Leesport, Pa. Mr. Williams is buried at St. Michael's Church.

Jacob N. Williams was born in Upper Bern township, May 30, 1875, and attended the public schools. He worked for his father and grandfather when a boy, but at the age of sixteen took a position as clerk in the general store of Howard Fraunfelder, at Mohrsville. He afterward clerked for a short time for William B. Kline at West Hamburg, and from there went to Hamburg, where he remained clerking in the store until 1897, when he came to Reading and engaged in the grocery business at Sixth and Pine streets. This business he followed until 1900, at which time he became a cigar salesman for the firm which later admitted him as a member, and June 3, 1903, as one of the firm he was given charge of the outside business of the Kline Cigar Company, located at Nos. 441-443 Cedar street, Reading. This Company did a large business, employing from forty to fifty people. Their product was a fine grade cigar, and their high business principles were well known in the business world. Mr. Williams is a good example of what honesty, integrity and perseverance will accomplish. Starting as a clerk he has worked his way up to a position of responsibility, and in the spring of 1908 he retired from this firm and started in the wholesale cigar business.

Mr. Williams was married in 1898 to Cora Grommis, daughter of Isaac and Kate (Leis) Grommis, and their children are: Paul A. and Ralph I., attending school; and Mary E. The family attend Grace Lutheran Church. In fraternal circles Mr. Williams is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 435, Reading; Bohemond Commandery No. 277, A. & I. O. K. of M.; Washington Camp No. 78, P. O. S. of A., Hamburg; Hamburg Castle, No. 477, K. G. E. He served three years as a member of Company E, Fourth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

EDWIN C. STAHL, who died Aug. 29, 1909, was one of Reading's representative business men. He was born in Union county, Pa., Oct. 18, 1860, son of Jeremiah and Harriet (Noll) Stahl, the former of whom died at the age of twenty-three years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Stahl m. (second) Aaron Reber, of Union county, and died in December, 1905, when sixty-eight years of age. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stahl were: Ida C. (m. to J. W. Hoch), Daniel (died in infancy) and Edwin C.

Edwin C. Stahl was educated in the common schools of his native county, and lived with his grandparents until his twenty-fifth year, as indeed he had since his father's death, this event occurring when Edwin C. was thirteen months old. He took a two years' course at Bushnell Academy at Lewisberry, and from the age of twenty-one years to twenty-five taught school. He then went to Williamsport, Pa., and entered Prof. F. E. Woods Business College, graduating therefrom Aug. 25, 1885, and immediately came to Reading, where he found employment at the Reading Hardware Works, continuing with that firm until 1893. In 1892 Mr. Stahl purchased the bakery business at No. 323 Penn street, and this was conducted by his wife and mother for one year, when he resigned his position with the hardware works in order to give his entire attention to the new enterprise. This was at first conducted on a very small scale but by excellent management and honorable business dealings Mr. Stahl built up one of the finest bakery trades in the city, his goods being second to none. He made a specialty of bread and cakes. In 1904 Mr. Stahl erected a storage warehouse, part of which he utilized for the storage of flour, etc., used in his business, the remainder of the warehouse being rented out to the public for the storing of household goods, etc. Starting out in business with little or no capital, Mr. Stahl worked his way up the ladder of success, and became one of the capable, well-to-do business men of the city.

In 1886 Mr. Stahl married Miss Nellie Millhouse, of Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and one child was born to this union: Clarence D., born in 1891. Mrs. Stahl died June 18, 1909, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband also adhered. She was a member of the Bible class at St. Matthew's Sunday-school, of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and of the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. Stahl was a member of the I. O. O. F., the Reading Hardware Company Relief Association and the Royal Arcanum.

JOHN WITMOYER, in whose death the city of Reading lost one of its valued citizens, was born Dec. 13, 1843, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Sarah (Kirchner) Witmoyer.

Daniel Witmoyer passed his earlier years in Cumru township, but later in life removed to Reading, where he died. He married Sarah Kirchner, and they had these children: John, Charles, William, Isaac and Harrison, who lived in Indiana, all being deceased except Harrison.

John Witmoyer came to Reading with his parents as a boy, and here attended the public schools. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted, at the age of eighteen years, and served in Company H, 88th Pa. V. I., his regiment being attached to the Second Brigade, Second Division, First Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Reynolds. Mr. Witmoyer participated in over thirty engagements, including Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was twice wounded in the leg at Gettysburg, while his company was capturing two of the Confederate flags. At the end of his three-year enlistment he re-entered the army, and was in Grant's last campaign, which saw the surrender of General Lee. Before this campaign, Private Witmoyer was promoted to lieutenant, for bravery in action. On his return from the war he secured employment on the Reading Railroad, as baggage master, running between Pottsville and Philadelphia for twenty-five years, and retired in 1893. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, the Masons, Castle No. 51, K. G. E., and the Union Veteran Legion. In political matters he was independent. Mr. Witmoyer owned the old home in Penn township, a tract of seventy acres. He died in his pretty, green-stone-front residence at No. 336 North Ninth street, Friday, March 15, 1907, and his widow still makes her home there.

On Nov. 16, 1872, Mr. Witmoyer was married by Rev. Thomas T. Iaager, to Elizabeth Weber, daughter of George and Magdalena (Bender) Weber, of Penn township, and granddaughter of George Weber, also of Penn township. To this union there were born six children: Louisa, Elizabeth, Sophia, Maria, George and Emma.

MORRIS J. ULRICH, a well-known business man of Reading, and a representative of one of Berks county's earliest families, was born near Leinbachs, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 10, 1865, son of Daniel and Mary (Moser) Ulrich.

Peter Ulrich, great-great-grandfather of Morris J., was a farmer in Berks county, where he died in 1837. His

will, made Jan. 9, 1836, and probated Oct. 15, 1837, is on record in Will Book No. 8, page 180. His son, John Ulrich, and his son-in-law John Croco, were the executors. His children were: Mary m. John Croco; Peter; John lived in Ohio where he became a man of prominence; Hannah; Isaac received his father's property at Danville, Pa.; Michael is said to have lived in Lancaster county; and Jacob is mentioned below. Among other relatives may be mentioned George Jacob Ulrich, who lived and died at Pinegrove, then in Schuylkill, now in Berks county. His will, made in 1786 and entered in the following year, is on record in Will Book A, page 146. He left a large estate, making ample provision for his wife Mary, who survived him and for his sister, Margaret Ulrich. Some of his children were young when he died, and he provided for their education; and his son Valentine was to pay a certain sum to his mother and sisters, Eva Barbara, Catharine, Margareta, Elizabeth and Christina. Valentine Ulrich died in Berks County in 1837. His children were named: George, Magdalena, Susanna, Rosanna, Elizabeth, Barbara and Hannah.

Jacob Ulrich, great-grandfather of Morris J., was foreman in the old paper mill in Maiden-creek township, where he also owned a valuable farm. He is buried in a private cemetery on the farm where rest many of the family. He was thrice married, and among his children were: Abraham; Jacob, who settled in the West; Peter, of Frush Valley; Joseph, who died in middle life; Eliza, a cripple, who died unmarried; Mrs. Jeremiah Weidner; and Susanna.

Abraham Ulrich, grandfather of Morris J., resided in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, where he was a laborer. His burial was in Cumru township. He married Nellie Miller, daughter of Daniel Miller, of Bern township, and they had five children, namely: Adaline m. Hiram Briner, and resides at Janesville, Iowa; Rufus died in 1905, aged sixty-eight years; Eliza, m. Henry Staudt, and died on her birthday, Jan. 13, 1907; Daniel; and Ellen m. Frank Sterner, of Lehigh county.

Daniel Ulrich, father of Morris J., was born June 30, 1838, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. He became a lime and coal merchant in Bern township, back of Leinbachs, where he conducted a large business until 1896, when he retired, and since then has made his home with his son Morris J. He was also boss of a gang of men working for William Yeich and Samuel Blatt, contractors at Reading. He married Mary Moser, daughter of John Moser, of Bern township. She died Jan. 31, 1906, aged fifty-four years, and was buried at Epler's Church. The following children were born to Daniel Ulrich and wife: Morris J.; John, of West Reading; Daniel and William, who both died young; Lizzie, m. to Elmer Schelly, of Reading; Mary m. to Joseph Marks, of Riverside, Reading; George, of Reading; Sallie, m. to William Gundrum, of Riverside, Reading; Charles, of Spring Valley; Harry, of Reading; and Katie, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Gundrum.

Morris J. Ulrich attended the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, and then spent two spring terms at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. Following this he taught one term of school in Bern township and one term at Rehrersburg, Pa. Then he engaged in a butchering business at Reading which he continued for nine years. In 1895 he began to work for the Atlantic Refining Company, selling oil on the street through Reading, and in the following four years he did a large business selling oil at Topton, Pa. In April, 1906, he became the janitor of the Buttonwood Street Market House, and he also manages the stable attached to the market house. He is a busy man and is one who enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens on account of his faithful performance of duty.

On May 5, 1888, Mr. Ulrich married Amelia M. Ammarell, a daughter of Charles Ammarell, and they have had seven children, namely: Frank, who died in infancy; Calvin, born Jan. 20, 1890; Jeremiah, born Sept. 5, 1893; Esther; Clara; Paul, born Nov. 2, 1904; and Martha. Mr. Ulrich and family belong to St. Mark's Reformed Church of Reading. He has been very active for years in church work, and has served as deacon, elder and for four years has been church treasurer. He is also one of the efficient teachers in the Sunday-school.

CHARLES ECK. Among the well known residents and successful business men of Reading, may be mentioned Charles Eck, who is extensively engaged in contracting and building, and who resides at No. 416 North Ninth street. Mr. Eck was born April 2, 1840, in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, son of the late George and Abelina Eck.

George Eck, who was a native of Berks county, learned the tailor's trade when a young man, but followed this only a few years, owing to ill health. He was employed at different occupations for the rest of his life, his death being caused by a blast in a stone quarry at Allentown, Pa., in his seventy-first year. His wife, Abelina, who died at the age of fifty-eight years, bore him fifteen children, as follows: Hannah, born July 10, 1836; Mary, deceased, born Aug. 23, 1837; Susanna, born Aug. 19, 1838; Charles; Catherine, born Sept. 14, 1841; Leannah, deceased, born March 9, 1843; Polly, deceased, born Sept. 10, 1844; Sarah, born Jan. 8, 1846; Caroline, born Sept. 8, 1848; George, born Aug. 11, 1849; Jonas, born July 11, 1851; Wilson, deceased, born March 23, 1853; Michael, born July 21, 1855; Rebecca A., born Aug. 6, 1858; and Martha, born Dec. 13, 1860.

Charles Eck attended the public schools of his native township, and until nineteen years of age worked on a farm. He then went to Fairfield county, Ohio, where he learned the building business in all of its details. Returning to Berks county in 1874 he located in Reading, and here followed brick-laying for a time and butchering for eight years, but finally engaged in the building business, which he has continued to the present time with much success. Among many other structures erected by Mr. Eck, his present handsome residence, built by him in 1887, is worthy of mention. He is one of the self-made men of the city, and his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts.

Mr. Eck was married to Elizabeth De Long, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Specht) De Long, and to this union have been born: Louisa, Celesta and Lucinda are deceased; Emma m. M. J. Hoffman, and has two children, Marion and Emily; Lillie; and Melvin m. Annie Smith, and has also two children, Erma and Carl. Mr. Eck is independent in politics. His religious belief is that of the Evangelical Church.

WILLIAM H. GERMAN, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Reading, Pa., and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Reading, March 5, 1847, son of John and Deborah A. (Sagee) German.

John German was born at Milton, Pa., and learned the trade of brush making in Philadelphia. He came to Reading and engaged in business on Penn street, on the present site of the opera house, under the firm name of Helms & German, for thirty years. For a few years prior to his death, Mr. German lived retired. He and his wife had seven children, four of whom still survive: Emma M., William H., Edwin F. and Elmer A.

William H. German received his education in the schools of Reading, going three years to the high school, and when thirteen years of age went to learn the machinist's trade with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in the shops of which line he remained for several years. In 1868 he was appointed to a clerkship at the Reading postoffice, resigning at the end of one year to accept the position of census taker of Berks county. The next five years were spent at his trade, at the roundhouse of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He was then appointed a letter carrier of Reading, a position in which he continued for eight years. Mr. German next accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Deppen Brewing Company, where he remained four years, in 1891 taking his present position, as head bookkeeper, at the Jackson Rope Walk, one of the oldest business places of Reading.

Mr. German married Anna Maxton, daughter of David Maxton, a native of Chester county, but later a resident of Reading. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. German: Harry R., who is his father's assistant; and Charles M. and Frank W., twins. While a boy at school, Mr. German enlisted as a drummer boy in Company H, 104th Pa. V. I., but his father refused to let him serve on account of his youth. Later, in 1863, he enlisted in Company C, 42nd Regiment, was out but a short time, and again enlisted, this time in Company A, 195th Pa. V. I., serving about four months, when he was mustered out at Harrisburg. Mr. German is a member of Post No. 16, G. A. R., and for a period of thirty-five years has been adjutant of the post. In political matters he is a Republican, and when a resident of the Eighth ward, Reading, served as inspector. Mr. German is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in the work of which he takes an active part.

FRANK C. SELAK, for some time a business man of Reading, Pa., but best known, perhaps, in connection with his work as a musician and conductor of an orchestra, was born in York county, Pa., Oct. 17, 1860.

Mr. Selak grew up in York county, attending the public schools, and while yet a mere boy showed marked promise along musical lines. During his youth and early manhood he was employed in several capacities, but through it all he kept up his musical studies and was for many years actively connected with various organizations of that nature. For a long time he was president and treasurer of the Germania Band, and in that position rendered valuable service. In 1903 he organized Selak's Band and Orchestra, and for four years was the conductor of that body. His musicians became very favorably known and besides furnishing the music for the Carsonia Park Association for several years, he and his men were called upon at many of Reading's social functions, banquets, etc., while their fine music made them equally well known and popular in Carlisle, York, Harrisburg, and other cities in the southeastern part of the State.

After settling in Reading Mr. Selak went into business and was prominently engaged in carrying on a bird store. For a number of years he was located on South Sixth street, and did a flourishing business, but finally sold the property and established himself in the Mansion House Building. His health failed, however, and he was obliged to give up his business and take up his residence on a farm of 100 acres, which he owned in Cumru township, Berks county, one of the finest farms of that section. There he devoted himself to the culture of gold fish, having twenty large ponds, and, with every facility at hand for breeding them successfully, has made his venture a profitable one. Mr. Selak owns some valuable property in Reading, including a handsome residence which he has remodeled and made into one of the most desirable places in the city. This was the well known George Frill mansion at No. 118 South Fifth street. In the fall of 1908 he built a large aquarium (30 x 65 feet), in the rear of his Fifth street residence, which he devotes to the purpose of breeding Japanese goldfish. This has been pronounced one of the most up to date and finest in the country. Entirely a self made man, Mr. Selak has won his success by strict attention to business, and has won an enviable reputation among Reading's men of affairs. He is a member of the Reading Board of Trade, and as such always used his influence to promote the city's best welfare, both commercially and financially. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never sought political preferment.

In 1889 Mr. Selak married Miss Rosie Reiner, of Reading, and their union has been blessed with four children, Edmond, Maria (deceased), Carl and Florence. The family are connected with the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

HARRY W. CROOKS, who was well known to the citizens of Reading, Pa., for a number of years as a coal dealer at Fifth and Court streets, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Dec. 2, 1866, son of Henry S. and Isabella (Wood) Crooks, natives of England.

Henry S. Crooks was a mine superintendent, and worked throughout the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, but was residing in Reading at the time of his death, in 1904, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Isabella (Wood) Crooks died in 1906, aged seventy years. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crooks: Harry W. and Martha.

Harry W. Crooks received his education in the schools of Tremont, Pa., and in 1887 came to Reading, taking charge of the wholesale department of the well-known firm of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, remaining with that company until 1890, when in spite of many flattering offers by the company who wished to retain his services, he resigned to enter the coal business. In 1890 he engaged as a coal dealer, and continued in that business sucessfully until the time of his death. Kind and generous to a fault Mr. Crooks' thought was always for others. In his father's declining years he took care of him at the expense of his own health, but he was never heard to utter a word of complaint. Even in his final sickness, Mr. Crooks called his sister to his bedside and begged her to rest herself—that he was all right. In his business dealings he was honest and upright, possessing a reputation throughout the city for integrity. In his death the poor lost a friend, as he was ever ready to help those less fortunate than himself, and it is said that the extent of his charities will never be known. Mr. Crooks died Nov. 22, 1905. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

The business of which Mr. Crooks was the founder is now being carried on by his sister, the only member of the family now living, Miss Martha Crooks, who, like her brother, has many warm friends in Reading.

JOHN G. RICK, junior member of the firm of Kuersten & Rick, manufacturers of high-grade hosiery, of Reading, Pa., was born in 1865, in Philadelphia, Pa., son of John G. and Elizabeth (Well) Rick, natives of Germany.

John G. Rick, father of John G., came from Germany to America in 1861, in a sailing vessel, and settled in Philadelphia, where the remainder of his life was spent. In his native country he had carried on weaving as an occupation, but after coming to America he worked as a flange turner in Neaffe & Levy's shipyard, which afterwards became the Cramp shipyard. Mr. Rick died in 1885, aged fifty-four years, while his wife, who survives him, resides at No. 2906 Fairhill street, Philadelphia. The children born to them were: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; John G.; Emma, m. to Charles Nahm; Harry, m. to Elizabeth Conn; and Matilda, single. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Rick were Reformed. In politics he was a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. Rick was connected with the Red Men, the I. O. O. F., and the Seven Wise Men.

John G. Rick was educated in the schools of Philadelphia, and at the age of thirteen years entered the employ of Henry Becker & Co., for whom he worked for a period of thirteen years. He was then associated with the Oak Mills Company, for one year, and in 1892 came to Reading as superintendent for Louis Weber & Co., and after this firm dissolved he formed a partnership with Mr. Kuersten. Their first plant was located on Cedar street, above Walnut, but since that time they have removed to their present location, at the corner of Reed and Elm streets. Here they employ 180 men, manufacturing medium and high-grade hosiery, all of which is handled by jobbers.

Mr. Rick married Miss Sarah Conn, and to them there have been born two children: Sarah and John G. Mr. and Mrs. Rick attend the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Republican.

DAVID R. SHEARER, a leading contractor and builder of Reading, Pa., was born March 13, 1860, in Perry

township, Berks county, son of David and Sarah (Rubright) Shearer, and grandson of John Shearer.

John Shearer was a farmer of Perry township, and was also engaged as a stone mason. He married a Miss Lesher, and to them were born these children: David; John; Hannah, who died in 1906, at the age of ninety-three years; Kate; Caroline; Anna; Sarah; Mary and Elizabeth. In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed Church.

David Shearer, son of John, was born June 24, 1819, and was a farmer and carpenter in Perry township, following the latter occupation until eighty years of age, since which time he has lived retired, he now being in his ninetieth year. His wife, Sarah Rubright, died in December, 1905, when seventy-eight years old. Their children were: Daniel, William, David R., Samuel, Frank, Catherine, all living, Joel, Sarah and Anna, deceased. In religious belief the family were Reformed, and in politics David Shearer was a Democrat.

David R. Shearer was educated in the schools of Perry township, and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade with his father, an occupation which he has followed since his eighteenth year. Until 1892 he engaged as a journeyman, but since that year he has been engaged in contracting, his present holdings being fourteen stone-front houses on North Eleventh street, the block between Robeson and Marion streets. Mr. Shearer employs an average of six men, and his buildings have been mostly confined to the northeastern section of the city, where he has erected many building blocks.

Mr. Shearer was married to Catherine Muntz, also a native of Perry township, and to them were born five children, as follows: Annie, m. to William C. Link; Charles D., who is associated with his father in business, m. to Flossie Brehan; Sallie, m. to Harry Wertz; and Katie and Elizabeth, single. Mr. Shearer is a Democrat in politics, and he and Mrs. Shearer attend the Reformed Church, of which he has been an elder since 1895.

MANDON W. SEITZINGER, junior member of the well-known plumbing firm of Fritz & Seitzinger, of Reading, Pa., was born March 1, 1869, in Wernersville, Pa., son of Josiah H. and Sarah (Wenrich) Seitzinger.

Josiah H. Seitzinger was born April 26, 1836, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hart) Seitzinger, the former of whom was born in 1806 in Berks county, and for many years engaged in blacksmithing and farming in Heidelberg township, then going to Lebanon county, where he died. Josiah H. Seitzinger attended the schools of his native township, and under his father learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for thirty years in Reading, for a number of years being in the Philadelphia & Reading shops. On Jan. 19, 1858, he married Sarah Wenrich, daughter of Jacob Wenrich, of Robesonia, and they had children as follows: Katie M., born April 28, 1859, m. Davilla Wenrich, and they reside in Heidelberg township; Ida L. E., born May 1, 1860, is single; Morgan W., born Oct. 25, 1861, died when twenty-four years old; Sarah A., born May 10, 1863, m. Levi Enck, and resides in Reading; Milton W., born June 9, 1866, m. Annie Graul, and they reside in Reading; Mandon W.; Clara P., born June 10, 1871, m. Warren W. Brown, and they reside in Reading; Maggie A., born Dec. 8, 1872, m. (first) James Pickens and since his death has married again; Morris J., born Sept. 10, 1874, m. Annie Stirk; Monroe W., born Oct. 21, 1876, resides with his mother in Reading; and Eva E., born June 1, 1879, died when four months and fifteen days old.

Mandon W. Seitzinger was educated in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he became a newsboy. Later he engaged at the Reading Hardware Works, his next employment being in a cigar factory. In 1888 he apprenticed himself to John Drexel at the plumbing business, and for thirteen and one-half years worked as a journeyman. In 1905 Mr. Seitzinger formed a partnership with J. Howard Fritz, and since that time they have conducted a first class business at No. 328 North Sixth street, employing on an average ten people. Their specialty is steam and hot water fitting. They carry a full line of stock connected with the business. Mr. Seitzinger is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and Juniata Tribe, No. 174, I. O. R. M. He votes independent of party ties, and his religious belief is that of the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 27, 1895, Mr. Seitzinger married Miss Elizabeth Good, daughter of Peter and Emeline (Hoffmaster) Good. Mr. and Mrs. Seitzinger have no children. They have resided in their own home at No. 921 Windsor street, Reading, since the spring of 1902.

W. SCOTT SLEGEL, superintendent of the contracting firm of George W. Beard & Co., with main offices in the Colonial building, Reading, is a member of an old family of Berks county. He was born June 17, 1866, in Reading, son of Joel E. Slegel.

John Slegel (also spelled Schlegel), grandfather of W. Scott, was a well known tailor located at Fleetwood, Berks county, where he died at a ripe age. His wife, whose maiden name had been Estella Ely, died in her ninetieth year. They were the parents of five children. Of these

Joel E. Slegel was born in 1833, at Fleetwood, Berks county, and when a boy learned the tailor's trade, under the tuition of his father. He later traveled through the Western States following his vocation. Later giving up the tailoring trade, he commenced the study of dentistry, and subsequently received his diploma, being for some time in partnership with his brother, Levi, and later in business on his own account at No. 111 North Fifth street. He built up a large practice, which he held until his death in 1888. Dr. Joel E. Slegel married Susan J. Reber, daughter of W. W. Reber, and she died at the age of fifty-eight years. They had two children: Walter R., D. D. S., of Reading; and W. Scott.

W. Scott Slegel was educated in the public schools of Reading, subsequently graduated from Schuylkill Seminary, and later took a course in bookkeeping at Professor Brunner's Business College. After leaving the latter school he was engaged in farming for two years near Boyertown, Berks county, after which he learned the carpenter's trade and was first employed by John Kissinger. He was engaged in business for five years on his own account, during that time building fifty-two residences and several business buildings. In 1897 Mr. Slegel entered the employ of George W. Beard & Co., as a journeyman, working as such from October to April, 1898, when he was made foreman. Mr. Slegel continued in this capacity until 1901, in which year he was appointed superintendent of the company, a position which he is filling at the present time.

Mr. Slegel married Ida May King, and with their three children—W. Scott, Jr., Harry W. and Annie S. W.—they have resided near Birdsboro, Pa., since the spring of 1909. In political matters Mr. Slegel is a Republican. He is fraternally connected with Lodge No. 115, I. O. O. F.; and Commandery No. 47, Knights of Malta.

H. NATHAN KLINE, a well-known educator of Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in the township in which he now resides, and where he has spent his entire life, Nov. 13, 1869, son of Nathan R. Kline.

Philip Kline, great-grandfather of H. Nathan, was one of the early settlers of Richmond township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits, owning considerable land in the southeastern section of the township, as did his son, Benjamin, among the latter's property being the farm later owned by Nathan R. Kline.

Benjamin Kline married Hannah Ressler, of Richmond township, and they had these children: Reuben, Benjamin, Hettie, Elizabeth, Benneville, Katie and Nathan R.

Nathan R. Kline, a prosperous farmer, owning sixty acres of fertile land in Richmond township, was born in 1833, on the old Kline homestead, and died Jan. 15, 1907, and is buried at Kutztown. In 1853 he married Sallie Merkel, daughter of Peter and Dianna (Yoder) Merkel, of Richmond township, and the children born to this union were: Ellen m. Albert M. Lesher, of Moselem; Martha,

single, lives with her mother; Wilson, a rural mail carrier, resides at Kutztown; Reuben is the proprietor of the "Royal Hotel," at Ninth and Green streets, Reading; Elias died aged eight years; Esther m. William Klopp, a bricklayer of Kutztown; Hannah m. Zacharias Miller, the well known hotel proprietor of Lobachsville, Berks county; George Washington died aged three years; H. Nathan; Sarah m. Heister Unger, a well known music teacher of Reading; and Katie m. Harry Bortz, a coal dealer af Allentown, Pennsylvania.

H. Nathan Kline received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native locality, and later attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. During the summer months Mr. Kline is engaged in work on his father's farm, which lies about three miles west of Kutztown, on the Easton road. Mr. Kline has taught school for eleven terms, and as a teacher is well known and highly respected. He is an industrious, enterprising man, thoroughly business like, and a good citizen. He is a member of the Grace United Evangelical Church of Kutztown. He takes a great interest in political matters, and is a stanch adherent of the principles of the great Republican party.

ODEN F. THIRY, whose dyeing and cleaning establishment is situated at No. 43 North Ninth street, Reading, Pa., was born May 28, 1880, at Philadelphia, Pa., son of Francis X. and Victorine (Tomlinson) Thiry.

Francis X. Thiry was born in April, 1851, at Lorraine, France, and when eighteen years of age came to America, locating at Philadelphia, where he remaind until 1884, and in this year came to Reading, and engaged in the dyeing and cleaning business until his retirement from active life in 1899. He now lives at Stony Creek, Berks county. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, of Reading. Mr. Thiry was married at Philadelphia, to Victorine Tomlinson, born in Lorraine, France. Two children were born of this union: Oden F., and Albert M., also of Reading.

Oden F. Thiry was four years of age when he came to Reading with his parents, and his education was secured in the public schools and Prof. D. B. Brunner's Business Academy, from which he was graduated. On June 28, 1898, he enlisted in Company G, Ninth Regiment, for service in the Spanish-American war, was made company clerk, and was mustered out of service, in 1898. In 1899 he started in the cleaning and dyeing of clothing at his present stand, and here he has continued to the present time, his gratifying success testifying to his business ability. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus, and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E. In politics he is an active Democrat, being a candidate for common councilman of the Eighth ward of the city. Tall and of athletic build, Mr. Thiry has a commanding presence, while in his manner he is affable and courteous, and probably there is no more popular young man in that section of the city.

On Jan. 29, 1903, Mr. Thiry was married to Hattie, daughter of James and Laura (Yeager) Cressman, of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Thiry have had one son: Richard Francis.

JOHN M. KISSINGER (deceased), for many years president of the Schuylkill Valley Bank, had been actively engaged in Reading in business from 1847 up to his death, in 1905, and his name had become symbolic of success, in whatever field he engaged. He came from ancestors prominent in the early history of Berks county, who left names that will long survive in the affections of the people.

The paternal grandfather, Ulrich Kissinger, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. In company with four brothers and two sisters he came to America in 1770, and located in Berks county on the Schuylkill river, at what is now known as Kissinger's Bridge. There he purchased a flour-mill and made milling his calling for the rest of his life. In 1811 he constructed at his mill the first bridge across the Schuylkill in the county, the famous Kissinger chain bridge, which was torn down in 1833 by the Schuylkill Navigation Company and replaced by a wooden bridge with roof and sides. The founder of the family died in 1826.

John Kissinger, son of Ulrich, was born at the American homestead Feb. 8, 1790. He learned his father's trade of milling and followed it until 1833, when the mill as well as the bridge was destroyed to put in the canal. Removing to Reading he opened a wood and coal office and continued in that business at the foot of Penn street for eight years—five with a partner and three by himself. In 1844 he once more took up his residence in the country and operated a farm in Spring township, for six years, but in 1850 he moved back to Reading and lived in retirement there for the remaining sixteen years of his life. He died in April, 1866, after a long life of usefulness and honor.

When the question of slavery was made a political issue, Mr. Kissinger deserted the ranks of the Democratic party and instead of voting for Douglas supported Lincoln, remaining ever afterward a loyal Republican. In matters of religious belief, he was a devout and consistent Lutheran and was one of the most earnest laborers among the members of Trinity Church.

Mr. Kissinger was twice married, first to Miss Riland, and second to Miss Margaret Madeira. His children were all born to the second marriage, and were as follows: Amelia married (first) John Maicks, and (second) William Himmilwright; John M.; Louisa married the late Jacob Kauffman, and now resides in Reading; Catherine married C. D. Geiger (both now deceased).

John M. Kissinger was born at Kissinger's Bridge, Feb. 14, 1824, and received his education in the select schools, when tuition was paid. When twenty-three years old he entered upon his business career in Reading, where, in 1847, in partnership with Samuel Freis, he opened a wood and coal office at the foot of Penn street. Eleven years later they added milling to their other lines, but two years after thus enlarging their scope, in 1860, Mr. Kissinger sold out his interest and with Jacob Kauffman as a partner established a general mercantile store at the corner of Penn and Third streets. This connection lasted but three years, and Mr. Kissinger then engaged in the scrap iron business, continuing thus until 1890. On July 21st of that year the Schuylkill Valley Bank was organized and Mr. Kissinger, who had been one of the principal promoters, was made president, a position he held until his death. That sad event occurred April 10, 1905, when he was eighty-one years old, and was felt to be a great loss to Reading.

Mr. Kissinger was twice married. His first wife was Miss Catherine Ruth, who died without issue. His second wife, who survived him, was Henrietta, daughter of George Zacharias, of Union township. She was born Aug. 17, 1827, and died July 6, 1908. Three sons were born to them, but none survived childhood, one dying when a year and a half old, another when two and a half, and the third when three and a half years old. In early life Mr. Kissinger was a Lutheran, having been confirmed in that church, but later he united with the Second Reformed Church, and was one of its most active workers and generous contributors. His life was filled with deeds of kindness and of helpfulness to others, while in business he was upright and honorable, winning the highest praise and esteem from his fellow-citizens. Every one felt confidence in his judgment and his advice was often sought. Essentially of a domestic nature, Mr. Kissinger's happiest hours were spent in his home. In politics he was a Republican.

Mrs. Henrietta Z. Kissinger came from families prominent in the early history of Berks county, whose members are to-day numbered among its best citizens. Her father, George Zacharias, was born in Muhlenberg township and was educated in the schools there. Early in life he learned the milling business and carried it on for a number of years until he purchased a farm in Union township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He next built

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the Six Penny Creek Forge, but in 1840 again took up farming on a tract of 217 acres which his father-in-law purchased, and remained there until 1846. The following year was spent in Reading, but he then bought another farm located in Bern township, and remained there until his death. He passed away in 1862, aged sixty-three, while his wife, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Seidel, died in 1877, aged seventy-seven. They had ten children, five daughters and five sons, as follows: Daniel, George, Mahlon, Henrietta (Mrs. Kissinger), Mary A., Elizabeth (wife of Juda Davis), Samuel, John, Louisa (wife of Dr. Brobst), and Caroline. George Zacharias was a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife was a Lutheran.

CYRUS LESSIG, who is successfully engaged in a butchering business at Topton and is a well-known citizen, was born Dec. 15, 1848, in Richmond township, Berks county, not far from Walnuttown, a son of Levi and Esther (Koller) Lessig.

The first known of the grandfather, Samuel Lessig, was that he belonged to Schuylkill county, Pa., and shortly after his marriage to Catherine Weisner, he went to serve as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was taken sick and died at Sandy Hook. His widow came to Amity township, Berks county, where her only child, Levi, was born and there she continued to live until her death at the age of eighty-eight years. She was buried at St. Peter's Reformed Church in Richmond township.

Levi Lessig was reared on the old home place on which his mother settled in Amity township and when he reached a proper age, he learned the cabinet-making trade, which he followed for some years. He died at the age of eighty-five years, six months and fifteen days. He married Esther Koller and they had the following children: William m. Catherine Foreman; Sarah m. Jonas Chappell; David m. Lydia Strunk; Levi, who married in Canada, later went to Boston, where he owned the "Webster House," and died of small pox in 1882; Cyrus; Mary m. Alfred Snyder, who served three years in the Civil War; Allen and Albert, twins, the latter of whom died aged two years, the former m. a Miss Kline and resides at Reading, where he has a family of thirteen children: Nora m. Mr. Greenawalt; and Caroline died young. William and David of the above family served three years in Capt. McKnight's Fifth Battery, U. S. Art., in the Civil War and after the expiration of David's first enlistment, he became a veteran in General Hancock's corps, in which he served until the close of the war.

When he was ten years of age, Cyrus Lessig came to North Perry, then went to Ontelaunee and then back to Richmond township, attending school as opportunity offered. When eighteen years of age he came to Topton, in Longswamp township, and in 1868 he learned the butchering business with Allen Schwoyer. He worked with him for three years, then for two years with Madties & Clader, and by that time had gained enough experience to go into business for himself. He carries a fine stock of first-class meat.

On Oct. 1, 1870, Mr. Lessig was married to Maria Knappenberger, a daughter of Henry and Maria (Miller) Knappenberger, and they have two children, namely: James, born Mar. 24, 1871, m. Alice Master, an adopted daughter of Evan Master, and has two children, Ardath and Florence; and Annie, born Feb. 8, 1873, m. Ira Disch. They have two sons, Ralph and Paul. Formerly, Mr. Lessig was a very active Democrat and served once as chief burgess of the town. He belongs to Camp No. 172, P. O. S. of A. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Lessig and the children are Lutherans.

JONATHAN BARTO, cabinetmaker, at Topton, one of the best-known citizens, was born Dec. 31, 1854, in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., a son of John and Mary (Kramlich) Barto.

The grandfather, John Barto, was of Rockland township, Berks county, and he followed farming all his life, dying in 1868. He married Diana Angstadt and they had the following children: William m. a Miss Merkel; David; Joel m. a Miss Dry; Jacob, unmarried, served in the Civil War; John; Obediah died at Louisville, Ky.; Amos resides in Berks county; Hannah m. David Kline; Helena m. Jacob Mertz; Catherine m. John Deysher; Esther m. Daniel Brown; Amanda m. Jonas Eckert; and Caroline m. Charles Heffner.

John Barto, father of Jonathan, was born on the old Barto homestead in Rockland township, in 1828. He learned the shoemaking trade and when twenty-two years of age he came to Longswamp township and worked at it for Henry Durr. He married Mary Kramlich, a daughter of George and Judith (Walbert) Kramlich, the latter of whom was a daughter of Peter Walbert, who settled in this section when the country was in a wild state. Indians were numerous and the family saw much pioneer hardship. John Barto died Jan. 5, 1901, aged seventy-two years, three months and five days. His children were the following: Calvin, born July 8, 1853, died aged nine months; Jonathan; Henry, who died in infancy; Charles, born Dec. 25, 1857, died Jan. 28, 1904, m. (first) Ella Butz, (second) Ella (Kirschner) Miller, (third) Ella Reeser; and Louisa, who died young.

Jonathan Barto attended the schools near his home through his boyhood, after which he was apprenticed to Tilghman De Long to learn the cabinet-making trade and with this object in view he came to Mr. De Long, July 26, 1875, and has continued in his employ ever since. He has seen the business develop step by step from the work done in an ordinary country shop to that turned out from the improved plant which is now operated with all kinds of modern machinery.

On Aug. 10, 1878, he was married to Cecilia Long, a daughter of David and Florenda (Fegley) Long, and they have had ten children, namely: John D., born May 25, 1879, m. Caroline Durolf and they have four children, Willard, Edgar, Mary and Ira; Catherine and Mary reside at home; Louisa, m. A. H. Barto and has two children, Clarence and Paul; Calvin, residing at Macungie, Pa., m. Ida Conrath and they have three children, Irvin, Paul and Florence; Ambrose, Wallace, Wilson and Florence O. reside at home; and Ellen m. Clarence Stauffer. Mr. Barto and his sons belong to the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Barto and the daughters belong to the Reformed. Mr. Barto is an active member of Camp No. 172, P. O. S. of A.

AUGUSTUS K. YODER, a well known hotel man of Berks county, who is engaged in conducting a popular hostelry at Henningsville, Pa., was born Sept. 27, 1851, in Pike township, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Keim) Yoder.

Abraham Yoder, the great-grandfather of Augustus K., was of German descent, his parents having come from Würtemberg, and was located in Catawissa, Schuylkill county, where he followed milling until his death. One son, Abraham, was born to him. Like his father this son carried on milling at Catawissa. He married Elizabeth Yerger, of Pike township, Berks county, whence he removed to his wife's home, and conducted the farm there to such advantage that he became the owner of five farms and a gristmill. He died at this place aged eighty-six years, and his wife passed away when one year older. They had nine children, namely: Nathan m. Esther Rohrbach; Benneville m. a Miss Bower; Solomon; George m. (first) Miss Weller, and (second) Miss De Franc; Abraham, ex-treasurer of Berks county, m. Mary Yergey; Eliza m. Charles Renninger; Sarah m. Jacob Reider; Catherine died unmarried, aged thirty-three; and Mary m. Benjamin Rohrbach.

Solomon Yoder was born March 9, 1818, in Catawissa, and there learned the trade of milling, but later engaged in farming, which he followed until the time of his death, May 7, 1894. He married Elizabeth Keim, born Aug. 27, 1821, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Mensch) Keim, and she died in 1904, the mother of these six children: Franklin m. Catherine Angstadt; Manias m. Mary Moyer; William m. Sarah Ruppert, deceased; Irwin m. Eliza Becker; Augustus K.; and Elmira m. Augustus Moyer.

Augustus K. Yoder was reared and educated at his native place, and learned the trade of tailoring, which he followed for nine years. Following that he entered the hotel business, and continued therein for eight years. He then worked at mounting engines for some time, but subsequently re-entered the hotel business, and is now conducting a well patronized place at Henningsville, Berks county.

On Sept. 12, 1874, Mr. Yoder married Judith Roads, born Sept. 19, 1851, daughter of Joel and Leanda (Behm) Roads, and three children were born to them: Solomon Edwin, born June 5, 1875, died Nov. 10, 1881; Kate Mantana, born April 6, 1878, died Dec. 10, 1881; Cora Estella, born in Amity township, May 13, 1883, married Elmer Kern, of Longswamp township, and they have three children—Lester Granville, Flora Minerva and Earl George Washington.

CHARLES DANIEL HERMAN, the well-known merchant tailor, clothier and dealer in gents furnishings, residing on Main street, Kutztown, Pa., was born April 11, 1855, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of James and Catherine (Hering) Herman.

Henry Herman, grandfather of Charles D., born on Christmas Day, 1796, was a farmer and weaver of Greenwich township, where he lived for some years. He then removed to Maxatawny township for a few years, but later returned to Greenwich township, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he died in 1875, in his seventy-ninth year. On Feb. 14, 1815, he was married to Lydia Henninger, daughter of Christian Henninger, of Stony Run, and to this union there were born children as follows: William, Oct. 5, 1819; Joseph, Dec. 9, 1829; James; Catherine, July 22, 1831; Malinda, June 22, 1834; Lizzie, Nov. 12, 1815; John, June 28, 1818, who died in his second year; Mary, April 7, 1822, who died in her sixth year; Jacob, Nov. 8, 1824, who died in infancy; and Caroline, Oct. 10, 1825, who died in her second year.

James Herman was born Feb. 28, 1829, in Maxatawny township. At the age of twenty-one years he learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed all of his life with the exception of about ten months, when he was a soldier in the Civil war. On Aug. 24, 1851, he was married to Catherine Hering, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Stoyer) Hering, and granddaughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Hering) Hering. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman: Henry, who died at the age of ten years; Louisa E., who is unmarried and resides with her brothers; Charles D.; Sylvester C., who m. Henrietta Lieby, and lost his life in an accident in 1902, in his forty-sixth year; James O., m. to Maggie Ruch; Austin M., m. to Annie Hoch; Peter A., who died at the age of seven years; Walter M., m. to Clara Hoch, sister of Annie; and Eugene E., twin brother of Walter M., who died in his seventeenth year.

Charles Daniel Herman's boyhood days were spent on the farm, and he attended the local schools of his district. In 1873 he learned the tailoring trade with Henry Williams, of Kutztown, in whose employ he remained for three years, when he engaged in business for himself on the second floor of No. 253 Main street, Kutztown, having four employes. Mr. Herman at once established a reputation as an excellent cutter and fitter, and paying close attention to his business, he prospered from the start. He is now firmly established and has the largest tailoring business in this section. Mr. Herman is a prominent and substantial citizen of Kutztown. He is public-spirited and on numerous occasions has been honored by his fellow citizens, who hold him in high esteem, with positions of trust and honor. In his political views he is an uncompromising Democrat. He was twice elected school director, served as councilman for nine years, and for three years was president of that body. He was also chief burgess of his adopted town for three years and while in office the trolley line was built through the town and the Keystone Light, Heat and Power Company was installed here. He is a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M.

On Aug. 31, 1876, Mr. Herman married Clara Gross, daughter of David Gross, and there were three sons and four daughters born to this union: (1) Gertrude. (2) Richard James, born in the year 1877, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1895, and from the Pierce Business College in 1896. He then assisted his father in the store and in the fall of 1898 took a course in cutting in Mitchell's cutting school of New York. Young Herman assisted his father in cutting until he entered West Point Military Academy in June, 1900, and he graduated from that institution in June, 1904, with the rank of second lieutenant. He was assigned to the 23d U. S. Infantry, joining his regiment in October, 1904, in the Philippine Islands. In June, 1905, he returned from the Islands and was stationed at Madison Barracks, Sacket Harbor, N. Y. He is now an instructor in the Drawing Department at West Point Military Academy. He is a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M. (3) Louisa May. (4) Quinton David was born July 28, 1881, graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1898, and in the fall of that year took a course in the Union Business College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1899. The following year he took a course in Mitchell's Cutting School in New York, and he then connected himself with his father in business. He is a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M. On Aug. 31, 1905, he married Alma C. Miller, daughter of Charles W. and Louisa (Becker) Miller, of Kutztown, and they have one son, Charles Miller, born Aug. 19, 1906. (5) A daughter deceased. (6) Paul Alfred was born April 16, 1884, and obtained his early education in the local schools and the Keystone State Normal School, where he prepared for Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. He married June 3, 1907, Lillian Yoder, daughter of William and Annie (Barto) Yoder. (7) Marguerite Rebecca, born Nov. 16, 1889, was educated in the local schools and the Keystone State Normal School. She graduated from the latter institution in 1906, and then prepared for entrance to Smith College, in Massachusetts.

REV. DAVID K. HUMBERT, an aged retired minister of Bowers, Berks county, was born March 9, 1834, in Greenwich township, and lived under the parental roof until he was eight years old. At that tender age he was hired out among the farmers of Greenwich township, and thus worked until he was twenty-two years of age. He then clerked in Daniel Fetherolf's store in Albany township for a year, when he obtained employment as currier in a tannery at New Ringgold, Pa., and remained there about eighteen months. After this he spent some months in traveling for his health but as soon as he recovered he began teaching at Klinesville and Fetherolfsville in the upper part of the county, and as he accumulated a little money he continued to study, attending the Freeland seminary for three years.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Humbert was deeply in sympathy with the Union, and Nov. 12, 1862, he was mustered into Co. I, 167th Pa. Inf., Capt. J. M. Shollenberger and Col. C. A. Knoderer, commanding. He was first sergeant of his company and after his term of service expired, Aug. 12, 1863, he re-enlisted and was in service until the close of the war, when the regiment was mustered out at the Rappahannock river. After this he attended the Lutheran theological seminary at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in June, 1867, and he was ordained by the Ministerium at Philadelphia, June 17, 1867. His first charge was the Robeson church (or Plow) at Geigertown, St. John's at Gibraltar, Allegheny and Wyomissing. This charge had a membership of about 700 souls, and he served them for five years, but in 1872 he removed to Bowers to take charge of the DeLong church, with these branches, DeLongs at Bowers, New Jerusalem, Huff's, Hill church, St. Paul at Lobachsville and for a time St. Peter in Lehigh county. About 1880 he gave up Hill church and St. Paul, retaining the other charges. DeLong church added many to its membership under his administration, and the other charges also flourished, being in an excellent condition when he re-

tired in 1902, owing to his ill health. Mr. Humbert has a wonderful record. During his pastorate he married 1006 couples. He preached principally in German, although occasionally he gave a sermon in English. He has always been a man of strong convictions, is pleasant in disposition, and possesses in a marked degree the faculty of making friends. His success was marked and he is beloved not only as an eloquent and convincing preacher but also as a kind, true and faithful friend.

Soon after entering the ministry, Mr. Humbert was married to Maria DeLong, daughter of Francis and Esther (Schaefer) DeLong, and they had three children: Essie Catherine, m. to Dr. E. D. Schaeffer, of Reading; Mary Elizabeth, a school teacher of Royersford, Pa.; Anna Susanna, who resides at home.

Mr. Humbert has an old clock that is fully 130 years old. He bought it at a public sale at Bechtelsville many years ago for five dollars, but he would not sell it for many times its original price.

George Humbert, the grandfather of the Rev. David K. Humbert, settled at Kutztown at a very early date. There he followed the trade of a carpenter, and there he is buried. He had three sons: Daniel; Jacob; and George, whose son, also George, is a member of Berks county bar.

Of the above sons, Jacob Humbert became the father of the Rev. David K. Humbert, and he was born in Greenwich township, Oct. 22, 1798, and died at Topton, July 12, 1880, aged eighty-one years, nine months and twenty days. His early life was spent in Greenwich township, where he was a farmer for some years, and he was also a school teacher and chorister at the Grimville church for some time. His school was a paying one, as he had nearly 100 pupils on his books. At this time there were no public schools and the private or pay schools flourished.

After residing in the vicinity of Grimville for about nineteen years, he moved from place to place and finally settled at Topton, where he died, and he is buried at Bowers beside his wife, Catherine Kittling (also spelled Kidling) Humbert. She was born April 5, 1802, and died Dec. 21, 1890, when eighty-eight years, eight months and sixteen days old. They had the following children: William, of Carey, Ohio; Jacob; Daniel, a soldier of the Civil war, who was probably killed during the war, as nothing was heard of him after its close; Charles Henry, who was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg and died in a Philadelphia hospital; Rev. David Kidling; Catherine, m. to Anthony Wagner, of Ohio; Mary, m. to Abner Sage, of Ohio; Amelia, m. to Ephraim Wise of Topton; George Alfred, who died in infancy. Jacob Humbert and family were members of the Lutheran church.

SOLOMON S. MILLER, a representative business man of Philadelphia, Pa., where he was a prominent and successful wholesale merchant for upwards of forty years, was born March 9, 1836, in Windsor township, near Hamburg, Berks county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sieger) Miller.

Daniel Miller, who was a farmer of near Lenhartsville, in Windsor township, where he died in 1867, aged sixty-nine years, was married to Elizabeth Sieger, daughter of Jacob Sieger of Shoemakersville, and they had five children, namely: Elizabeth died young; Maria m. David Baver, a farmer of near Port Clinton; William S. m. Catherine Price, and died at Reading in June, 1907, aged eighty-one years; Reuben m. Emmeline Heckman; and Solomon S.

Solomon S. Miller received his preliminary education in the local public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he became a clerk in the general store of Reuben Weidman at Shoemakersville. Shortly afterward, Solomon S. Koller became the owner of the store and he continued with the latter until 1860. With this experience of eight years in a country store, he went to Philadelphia and secured a position as salesman in the large wholesale dry-goods house of Riegel Brothers, No. 345 North Second street, and to qualify himself to fill the position satisfactorily he took a course in Pierce's Business College, devoting his evenings to this purpose. He continued with this firm five years, and then entered the employ of Hood, Bonbright and Company, and was with them only a year when he became a partner. This was in 1866, and he continued with this old and popular firm for twenty-three years. Then he withdrew and founded the wholesale dry-goods house of Miller, Bain, Beyer and Company, at the corner of Tenth and Filbert streets, with which he continued as the senior partner until June 1, 1908, when he retired on account of illness. The firm are leading importers and jobbers of dry goods at Philadelphia and their trade extends throughout the United States. Two other young men, with similar ambition, from the same vicinity of Berks county, also proceeded to Philadelphia about that same time and engaged in the wholesale business and became equally successful, Solomon S. Koller and Mahlon N. Kline.

Mr. Miller, inheriting a religious disposition, identified himself with the Green street Methodist Episcopal Church soon after locating in Philadelphia, and his devotion to the church was so highly appreciated that he was selected to serve the congregation as one of its trustees. After having been connected with the church for some years he transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Twentieth and Spring Garden streets, on account of the proximity of his residence and the convenience of his family, and here he has been serving as a trustee for upwards of twenty-five years, officiating as president of the board for a term, and at the present time as vice-president. In 1899 Mr. Miller traveled extensively in Europe, visiting England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and Holland.

In 1867 Mr. Miller was married to Sallie E. Early, daughter of Edward Early of Philadelphia, and they had three children: Edward E. died in infancy; William S. m. Elizabeth Allen of Philadelphia and has one child, Gwendolyn; and Clinton H. m. Marion Colby, of Minneapolis.

CHARLES JACOB LIVINGOOD, third son of Jacob S. and Lucy (Shalter) Livingood, was born in Reading, Pa., Feb. 6, 1866. He attended public and private schools there, and after two years of preparation at Media Academy, went to Harvard College. Upon graduation in 1888, he traveled abroad, taking up his residence in Paris. He attended the Sorbonne and College de France until ill health compelled him to give up his career as a student of history, and he returned home to spend a year surveying in the Rocky Mountains and on the plains of Colorado.

In the autumn of 1890, Mr. Livingood became connected with the management of the estate of Thomas Emery's Sons, at Cincinnati, O., where he has made his home. His activities have been confined to positions of trust and other business interests. He is a member of the University, Harvard, Literary and Country Clubs of Cincinnati. For a number of years he was treasurer of the Historical Society of Ohio.

Mr. Livingood was married in 1896 to Lily B. Foster, daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Foster, of Cincinnati. They have three children: Josephine Lytle, Elizabeth Treon, and John Jacob.

In 1904 Mr. Livingood took his family abroad for an indefinite stay. Pursuing the genealogical investigations begun by his father, he visited Alsace-Lorraine and established conclusively, by examination of the parish records of Schalkendorf (a small hamlet about twenty-five miles northwest of Strassburg), that the family of Livingood (or Liebengut or Leibundgut, as it is variously spelled in the old papers), while German-speaking Lutherans, were but sojourners on the Rhine, for they resided there only from 1655 to about 1725, when they joined the Palatine emigration to Schoharie county, N. Y., and thence moved with the exodus led by Conrad Weiser, to the Tulpehocken. The Livingoods are Swiss. They migrated to Alsace, after the Thirty Years war, from Aarwangen, Canton of Berne, where the records show the family name, usually

a Hans or a Jakob, back to 1550. It is spelled in Switzerland today thus, as it has been for all these centuries: Leibundgut, and is without doubt taken from the declaration made by the famous Swiss patriot, Count von Bubenberg: "Mein Leib und Gut ist euer eigen bis den Tod."

JOHN FRYMIRE, deceased, who during a long and active life spent in Reading gained a widespread reputation as a stair-builder, was one of Berks county's representative men, and a veteran of the Mexican war. Mr. Frymire was born Aug. 30, 1835, in Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John and Barbara (Rapp) Frymire.

John Frymire the elder was also a native of Northumberland county, where in early life he engaged in freighting, and later his team of six white horses became a familiar sight traveling between Milton and Philadelphia. Mr. Frymire was a powerfully built man, but died in the prime of life, his wife also having died when young. They were the parents of four children: Adam, Jackson, Sarah and John. Mr. Frymire was a Democrat in political belief, but it is not known that he took any active interest in public matters. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

John Frymire, son of John, was bound out when a youth to learn the cabinet making and stair building trades, and while thus engaged enlisted in the Mexican war, which had just then broken out. Upon his return from the war, Mr. Frymire completed his apprenticeship, and for many years engaged in stair building, being considered an expert in this line. Many of Reading's finest residences bear evidence of his skill and workmanship, and he continued to work at this trade until his retirement in 1885. He had built, in 1876, a large twenty-room hotel, now in possession of his heirs, but it was left in care of his wife and children, leaving Mr. Frymire free for his regular calling.

Mr. Frymire married Hannah Adams, daughter of John and Hannah (Coller) Adams, and to this union there were born these children: (1) Amanda m. David Hinkle, and had three children, J. Elwood, who m. Carrie Seidel and had one child, Edgar; Carrie, who m. E. P. Schaeffer and had two children, Emily and Mary; and one who died in infancy. (2) Katie m. Martin Reddig and had a daughter, Bessie F., who m. Edward Deem and had two children, Robert and Catherine. (3) John F. is single. (4) George died at the age of six years.

In religious belief both parents were Lutherans, in the faith of which church Mrs. Frymire died Feb. 16, 1895, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. Frymire was a member of the I. O. O. F., and was a stanch Democrat in politics.

ALLEN E. FAUST, one of Muhlenberg township's enterprising citizens, who is engaged in a grain and feed business at Temple, was born Aug. 17, 1864, in Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Charles W. and Emeline (Teter) Faust.

Daniel Faust, the grandfather of Allen E., settled in Schuylkill county, where he engaged in his trade of miller for the rest of his active period, owning a mill near Orwigsburg, Pa. His son, Charles W., who was born in Schuylkill county, followed in his father's footsteps and also became a miller, owning what was known as Faust's Mill, on Maiden creek, at Berkley, Muhlenberg township, and in addition to this carried on farming. He is now living retired at Temple, with his son, his wife having died in 1886. They were members of the Reformed Church, and the parents of these children: Elizabeth; Allen E.; Ambrose; Frank, m. to Lizzie Brown; and Carrie, deceased. Mr. Faust is a member of the Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., of Leesport. He has served efficiently in several township offices.

Allen E. Faust was educated in the schools of Berks county, after which he worked in his father's flouring mill, and for one term taught school. The next sixteen years he operated the mill on his own account, and in 1904 he located in Temple, where he established its first feed and grain store, which he has been successfully operating to the present time.

Mr. Faust married Rebecca Haas, daughter of Augustus Haas and three children were born to this union: Mabel, Warren and Leon, the latter two of whom met their death in a railroad accident.

Mr. Faust is a member of the Reformed Church, of which he has been a deacon and elder, while his wife is a Lutheran. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has held the offices of school director, tax collector and delegate to numerous county conventions. Fraternally Mr. Faust is connected with Washington Camp, No. 169, P. O. S. of A.; Leesport Lodge, I. O. O. F., and K. G. E., of the same place.

M. J. SHALTER, one of the substantial men, prominent farmers and large land owners of Berks county, residing on his finely improved farm of 170 acres, at Temple, was born in 1852, in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, son of Jonas and Rebecca (Maurer) Shalter, and grandson of Michael and Susanna (Fisher) Shalter.

The progenitor of the Shalter family, Franz Shalter, came to America at an early day and settled near Shalter Church, which is situated on a portion of the Beidler farm. He married a daughter of Mr. Beidler, and they had a large family of children, among whom are remembered: Michael and Jacob.

Michael Shalter was born and reared in Ontelaunee township, where he carried on farming and general merchandising all of his life, and was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen. He was a pillar of the Lutheran Church of his vicinity, and in politics was a Democrat, being one of the stanchest supporters of that party's principles in his township. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Frank; George; Jonas, the father of M. J.; and Sallie, m. to George Fox.

Jonas Shalter was educated in the common schools of his native township, and on reaching his majority he became the proprietor of the general merchandise business founded by his father. In addition to this he engaged in farming and lime burning, owning several farms and quarries, and became one of the most prominent men of his section of Berks county. He died in 1896, aged eighty years, his wife having passed away when thirty-five years of age. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shalter, namely: Edwin, deceased, who was an attorney of Reading; James, a retired merchant; Catherine, m. to William Krick; Emira, m. to Richard Swartz; and M. J. Mr. Shalter was a deacon and elder in the Lutheran Church, and took much interest in church and charitable work. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a charter member of the local Masonic body.

M. J. Shalter was educated in the schools of his native place and the Keystone State Normal School, also attending Lafayette College and Ursinus College. After his school days were passed he read law in his brother's office for a short time, but owing to ill health gave this profession up to take charge of his father's farms. He continued for twenty-eight years in this capacity, and then located permanently in Temple, where he has a fine property of 170 acres, which he has platted out in building lots, in one of the handsomest sections of Temple.

Mr. Shalter married Emma Saylor, daughter of Henry Saylor, and seven children have been born to this union: Charles S., an attorney of Reading, m. to Lizzie James; Irvin, a professor in Muhlenberg township; Florence; Mabel; Emily; Mary, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Shalter is a Democrat and for fifteen years was a school director of Muhlenberg township, where he was a census enumerator in 1890. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, and he has held all of the offices in that church. Fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E., at Hyde Park.

JOHN GEHRET, who was for many years engaged in business enterprises in Reading, Pa., and who since July, 1907, has been proprietor of the well known Center Square Hotel in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, was born Dec. 13, 1851, in Muhlenberg township, son of Israel and Malinda (Reiff) Gehret.

Israel Gehret was born in 1824 in Muhlenberg township, and received his education in the common schools, after leaving which he learned the carpenter's trade, an occupation which he followed for several years. He then entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, where for fifty-seven years he was a faithful and trusted employe, dying while in the service of that company in October, 1900. Israel Gehret married Malinda Reiff, born in 1828, who died Sept. 25, 1904, having been the mother of twelve children, as follows: Henry (1), deceased; John; James; Daniel; Israel; Samuel; Henry (2); Benton; William, deceased; Eli; Augustus; and Ellen, m. to William Hoffman. In religious belief the family was Reformed. Mr. Gehret was a Democrat in politics, and was fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. and the P. & R. Relief Association.

John Gehret was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township and Reading, after leaving which he worked for some time at Printz & Sands' brick yard. At the age of nineteen years, up to which time he had been engaged in common laboring, he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for thirty-seven years in Reading, and was very successful thereat. On July 10, 1907, he decided to enter the hotel field, and leased the Center Square Hotel, which he has since been conducting.

On April 3, 1880, Mr. Gehret was married to Annie C. Weber, daughter of John and Annie E. (Mohning) Weber, the former of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and the latter of Würtemberg, that country. To Mr. and Mrs. Gehret have been born these children: Anna E., who married Thomas Gresinger and has two children—Helen and John; Louisa C.; John W.; Anna Marie; and Paul W., who is deceased.

Mr. Gehret owns a valuable property at No. 1260 North Tenth street, Reading. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and was confirmed at the age of twenty in the Alsace church by Rev. William Renley, while his wife and family are Lutherans, the former confirmed March 24, 1872, by Rev. J. J. Kuendig. Fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E. and the American Protestants, while in politics he is a Democrat, and was auditor of Muhlenberg township for three years. He is a member of the Junior Fire Company, of Reading.

JOHN FRANKLIN ANGSTADT, the well-known proprietor of a flourishing hat and gents' furnishings business on Main street, Kutztown, Berks county, was born in Kutztown, Jan. 16, 1872, son of Samuel and Esther (Reinhart) Angstadt.

Samuel Angstadt, great-grandfather of John F., was the grandson of George Angstadt, the immigrant, who came to this country from Germany, Sept. 28, 1733. Samuel Angstadt was married to Catherine Herman, and lived in Rockland township, having these children: Martin, who lived in Pricetown; Daniel, who lived in Oley township; Peter; Dinah m. Henry Sander of Kutztown; and Angelina m. Daniel Schlencker of Wessnersville.

Peter Angstadt, grandfather of John F., was a well-known citizen of Kutztown, and was for many years sexton of St. John's Union Church. He was born July 4, 1808, and died Jan. 29, 1890. Mr. Angstadt married Eliza Fegely, and they had these children: John m. Hetty Becker and lived at Emaus, Pa.; James m. Mary Herring and died about 1891; William m. Hettie Grauer and lives at Kutztown; Sarah m. John Eyrich and lives at Reading, Pa.; Louisa m. William Harris and lives in Indiana; Samuel m. Esther Reinhart; George died single in 1900, aged forty-nine years; Emma m. James Morris and lives in Philadelphia; and Mary m. Lewis Block and lives in Kutztown.

Samuel Angstadt, father of John F., was a well-known carriage painter and trimmer and worked for many years for R. Miller and Sons, the extensive carriage manufacturers of this community. Mr. Angstadt was born in 1850 and passed away in 1884. Mr. Angstadt married Esther Reinhart, daughter of Samuel and Fietta (Adams) Reinhart and they had these children: Llewellyn, who married Annie Stein, and John Franklin.

John Franklin Angstadt attended the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School, and at the age of fourteen years was apprenticed to Charles D. Herman to learn the tailoring trade. He remained in Mr. Herman's employ for sixteen years, but in 1903 engaged in business on his own account, and in a few years has built up a large and profitable trade in his various lines. He is a young man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and possesses much business ability.

Mr. Angstadt was married April 4, 1894, to Katie Heffner, daughter of Henry and Tama (Hilbert) Heffner, and two children have been born to this union: Clarence Henry, and Esther R., who died Aug. 7, 1906, from an accident, aged four years, one month and twenty-one days.

WILLIAM BRUNNER, an enterprising and progressive young business man of Muhlenberg township, who is conducting the Temple Hotel, was born in 1877, in Muhlenberg township, son of Dallias Brunner.

Dallias Brunner married Ellen Phillips and a large family was born to them: Henry, deceased; Isaac; William; Charles; Edward; Anna; Katie; Mamie; and Ellen. During his active life Mr. Brunner was a day laborer, but is now living retired at No. 641 North Ninth street. Politically he is a Democrat and in religious belief a Lutheran.

William Brunner was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and when a lad engaged in laboring on a truck farm. Later he secured employment at the Temple Iron works, under Albert Broden, but subsequently became hostler at the Union House, Reading. He was for one year clerk at the Temple Hotel, under Mohr and Smith, for two and one-half years at John Northeimer's hotel in Reading, and for two years at John Mullett's hotel at Sixth and Buttonwood streets, Reading. After a short period at the Union House, under E. H. Gaul, Mr. Brunner went to Hamburg, and for one year conducted a hotel of his own, but returned to Reading and clerked in Weiler's Hotel for three years, after which he became proprietor of the Five Mile House for one and one-half years. From there he went to the City Hotel as clerk for Al Payne, but again engaged in the business on his own account, conducting the Mineral Spring Hotel for one year. On April 1, 1905, Mr. Brunner leased the William L. Graul hotel, at Temple, which he has conducted very successfully to the present time.

Mr. Brunner was married to Minnie Becker, daughter of Simpson Becker, and three children were born to this union: Edna, Earl and Willie, the latter of whom is deceased. In religious belief the family are Lutherans. In political matters he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is associated with the F. O. E., of Reading; Lamonita Tribe, I. O. R. M.; and Washington Camp No. 107, P. O. S. of A.

HENRY G. KISSINGER, a prominent agriculturist of Bern township, Berks county, where he was for a number of years well known as an educator, was born on the Kissinger homestead in Bern township, July 6, 1861, son of Henry G. and Angeline (Gruber) Kissinger.

Michael Kissinger, the great-grandfather of Henry G., was the ancestor of this family in Berks county. He owned a large tract of land in Bern township, between the Schuylkill river and the Tulpehocken creek, the land from Kissinger's bridge (also called Schuylkill Avenue bridge) to the Tulpehocken and all the land now embraced in Glenside being included in his property. At the time of his death, which occurred in the early part of 1791, he left a large estate, which he distributed equitably by will among his nine children, four of whom were sons and five daughters. Their names were: Michael, John, Abraham, Woolrich (Ulrich), Barbara Bricker, Mary, Catherine, Susanna and Eva Elizabeth. This pioneer's will is on record in Will Book 3, p. 160, and is a lengthy document, disposing of considerable land, bonds, money and personal property. It was made May 8, 1782, and was probated Feb. 12, 1791. He called himself a yeoman. His wife, Mary Catherine, was amply

provided for, and the land was distributed among the sons, the bonds being bequeathed to the daughters. He had made a draught of his lands, divided into four parts, known as A, B, C and D. Michael was given land in draught A, which included the dwelling of the ancestor; John was given land in draught B, according to its lines and boundaries; Abraham obtained the land in draught C, and Woolrich (Ulrich) received that part situated across the Tulpehocken in Cumru (now Spring) township, contained in the lines and boundaries of draught D. This land, a tract of 105 acres, Michael Kissinger bought from Anthony Morris. The testator bought two separate tracts of land in March, 1781, fom Casper Eggly, containing 260 acres, and this was included in his division to his sons. A document dated Jan. 16, 1769, relating to a court proceeding about damages sustained by Michael Kissinger, is on record in Deed Book, Vol. 13, p. 96. It appears that one Henry Fidler constructed a breast dam, which forced the water on Kissinger's land, for which he was awarded damages to the sum of forty pounds, which were paid by the aforesaid Henry Fidler. Michael Kissinger, Jr., made his will April 7, 1780, and it was entered for probate June 11, 1811, the executors being Jacob and Michael Kissinger. It is contained in Will Book A, p. 594. Abraham Kissinger, son of Michael the ancestor, died in 1833. His will is on record in Will Book 7, p. 162.

John Kissinger, the grandfather of Henry G. was born in Bern township in 1785, and died July 7, 1850, aged sixty-five years, three months, seventeen days. He cultivated his small tract in Bern township, and followed the butcher trade for many years, being familiarly known as "Butcher" Kissinger. He was married to Elizabeth Griess, born Dec. 25, 1785, who died Dec. 20, 1857, aged seventy-two years, less five days, and they had eleven children, as follows: Isaac, who died in Ohio; Daniel, who was unmarried; Gregorius, of Bern; John, of Reading; Solomon, of Epler's Church, Bern township; Henry G., Sr.; Esther, who died unmarried; Rebecca m. Bernhart Roth; Elizabeth, m. William Roth, brother of Bernhart; Jestina, m. Adam Moyer; and Catherine, m. William Greth.

Henry G. Kissinger, father of Henry G., was born Feb. 11, 1825, and died on his farm along the Tulpehocken in Bern township, Sept. 24, 1904, being buried at Alsace. He was born and reared on one of the old Kissinger homesteads, which originally comprised twenty-four acres, and there he later followed the trade of blacksmith in addition to farming. In politics he was a Democrat. A Lutheran in faith, he was a deacon and elder in Kissinger's Church. Feb. 12, 1857, Henry G. Kissinger was married to Angeline Gruber, who was born April 2, 1831, in Millcreek, Lebanon county, daughter of William and Lydia (Stamm) Gruber, and granddaughter of John and Anna M. (Losch) Gruber, of Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger had four children: Frank, born in the year 1857, married Elmira Maurer, who was born in 1858 and died in 1896; Rosa, born April 14, 1859, died June 27, 1859; Henry G.; William, of Reading, born June 9, 1864, married Annie Albright, by whom he has two children, Lizzie and Harry.

Henry G. Kissinger was reared to agricultural pursuits, and worked for his parents until after passing his thirtieth year. His early education was secured in Kissinger's school in Spring township, and after his parents removed to the homestead in Bern he attended the public schools there until sixteen years old, being licensed to teach in 1877, by Prof. S. A. Baer, superintendent of schools of Berks county. He taught his first term in Alsace township, and later attended Reading Academy, where he received instruction from the late Prof. D. B. Brunner. Still later he attended Oley Academy, which was in charge of Rev. D. E. Schoedler, after which he taught for nineteen consecutive terms in Bern and Spring townships. During this long period Prof. Kissinger became well known throughout this section of the State, and his reputation as an educator was an enviable one. For some time he was also a teacher at the Reading Night school, and displayed much tact and discipline in the handling of the pupils there. Mr. Kissinger is now devoting all of his time to agricultural pursuits, and since 1905 he has been located at Glenside. He is a prominent man of his community, and is a leading Democrat, having been a member of the school board of Bern township since 1898 and at present is secretary of that body, a position he has held since 1901. He has also been a delegate to numerous county conventions. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A. He and his family are members of Kissinger's Church, being connected with the Lutheran congregation, and Mr. Kissinger is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He resides on the homestead, and is the executor of the Henry G. Kissinger estate. He owns a residence in Reading, and several houses at Glenside, besides a number of building lots.

On Jan. 3, 1900, Prof. Kissinger was married to Eva A. Eyrich, daughter of the late Joshua and Sarah (Shirk) Eyrich, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Angeline Ruth.

SAMUEL H. MOSER, a well-known farmer and representative citizen of Bern township, residing on the old homestead, was born Dec. 24, 1862, in Penn township, near Garfield, Berks county.

Mr. Moser was about four months old when his parents settled on his fine farm. He attended the schools of Bern township and assisted his father as he grew older and when he reached manhood rented the farm for some nine years. In 1894 he purchased the property, which contains 160 acres of very valuable land. It is very favorably situated not far from West Leesport and extends on both sides of the highway. His handsome residence is situated on one side and his substantial barn and numerous other buildings are on the opposite side. He has made many improvements and has his land under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Moser was married (first) to Catharine G. Kauffman, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Ginn) Kauffman. They had three children: Lizzie, m. Henry Becker, residing at North Leesport; and Debbie and Edwin D., at home. Mrs. Moser died May 20, 1896, aged thirty-five years, one month and twenty-six days. She was buried at Epler's Church. Mr. Moser was married (second) to Helen Backenstone, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Marsh) Backenstone, of Centre township, and they have the following children: George D., Emma, Catharine, Herbert and William. Mr. Moser is a member of Epler's Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and as elder. He is a Democrat in his political views and has been one of the most active workers for his party in this section. He has served on the election board and since the adoption of the new law has served as treasurer of the Bern township road board. In 1900 he was elected to the school board and has always been interested in local educational affairs. He is substitute rural free delivery carrier No. 1 of West Leesport and was appointed by the regular carrier, J. L. Snyder. He has frequently attended county conventions armed with credentials as a delegate and is always faithful to the responsibilities entrusted to him. Fraternally he belongs to K. G. E. Castle No. 503, Leesport; P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 165; and Ontelaunee Council, No. 985, O. of I. A., Leesport.

ENOCH J. HEINLY, the well-known miller and farmer on the Sacony Creek, about three fourths of a mile northeast of Virginville, in Greenwich township, was born Nov. 15, 1848, on this place, son of Samuel and Mary (Dreibelbis) Heinly.

David Heinly, the great-grandfather of Enoch J., was born in the Fatherland, Oct. 17, 1728, and when about twenty-one years of age he and his brother, Matthew, emigrated to the New World. Soon after his coming to America, he apparently settled in Greenwich township, where many of his descendants live to this day. He died Oct. 3, 1784, at the age of fifty-six years, leaving two sons: J. George, born June 15, 1758, who died Aug. 27, 1840; and David.

David Heinly, son of David, was born June 27, 1765, and died May 26, 1825. He was a prominent man of his day and a soldier of the War of 1812, doing service at York. His children were: Captain George, 1796-1869; Jacob D., 1798-1875; David, 1799-1863; Catherine, 1803-1869, m. Nathan Hoch; John D., 1805-1880; and Samuel.

Samuel Heinly, father of Enoch J., was born Aug. 6, 1808, and died Feb. 21, 1884. In 1863 he and his brother George built Heinly's mill on the Sacony, and profitably operated it in partnership until 1866, when Samuel bought his brother's interest and continued the business until the time of his death. He was possessed of considerable property and was prominently identified with the success of his community. He was well and favorably known and he and his family were leading members of the Dunkel's Church in Greenwich township, of which he served as an official member for many years. He married Mary Dreibelbis, daughter of Jacob Dreibelbis, and to them were born children as follows: Maria, July 19, 1837, who died July 17, 1902, m. David L. Heinly, of Reading, Pa.; Florenda, Aug. 13, 1838, died Jan. 22, 1869; Catherine, Feb. 6, 1840, m. Samuel Fegley; Esther, Feb. 27, 1841, m. John W. Adam; Amelia, Oct. 18, 1841, m. Henry W. Dietrich; Enoch J.; and Theresa, Oct. 18, 1852, m. Alfred Fink.

Enoch J. Heinly was reared on his father's farm, and obtained a liberal education in the schools of his district and at the Freeland Seminary, at Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa. He has owned and successfully operated Heinly's mill since 1903, having purchased it from the estate of Samuel Fegley, who had operated it since 1885. The mill is a well known landmark. He also owns the Heinly homestead, which lies in the southeastern end of Greenwich township along the famous and historical Sacony creek and consists of 108 acres of the most fertile and productive soil of the township. It is a valuable property, having large, modern, substantial buildings, and the latest improved machinery. Mr. Heinly is a heavy tax payer of the township and a man of influence and public spirit. He and his family are members of the New Jerusalem (Dunkel's) Church, being of the Lutheran denomination. He served his church as elder for many years, and has been a liberal supporter. He is a kindly, Christian gentleman, and has many friends in his community, who recognize and appreciate his many sterling traits of character.

Mr. Heinly was married May 19, 1872, to Catherine A. Dietrich, daughter of George B. and Magdalena (Heinly) Dietrich, granddaughter of Johann Christian and Elizabeth (Georg) Dietrich, and great-granddaughter of Adam and Maria Magdalena (Steinbruch) Dietrich, who in 1767 came from the Palatinate in the Fatherland. To this union there were born children as follows: (1) George S. m. Mary L. Sonday, daughter of William Sonday, and has three children, Elda, Alma and George, Jr.; (2) Charles E. m. Bertha Dietrich, daughter of Emanuel J. Dietrich, and has two children, Raymond J. and a baby girl; and (3) Harvey L. and (4) James E., at home. In politics Mr. Heinly is a Democrat, and has been a frequent delegate to county conventions.

GEORGE F. HUY, station agent and dealer in coal and lumber at Lenhartsville, Greenwich township, where he owns a beautiful residence, was born in Maiden-creek township, Aug. 18, 1849, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Fegley) Huy, and grandson of Abram Huy.

Isaac Huy, father of George F., was born in 1800 and died in 1853. He married Elizabeth Fegley, who died in 1850, the daughter of the Hon. S. Fegley, who represented his county in the State Legislature continuously from 1837 to 1851. To Mr. and Mrs. Huy there were born five children: Samuel, born in 1841, m. (first) Susanna Rothermel and (second) Isabella Robinson, and lives at Hamburg, Pa.; Abram, 1843, m. Emma Dunkel and resides at Blandon, Pa.; Catherine, 1845, m. Nathan Fisher and lives at Hamburg; Mordecai, 1847, m. (first) Miss Moll and (second) Charlotte Heinly, and lives in Windsor township; and George F.

George F. Huy was educated in the public schools of his native township, the Keystone State Normal school and Eastman's Business College, from which he was graduated. In 1873 he located at Lenhartsville, where he is the oldest man in point of service on the Berks & Lehigh railroad, having been there since the building of the railroad. At the same time he opened a coal and lumber yard, which he has ever since conducted with much success. When Lenhartsville was incorporated into a borough, Mr. Huy was the first choice of his fellow townsmen for the office of chief burgess. He has for some time been a member of the town council, has served as school director, and in many ways has aided in the progress and development of his township. He is a man of excellent character, and is held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is a member of Friedens Lutheran congregation, which worships in the Union Church at Lenhartsville. Mr. Huy's beautiful home at Lenhartsville is surrounded by a large, well-kept lawn.

In 1873 George F. Huy was married to Clara Merkel, born May 11, 1850, daughter of George and Anna (Rann) Merkel. She died Oct. 16, 1881, having been the mother of two daughters: Lizzie Magdalena, born Jan. 28, 1876, who died May 8, 1878; and Mamie, born May 3, 1879, who died Dec. 20, 1885. Mr. Huy was married (second) to Anna W. Adams, born Jan. 10, 1845, daughter of John Adams, of Richmond township, and her death occurred Oct. 1, 1902. Mr. Huy's third marriage was to Anna M. Moll, daughter of A. B. Moll, born at Hamburg in 1874.

ALFRED BAVER, of Greenwich township, who owns and operates an excellent farm of 154 acres, was born Feb. 4, 1864, in Perry township, son of Samuel and Lydia (Focht) Baver.

Christopher Baver, grandfather of Alfred, was a resident of Perry township, and married Susan Boyer, by whom he had these children: John, Polly, Elizabeth, Joseph, Samuel, Daniel (1825-1899), Anna and Amelia. Polly married Daniel Miller, of Port Clinton, and is the holder of the family records.

Samuel Baver, who was also a native of Perry township, was born in 1820 and died in 1898. He married Lydia Focht, who was born in 1818 and died in 1901, and they had the following children: Elias m. Elizabeth Spohn; John, m. Mary Dietrich; Samuel, m. Cordelia Smith; Emma m. Samuel Himby; Amelia m. William Lenhart; Ellen m. Milton Reeser; and Alfred S.

Alfred Baver has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, and now owns a fine property of 154 acres, upon which is situated a large stone house, surrounded by a spacious, well-kept lawn, and other buildings, including a large wood and stone bank barn. Mr. Baver has always been actively interested in township matters, and has served as tax collector, register, assessor and delegate to county conventions. He is a member of Friedens Lutheran congregation of Lenhartsville.

In 1886 Mr. Baver was married to Susan Boyer, and they have the following named children: Edna, a successful school teacher, who obtained her training in the Keystone State Normal school; Leon, born in 1891; Percy, 1893; and Merkie, 1904.

Jacob Boyer, the grandfather of Mrs. Baver, was born July 11, 1780, and died in 1856, and his wife, Sarah (Balthauser) Boyer, was born in 1778 and died in 1862. Their son Daniel, Mrs. Baver's father, was born in 1823 and died in 1904. He married Mary Miller, born in 1828, who died in 1896, daughter of William and Mary (Keller) Miller, the former of whom died in 1873 and the latter in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer had these children: Susan m. Mr. Baver; William m. Diana Appel and has three children, Wilson, Calvin and Morris; John; and Elias m. Anna Focht and has one daughter, Laura, the wife of William Albert.

JAMES M. GAUL, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg, was born March 10, 1855, in Spring township, this county,

and has lived in Lower Heidelberg since he was ten years old.

John Gaul, great-grandfather of James M., was born in 1739 and died in 1767. He was married to Barbara Arbogast, and by her had seven sons, of whom Christian was the sixth. The great-great-grandfather was Henry Gaul.

Christian Gaul, of Cumru, grandfather of James M. Gaul, was a farmer. He was born in 1781, married Mary Kissinger, and by her had six children: Christian did not marry; Abraham m. Mary Texter; Jacob m. Mary Huyett; Reuben m. Elizabeth Marshall; Mary m. Elijah Ruth; and Hannah m. Adam Hain.

Reuben Gaul, father of James M. Gaul, was brought up in Cumru township, and carried on farming in Lower Heidelberg from 1865 until 1887. He married Elizabeth Marshall, a daughter of David Marshall, of Spring, and they had ten children: David m. Mary Huyett; Frank m. Mary Buck; Henry m. Mary Ruth; James M. has mention further on; Mary m. Frank Fister; and five died young.

As previously stated, James M. Gaul was ten years old when his parents moved to Lower Heidelberg. He was educated in the township schools and at the Palatinate College in Myerstown. Upon leaving school he assisted his father on the farm until 1887, when he engaged in farming for himself and has continued to follow that calling until the present time. Besides his farming operations he has dealt quite extensively in live stock, more especially hogs, selling large numbers several times a year. He served as a school director of the township for six years.

Mr. Gaul was married to Kate D. Huzzard, a daughter of William Huzzard, of Reading, and granddaughter of Rudolf Huzzard. William Huzzard was a clerk in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company at Reading for many years, and died in 1867. He was married to Catharine L. Bechtel, daughter of Daniel Bechtel, of Cumru, and by her had one child, Kate, Mrs. Gaul. To Mr. and Mrs. Gaul were born two children: William R., who married Lillie Snader, a daughter of Tobias B. Snader, of Lancaster county, and is now residing at Robesonia, in Berks county; and one that died young.

DR. H. ECKERT MORRET, a successful medical practitioner located at Wernersville, Lower Heidelberg township, and one of the town's leading and representative citizens, was born June 1, 1879, at Douglassville, Berks Co., Pa., son of Benjamin Franklin and Clara C. (Herman) Morret.

The Morret family, which is one of the oldest and most honored in Pennsylvania, is of patrician rank and the name occurs among immigrants to America, compiled from *The Nobility of Normandy*, date A. D. 1688. In Claude D. du Maigney's *Science of Heraldry*, a very fine work and authority on the French nobility, published in 1856 in Paris, the name Morret also appears. Jean Dedier and Matthieu Morrett, brothers, came to Berks county, Pa., in 1757, the former of whom was the direct ancestor of Dr. H. Eckert Morret, and was buried in Lower Berks county, where he had lived.

Samuel Morret, son of Jean Dedier Morrett, and great-grandfather of the Doctor, was a farmer of Cumberland county, where he died about 1831, ripe in years. His wife passed away in 1860, when ninety years of age, having been the mother of three children: Samuel, the grandfather of Dr. H. Eckert; and John and George, who lived and died in Cumberland county.

Samuel Morret, son of Samuel, was a native of Cumberland county, where he became a general merchant and a prominent and successful man. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried at Circleville, Ohio. Mr. Morret was married to Mary Grabille, who was born in Adams county, Pa., and she bore him seven children, as follows: William resides at Muncie, Ind.; Caroline m. Jacob Throne, of Circleville, Ohio; Mary m. McKinney Smith, a farmer of near Waynesport, Lycoming Co., Pa.; Julia m. Jacob G. Leber, of Manheim, Pa.; Lida m. John G. Oliver, of Circleville, Ohio; Rusetta died in infancy; and Benjamin F.

Benjamin Franklin Morret was born June 29, 1842, at Churchtown, Cumberland Co., Pa., and received his education in the common schools of Carlisle and Wrightsville, Pa., and Circleville, Ohio. At the age of fourteen years he learned the coach-making trade at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., an occupation which he pursued for one and one-half years. When the Civil war broke out, he enlisted at Circleville, for a term of three years, in Co. C, 15th Reg., O. V. I., 3d Brigade, 3d Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. He was wounded by a musket ball in the right hip, Dec. 31, 1862, during the battle of Stone River, and after recovery was sent as drill sergeant to Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., where he drilled recruits and formed them into companies, a work which he continued until the end of his service. He received his honorable discharge with the rank of sergeant at Newport, R. I., Sept. 16, 1864.

After the close of his services to his country, Mr. Morret embarked in the iron business, renting Dowling Forge at Dowling, Chester county, where he continued two years, employing thirty men. He then went to the falls of French Creek for three years, and subsequently conducted the Union Forge, now called Lickdale, for four years. In 1878 he erected a forge at Douglassville, which he operated successfully for twelve years, employing sixty people, and in 1891 he built the Hamburg Vitrified Brick Works at Hamburg, in company with A. Howard Merritt and George W. Raudenbush. This he operated six years and then sold his interests to the Mack Brothers of Philadelphia. For three years Mr. Morret lived retired at Hamburg, but in 1900 he located at No. 40 North Sixth street, Reading, where he has since been extensively engaged in a real estate business.

In 1875 Benjamin F. Morret was married to Clara C. Herman, and one son was born to this union: Dr. H. Eckert. Mrs. Morret was a daughter of Rev. Augustus Herman, of Reading, Pa., who erected the old St. John's Church at Hamburg, and preached there for many years.

Dr. H. Eckert Morret received his education in the common schools of his native locality and the Hamburg high school, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1899, being class orator. He then entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1903, at which time he was elected resident physician of the St. Joseph Hospital, Reading, where he remained one year. Selecting Wernersville as the field of his professional labor, Dr. Morret soon built up a large and lucrative practice, extending over a radius of twenty miles and including considerable practice in Reading. He is a general practitioner and has been very successful in his treatment of many complicated cases, giving most careful attention to his patients and sparing himself in no way when life or health are in the balance. Thus Dr. Morret has won the confidence and affection of the community. He is a member of Wernersville Lodge No. 835, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp No. 199, and William Penn Commandery No. 8, of the P. O. S. of A.; and Maccabees of the World, of which he is examining physician of his district of Berks county.

On Feb. 7, 1907, Dr. Morret was united in marriage with Mary M. Schaeffer, of Wernersville, Pa., and they make their home in a desirable residence on Main Street.

JOHANNES KOCH, a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, came to America with a regiment of Hessian soldiers, who fought against the United Colonies during the struggle of the latter for their freedom from British tyranny. These Hessians were imprisoned at Mount Penn, at Reading. After their release, at the close of the war, many of them decided to remain in this country, as they could see it was a fair and good one, and among these were Johannes Koch and one Daniel Texter. They married women of Berks county and settled in the South Mountains in Lower Heidelberg township, where they secured land which they improved and cultivated and on

which they lived out honest, virtuous lives. Both reared generous families and their descendants reside in Lower Berks County and at Reading, many of them being among the most substantial citizens of their localities. The children of these pioneers married and intermarried and many of them still live in the same community and retain the old plantations.

Johannes Koch was a weaver by trade and this business he taught to all of his five sons. In addition he conducted his small farm, which is now embraced in the property of his great-grandson, Franklin Koch, of Lower Heidelberg township. He was a tall, well-built, raw-boned man, robust and exceedingly strong, and his sons and grandsons inherited his great stature along with his sterling honesty and persevering industry. He was noted for a kindness of heart that also distinguishes his descendants to the present generation. In religious belief he was a Lutheran. His burial took place at the St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. His family consisted of five sons and four daughters. (1) Stophel m. Elizabeth Texter and had no children. (2) Molly m. a Mr. Auchenbach. (3) John m. Maria Bergman. (4) Jacob m. a Miss Neff, and settled and died in Lancaster county, their children being, Frederick, Lewis, John, Catherine, Matilda and Mary. (5) Maria m. John Getz and they lived at Schoeneck, Lancaster county. (6) Susanna m. Benjamin Weidner and they lived at Ephrata, Lancaster county. (7) Christian, who was born in the South Mountains, Dec. 25, 1803, died there Oct. 7, 1875, in his seventy-second year. (8) Frederick m. Betsy Killian and they lived at Blainsport, rearing two children: Levi; and Betsey, who married Jacob Harding. (9) Elizabeth m. David Intzel and accompanied him to Ohio.

Christian Koch, of the above family, was a weaver by trade and owned a farm of seventy-four acres. Here he built a set of buildings which have since been torn down with the exception of the old log house which is used by his grandson and family as a wash house. Christian Koch was a member of St. Daniel's Church and served as deacon and elder. He was twice married, (first) to Mary Getz, who died July 10, 1838. They had two children: Mary, who married Richard Wenrich, and Catherine, who married Nathaniel Wenrich. He was married (second) to Hannah Hassler, a daughter of Sebastian and a granddaughter of Philip Hassler, of Heidelberg, and to this union were born three sons: Adam and Isaac, twins; and Franklin. Adam lived at Wernersville and Isaac lived at Reading. Franklin Koch was born Feb. 21, 1852, on the homestead in the South Mountains which he now owns and operates. In 1891 he erected the present substantial barn, and in the following year the house. In 1874 he married Malinda Hartline and they had children as follows: Henry, Eva Ann, Aaron, Ellen, Levi and Irwin.

John, second son of Johannes was a charcoal burner and in time was able to purchase a small farm. His entire life from 1795 to 1873, was passed in the South Mountains. He and his wife, Maria, had nine children, Annie, John, Jacob, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Joseph and Peter. John B. Koch, son of John and grandson of Johannes Koch, was born Dec. 14, 1821, in Lower Heidelberg township. With his father he learned the cooper trade and followed this until he was of age, when he was married to Sarah Hassler, daughter of Sebastian and Polly (Beck) Hassler, of South Mountains. They lived at Middle Creek, in Lancaster county, for four years, where he was a general laborer, after which he worked at his trade for seven years. For the next sixteen years he engaged in farming in Lancaster county and then purchased land in Lower Heidelberg township and lived on it for several years. He then resumed farming on his father's land in the South Mountains. After the death of his father he purchased the farm near Wernersville now owned by Albert Gehart and on that he lived for ten years and there his first wife died. After remaining a widower for several years he was married a second time and then bought land near Blainsport, in Lancaster county, where they lived for ten years, until the second wife died. Mr. Koch then sold that farm and made his home with his son Samuel. Although Mr. Koch is in the latter eighties he needs neither spectacles nor staff. He is, like his ancestors, tall and well built and remarkably preserved and in his prime could lift a barrel of cider unassisted with ease. He had no children born to his second union, but six were born to his first marriage: Mary m. Andrew Gauner of Lebanon; Samuel; Sebastian, deceased, who was buried at Hokendauqua, Pa.; twin daughters who died young; and Sarah m. Martin Texter.

SAMUEL KOCH, a resident of Lower Heidelberg township, was born Nov. 15, 1848, at Middle Creek, Lancaster county, a son of John, a grandson of John and a great-grandson of Johannes Koch, the ancestor of the family. He was reared on the farm and lived there until he was twenty-five years old, after which he worked in a stone quarry for about twelve years, opening one at Wernersville and another between Manheim and Lititz, in Lancaster county. Mr. Koch is very versatile and if he had been forced to do so could have earned a good living at a half dozen employments. For two years he worked at shoemaking near Wernersville, then employed himself at various kinds of labor for a time and for seven years dealt successfully in cattle, handling from 300 to 400 head a year. In 1903 he took charge of the Hain's grist mill in Lower Heidelberg township, which he conducted until the spring of 1908. During this time he made a specialty of manufacturing two brands of flour which found a ready sale throughout this district and Reading, the *Young America* and the *White Rose*. After leaving the mill he retired to his own farm in Heidelberg township.

In 1874 Mr. Koch was married to Catherine Long, a daughter of Jacob Long, of Penn township, and to them have been born the following children: Irwin, m. Mattie Lutz and is a prosperous farmer residing near Albany, Ill.; Henry, residing at Robesonia, m. Kate Bierman; William T., also residing at Robesonia, m. Matilda Greth; Reily, also of Robesonia, m. Gertrude Fox; John L., living at Robesonia, m. Bessie Putt; and Nora and George both reside at home.

With his family, Mr. Koch attends the Hain's Reformed Church. In every relation of life he is respected and esteemed and may be justly considered as a representative of the best type of citizen to be found in Berks county.

GEORGE W. MARKS, an enterprising young business man of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, who is engaged in blacksmithing at Lorah, was born Sept. 17, 1872, in Spring township, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hatt) Marks.

The great-grandfather of George W. Marks was a resident of Lebanon county and the father of a number of children, among whom were: Christian; Molly, who m. Daniel Umbenhauer; George, who was a resident of Bern township; and Hannah, who died unmarried. Christian Marks, grandfather of George W., was born in Lebanon county in about 1806, and after a long and useful life spent at laboring, died in 1890, being buried in the Sinking Spring Church burial ground. He was married to Sarah Stahl, of Womelsdorf, and they had five children: John, who is buried at Sinking Spring Church; Lovina, who m. Isaac Hoster, of Reading; Jonathan; Aaron; and Adam, of Montello.

Jonathan Marks, father of George W., was born Nov. 18, 1831, at Womelsdorf, and there as a young man learned the trade of tinsmith, which he followed regularly for nine years, and off and on for the major part of his life. He also engaged in farming in Heidelberg, Spring and Cumru townships. In 1900 he removed from Heidelberg township to Montello, where he now lives retired. Mr. Marks was married to Elizabeth Hatt, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Ortz) Hatt, and to this union there have been born the following children: Emma, who died young; John, of Wernersville; Adeline, m. to Joseph Wenrich; Katie, m. to John Bitler; Frank, a hatter of Montello; George W.; Annie, m. to Howard Kalbach; and Ellen, deceased, who m. Michael Kintzer.

George W. Marks worked upon his father's farm until reaching the age of nineteen years, at which time he learned the blacksmith trade from John S. Bitler, of Lorah, for whom he worked nine years. At the end of that time he purchased his employer's business. In 1903 he bought the blacksmith shop, brick residence and thirteen acres of land, and here he has continued to reside to the present time. He is an excellent mechanic, and his fairness and honesty in business transactions have won him the trade of the community within a radius of three miles, as well as the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen. In politics Mr. Marks is a stanch Democrat. He and his family attend Hain's Reformed Church, of which he is now serving as deacon.

On Aug. 27, 1902, Mr. Marks was married to Hattie Parson, the estimable daughter of William and Maria (Greth) Parson, residents of Lower Heidelberg township, near Lorah. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marks, namely: Paul E. and Marvin G.

DANIEL J. REINIGER, one of the well known residents of Lower Alsace township, Berks county, who is extensively engaged in truck farming and wine manufacturing, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1856, son of George L. and Anna Maria (Mayer) Reiniger.

The grandfather of Daniel J. Reiniger was a wine manufacturer and stone mason of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was married and had six children: George L. John, who emigrated to America and settled at Douglassville, Berks Co., Pa., later bought a farm near Stony Creek and died aged eighty-two years, his wife surviving him until eighty-nine years of age; they had six daughters and two sons. Sophia, who married John Goll, died in 1874, in Wurtemberg, her husband having passed away the year previous, after which their four children emigrated to America. Catherine died unmarried after emigrating to America in 1873. Margaret died at the age of eighteen years. Daniel, who emigrated to America, settled first at Douglassville, Pa., and later in 1860 went to Ohio, where he died, leaving nine children.

George L. Reiniger was born Oct. 11, 1814, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and in 1857 emigrated to America, settling at Douglassville, Pa., from whence he went to Unionville and then in 1859 to Lower Alsace township, where the remainder of his life was spent. His home there was purchased in 1863. Mr. Reiniger was married to Anna Maria Mayer, daughter of John and Maria Mayer, and to them the following children were born: Caroline died in infancy. Sophia, who married Henry Reich, both now deceased, had nine children, Lizzie, Henry, Katie, John, Mary, George (deceased), Daniel, George and an unnamed infant; six are living. Caroline (2) died in infancy. Lizzie died when nineteen years of age. Mary, who married Augustus Saltzman, both now deceased, had two sons, Augustus and Charles, of Reading. Frederick died in infancy. John L. was a resident of the old homestead, where he died at the age of fifty years, leaving five children, George L., Amelia, Mary, Rose and Frank. Daniel died in infancy. Daniel J.

Daniel J. Reiniger was one year old when the family emigrated to America and his education was secured in the common schools of Berks county. He assisted his parents until his marriage, since which time he has been engaged in truck farming and wine manufacturing. He gives his special attention to the latter, making about 8,000 gallons annually.

On April 29, 1879, Mr. Reiniger was married to Agnes Eppler, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Luppold) Eppler, and to this union there have been born eight children: Anna Maria, Elizabeth, William, Emma, John, Daniel, Agnes and Esther, all living at home.

The family are members of Kuendig's Lutheran Church of Reading. In politics Mr. Reiniger is a Democrat, and he has served as school director, declining nomination to other offices.

THOMAS STEIGERWALD, a prominent farmer and wine grower of Lower Alsace township, whose fine residence is situated near the Gravity Railroad, on Mount Penn, was born in 1831 on his father's homestead in Unter-Franken, Bavaria, Germany, son of Michael and Magdalena (Seaman) Steigerwald.

Michael and Magdalena Steigerwald were both born at Unter-Franken, and were the parents of eight children, two of whom died young. Eva m. Martin Wright, and both died in Germany leaving one son, who now resides in Reading. Adam, who emigrated to America after serving his time in the army, m. Lucinda Bower, and they resided for a time in Cincinnati, O., but subsequently located in Reading, where both died. John, who emigrated to America in 1847 with one of his sisters, m. Sarah Bower, and they reside in Lower Alsace township. Thomas. Margarita, who came to America with Thomas in 1849, m. Sebastian Smith, and resides at Chestnut and Maple streets, in Reading, her husband having passed away twelve years ago. Catherine, who came to America with her brother John in 1847, m. John Eiler, and both are deceased.

Thomas Steigerwald came to America at the age of eighteen years with his sister Margarita and brother Adam, and settled near Reading. For some time he conducted a bakery at Fourth and Penn streets, in that city, but subsequently embarked in agricultural pursuits, and became one of the leading agriculturists and wine growers of this section of Berks county. In politics Mr. Steigerwald is a Democrat in the true sense of the word, always voting for the candidate whom he deems best fitted to fill the office. His first Presidential vote was cast in 1856, in favor of James Buchanan. With his family he attends the Catholic Church.

Mr. Steigerwald was married to Barbara Silberman, daughter of David and Margaretta Silberman, and to this union there have been born four children: Anthony, who resides in the West; Catherine, who is a Sister and a teacher in the Catholic schools; Margaret, who is unmarried and resides at home; and Sarah, who is also a Sister and teacher in the Catholic schools.

BENJAMIN GRAEFF, one of Heidelberg township's venerable citizens, who for some years before his death, which occurred in August, 1909, lived retired from active pursuits, was born Aug. 8, 1823, in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stamm) Graeff.

Jacob Graeff, the progenitor of the numerous Berks county family, was a native of Germany, who emigrated to Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he died in the winter of 1806. He owned upwards of 200 acres of land and left a large estate to his children. He and his wife, Catherine Margaretha Kindt, are buried at St. Peter's Church in Richmond township. They had these children: Abraham obtained the old homestead; Sebastian, John and Jacob each received 200 pounds in lawful money of Pennsylvania; Eva Maria, m. Jacob Murria; Elizabeth m. Adam Kindt; and Catherine m. Jacob Trowitz, each of the daughters receiving 150 pounds of lawful money of Pennsylvania; and Rosina, who married a Miller, by whom she had three children,—Rosina, Susanna and Hannah, all of whom were provided for in the will. Abraham Graeff, of the above family, lived on the homestead for some years, where he carried on farming, and later removed to Reading, where he died. He was married to a Miss Kieffer, and they had two children: Isaac and Abraham.

Jacob Graeff, grandfather of Benjamin, was born in 1762, and died in 1841. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned a tract of 180 acres near Gernand's Church, where he is buried. He married Rosina Adam, and to them were born the following children: Jacob, a farmer of Maiden-creek, who married and died at Reading; Daniel, who died unmarried; Samuel; John, a farmer of Maiden-creek, buried at Gernand's Church; Isaac, who was a farmer on the homestead; Solomon, a farmer of Upper Tulpehocken township; Elizabeth, who died unmarried

and is buried at Gernand's Church; and Sallie, whose husband's name is not known.

Samuel Graeff, father of Benjamin, was born in Maiden-creek township, Nov. 17, 1793, and died Sept. 11, 1876, in Centre township, in which district he settled after his marriage. He owned a farm at the Belleman's Church, where the cemetery is now situated, his tract consisting of 136 acres. He erected a house in 1849 upon the farm on which his son, Isaac, lived until after his marriage. He was a prosperous man, a good, useful citizen and a member of the Reformed congregation, of Belleman's Union Church, of which he was deacon and elder. He married Elizabeth Stamm, born on Jan. 27, 1797, who died on Sept. 26, 1877, daughter of Nicholas Stamm, and they had seven children: Mary, who died young; Benjamin; Isaac, who lives on the homestead in Centre township; Catherine, m. John Faust, of Reading; Sarah, m. Elias Kreider of Bern township; Samuel, deceased, who was a farmer of Centre township; Anna Eliza m. John Haak. The parents are buried at Belleman's Church.

Benjamin Graeff was educated in Bern township in the pay schools of his day, at Belleman's Church, and for a short time at the Quaker meeting house in Maiden-creek township. He attended an English school a short time only, but later educated himself in various ways, and became well informed on general topics of the day. Until twenty-three years old he worked for his parents, but in 1853 he began operating for himself in Centre township, on his father's farm, continuing farming until 1882. In 1860 he located in North Heidelberg township, but in 1872 purchased his late home, a tract of 113 acres, where he afterward resided. Since 1890 his farm has been tenanted by his son Samuel, and prior to that time was occupied by his son James. Fine limestone is found on this farm in great quantities, and in addition to carrying on agricultural pursuits, the Graeffs sell hundreds of bushels of lime yearly, having four lime kilns.

Mr. Graeff was a Democrat in politics, and served as delegate to various conventions. He was honest and upright in dealings with his fellow men, and had the respect and confidence of the community to a large degree. With his family he belonged to St. Paul's Church, of Robesonia, though previously he was a member of the Corner Church of Robesonia, as well as of North Heidelberg church, in both of which he was an official.

Mr. Graeff was married Jan. 9, 1847, to Magdalena Ludwig, born Jan. 6, 1824, who died Feb. 12, 1899, and was buried at Corner Church. To this union there were born children as follows: Annie, deceased, born April 23, 1848, m. Jonathan Stump, and died Oct. 24, 1902; Allison, born Dec. 4, 1849, died Feb. 10, 1862; Mary, born in October, 1851, died Feb. 11, 1862; James L., born Feb. 5, 1856, is a farmer in Spring township; and Samuel, born July 5, 1868, m. Ellen Keeny, farms upon the homestead, and has three children, Milton, May and Laura.

WILLIAM S. KURTZ, an enterprising young business man of Berks county, who is carrying on a successful flour and feed business at Womelsdorf, was born Aug. 31, 1870, at Womelsdorf, son of Samuel and Eve Ann (Arnold) Kurtz.

Stephen Kurtz, the ancestor of the numerous Berks county family, was born in Switzerland, where he lived all of his life. Among his children were two sons, Johannes and Christian, who came to America, the latter a number of years prior to the former. He located in Tulpehocken township, where he was a taxable in 1759, paying three pounds federal tax in that year. He had a son, Stephen, now buried near Moyerstown, north of the pike. These pioneers were of the Amish faith, were devout in their worship, and good, upright citizens.

Johannes Kurtz, son of Stephen of Switzerland, and great-great-grandfather of William S., was a native of Switzerland and came to America in the ship *Anderson*, landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 27, 1752, being a resident of the Northkill in 1757. His great-grandson James, who lives on the old homestead, has a large book printed at Ephrata, Pa., in which is printed in good German the name of the ancestor and the date, 1757. He owned one farm of 206 acres, which he acquired in 1764, having purchased it from Adam Losh (Lesh), whose father Johan Losh erected a house on the old homestead in 1753. This house, which is of stone, is in good condition today, and the wall will be good for another century. This land Johannes Kurtz, in about 1780, divided in two tracts, the deeds therefor calling for 101 and 120 acres respectively, the difference being due to the provincial authorities allowing six per cent for roads and other improvements. The inscription on his tomb-stone in the private burial ground on the homestead reads: "Denkmal von Johannes Kurtz. Er war geboren in Europe in der Schweitz und storb im April 1796 alt 74 Yahre." His wife, Betty Rickenbach, died in February, 1796, aged seventy-three years, and was the mother of these children: Jacob, who settled in the vicinity of Ephrata, Lancaster county, had three children,—John, Jacob and Nancy, m. to John Kurtz, of another branch of the family in Cumru township, who founded Kurtz House; John also settled in Lancaster county; Stephen lived on one of the homesteads for some years and then removed to Mifflin county, where he died; Adam; and Mrs. John Forney lived in Ontelaunee township.

Adam Kurtz, the great-grandfather of William S., was born on the old Kurtz homestead in Marion township, Sept. 4, 1768, and died Aug. 3, 1852, aged eighty-three years, ten months, twenty-nine days. He was a farmer on the homestead, was a well-known and substantial citizen, and as each of his children became of age he gave them farms. His wife was Anna Mast, born Dec. 11, 1773, who died Jan. 9, 1842, aged sixty-eight years, twenty-nine days, and they had seven children, as follows: (1) Jacob died unmarried. (2) David m. Susan Hettinger and had five children,—Abraham, Samuel, David, Sarah and Lydia. (3) John (1800-1870), m. Margaret Field, and had eight children,—Mary, Rebecca, Matilda Leah, Lovina, John, Elias, Reuben and Samuel. (4) Samuel. (5) Elizabeth m. John Koenig, of near Rickenbach Station. (6) Jonathan m. Molly Koenig and had three children,—Adam, Eliza and Rebecca. (7) Magdalena m. David Kurtz and lived along the Susquehanna, in Upper Pennsylvania.

Samuel Kurtz, grandfather of William S., was born Sept. 25, 1804, and died March 18, 1876. He attended the old German pay schools, where the Psalter and New Testament were the text books, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of a nice farm of nearly 100 acres in Marion township, and there his death occurred, his burial taking place on the private burial ground of the family, where five generations are buried. In 1828 Mr. Kurtz was married to Sarah Rickenbach, born Sept. 25, 1799, who died Nov. 18, 1875, and they had these children: Levi, who died in 1893, in his sixty-third year, had these children,—Amanda, George, James, John, Sallie and Levi; Jacob lives in Des Moines, Ia.; William and James (born Feb. 18, 1838) live on the homestead, which they own jointly with Samuel; Samuel; and Amanda m. John Kintzer (both now deceased) and had these children,—Samuel, John, Robert, Sallie and Annie.

Samuel Kurtz, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 29, 1841, in Marion township, Berks county. Until he was twenty-one years old he worked on the farm, and then learned the milling trade in Womelsdorf, an occupation which he followed until 1907, in which year he retired. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Democrat, was burgess in 1884 and served as councilman for three years, and has always shown a lively interest in public matters and movements for the public good. He is one of the substantial men of his community, where he wields considerable influence. In 1869 Mr. Kurtz was married to Eve Ann Arnold, born Jan. 12, 1850, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Stettler) Arnold, of Womelsdorf, and to this union two children have been born: William S., and Arnold R., born June 7, 1876, who died July 16, 1876. Although a part owner of the old homestead, Mr. Kurtz makes his home in his fine residence on High street, Wom-

elsdorf, and is also the owner of a residence property on Franklin street, in the same borough.

William S. Kurtz was educated in the township schools, which he left at an early age to learn the stove moulding trade with the Lebanon Stove Works, an occupation which he followed for seven years at Lebanon and eight years at Womelsdorf. In 1903 he engaged in the flour, feed and confectionery business, which he has followed to the present time, with gratifying success. He has displayed more than ordinary ability in handling his business affairs, and the scope of his operations is constantly increasing. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Woodmen's Protective Association of Womelsdorf. He and his family are members of Zion's Union Church of Womelsdorf.

In 1892 Mr. Kurtz was married to Mary C. Kintzer, daughter of Isaac Y. and Elvina (Smith) Kintzer, the former of whom was the warden of the Berks county prison for a number of years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz, namely: Ruth E., born Nov. 17, 1892, who died March 29, 1895; and Edith E. Mr. Kurtz has his place of business on High street, while his residence is situated on Franklin street. He is a popular member of Womelsdorf Fire Company.

JOHN W. FISHER, a resident of Douglassville and one of its representative men, was born in Chester county, North Coventry township, Oct. 19, 1849, a son of Evans Fisher, grandson of Jacob Fisher and great-grandson of Henry Fisher.

(I) Henry Fisher was a carpenter and lived near Port Union, in Chester county, where he died. He is buried at Shenkels church. The following were his children: Nicholas, John Henry, Levi, Jacob, Samuel and Sarah, m. John Ammons. The Fishers nearly all were carpenters and lived in the vicinity of Port Union. The early generations were Episcopalians, but the latter ones became Baptists and Methodists.

(II) Jacob Fisher, son of Henry, lived nearly all his life in the vicinity of Douglassville, in Union township, Berks county, where he worked as a laborer. He died at the age of seventy-three, and is buried at Shenkels church, in North Coventry township, Chester county. His wife was Rebecca Shenkel, who died at the age of ninety, and came of a large and influential family of Upper Chester county. These children were born to Jacob Fisher and wife: Susanna Willaner, who still lives at Linfield, Montgomery county, with her son-in-law Jacob Gauger, and is over ninety; Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Sheradin; Mary Ann m. Mahlon Wessner, both deceased; Rebecca, deceased, m. Mr. Jones; Ann; Evans; Isabella, who married (first) George Potts, and (second) David W. Pennick, and who is still living in Reading, eighty-two years old and blind; Jacob, who died at Fricks Locks in Chester county; John, who died unmarried.

(III) Evans Fisher, son of Jacob, was a native of North Coventry township, where he was born in 1824, and he died in August, 1904, in the eightieth year of his life. He was a farmer and owned a small farm in the district where he was born. This property is now owned by his son John W. Fisher. He was a Methodist, and in early life was prominent in church work. He, too, is buried at Shenkels Church. His wife was Sophia Mells, who died in 1903, aged seventy-seven years. They had issue as follows: John W.; Mary, m. Franklin Breidenbach of Pottstown; Solomon, of Douglassville; and Warren, who at the age of six years was drowned in the canal at Laurel Hill Locks.

(IV) John W. Fisher was reared on the homestead, and attended the public school, and when eighteen began to learn the carpenter trade from Jacob Haas of Douglassville. This occupation Mr. Fisher has always followed. He served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years, and in 1879 engaged in contracting and building at Douglassville, and he has had the contract for all the work done on the Messerchet's estate for the past twenty-five years. He has built many very fine residences in the lower end of the county. He gives employment to from ten to twelve men. Mr. Fisher lives at Douglassville in his own home, which he built in 1885.

In politics Mr. Fisher is a Republican, and is active in local matters. He and his family are Methodists, and very popular in their church.

In 1873 Mr. Fisher was married to Bessie Weiser of Pottstown, a descendant of the great Indian interpreter, Conrad Weiser. They have had children: Stella, who died at the age of six; Amy, who died at the age of ten years; Daniel, of Kenilworth, Chester county, a pattern maker, who married Lucretia Quay, a distant relative of U. S. Senator M. S. Quay, and has two children, John and Mary; Lillie, who died in infancy.

JOHN H. EGOLF, one of the old-time business men of Douglassville, Berks Co., Pa., where he conducts a flourishing wholesale and retail coal, grain and feed business, was born Sept. 8, 1843, at Pottstown, Pa., son of Hezekiah B. and Lavina (Pott) Egolf.

Jacob Egolf, the great-grandfather of John H., was a native of New Hanover, Montgomery Co., Pa. June 4, 1795, he purchased from Henry Keim a tract of land consisting of seventy-nine acres, thirty-two perches, in Rockland township, Berks county, which property is recorded in Patent Book A, vol. 7, p. 123, and in Berks county in Deed Book 14, p. 421. Here the ancestor spent the remainder of his days. In 1907, twelve persons of the name were residing in Reading and some of the descendants of Jacob Egolf now live at Hamburg and in Fleetwood.

Adam Egolf, the grandfather of John H., is buried in the old Pottstown cemetery, the date of his birth and death unknown. In 1837 he purchased a property in Amity township from Henry Mane, and at one time owned a tract of 150 acres, on which he carried on farming. He retired some years before his death. He was a tall, slender man, was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and was known throughout his community as an honest and upright citizen. Adam Egolf married Elizabeth Bunn, and to them the following children were born: Hezekiah; Jacob who died young; Caroline, m. Samuel Murphy and lived in Chester county; Julian, m. John Luppold and lived in Amity township; and Rebecca, m. Amos Reifsnyder and lived in Amity township. All of these children are deceased.

Hezekiah B. Egolf was born in Rockland, Berks Co., Pa., April 13, 1816, and died Nov. 12, 1887, aged seventy-one years, six months, twenty-nine days. He was a miller by trade, and conducted a grist mill in Union township for a number of years, this being known as Sixpenny Mill, as it was situated on Sixpenny creek. Here he also carried on farming to some extent. Later he located in Douglassville, where for ten years he was engaged in a coal and lumber business, and became a successful business man and useful citizen of his community. In politics a stanch Democrat, Mr. Egolf was elected by his fellow citizens to the positions of school director, auditor, tax collector and assessor, and filled all of these incumbencies ably and faithfully. He was a member of the Amityville Lutheran Church, and was a member of the building committee that erected the present edifice. He is buried at Amityville cemetery, where his wife was also laid to rest. Hezekiah B. Egolf was married to Lavina Pott, born in 1821, who died in 1904, daughter of John and Ellen (Eagle) Pott. Mr. Pott came from Germany in infancy. He and his wife both met their death on the Reading railroad tracks one and one-half miles above Douglassville, Pa., when the carriage in which they were riding was struck by the Aerial Engine. To Mr. and Mrs. Egolf there were born these children: John H.; Abigail, born in 1845, who died in 1881; Emily F., deceased, m. Walt. Young; Anna, who died unmarried in 1865, aged seventeen years; Ellen, who also died young; Elizabeth, born in 1858, who died in 1862; Franklin P., born in 1853, who died in 1857; and Bertha K., m. Ammon K. Rhoads of Amityville, Pa.

John H. Egolf was brought to Exeter township, Berks county, by his parents, when one year old, and his education was secured in the public schools of Union township and the Philomathean Institute below Birdsboro, which was organized by Prof. B. F. Barge in 1861. This gentleman, who was a graduate of Yale College, had first conducted his school in a private house, but later founded the well known institute. At an early age young Egolf began working in his father's mill, remaining there until twenty-two years of age, and on coming with the family to Douglassville he assumed charge of the Reading Station, a position which he held for eleven years. In 1877 Mr. Egolf purchased the good will, stock and fixtures of Charles H. Hine, conducting that well known general store for twenty-five years, and in 1903 he engaged in his present business, employing three men and being eminently successful. His business ventures have not been confined to these enterprises, however, and he now serves as treasurer of the Douglassville Iron Company, of which he was one of the founders, and which employs as many as eighty men. For fifteen years he was president and a director of the Phoenix Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with main offices at Phoenixville, and he was also one of the organizers of the American Casualty Company. Mr. Egolf's home is a large, stone residence, situated near his place of business, built by Henry McKanty about 1838. It is surrounded by a fine, large, well-kept lawn and shrubbery and flowers add greatly to the beauty of the place. He also owns a tract of forty-two acres, which is being cultivated under his personal supervision. In political matters, like his father, he is a stanch Democrat, and has served as school director, assessor, delegate to a number of county conventions, and State delegate on two occasions, once when the Hon. Mr. Day of Philadelphia was nominated for the office of State treasurer, and again when Robert E. Pattison was nominated the second time for the governorship, to which he was subsequently elected. During President Cleveland's administrations, Mr. Egolf was postmaster at Douglassville. With his family he attends divine worship at the Lutheran Church of Amityville.

On March 8, 1878, Mr. Egolf was united in marriage with Lizzie J. Conard, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Conard, of Douglassville, and to them there have been born the following children: Nellie, m. to Frederick A. Satter, of Douglassville; Mabel, m. to Albert Kupp, a resident of Douglassville; and John Conard, and Frances E., who are attending school.

JAMES B. McLEAN. The McLean family originated in Ireland where Daniel McLean was born in the northern part, April 8, 1812, and came to America when twenty-one years of age. His death occurred June 22, 1876, when he was sixty-four years, two months and fourteen days old. His remains are interred at Amityville.

After coming to America he located in the vicinity of Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., being attracted there by the coal mines, as he was a miner. There he resided until 1850, when with his family he moved upon a farm in Amity township, near Weaverstown. This farm consisted of 116 acres of good, fertile land, and he farmed it successfully until his death. Daniel McLean was an enterprising man, and very industrious, and labored hard to bring up his children in the right way and give them more educational advantages than he had enjoyed. Although a Presbyterian, as there was no church of that denomination in the vicinity, he attended the Reformed Church. His wife was Elizabeth Ann Breuster, who was born Aug. 12, 1816, and died Oct. 17, 1881, aged sixty-five years, two months and five days. She too was a native of Ireland, and she and Mr. McLean met on shipboard. During the two months consumed by the trip on the sailing vessel, the young people grew to love each other, and upon landing in New York they were married. Their children were: James B.; Samuel B., who resides in Amity township on the old homestead; Dr. Daniel B., who resides near his brother James B.; and John, who was born Dec. 10, 1851, and died April 6, 1886, aged thirty-four years, three months and twenty-six days. The old homestead has a stone house upon it built by Daniel McLean in the sixties. Mr. James B. McLean has an old dinner gong, brought from Ireland, and of a kind seldom seen in this country. It is 2½ inches in diameter and 3-8 of an inch thick. This family relic is over a hundred years old, and is greatly prized.

JAMES B. McLEAN, a farmer of Weaverstown, Amity township, was born Sept. 9, 1843, and when twenty-five years old he began farming in that vicinity. His boyhood was filled with work on the farm and attending school, until he was given the advantage of a course at the Hill school at Pottstown and at the Boyertown Academy. He was licensed to teach by Professor Ermentrout and was examined by James N. Ermentrout, later president judge. Mr. McLean taught school one term during the winter of 1866-7 at Weaverstown, and received twenty-five dollars a month for his services. Then he worked for his father-in-law for several years, and after the latter's death he bought the farm of 131 acres of very good land, suitable for mixed farming. The house was built by George Lorah in 1797, and is in excellent condition.

Mr. McLean and family are members of the Reformed Church of Amityville, in which he is a deacon and elder, and has been since 1866. In politics he is a Democrat and has served his township as committeeman, auditor, assessor and registry assessor. He might have had any of the other offices within the gift of his neighbors, but refused them, feeling that he had done his full duty as a good citizen. He was a State delegate to four conventions, and a delegate to a number of county conventions. Mr. McLean was a delegate to the convention that nominated Judge James N. Ermentrout for the first time, and to the one which nominated him for the second term.

In 1866 Mr. McLean was married to Mary A. Lorah, a daughter of John and Emma (Griesemer) Lorah. Mr. and Mrs. McLean have had two children: William Lorah, who died in infancy; and Rev. Eugene Lorah.

The Rev. Eugene Lorah McLean was educated in the public schools of his community, Kutztown State Normal school, Franklin & Marshall college, and in a theological seminary. After his graduation he was ordained and his first charge was at Everett, Pa. There he preached the gospel for ten years and is now stationed at Frederick, Md. He married Mary Neff, of Huntingdon county, Pa., and they have a daughter, Mary Margarite.

James B. McLean is widely and favorably known in Berks county as a man who is industrious as a farmer, and public-spirited as a citizen. He is pleasantly located and he has brought his land to a high state of cultivation.

EFFINGER W. LEAVER, lumber, coal, flour, feed and hardware merchant at Boyertown, Pa., was born Sept. 5, 1855, in Earl township, Berks Co., Pa., a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Weidner) Leaver.

The Leaver family is of German extraction and was established in Douglass township, Berks Co., Pa., by Jacob Löwer, who had three sons. Johannes or John Leaver, the grandfather of Effinger W., was born Dec. 26, 1778, and died Jan. 19, 1846, aged sixty-seven years, twenty-three days. He is buried at Boyertown and the name on his tombstone is written Johannes Löwer. He owned a small tract of land in Douglass township and worked at his trade, weaving. In March, 1803, he married Catherine Kerlin, daughter of Samuel and Mary Kerlin, born Jan. 11, 1784, died Nov. 7, 1864, aged eighty years, ten months, twenty-six days. The inscription on the tombstone of herself and husband, in the Boyertown cemetery, states that they had two sons and seven daughters. The names of eight children are appended: Lydia, m. Charles Leopold; Sarah, m. Jacob Allbright; Mary, m. Samuel Brunner; Samuel; John, who lived and died in Ohio; Kate, m. Elias Will, of Washington township; Hettie, m. Levi Fritz; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried. All of the above family are deceased with the exception of Kate, who survives (1908) aged eighty-four years.

Samuel Leaver was born Dec. 21, 1810, in Douglass township, Berks Co., Pa., and died at Boyertown, on Christmas morning, 1881, aged seventy-one years, four days. His remains rest in Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown. For a number of years he engaged in mercantile pursuits at New Berlinville and he operated the lumber yard at Boyertown that is now conducted by his sons. He was a successful business man and a respected member of his community. In addition to his own home he owned other real estate at Boyertown. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and he brought his family up under strict discipline. In politics a Democrat, he was frequently elected by that party to local offices and served with intelligence and honesty.

Samuel Leaver was married (first) to Elizabeth Weidner, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Landis) Weidner, of Earl township. She was born Nov. 13, 1820, and died in November, 1864, aged forty-four years. They had the following children: Mary m. Frank G. Riegner, of Reading; Kate, who resides with her sister Emma, at Boyertown; Henry, deceased; Jacob, who lives at Roxboro, Pa.; Ellen, who perished in the Boyertown fire, Jan. 13, 1908, m. Ephraim B. Johnson; Emma; Effinger W.; John, who resides at Boyertown; Clara, a popular and efficient teacher, who perished in the holocaust at Boyertown, Jan. 13, 1908; and Laura, m. George Z. Hunter, a teacher residing at Ephrata. Mr. Leaver was married (second) to Mrs. Anna (Smith) Wagner, and they had one daughter, Anna, wife of John Dry, residing at Boyertown.

Effinger W. Leaver was given good educational advantages and early became a helper to his father in his store and in 1883 he took charge of the business, having been trained in it from the age of fifteen years. He gives employment to seven people and has two teams in use in his coal industry and one in his lumber business. His yards are conveniently located close to the railroad station, covering almost a block. He has an interest in other concerns and is a director in the Union Manufacturing Company of Boyertown.

In 1879 Mr. Leaver was married to Sarah Mory, daughter of Aaron Mory, a resident of Boyertown. Mr. and Mrs. Leaver had three children born to them, namely: Warren, serving as clerk, treasurer and chief bookkeeper in the casket factory, who married Lizzie Ritter and has two children, Marguerite and Carrol; Ruth; and Bessie E. With his family, Mr. Leaver is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and is very active in its affairs.

In his political views Mr. Leaver belongs to the old Democracy. He has frequently been elected to public office at Boyertown, has served the borough as auditor and in 1903 he was elected to the school board, on which he is still serving. He is a representative citizen of his section.

OSWIN A. H. JACOBS, justice of the peace at Boyertown, Pa., was born in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., March 17, 1865, a son of William H. and Susanna (Hensinger) Jacob.

John Jacob, the grandfather, was a native of Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa. In early life he settled in Hereford township, where he lived for many years and later resided in Columbia county. He was a veterinary surgeon for forty years and made his trips over the country in a high, two-wheeled sulky, such as was used by professional men of that day. He was a man of natural and acquired ability and is described as being of aristocratic appearance and as always wearing a "stove-pipe" hat. For thirty years he filled the office of justice of the peace. His first marriage was to a Miss Hittle and his second to a Miss Miller. The children of the first marriage were: Elizabeth, who married Joseph Nuss and lived at Lena, Ill.; William H.; John H., who lives in Lehigh county; and Joshua H., who was a soldier in the Civil war and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. A large family was born to the second union, among whom were: Mary, Amanda, Susanna, Abraham, Franklin, Allen, James and Charles. The father was buried at Hoover's Church, Montgomery county.

William H. Jacob, father of Justice Jacobs, was born in Berks county, Pa., in May, 1832, died Oct. 14, 1898, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and is buried in Lehigh county. He was a carpenter and followed bridge work for many years and assisted in building the railroad bridges on the Reading line between that city and Philadelphia. His grandfather Hittle was the general boss of the construction work and under him William H. Jacob learned the trade. Later Mr. Jacob became a farmer at Hensingerville, on his father-in-law's land, and in addition he conducted the hotel there for some time. Later he became the proprietor of the Maple Grove hotel in Longswamp township, which he owned and conducted for twelve years. After this he bought a farm of seventy acres near Topton but a few years later sold and purchased the Bentsinger farm of fifty acres, at Maple Grove, and on that farm he died. He was a man of large intelligence and retentive memory, possessed a natural gift for penmanship and was very popular among his fellows.

William H. Jacob married Susanna Hensinger, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (De Long) Hensinger, formerly of Berks and then of Lehigh county. Peter Hensinger once conducted Gauby's tannery in Berks county and after selling that he bought a tract of 150 acres in Upper Macungie township where valuable minerals, rock and hematite ore were found. He built the Hensingerville store and hotel, together with dwellings, and was the leading man in the village, which was named in his honor. His children all became good members of society.

The children born to William H. Jacob and wife were: Catherine, deceased; William, who conducts a photographic studio at Clarion, Ia.; John, a resident of Des Moines, Ia.; James, residing at Wilmington, Del., is superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Construction Co.; Oswin A. H.; Franklin H., foreman of the car shops at Wilmington, Del.; and an infant daughter.

Oswin A. H. Jacobs secured his educational training in the public schools and at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown and was licensed to teach school by Prof. D. S. Keck but he never made use of the permission. When he was fourteen years of age he learned the milling trade and continued to be interested in it until 1906, with the exception of three years; from 1883 to 1886, when he went to Hawarden, Ia. His business there was preparing and dealing in hay. He cut, dried and baled the upland blue joint prairie grass, which is noted for its sustaining qualities and during his last year in the West he was superintendent of the Chicago & Northwestern Hay Co., which is a successful corporation still doing business.

In the spring of 1886, Mr. Jacobs returned to Berks county and continued his milling business, conducting it along the most modern lines at different points and while at Linfield, in Montgomery county, he served as postmaster from 1893 until 1905. From there in 1906 he came to Boyertown and now occupies a handsome residence on North Reading Avenue. He is still in business, conducting an extensive wholesale feed trade and also operates his four-acre farm near Boyertown.

On Jan. 11, 1887, Mr. Jacobs was married to Mary G. Weidner, daughter of William and Mary (Grant) Weidner, of Lobachsville, and to this union were born the following children: Frances E., who married William Weidner, of Boyertown; Oswin D., a bookkeeper residing at Boyertown; Lizzie, Annie and Eva, all deceased; and Mary J., Mabel, William, Helen, Esther, Elda and John, residing at home. Mr. Jacobs and family are members of the Longswamp Lutheran Church of which he has been a deacon and elder.

In politics, Justice Jacobs is a Democrat and he has held local offices in Longswamp and Colebrookdale townships. In the spring of 1908 he was elected a justice of the peace of the borough of Boyertown. For many years he has been interested in fraternal organizations, believing they increase sociability and foster humanitarian impulses and at the same time implant ideas of high and virtuous living. He organized three of the lodges at Boyertown,

the Odd Fellows, the Red Men and the Woodmen. While at Kutztown he helped to organize the Adonai Castle, K. G. E., of which he was a charter member. He belongs to Boyertown Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 708, to the Boyertown Lodge of Woodmen, No. 8286, and to the Boyertown P. O. S. of A., No. 104.

DAVID BROWN, a prosperous truck farmer of Robeson township, who is operating twenty-three acres of fertile land near Gibraltar, was born in 1850, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of David and Eleanora (Wicklein) Brown.

David Brown, Sr., was born in Cumru township, and at the age of twelve years, after the death of his father, he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed in connection with farming all of his life. He located in Robeson township, where his death occurred in 1888, at the age of eighty-two years, three months. His wife passed away in 1883, aged seventy-two years, and she like her husband was a member of the Lutheran Church. They had children as follows: Lydia A., m. Ephraim Quinter; Mary m. Mahlon Schaeffer; Hannah m. John Quinter; William m. Catherine Ulrick; Daniel m. Annie Becker; Margaret m. Reuben Wicklein; Sarah m. George Bechtel; and David.

David Brown received his education in the schools of Robeson township, since leaving which he has followed farming and trucking all of his life, now owning twenty-three acres of bottom land, which is well adapted to truck farming. He is energetic and enterprising and has one of the best properties, for its size, in the community. Mr. Brown was married to Anna Ulrick, who died in October, 1905, aged forty-nine years. She was the mother of eleven children, as follows: Freddie, deceased; Eva, m. Edward Dieffenderfer; David, m. Sallie Helms; Charles, deceased; Daniel m. Anna Koch; Warren deceased; Edgar, single; Mahlon m. Nellie Esterly; Percival; Margaret, and Perley. In religious belief Mr. Brown is a Lutheran. Politically he is a Democrat, and his fraternal affiliations are with the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. R. M.

B. FRANK DICKINSON, a well-known resident of Robeson township, Berks county, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life, was born in Robeson township, Dec. 24, 1860, son of Lewis and Catherine A. R. (Gaul) Dickinson.

Eli Dickinson, the grandfather of B. Frank, and a native of Robeson township, was a cabinet maker by trade, and also owned and operated a farm of sixty-five acres. He died at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Dickinson married (first) Lydia Stevens, by whom he had these children: Rachel, Samuel, Lewis, Hannah, Lizzie and Phebe. The family were Quakers in religious belief, while in politics Mr. Dickinson was a Republican.

Lewis Dickinson, father of B. Frank, was born and reared in Robeson township, where he spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1905, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Catherine A. R. Gaul, born June 19, 1835, daughter of Benjamin Gaul, and to this union there were born these children: Lydia A., m. (first) Thomas Gest, by whom she had,—Jennie, Lewis and William (twins), Bessie and Frank, and m. (second) James Morrison, by whom there was no issue; Emma J., m. (first) Lafayette Geiger, by whom she had one child Sallie, and m. (second) Wilmer Seifert, by whom there was no issue; B. Frank; and Valeria, m. Samuel Lively. Mr. Dickinson was reared in the Quaker faith, but later in life joined St. James Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee for ten years. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought office.

B. Frank Dickinson received his education in the common schools of Robeson township, and from the time when he was old enough, worked on the home farm, which he inherited at his father's death. He has operated this property ever since, with much success.

In 1891 Mr. Dickinson was married to Anna Dickinson, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Seifert) Dickinson, and three children have been born to this union: Irene, Lewis and Frank. In religious belief Mrs. Dickinson is a Baptist. Mr. Dickinson is a stanch Republican in politics, but like his honored father has never desired to hold public office.

JOHN BURKHART ARTZ, a substantial citizen of Brecknock township, Berks county, who is engaged in truck farming near Knauer's, was born across the line in Spring township, April 2, 1852, son of John H. and Sarah (Burkhart) Artz.

Jacob Artz, grandfather of John B., was a lifelong resident of Spring township, and was a shoemaker by trade. He died old in years, and was buried at the Muddy Creek Church, as was also his wife, Anna Maria (Harding) Artz, who bore him one son: John H.

John H. Artz was born in Spring township in 1821, and there received his education. For about twenty years, until his eyesight failed, he taught school in the winter seasons in Brecknock, Spring, Cumru and Lower Heidelberg townships, carrying on agricultural pursuits in the summer time on his forty acre farm. He was well and favorably known, and was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of assessor and tax collector, which he held for many years. He was a Reformed member of the Muddy Creek Church, where he held official position. Mr. Artz married Sarah Burkhart, daughter of Andrew Burkhart, and eight children were born to this union: Mary, Catherine, Jacob, Harriet, Sarah, John B., Andrew and Katie, the last named of whom died in childhood. Mr. Artz died in 1893.

John B. Artz was reared upon the farm in Spring township, and in early life came to Brecknock township, where he has since lived. For some years Mr. Artz was a tenant, but in 1885 he purchased a small tract, where he lived until 1891, and then bought a farm of seventy-five acres, which he is still cultivating. In politics Mr. Artz is a Democrat, and has served as a delegate to numerous county conventions. He and his wife are Reformed members of the Gouglersville congregation, of which he was deacon and elder for many years, and of which he is now treasurer.

In 1870 Mr. Artz was married to Susanna Fitterling, born Nov. 2, 1851, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Schonour) Fitterling, and ten children have been born to this union: Pierce, m. Kate Matz; Mary, m. Howard Schonour, deceased; Ella, who died at the age of six years; Kate, m. Charles Reisch; Maggie, m. Charles Hain; John, m. Mary Dautrich; Lillie, m. Cenus Schonour; Howard, who died at the age of sixteen years; W. Stephen and Carrie, both at home.

THE REBER FAMILY. The Reber family which is quite numerous in Reading and in the northeastern section of Berks county, had its beginning in Leonard Raver (Reber), who was a German Palatinate and came to America prior to 1740. In that year he had already settled in Windsor (now Perry) township, where he owned considerable land. Warrants for land were deeded to him as follows: Oct. 11, 1750, for ninety-three acres; April 5, 1775, another warrant was given him. Prior to these dates he already owned land. In 1769 Leonard Reber sold a tract of his land to George, his oldest son. He died prior to May 1, 1777, leaving the following eleven children: George, whose wife's first name was Anna Elizabeth; Adam, of Northampton county (now Weisenburg township, Lehigh county); John, of Berks county; Frederick, of Northampton county; Leonard of Northampton county; Dorothy (m. Henry Roush, of Berks county); Hannah (m. Jacob Häffly, of Berks county; Elizabeth (m. Nicholas Lingel, of Berks county); Christina (m. Conrad Ruhl); Catherine (m. Adam De Walt); and Magdalena (m. Adam Bieber).

George Reber, the eldest son of Leonard, the immigrant, obtained a warrant from the Province of Pennsylvania, which bore the name of "Ravensburg," and was dated April 15, 1783. He also on May 1, 1777 (after his father's death), bought the homestead, paying 100 pounds

of lawful money to each of his sisters and brothers as their share of the inheritance. He had a son named Jacob, who had among his children two sons: Samuel and William. Samuel Reber was a farmer and blacksmith in what is now Perry township, where he owned ninety-six acres of land. He was a Lutheran and is buried at Zion's Church. His wife's name was Esther and their wedding trip was made on horse-back, as was the custom, and they had these children: (1) Jeremiah, who had—Owen, Oscar, Ann and Lillian; (2) David (1832-1906), who had,—Mary, Kate, Arch, Edith, Samuel A., William H., Annie and Jacob; (3) Kate; (4) Esther; (5) Abraham, who had one son, John; (6) an infant son; (7) one whose name is not known; and (8) Ann, who died young. William, the second son of Jacob Reber, was born in 1818, and died in 1890, and was twice married, having by his first wife, one son,—Jacob, and by his second wife, Ann Gordner, fifteen children.

Adam Reber, the second son of Leonard the immigrant, lived for some years in Northampton (now Lehigh) county, in Weisenburg township, but later returned to his native county,—Berks. His son, George, the great-grandfather of Ira J. J. Reber, of Mount Penn borough, was born in Bern township, where he was engaged in milling, and died in Reading in his eightieth year, being buried at the Charles Evans cemetery. He married a Miss Hoy, and to them were born the following children: Polly, who died unmarried; Catherine, m. to Daniel Klahr; Rebecca, m. to Samuel Spohn; Augustus, who was a miller and died in Reading; Joel, who settled at State Hill; George, who lived in Allentown for many years, but died out West; Joseph; and Jacob, who lived and died in Schuylkill county.

Joseph Reber was a native of Bern township, but in later years removed to Maiden-creek township, where he operated the Evansville grist mill until his death. He was married to Elizabeth Kline, and to them there were born children as follows: Mary m. Eli Saul; William is a clock-maker of Reading; Aaron, a distiller by trade, is now conducting a grocery in Reading; Ella, deceased, m. Harry Boyer, a car inspector of Reading; Joel K.; Daniel, a clock-maker of Reading, has three children,—David L., Wesley and Howard L.; Sarah m. Irwin Smith, a wall paper dealer of Reading; and Emma m. Samuel Perry, of Kansas.

Joel K. Reber was born in Bern township, Dec. 16, 1842, and in 1858 learned the painting trade in Reading, which he has followed at intervals to the present time. In 1862 he engaged in the wall paper business, opening a little store in partnership with Henry Wertz, on Ninth street, near Washington. Later he built at No. 154 North Ninth street, where he continued alone until 1891, the year in which he purchased his present place, No. 943 Penn street, where he has followed the business very successfully ever since. He is a consistent member of Ebenezer Evangelical Church of Reading, which he joined in 1877, and in which he has served as trustee and steward for some years. In 1869 Mr. Reber was married to Catherine Ziegler, daughter of James W. and Christiana (Eddinger) Ziegler, and to this union there were born children as follows: Lillie m. Charles Kelly, a shoe-last maker of Philadelphia; Minnie died in childhood; E. J. is at home; Javan, a paper hanger of Reading, m. Minnie Wilgeroth; Ira J. J.; Katie died in childhood; and Harry C. m. Carrie Smith and works as a clerk in Reading.

Ira J. J. Reber was born June 25, 1880, in Reading, received a good education in the city schools and the High school, and left the latter to enter his father's paper store, now located at No. 943 Penn street, which he is now conducting. He carries a full line of wall-paper and accessories doing the largest business of this kind in Berks county. They also do considerable painting, frescoing and decorating, and during their busy season employ upwards of twenty-five skilled workmen. Many buildings in Reading and the surrounding country bear evidence of the excellence of Mr. Reber's work, among them being churches, halls and public buildings.

In politics this branch of the Reber family is strongly Republican in national and State matters, while in local affairs honesty and ability are considered before partisanship. Mr. Reber is a member of the Mount Penn Board of Health, and is fraternally connected with the P. O. S. of A., No. 163, Reading; and the Knights of Malta, No. 47. He and his family are members of Salem Evangelical Church, of which he has been a trustee for some years, and where he is a teacher in the Sunday school.

On Aug. 6, 1901, Mr. Reber was married to Lizzie Levan, daughter of George A. and Philibena (Stuber) Levan.

LEWIS MILLER was one of that energetic and talented class who seem to be born to control men and affairs and leave their impress upon the industrial history of the times. He was a member of a family of French-German descent, founded in America about 1828, by John Miller, his father, who came from Strasburg, Province of Alsace, Germany, then French territory. The father soon after his arrival located at Royer's Ford, Montgomery Co., Pa., where most of his life was spent. By occupation he was a stonemason and contractor and built several bridges in this part of the world. He married Magdalena Brown and had two sons: Frederick, who was a sea captain and is supposed to have been lost at sea, as nothing was afterward heard of him, and Lewis.

Lewis Miller was born at Royer's Ford, Oct. 13, 1830. He received a common school education, to which he afterward added largely by a wide course of reading and careful study of men and affairs. His early life was spent on his father's farm near Phoenixville, Pa. Afterward locating in Wilmington, Del., he engaged himself as an apprentice to the machinist's trade with the late Jesse Ermie, of that city, and after five years spent in acquiring a mastery of that business became a foreman in the machine shop of Pusey, Jones & Co., at the same place, and later was made general superintendent. In 1857 he associated with Josiah Custard, under the firm name of Miller & Custard, and began building machinery for cotton and woolen mills at Chester, Delaware county.

In 1859 the firm of Miller & Allen was formed and continued the same business until 1872, when it was dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Allen. While in this city Mr. Miller, under a contract with Mr. Corliss, was the only builder of the now famous Corliss engines south of New England. Through his agency these engines were introduced to the public in Pennsylvania and the Southern States. During this time Mr. Miller designed and built for Mr. Bruner the handsomest Corliss engines ever erected, every piece being tool finished and no chipping by hand permitted in any part. These engines attracted the attention of skilled machinists from all parts of the country, persons interested coming long distances to inspect them.

After the firm of Miller & Allen was dissolved, Mr. Miller, through the influence of Seyfert & McManus, was induced to come to Reading and become a partner with them in the Scott Foundry. After reorganizing it, he introduced the building of large cotton compress machines and also large and powerful sugar machinery which at once put it upon a paying and prosperous basis. During the panic of 1873, when the industries of the country were so seriously crippled that almost all the manufacturing plants of Reading were forced to close their shops, Mr. Miller by remarkable business ability and untiring effort secured a sufficient amount of work to operate the shops of the Scott Foundry at practically the normal capacity, thereby giving employment to a large number of men, which was of immense benefit to the general business conditions of Reading, at a critical time in its history. He remained in the works until 1877, when he retired from the firm and devoted his attention to the building of the "Miller Cotton Press," making improvements from time to time until he perfected the best press known to the public.

In 1882 he left this country and went to Bogota, United States (now Republic) of Colombia, South America,

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where he succeeded in doing a work that had baffled the united skill of English and French engineers. Away up near the line of perpetual snow, where communication could only be had by mules, he started on the mountain peaks a mill for rolling rails for tramways. As no weighty machinery could be transported on mules over the towering ranges, he was compelled to build a blast furnace and rolling mill from material found on the ground. Nothing daunted, he began the work, and the record of his success reads like one of the stories of Jules Verne. His remarkable ingenuity and wonderful power of resource and expediency were constantly called into play. He made bricks for the furnace, erected the entire plant from foundation to roof, and having dug the ore from the earth near by, smelted it, ran it into pigs and ultimately rolled it into rails, the first ever made in that country.

Owing to the extreme rarefaction of the atmosphere at that high altitude, unable to secure draught enough for combustion, he devised and constructed a machine to compress the air fed to the furnace.

When the first rail was manufactured a great demonstration took place at Bogota. It was made a gala day, with bunting flying, troops, societies and public officials taking part in the display. The first rail was exposed to public view on a decorated wagon, drawn through the streets, amid cheers from the assembled thousands who lined the sidewalks on every hand. On that occasion Mr. Miller, as the honored guest of the Republic, was in a coach drawn by four horses at the head of the parade. During the celebration, speeches were made by the president and other prominent men of national fame. An insurrection, breaking out soon after, arrested the work and Mr. Miller returned to the United States. He then built the present plant of the Penn Steel Castings Company, of Chester, and with the Chester Foundry & Machine Company engaged in the manufacture of the superior cotton press which bears his name. He was also president for a short time of the Limwood iron works. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of Franklin Scientific and Mechanical Institute of Philadelphia.

His death occurred May 31, 1892, in the sixty-second year of his age. In 1849 he married Mary A. Dixon, daughter of William and Mary Dixon, of Wilmington, Del. To them was born a family of six children: Ada A. married John E. Nugent; William died in infancy; Mary M. married C. R. Heizmann and died in February, 1892; Laura Amelia became Mrs. Joseph P. Kremp; Lewis J., and Alonzo A.

Mrs. Kremp, the youngest of the three daughters of the subject of this sketch, possesses many of the characteristics of her distinguished father. She has given great attention to works of beneficence as officer and member of institutions in Reading and elsewhere. [Also see sketch of Joseph P. Kremp.]

Lewis J. Miller, who ably sustained the eminent reputation of his father for business activity and mechanical ingenuity, was born in Chester, Pa., May 25, 1859, where he grew to manhood, and received his preliminary instruction in the public schools, finishing his education at the Broad Street Academy, Philadelphia. Leaving school, he served an apprenticeship with his father in the Scott Foundry, at Reading, and after completing his trade became a draftsman in the employ of that firm, remaining with them until 1877. In the latter year he entered the employ of Pusey, Jones & Co., of Wilmington, Del., as draftsman, and was thus engaged until 1880. He was afterward employed in similar work for various other firms, drawing designs for all kinds of machinery. In 1888 he went to Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he planned and made all the drawings for a large rolling-mill.

Later he became soliciting agent for the Chester Iron & Machine Company, of Chester, and in 1889 formed a partnership with William W. Bierce, of Memphis, Tenn., for the manufacture of cotton compresses, at Chester, with offices in Memphis and Philadelphia. This firm continued operations until March, 1891. Upon its dissolution Mr. Miller became associated with his father in the same industry and after the death of the latter in 1892 succeeded to the entire business. These presses are made under a number of patents, some of which were owned by the elder Miller, while others were taken out by Lewis J., and cover his own improvements.

Mr. Miller was married in 1888 to Ocy J. Price, daughter of Hugh and Harriet P. (Cox) Price, of Wilmington, Del. Their union was blessed by the birth of three children: Ada A., Lewis J. and Frank P.

Mr. Miller was a resident of Philadelphia until 1892, when he removed to Chester, where he resided in a beautiful home at No. 515 West Seventh street until his decease, in 1894.

JOSEPH P. KREMP, one of the best known and most successful business men in the city of Reading, son of the late Louis and Caroline (Prestat) Kremp, was born in 1854, in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

He was educated in the public and high schools of that city and later finished at Villa Nova College. After graduation, he entered his father's building association office, in which he obtained a thorough, practical training in the conduct of all branches of real estate, banking and insurance business. Later, he became interested in the manufacture of high class ornamental glassware, previously made only by expert artists and workmen in Europe and exported to this country. For this purpose he left his father's office to establish the Reading Glass Works, the pioneer American company in this line, and was appointed general manager. A modern plant was erected, but conditions were not conducive to making the enterprise a commercial success. It was therefore abandoned; and, in conjunction with his father, he incorporated the Reading Brewing Company, the plant being built on the site of the glass works. Mr. Kremp was made general manager, which position he held for eight years. He was notary public for the First National Bank and other banks of Reading (succeeding his father, upon his death, as director), and represented many of the leading insurance companies in this district. In 1882 he became interested in the Penn Butt Works as a partner with C. R. and A. A. Heizmann, with a one-third interest. Later, upon the consolidation of the Penn Butt Works with the Penn Hardware Company, his interests were transferred and he became a director in the latter company.

Mr. Kremp was a director of the Penn National Bank, the Pennsylvania Trust Company, and a member of the Board of Trade. He was also interested in a great number of building associations in Reading.

Mr. Kremp enjoyed an extensive personal acquaintance through the southeastern section of the State. He had many stanch friends who admired his social qualities and unswerving loyalty to his social and business ideals. As a business man, he was energetic and extremely broad-minded. Although through his active efforts he gained a competency, on a number of occasions he sacrificed financial interests when in conflict with the high standard which he had set for himself and on which his business reputation was based. The city of Reading is not only indebted to him for the establishment of two important industrial plants which gave employment to hundreds of men, but also to his public-spirited citizenship in taking part in most important movements for the general welfare and advancement of the community.

At the time of his death in Reading, Oct. 31, 1902, besides his extensive professional and business occupations, he was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, of the Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia and of St. John's Society.

On March 4, 1887, Mr. Kremp was married to Laura Amelia Miller, daughter of Lewis Miller (mentioned just above), a former partner in the old Reading Iron Works, and the inventor of the well-known Miller cotton compress. To this union were born two children: Lewis, who having prepared at the Cascadella School, Ithaca, N. Y., became

of the Chronic Insane Asylum at Wernersville, the building of the Reading Hospital, the building up of the Keystone State Normal School by procuring State appropriation, the building of the United States post-office at Allentown, all remain as monuments to Mr. Green's useful citizenship.

CHARLES M. YETTER, a prosperous young business man of Cumru township, engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Shillington, was born in Millway, Lancaster county, July 12, 1872, son of Michael and Louisa (Smith) Yetter.

Michael Yetter, who was born in Germany, was a miller by trade and emigrated to America when a young man of twenty-nine years. He settled at Millway, Lancaster county, and followed his trade until his death, in 1888, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Smith, is still living, the mother of these children: Louisa, m. Harry Y. Yocum, who resides at Grill, Cumru township; Albert, a prominent cigar manufacturer of Lancaster county; and Charles M.

Charles M. Yetter attended the schools of Brecknock township, Lancaster county, and the Millersville State Normal school, after graduating from which latter institution he taught school for nine years, three terms in Lancaster county and six in Cumru township, where he became well and favorably known. He learned the cigar making business during the summer months, and engaged in business at Mohnton in 1901. There he continued until 1905, when he located at his present place, building a factory on Broad street, just off Wyomissing. It is a substantial three-story structure, 73 x 30 feet, with a fine cement cellar for storage, and having a capacity of 31,000 cigars daily; 130 workmen are employed. His goods are known and find a ready market from coast to coast, and include the following well known brands: "Walter Thomas," "Real Diamond," "John Mitchell," "Patriarch Club," and "Richard Webster." His factory is No. 71, and is in the first district. In political matters he is a Republican, and was one of the leaders in the movement to have Shillington become a borough. He is enterprising and energetic and although yet young in years is one of the most substantial men of his community. For some years Mr. Yetter has been vice-president of the Mohnton National Bank of Mohnton. His fine residence on Wyomissing avenue, which he erected in 1905, is one of the most modern in the locality. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran Church, which his wife also attends. He is fraternally connected with Reading Lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 115, Aerie No. 66 of the Eagles, of Reading, and the Knights of Pythias, of Mohnton, Lodge No. 485.

Mr. Yetter married Emma Lessley, daughter of William Lessley, and they have two children, Earl F. and Myrtle Ruth.

WILLIAM W. MILLER, a representative young business man of Shillington, Pa., dealing in machinery, tools, dies and specialties, was born in the house in which he now resides, Oct. 26, 1870, son of William H. Miller.

Nicholas Miller, great-grandfather of William W., was a laborer of Adamstown, and was twice married. Daniel Miller, his son, was a blacksmith by trade, and also followed agricultural pursuits near Adamstown, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. He and his wife had the following children: Abraham, who resides near Adamstown; Jeremiah, of that place; Joseph, Elias, Daniel, John, all deceased; Caroline m. Samuel Zimmerman, residing in Iowa; and William H., the father of William W.

William H. Miller was born in 1836 in Lancaster county, and under his father learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for a number of years. He was an expert tool maker, and one of his latest pieces of work was the making of the Bible stand in the Shillington Emanuel Reformed Church. For several years he engaged also in the mercantile business in Reading, Gouglersville and later at Shillington. He died at the age of forty-six years, and is buried at Gouglersville. Mr. Miller's first marriage was to a Miss Burkholder, of Bowmansville, and to this union there were born twelve children, the only survivor of whom is Reuben, a cabinet-maker of Millmont, Berks county. He married (second) Lydia H. White, daughter of William White, and to this union was born one son, William W. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were members of the Union Church of Allegheny, belonging to the Reformed denomination.

William W. Miller secured his education in the local schools and the Scranton Correspondence school, taking up the mechanical course. In 1886 he accepted a position at the Penn Hardware Company, in the machine department, remaining there for a period of four years, after which he went to St. Louis and Chicago for more experience. He remained in the West for one year and then returned to Reading, where he was employed at the Reading Hardware Company for three years. For twelve years he worked at the Chantrell Tool Company, at Millmont, Berks county, the last few years being master mechanic there. In 1900 he built his present shop, sixteen by thirty-six feet, two stories high, and engaged in business on his own account, manufacturing tools, machinery, dies and specialties, and also being the inventor of the large seller "Perfect Spark Timer," for automobiles. He employs three skilled workmen and has a large and increasing business.

Mr. Miller married Maggie G. Fritz, daughter of John Fritz, and to this union have been born these children: Edna E., William A., Elwood A., Margaret and Floyd M. Mr. Miller is a member of the Gouglersville Lutheran Church, has served that church as deacon and has also taken an active part in Sunday school work. He is a member of the Reading Tent of Maccabees. He was at one time a member of the National Guards, Co. A, 4th Pa., was in camp with his company at Columbia, Gettysburg and Mt. Gretna, and holds the record of his company as a marksman, having made forty-nine targets out of a possible fifty on the Shillington range. He is greatly interested in movements for the advancement of Shillington, having been prominent in the movement to have Shillington made into a borough, and he is considered one of the substantial and public-spirited business men of the place.

DANIEL B. HILL, a leading hotel man of Berks county, who is proprietor of the Gouglersville House in Cumru township, was born in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, son of William Hill and a member of one of the oldest families of this section of the State.

George Hill, grandfather of Daniel B., was born in Ruscombmanor township, and was a shoemaker by trade, an occupation which he followed in connection with farming. He and his wife had the following children: William, father of Daniel B.; Benjamin, who died in Alsace township; Augustus, who died at Pricetown, Ruscombmanor township; Frank, who died in 1906, at Leavittsville; Lena m. Bennewell Shreader; Hannah m. a Mr. Keffer; Mrs. Hoyer.

William Hill was born in Ruscombmanor township in 1822, and in his native place followed brick and stone masoning, as well as farming. He died in January, 1900, when seventy-eight years old, in the faith of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and for some years served his township as school director, being a well known and influential man of his community. He married Harriet Bechtel, who passed away in 1899, at the age of seventy years Mr. and Mrs. Hill had eleven children, as follows: Amos m. Catherine Horst and died at Palmyra; Susan died young; Caroline m Daniel Oilinger of Ruscombmanor township; Sarah m. Jacob Hartman, of that township; Mary m. John Wise, of Mt. Penn; Louisa m. Dallas Kline; Emma m. the late August Houck; Harriet m. Jacob Freiberger; William m. Annie Noll of Ruscombmanor township; Daniel m. Winnie Moyer; and George, twin of William, died when eight years old.

Daniel B. Hill attended the schools of Ruscombmanor township and Friedensburg Academy, and then engaged at farm work. Later he went into the hotel business in Reading, taking charge of the well known Union House, which he successfully conducted for a period of three years, from 1900 to 1903. He next embarked in

the wholesale liquor business at Tenth and Penn streets, Reading, where he continued for two and one-half years. Mr. Hill at the end of this time came to his present location, buying out in April, 1906, Mr. Augustus Wentzel, who was then the proprietor of the Gouglersville Hotel, and here he has made many improvements, his fifteen room house being one of the best hostelries in the county. Mr. Hill is an excellent business man and a very pleasant host, and has many friends in this section.

Mr. Hill married Earena Moyer, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Hartman) Moyer. They have no children. Mr. Hill is a member of the Reading Aerie of Eagles, No. 66, and the Oley Lodge, I. O. O. F. In political matters he is a Democrat, but takes little interest in public affairs.

JOHN WARREN, a well known contractor and builder of Cumru township, Berks county, and the owner of a planing mill at Oakbrook, Pa., who has been serving as prison inspector of Berks county since 1898, was born Jan. 8, 1862, in Cumru township, son of Elias and Mary (Kleinginna) Warren.

Elias Warren, who during life carried on farming on his thirty-five acre tract in Cumru township, near Cedar Top, was a Lutheran member of Gouglersville congregation, where he was buried. He married Mary Kleinginna, daughter of John Kleinginna, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: Emma m. David Mohn; Thomas m. Sarah Fritz; Sallie m. Adam Lutz, and John.

John Warren was educated in the township schools, which he attended until seventeen years of age, and then learned the carpenter trade with Samuel Hornberger. After working at his trade as journeyman for some years, Mr. Warren engaged in the contracting and building business for himself. Up to the present time he has built twenty-three houses in Mohnton; fourteen at Shillington; six at St. Louis, Mo.; four at Wyomissing; and twenty-nine at Oakbrook, as well as other buildings throughout the county. He owns his own planing mill at Oakbrook, where is installed an invention of his own,—a combination wood-working machine, combining fourteen different machines, which was patented Aug. 8, 1905. Politically Mr. Warren is a Democrat, and he has been active in the ranks of the party for some years, being elected prison inspector in the fall of 1898, since which time he has been twice re-elected. He has served on the supply and building committees, and has done much towards improving conditions in the penal institutions of Berks county. Mr. Warren is a great traveler, and has visited nearly every point of interest in this country and Canada. He is an enterprising and successful business man, and as a public official he has proved equally capable.

HENRY E. SEIDERS, who is engaged in the draying business at Millmont, Berks county, is a veteran of the Civil war, in which great struggle he took an active part. Mr. Seiders was born May 2, 1847, in Reading, Pa., son of Benjamin L. and Esther (Engle) Seiders.

Lewis Seiders, the grandfather of Henry E., was a boatbuilder by occupation, and was a man of substance and sterling worth. He married Mary Levan, and to them were born the following children: Isaac; Lewis; Solomon; Benjamin L.; Jackson; John; Emma, who married Mahlon G. Hoyer, a soldier in the Civil war; and Caroline, who married Reuben Breish. Lewis Seiders died at the age of seventy-six years.

Benjamin L. Seiders was born Jan. 19, 1826, in Reading, where his death occurred Sept. 11, 1861. Like his father, he was a boat-builder, was employed as engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad when wood was used for fuel, and also held a responsible position with the Navigation Company of Reading. His wife survived him some years, dying when seventy-four years of age. Their children were: Katie, m. John W. Ringler, of No. 205 Bingaman street, Reading; Mary A., m. the late Henry Adams; and Henry E. In political matters Benjamin L. Seiders was a Republican.

The educational advantages of Henry E. Seiders were decidedly limited, consisting of but three days attendance in the Reading schools. When but fourteen years old he enlisted, July 31, 1861, in Co. L, 1st Pa. Cav., and while a member of that organization was captured by the Confederates, May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville. For about three months he was kept a prisoner, being confined in the famous Libby Prison, and was then paroled, when he returned home. Shortly thereafter, however, he rejoined his regiment, and served with it until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge Aug. 16, 1865. Mr. Seiders' record in the army is that of a brave and faithful soldier, and one of which any man might well be proud. While giving Mr. Seiders' war record, the following may be quoted which appeared in a Reading paper under the caption "Soldiers meet after lapse of over forty years": "A reunion took place in Reading on Memorial Day, between Henry H. Brownmiller, burgess of Orwigsburg, and Henry E. Seiders of Millmont. It was their first meeting since the war. The 'Squire', who is a Civil war veteran, had accepted an invitation to make an address at Boyertown. He arrived in Reading in the morning, and learned that his car would not be due for over an hour. While on Penn street he saw the letters—'Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R.' in front of the building at No. 410. As he had some time to spare he dropped in, and one of the first to greet him was Mr. Seiders. Each eyed the other closely, and the 'Squire' finally said: 'Isn't your name Seiders, a member of Co. L, 1st Pa. Cav.?' 'Yes,' was the reply, and a moment later Mr. Brownmiller recognized his old comrade in arms. This was their first meeting since June, 1865, at Chancellorsville, and a merry time followed."

On his return to Reading after the close of the war, Mr. Seiders secured employment in the rolling mill of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and later at John Kreig's mill, continuing at this kind of work for twenty-five years, when he became foreman in the coal establishment of A. L. Frame for a period of five years. He was for one year engaged in the ice business in Reading, and July 10, 1893, came to Millmont. Since 1899 he has been engaged in draying for the Prizer Painter Stove works, owning all of his own teams. Mr. Seiders makes this business a paying one, as he is known to be reliable and trustworthy and faithful in carrying out the letter of any contract. He is a member of Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R., which he joined in 1899, and of which he is past commander, and also of Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F., Reading. From 1870 to 1872 Mr. Seiders served as a member of the Reading police force, under Mayor Samuel C. Mayer.

On April 11, 1868, Henry E. Seiders was united in marriage with Amanda Emore, daughter of Frederick and Caroline (Grant) Emore, and to this union there were born the following children: Henry F., of No. 831 Bingaman street, m. Ida Rohrbach; Samuel W., of No. 1051 Culvert street, Reading, m. Fianna Clark; Israel E. and Ammon O. are at home; Benjamin died when eighteen years of age; and Emma died when seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Seiders are also rearing two of their grandchildren—Charles H. and Benjamin F. Seiders.

WILLIAM RATHMAN GLASSMEYER, a substantial citizen of Cumru township, Berks county, who has been living retired since 1902, was born on the farm he now owns, Dec. 9, 1843, son of Thomas and Mary (Rathman) Glassmeyer.

Joseph Glassmeyer, grandfather of William R., was a farmer in Exeter township, where he owned considerable land, and where the major portion of his life was spent. His children were as follows: Peter, who settled in Pottsville; George, who settled in York county, Pa.; Thomas; John; Jacob, who settled in York county; and two children who died young. Thomas Glassmeyer, father of William R., was born Dec. 22, 1804, in Cumru township, and his death occurred Jan. 18, 1891. He was an iron worker, employed at the Mount Penn furnace for thirty years, and he also owned the 100 acre farm now in the possession of William R. Glassmeyer. He married Mary Rathman, born June 6, 1808, who died Nov. 12, 1891, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Fitterling) Rathman, and to this union were born six children: Mary Ann, unmar-

ried; Amelia m. Benjamin Kohl; Eliza Ann m. Benneville Kleinginna; Jonathan, who died single, in 1886, at the age of thirty-nine years; William R.; and Henry, who died in June, 1904, in his fifty-seventh year.

William R. Glassmeyer was reared on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the common schools, beginning farming for himself on his father's farm in 1867. He spent five years on this farm as a tenant, and in 1876 purchased it from his father, since which time he has been engaged in improving and cultivating it. In 1894 he built a fine, substantial barn, 40 x 76 feet, and his property in every detail compares favorably with others in his locality. Of late years he has lived retired in Mohnton, where he owns a comfortable residence. In politics Mr. Glassmeyer is a Republican, and he and his family are Lutheran members of Allegheny Union Church, where his parents were buried.

Mr. Glassmeyer has been twice married, his first wife being Jestina Ziegler, who died in 1887, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of six children: John; Benjamin; William; Emeline m. Samuel Hoshour; Elizabeth m. Henry Reitz; and Winnie A., who died in childhood. In 1893 Mr. Glassmeyer was married to Emeline Shupp, born in 1855, who died in 1894. One child, Minerva, was born to this union.

ELAM H. RHOADS, a popular Berks county hotel man, who is conducting the Jacksonwald Hotel, a well-known hostelry of Exeter township, was born Dec. 1, 1873, in Oley township, son of Nathan and Mary Ann (Frey) Rhoads.

Nathan Rhoads was born in Rockland township, son of Samuel Rhoads, a farmer, and early learned the trade of miller, which he has followed throughout life, and although now sixty years of age is the miller at Fairview Mills. In politics he is a Democrat and fraternally he is connected with the I. O. R. M. He is a member of the Lutheran Church in the faith of which his wife died Feb. 28, 1901, at fifty-three years of age. Two children were born to Nathan and Mary Ann (Frey) Rhoads, namely: Elam H.; and Morris F., a painter of Reading, who married Anna Romig and has four children,—Mary, Myrtle, Abbie and one younger.

Elam H. Rhoads was reared in Oley township, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years he began to learn telegraphy, and, when sixteen years old, the trade of carpenter. He then went to Reading and worked as a journeyman ten years, and in 1903 embarked in the contracting and building business, which he followed successfully for four years, building many residences in Reading, probably in all about 165 houses. In the spring of 1907 Mr. Rhoads purchased the fixtures and stock of the Jacksonwald Hotel at Jacksonwald, and here he has since conducted a first-class house. His thirteen rooms are finely furnished, and he caters to only the best patronage. In politics he is a Republican, and on May 16, 1907, he was appointed postmaster at Jacksonwald. Fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E., No. 461, and K. of F., No. 26, Reading.

On June 9, 1893, Mr. Rhoads was married to Alice H. Gift, daughter of John M. and Annie (Heckman) Gift, and two children have been born to this union, Helen M. and Nathan F. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

CYRUS K. AHRENS, a substantial business man of Exeter township, Berks county, who is proprietor of the Esterly P. O. Fertilizing Company, was born May 2, 1844, in Ontelaunee township, son of Henry and Nancy (Xoennig) Ahrens.

Henry Ahrens was born in Ruscombmanor township, where he was reared, and early in life learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years, building many barns in Oley township. The last forty years of his life, however, were spent on his 100 acre farm in Ontelaunee township where he died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife when eighty-eight years old. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens had a family of eight children, namely: Sarah, m. Henry Saylor, of Tuckerton; Catherine, m. James Leinbach, of Reading; Annetta, deceased, m. (first) Lewis Hoffman, and (second) Daniel Stitzer, of Spangsville; Eliza m. Daniel Rosenberger, of Muhlenberg township; Frank, deceased, who was a farmer on the homestead; James, deceased, who was a carpenter, and later a merchant at Blandon; Henry, an ice dealer of Reading; and Cyrus K.

Cyrus K. Ahrens was educated in the public schools and in 1862 he left home to learn the harness-maker's trade in Friedensburg, with Jonathan Cleaver. This business he followed on and off until 1874, working in Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia, and finally in Washington, D. C., where he was employed as U. S. hostler. He had, however, enlisted in July, 1863, for three months service in the State militia, and after his services returned to Reading, where he again engaged at his trade. He bought the business of Amos Seidel, which he sold in 1867 and entered the Philadelphia & Reading rail mill, where he worked until 1874. In 1876 he embarked in the fertilizer business at his present location, and this enterprise he has enlarged and improved until his plant is one of the leaders in its line in Berks county. He has given his entire attention to this business, and has made a decided success. In 1896 he erected his present residence, one of the finest homes in St. Lawrence, which he has fitted up with all modern improvements. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Ahrens was married to Hannah Haas, daughter of John Haas, of Freystown, and to this union there have been born six children: Charles, a machinist of Coatesville; Harry, a steam fitter with the Monitor Boiler Company, of Lancaster; Clara, who married James Esterly, of Reading; Kate, who married Bert Bupp, a grocer of Reading; Lillie, who married John Spotts, of Fleetwood; and Nettie, at home.

VICTOR L. GOODHART, an enterprising young business man of Stonersville, where he has served as postmaster since December, 1905, was born June 30, 1878, near Hertzog's Mill, in Exeter township, son of Amos K. and Ellen S. (Levan) Goodhart.

John Neikirch Goodhart, the grandfather of Victor L., was born in Exeter township, son of William Goodhart, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life, dying at an advanced age. He married Sophia Kline, and to them were born five children, as follows: Amos K., father of Victor L.; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Frank Livingood, of Amity township; Amelia; Alice, the wife of Harry Batz; and Elmer, of Exeter township. Mr. Goodhart was a Democrat in politics and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parents of Victor L. Goodhart are both natives of Exeter township, where they have spent their entire lives in agricultural pursuits. The father is a Democrat, and has served on the school board, and both parents are members of the Schwartzwald Reformed Church. They have a family of five children: Victor L.; Sallie, m. Jacob Bridenstine, of Amity township; Annie, m. Edwin M. Schearer of Exeter township; Harry L., a milk dealer; and Peter Neikirch, a carpenter.

Victor L. Goodhart was educated in the public schools of Exeter township, and was reared on the home farm, after leaving which he engaged in the milk business, conducting a milk route to Reading for some time. For four years he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad in the shops at Reading, and then returned to his milk business, which he continued until 1906, being compelled to give it up in this year to give all of his attention to his growing store business.

In December, 1905, Mr. Goodhart purchased the stock and good will of William Dunkleberger, at Stonersville, a store founded by George Stoner, since whose time it has changed hands repeatedly. Since taking hold of this business, Mr. Goodhart has increased the stock of goods two-fold, and has gained the confidence of a large and growing trade by his good business methods. He is an auctioneer of some note, a business which he has fol-

lowed for five years, and in the winter and spring of 1906-1907 conducted fifty-two sales, having one every day of February with the exception of Sundays. In politics he is a Democrat, has been delegate to several county conventions, judge and inspector of elections, and now, in addition to being postmaster, is serving his second term as a member of the school board. He is a charter member and past officer of Bobolink Tribe, No. 179, I. O. R. M., of Yellow House; and Washington Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., of St. Lawrence, also claims him as a member. He is a member of Schwartzwald Reformed Church, and a trustee of Stonersville Union Sunday-school, and his wife is a member of the Oley Lutheran Church.

On Oct. 9, 1897, Mr. Goodhart was married to Miss Aquilla H. Gift, daughter of John M. and Annie (Heckman) Gift, and they have a family of seven children: Harry G., Martha G., George G., Victor G., Annie E., Raymond G. and Clarence G.

JOHN MOYER GIFT, a venerable citizen of Stonersville, and a veteran of the Civil war, is now operating his fine farm of forty-three acres in Exeter township. Mr. Gift was born Feb. 10, 1839, in Maiden-creek township, son of Jonas and Mary (Moyer) Gift.

Jonas Gift, who was a native of Maiden-creek township, engaged in agricultural pursuits there early in life, but later removed to Exeter township, from whence he returned to Maiden-creek township, and went thence to Ruscombmanor township, where he died at the age of eighty-eight years, his wife having passed away when seventy-five years of age. They had a family of fifteen children: Benjamin, Charles, Herman, Robert, Isaac, Harrison, William, Kate, Frederick, Elizabeth, and five who died in infancy. The parents were members of the Reformed Church.

John M. Gift was reared on his father's farm in Maiden-creek township, received his education in the public schools, and after leaving them he learned shoemaking, an occupation which he followed for fifteen years. He then learned the butchering business, in which he was engaged in connection with farming in Oley township until 1902, when he purchased his present farm of forty-three acres, and has since resided in Exeter township. Mr. Gift has always been a Republican, and has been elected to positions of trust and responsibility, including those of prison inspector, school director, constable, delegate to county conventions and member of the county committee for many years.

During the Civil war Mr. Gift enlisted in Co. E, 205th P. V. I., as a private, and for nearly a year shared the privations and hardships of a soldier's life, participating in the battles of Petersburg and Devil's Hole, and in many skirmishes, and showing himself at all times to be a brave, cheerful and faithful soldier. For a time he acted as quartermaster.

On March 30, 1866, Mr. Gift was married to Miss Annie Heckman, daughter of Jacob and Abbie (Deysher) Heckman, of Alsace township, and twelve children were born to this union: Kate, the widow of Reuben Rhoads, of Reading; Oliver, a brick maker and contractor of Reading; Jacob, a brick maker of Gouglersville; Alice, the wife of Elam H. Rhoads, a hotel proprietor; Oscar, a farmer of Berks county; Thomas, a farmer of Oley township; Aquilla m. Victor L. Goodhart, a merchant of Stonersville; John, a blacksmith; Christina m. John Weidner; George, a brick mason of Reading; Lottie, deceased; and Adam, at home.

Mr. Gift is a member of the Reformed Church, and served as deacon for six years and elder for nine years of Shalter's Church of that denomination, and for nine years as superintendent of the Sabbath School. His wife is connected with the Lutheran Church.

JOHN E. TROXEL, a representative citizen of Exeter township, who is serving as justice of the peace, was born June 1, 1859, in Exeter township, son of Samuel and Annie (Eshelman) Troxel.

William Troxel, the grandfather of John E., was a shoemaker by trade, and also owned a small farm in Cumru township, where he died at the age of forty-five years, in the faith of the Reformed Church. He and his wife, a Miss Schnabel, had these children: Samuel; John; William: Aaron; Levi; Elias; Sarah, m. Benjamin Strunk; Mary, m. Martin Campfield; and Elizabeth, m. a Mr. Boyer.

Samuel Troxel was born in 1810, on the Yocum farm in Cumru township, was educated in the public schools, and was a farmer all of his life in Exeter township, where he died in 1880. Politically a Republican, he was religiously connected with Spies's Reformed Church, of which he was a deacon and trustee, and was very active in church work. Mr. Troxel married Annie Eshelman, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth R. Eshelman, and she died in 1878, at the age of sixty-two years. They had eleven children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Mary, the widow of John Hinnershitz, of Reading; Franklin, a farmer of Exeter township; Sarah, m. Adam Haas, of Reading; William, a farmer of Muhlenberg township; John E.; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-three years; Henry, and Isaac, farmers of Exeter township; and Albert, who died in 1903, at the age of thirty-one years.

John E. Troxel was educated in the public schools of Exeter township, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching in Spring township, where he spent one term, then taught for two terms in Alsace township, and for twenty-four terms has taught in Exeter township—twenty-two in his home district, Woodville. His name as an educator was known not only in his own township, but throughout Berks county, where as an earnest worker in the cause of education he is respected and esteemed. He also owns and operates a forty acre tract of good farm land adjoining the school where he has been master for so long. Prof. Troxel, who has always been active in the ranks of the Democratic party, was first elected to the office of justice of the peace in 1895, and twice re-elected to that position since that time. He has also been a delegate to State and county conventions on numerous occasions. Fraternally he is connected with Gibraltar Camp No. 492, P. O. S. of A., the K. G. E., St. Lawrence, No. 592, and Neversink Camp, M. W. of A. He is a member of the Reformed Church and for eighteen years was superintendent of the Sunday-school at Lorane, where he is now assistant.

In 1883 Prof. Troxel was married to Sarah Hertzog, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Hertzog, of Exeter township, and to this union there were born children as follows: Carrie A., who died at the age of seven years; Hannah G., a teacher in the public schools of Exeter township, being now engaged for a fourth term at Lorane; Walter, at the Keystone State Normal school; Estella, at home; Arthur; Earl; Venus; Howard, and Lester.

FRANKLIN GRILL MOSSER, one of the substantial men of Berks county, who is postmaster and general merchant at Grill, in Cumru township, was born on a farm in this township, Aug. 28, 1856.

Mr. Mosser's educational advantages were secured in the schools of his native township, where at the age of thirteen years he learned the hatter's trade, an occupation which he followed for seven years. He then engaged in the hotel business at Mohnsville, during the Centennial year, and continued in this enterprise for five years thereafter. When twenty-five years of age Mr. Mosser engaged in the painting buisness, which he followed for six years at different places, and then accepted the position of hotel clerk at the Merchants Hotel, Reading, where he became well and favorably known. In 1902 Mr. Mosser built a dwelling and store building at Grill, and opened the first store, where he has since built up a large trade in groceries and general merchandise. Since June 4, 1904, Mr. Mosser has held the position of postmaster. In politics Mr. Mosser is a stanch Democrat, and for six years served his township efficiently as school

director. He owns a fine, large dwelling in Mohnton borough, where he resided for twenty years prior to coming to Grill. He is a member of Mohnton Lodge No. 485, K. P., Knights of Friendship No. 146, of Mohnton, and Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 186. He and Mrs. Mosser are members of Gouglersville Union Church, of which he was a deacon for several years.

On Christmas Day, 1876, Mr. Mosser was married to Rebecca Mengel, daughter of John and Catherine (Fulday) Mengel, and five children have been born to them: Lillie m. George Baker, and has one child, Annie; Sallie m. John A. Hollinger and has one child, Ruth; Katie m. D. F. Gaul; John died in his fourth year; and Harvey A. was born Jan. 10, 1891.

MARTIN W. GLASS, who since 1893 has been engaged in farming on his thirty-eight acre tract near Trostle's schoolhouse, in Brecknock township, Berks county, was prior to that time engaged in carpentering, following this trade throughout Berks and the surrounding counties.

George Glass, the great-grandfather of Martin W., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being an ensign May 17, 1777, in the Seventh company, Capt. Joseph Davis, Lieut.-Col. Balzar Geehr, and Col. John Weaver, having enlisted from Robeson township. (Pa. Archives, Fifth Series, Ed. 1906, vol. v. p. 217.) He was a native of Ireland, whence he had come to this country when a young man with his brother, Robert, who settled in Providence township, Lancaster county. How many children he had besides Jacob, the grandfather of Martin W. Glass, is unknown. Robert Glass, his brother, had an only son, James, who operated a farm in Providence township until his death in 1859, at the age of forty-five. He was a member of the M. E. Church and a Whig in politics. He was the father of five children, namely: Mary, born in 1832, Samuel, 1835; John, 1837; Eliza, 1840; and Susan, 1842, all of Lancaster county.

Jacob Glass, the grandfather of Martin W., was a farmer and stone mason in Robeson township, where he was also an early school teacher, as he was in Brecknock township. He was born June 1, 1795, and died Aug. 3, 1865, being buried at the Robeson (Plow) Church, of which he was for many years a member. Mr. Glass married Elizabeth Slouch, born March 23, 1800, who died May 17, 1865, and to this union there were born twelve children: Isaac, who lived in Robeson township; Martin; Jacob, who died single; Amos, who lived in Robeson township; George, who was a blacksmith of Reading; Joseph, a resident of Robeson township; Charles, who died in his twenty-third year; Elizabeth, m. John Phillips; Joanna, m. Jesse Moore; Mary, m. Joseph Seifrit; Kate, who died unmarried in 1878, in her forty-third year; and Ann, m. Jacob Hill.

Martin Glass, father of Martin W., was born in 1822, in Robeson township, and died there in 1900, having been a lifelong farmer in different parts of Berks county. He is buried at the Allegheny Church, of which he and his wife were members. Mr. Glass married Elizabeth Westley, daughter of Henry Westley, whose wife was a Miss Klinger. To Mr. and Mrs. Glass were born the following children: Henry is a farmer of Brecknock township; Jacob died in boyhood; Martin W.; Margaret died in infancy; Amos, a farmer in Brecknock township, m. Ann Heilhinger; Elizabeth m. Joseph Wagner, of Mohnton; Hallawell died in boyhood; John m. Hettie Griffith and lives in Mohnton; and Wilson lives in Brecknock township, near the home of his brother, Martin W.

Martin W. Glass learned the carpenter's trade in youth with Samuel Reifsnyder, of Fleetwood, and this he followed from his twenty-first year until 1893, working at Fleetwood, Sinking Spring, Carlisle, in Cumberland county, and elsewhere. He is a skilled mechanic, and his services were continually in demand, but in 1893 he decided to engage in agricultural pursuits, and purchased his present farm of thirty-eight acres, where he is engaged in trucking. Mr. Glass has made a decided success of his new venture, and has stands Nos. 52 and 53 at the Bingaman street market, Reading, where he attends regularly twice a week. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served Brecknock township as school director since 1902. He and his family are members of Allegheny Church, of which he was deacon for eight years, and he also served as Sunday-school superintendent at Bowmansville, Lancaster county.

On Dec. 25, 1881, Mr. Glass was married to Mary Ann Lewis, daughter of Archibald Lewis, of Robeson township, and two children were born to this union: Mamie, m. to Howard Trostle of Brecknock township; and Walter, unmarried, who is engaged in assisting his father on the farm.

MILTON KERN, one of Berks county's enterprising agriculturists who is conducting a truck farm in Brecknock township, was born Nov. 18, 1856, in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Musser) Kern.

Isaac Kern was a lifelong farmer in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, where he became highly esteemed and fairly prosperous. He married Elizabeth Musser, daughter of John Musser of Berks county, and to this union there were born the following children: Caroline m. Jacob Keefer; Barbara, deceased, m. Isaac Shupp; Elizabeth m. William Hoffman; Mary A. m. Theodore Musselman; Susan m. Jefferson Ludwig; Hettie E. m. Martin Weber, residing in Reading; Milton; Adam m. Albina Rathman; and John m. Dora Ludwig.

Milton Kern attended the schools of Lancaster county until the age of fifteen years, and then worked with his father until 1880, when he engaged in farming on his own account on the old homestead in Brecknock township. He then removed to the farm of Frederick R. Bubtel, in Cumru township, where he remained for two years. Mr. Kern then spent one year on William Gring's farm, a like period on Isaac Kramer's property, and in 1888 bought the old Henry Ziemer farm of sixty-three acres, which he has conducted to the present time. He has erected handsome and substantial buildings, and his farm is one of the best in the township. Mr. Kern is enterprising and a good business man, and attends the Kissinger market in Reading, having his stand at Nos. 24 and 25. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1898 and again in 1907 was elected for a three year term as school director, a position he fills very efficiently. He and Mrs. Kern attend the Lutheran Church of Allegheny, where he has served as deacon.

In May, 1879, Mr. Kern was married to Mary Kramer, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hoschour) Kramer, and to this union there have been born: William, who was a school teacher and is now living at home; Rev. Howard, who attended the Keystone State Normal school for three terms, and graduated with the class of 1908 from Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Charles, who married Maude Newman and resides in Reading; Morris E., who is at home assisting his father; and Wayne, at school.

EDGAR R. SCHOLLENBERGER, a business man of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., was born there Nov. 3, 1876, and comes from an old and honorable family of Berks county which we can trace to the great-great-grandfather, the founder on American shores. His name was Lorenz Schollenberger and he emigrated from Germany in 1742, settling in Berks county. He married Elizabeth Mertz and it is known that they had at least two children, John and Abraham. The latter was born Dec. 19, 1768, and married Barbara Moll, born Dec. 4, 1774, daughter of Benedict Moll. They had fourteen children, namely: Catherine, Susan, Christina, Elizabeth, Maria, Johannes, Sara, Hannah, Jacob, Wilhelm, Charles, Esther, Abraham and Alexander.

John Schollenberger, the great-grandfather of Edgar R. Schollenberger, was born Nov. 14, 1767, and died March 16, 1840. He had these children: Jacob, John, Benjamin, Samuel, Daniel, George and Susanna.

Samuel Schollenberger was born in 1800, at Hamburg, and died in 1863. For a number of years he worked at his trade of blacksmith, but later engaged in a mercantile business at Hamburg, which he carried on until his death. He built a house at the northwest corner of State and Fourth streets and also operated a farm in Windsor township, of which he and his brother were joint owners. For many years he was chorister of St. John's Union Church. He was elected first burgess of Hamburg when it became a borough in 1837.

Samuel Schollenberger married Mary Lewars and they had these children: James, Erasmus, Marquis H., Clara S., John L., Helen C., and Samuel, who died in infancy, with perhaps one other whose name is not known.

Erasmus Schollenberger, father of our subject, was born at Hamburg and here he has spent the greater part of his life, for many years engaged in his father's store. He is a veteran of the Civil war and participated in many battles during his period of service. He married Caroline Koller, and they had two sons: Irwin K. m. Bertha Faust; and Edgar R.

After completing his education in the public schools at Hamburg, Mr. Schollenberger began work in the Wilhelm Bicycle Works, where he fitted frames for two years, and later worked in machine shops in Reading. In August, 1897, he engaged in the plumbing business at Hamburg and has successfully continued in the same until the present. In 1903 he secured a large contract in connection with the building of the public water works at McConnellsburg, Pa., and later became the superintendent of these works and was elected secretary of the company. Mr. Schollenberger has fitted out all the factories and the public school building at Hamburg and he also put the steam fittings into the large M. E. Church here. Honest work commands good prices and Mr. Schollenberger is prospering.

On May 18, 1899, Edgar R. Schollenberger married Rosa F. Frey, daughter of John and Rosa (Schrubgier) Frey, of Reading. Mr. Fry is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany and his wife of Switzerland. They both came to America when young. Mr. and Mrs. Frey have these children: Ida, wife of Harry Bachman; Rosa, wife of our subject; Ella, wife of Oscar Bender; Louise; Maggie; John; Helen and Victor. The Frey family is one well and favorably known at Reading, where it has been established many years.

Fraternally Mr. Schollenberger is a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Hamburg; Lodge No. 600, B. P. O. E., of Chambersburg, Pa.; Ontelaunee Tribe, Red Men, No. 312, of Hamburg; Washington Camp No. 72, P. O. S. of A., of Hamburg, and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the Hamburg Fire Co.

HENRY G. SEIDEL, residing some two miles from Windsor Castle, in Windsor township, is a member of one of the oldest and largest families in the state, whose representatives have for generations been among the most substantial and reliable citizens of Pennsylvania.

(I) The first Seidel to come to America was Johann Heinrich, who was a native of Strasburg, Germany, born in 1732. He crossed the ocean on the ship "Brothers," and on landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1751, was, according to a custom of the time, sold for his passage, as he was too poor to pay his own way. The following year he obtained his freedom and immediately proceeded to Reading, Berks county, where in time he became a large land owner, possessing property in Bern township and a tract of 400 acres in Maiden-creek township. Farming was his chief occupation and brought him large returns, but during a period beginning with 1786 Mr. Seidel returned to Germany and entered upon mercantile ventures there. He was, however, mainly identified with Maiden-creek township, where he operated his farm for many years. In his earlier life he saw considerable military service, participating in the Indian Wars under Capt. Hiester and later in the Revolutionary struggle, while his wife and children carried on the farm meantime.

In 1760 Johann Heinrich Seidel married Anna Catherine Rodmacher, who was born Jan. 19, 1738. She died Feb. 9, 1808, aged seventy years and twenty days. Her husband died some years earlier, Aug. 21, 1801, at the age of sixty-nine years, four months and twenty-one days, and his last resting-place is in the graveyard of Zion's Church, in Perry township, the spot marked by a heavy marble slab. Johann Heinrich and Anna Seidel had six sons, Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip and Jacob, and three daughters, only two of whom, Mary and Margaret, are recorded by name. It is supposed the third daughter died in infancy. From the second son, Henry, comes one large branch of the Seidel family. He was born Nov. 12, 1765, and died Aug. 7, 1847. He married Elizabeth Reber and from 1791, on, they made their home on the Seidel homestead in Windsor township, where they reared a family of fourteen children, ten of them growing to maturity.

(II) John Seidel, fourth son of Johann, was the grandfather of Henry G. Seidel. Born in Windsor township in 1777, John Seidel was a lifelong farmer there, and died in 1856. He became a very wealthy man and owned several large farms, one of the most valuable being on the State Road, near St. Paul's Church. He married Miss Catherine Stitzler, and had issue as follows: Godfrey; Daniel; John; Joseph, who settled in the West; Reuben; William; Catherine, Mrs. Nathan Krause; and Mrs. Fusselman.

(III) William Seidel was born on the Windsor homestead in 1818 and died in 1899, in his eighty-first year. Like his father, he was an extensive landowner, having one farm of 176 acres in Windsor township, one of 165 acres in Greenwich township, one of 75 in Bucks county, and one of 150 in Lehigh county. During most of his active life he lived in Windsor township, where he was a well known citizen, and one especially interested in advancing education, serving efficiently for some time as school director for his district. For a number of years before his death, however, Mr. Seidel resided in Virginville.

William Seidel was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Christian Gerhart, bore him five sons, namely: Montillus, born in January, 1841; Henry G.; Francis; John; and William. By the second wife, Susanna Dreibelbis, there was a large family, as follows: Ellen m. S. Paul Smith; Charles m. Miss Sarah Dietrich; William m. Miss Barbara Kline; Susan m. William Moyer; Fannie m. (first) Benjamin Trexler, and (second) W. Adams Fraunfelder; Mahlon m. Miss Valeria Schaeffer; George m. Miss Luckenbill; and Mary m. Reuben Dietrich. The family were at one time members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, but after removing to Virginville Mr. and Mrs. Seidel united with Dunkel's Church, in that town, and at their death their remains were interred in that graveyard.

(IV) Henry G. Seidel was born March 23, 1843, on the Seidel farm in Windsor township. He entered the public school the first year it was established in that district, and was instructed in the rudiments by Alfred Spears. At the age of sixteen he left school and learning the trade of a mason, worked at it for two years, and then returned to his father's farm to assist there. From 1870 till 1890 he was with his father-in-law, John Balthaser, working his farm with him on shares. At the end of that period Mr. Seidel bought the farm where he now lives, consisting of 126 acres of excellent land. He is a capable and successful farmer and as a citizen is held in high estimation. He, too, has worked for better educational advantages in the district, has been a school director and helped to secure the erection of Balthaser's school.

On Nov. 25, 1865, Henry G. Seidel and Emma Balthaser were united in marriage, the latter a daughter of John and Kate (Baer) Balthaser, and granddaughter of John Balthaser. To their union twelve children have been born, as follows: Fianna, Aug. 15, 1866, m. (first) Edward Wessner and (second) John Lutz; Darius A., Feb. 25, 1868, m. Miss Annie Troxel; Isadora, July 1, 1869, m. Edward S. Merkel; Elmira, Dec. 25, 1870, m. Wilson Heffner; Satira, Sept. 13, 1872, m. Charles Bond; Catherine, Jan.

18, 1874, m. (first) the late George Merkel, and (second) Cornelius Strasser; Andrew J., July 16, 1875, m. Valeria Heffner; Alice, Jan. 5, 1877, who died aged twenty-four; Lavoda, March 23, 1878, m. Mahlon Gruber; Irwin H., Nov. 23, 1879, m. Miss Alice Sunday; Milton W., July 29, 1881, unmarried; and Minnie, March 23, 1886, who died at the age of three years, ten months and five days. Mr. Seidel and his family attend Zion's Church, in which he served three years as an elder, and of which he is a loyal supporter. He is an influential man in the community and a worthy representative of the old family to which he belongs.

JONATHAN SWOPE, a highly esteemed citizen and substantial business man of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., who is engaged in a general store and agricultural implement business at Cross-kill Mills, was born in Tulpehocken township, Dec. 2, 1849, son of Daniel and Catherine (Peifer) Swope.

Christian Swope, the grandfather of Jonathan, was a native of Lebanon county, where he was married to a Miss Gloninger, who bore him these children: Philip, who lived and died in Dauphin county; Elizabeth, m. Michael Shirk, a merchant of Dauphin county; Henry, who followed farming for some time and afterwards contracting and building, and who died in Lebanon, aged about sixty years; Daniel; and Mary, m. Henry Shirk, a farmer of Grantville, Dauphin county, who after retirement removed to Harrisburg, and died, aged eighty-two years, his wife having preceded him to the grave at the age of seventy-two. Christian Swope was married (second) to a Miss Miller, who bore him two children, Kate, the elder, married Jared Lengel, a miller by trade, and constable for about twenty-five years. They resided in Millersburg, where he died about thirty years ago, while she is still living and resides with her daughter, Jennie, near Lebanon. John, the only son, who learned the coopering trade with his father, afterwards followed coach making, and still later building and contracting, and subsequently removed to Lebanon county, where he is engaged in the real estate business. Christian Swope was a cooper by trade, but later engaged in farming at Millersburg, where he died in 1877. He was a member of Salem Reformed Church, at Millersburg, where he was buried.

Daniel Swope, father of Jonathan, was born and reared in Bethel township, where he married Miss Catherine Peifer. Her father, born in Tulpehocken township, later was a resident of Bethel. He married there and settled on a farm which he conducted so successfully that for his last twenty years he was able to retire. He died at the age of sixty-seven and was a member of Salem Reformed Church. After marriage Daniel Swope removed to Tulpehocken township, where he engaged in farming for about fifteen years, and then returned to Bethel township for two years, after which he again located in Tulpehocken township. There his death occurred Sept. 14, 1866, at the age of forty-two years, eight months, twenty-nine days. He was an active member of the Reformed Church, holding various offices therein. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never aspired to public office. Mr. Swope's burial took place at the Salem Reformed Church, Millersburg. He was twice drafted for service during the Civil war, but was never accepted.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Swope were born the following children: Jonathan; Davilla, who is residing on a large farm in Myerstown, is married and has three children living and one deceased; Amanda, who married Henry Bensing, resides on a farm in Bethel township, and has one child; Elmira, who married John W. Frantz, resides on a large farm near Myerstown, Lebanon county, and has six children; Kate, unmarried, resides with her brother Jonathan; Daniel, who married Mary Bomberger, by whom he has had six children, resided for five years in Sunnyside, Wash., and then returned to Bethel township; and Jacob, of Millersburg.

Jonathan Swope attended the public schools of Tulpehocken township, at the same time largely assisting his father on the farm. When he was sixteen his father died, and being the oldest of the family, the father's duties fell upon his young shoulders, and from that time until his twentieth year he was obliged to give up his studies. The mother with her children continued to conduct the farm, and here she passed away, April 10, 1898, aged seventy-four years. At the age of twenty years Jonathan Swope went to the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, attending for several spring terms and passing a creditable examination, after which he taught school for seventeen terms, at the same time conducting a farm. He then returned to the Normal for a term and was ready for the graduating class, but did not finish the course. Deciding to give more attention to agricultural pursuits, Mr. Swope rented two large farms, and later he purchased one of these, still, however, continuing in teaching. In 1884 he located in Cross-kill Mills, Bethel township, where in the spring of 1885 he was elected justice of the peace, an office which he is still holding. In 1888 he gave up teaching, and in 1890 he purchased the general store of the town, since that time having erected a new building for his large business. This is one of the largest and handsomest general stores in Berks county and is largely patronized. He has built up a fine trade, and in addition to the stock carried by a general store he has put in a complete line of agricultural implements, this being a great convenience to the people of his community.

On Dec. 4, 1875, Mr. Swope was married to Rebecca C. Behney, daughter of Augustus and Mary Anna (Loose) Behney, and to this union there have been born two children: Mary Luella, who died when about two years of age; and Augustus, who resides at home and is married to Miss Ida Deck, daughter of Hiram and Susanna (Dubbs) Deck. They have one child—Jonathan Hiram.

Mr. Swope and his family are members of the Reformed Church, Myerstown, Lebanon county, where he has held the offices of deacon and elder at various times. He is a Democrat in politics, but outside of the office of justice of the peace has never cared to secure public preferment. He has been connected with various business enterprises, and is at present president of the First National Bank of Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, in which he is also a director.

JACOB SWOPE, a leading citizen of Bethel township, Berks county, who is the popular proprietor of the well-known Bordner House, Millersburg, was born March 24, 1866, in Bethel township, son of Daniel and Catherine (Peifer) Swope.

Mr. Swope attended the public schools of his township until twenty years of age, and until twenty-one lived with his parents and worked on the farm near Millersburg. He then engaged in farming on his own account on the old homestead, where he continued for eight years, and then received the contract to carry the daily mails through between Bethel P. O. (Millersburg) and Myerstown, Lebanon county, for four years. At this time Mr. Swope engaged in the hotel business, in what is known as the Bordner House, Millersburg, which he has improved greatly and successfully conducted ever since. Meantime Mr. Swope has purchased two small farms, which he turned into one, and after bringing this to a high state of cultivation he sold the tract and purchased a piece of land close to the hotel, on which fine property he now resides. In politics he is and always has been a Democrat, is active in his party, and has been elected for seven years a member of the standing committee, also serving as State delegate in 1903, when Robert E. Pattison was nominated governor of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M., and the I. O. O. F. In religious belief he is Reformed.

In 1887 Mr. Swope was married to Maria L. Wilhelm, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Winter) Wilhelm, and to this union there have been born three children: Lloyd Ezra, Lee Jacob and Margaret Catherine, all deceased.

FRANK WAGNER, an estimable citizen and justice of the peace of Millersburg, Bethel township, Berks county, was born May 26, 1865, son of Jeremiah and

Lydia (Binner) Wagner, natives of Lebanon and Berks counties, respectively.

Jeremiah Wagner was born in 1837, and when a young man came to Berks county with his parents, Jacob and Salome (Reigle) Wagner. Jacob Wagner was a farmer and tailor by occupation, and he spent his last years at these callings in Mt. Etna, Berks county, where he died when about sixty years of age, his wife having preceded him in death. They were members of the Reformed Church, and the parents of five children: Laurina, who died unmarried; Fianna, who became the wife of Fred Hasler, of Reading; Jeremiah; Solomon, who was a resident of the fated district at the time of the Johnstown flood, and has never been heard of since that event; and Michael, who was a resident of Mt. Etna. Jeremiah Wagner, father of Frank, spent most of his life in Bethel township, where he followed the tailor's trade, becoming known as a good and substantial citizen. His death occurred Jan. 10, 1906, his wife having passed away in 1877. Mr. Wagner was buried at the Salem Reformed Church, and his funeral was one of the largest ever held in this part of Berks county. He was known throughout Bethel township as a man of jovial and hearty disposition, ever ready to help a friend in need, and equally ready to forward any movement calculated to be of benefit to the community. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and the P. O. S. of A. His children were: Jane, who married Milton Bashore, of Marion township; Morris, deceased, who married Mary Bashore; Frank; Wilson, who served six years in the regular army, was in the hospital corps in the Spanish-American war, and who died in the service while in camp at Montauk, N. Y.; and Mary, who married Levi Binner.

Frank Wagner was born and reared in Bethel township, where he received his education in the public schools. When a boy he worked on a farm, but at the age of twenty-one years he began teaching, a profession at which he continued for twenty years, eight terms of which have been spent at the Bethel Grammar school. He has also taught special schools as a preparatory course, and has been much interested in institute work. For the past five years Mr. Wagner has been conducting a job printing establishment at Millersburg. In political matters he is a stanch Democrat, and was elected to the office of justice of the peace in 1903 and deputy coroner in 1907. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 820, Bethel, I. O. O. F., in which he is past noble grand; and with the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 214. He and his wife are members of Salem Reformed Church, of which he is treasurer.

On May 19, 1887, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Fianna Bashore, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Bixler) Bashore, of Bethel township, and five children have been born to this union, namely: Robert E., Sallie M., Frank, Paul, and Frances Grace.

ISAAC BARR, junior member of the firm of Klinger & Barr, proprietors of the Bethel Shirt Co., and the Bethel Creamery, north of Millersburg, Bethel township, is a representative citizen of Berks county, and has been prominent in business, public and fraternal circles. He was born Dec. 23, 1857, in Bethel township, son of Adam and Rebecca (Henninger) Barr.

John Barr, grandfather of Isaac, emigrated from Germany to America and settled in Northern Berks, where he followed the trade of charcoal burner for many years. He was a man of a very high order of intelligence, and possessed an education far beyond the average, having command of five languages. He and his wife had eight children. Jacob, a shoemaker by trade, died in Pinegrove township, Schuylkill county, aged ninety-three years. George, who owned a small tract of land which he cultivated in addition to working for his neighbors, died on his farm in Pinegrove township, aged seventy-five years. His wife was a Miss Schnoke, from the same neighborhood. Christian also lived and died in Schuylkill county. Adam was the father of Isaac. David died young. Rebecca married (first) Henry Metz, and (second) Harry Leis, and died childless, aged about seventy-five years. Maria died single, aged about eighty-two years. Kate married Mr. Kramlich, and died many years ago.

Adam Barr, the father of Isaac, was born on the old homestead in Bethel township, in 1813, and assisted in preparing wood and burning charcoal with his father for many years, continuing that occupation after his father's death. He married Miss Rebecca Henninger in 1846, and to this union there were born four children, as follows: John, who died single; Priscilla, who married Israel Zerbe, of near Host Church, Jefferson township, and has two children; Mary, who married John White, of Bernville, and died aged thirty-nine years, leaving two children, Frank and George; and Isaac.

Isaac Barr was reared in Bethel township, and received his education in the common schools, and although the school terms were very short and the distance to the school great in his time, he inherited his grandfather's love of study and obtained an excellent education. His father dying when Isaac was quite young he was placed in charge of his uncle Henninger, with whom he remained until about eighteen years of age, being engaged in farm work. At this time he learned the trade of blacksmith, an occupation which he followed for about ten years, and then evinced a strong tendency towards machinery. He followed threshing and the operation of engines until 1897, in which year he and Mr. Klinger formed a partnership under the firm name of Klinger & Barr, a connection which has continued to the present time, and which has been very successful. The firm are the proprietors of the Bethel Shirt Works and the Bethel Creamery, north of Millersburg. Mr. Barr is a very able business man, and has been a promoter of various enterprises, being a stockholder and director in the Blue Mountain Electric Company, and other large concerns.

In 1885 Mr. Barr was married to Miss Laura J. Price, and to them there have been born three children, as follows: Sadie, who died, aged twelve years; Minnie, who married Charles C. Clemence, and resides at home, having one child, Gerney; and Emma, who died at the age of four years.

Mr. Barr is an active Democrat in politics, and has been on a number of occasions honored by his party. He held the office of town clerk for seventeen years, has been delegate to numerous county conventions, was county committeeman for four years, and in 1906 was elected to the responsible position of County Jury Commissioner, which office he now fills with credit. He takes an active interest in secret and benevolent organizations, and is an active member of Lodge No. 820, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all of the chairs, and in 1905 was representative of the lodge at Scranton. He has also been through all the chairs in Washington Camp No. 214, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a member. He is also connected with the Ridgely Protective Association, of Massachusetts. Mr. Barr and his wife have always been active in church and charitable work, he being connected with the "Old Lutheran Church," of Rehrersburg, Pa., while she is a member and regular attendant of the Salem Reformed Church at Bethel (Millersburg). Both have a wide social acquaintance, and are well known and highly esteemed in this community.

JACOB B. LIVINGOOD, who is the well known proprietor of Kline's Mill, formerly known as Shubert's, is one of the substantial business men of Bethel township. His birth occurred July 7, 1847, at Ebling's Mill, Bethel township, and he was a son of John and Catherine (Betdorf) Livingood.

Peter Livingood, the great-grandfather of Jacob B., served seven years in the Revolutionary war, after which great struggle he assisted in arresting the Tories and transporting them to Canada. He married a Miss Sands, of Montgomery county, and to them were born six children. (1) Jacob was the grandfather of Jacob B. (2) Samuel, who resided near Livingood's Mill, in Tulpehocken township, was a farmer all his life, and died aged

about sixty-seven years. (3) Thomas, also a resident of Tulpehocken township, near the old mill, later removed to Iowa, where he died when seventy-five years of age. (4) Eli, who resided in Myerstown, Lebanon county, served through the Mexican war, under Gen. Scott, gained high honors and was mustered out as captain of artillery. He was reputed to have been very daring and positively without fear, and when the Pottsville Company arrived at his command he was so elated that in the height of battle he mounted a cannon and waving his cap gave three cheers. He died in his native town at the advanced age of eighty-three years. (5) A daughter married John Artz, a farmer of Tulpehocken township, and died when seventy-eight years old. (6) Mrs. Baum resided in Lancaster county and died there at an advanced age.

Jacob Livingood, grandfather of Jacob B., was a miller and resided at the old homestead in Tulpehocken township until his death, March 30, 1853, at the age of fifty-nine years, eleven months, twenty-two days. He was married to Catherine Miller, and she bore him twelve children: (1) John was the father of Jacob B. (2) Elizabeth married Edward Walborn, who followed various occupations until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he received a clerkship from the capitol at Washington. She died in Myerstown, when about sixty-four years of age. (3) George, who was married and lived at what is known as Ebling's Mill, enlisted in the Union army when the war broke out, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, leaving five children. (4) Thomas and (5) Jacob died young. (6) Sarah, who married Benjamin K. Fisher, resided in Western Pennsylvania, but died in Philadelphia aged about sixty years, leaving three children. (7) Catherine died young. (8) Lydia, unmarried, lives at Myerstown, Lebanon county, with a sister. (9) Rebecca, who is also unmarried. (10) Lucy, who married Cyrus Koller, resided at Myerstown. (11) Mary married Jackson Moyer and resides in Schuylkill county, having three children. (12) Isaac, who resided in Schuylkill Haven, followed various occupations, being at one time telegraph operator at Auburn, Schuylkill county, and died aged sixty-one years, leaving two children.

John Livingood, father of Jacob B., was born Jan. 13, 1820, at the old homestead in Tulpehocken township, and learned the trade of miller, which he followed until his retirement. He married Miss Catherine Betdorf, and to them were born the following children: John, a miller of near Stouchsburg; Cyrus, formerly a miller and later an engineer, of Sinking Spring; Jacob B.; Thomas, a miller and steam sawmiller, as well as general lumberman of Hamburg, Berks county; Malinda, who married Levi Frantz and died aged about forty years; Levi, who is married and resides at Lebanon, Lebanon county; Lovina, who married George Stricker, of Reading; and Eli, who is unmarried and also makes his home in Reading.

Jacob B. Livingood, the well-known mill proprietor, secured his literary training in the public schools, although his educational advantages were somewhat limited owing to the fact that he was expected to assist his father in the mill. He learned the trade with his father, with whom he remained until some time after his marriage, when he went into business for himself, now being the owner and operator of what was formerly known as Shubert's, now Kline's, Mill.

When not quite of age, Mr. Livingood was married (first) to Miss Sarah Bickel, daughter of Jonathan Bickel, and to this union one child was born, who died when quite young. Mr. Livingood was married (second) to Miss Rebecca Schreiver, who bore him one son, Jacob, now living in Heidlersberg, Adams county. He was married (third) to Miss Ella Holtzman, of near Millersburg. Mr. Livingood is a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to office. He belongs to the Knights of the Mystic Chain, the Sons of America, and the I. O. O. F., in the latter of which he has been very active, filling all of the chairs.

ADAM K. BROWN, one of the prosperous agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., who is also engaged in horse dealing, owns and operates the old Brown homestead farm in Bethel township. Mr. Brown was born Jan. 14, 1852, near Rehrersburg, Tulpehocken township, son of Jacob and Kate (Keeny) Brown.

Philip Brown, the great-grandfather of Adam K., resided at Stouchsburg, where he conducted a farm, and where he died at an advanced age, probably about eighty years. His son, also named Philip, was born near Stouchsburg, but early in life located in Bethel township, where he conducted the old homestead for many years. He married a daughter of Michael Beshore, and to them were born eight children: Kate, m. John Smith; Elizabeth, m. Simon Belleman; Sarah, m. Jacob Bubb; Daniel; David; Philip; Jacob and John, all of these children dying at an advanced age, except Mrs. Belleman, who still survives.

Jacob Brown, father of Adam K., was born on the old homestead near Meckville, and was a farmer and horse dealer all of his life. He married Miss Kate Keeny, and to them were born children as follows: Adam K.; John H., unmarried who resides in Lancaster county; Belle, who married William Sheidy, has six children and lives at Wyomissing; Priscilla, who was married to the late Jacob R. Kline, and had four children; Jacob M., who is married, resides on his farm in Salina, Kans., and has four children.

When he was three months old, Adam K. Brown's parents removed to Bethel township, and located on the present farm, where young Brown was reared, his education being obtained in the public schools. He assisted his father in the farm work, and also followed horse dealing until twenty-one years of age, at which time he embarked in agricultural pursuits on his own account, but later engaged also in the cattle business, in which he has continued to the present.

On Sept. 24, 1872, Mr. Brown was married to Leah Beshore, daughter of Michael Beshore, and to this union there were born children as follows: Clara, m. Stephen Porter, resides near Womelsdorf, and has three boys; Jonathan is married and lives near Wintersville, Berks county; Lillie, m. Jacob Brown, son of John Brown, resides in Bethel township and has four children; Harvey, m. to the daughter of Isaac Fidler, lives near Meckville; Sallie m. George Frantz, and has a family of three children; Belle, twin of Sallie, m. Joseph Frantz and resides at Freystown, having three children; Morris died young; and Calvin, m. to Benjamin Beshore's daughter, resides near Meckville and has four children. Adam K. Brown's second wife was also a Leah Beshore, daughter of Jonathan Beshore, who bore him one child, Frank Adam, who is single and resides at home.

JEREMIAH W. STETZLER. This enterprising young farmer of Perry township, Berks county, who is operating the original Stetzler homestead, was born on this farm May 12, 1876, son of Jacob and Esther (Schappell) Stetzler.

Johan Peter Stetzler, the progenitor of this numerous family of Berks county, was a native of Europe, born March 5, 1724. He was married in 1761 to Maria Eva Freyin, widow of Michael Kelchner, and she bore him five sons: Peter, born in 1764, who was killed in 1841 by falling from a barn; Johan Martin, great-grandfather of Jeremiah W.; and three whose names are unknown. Johan Peter Stetzler died July 18, 1795, in his seventy-second year.

Johan Martin Stetzler, who was born March 18, 1770, lived on the old homestead, which has been in the possession of the family since 1768. In 1830 he built the stone house on the farm, which is still standing, in a very good state of preservation. His death occurred April 5, 1849. He was twice married, his first wife being Maria Seidel, with whom he was united March 22, 1797. She was born Feb. 13, 1774, and died Dec. 7, 1820, and was the mother of five sons and two daughters among whom were: Jacob, Daniel and Polly, the latter of whom married Joseph Kline. Johan Martin Stetzler was merried (second) April 14, 1822, to Maria Susannah Baer, widow

of Jacob Hoffman. She died Dec. 12, 1852, aged seventy-three years, seven months, seven days.

Daniel Stetzler, grandfather of Jeremiah W, was born March 21, 1802, and died Aug. 14, 1877. He was born and reared on the old homestead, which he acquired in later years by purchase, and in 1861 built the brick house still standing on the property now owned by his grandson. He was a prominent and well-to-do citizen, influential in his section, and in politics was a Democrat, serving as school director in Perry township. He and his family were connected with the Zion church, in the Lutheran denomination, in Perry township, and he was prominent in church and Sunday school matters, serving as superintendent. May 3, 1833, Daniel Stetzler was united in marriage with Catherine Hoffman, born Nov. 1, 1809, who died July 16, 1847. They had seven children: Jacob; Susanna, who died young; Martin, Catherine, Elizabeth, Polly and Daniel.

Jacob Stetzler, of the foregoing family, was born and reared on the Stetzler homestead, where he spent the major part of his life in farming. He attended the public schools of his district and was later sent to Union county to school to learn English. He died March 18, 1904, in his sixty-ninth year, having been born Nov. 13, 1835. Mr. Stetzler was married to Esther Schappell, daughter of Jeremiah and Esther (Miller) Schappell. Their marriage occurred May 6, 1854, and their married life continued until within forty-eight days of fifty years, when their Golden Wedding was to have been celebrated. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stetzler were born the following children: Andora, m. Martin R. Mengel; Daniel F., who died in his ninth year; Catherine m. Jeremiah De Turk, warden at the Berks county prison; Alfred L., of Shoemakersville, Pa.; Jacob M., who died in 1905; Mary, m. Charles Muntz; Emma, m. Samuel Schwoyer; John W., who died aged seven years; Adeline, m. Hiram Kauffman; Samuel, who died aged twenty-five years; and Jeremiah W.

Jeremiah W. Stetzler obtained a limited education in the public schools of his native district, since leaving which he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old Stetzler homestead. He has been energetic and enterprising and is considered one of the substantial young farmers of Perry township. June 17, 1899, he was united in marriage with Cora Luckenbill, daughter of Cyrus and Susan (De Turk) Luckenbill, prosperous farming people of Perry township. To this union have been born two sons, Luther D. and Guy D.

CYRUS LUCKENBILL, one of the good, practical farmers of Berks county, at present carrying on operations in Perry township, was born Dec. 24, 1847, in this township, not far from the village of Virginville, son of Thomas Luckenbill.

The progenitor of the family was Johan Tost Luckenbill, who came from Germany on the ship *Thistle,* landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1730. It is believed that he and his wife were buried at Bowers Church in the aforesaid township, and it is traditional that he was married when he came to America, that his wife was a Swiss, and that he came from that part of Germany that bounds Switzerland. He had two sons, Christian and Abraham, the latter of whom is said to have settled in Schuylkill county. In 1759 he was a taxpayer in Rockland township, and he later moved across the line into Maxatawny township.

Christian Luckenbill, grandfather of Cyrus, was born in 1767, and died about 1852. He was married to Catherine Kline, of Maxatawny township, and they had these children: Thomas; David, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Benjamin, who settled in Iowa; Elizabeth, m. Jacob Rothermel; and a daughter, m. Mr. Heckman.

Thomas Luckenbill was born in Perry township in 1800, and died there in 1863. He was a farmer and owner of the Luckenbill homestead, and was a school director and useful citizen. His wife was Annie Wink, daughter of John Wink, of Maxatawny township, and ten children were born to this union: Augustus; Edwin; Lucy, who died in infancy; James; Thomas; Sarah; Jacob; Simon; Alfred and Cyrus.

Cyrus Luckenbill was educated in the common schools of his native township, which he attended until twenty-one years of age, when he located on his present farm, on which he has been engaged to the present time. It consists of 195 acres of well cultivated land, well supplied with substantial and modern buildings, and the latest, most up-to-date machinery. His residence is one of the fine ones of the section, and around it during the summer months great masses of roses grow, making it one of the beautiful sights of the locality. Mr. Luckenbill is also the fortunate possessor of a fine orchard. He is a progressive, enterprising agriculturist, and well deserves the success which has attended his efforts. Mr. Luckenbill is greatly interested in educational matters, and has been a school director for a number of years. He and his wife attend the Zion's Lutheran Church, of which he has been a trustee for three years.

Mr. Luckenbill was married May 15, 1880, to Susan De Turk, daughter of John and Susan (Mengel) De Turk, and to this union thirteen children have been born: Cora, m. Jeremiah Stetzler; John T.; Nicholas P.; Even C., m. Clara Muntz; Annie B.; Howard C.; Lucy F.; Mary L.; Robert G.; Jerry G.; Minnie E., who died in infancy; Nevin J.; and Lovie May, who died when less than two years of age.

CHARLES B. REPPERT, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Shoemakersville, Berks Co., Pa., who owns and operates a fine 175-acre tract of land, was born Oct. 10, 1868, in Hamburg, son of Henry and Priscilla (Old) Reppert.

Daniel Reppert, the immigrant ancestor of the family in America, came to the New World from Germany, landing in America Sept. 28, 1753, when twenty-four years of age. He was married to a lady from the Fatherland who crossed the ocean on the same vessel as he, and among their children was Joseph, who lived in Windsor township about one mile below Lenhartsville. Joseph Reppert drove a mine team and worked on the farm all of his life, dying in 1876 in his ninety-seventh year. He was the father of these children: Joseph, who lived in Windsor for many years but removed to Hamburg a short time prior to his death in 1903, at the age of 102 years; Henry; Levi; Peter; Charles; Adam; Sally Ann, and Catherine.

Henry Reppert, father of Charles B., was born Dec. 26, 1845, in Greenwich township, and was there reared, later living at Windsor. At the age of sixteen years he began driving a six-mule mining team for the Windsor furnace. He was married to Priscilla Old, daughter of Charles and Polly (Heckman) Old of Windsor, and they had children as follows: Annie, deceased; Milton O.; Charles B.; Lillie; Robert; Edwin E.; Martha; Mamie; Clara, deceased; Nora, who died in infancy; Sadie, and Mabel. Mr. Reppert died in his fifty-sixth year, while his widow, who was born in 1850, survives him and resides in Reading.

When two years of age Charles B. Reppert was taken by his parents to Windsor township and some time later to Lenhartsville. Mr. Reppert obtained his education in the local schools which he attended until sixteen years of age, and from youth worked on the farm. He hired out with Henry Fraunfelder of Windsor township for many years and then purchased the Baer homestead in Perry township, above Shoemakersville, which consists of 175 acres of excellent land, in the best of condition. Mr. Reppert has a fine dairy of sixteen Holstein and Durham cows, and operates a daily milk route to Shoemakersville, where he disposes of the product. Mr. Reppert is a self-made man, having forced his way to the front rank of the citizens of his district. He is public-spirited and much interested in educational matters, now serving the township as school director. He has been auditor and is a man of influence in Perry township.

On Dec. 25, 1889, Mr. Reppert married Priscilla Engel, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Baer) Engel, and to this union there were born: Henry O.; Annie, who died in youth; Lizzie F.; Charles B., who died in 1899, and Mamie M.

JACOB S. BOYER, a highly esteemed resident of Berks county, who is engaged as a sand merchant and agriculturist at the Five Locks, south of Hamburg, Perry township, was born June 5, 1862, in Windsor township, son of George B. and Mary Ann (Bausher) Boyer.

John Jacob Boyer, great-grandfather of Jacob S., was a farmer and lived in Windsor township for some years. He had five children, as follows: John R., who died at the age of sixty, a bachelor, and who owned, tradition says, considerable land in Tennessee, upon which was found coal after his death; Jacob; Samuel; Matilda m. Samuel Zimmerman; and Sarah, who is unmarried and lives near Klinesville, Pa. Jacob Boyer, of this family, was a farmer all of his life and lived in Windsor township, although several years in early life were spent in Richmond township. He married Hannah Balthaser, daughter of John and Molly (Greth) Balthaser, and they had these children: Daniel; Jacob; George B.; Susanna m. Daniel Sands, and a daughter, who married Daniel Kutz.

George B. Boyer was born Feb. 4, 1828, and died Sept. 14, 1890. He was a farmer and stone-mason by occupation, also conducting a general store business at the Five Locks, when boating was still being carried on. He and his family were connected with Zion's Union Church. He served the township in which he lived as school director for three years, and was a Democrat in his politics. Mr. Boyer was married in 1852 to Mary Ann Bausher, born Nov. 22, 1834, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Adam) Bausher. Mrs. Boyer is now living in Hamburg. These children were born to the union: Eleanora, who was married to Bradford Sunday, and died in 1891, aged thirty-seven years; Washington F., of Hamburg, Pa.; Jacob S.; and Andrew W., a clerk of Hamburg, Pa.

Jacob S. Boyer obtained his early educational training at home, in the local schools of Perry township and the Hamburg public schools. From boyhood Mr. Boyer has been active and industrious, his early years being spent as a clerk in the store of his father. He later purchased the farm on which he now resides, on which is an inexhaustible amount of high-grade moulding sand, which he ships to points all over Pennsylvania, averaging about 170 car loads per annum. Politically Mr. Boyer votes the Democratic ticket. He and his family are active members of Zion's Lutheran Church of Perry township.

On June 8, 1889, Mr. Boyer was married to Amanda L. Kershner, daughter of Joel and Esther (Lesher) Kershner, and granddaughter of John and Catherine (Smith) Kershner. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, Essie A. The Boyer family is one which has always stood high in the esteem of the community.

SAMUEL M. REBER, one of the good, practical farmers and stock dealers of Perry township, Berks county, was born on the old Reber homestead in this township, March 3, 1845, son of Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Umbenhaur) Reber.

Conrad Reber, great-grandfather of Samuel M., was a son of Leonard Reber, who emigrated from Germany prior to 1756. He was a taxable in Windsor township in 1759, being a large land-owner, paying fifteen pounds tax. He was one of the founders of Zion's Union Church of Perry township. Conrad Reber had seven children: George, John, Catherine, Susannah, Nancy, Sarah and Maria, and died while several were still under age. John Reber of this family was also a farmer, and owned the original homestead, which then consisted of more than 200 acres of land. He was a frugal man and was the builder of some of the structures still standing on the farm. He married a Miss Baer and they became the parents of these children: Jacob H., father of Samuel M.; John; Kate, m. Henry Becker; Sally, m. Samuel Lesher; and Mrs. Joseph Smith.

Jacob H. Reber was born in 1804 and died in 1889, on the old homestead, where he had spent all of his life. He and his family were Lutherans, belonging to Zion's Church where he was buried. Mr. Reber married Elizabeth Umbenhaur, daughter of Jonas, and to this union there were born children as follows: Jonas, who died in 1900, aged seventy-one years; Lovina, who died in 1895, m. Daniel Yeager; Mary m. David Rauch; John, who died in youth; Susannah, m. Joel Hoffman; Samuel M.; Beckie, m. Henry Hoffman; and Catherine, m. Albert Schappell.

In his youth Samuel M. Reber attended a pay school for several months during the year and after the establishment of the public school system attended these schools for several terms, his teacher being John Stahr, now deceased. He was reared on the farm on which he now lives, and which he owns, consisting of 145 acres of fine farming land. Mr. Reber owns also five good horses and eleven head of cattle. He is a good, honest, industrious citizen, liberal in his contributions towards church and charitable movements. He and his family are members of the Lutheran denomination, and attend Zion's Union Church of this township, where he was a deacon for several years. Mr. Reber supports the Democratic party, but has never had political aspirations.

Mr. Reber was married in 1877 to Elizabeth Keim, daughter of Elias and Amanda (Hartman) Keim, and granddaughter of John Keim. Six children were born to this union, namely: Annie Susannah, Jacob S., Thomas S. and Robert J., all of whom died in infancy; Lizzie A., born Nov. 27, 1887; and Alvin A., born Jan. 29, 1890. Both live at home and assist their parents in the work on the farm.

ALUE F. UNGER, a highly esteemed resident of Shoemakersville, Berks county, Pa., who is now living retired from active business, was born Nov. 15, 1852, in Perry township, son of Samuel and Mary (Loy) Unger.

Christian Unger, the great-great-grandfather of Alue, came to this country on the ship *Edinburgh*, and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1752. In 1756 he was a taxable resident of Greenwich township, Berks county. He had these children: Michael, who was a taxable in Greenwich township in 1759; John, who settled in the vicinity of Shamokin, Pa.; Herman; a son, whose name is unknown and who settled in Maryland; Susanna, m. John Schappell; Elizabeth, m. George Heffley; and Mrs. Christian Reeser.

Herman Unger was born in Greenwich township, and married Elizabeth Keim, having these children: Daniel, who settled in Windsor township and had an only son, Isaac; Samuel, who also settled in Windsor township; Jacob, who settled in Wabash county, Ind.; Abraham, who settled in Sandusky county, O.; Christina, m. John Hollenbach; and Mrs. Coleman.

Samuel Unger, grandfather of Alue F., was born in Windsor township, in October, 1793, and his death occurred July 6, 1843. He was a prominent citizen of his day, owning about 500 acres of land in the vicinity of Shoemakersville, where he spent his entire life. Samuel Unger was married Dec. 25, 1819, to Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Snyder, and they had these children: Anna, born Nov. 24, 1820; John, Aug. 2, 1822, died in infancy; Samuel; Daniel, May 27, 1826; Elizabeth, Dec. 24, 1828; Catherine, Sept. 29, 1831, m. Abraham Witman, and died Sept. 27, 1902; Reuben, April 3, 1834; and Maria, Dec. 29, 1837.

Samuel Unger, father of Alue F., was born July 9, 1824, in Windsor township on the old homestead, and was a well-to-do and prominent citizen, owning large tracts of valuable land, a great portion of which has been cut into building lots in Shoemakersville. He built the Mansion House and store in 1873, which he conducted for a number of years, and also owned the hotel which in later years was replaced by the Metropolitan House.

He was for sixteen years justice-of-the-peace, dying in office, was a stanch Democrat, and served as school director for several years. Mr. Unger was a deacon, elder and trustee of the Lutheran Church, and in 1856 assisted in building the Shoemakersville Church. In 1851 he was married to Mary Loy, daughter of Michael Loy, and to this union there were born these children: Alue F.; George W., who died Oct. 6, 1882, aged twenty-eight years; Susannah, Jeremiah, Adam, Samuel and Mary, who all died in infancy; Emma, twin sister of Mary, m. John L. Marburger, who lives in Schuylkill county; and William, who is single and makes his home in Philadelphia.

Alue F. Unger obtained a good education in the schools of his district, and this was later supplemented by a course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he graduated April 15, 1872. He then became a clerk in his father's store in his native town, remaining until his father's death, after which event he took charge of the hotel, conducting it until 1886. At this time he removed to Reading and opened the Reading Horse Exchange, now known as Schitler's Horse Exchange, which he conducted four years, then returning to Shoemakersville. He continued in this same line, buying and selling, and shipping to Philadelphia, until a few years ago, when he retired from active business.

Mr. Unger is a Democrat in his political views. His religious connections are with the Lutheran Church. In the year 1879 he was married to Annie L. Burkhart, daughter of William F. and Caroline (Stump) Burkhart, and to this union were born children as follows: Frank F., Oct. 21, 1879, unmarried, as is Samuel E., born Dec. 4, 1880; George H., Oct. 28, 1882, m. Molly M. Suess, and has one son, Harry C.; Jennie L., Nov. 9, 1885, living at home, who is a graduate of Shoemakersville High School and of the Schuylkill Valley Seminary, and is highly accomplished; and Earl, July 22, 1889.

SHAPPELL—SCHAPPELL—SCHAPPEL. In Perry township, which until 1853 was a part of Windsor township, Berks county, is a prominent family bearing the name of Schappelle, Choppelle, Schobbel, Shobel, but now more commonly found spelled Shappell, Schappell and Schappel. The original home of the family was in France, but through religious persecution its members sought refuge in Germany, making their home at Wittenberg. Among the one hundred and eight passengers aboard the good ship "Patience," which landed at port Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1753, was Jeremie Chappelle and one Jean Pierre Chappelle. The kinship of these two emigrants is unknown, but it is not doubted that they were relatives. What became of Jean Pierre after landing in the New World is not known. Jeremias Shappelle (as it appears on the tombstone) (or Schobel) and Eberhart Schoppel, brothers, were residents in Windsor township, Berks county, Pa., in 1754 [See Rupp's History].

(I) According to the tombstone inscription at Zion's Church, in Perry (formerly Windsor) township, Jeremias Schappelle was born in 1715, and he died Oct. 15, 1804. His wife Catharine, born 1724, passed away June 8, 1801. The will of Jeremiah Shappel (sic) is on record in Berks county court-house in Will Book A, page 505. It was made Feb. 11, 1803, and probated Jan. 7, 1805. At the time the will was made he was a resident of Windsor township. The following children are mentioned in the will: Jacob (who was made executor of his father's estate), Matthias, Jeremiah, Magdalena and Catharine. In the cemetery at Zion's Church is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Elizabeth Schappelle, wife of Jeremias, formerly of Deutschland, born Feb. 16, 1771, died July 9, 1817, aged forty-six years, five months, twenty-three days." This probably refers to the wife of Jeremias or Jeremiah, son of (I) Jeremias.

No records of the descendants of Eberhart Schoppel are in evidence at Zion's Union Church. He may have left Windsor township after 1774, in which year he hewed his name on a stone now in the southeastern wall of the old graveyard. Tradition says that the stones upon which these names were carved (one bears the name of Jeremias) were once a part of the walls of the first church. The fourth church is now (1908) being built.

(II) Jacob Schappell, son of Jeremias, was better known as "Jockey," a nickname evidently taken from the German pronunciation of his name. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Feb. 2, 1744, and he died Sept. 11, 1826. As stated above he was the executor of his father's will in 1805. His wife Susanna was born Feb. 2, 1751, and she died July 24, 1828. They are both buried at Zion's Church. Jeremias, Eberhart and Jockey Schappell were founders of the original Zion's Church. Tradition says Jacob and Susanna had a large family, some of their children, however, dying in infancy and childhood. Of those of whom there is record may be mentioned: Peter, born April 19, 1770; Col. Jeremiah, born March 20, 1774; Daniel, who was a taxable resident in Manheim township, Schuylkill county, in 1790, where he reared a family and where his descendants still live; and Hannah, m. to Georg Hoffman, a farmer of Perry township.

There is a valley in Perry township known to the residents there as Schappell's Dale, because of the many Schappells living there.

(III) Peter Schappell, son of Jacob and Susanna, born April 19, 1770, died Nov. 18, 1851. He was a farmer in Windsor township, and he and his family all belonged to Zion's Church, and are buried in the cemetery there. He was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Lenhart (1768-1790), and his second Annie Kosch (1778-1841). His children were: Jacob, who located in Schuylkill county; Benjamin, who died young; Daniel, who settled in Schuylkill county; Samuel, who settled in Windsor township; John, who settled in Richmond township, Berks county; Mary, m. to William Miller; Kate, m. to Martin Eisenhaur; Elizabeth, m. to Jacob Boyer; a daughter m. to Anthony Adam; and Solomon.

(III) Lieut. Col. Jeremiah Schappell, son of Jacob and Susanna, born March 20, 1774, died Sept. 16, 1845. He was a famous officer in the war of 1812, and brigade inspector for many years. His home was always in Windsor township. He was a leading man of his time, and a military officer of fine physique, rare tact and ability. He was dearly beloved, and because of his happy disposition had hosts of friends throughout Pennsylvania. He was Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Regiment, 2nd Brigade, and was in active service from September, 1814, to Nov. 1, 1814, in and around Baltimore, Md. He distinguished himself at Fort Henry. It was he who remarked that "when the British smelled the powder of the Berks county militia men they thought it best to return upon their waiting ships and sail away." He was buried with full military honors, the funeral being attended by a large throng that came to do him honor, and the procession to the cemetery was over a mile in length. The people in the vicinity of his home supplied food for the many visiting friends and soldiers, and it was said that "the entire community was eaten up." From 1818 until the time of his death he was brigade inspector, a period of more than a quarter of a century.

(IV) Jeremiah Schappell, son of Lieut. Col. Jeremiah, was born Dec. 20, 1801, and died Dec. 31, 1842, aged forty-one years. He owned about three hundred acres of good, fertile land in Schappell's Dale, and engaged in cattle dealing and farming. He made frequent trips to Philadelphia with produce, returning with his wagon laden with merchandise for his and other families of his district, these trips usually consuming the greater part of a week's time, from Monday morning to Friday or Saturday. He married Esther Miller, born March 5, 1805, daughter of Isaac Miller. She died May 31, 1886. To this union were born: Samuel, born Sept. 20, 1825, was a farmer in Perry township, and died April 11, 1895; Hannah m. Jacob Kerschner; Mary m. Jacob Engel; Esther (Hettie) m. Jacob Stetzler; Jacob M. was born April 12, 1832; and Jeremiah M. resides in Perry township.

(V) Samuel Schappell, son of Jeremiah and Esther, born Sept. 20, 1825, in Windsor township, died April 11, 1895. He was a lifelong farmer in Schappell's Dale,

where he owned two properties, one a farm of 113 acres on which he made his home, and the other a tract of one hundred acres. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as a school director, being a good and useful citizen in his community. He was a Reformed member of Zion's Church. He married Catherine Adam, born Oct. 27, 1825, who died April 19, 1900, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria (Gardner) Adam. Twelve children were born to this marriage, as follows: Allen settled in Iowa; Albert, Isaac and Jacob became farmers in Perry township; Mary married Frank Hoffman; Adam A.; Priscilla married Frank Bauer; Catherine married Jacob D. Hoffman; Ettie died aged fifteen years; Annie died in her fifth year; Samuel is carrying on agricultural operations in Perry township; Amelia married Jacob Leiby.

(VI) Adam A. Shappell, son of Samuel and Catherine (Adam), for over twenty years a prosperous farmer in Windsor township, where he owns 109 acres of land, was born April 2, 1856, in Perry township. He obtained a limited education in the pay schools of his day, attending in the stone building still standing at Zion's Church, which old residents believe must have been erected prior to the Revolution. Later he went to the public school. In 1882 he began operations on the farm now owned by Joseph L. Smith, but was a tenant for one year only, when he purchased the William Engel farm, which he traded one year later for the one on which he now resides. This farm is in a fine state of cultivation, and is equipped with good buildings and modern machinery. Mr. Shappell has a fine herd of live stock, and his dairy does an extensive business, shipping milk daily to Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he receives four and one-half cents per quart. Among his modern machinery may be mentioned a self-binder, separator, gasoline engine and feed mill. His water supply is excellent, and taking everything into consideration his farm is one of the best in the township. In politics he is a Democrat, but although he takes a great interest in the success of his party, he has never aspired to public office. He and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Church.

Mr. Shappell has been twice married, his first wife being Isabella Engel, whom he married in 1877. She was a daughter of Henry and Susanna (Bär) Engel, and became the mother of four sons and one daughter, namely: Albert L., born Jan. 26, 1878, m. Annie Madeira; Andrew D., born Dec. 12, 1880, m. Sarah Riegel; Ida S., born Feb. 17, 1883, m. Moses Swoyer; Adam W., born April 22, 1884, is unmarried; Samuel H., born Aug. 15, 1886, died Oct. 25, 1886. Mrs. Isabella Shappell died in 1886. On Oct. 28, 1887, Mr. Shappell m. (second) in Windsor township Isabella Riegel, daughter of John and Rebecca (Fox) Riegel, of Upper Bern township. To this union were born two children: John, born Feb. 23, 1889, died four days before his first birthday, being buried on the anniversary of his birth; and Rosabella, born Nov. 13, 1891, passed away in her fourth month.

(V) Jacob M. Schappell, son of Jeremiah and Esther (Miller), born April 12, 1832, was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life until 1896, when he retired from active work. He was the owner of 160 acres of land, which in later years he divided among his children. He is well known in his district, where he served as school director and church official for many years. He married Sophia Schmidt, daughter of Michael and ——— (Reber) Schmidt, and to this union were born children as follows: Sassaman S.; Franklin S.; Jeremiah S., a farmer of Perry township; Louisa, m. to Simon L. Adam; and J. Maurice, a merchant at Windsor Castle, Pennsylvania.

(VI) Sassaman S. Shappell, son of Jacob M. and Sophia (Schmidt), was born in Perry township, in Schappell's Dale, April 25, 1855. He is a great-grandson of Lieut.-Col. Jeremiah Schappell. He received a good education in the public schools of his native locality, which he attended until the age of nineteen years, since which time he has been engaged in farming in Perry township. He also owns a sawmill, and makes trips among the farmers, sawing their timber for buildings and other purpóses, being one of the first men in the county to own a portable gasoline engine which generates the power to run the saw, as well as the grain separator and other machinery. For the last twenty-two years he has also been running a threshing machine outfit among the farmers. Mr. Shappell is one of the best-known men in the township, and has many friends, drawn to him by his many sterling characteristics. He is a great friend to the cause of education, and for six years served as a member of the school board. He is greatly interested in the politics of his county, and has always worked in the interests of the Democratic party, being candidate for the office of county commissioner, a position for which he made a strong "run" in the spring of 1908. For a number of years he was an official member of Zion's Union Church of his township.

Mr. Shappell has been twice married, his first wife being Candace Reeser, daughter of Peter and Hettie (Stetzler) Reeser, and children as follows were born of this union: Laura Miltmeary; J. Peter, now a dairy farmer; Hettie S., who died in her twentieth year; William S., now a machinist; and Benjamin F., a graduate of Dickinson College, now a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Shappell died Oct. 6, 1885, in her thirty-third year. Mr. Shappell married (second) Louisa Adam, daughter of John and Catherine (Weidenhammer) Adam. She had a son, William Lawson Machmer, a most exemplary young man, who was reared by Mr. Shappell. He received his early education in the schools of Perry township and Keystone State Normal School, graduating in the class of 1901. After his graduation he taught school for several years in Perry township, and then reentered the Normal, taking a post-graduate course. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, in 1907, with first honors, and is at present a member of the faculty; he expects to take a theological course. To Mr. Shappell's second marriage were born: Harvey A., now a farmer; James I., who died in childhood; and George H., Katie B., Clarence E. and Newell A., at home.

(VI) Franklin S. Schappell, son of Jacob M. and Sophia, whose valuable farm is located in Shappell's Dale, Perry township, was born July 1, 1858. He received his education in the schools of his native township, and there he has always made his home. He has engaged in farming, and his fine home and farm testify to his good management and to his industry. The ground is fertile and well cultivated, running water is in abundance, and all modern machinery is used. Mr. Schappell was married, Nov. 20, 1886, to Emma Isadora Rothermel, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Smith) Rothermel, and children as follows have been born to this union: Milton F.; Lillie V.; Mamie L., who died in her eighth year; Alfred R., who died when two years old; Florence K., who died in infancy (she and Alfred R. both died of bronchitis within one hour of each other, and both were buried in one coffin); Clayton A.; Bertha S.; Ellen R.; James A.; Calvin Dewey; Howard H.; and Jacob Roosevelt. Mr. Schappell is a Democrat in politics. He is interested in school matters, and served the district as school director. He and his family are members of Zion's Reformed Church in Perry township.

(IV) Capt. John Shappel, son of Lieut. Col. Jeremiah, was born in 1809, and died in 1893; he is buried at Shoemakersville, Pa. He was a boss carpenter, and built many houses and barns in Windsor and surrounding townships. He served as school director in Windsor township. His wife, Susanna Unger, was born in 1808, daughter of Michael Unger; she died in 1882, aged seventy-four years. They had ten children: Lafayette, of Orwigsburg, Pa.; Rebecca m. Benjamin Adam, of Frackville, Pa.; George made his home in Perry township; Henry became a resident of Wernersville, Pa.; Sallie m. John Hell, of Reading; Caroline m. I. N. Levan, of Reading; Jonas died at Shoemakersville; John died young; Susanna m. John Heater, of Mullentown, Pa.; Malinda m. Morris Kline, of Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

Daniel F. Bittner

(IV) John Schappell, son of Peter and Annie (Kosch), was born in 1801, and died aged forty-eight years. By trade he was a weaver, but he also worked on farms in Windsor township. He married Sarah Heffner, daughter of Jacob and Beckie (Dietrich) Heffner, and they had issue as follows: John; Betsey, m. to Moses Miller; Benjamin, who died young; John (2); Simon, who died aged seventeen years; Jesse, a farmer of Perry township; Mary, m. to Jacob Levan; Ann, m. to Isaac Hardinger; Kate, m. (first) to Henry Kemmerling, and (second) to Samuel Trautman; and Samuel, who settled in Albany township.

(V) John Schappell, son of John and Sarah (Heffner), was born Aug. 18, 1824, and was baptized by Rev. R. Dubbs. He died in 1901. He understood two excellent trades and followed clockmaking in the winter time and brickmaking in the summer. His places of residence were Maxatawny, Richmond and Perry townships, Berks county, and Lynn township, Lehigh county. He married Catherine (Kuhns) Baer, born in 1820, who died in 1905. To this union were born two sons; Wilson, born Dec. 1, 1848; and Pharon B.

(VI) Pharon B. Schappell, son of John and Catherine (Kuhns), was born Aug. 18, 1851, in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa. In young manhood he moved to Maxatawny township, where he was employed in George H. Heffner's grist-mill for many years, becoming an experienced miller. In 1876 he removed to Greenwich township, near Grimville, where he resided until 1887, when he returned to Mill Creek, in Maxatawny township. In 1903 he moved to Kutztown, where he is employed in a foundry. On Aug. 30, 1873, he married Sarah Donmoyer, daughter of John and Polly (Gangeware) Donmoyer, and they have two sons, Chester E. and Herbert G. C.

(VII) Chester E. Schappel, son of Pharon B. and Sarah (Donmoyer), and one of the successful teachers of Richmond township, was born near Grimville, Greenwich township, Jan. 9, 1876, and there spent his boyhood. After his parents moved to Mill Creek, Maxatawny township, he continued at school there for some eight years, and then entered the Keystone State Normal School, where he was graduated in 1897. In the summer of 1892 he was licensed to teach school, by County Superintendent William M. Zechman, and in the fall of the same year taught his first term in Richmond township. He has taught ten terms in that township, and also two terms in Maxatawny. In the summer of 1900 Mr. Schappel taught a summer school at Lyons, Pa., during a short residence there. He possesses all the necessary qualifications for an educator and follows the profession with satisfaction to all concerned.

On Feb. 26, 1898, Mr. Schappel was united in marriage with Annie K. Hoch, daughter of Abner R. and Sarah (Kieffer) Hoch, and a granddaughter of Philip Hoch. Mr. and Mrs. Schappel have five children, namely: John H., May M., Wirt C., Lloyd H. and Ruth A. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed congregation of Bethel Zion's Church at Grimville. In politics Mr. Schappel is a supporter of the Democratic party. In 1903 he was elected auditor of the borough of Fleetwood. In fraternal life he belongs to the Jr. A. O. U. M., Council No. 380, of New Smithville; and Camp No. 103, P. O. S. of A., of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

(V) Jesse Schappell, son of John and Sarah (Heffner), was born in Windsor township, July 17, 1829. When he was quite young his father sold his services to a farmer for seven years, one of the stipulations of the contract being that young Jesse should be sent to school for a period of nine months, but when reckoning was made it was found that he had secured less than eight months' schooling. During this time he learned to read and write German fairly well, which was the only education he ever received. Mr. Schappell and his wife are devoted Christians and regular attendants at the U. B. Church in Shoemakersville. On Dec. 14, 1850, Mr. Schappell married Elizabeth Shiffert, born Jan. 18, 1832, daughter of Reuben and Susanna (Augey) Shiffert. To them have been born the following children: P. Sassaman; William H., who died in infancy; Joshua W., who lives at Danville, Ill.; Alfred H., of Virginville, Pa.; John F., of Boyertown; Sarah, who died unmarried, aged forty-three years; George Washington, of Allentown; Samuel D., who settled in Arkansas; Charles R., of Shoemakersville; Oscar D., of Centreport; and Sevena J., who died in infancy.

(VI) P. Sassaman Shappell, son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Shiffert), and a well-known dairyman and farmer in Perry township, was born May 9, 1851, in Windsor township. When he was about ten years of age the family removed to Perry township, and there he received his education. He now has an excellent farm of 151 acres, and in 1905 built thereon a large barn, modern and complete in every respect. His live stock is in fine condition, the herd of Holstein cattle, which averages over thirty head the year around, being the finest in the county. During the past three years Mr. Shappell has averaged a shipment of over 90,000 quarts of milk per annum. He sends all of his milk by train into cities in Schuylkill county. He and his family live in a nice brick residence, surrounded by a large lawn studded with flowers and shrubbery.

Mr. Shappell was married Oct. 21, 1871, to Sarah Dreibelbis, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Lesher) Dreibelbis. They have had children as follows: Ella; Mahlon, married to Kate Underkoffler; Hattie, deceased; Minnie, married to John L. Bernet, of Leesport; Louis, married to Ellen Epting; William A., deceased; Jesse, and Maurice. On Dec. 25, 1907, a family reunion was held, and besides the children and grandchildren there were present Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schappell and Mrs. Elizabeth (Lesher) Dreibelbis, the father and mother of Mr. Shappell and mother of Mrs. Shappell, respectively, all over eighty years of age.

DANIEL F. BITTNER was among the leading agriculturists and large landowners of Lower Heidelberg township who also had large interests in Spring township, and in his death, which occurred Nov. 18, 1905, Berks county lost one of its most prominent and influential citizens. Mr. Bittner was born Dec. 11, 1842, near Jonestown, Lebanon county, son of Jacob and Hettie (Fessler) Bittner.

Jacob Bittner, the grandfather of Daniel F., was married to a Miss Wiest, and it is family tradition that he was a native of Germany, from which country he came to America as a young man and settled in Lebanon county. His son Jacob was a resident of Jonestown, and carried on agricultural pursuits in Lebanon county, where he owned a farm. He married Hettie Fessler, and their children were: Abraham, who settled between Brunnerville and Lititz, Lancaster county (he is still living); Jacob, who removed to California, where he became wealthy and died unmarried; Sarah, who married a Mr. Ruth, of near Brickerville, Lancaster county; and Daniel F.

Daniel F. Bittner was reared upon his father's farm in Lebanon county, where he remained until past twenty years of age, at which time he embarked in the hotel business at Pennville, Lancaster county, at the intersection of five roads. There he continued for two years. For about five years he engaged in farming and horse dealing, and he then became employed at the Lebanon Reservoir, where he operated two horses and carts, gaining much valuable experience in the contracting business. In the fall of 1873 Mr. Bittner came to Millersburg, where he became a foreman on the grading of the South Mountain railroad, a position which he held for more than three years, when he was promoted to walking boss of his section. About this time, 1876, the road went into bankruptcy, and Mr. Bittner removed with his family to Reading, where he operated a local express until, in 1884, he became a contractor in topping ground from coal beds in Schuylkill county, an occupation which he followed with much success for a number of years, also building a branch railroad for the Baltimore & Ohio Company at Port Deposit, Md.—two miles of double track. Another large contract of Mr. Bittner's was the uncover-

ing of the surface in the coal districts of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company.

Mr. Bittner owned several large farms in Spring township, one of which was a tract of 143 acres along the Berks and Dauphin turnpike, which he purchased in 1889, and on which his widow and daughter now reside, occupying the fine brick residence erected by Mr. Bittner in 1891. His other Spring township farm was a tract of 133 acres on the road leading from Sinking Spring to Shillington, and this belongs to one of his daughters, Mrs. Clara Henry. In addition to these he owned several very fine farms near Denver, Lancaster county, which are still in the family, as well as the Hull street store building and other valuable property at Sinking Spring. Mr. Bittner was called "The People's Bank" at Sinking Spring, where he was most highly esteemed by all who knew him. His death occurred there, when he was aged sixty-two years, eleven months, twenty-three days, and he was buried at the Bittner family plot at Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, where a large monument is erected in his memory. He was a member of Sinking Spring Reformed Church, and in political matters was a Democrat.

On Oct. 2, 1862, Mr. Bittner was married to Sarah Keener, daughter of George and Elizabeth Krieg Keener, of Lebanon county, and granddaughter of George and Elizabeth (Krum) Keener, and to this union were born ten children, as follows: Emma married Daniel R. Hagey, of Denver, Pa.; Lizzie, deceased, was the wife of Charles D. Schofer, of Reading; Sallie died aged six years; Clara married Amandus E. Henry; Laura, twin sister of Clara, died in infancy; George died Sept. 21, 1888, aged sixteen years; Edwin and Benjamin died in infancy; Bertha married Charles H. Andrus, of Altoona, Pa.; May died aged four years.

JACOB M. KELLER, of Cumru township, who has lived retired since 1906, was born Feb. 15, 1850, in Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Henry and Annie (Mohler) Keller.

Jacob Keller, grandfather of Jacob M., was a farmer in Lancaster county, where he spent his entire life. He became a prosperous man, and was well known and highly esteemed in his community. Mr. Keller had these children: Jacob, John, Samuel, Henry, Mary and Elizabeth, all deceased, who spent their lives in Lancaster county.

Henry Keller was born on the old home farm, and early in life learned the milling business, which he made his occupation throughout his active period. Mr. Keller died in Cocalico township in 1868, advanced in years. He married Annie Mohler, daughter of John Mohler, and she died at the age of seventy-two years, both she and her husband being buried at Springville cemetery, Lancaster county. They were members of the Dunkard church. Twelve children were born to Henry Keller and his wife, six of whom died young. Those who grew to maturity were: John; Peter; Jacob M.; Sallie; Elizabeth, m. George Bingaman; and Annie, m. John Eshelman.

Jacob M. Keller attended the schools of Lancaster county until sixteen years of age, and then worked at the mill and on the farm for his father until the latter's death. He continued milling for two years, after which he spent nine years at day's work, and then engaged in farming in Lebanon county on the old John Texter farm of 400 acres, one of the largest farms in that county. Nine years later Mr. Keller went to Sinking Spring, where he spent five years, and finally located at the Kurtz House farm in Cumru township, continuing at the latter place until his retirement in 1906.

Mr. Keller was married to Miss Hettie Hertzog, daughter of Peter Hertzog, of Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and to this union there were born the following children: Jacob; Miles; Henry, who died young; Nora m. James Noll; and Cecelia m. Henry Wolff. In political matters Mr. Keller is a Democrat, and he has been a member of election boards. He is a pillar of the Robesonia Lutheran Church.

LEINBACH. The Leinbach family had its early home in the district of Wetterau, Germany, where the first known ancestor of the Berks county (Pa.) family was Henry Leinbach, who married Barbara Lerch.

Johannes Leinbach, Sr., son of Henry and Barbara, was born in Langen-Selbold, Wetterau, March 9, 1674; he was baptized by the Reformed pastor. In his native land he was an organist. On Oct. 2, 1700, he m. Anna Elizabeth Kleiss, who was born in Eidengup, Wetterau, Feb. 2, 1680, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Schillinger) Kleiss, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith, to which her parents adhered. Johannes Leinbach, Sr., came to Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1723, with his three sons and two daughters: Frederic, John Henry, John (Johannes, Jr.), Joanna Maria and Maria Barbara, the family settling in Oley township, Berks county. He was "vorsteher" of the Oley congregation, into which office he was inducted April 9, 1742.

Frederic Leinbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt, near Frankfort on the Main, July 15, 1703, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. He was a tailor by trade. On June 2, 1737, he m. Elizabeth Frey, of Skippack, who was born there July 1, 1719, and was baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742.

John Henry Leinbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born Nov. 26, 1705, in Hochstadt, and was baptized in his infancy by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. On Nov. 2, 1739, he m. Joanna Herman, born in Conestoga March 16, 1718, and baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742, the same day as Elizabeth Frey, above mentioned.

Johannes Leinbach, Jr., son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt Feb. 13, 1712. He accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania in 1723, and settled as a farmer. On Aug. 12, 1735, he m. Catharine Riehm, of Muddy Creek, and they had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Frederick, John Daniel, Lewis, Abraham, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Maria Barbara, Johanna and Catharine.

John Daniel Leinbach, second son of Johannes, Jr., and Catharine (Riehm) Leinbach, born in 1746, died in Oley April 8, 1817, aged seventy-one years, two months, nineteen days. On Nov. 9, 1768, he m. Catharine Graul, who died April 6, 1783, the mother of six children: (1) Salome, born March 9, 1771; (2) Maria Sybilla, born Nov. 17, 1773; (3) Susanna, born Nov. 1, 1775; (4) John (Johannes), born April 3, 1778 (sponsor, John Leinbach); (5) John Henry, born Aug. 29, 1780 (sponsors, John Schieffer and wife); and (6) John Daniel, born Jan. 21, 1783 (sponsors, Philip Miller and wife). John Daniel Leinbach m. (second) a Lerch, who died in 1788; she bore him two children: (7) Abraham, born March 8, 1787 (sponsors, Frederick Ohnmacht and wife); and (8) Catharine, born June 9, 1788 (sponsor, Catharine Lerch). In 1789 John Daniel Leinbach m. (third) Mary Magdalena Hartman, and the children of this marriage were: (9) Jacob, born Sept. 24, 1790; (10) Christian, the grandfather of Peter M., of Bern township, and W. M., of Reading, born Dec. 24, 1791 (sponsors, Christian Gosh and wife); (11) Benjamin, born Sept. 25, 1793 (sponsors, Benjamin and Margaret Leinbach); (12) Joseph, born Aug. 12, 1795, died Nov. 6, 1795; (13) William, born Aug. 27, 1796 (sponsor, Pastor Boas); (14) Samuel, born April 14, 1798 (sponsors, Daniel Hartman and Maria Lerch); (15) Maria Magdalena, born April 21, 1800 (sponsor, Maria Magdalena Hartman); (16) Thomas H., born Jan. 18, 1802 (sponsors, Peter Mohn and wife, Magdalena); (17) Charles (a minister of the Reformed church), born Nov. 7, 1802 (sponsor, Rev. Frederick Herman, Jr., who baptized him); (18) Salome, born Feb. 25, 1804, died in early youth (sponsors, John Knabb and wife, Salome); (19) Frederick, born Aug. 9, 1807 (sponsors, Frederick Ohnmacht and wife); (20) Solomon, born June 9, 1809 (sponsor, Rev. Mr. Boas); (21) Rachel, born April 14, 1813, died May 10, 1815.

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Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, son of John Daniel, born Jan. 18, 1802, died March 31, 1864, aged sixty-two years, two months, thirteen days, became a clergyman in the Reformed Church. He was born on the old Leinbach homestead near Spies's Church, in Oley township, was reared upon the farm, and was educated by the Rev. Dr. Herman, of near Boyertown. Practically he was a self-made man, as were many of the successful workers of that day. He was a man of strong constitution and fine physique, had a powerful voice and was an excellent singer. He was a strong catechist. About 1825 he settled at the parsonage of the old Tulpehocken Church, in Berks county, living there until his death, which occurred at Millersburg, Berks county, where he had preached continuously for thirty-eight years. He was one of the best known ministers of Berks county, and was highly esteemed. On Aug. 24, 1824, he m. Elizabeth Seibert, born May 15, 1806, daughter of Michael and Catharine (Reiss) Seibert, of near Womelsdorf, died April 14, 1891, aged eighty-four years, ten months, twenty-nine days. They had thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, of whom one son and two daughters died in infancy and are buried at the Tulpehocken Church. Of the others, (1) Rev. Dr. Aaron S. Leinbach lived and died in Reading, passing away at the age of seventy-one years; one of his sons, John Hiester Leinbach, was a Reformed minister. (2) Maria R. m. Dr. Isaac Walborn, of Myerstown, Pa. (3) Elvina m. Rev. Joel L. Reber, of Berks county, latterly of Hanover, York Co., Pa.; their only son, Thomas N., is a minister of the Reformed Church. (4) Sarah M. m. Gen. William Uhrich, of Herndon, Va., who was a general in the Civil war. (5) Rev. Thomas Calvin is mentioned further on. (6) Emma L. died at Myerstown Sept. 26, 1902. (7) Jane P. m. John Uhrich, of Myerstown, and died June 12, 1874. (8) Charles H. died Oct. 6, 1891, aged sixty-one years, eight months, five days. (9) Rev. Samuel A., of Reading, Pa., is mentioned further on. (10) Clara N. m. Reilly J. Dundore, of Myerstown, and died aged fifty-one years, one month, twenty-four days.

Rev. Thomas Calvin Leinbach, late of Womelsdorf, Pa., was born in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., Dec. 31, 1837. His boyhood days were spent upon the farm. His early education was obtained at the Myerstown Academy, at Myerstown, Lebanon county, and was followed by a course in the preparatory department of Franklin and Marshall College. In 1854 he entered the same college, from which he graduated in 1858. The following September he entered the Reformed Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., from which he graduated with honor in 1860; he was awarded the German oration. He then became an assistant to his father, Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, pastor of the Tulpehocken charge, which consisted of Trinity, of Tulpehocken; Salem's, of Millersburg; Klopp's, of Hamlin, Lebanon county; Kimmerling's, Northeast, of Lebanon, Pa.; Gushert's, of Mt. Zion; Schaefferstown, and Millbach. He then received a call from Schaefferstown, Millbach and Newmanstown, Lebanon county, and served in connection with these three Reamstown, and Swamp Church, in Lancaster county. In the course of several years he resigned this charge, and on March 4, 1866, he accepted a call from the Bernville charge, composed of St. Thomas, at Bernville; North Heidelberg; Zion's, at Strausstown; St. John's, at Host; Christ, in Jefferson township; St. Paul's, Robesonia. He here remained, active in the ministry, until his death, May 1, 1909, his son, Rev. Edwin Samuel, assisting him. In these years Rev. Mr. Leinbach preached over four thousand sermons, officiated at the funerals of over 2,535 people, baptized 4,435, confirmed 950, and married 1,425 couples. He was a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M. The comments of the daily and church papers show that he was recognized as one of the ablest catechists in the Reformed Church, and was ranked among the best German preachers of his generation. "After life's toil he sleeps well; nay, he doth not sleep, but lives—lives in the eternal morning and in the hearts of all who knew him." His was a strong, cheerful, commanding personality.

On Sept. 6, 1870, Rev. Mr. Leinbach m. Maria R. Seibert, born June 16, 1840, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Seidel) Seibert, farming people of Marion township, Berks county. Mr. Seibert was a commissioner of Berks county at the time the present court-house was erected. To Thomas C. and Maria R. (Seibert) Leinbach were born eleven children, seven of whom are deceased. The survivors are as follows: (1) Rev. Paul Seibert Leinbach, now of Easton, Pa., prepared for college at the so-called Palatinate College, in Lebanon county, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1894 with highest honors, entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and graduated from that institution three years later. (2) Rev. Edwin Samuel Leinbach was born Sept. 12, 1878, in Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and received his early education under the parental roof, also attending the public schools of his native town. He subsequently continued his studies at Myerstown, spending three years at the Albright Collegiate Institute, after which he took a course at Franklin and Marshall College. His theological course was taken at the Seminary in Lancaster, where he finished in 1903, afterward taking a two years' post-graduate course. After his graduation he assisted his father as associate pastor of the Bernville charge (which is composed of six congregations), being stationed at Womelsdorf, and upon his death succeeded him in that charge. He is at present State chaplain of the P. O. S. of A., and also county chaplain of that order. On June 16, 1903, he m. Miss Carrie M. Bausch, and they have had one daughter. (3) Oliver Eugene Leinbach is a clerk in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and lives in Reading. (4) Rev. Elmer G. Leinbach graduated from the same institutions in which his brothers were educated, and at present has a charge at Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, youngest son of Rev. Thomas H., was born in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., June 10, 1844. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1864, and from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in 1867. After his graduation he was assistant to his brother, Thomas C., for one year, when he received and accepted a call to the Egypt charge, in Lehigh county, serving it for sixteen years. In 1884 he accepted a call to the Leesport charge, which he served until Classis reconstructed the charge, and he discontinued at Leesport and Gernants, and continued at Epler's, Bern and St. Michael's. In 1904 he resigned the two former congregations and is now pastor at St. Michael's only, a congregation served by the three brothers and a nephew continuously for a period of forty-three years. On June 27, 1872, Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach m. Margaret H., daughter of Dr. Charles W. and Elizabeth Everhart, of Sellersville, Pa. To this union came one daughter, Margaret Grace, wife of E. E. Althouse, editor of the Sellersville *Herald*. He m. (second) in 1879 Mary Catharine, daughter of William S. and Sarah Long, of Durham, Pa., and they have one son, Samuel A., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and now a practising physician in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

John (Johannes) Leinbach, eldest son of John Daniel, born in Oley April 3, 1778, died in 1860, in his eighty-third year. By occupation he was a farmer. He m. Elizabeth Kleiss, and they had five children, of whom two died young. The others were: Mary (m. George Beecher), David (m. Elizabeth Rhoads), and John.

John Leinbach, son of John (Johannes) and Elizabeth (Kleiss), born in Exeter township Jan. 16, 1814, died Sept. 26, 1900, aged eighty-six years, eight months, ten days. He owned a fifteen-acre truck farm, which he successfully conducted while teaching school. He was one of the earliest teachers in the county, teaching in the German pay school for some years. He also taught in the old

Moravian school, which was situated on a seven-acre plot of ground in Oley township. After the establishment of the public school system he taught several terms at Spies's Church. In politics he was a Whig, and he took an active interest in his party. The Leinbachs generally have been strong advocates of Republican principles. In 1839 Mr. Leinbach m. Louisa Keller, daughter of Conrad and Catharine (Schmehl) Keller. They had children as follows: Tyler is mentioned below; Catharine m. Franklin Hartman; Dallas m. Elizabeth Babb; Llewellyn m. Elizabeth Marquette; Mary Ann m. Oliver Hinnershitz; Amanda died in 1861, aged eight years; John died in 1858, aged one year; Louisa m. John Eisenbise, of Reading; Albert died in 1861, aged two years; Ellen m. Henry Young, of Reading.

Tyler Leinbach, eldest son of John and Louisa, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, Sept. 19, 1841. He attended the schools of Oley, Exeter and Alsace townships for some years, and was hired out among the farmers until he was twenty-nine years of age. When the Civil war broke out he went in defense of his country, enlisting Aug. 22, 1861, in Company K, 93d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the engagements at Williamsburg and Fair Oaks (in Virginia), the Seven Days' battle, and Malvern Hill. He then became one of four teamsters of his regiment until he was mustered out, April 23, 1865. After the war he again engaged at farm work for a year, and then went to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he remained seven months. He next went to Elkhart county, Ind., where he made his home until 1869, when he returned to Berks county, Pennsylvania.

On Feb. 14, 1871, Mr. Leinbach m. Anna, daughter of Josiah and Catharine (Maule) Manwiller, and granddaughter of Daniel and Sallie (Gambler) Manwiller. To Mr. and Mrs. Leinbach have been born children as follows: Ida, born Dec. 24, 1871, died July 22, 1899, m. Samuel Angstadt; Kate, born Jan. 28, 1874, died Feb. 11, 1883; Calvin M., born Aug. 26, 1875, a clerk in the Customs House, Philadelphia, m. Emma Schweitzer; John E., born May 24, 1877, a cigar manufacturer at Stony Creek Mills, Pa., m. Amelia Reninger (he is a member of the M. W. A.); Charles M., born Oct. 24, 1879, clerk in the Reading post-office, m. Jennie Snyder; Annie, born Oct. 30, 1881, died aged one year, three months; Howard M., born Nov. 2, 1884, is a medical student in the University of Pennsylvania; Louella, born Jan. 23, 1887, who was a school teacher in Exeter township, m. Edwin F. Palm, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Josiah M., a tool-maker by trade, born Jan. 2, 1889, is at home (he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 9,289, Reading, Pa.). Mr. Leinbach and his family are members of Spies's Union Church, of which he has been deacon and elder. Since 1906 he has resided in Mt. Penn borough, where he has a comfortable home on Cumberland street. He is now living retired from active work, and is in the enjoyment of the esteem and respect of all who know him.

John Henry Leinbach, the fifth child of John Daniel Leinbach, was born in Oley township Aug. 29, 1780. In his later years he settled in Muhlenberg township, where he cultivated his large farm, located on the present site of Rosedale. He m. Joanna Herman, and to them were born a number of children, among whom was Jonas Leinbach, the grandfather of William O. Leinbach, of Mt. Penn borough.

Jonas Leinbach, born Nov. 30, 1820, in Muhlenberg township, died Nov. 24, 1902. He was a wheelwright for some years, and for eight years worked for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, on leaving whose employ he went to a farm in Cumru township. There he lived nine years, and then moved to the farm of the late Judge Stitzel, in Muhlenberg township, where he remained two years, finally settling on the Judge's large farm in Richmond township, where he lived for twenty-five years. He was twice married, and had the distinction of being the father of more children than any other man in Berks county, having had thirteen children by each of his wives. His first wife, Rebecca Wentzel, was the mother of children as follows: Harriet, Ellen (who died unmarried), Percival, Thomas, Mary (m. William Rothermel, of Temple, Pa.), Katie (m. Henry Boyer), William (died single), Emma (born June 22, 18--, who died Feb. 8, 1876), Rebecca (m. Theodore Dickinson), Sarah (m. Daniel Stoudt), Daniel (m. Annie Schneck) and ————. Mr. Leinbach's second marriage was to Harriet Lloyd, born Dec. 28, 1837, died Dec. 25, 1897, and to them there were also born thirteen children, namely: Jonas, a molder of Reading, m. Emma Herring; Alice m. Andrew Ganser, a carpenter of Reading; Laura m. Alfred Leiby, of Reading; Annie m. Monroe Lebo, of Reading; Henry, of Reading, m. Lena Hintz; Nora m. Jacob Hintz, a puddler, of Reading: Joseph L. has a sketch elsewhere in this work; Minnie m. Solon Stern, foreman in an underwear factory of Reading; Lillie died unmarried, aged twenty-one years; Emma died young; three children died in infancy.

Percival Leinbach, the father of William O., was born March 23, 1844, in Muhlenberg township, and was reared on his father's farm, on which he continued to reside until nineteen years of age, when he learned the blacksmith's trade with John Becker, of Reading. He has followed that occupation to the present time. For a number of years he was located in Reading, but now resides in Mt. Penn. He is a Democrat in politics, and for one term was a school director in Lower Alsace township; fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E., Castle No. 63, of Reading. Mr. Leinbach is a Reformed member of the Alsace Church. In 1865 he m. Catharine Reifsnyder, daughter of Samuel and Judith (Price) Reifsnyder, and to this union were born three children: Henry, a coal receiver for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in Reading (m. Sallie Raudenbush); William Oliver; and Emma, who died in 1875, aged six years.

William Oliver Leinbach was born Nov. 16, 1867, in Reading, and was taken to Alsace (now Lower Alsace) township by his parents when a mere lad. There he attended the common schools until fifteen years of age. When sixteen years old he began to learn the blacksmith's trade with his father, for whom he worked thirteen years, and in 1897 began working in Reading, being employed for two years with Harry Bard, a carriage builder. Since 1899 he has been with the Keystone Wagon Works. He is an excellent mechanic and his services are highly valued by his employers.

In his political views Mr. Leinbach is a Democrat. He was auditor of Lower Alsace township for four years, and on the organization of Mt. Penn borough was elected one of its first councilmen, serving on the fire and approving committees. He is a member of Castle No. 63, K. G. E., of Reading; Camp No. 230, P. O. S. of A., of St. Lawrence, Pa.; and Wyomissing Council, No. 1584, Royal Arcanum, Reading, Pa. He was one of the charter members of Trinity Reformed Church of Mt. Penn, and has been janitor thereof since its erection, in 1898. He has been secretary of the Sunday-school since its organization in 1890 and in twelve years' time missed but five Sundays in attendance.

On July 27, 1887, Mr. Leinbach m. Lizzie Stuber, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Moyer) Stuber, deceased, of Reading, and by this union there is one daughter, Emma Victoria, born Nov. 6, 1890.

"REV. DR. AARON SEIBERT LEINBACH, a well-known Reformed Clergyman, who died in Reading, was a son of the late Rev. Thomas H. and Elizabeth Leinbach, and was born July 20, 1825, in Spring township, several miles from Reading, in the house now occupied by Benneville Krick. He was one of a family of thirteen children, the following of whom survive: Rev. Samuel Augustus Leinbach, of this city; Rev. Thomas Calvin Leinbach, of Womelsdorf; Charles Leinbach, Mrs. Maria Walborn, Mrs. Clara Dundore, Mrs. Emma Loose, all of Myerstown; and Mrs. Elvina Reber, of Philadelphia.

"Before he was a year old his father moved to the parsonage of the Tulpehocken church, of which he was pastor, located in Jackson township, Lebanon county. It was here that Dr. Leinbach spent his earlier years. He attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and afterward entered the academy at Womelsdorf and then the academy at Myerstown. From here he entered Marshall College, at Mercersburg, in 1842, and graduated in the fall of 1846. He then prosecuted his theological studies in the seminary at the same place until 1848, and was licensed to preach on the 16th day of May of the same year. He was ordained by the classis of the Reformed Church and installed as pastor of the Palmyra charge in Lebanon county, which he served for the short period of five months when he was called to the pastorate of the First Reformed church of Reading. He entered upon his duties Sept. 6, 1848, and successfully served the congregation for fourteen and one-half years. He preached in German and English and lectured during the week. The German and English services alternated, as did also the lectures. During the greater portion of the time he delivered two lectures a week, one in German and the other in English, but afterward only once a week in German and English alternately. At times, when Trinity Lutheran Church was without a pastor, he attended weekday services there and sometimes filled the pulpit on Sundays. During a period of the time he was pastor of the First Reformed Church, he preached at stated intervals at Schwartzwald Church, and became the regular pastor of that well-known congregation, July 1, 1855.

"Dr. Leinbach began his pastorate at Shalters, May 1, 1864; at Hinnershitz church, Oct. 8, 1871; at Alsace, Oct. 8, 1873. He also served the following congregations: Immanuel, Hamburg, from April 24, 1864, to June 10, 1866; St. Michael's, Upper Bern, from Aug. 7, 1864, to Sept. 29, 1867; St. John's, Robeson, from May 22, 1864, to June 29, 1873; Mohrsville, from Jan. 22, 1865, to Jan. 23, 1881; Bern church, from July 25, 1875, to Aug. 12, 1883; Leesport church, from June 26, 1870, to Jan. 23, 1881.

"When he announced to the members of his different congregations in the spring of 1895 that he would resign his charges and throw aside the cares of his office, the expressions of regret were general. This course, Dr. Leinbach deemed necessary, as of recent years his manifold duties were too great a strain on his nervous system. On Sunday, July 28, 1895, the venerable pastor conducted his concluding services in Alsace church; on Sunday morning, Aug. 4, Hinnershitz, and in the afternoon of the same day at Shalter's church. On Sunday, Aug. 11, he preached his farewell sermon at Spies' church, and on Sunday, Aug. 18, at Schwartzwald (which congregation he has served for a period of nearly forty years). All services were largely attended, not only by the members of the different congregations, but by numerous friends living within a radius of many miles.

"Since the time he was licensed as a preacher he had baptized 7,729 persons; confirmed 3,437; married 2,829 couples, and officiated at 4,289 funerals. At various times, his son, the late Rev. John Hiester Leinbach, officiated in his stead, otherwise these figures would have been larger.

"A number of years ago the title of D. D. was conferred upon him by Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. Leinbach was for nearly half a century one of the most active and influential Reformed clergymen in Eastern Pennsylvania. He labored in season and out of season, and as his congregations were widely scattered he was out almost daily, preaching funeral sermons, visiting the sick, and in an hundred ways ministering comfort and consolation. He filled in full and complete measure all the duties of a pastor, and in addition to his weekday appointments, he held services at two or three, and occasionally four of his churches on a single Sunday, on which occasions he was required to drive many miles. He thoroughly understood the people, and they had full confidence in his advice and judgment in temporal as well as spiritual affairs. He was sympathetic and considerate of every one with whom he came in contact. His amiable disposition and even temperament made him one of the most approachable of men. His kindliness of manner commended him as a model pastor, and there was never any friction between him and his congregation. His parishioners believed in him as no other man and he was held by them in the greatest affection as a counsellor, pastor and friend. He was amiable, charitable and always good-natured, and his parsonage was at all times a place where his many hundreds of members were always welcome. There were few men who enjoyed a wider acquaintance throughout Berks county than Rev. Dr. Leinbach, and he was beloved wherever he was known. His relations with his congregations were based on a mutual confidence and good feeling that added much to the prosperity of the congregations. He was the embodiment of kindness, and he will be sincerely mourned in hundreds of homes. His name was a household word throughout this entire section. As a preacher he was practical and eloquent. He drew his lessons from everyday life, and his sermons were based on old-fashioned Gospel truths, and ran in a channel of thought that all could understand. While he at all times directed his hearers to prepare for the better land above, Dr. Leinbach never neglected to inculcate in his discourses principles of right living, right thinking, and right doing in one's daily life. He addressed his people as a kind father would a child and in this lay one of the sources of his popularity.

"At the farewell services at Schwartzwald, Rev. Dr. Mosser, a successor of Dr. Leinbach, at the First Church, truthfully said, 'A minister of the Gospel who remains in one church forty years as its pastor, and then lays down the cares of the office on account of the infirmities of old age, is a hero of God.' On the same occasion Dr. Leinbach gave the statistics of the church. He stated that he began his pastorate in Schwartzwald, July 29, 1855, and since then had baptized 1,523 people, confirmed 1,012, wedded 484 couples and officiated at 694 funerals. At the first communion he had 166 guests and at the last 426. This number, he said, was not the largest, however, as he had had already as many as 550. He concluded with these words: 'It is a sad thing for me to sever my connection with this church, but my declining years demand it. I now bid you farewell and pray that our Father's blessing may rest upon you all.' During the deliverance of the above many were moved to tears. At the close he was presented on behalf of the congregation with a handsome engrossed set of resolutions enclosed in a frame, testifying to his great ability as a minister, and to his faithful services as their pastor. Dr. Leinbach, in a feeling manner, responded. He said, I thank you for your expression of good will and efforts to reward me. You have always shown me the greatest kindness and words cannot express my appreciation.

"The resolutions in conclusion paid Dr. Leinbach this beautiful tribute: 'May God grant you an eventide of life as gentle and calm as a pleasant summer's eve; and we beg of you to rest assured in your retirement that in the bosoms of the members of Schwartzwald congregation, hearts beat, praying for you that heavenly benediction may descend on you from the Great Bishop of our souls.' The other congregations took similar action when Dr. Leinbach retired as their pastor.

"Of the numerous weddings he performed, the first was on the 10th of September, 1848, when he married Lewis Ruth, a young merchant of this city, to Miss Matilda Houck, of Lebanon county. The second was on the 24th of the same month, when he married William Call to Miss Clementine Fichthorn, both of this city.

"When visiting in the country, the venerable pastor was always greeted in the most cordial manner. To the *Eagle* he said at the time of his retirement: 'I do not believe there are people anywhere who are more hospitable and social than those of Berks. They are principally from German stock, and you know it is the nature of Germans to be *gemuethlich*. This is a German word for

sociality and geniality which is difficult to translate into English and retain its full force. In the whole course of my ministry I have never been repulsed or treated coldly in a single instance.'

"In going out to fill an appointment Dr. Leinbach's difficulty was not to find a place to stop, but to decide where not to stop, the invitations being so numerous and pressing. No matter where he visited it was very evident from the manner in which he was received that he was heartily welcome. He always endeavored to visit in the order of invitations. In answer to the question—'What do country people generally talk about when they meet at church and when you meet them at their homes?' Dr. Leinbach replied some months ago: 'As we are living among nature it is natural that the people should talk about the works of nature, including the crops. I think it is in keeping with Christianity for the people when they meet, to inquire about each other's health, circumstances, etc. Religion should not destroy the humanity of a person and make him morose, stiff and unnatural. During the services the country people are usually attentive and when I meet them in their families, they are, as a general thing, very fond of talking about church matters.'

"When Dr. Leinbach assumed the pastorate of the First Reformed church in 1848, it was the only one of the denomination in Reading. The second church was just about being organized. As he never refused to respond to a call his work for many years was very wearing and his devotion to it helped to somewhat impair a constitution that had in it vigor enough to have carried him to an age considerably beyond that at which he died.

"Dr. Leinbach is survived by his widow, who was his second wife, and four children: Jacob J. S. Leinbach, Mrs. Adam B. Rieser, Mrs. Morris Schaffer and Mrs. John Armstrong. His son, Rev. John H. Leinbach, a prominent Reformed clergyman, died less than a year ago, and another son, Thomas, died about three years ago. His first wife was Eliza Amanda Schantz, of Allentown, to whom he was married Jan. 8, 1850. She died Aug. 13, 1867."

The notice of his funeral as telegraphed to the *Times* was: "The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Aaron S. Leinbach this afternoon [June 27, 1896] was the largest here in years. There were nearly fifty clergymen in attendance. The floral tributes were many and magnificent. Rev. Dr. B. Bausman, of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, who fifty years ago was the roommate of Dr. Leinbach in Marshall College, at Mercersburg, preached the sermon. Six pastors of Reformed Churches in this city were pall-bearers."

LLEWELLYN LEINBACH, former teacher and merchant, and present successful farmer near Oley Line, in Oley township, was born Jan. 13, 1848, son of John and Louisa Leinbach. He assisted on the home farm and attended the district schools in his boyhood. He pursued his higher education in Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College, at Collegeville, and he was licensed to teach by Prof. John S. Ermentrout, then county superintendent. In 1869 he taught his first term in Alsace township, at a salary of twenty dollars per month, the term consisting of four months. He taught in all four terms, two in Alsace and two in Exeter, and then began his mercantile experience as a clerk in the general store of B. A. Glase, at Friedensburg, where he remained two years. He then came to Oley Line, and associated with O. H. Hinnershitz, engaged in the general merchandise business, and at the same time conducted the hotel. This partnership continued four years, when, owing to ill health, Mr. Leinbach was obliged to retire, his partner continuing the business. Mr. Leinbach moved to Amity township, and there lived on one farm for seven years, and for twenty-two years he lived on the farm of Mary W. Hains, and has continued as manager of her farm. In 1891 he bought his present home farm near Oley Line, this being the homestead of his father-in-law, Samuel Marquette. The tract consists of eighty-eight acres of good land. Mr. Leinbach devotes considerable time to the raising of truck, which he markets in Pottstown. In politics Mr. Leinbach is a Republican. He and his family all belong to the Reformed Church at Amityville, in which he has been deacon, and an elder since 1888.

In 1874 Mr. Leinbach was married to Eliza A. Marquette, and six children have been born to this union: William J., a carpenter and farmer in Amityville, m. Maud Rhoads; Samuel m. Jennie Weider, and assists on the home farm; Walter is at home; Lottie M. m. George B. Griesemer, a merchant at Spangsville; Sallie, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1907, is a teacher in the public schools; and Paul R. died in 1891 at the age of two and one-half years.

HIRAM P. YEAGER, proprietor of the Pennsylvania Boiler Works, and a prominent citizen of Reading, Pa., was born in Schuylkill county, June 26, 1844, son of John L. and Mary (Gift) Yeager, and grandson of John Yeager.

John Yeager, the grandfather, who was a native of Germany and a hatter by trade, served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He and his wife were both buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, being members of the Reformed Church. In politics John Yeager was a Whig. He and his wife had seven children: John, Nicholas, Harry, George, Michael, Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Seiders.

John L. Yeager, father of Hiram P., was also a hatter by occupation, a trade which he learned of his father. When a young man he located in Schuylkill county, and there for a number of years followed his trade, but later went into the hotel business, conducting a hostelry for about thirty years. Mr. Yeager died in 1858, aged fifty-seven years, while his widow survived him until 1879, being in her seventy-eighth year at the time of her death. He was a member of Orwigsburg Lodge, F. & A. M., of Schuylkill county. In politics he was a Whig.

Hiram P. Yeager received his literary training in the schools of his native county, and in early youth learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 129th Pa. V. I., and served with that regiment until 1863, when he was discharged; but he immediately re-enlisted, veteranizing with Co. B, 205th Pa. V. I., with which he remained until the close of the war. Mr. Yeager had an honorable war record, and was several times wounded in battle. On returning to Schuylkill county, Mr. Yeager learned the boilermaking trade, and went to Philadelphia to work on the Centennial grounds in 1876, later in the year locating in Reading where he worked for Reasor & McCoy for two years. He then engaged in business on his own account under the firm name of the Yeager Boiler Company, but was later connected with Wilson & Co. In 1905 he purchased Mr. Wilson's interest in the business, which he has since conducted alone, doing a general line of boiler repairing and manufacturing. He is a practical mechanic and an expert in his line, and the excellence of his work has won him a large patronage. Mr. Yeager is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., and of McLean Post No. 16, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Yeager is a member of the Second Reformed Church of Reading.

Mr. Yeager has been twice married, his first wife, whom he married in 1872, being Anna Seigfred. Four children were born to that union: Harry, of Philadelphia; George and Luther, of Reading; and Florence, at home. Mr. Yeager was married (second) in 1886, to Susan Koch. They have no children.

BERTOLET—BERTOLETTE. The Bertolet family of Berks county, Pa., has an ancient and honorable lineage, and for centuries before its planting in the New World played an important part in the history of the Old. The "Dictionnaire de la Noblesse de France (1771)" says "The family Bertholet was originally from Brittany, where it comprised several branches, one of which settled in Picardie." From this Picardie family comes the American line. "Picardie was an old Province adjoining the north of France, having on the north and west the English Channel."

Gabriel O'Gilvy, London, 1864, in his work on the Nobility of Normandy, etc., Vol. I., p. 157, says: "Bertholet

(Germanized and Americanized Bertolet) 1470, ennobled by warrant of the francs-fief (francsfee) and new acquisitions: The widow Blesot Bertolot, of the vic. of Conches and Breteuil, was taxed five livres.

"Bertolet, 1470, ennobled by warrant of the francs-fief and new acquisitions: Jean Bertolet of the vic. de Conches and Breteuil was taxed fifteen livres.

"Bertolet de Mezernay vic. de Caen: arms of blue, helmet with front of silver, lowered under two cuirasses of the same."

Part of the family in Picardie became Protestant, and the persistent persecution of the Huguenots after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685, drove them to Bern, in Switzerland, whence they went to the Lutheran Palatinate.

In the article that follows the Roman numerals indicate the number of generations, beginning with the first known ancestor in direct line.

(I) "Jean Bertolet, Sr., was born in Picardie, France, where the family held large estates. During the religious wars he retired into Switzerland, and established himself on a farm near Gottenberg, which belonged to the 'Pfaltzgrafflische gemsin-schaft,' held by the Protestant congregation, and which had been confiscated from the Catholics and rented."

(II) Jean Bertolet (or Berthelot) was born in Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, son of Jean, Sr., during the sojourn of the family in the haven of refuge. He became one of the leaders of the Huguenot faction, and with others moved to the Bavarian Palatinate. There prior to (one authority says 1711) 1712, he married Susanna, daughter of Jean Hericourt, in Muhlhaften, bei Landau, a short distance southwest of Speier. The family of Hericourt also belonged to the ancient nobility of France, and it took its name from the estate (terre) de Hericourt in la Comte de Saint Pol. The town of Saint Pol is in the Province of Pas de Calais, Picardie, the ancient home of the Bertolets. In 1712 Jean Bertolet and wife moved (again because of persecution) to and tenanted a farm belonging to the Chapter of Selz, a town in Alsace on the Rhine, near Minnefeldten, where they remained fourteen years, and where five children were born. During all these years they had been subject to more or less persecution, and in 1726 they determined to come to America to find home and peace in Quaker Pennsylvania. The authorities of the district in which he lived gave to Jean Bertolet the following testimonial:

"Attestation for John Bertolet (Jean Berthelot).

"We, the undersigned, President Judge of the Principality of Pfalz for the District of the Community of Guttenberg, do hereby testify by virtue of this letter, that the bearer of this, the well reputed and discreet John (Jean) Bertolet (Berthelot), born in Chasteaudeux (Chateau-d 'Oex) in Switzerland, under the jurisdiction of Bern, with his wife, have for fourteen years, as occupants of the adjoining farm, belonging to August Chapter of Seltz, conducted themselves piously, honorably, uprightly and justly, and in such manner as is appropriate for virtuous persons praiseworthily conducting themselves, that we of him, as well as of his wife, cannot otherwise speak than to their honor and praise.

"Inasmuch as this married couple with their five children under the hope of improving their best interests and opportunities desired to remove themselves to the new country of Pennsylvania, there to settle themselves in a domestic manner and are wholly resolved and determined upon the same. We respectfully, obedient to our numerous duties of station and service would in a friendly way solicit and entreat for the aforesaid John (Jean) Bertolet (Berthelot) and his wife Susanna and five children not only that they may pass all places free and without hindrance, but besides, on account of their respectable conduct, to extend to them ever desired aid and assistance.

"To such are we on similar occasions in the most friendly manner ready and willing to reciprocate the kindness.

"To this as a truthful record we, besides our subscribed names, append our usual seal.

"So given and done in the Upper Official District of Minnfeldten the twenty-ninth day of the month of April as men enumerate one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six.

"J. G. Wimpffen,
"Nicolaus Schoenlaub,
"Anwald (Council)
"Hans Ehrhart Beyer,
"des Gerichts Secretary."

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Minnfeldten.]

The story of Pennsylvania as a refuge of those persecuted for religion's sake, was carried through Holland and Germany in 1677 by William Penn himself. In Germany the opposition of the Roman, Lutheran, and Reformed churches had repressed the awakening minds of the people, and the Imperial Edict of the Chancery Court of Speier, capital of Bavaria in 1671, was intended to recall the people to a stricter ritualistic worship, but all failed. William Penn, on his continental trips proselyting on behalf of the doctrine of the "Inner Light," impressed the people with his zeal and his character, and in a short time was formed the company that founded Germantown, the birthplace of the German-American race. From that time on the tide of emigration was steady, and Pennsylvania became the home of a sturdy, independent Christian people.

Oley

Jean Bertolet and his wife and five children landed at New York in 1726, preceded in 1720 by his brother Pierre (Peter) Bertolet, who located in Oley, Berks county, Pa., March 25, 1720, and that year was a signer of a petition to have Oley organized into a township. Jean Bertolet also settled in Oley, and some years later a third brother, Samuel, joined the other two. The first generation of the Bertolets in America married into the Frey, De Benneville and De Turk families.

Pierre Bertolet died prior to 1737, as his widow sold their farm May 7, 1737. Elizabeth Bertolet's will is on record in Philadelphia. Daniel H. Bertolet, of Philadelphia, an authority on early family records, says: "This may be only letters of administration signed by John Bertolet, of Germantown (sadler), Aug. 5, 1747." And again "This may be only letters of administration on the estate of Dr. Jonathan Bertolet, who married Charlotte, daughter of Dr. George and Susanna (Bertolet) De Benneville (second cousins)."

Jean Bertolet purchased land in Oley, Pa., near the present Yellow House, and in 1731 he erected a substantial stone dwelling. The Indians were his neighbors, and he taught them how to farm. His death occurred in 1754. At the third reunion of his descendants, the Bertolet Family Association, held at Oley in 1900, a committee was appointed to try to discover beyond all doubt the exact spot of his grave; while the Finance committee of this Association took subscriptions for a fund for the purchase of a headstone for the grave, and the renovation of the burial lot. When Jean Bertolet came to America he brought with him his Bible, which had proved a source of great comfort to him in all the years of his sojourn in strange lands for conscience's sake. Its title page reads: "La Bible qui est Tovte La Saincta Ecritures x x Par Francois Perrin Pour Antoine Vincent MDLXVII." Its fly leaf bears the inscription: "Le Presante Bible apartien a Jean Bertolet." This Bible was sold in 1907 for $183, but still remains in the family, and is in an excellent state of preservation. To Jean and Susanna (Hericourt) Bertolet were born children (the first five before the emigration to America), as follows: Abraham, born Dec. 11, 1712, died in 1766; Maria, born July 12, 1715, m. H. Bernet; John, born Sept. 28, 1717, m. a daughter of Peter Pallio, an early settler of the Manatawny region, and died at Pottstown, Pa., in 1789; Esther, born Aug. 12, 1720, m. Dec. 24, 1745, Dr. George de Benneville (who died in 1793), and died in March, 1795, the mother of two sons and five daughters, of whom Daniel was a surgeon in the Revolution-

ary war, and George also followed the medical profession; Susanna, born Nov. 17, 1724, m. Jacob Frey, and died Feb. 2, 1805; and Frederick Americus, born in America in 1726.

(III) Abraham Bertolet, son of Jean and Susanna, born Dec. 11, 1712, married Esther de Turk, daughter of Isaac de Turk and his wife, Maria Gerber. Isaac de Turk, born in 1686, landed at New York, with his sister Esther in 1707, and settled at Esopus, then became one of the first settlers at Quassick Creek, Dutchess county, N. Y., and on June 11, 1712, was granted 300 acres at "Oley," Pa. (the first mention of this locality on record), by the Commissioners of Pennsylvania, who described him "late of Franklin-thal, in Germany." Isaac de Turk had three children—Catherine (m. Abraham Levan), John (m. Deborah High) and Esther (m. Abraham Bertolet)—but bequeathed all his landed estate to his son, who paid his sisters their proportionate shares according to the appraisement. To Abraham and Esther (de Turk) Bertolet were born the following children: Maria, born Sept. 18, 1736, m. a Hoch, and died July 17, 1802; Daniel, born May 9, 1741, m. Maria (Mary) Yoder, born Feb. 13, 1749, and he died Nov. 19, 1799; Samuel, born 1744, m. a Frey, served in the Revolutionary war, and died Jan. 1, 1805; Elizabeth, born in 1745, m. a de Turk; Esther, born in 1746, m. a Yoder; and John, born 1748, m. a Shenkel, and they died leaving a son, John Shenkel. Abraham Bertolet, the father, died in 1766.

(IV) Daniel Bertolet, son of Abraham and Esther, was born May 9, 1741. He married Maria (Mary) Yoder, who was born Feb. 13, 1749, and his death occurred Nov. 19, 1799. Eight children were born of this union: Esther, born Oct. 21, 1769; Abraham, born Feb. 28, 1772; Catherine, born July 23, 1775, m. Daniel Grim, who died in 1802, and is buried in the Grim lot in Maxatawny township, and their only son, Daniel Grim, was living in 1861; Charlotte, born Feb. 10, 1778; Daniel (2), born June 11, 1781; John, born Feb. 21, 1784; Maria, born Jan. 9, 1788; and Samuel, born May 4, 1791.

(V) Daniel Bertolet (2), son of Daniel and Maria, born June 11, 1781, was married Oct. 3, 1802, to Maria (Mary) Griesemer, and they became the parents of nine children: Abraham, born Nov. 4, 1803 (died Oct. 1, 1835); Samuel, Nov. 15, 1804; Maria, Dec. 3, 1807; Daniel, Jan. 17, 1809; Isaac, April 14, 1810; Esther, May 15, 1811; Jacob, Nov. 3, 1815; Hannah, Nov. 21, 1817; and Peter, June 11, 1822.

(VI) Isaac Bertolet, son of Daniel (2) and Maria (Griesemer) Bertolet, was born April 14, 1810, and died June 7, 1882. He m. (first) Eliza Cleaver (born July 2, 1812, died June 2, 1849), and their children were: Rebecca, born Jan. 18, 1836, died April 20, 1856; Dr. Jonathan, born Nov. 19, 1837, was an eminent surgeon in the army during the Civil war, and died in Europe May 1, 1868, and is buried at Berlin, Germany; Maria, born March 8, 1840, died July 21, 1856; and Keturah, born July 15, 1844, m., Sept. 15, 1863, Hiram W. Keehn, and has two children—Clarence H. (born 1872, m. Elizabeth Davy, and has two children Hiram, born April 12, 1898, and Helen, born March 10, 1900) and Maria C. (born 1875, m. John M. Chestnut). Isaac Bertolet m. (second) Christiana Griesemer (born March 9, 1820, died Nov. 25, 1905) and they had three children: Daniel N., born Jan. 22, 1851, unmarried; Anne, born Nov. 1, 1854, deceased; and Charles, born Jan. 22, 1859, deceased.

(VII) Dr. Daniel N. Bertolette, son of Isaac and Christiana (Griesemer) Bertolet, was born in Oley Jan. 22, 1851. He graduated from the Reading high school in 1866, and was valedictorian. In 1872 he received the degree of M. D. from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; and in 1873 was appointed assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy, and in 1877 lieutenant, passed assistant surgeon U. S. N. In 1888 he was made lieutenant commander, surgeon, U. S. N. On Jan. 17, 1891, he was made special commissioner of the United States to Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentine Republic for the World's Columbian Exposition. He was present at the special audience given by the Dowager Empress of China, and accompanied the United States commission, attending the coronation of Czar Alexander II at Moscow, in 1896. He was also captain, medical director, U. S. N., naval laboratory, Brooklyn, N. Y., and in March, 1909, was assigned to the command of the Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C., having just completed a term of duty at Philadelphia. His entire career has been marked with signal honors and unusual distinction. His home is at No. 127 South Sixth street, Reading.

(VI) Jacob Bertolet, born Nov. 3, 1815, son of Daniel (2) and Maria (Griesemer), was twice married. On Oct. 24, 1841, he m. (first) Hannah Mattis, who was born Oct. 29, 1818, and who died March 15, 1853. He m. (second) Sept. 11, 1860, Lucetta Shearer. Seven children were born of the first marriage: Israel M., born Sept. 2, 1842; Mary Ann, born May 29, 1844, m. William Y. Antrim (now deceased), and died June 9, 1876, leaving a daughter, Hannah Antrim Jordan, of Colebrook, N. H.; Elizabeth, born June 7, 1846, m. F. M. Heilig, of Pine Iron Works, Pa.; Sarah, born March 21, 1848, died unmarried; Catherine, born April 20, 1849, m. A. K. de Turk; Hannah, born Jan. 24, 1851, died unmarried; and Jacob, born March 4, 1853, died June 15, 1855.

Jacob Bertolet, the father, died June 19, 1878. He was a life long resident of Oley township, where he was engaged as a farmer and lumber dealer. In his lumber business he employed many men and teams. He was a man of large business capacity, and was held in the highest repute in his district. He was a man of piety and religious zeal.

(VII) Israel M. Bertolet, son of Jacob and Hannah (Mattis), was born Sept. 2, 1842, on his grandfather's homestead in Oley, near Friedensburg. He was educated in the public schools and the famous Oley Academy, and in 1860 he was licensed to teach by Prof. John S. Ermentrout, the county superintendent of Berks county. He taught first at the Wiest school in Oley township, remaining there two terms. In all he was employed at teaching five terms—one term in Heidelberg township, and the rest in Oley. He also taught a subscription school at Oley Academy during the Civil war, for one term. His early training had been along agricultural lines, and the summer months were devoted to that work. In 1867 he went to Reading, Pa., and was employed by the East Penn Railroad Company. He lived at Reading for twelve years. In the spring of 1876 he was elected first alderman of the Eleventh ward, Reading, and he served in that office continuously until one year after the death of his father, when he resigned and in May, 1879, he moved to the homestead farm in Oley. For a few years he carried on the farm himself, and then rented it to give his entire attention to the manufacture of lumber. He retired from this business in 1906, and now resides at Friedensburg, Oley, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bertolet owns the family homestead, which has descended through five generations; it contains 140 acres. Mr. Bertolet was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Oley, and is its president. He is a director of the Second National Bank of Reading, and has been since its organization in 1882; and is director in the Colonial Trust Company in Reading. He is also interested in the Oley Knitting Mills. He is a member of Zion's United Evangelical Church of Friedensburg, to which his family also belong.

Mr. Bertolet has been twice married. In 1868 he m. Annie V. R. High, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Van Reed) High, and the two children of this marriage were: Henry, born 1870, died 1891; and Frederick, born 1872, died 1873. Mrs. Bertolet died Aug. 12, 1872, aged thirty-one years. He m. (second) in 1874, Annie E. Driebelbis, widow of Dr. D. L. Driebelbis, and daughter of Solomon Ely, late of Allentown, Pa. This union has been blessed with seven children, namely: Heyman E., born 1875, a civil engineer, Philadelphia; Samuel E., born 1877, an attorney at Reading; Irene, born 1881, m. to Rev. Thomas S.

Knecht; Mabel, born 1883, m. to Prof. Irwin Ziegler, a teacher at Clearfield, Pa.; Helen, born 1888; and Annie and Marie, twins, born 1891.

(VIII) SAMUEL E. BERTOLET, a member of the Berks county Bar, with residence at Reading, was born in that city Feb. 17, 1877, son of Israel M. He attended the public schools, Oley Academy, Schuylkill Seminary and Lafayette College, graduating from the latter in 1897. He at once entered upon the study of law in the office of Frank S. Livingood, and in 1899 was admitted to practise. He is Referee in Bankruptcy for Berks county. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in the affairs of that party. In 1904 he made the race for the State Senate and polled a full party vote.

Mr. Bertolet is a Mason and a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and in matters religious holds membership with the Presbyterian Church. On June 29, 1905, he married Alexandrine, daughter of Alexander M. Wilson, of the Reading Railroad, residing in Reading.

(IV) John Bertolet, born 1748, son of Abraham and Esther (de Turk) Bertolet, married a Miss Shenkel, and they both died young. Their only child was John Shenkel.

(V) John Shenkel Bertolette (as this branch of the family spell the name), was born on the homestead now owned by Ephraim Kauffman in Oley township, in 1775. He was a large land owner, and was one of the first iron makers of this section to use the charcoal furnace, being engaged in the manufacture of iron at Spring Forge. He also did much teaming, carrying on a stage line between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He was known as one of the most prominent mill men and influential citizens of his day, and was always spoken of as a man of great wealth. He died in 1833. In 1808 he married Mary Boyer, and their children were: Dr. David, born in 1809, lived at Washingtonville, Ohio, and died in 1880; Lydia, born in 1811, m. Filbert Nagle, and died in 1885; Levi John, born March 29, 1813, died April 10, 1883; Zechariah, born in 1815, died in 1890; and Mahlon, born in 1817, died in 1852. John S. Bertolette m. (second) Mrs. Peter (Reiff) Guldin. No children were born of this union.

(VI) Levi John Bertolette, son of John Shenkel, was born at Yellow House, at the Old Spring Forge, in Earl township, Berks county, March 29, 1813, and he died April 10, 1883. He was a prominent man of his day in this section of the State, being an early director of the Union National Bank of Reading, and was also a great traveler, and a man of wide and varied experience. He was a great lover of horse flesh, and also engaged in farming to some extent. In political matters he was a radical Democrat, and was very positive in his opinions. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. At the age of eighteen he married Maria Henrietta Guldin, daughter of Peter Guldin, and to them were born these children: John C., born in 1831, has a ranch near Denver, Colo.; Levi A. lives in Wilmington, Del.; Emma Josephine m. (first) Dr. J. A. Jack, and (second) Samuel Heckman; Jeremiah Guldin; and several died young.

(VII) Jeremiah Guldin Bertolette, son of Levi John, was born March 17, 1833, and he died of typhoid fever Jan. 4, 1876. His life was spent in Oley township in agricultural pursuits, and he owned the old original Bertolette homestead of upwards of 200 acres. He was prominent in the movements of the State Grange, and was considered one of the good practical agriculturists of his day. In politics he was a Democrat, and held a number of the offices of his township, including that of school director. He had a good mind, and possessed great reasoning powers, and was able to solve any problem in trigonometry. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was buried at the Oley church. On Oct. 9, 1855, he married Fianna Christman Butz, a descendant of one of the early German settlers of Longswamp township; she survives and lives on North Tenth street, Reading. The four children of this union were: Martin Luther; Mary Alice, born Jan. 2, 1859, m. David G. Gross, and is now deceased; Charles Albert, died in childhood; and Annie Virginia, born March 6, 1874, died Feb. 11, 1898.

(VIII) DR. MARTIN LUTHER BERTOLETTE, son of Jeremiah Guldin, was born Oct. 5, 1858, in Oley township, and was educated in the common schools of his native township, Oley Academy, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He entered Lafayette College in 1875, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in the class of 1878, giving much study while at school to the Eye as a special line. His medical preceptor was Dr. J. A. Jack, of Oley. After his graduation he located at Jacksonwald, and in March, 1882, accompanied an invalid cousin to Colorado, and in the summer of that year settled at Dubuque, Iowa, where he spent seven years. In 1888 he went to Philadelphia, and took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1889 he returned to Berks county, locating at Mt. Penn, which has since been his field of practice. He has been a member of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital since 1890, being chief for diseases of the chest. He is a member of the County, State and National Medical Societies, the P. O. S. A. and the K. G. E. In political principle he is a Democrat, and he has been president of the Mt. Penn council and president of the water board.

On Nov. 27, 1879, Dr. Bertolette was married to Hannah Elizabeth High, daughter of Jacob Van Reed High. On March 27, 1902, he was married to Catherine Breiner, of Mt. Penn, daughter of William and Annie (Dengler) Breiner. The Doctor and his wife attend the Lutheran Church.

[For much information concerning the early generations of this family we acknowledge our indebtedness to "Keim and Allied Families," by deB. Randolph Keim.]

BENFIELD. The family historian of the Benfields has traced his name back to the time of William the Conqueror in his conquest of England, 1066. In his army was General John Benfield, from Normandy, who after the conquest moved his family to England and became a man of prominence in the circles of the court of William the Conqueror, then ruler of England. After his death he was buried in Westminster Abbey, where there is a tablet to his memory. The family in the course of time spread into Scotland and Ireland, and from the Scotland family, so far as the historian is able to discover, came two brothers, which no doubt is correct. These two brothers were Thomas Benfield and John Benfield. The former is the head of the Benfields of this section as well as those of the Central and Western States. The latter is the head of the Benfield family in North and South Carolina as well as Georgia, whither he emigrated from Union township, Berks county, about 1760, with the Boone family. These two persons came to America about 1712, so far as can be learned from records. The said brothers then located west of Pottstown several miles, in Union township, where both owned tracts of land.

In 1728 Thomas Benfield bought a tract of land in Oley township, Berks county, but sold it to Abijah Sands in 1733, he having lived there all that time. The next year he received a patent for land (100 acres) in District township, Berks Co., Pa. This tract is now owned by Israel Weller and his brother. In 1744 another patent was granted to him for a tract of fifty-two acres, adjoining the 100-acre tract. This then for years became the home of the family, and there he raised a family of two sons and four daughters. This same Thomas Benfield while he lived here purchased several other tracts in Union and Amity townships. Two tracts were sold by him in 1762 to John Wanger, of the same township; these two tracts are located near Port Union and still in the Wanger family name. From the tax lists in the possession of the Berks County Historical Society we find that he paid taxes at different dates, showing that he either lived in these townships or at least owned property and paid tax. In 1759 he paid £8 tax in District township. And from 1761 to

1769 he paid tax in that township, where he died and where his son Samuel was executor of his will and filed his statement in 1771.

The son Samuel was a taxable in East District (now District) township in 1790. He and his wife Anna lived in District up to 1792, when he moved to Northampton (now Lehigh) county, but returned in 1811, to Albany township, Berks county, where he died. His will was probated in 1813, John Benfield and George Greenwald, executors. In his family were two sons and five daughters, all mentioned in the will, namely: John, Catharine, Margaret, Susanna, Elizabeth, Maria and Jacob. The sons, moving to western Pennsylvania, left one grandson of this Samuel, Henry Benfield, who had just married and did not live in the above locality, but moved to District township with a man by the name of Gluck, by whom he was employed.

John Benfield, brother of Samuel, left no issue. He also had moved to Lynn township, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., but moved into West Penn, Schuylkill county, where he died. Three of the daughters (sisters of John and Samuel) were married, as follows: Catherine to a Mr. Ulrich, Mary to a Mr. Harp, Elizabeth to a Mr. Updegrove, and Susanna remained single. Of these persons very little is known by the historian.

Of Samuel's two sons, John, as before intimated, moved to Montour county, where his descendants now live and are prominent. And of Jacob, who moved to central Pennsylvania, where he died, it may be said that he and his wife, whose maiden name was Keck, raised a family of five sons and one daughter, who all but one left for the West, George locating in Illinois, Jacob and Daniel in Crawford county, Pa., John in Michigan and Maria (Mrs. Schlosser) in Crawford county, Pa., thus leaving one, Henry, behind.

Henry Benfield raised eight sons and one daughter, all the sons becoming prominent farmers and business men. On Aug. 20, 1906, his descendants held a reunion at Huff's Church, the first gathering of this family, and six of his sons, as well as many grandchildren, were present on the occasion. Henry Benfield was born in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Sept. 3, 1803, and in 1824 came to Hereford township, Berks county, where he worked one year for a Mr. Gluck, on the farm later owned by his son George and now the property of his grandson, Henry W. Benfield. He then learned the blacksmith's trade from Jacob Heydt, following that trade for several years, until he commenced farming on his own account. The rest of his active years he spent in agricultural work, from which he retired, however, many years before his death, which occurred Jan. 21, 1891, at the ripe age of eighty-seven years, four months, eighteen days. In his early years he was a teamster, hauling for different forges. He bought a farm of seventy-five acres above Bechtelsville, in Washington township, which is now the property of his grandson, William Benfield. Mr. Benfield was a Reformed member of the Hill Church, where he is buried. He was a tall man, with black hair and dark complexion. Henry Benfield married Sarah Becker, born July 4, 1806, died Feb. 22, 1886, aged seventy-nine years, seven months, eighteen days. Of their nine children, (1) David, born March 26, 1827, died Nov. 27, 1903; his wife, Anna Maria, born in 1830, died in 1904. David was in his younger years a teacher and later a very prosperous farmer in Washington township, and the possessor of considerable real estate, being the owner of the home of his father, Henry Benfield. (2) Abraham and (3) Daniel both became farmers and contractors and lumbermen, and are the owners of oil land in Ontario, Canada, where Daniel had lived many years, pumping oil from their wells. Both reside near Huff's Church, and live retired. (4) Henry was a shoemaker by trade, but started farming, and still later became interested in iron ore mining, in Longswamp township, Berks county, and neighboring localities. This was his vocation for many years. Later he also became a lumberman, in which line of business he continued up to his death. (5) Jacob and (6) Aaron both worked at their trades, but later became tillers of the soil, and both are still living, Jacob in Washington township, near Bechtelsville, and Aaron near Huff's Church. (7) George B. also was a farmer all his life, living near Bechtelsville. (8) Samuel, also a farmer, finally drifted into the hotel business, living in Lehigh county, having hotels at Wanamakers, Kempton and Emaus. All these brothers have been very industrious and are men of means and stand high in social circles. Their descendants are scattered far and wide, and have engaged in various vocations, being farmers, mechanics, educators, doctors, prominent business men, etc. Henry Benfield's only daughter, Elizabeth, now deceased, was the wife of Joseph Dotterer.

Most of the history given in the foregoing was contributed by Mr. Harry N. Benfield, son of Aaron Benfield, and now located at Pottstown, Pa. He is more fully mentioned later, in the paragraphs concerning his father.

Abraham Benfield, son of Henry, was born June 21, 1830. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at Norristown some years. He next engaged in lime burning in Washington township, and later hauled ore. In 1869 he bought 169 acres of land in District township, upon which was an old saw and grist mill, built in 1769. He remodeled the mill and put it in operation. He owns another farm in Washington township and a small tract in Hereford, and a limestone quarry in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. Since 1900 he has lived retired in a tenant house on the old home farm. Though past fourscore years he is well preserved and active, still interested in all that goes on. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He married Lucinda Rohrbach, daughter of Nathan Rohrbach, a farmer of District township. They had ten children: Sarah, wife of Reuben Moll, of Hereford township; Seneca, a farmer of Washington township; Franklin N.; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Alfred M. Fisher, general store clerk; Andora, who became the second wife of Alfred M. Fisher; Amanda, wife of John D. Reifsnyder, a teacher then residing in District township, but now in Colebrookdale township; Ida, wife of Milton Gerhard, who operated a creamery at Womelsdorf, but is now farming his own farm in Washington township; Abraham R., in Allentown, Pa.; and James and Alfred, who both died in infancy.

Franklin N. Benfield, justice of the peace of District township, and director of the Farmers National Bank at Pennsburg, is a native of the borough of Bechtelsville, Washington township, born April 16, 1862. He attended the public schools of District township, a subscription school in Hereford township, and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty-one, and the next year he became the manager of Huff's Church creamery for W. H. Young, and he conducted it for five years. In 1891 he rented the Benfield Mill, formerly Bechtel's Mill, a gristmill located in the northeast part of District township, near the Hereford township line. This mill he carried on for ten years. On March 8, 1901, he lost his right foot while clearing ice from the water wheel. In 1905 he purchased his father's farm and mill property, now having 136 acres of fine land. He has since then successfully operated both mill and farm, employing besides his own two sons two other men. He also has twenty-eight acres of wood and pasture land in the same township. In partnership with his father he owns one hundred acres of woodland in District township, and with Frank R. Meck a tract of twenty acres of woodland. With his uncle, Henry Benfield, he conducts a portable sawmill in the lower end of the county. In 1898 in partnership with Jonas Weiler he formed the Royal Dynamite Company, and for one year they manufactured dynamite, but since then Mr. Benfield has abandoned its manufacture, though he continues to buy and sell it. In the spring of 1908 he rented the mill to his son Claude E., who now operates it.

Franklin N. Benfield is an active Democrat, and in the spring of 1885 was made justice of the peace of

his township, since which time he has been four times re-elected. For ten years he was committeeman of the township, and then declined to serve longer, but in 1908 he was again elected to the office. He is one of the political powers of his and surrounding districts. He and his family are Reformed members of Huff's Church, of which he was for four years treasurer for both denominations. He served four years each as deacon and elder of the church.

Since 1898 Mr. Benfield has been a director of the Farmers National Bank of Pennsburg, and since 1902 he has been secretary of the board. He is a director of the Windsor Mutual Accident and Fire Insurance Company, of Berks county, and is agent for the following companies: Steelton Mutual Fire Insurance Company; Manatawny Mutual Fire & Storm Insurance Company; Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lehigh County; Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berks County; Boyertown Fire Insurance Company; Farmers Mutual Assistance and Fire Insurance Company of Berks County; Tulpehocken Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berks County.

On Nov. 17, 1883, Mr. Benfield was married to Mary Y. Siesholtz, daughter of David and Sarah (Yeakel) Siesholtz. She died Oct. 12, 1898, aged thirty-five years, nine months, twenty-two days. They had seven children, as follows: Eliza A., a highly educated young lady, who kept house for her father for several years, and who was organist of the church and Sunday-school, m., Jan. 20, 1909, James S. Shankweiler, who is conducting a dry goods store at Kutztown; Claude E., conducting the mill, m. Mary, daughter of Augustus Reinert, of Hereford township; Minnie S. m. Marvin Ledger, of Reading; and Irwin S., Mary A., Frank S. and Lillie S. are all in school. On Jan. 20, 1909, Mr. Benfield m. (second) Amanda Siesholtz, sister to his first wife.

George B. Benfield, son of Henry, was born Jan. 21, 1834, in the section of Hereford township now embraced in Washington township, and died on his farm at Forgedale July 19, 1898, aged sixty-four years, five months, twenty-eight days. He was a lifelong successful farmer, and owned the large place which his son Henry now owns. He was a highly respected man, a member of the Reformed congregation of the Hill Church, of which he served both as deacon and elder. Mr. Benfield married Mary Weller, born May 10, 1840, daughter of Philip and Mary (Heydt) Weller, of District township, died Aug. 20, 1904, aged sixty-four years, three months, ten days. Twelve children were born to this union: Ephraim died unmarried; Amanda m. Fred Weller; Rebecca m. Elijah Nester; Adam W. and Henry W. are mentioned farther on; Daniel is a resident of Hereford township; Jonathan lives in Pike township; Elam lives in Washington township; four died in infancy.

Adam W. Benfield, son of George B., was born Dec. 27, 1868, in Washington township, Berks county, and received a good education, beginning in the public schools of his native township. Later he attended the Longswamp high school and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, where he was a student for two terms. Meantime, assisting his father at home, he had gained a thorough knowledge of farming, and he continued to help at home until he was nineteen years old, attending school in the winter until he began to teach. He received his license in 1887, from Prof. D. S. Keck, and began his experience in Washington township, where he was engaged for eight terms. After that for five terms he was in District township, before he commenced farming, which he has followed on his own place in District township since the spring of 1909. His tract comprises seventy-eight acres of good land, which the present owner bought from Isaac Heydt, who was preceded in its ownership by David Heydt, and he in turn by a Mr. Reichert. There are good buildings on the property, from which Mr. Benfield makes a good living.

On June 1, 1895, Mr. Benfield was married to Ellen R. Hoffman, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Reitenauer) Hoffman, of Forgedale. They have had four children: Elmer C., Edna M., Cora V. and Ambrose J. Mr. and Mrs. Benfield are Reformed members of the historic Hill Church in Pike township, and he has served five years as deacon of that congregation. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served in local offices. He has been treasurer and trustee of Council No. 1007, Order of Independent Americans, at Landisville, being one of the prominent members of that body.

Henry W. Benfield was born Feb. 24, 1871, in Washington township, Berks county, on the old homestead of his father and grandfather. Most of his life has been passed in farming. He attended the common schools of the home district, and worked for his parents on the farm until twenty-one years old, after which he was engaged as a clerk, serving in that capacity in stores at Huff's Church, Bechtelsville and South Bethlehem, one year in each place. Returning home, he hired out to his father for one year, in the spring of 1894 commencing to farm on his own account on his father's farm at Forgedale, in Washington township. He was a tenant for eleven years, in September, 1905, buying the place, which consists of eighty-nine acres in good condition and very fertile. The present barn was built in 1854 by Adam Boyer, and the house was built in 1881 by Mr. Benfield's father. Mr. Benfield keeps three horses and fourteen head of cattle, having a good dairy business in addition to his general farming interests. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1908 served as school director in Washington township.

On Nov. 11, 1893, Mr. Benfield was married to Lillie G. Reitenauer, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Gery) Reitenauer, and they have had four children, Mary A., Ida M., Eva S. and Lloyd B. Mr. Benfield and his family are Reformed members of the Hill Church, where he has served three years as deacon.

Aaron Benfield, son of Henry, was born June 14, 1842, in Pike township, in that section now included in Washington township. He attended the old pay school for one term, until the public school was established, after which he received the benefits of free education. When seventeen years old he went to learn the blacksmith's trade which he followed for eight years in all—two years in Frederick township, Montgomery county, and about half a year at the Black Bear, in Berks county, thence returning to Frederick township. In 1877 he began farming in Washington township, where he was thus engaged for eleven years, at the end of that time removing to Hereford township, where he has since made his home. In 1894 he purchased the farm of eighty-four acres upon which he has since lived, and which was the old Jacob Hoffman homestead. The present barn on the place was built in 1872, but many of the improvements were made by Mr. Benfield, who was known as a successful farmer throughout his active years. He retired from arduous labor in 1907, but his son Oscar had previously taken charge of the home place, which he has cultivated since 1895. Mr. Benfield owns another tract, of twenty-eight acres, near Oberholtzer's schoolhouse. Before settling at his present home he lived for fifteen years at Huff's Church, cultivating a twenty-three-acre tract in that location. His neighbors have shown their confidence in his business ability by electing him township treasurer. He is a Republican in politics. During the Civil war he enlisted at Norristown, April 7, 1865, for service in the Union army, becoming a private in Company D, 215th Pa. V. I., for one year or during the war, and served until after its close, being mustered out July 31, 1865, at Fort Delaware.

Mr. Benfield was married Oct. 2, 1866, to Maria Elizabeth Kepler, born Oct. 2, 1839, daughter of Copeland and Margaretha (Binder) Kepler, farming people of Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa. Mrs. Benfield died Nov. 8, 1906, the mother of three children, Oscar, Harry N. and Elmer. All this family are Reformed members of Huff's Church.

Oscar Benfield, oldest son of Aaron, is farming on his father's place in Hereford township. He is married to Mary Gehris, and they have had children as follows: Gertie, Grace, Webster, Nevin, Mabel, Florence and Erma.

Harry N. Benfield, second son of Aaron, was born in 1871, in Washington township, Berks county, and received his early education in the township schools, later going to the schools of Hereford, where he finished the course. In the fall of 1890 he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, but left the same year to begin teaching, which profession he has followed ever since, having filled positions in Berks, Lehigh and Montgomery counties before taking his present position in Chester county, in the fall of 1908. He is now supervising principal of Coventry township, Chester county. For two years he taught the west Pottsgrove township high school, at Stowe, Montgomery county. Mr. Benfield has never neglected his studies in spite of his work, having taken a preparatory course in Schuylkill Seminary, at Fredericksburg, Lebanon county, and in 1900 he graduated from the Keystone State Normal School. He is now doing post-graduate work at a college.

He married Elizabeth Kemp, of District township, Berks county. They have no children. Mr. Benfield is the historian of the Benfield family, of which he is preparing a history.

Elmer Benfield, now engaged as a carpenter at Marysville, worked at his trade in car shops in Philadelphia for ten years, being employed as a car inspector. He has been twice married, his first wife being Maleira Wetzel, who died in 1903. They had no children. In 1905 Mr. Benfield married Maggie Rohrbach, by whom he has one daughter, Myrtle.

RHOADS. The Rhoads family is one of the oldest in Berks county, having been planted here in the early days of the eighteenth century, some accounts give the year 1710, by several brothers of the name, one of whom was (I) John Jacob Rhoads. His nationality is uncertain, and in the early tax lists and records his name is also spelled Roth and Roads. In 1753 he was a taxable resident of Amity township, Berks county, and owned considerable land. He was a man of affairs, and operated a paper mill in Amity township. Tradition has it that one of the sandstone tombstones east of Amityville church, whose inscription has become illegible by time, marks his grave. His children were: (1) Lena m. Henry Baum. (2) Jacob in 1778 was a captain in the Revolutionary army. He m. Susanna Yocum, and their children were: Hannah, Daniel, John, Jacob, Samuel and Elizabeth. (3) Matthias was a lieutenant colonel in the Revolution. He m. Elizabeth Gotterin, and had children: Mary, Esther, Capt. Jacob, Joseph, Abraham and John. (4) Daniel m. Magdalena Kerst, and is mentioned below. (5) Mary m. Major George Lorah, a Revolutionary patriot. (6) Elizabeth m. Major George Lorah after the death of her sister Mary. (7) Samuel m. Elizabeth Auvenshine, and had children: William, John, Daniel, Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth and two sons that died young. (8) Christina m. Jacob Griesemer. (9) John m. Catharine Greiner, and had children: Jacob, Hannah, John, Catharine, George, Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William and Samuel.

(II) Daniel Rhoads, son of John Jacob, was born in Amity township, and there died. He was a farmer near Yellow House. Both he and his wife were Lutherans and are buried at Amityville. By his wife, Magdalena Kerst, he had twelve children, namely: David and Peter died young; Samuel died aged twenty years; Jacob died unmarried; John; Solomon died unmarried; Adam died at the age of eighty-eight years, unmarried; George; Daniel m. Catharine Schrader, and had children, Ammon (m. Leanna Rhoads) and Levi; Henry died in infancy; Abraham; and Mary m. George Lorah.

(III) Abraham Rhoads, son of Daniel, was born in Amity township Jan. 20, 1802, and died April 21, 1865, and is buried at Amityville. He was a farmer. He was twice married, his wives being sisters. He m. (first) Elizabeth Lorah, and their children were: Hannah m. John F. Guldin; Mary died unmarried; Daniel L.; and Amanda m. Hon. D. B. Brunner, a member of the Fifty-First and Fifty-Second Congresses. He m. (second) Hannah Lorah (1816-1883), but no children were born to this marriage.

(IV) Daniel L. Rhoads, son of Abraham, and for many years president of the National Bank of Boyertown, was born Oct. 28, 1837, and died at his residence at Yellowhouse in Amity township, Oct. 10, 1896. He was reared to farm life in Amity township, and was educated in the common schools and later in Norristown Academy under the tutelage of Samuel Aaron, afterward attending a preparatory school at East Hampton, Mass. Coming home after his school days were ended, he resumed work on the farm, and in time became the owner of the old Rhoads homestead of 130 acres of fine land. Upon the establishment of the National Bank of Boyertown, he became one of its first directors and soon thereafter its president, an office which he filled most efficiently until his death, bringing the bank to a high degree of prosperity, and establishing it as one of the sound financial institutions of the county. In 1873 he built a large brick residence at Yellowhouse, and there his widow still makes her home. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran, while his wife belongs to the Reformed Church at Amityville. The present Union Church was erected at Amityville during his active days, and he served on the building committee, and gave liberally of both time and means toward the erection of the present church edifice. In politics he was greatly interested, and he served at one time as prison inspector of Berks county. He was one of the very foremost men of the township and lower Berks county, and in every position he was found to be strictly honest and fair in his dealings and in his life. On Feb. 18, 1864, he married Catharine E. Rhoads, daughter of Ezekiel and Susanna K. (Bertolet) Rhoads. Ezekiel Rhoads (son of Samuel and Elizabeth Rhoads, grandson of Jacob, and great-grandson of John Jacob the emigrant ancestor) was a tailor and farmer, and became very wealthy and influential in his community. To Daniel L. and Catharine E. Rhoads was born one son, Abraham, who died aged three years. Mrs. Rhoads resides, as is stated, in the home on the Douglassville and Yellowhouse turnpike. She is well posted on current events, and is a cultured woman, highly esteemed by all.

(III) Daniel Rhoads, son of Daniel and Magdalena (Kerst) Rhoads, m. Catharine Schrader, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Ammon, m. to Leanna Rhoads, and mentioned below; and Levi.

(IV) Ammon Rohads, son of Daniel, was born July 16, 1830, and died Oct. 9, 1869. He passed all his life as a farmer in Amity and Oley townships, moving to the latter in 1869. He owned two farms in Oley township, one of seventy and one of fifty acres, both of the best land in that district. When he purchased the seventy-acre farm in 1869, just before his death, he paid $14,000.70 for it. In politics he was a Democrat, and held a number of offices, and was an active and enterprising man. He and his wife both belonged to the Amityville Church, he serving many years as deacon and elder, and holding the latter office at the time of his death. He and his wife are buried in the Rhoads plot at the Church. In 1851-52 he married Leanna Rhoads, daughter of William and Susan (Hoffman) Rhoads, of Amity. She was born Aug. 30, 1830, and died Jan. 24, 1902, the mother of two sons: Daniel R., born Jan. 9, 1853, died Feb. 18, 1897; and William R.

(V) William R. Rhoads, son of Ammon, was born July 1, 1860, at the old Rhoads home in Amity township. He was educated in the township schools, Amityville Academy and Oley Academy, the latter taught by Profs. George H. Heffner and Daniel Schadler. He worked for his parents until he was thirty years of age. In 1890 he began in the butcher business at Amityville, and continued this business very successfully for six years, when he rented it to D. F. Frey, later selling to him. During the time Mr. Rhoads was engaged in butchering he killed from five to twenty head of cattle, five to twenty-five calves, and from ten to twenty hogs per week, selling as much as 4,200 pounds of meat per week to Philadelphia,

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where he had a very extensive market. He employed from two to five men all the time. He also operated four teams in the country around Amityville, and had a meat store in Birdsboro. He now resides in one of the best places in Amityville, his handsome residence with its beautiful lawn being one of the most delightful spots in a most delightful locality. Since his retirement in 1896 he has been practically retired from all active work, except for occasional deals in cattle. He owns a farm of 186 acres of good land in Douglass township, formerly the Jeremiah Romig homestead, which is now tenanted. He is interested in the overall factory at Amityville which employs about twenty hands. Until 1908 he was a director and secretary of the Conestoga Telephone Company. In politics Mr. Rhoads is a Democrat, and had served as supervisor of his township, and in other local offices. He is active in party work, and wields considerable influence. Mr. Rhoads has been a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Amityville, since its organization, and has been the treasurer from the first. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church of Amityville, and he was a deacon for six years.

In October, 1885, Mr. Rhoads married Mary A. Spohn, daughter of Jeremiah and Rachel (Auchey) Spohn, of Oley township. They have two children: Kate, who is the forelady in the overall factory; and Charles N.

ELI M. RAPP, county superintendent of public schools since 1896, was born at Friedensburg, Berks county, March 20, 1865, and when he was five years old his parents removed to Lyons, in Maxatawny township. He attended the township school and the Oley Academy, and after teaching public school for three years, entered the Keystone State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1886, having paid for his tuition by his own earnings. He also became a graduate of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle after a course of four years; and in 1894 he took a course in the University of Pennsylvania in pedagogy and psychology with laboratory courses. During this time he was principal of the Lyons grammar school, the Fleetwood high school, and the Hamburg high school. In 1896 he was elected county superintendent of the public schools, and he has been re-elected four times, his present term expiring in 1911, which evidences his success and popularity.

In 1886, he was married to Annie Merkel, daughter of William Merkel, of Fleetwood, by whom he has three children, Herbert, Scott and Maud.

Prof. Rapp is a son of Amos Rapp, who was engaged in the grain, coal and lumber business at Lyons for many years. His paternal and maternal ancestors came from Germany, and were among the early settlers of Berks county. On his mother's side he is a descendant of Rev. Jacob Miller, a Lutheran minister in the county from 1808 until his death in 1850, the last twenty-one years as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Reading.

SCHWARTZ. The first of this family to settle in Pennsylvania came from Germany, and was married after his arrival in this country, his wife's maiden name being Nye. She was the mother of his son John, the next in line in the branch of the family we are tracing, and died when he was only a few years old. The father afterward moved to Shamokin, Pa., and there married again.

John Schwartz, born Jan. 11, 1769, died Aug. 10, 1807. In early life he conducted the "Black Horse Tavern," near Adamstown, Lancaster county, and while there met and married Rachel Adam, born July 4, 1769, daughter of Bernhart Adam, the founder of Adamstown. She long survived her husband, living until July 2, 1851, being just two days less than eighty-two years old. After his marriage John Schwartz moved to Cumru township, this county, where he bought a farm which he cultivated until his death, which was caused by a fall from a barn door at night; his injuries resulted in his death nine days later. He left five children, namely: Joseph, born Jan. 9, 1797, m. Sarah Homan; Thomas, born Feb. 6, 1795, died at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, Jan. 11, 1854; William is mentioned below; Peggy m. Nicholas Madeira, of Reading; James, born June 6, 1805, died Aug. 12, 1879, and his wife, Susan, born June 19, 1814, died at the age of seventy-six years, eight months.

William Schwartz, son of John, was born in Reading in 1799 and died in that city in 1861, aged sixty-two years. In his early life he was a miller, and with his brothers Joseph and James conducted the historic old mill which obtained its water-power from the Wyomissing creek. He owned a farm of seventy-two acres in Cumru township, which is now the property of his son's widow, Mrs. William S. Schwartz. At the time of his death he was a merchant at the northwest corner of Tenth and Penn streets, Reading, being a member of the grocery firm of A. H. & W. Schwartz; his partner was his nephew, Adam H. Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz is buried in the family lot in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Magdalena Seidel, born in 1804, daughter of Nicholas Seidel, who was an extensive land owner in the vicinity of Reading. Mrs. Schwartz died in her seventy-fifth year. She was the mother of three children: William S., Alvin F. (who died unmarried in 1871, aged twenty-eight years), and Henry N.

William S. Schwartz, son of William, born in Reading Dec. 27, 1840, died there Aug. 4, 1895, at his home, No. 25 South Tenth street. He was a well-known business man, having kept a livery stable on Cherry street, below Sixth, for some years, later engaged in the butchering business, and subsequently in the manufacture of cigars in partnership with Samuel Lotz, and in the manufacture of hats in partnership with William Donahower. Later he conducted the "Three Mile House" at Shillington for four years, and in 1891 he and his brother Henry built the famous "Summit Hotel" on Mount Penn, a spacious three-story stone building of about thirty rooms. It is located 1,200 feet above sea level, and the view is one of the grandest to be obtained anywhere in the eastern part of the United States. This hotel is still owned by his widow and brother, the latter conducting it.

Mr. Schwartz was twice married. By his first wife, Hannah Bridegam, he had no children. On March 30, 1886, Mr. Schwartz m. (second) Emily S. Dengler, daughter of Madison and Catharine (Rudy) Dengler, and granddaughter of George and Christina (Luther) Dengler. Mrs. Schwartz's father was a railroad engineer in his earlier life, and later conducted a restaurant in Reading, at Eighth and Penn streets. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz were born four children, Alvin D., William B., Mazie E. and Katharine M. The family belong to St. Andrew's Reformed Church of Reading.

Henry N. Schwartz, youngest son of William, was born March 23, 1846, in Reading, at the corner of Tenth and Penn streets, and was educated in the public schools of the city. On Jan. 29, 1864, he enlisted at Reading in Durrell's Battery (D), Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, and served until June 13, 1865. He was in active service in the battle of the Wilderness and at the siege of Petersburg. On a previous enlistment, in July, 1863, in Company B, 53d Pennsylvania Regiment, Mr. Schwartz had been in the service for about two months.

After the war he engaged in farming, in Cumru township, for eight years, and since 1880 he has been continuously in the hotel business. He has conducted the hotel at Tenth and Penn streets, Reading, the "Five Mile House," and the "Summit Hotel," at Mount Penn, which he built in partnership with his elder brother, William S. Schwartz, and which he has conducted since 1891. Its picturesque location and comfortable accommodations make it a very desirable hostelry, and it is well patronized the year round.

In 1867 Henry N. Schwartz married Mary Bickel, daughter of Elias and Mary (Rothenberger) Bickel, of Heidelberg township, and to this union were born four children: Harry B.; Ella, m. to Charles Sheidy, of New York; Alice; and Minnie, m. to George Leinbach, of Reading. Fraternally Mr. Schwartz is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., of Reading.

LUTZ. The Lutz family of Albany township, Berks county, Pa., and of Lynn township, in what is now Lehigh county, is said to have had its origin in three brothers who emigrated to America from Switzerland. The date of their arrival is somewhat uncertain, but it is known that at least one of them located in the vicinity of Steinsville, in Northampton (now Lehigh) county. The existence of a Frederick Lutz, born in 1742, and who married in Lehigh county one Elizabeth Eckroth, is established and proved by record. Tradition has different names for the other two brothers, if there were such. Frederick and Elizabeth Lutz are credited with the following sons: Jacob, Peter, Frederick, John, Christian and Henry. There were also two daughters, Mrs. Henry Hartman and Mrs. Hill. Eve Lutz, daughter of Christian, married Nathan Ebert of Headleville, Columbia Co., Pa., and lived to a very ripe old age. According to her, Frederick Lutz came from Germany and was a tailor by trade. It is well to note however, that people of that day used the term "Germany" in the broad sense of "old country," and thus Frederick and his two brothers may have come from Switzerland.

Frederick Lutz (2), son of Frederick (1), was born June 5, 1771, and died Jan. 1, 1823. He married Catharine Stapleton, born May 4, 1783, died Feb. 26, 1858, and they had issue as follows, all born at Steinsville: Reuben, Oct. 27, 1803, Lydia, Feb. 13, 1805, Samuel, Nov. 3, 1806, Joseph, Oct. 12, 1808, Ann, Jan. 1st 1812, Presena, Dec. 25, 1815, David, Sept. 22, 1817, Isaac, April 2, 1819, Benneville, June 16, 1823.

John Lutz, son of Frederick (1) and grandfather of Edwin S. Lutz, was born in Lynn township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, April 11, 1773, and died July 10, 1819, being buried at Jacksonville, Pa. He was a farmer near Steinsville, cultivating the farm now owned by Charles Lutz, together with the farm of James S. Lutz, and the tract owned by Daniel F. Lutz. His wife was Franconia, daughter of John Hamm. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, and was the mother of the following children: Samuel, who lived in Lynn township, m. Catharine Knepper, and had John, Michael and Samuel; Christian, father of Edwin S., is referred to later; Isaac, grandfather of Wellington L. Lutz, is mentioned later; Daniel, who lived on part of his father's homestead (now owned by Daniel Lutz, his son), m. a Miss Fegley, and among his children were: Daniel, Elihu (who lives at Jacksonville), James (of Philadelphia), Amanda and Mary; Kate, m. Samuel Smith; Maricha m. Christian Knepper.

Christian Lutz, father of Edwin S., was born June 11, 1804, and died at the age of sixty, Aug. 17, 1864. A farmer through life, he owned the property now cultivated by Edwin S. Together with his farming operations, Christian Lutz engaged extensively in the distilling business, burning apple-jack during the fall of the year, the still-house having stood by the creek about two hundred feet southwest from the house in which Edwin S. now resides. He was also a skilled weaver of both wool and flax. Politically he was a Democrat, and served with efficiency as supervisor for a number of years. Early in life a member of the Reformed Church at Jacksonville, he later transferred his membership to the New Bethel Church, of which he was deacon and elder.

Christian Lutz married Sarah, daughter of John Smith. She was born in Albany June 19, 1803, and died there March 18, 1894, at the advanced age of ninety years, eight months, twenty-nine days. They had a family of eleven children: Catharine, born in 1827, died in 1828; Maria M., born 1828 (m. Daniel Braucher); Anna Maria, born 1830, died 1833; Abraham, born 1831 (living at Kempton, Pa., m. Catharine Bailey, and their children are Elias, Walter, Mary, Emma and Janetta); Elias, born 1834 (living in Albany), m. Amanda Trexler (deceased) and had children, Simon, Sarah, Mary Ann, Lewis, Oscar and Elmer (m. to Annie C. Snyder); Edwin S., born 1835; Harrison, born 1837 (living at Tiffin, Ohio, m. Susannah Burkholder); Sarah, born 1840, died 1875, m. Levi Graver (deceased); a daughter, born 1841, died unnamed; Maria Anna, born 1844, died 1845; Lovina, born 1847, m. Jacob Berk.

Edwin S. Lutz, son of Christian and great-grandson of Frederick (1), is a retired farmer and shoemaker in Albany township, living about one mile southwest of Steinsville. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, May 1, 1835, and passed the period of his boyhood on the homestead, being apprenticed when sixteen years old to the shoemaker's trade with a well known shoemaker of that day,—William Long. He continued to follow this trade for thirty-five years, making many pairs of boots and shoes, there being no shoe factories in those days. In 1864, upon the death of his father, Mr. Lutz took the farm at appraisement, and in the spring of 1865 began its cultivation. This he continued with great success until 1901, when he gave up the activities of life and retired to enjoy the competency which he has accumulated. The farm upon which Mr. Lutz resides consists of 130 acres about eighty acres of which are under cultivation. It is known as good "potato" land. Prior to coming into the hands of Mr. Lutz's father it was owned by George Greenawald, to whom it had been sold by Peter Frees. The buildings now on the farm were put up by the present owner, the house in 1876, and the barn in 1891. Mr. Lutz and his family are members of New Bethel Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation of which he served as deacon and elder a number of years.

On Feb. 21, 1863, Mr. Lutz married Mary Ann Trexler, daughter of Jarius and Catharine (Faust) Trexler, of Albany. She was born March 28, 1844, and she died Feb. 13, 1900. The following children were born to this union; Cecilia N. m. John Hamm; John C. is mentioned below; Emma L. m. James Lins, a printer at Reading; George W. is mentioned later; Charles E., born June 14, 1870, died July 21, 1889; Alvin J., born July 11, 1874, died June 18, 1889; Lena C. m. Lewis Hemerly, and they cultivate the old homestead; William C., born May 9, 1880, died Aug. 27, 1880; Frank E. m. Minnie Weaver, and now resides at Lynnport.

John C. Lutz was born at the old homestead Feb. 11, 1865. He was reared to farm life, obtaining his education in the schools of his home township. At twenty he began business on his own account on the farm which he has since cultivated, located near Mountain, on the road leading from Steinsville to Drehersville. He bought this farm from Jonas Werner, his father-in-law, who had obtained it from Simon Smith, and he from Samuel Smith. It contains 158 acres of choice land, most of which is under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Lutz has it well stocked and is a successful farmer. His house is a large stone residence, and the barn was built in the year 1851 by Samuel Smith. Mr. Lutz holds membership in Steinsville Lodge, No. 249, I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Loyal Association, a branch of Odd Fellowship, with headquarters at Boston, Mass. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party, and he is the present supervisor of Albany township, elected in the spring of 1909. Since 1908 he has been president of the Lutz Family Reunion, an organization which holds yearly meetings at stated places. Mr. Lutz has lived at his present location since his young manhood with but one interval of a year and a half. In 1887 he went to Sedgwick county, Kans., where he was engaged in farming until called home because of the death of two of his brothers and his grandmother.

In 1896 Mr. Lutz married Rosa Werner, daughter of Jonas Werner, a worthy and respected farmer of Albany township. She died Aug. 12, 1901, aged forty-two years, leaving two sons, Albert E. and John C. His present wife was Fianna Seidel, daughter of Henry and Emma (Balthaser) Seidel, farming people of Windsor township. One son has been born to this union, Norman H.

George W. Lutz, brother of John C., lives on a farm near Mountain, in Albany township. His birth occurred May 29, 1868, and he was reared on the old homestead and remained with his parents until his majority. He then farmed for two years on his father's farm. In 1903 he removed to the farm on which he now resides, consisting of 120 acres of rich land, and annually devotes from

ten to fifteen acres to potatoes. The buildings on this farm are in fine condition at the present day, the old "Stapleton" buildings all having been removed save the barn, which has been thoroughly remodeled; the original was built in 1835. A landmark of the early days is the foundation of a dwelling which served several Stapleton generations and is still standing, a summer house being built on it. In it is a never-failing spring and over it was built a dwelling which is still standing, it having been the custom in the early days to build over a spring if possible. The history of the farm runs back from Mr. Lutz, who purchased it in 1902, from Jesse Wagner of Hamburg; he bought it from Joel Baer; he from Levi Graver, who had bought it from Gideon Stapleton. Mr. Stapleton received it from his father Robert, who in turn had received it from his father, Tobias Stapleton; the latter came to Albany from Oley township.

Mr. Lutz is a Democrat, and is a man of fine public spirit. He served a term of three years as auditor of Albany township, and after an interval was again elected, in 1908, and is at present giving efficient service in the office. He is a Reformed member of the New Bethel (Corner) Church, while his wife is a Lutheran member of the same church. On May 30, 1895, Mr. Lutz married Lorena Kunkel, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hartman) Kunkel. Four children have come to them: Alma S., born in 1896 (died in 1904); Olive M., 1897 (died in infancy); Marion E., and Ira G.

Isaac Lutz, son of John and grandson of Frederick (1), passed his early life at Steinsville, later coming to Albany township, where he carried on blacksmithing at the point where now resides William Schroeder. He lived to the age of seventy-two, dying in 1876, and is buried at Steinsville. His wife was Sybilla Schmidt, who lies in the cemetery at Drehersville. Their children were as follows: Mary m. Daniel Bower; Lenius is referred to later; Caroline m. Joel Focht; Henry died on the battlefield in the Cival war; Hannah m. Benjamin Hagenbuch; Sally became the second wife of Benjamin Hagenbuch; Rebecca m. a Mr. Moll.

Lenius Lutz, father of Wellington L., was born in Albany, April 7, 1834, and died in middle age, Aug. 24, 1880. His trade was that of a blacksmith. For several years after his marriage he lived where Benjamin Trexler now resides, and there his daughter Alice and son Wellington were born. He then bought the farm which his son Wellington now owns, and at that place carried on blacksmithing until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a Reformed member of New Bethel Church, being deacon thereof. On Oct. 10, 1857, in Maxatawny township, by the Rev. Mr. Roller, Mr. Lutz was married to Eliza, daughter of George and Hetty (Miller) Leibensberger, of Maxatawny township. Mrs. Lutz was born April 29, 1841, and passed away Aug. 28, 1905. She and her husband lie in the old graveyard at New Bethel Church, where substantial monuments mark their last resting places. Ten children were born to them as follows: Morzi Elmira, born Sept. 8, 1858 (died March 28, 1860); Alice J., April 8, 1861; Wellington L., mentioned later; Allen, mentioned below; Ellen, Feb. 2, 1868; Lora Ann, June 9, 1870 (died 1870); Kate Ann, July 2, 1871; Charles A., mentioned later; Mahlon L., March 30, 1877 (died April 20, 1887); Missouri, July 11, 1879.

Wellington L. Lutz was born in Albany, Sept. 3, 1863, and has passed his life as a farmer and blacksmith. He received such education as could be secured in the public schools of the township, and his father being a blacksmith, very early learned to be of service at the forge, so early that it was necessary to keep a box standing by the anvil in order that he might reach it readily. He continued with his father until his death, then in 1881 worked in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. After a year he returned to Albany township, and continued the trade at his father's stand. He owns the homestead farm, and operates it in connection with his blacksmithing. This farm is known as a "Hackenbuc" farm, and came into the possession of Mr. Lutz in 1887. It consists of forty-five acres of fine land of great productive quality. The present commodious house was built in 1878 by his father, who also built part of the barn, that building having been finished by our subject. Mr. Lutz is known as the busiest of men, his reputation as a blacksmith drawing from a radius of many miles. However, he finds time to take an active part in the affairs of his local community. He is a Democrat in politics and acted as committeeman several years, during which he was frequently called to Reading. He believes in public improvements and favors substantial advancement. He and his family are Reformed members of the New Bethel Church, of which Mr. Lutz has served as deacon, and is now a member of the building committee.

On Oct. 10, 1885, Mr. Lutz married Ellen M. Grim, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Lenhart) Grim, of Lenhartsville, and their children are: Alvin D., m. to Ida Snyder; Mahlon L., unmarried, a blacksmith in the employ of his father; Gertie A.; Howard O.; George E. and Verna E.

Allen Lutz, son of Lenius and Eliza Lutz, is one of the prosperous farmers of Albany township where he was born April 22, 1866. He was reared to farm life, and received a common school education. Working out for a period of a year, he in the spring of 1885 began farming in Albany township on the Jacob Berk farm. After a year he went to Windsor where he cultivated the Reuben Miller farm for some four years. For the next seven years he lived with his father-in-law, John Hamm, of Albany township. In the spring of 1900, having purchased his present place the year before from Mahlon K. Trexler, he moved thereon and has continued to reside upon it since. This farm consists of 100 acres of the finest potato land in Berks county. It is well located, and is one of the most level farms in the township. The large brick house was built by Jonas Smith during the forties; he also built the barn in 1853. This place is a fine country home.

Mr. Lutz is a Democrat in politics, and takes an intelligent interest in the public life of his community. As school director of Albany township for six years he evidenced by his works his desire for the best to be had in educational facilities. He and his family are Reformed members of the New Bethel church, and active in its work, he having served as deacon and treasurer.

Mr. Lutz married in January, 1883, Sarah A. Hamm, daughter of John and Kate (Knepper) Hamm, of Albany township. Four daughters came to the home: Ida E. m. Alfred Bachman, of Kempton; Nora J. m. Llewellyn Faust, of the Albany creamery; Ellen R. and Edna K. are at home.

Charles A. Lutz, third son of Lenius and Eliza Lutz, is engaged in blacksmithing at Kempton, Pa. A native of Albany township, born July 31, 1874, he passed his boyhood on his father's farm, securing the usual country school education. At eighteen he entered his brother Wellington's blacksmith shop, and two years later began business for himself at his present location. He enjoys large patronage from the surrounding country and is justly regarded as one of the best mechanics in the county. In connection with his blacksmith shop which is large and well-appointed, he carries on the kindred trade of wagon-making. Mr. Lutz is an industrious and respected citizen in his community. He is a Democrat and he and family are Reformed members of the New Bethel church. In November, 1901, he married Clara Snyder, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Mosser) Snyder, of Albany township. One child has come to bless their home, Paul N. Lutz.

NEWTON RUSSELL TURNER, of Pottstown, Pa., was born at Douglassville, Amity township, Berks county. He attended the local common and private schools, and he was in the old eight-cornered school-house at Douglassville on Tuesday morning, Feb. 16, 1864, when his brother Cyrus (who was the chief clerk and salesman in the general store of Henry McKenty) walked into the room at Mr. McKenty's request and urged him to leave school and accept a position in the store. It was considered an honor in those days in that locality for a boy to secure a position with Mr. McKenty, because he was then the recognized leading man of affairs in the neighborhood, having had an up-to-date general store, retail coal yard, been freight, ticket and express agent and owner of the railroad station, treasurer of the Schuylkill Bridge Company at Douglassville, and owner of tenement houses and valuable real estate there; and no ambitious boy would have refused such an offer. The position having come to him unsolicited he, as a matter of course, accepted, left the school-room, and entered the store as clerk and salesman without going home to consult his parents until noon, when he obtained their approval. He was there three months when Mr. McKenty, in May, 1864, selected him to assist in looking after the increasing business of the railroad station, and he continued in the station at Douglassville as clerk, performing the duties of station agent from July 4, 1864, until Mr. McKenty sold the station, including the coal yard, in 1867, when he entered the freight and ticket office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Bridgeport, Pa., remaining there five months.

Later he filled the following positions with this company: station agent at Royersford; clerk in freight office at Reading; clerk in freight and ticket office at Pottsville; May 15, 1873, appointed station agent and later general agent at Williamsport; March, 1877, transferred to the general freight agent's office in Philadelphia, and three years later appointed division general freight agent, which last position he resigned in 1886. He then devoted much of his time to travel, visiting many places on the Pacific coast, the Yosemite Valley, the Rocky Mountain region (including Yellowstone National Park), Salt Lake City, the Great Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and other prominent places of interest in this country and Canada.

In 1882 Mr. Turner was elected secretary of the General Freight Agents' Association of the Middle States and was re-elected annually for three years. In 1885 he assisted in organizing the Freight Traffic Association of the Middle States (successor to the organization mentioned), was elected secretary, and continued to hold this position until 1890. In 1887, at Niagara Falls, he helped to organize the General Freight Agents' Mutual Aid Society, and became its first secretary; and he continued to be the secretary until 1890, when he severed his connection with the railroad, though he continued to be (and is still) a contributing member of the society.

In 1889 and 1890 Mr. Turner was the general freight and passenger agent of the Central New England & Western Railroad Company (Poughkeepsie Bridge Route), with an office in Poughkeepsie. In 1891 he entered the employ of the Pottstown Iron Company, and he remained with the company until 1895, when he purchased the Sunbury Iron Works at Sunbury, operating them successfully until May 30, 1902, when they were totally destroyed by fire. He then resumed his residence in Pottstown, making his home with his sister (Mrs. Francis H. Hallman), and here he has continued until the present time, being principally engaged in private real estate transactions. He takes especial interest in looking after his improved properties, which he keeps in the best repair, not permitting them to depreciate because of neglect.

While at Philadelphia Mr. Turner became a member of the Union League in 1880 and he has continued his membership until the present time. In 1896 he was elected an active life member, and he has kept up his active interest in this prominent patriotic and social organization by going there frequently, notwithstanding his residence at Pottstown. Being interested in historical subjects, Mr. Turner has also become an active member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Mr. Turner has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for thirty years, and is a life member of the Crescent Boat Club of Philadelphia. He was one of the organizers and is still a member of the Colonial Club, and also of the Automobile Club, of Pottstown. While a young man at Douglassville he identified himself with St. Gabriel's Protestant Episcopal Church and for a time served as a vestryman. Since locating in Pottstown he has been a member of Christ Episcopal Church. (For antecedents, see sketch of brother, Amos Turner, following.)

AMOS TURNER, master mechanic of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for ten years, residing at Easton, Pa., was born at Douglassville, Amity township, Berks county. He was educated in the local schools. When quite a small boy, he displayed remarkable skill in mechanism and devoted many of his boyhood days in his father's wheelwright shop to make small wagons. His youthful efforts in this direction caused the loss of part of the left forefinger, but undaunted he continued his efforts, and before he was thirteen years old had succeeded in turning out a boy's four-wheeled wagon, and admittedly the largest, handsomest and best sled in use in those days. His generosity in permitting all the boys and girls to use this sled made him a great favorite with his associates.

After quitting school, in 1864, he entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as an apprentice in their shops at South Easton, to learn the trade of machinist. Soon after completing his apprenticeship he was appointed as one of the foremen in the shop, and later transferred to Perth Amboy, N. J., to take charge of the shop at that place; but he continued there for only a short time, the company appreciating his unusual ability and success and selecting him to be general foreman of the shop at Easton. In 1899 he was promoted to the position of master mechanic and this responsible position he has filled in a most successful manner until the present time. His period of service—upward of forty-five years—exceeds that of any other officer now in active service.

Mr. Turner took a very prominent part in the municipal affairs of South Easton for a number of years. After having served as a councilman he officiated as the chief burgess from 1887 to 1891; also in 1893 and 1897. The school affairs also received his active support. In 1896 he became a member of the school board, and during that year the board erected a large and commodious building which was named the "Asa Packer" school. Mr. Turner, as chairman of the building committee, selected the name in appreciation of the enterprise and generosity of the former president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and founder of Lehigh University. It was while Mr. Turner was serving his last term as chief burgess that the consolidation of South Easton with Easton was earnestly advocated, and it was mainly through his influence that it was accomplished in June, 1898.

In 1870 Mr. Turner married Anna Vanderbilt Godley, daughter of William V. and Anna Godley, of Williams township, Northampton county, and they have two children: Sarah (married to Dr. Oscar M. Richards, of Easton) and Newton Russell (attorney at Easton, city solicitor, and United States commissioner). He and his family have been devoted members of Trinity P. E. Church at Easton during his residence there, and he has served as a vestryman of the congregation for a number of years. He has affiliated with the Freemasons there since 1874 as a member of Easton Lodge, No. 152.

Peter Turner, his father, was born April 10, 1800, near Hopewell Furnace, in Union township, Berks county. He was left an orphan when only a year old, and brought up by his mother's parents and his uncle, Absalom Lord. When quite young, he was apprenticed to a Mr. Jones, in Douglassville, to learn the wheelwright's trade, and he continued with Mr. Jones until he attained his majority; then he started in business on his own account and

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carried it on quite successfully for about thirty years, employing several men and giving them steady work. The demand for heavy wagons, such as he built and repaired, gradually decreased in that section of the country along the Schuylkill Valley after the railroad had begun to transport all kinds of merchandise, and he having combined farming with wheelwrighting he discontinued his trade about 1850 and devoted his time entirely to farming until 1861, when he retired. He died at Douglassville in 1865. He had served as a school director of the township for a number of years, and at the time of his death was a vestryman of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. For many years he was recognized as one of the most active members of the congregation, and it was principally through his efforts that a parsonage was erected in 1858. He was twice married, first to Margaret Ludwig, youngest daughter of John and Rachel (Morris) Ludwig, of Cumru township. She died in May, 1841, the mother of the following children: Louisa m. John Kohler; Catharine m. John C. Kerst; Caroline m. Henry Bush (she died in 1901); Emeline died in 1837; Lewis died in 1908; Rachel and Ellen reside at Douglassville; Cyrus L. resides at Allentown. In December, 1842, Peter Turner married Mrs. Sarah Donnelly, widow of George Donnelly, of West Chester, and second daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Russell. By this marriage there were four children: Elizabeth died in childhood; Amos is mentioned above; Newton Russell is mentioned above; Annie m. Francis H. Hallman, of Pottstown. The mother, Sarah Turner, died in February, 1901, in her eighty-eighth year, at Pottstown, and is buried in St. Gabriel's Church Cemetery, Douglassville.

The grandfather, also named Peter, married Elizabeth Lord (sister of Absalom, Thomas, Joseph and Joshua), and Peter was their only child. The grandfather died in 1801. The ancestors of the Lords came from England, as did also the ancestors of Peter Turner, grandfather.

Mr. Turner's mother by her first marriage had one son, James Russell Donnelly, named after his great-grandfather, James Russell. He was born at West Chester, Pa., in 1834, entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company with its engineer corps in 1852, and continued in its service, advancing step by step, until he became superintendent. He died in 1903. Mr. Turner's brother, Newton R., served twenty-six years in the traffic department of different railroads (as appears in his sketch); Cyrus L. is now passenger train conductor on the Perkiomen railroad, having been in the continuous service of that company since October, 1873; and Lewis Turner's two sons are both locomotive engineers, John with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and James with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. A nephew of Mr. Turner, John T. Kerst, was with the Philadelphia & Reading Company and the Fall Brook Railroad Company from 1883 to 1898; but he is now conducting a business school in the Baer building at Reading.

Amos Turner's grandfather, Joseph Russell, was a native of Union township, Berks county, and for many years carried on the manufacture of gun-barrels and coffee-mill hoppers. In the war of 1812-15 he served as a corporal in the company of Capt. Jonathan Jones. He died in 1862, aged seventy-five years. He married Elizabeth Reifsnyder (daughter of Peter, of Montgomery county), and had nine children: Mary (m. Henry Antrim, of Mount Holly, N. J.); Sarah (m. Peter Turner); Washington (who became a sea-faring man); Peter (m. Sarah Sharp, of Wilkes-Barre, and became a prominent Episcopal rector at Mauch Chunk); George; Elizabeth (the only one now living, widow of Samuel Eagle, of Douglassville); Catharine (died when two years old); Harriet (died when eight months old); and James (died at the age of six years, nine months).

Mr. Turner's great-grandfather, James Russell, emigrated with his father, Thomas Russell, from Scotland on account of religious persecution about 1780, and located in the upper section of Chester county in the vicinity of Hopewell Furnace, where he married a widow, Mrs. Green (nee Updegrove).

His great-grandfather Peter Reifsnyder was a farmer of the upper section of Philadelphia county (afterward Montgomery), and served in the Revolution. He married Catharine Yost and they had six children: Philip, Andrew, Mary (m. Peter Bush), Elizabeth (m. Joseph Russell), Catharine (m. Jonas Warley), and Frances (m. Andrew Stubblebine). His first wife having died, he married Barbara Lachman and by her had ten children: Peter, Benjamin, John, Joseph, Charles, Tobias, Moses, Jacob, Rebecca and Harriet.

SAMUEL H. DAVIS, an honorable citizen of Reading, who has been identified with many phases of the development of that city, was born June 19, 1847, at Merthyr Tydvill, Wales, son of Samuel and Martha (Garnel) Davis.

Samuel Davis, the father, was born in Wales and died in his native land. His business was building and contracting, and these occupations filled out a busy life of fifty-eight years, his death occurring in January, 1872. His wife died at Scranton, Pa., in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had twelve children, of whom John died in Wales; James came to America in 1857; Samuel H. came several years later; Harry, Joseph and Elizabeth all came to America in 1889; George followed his brothers and sister in 1896; the others died in Wales. The family were Welsh Baptists in religious faith. Many natives of Wales settled very early in Berks county, and they have ever been classed with the best citizens.

Samuel H. Davis was fourteen years old when he left his school books and home and went to the north of England, where he found work in a rolling mill. After remaining there five years he made his way to Scotland and continued to work in iron mills until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to America. He landed at old Castle Garden, whence he immediately proceeded to Reading, Pa., where he found employment in McManus's sheet mill, at which he had been engaged some two years when the strike of 1873 threw him out of work.

Mr. Davis then turned his attention to other things and in 1874 was employed by Robert Williams on the construction of the new Philadelphia & Reading depot, on which he worked from start to finish. Later he engaged with a Mr. Daniel Francis as a carpenter during the construction of the first horse car line on Sixth street, which was operated then by horsepower. This work lasted for several years and he then hired out to J. H. Sternbergh at the steel plant, working at the furnaces, and remained until he was promoted to be boss in three mills.

During this time Mr. Davis, in partnership with Walter A. Griesemer, under the firm name of Davis & Griesemer, erected a row of residences. The firm later went through several changes, becoming successively, Davis & Leinbach, Davis & Reiff, Davis, Ganter & Eichner, and finally Davis & Reiff. The row of stone-front modern residences mentioned contains nineteen houses, on Greenwich street, between Front and McKnight, of handsome construction, and they have given satisfaction to those who occupy them in every respect. Mr. Davis erected a home for himself at No. 134 North Fourth street, Reading, where he expects to spend the rest of his days in peace and comfort. It is of Indiana limestone, substantial and commodious, a desirable home in every respect and a credit to the locality. Mr. Davis is about to retire from active business pursuits to enjoy a well-earned rest. During all his energetic business life he has followed the rule of leading his workmen and taking the same chances they do. Clad in overalls, although his capital was being used in the different contracts being carried out, he looked and worked just like his men. This modest and unassuming manner won him high regard with the various artisans, and has done much to keep his men from making any serious inconvenience when labor troubles have annoyed almost every contractor and builder in the country. Mr. Davis has very kind memories of Jonathan G. Leinbach, whom he met in 1877, a perfect stranger, and during the many years of their business association they remained warm

personal friends. In discussing the reasons for his success in business where many others who started out seemingly better equipped failed, Mr. Davis says that he has always kept in mind the old saying that he who attends carefully to his own business has his hands full.

In 1884 Mr. Davis was married to Mary Hoff, daughter of Bright Hoff, and a member of a family old and prominent in Reading. Away back in its early history, the grandfather of Mrs. Davis kept the hostelry which was well known in those days as the "Brighton Hotel." Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had two children, Paul and Walter, the latter dying aged three months. The former was born in 1885. From boyhood he was fond of athletic sports and for three years he managed the Scholastic League and also managed a team of ball players, while he was pursuing his studies at the Bethlehem Preparatory School. He has always been a favorite with lovers of athletic sports. At present he is working as an expert electrician at Reading, with Goldenberger & Lyons.

Mr. Davis has been a citizen of the United States ever since coming here, having taken out naturalization papers immediately. In political sentiment he has always been identified with the Republican party and has given hearty support to its candidates. He is very well known in political circles in the Sixth ward and has done yeoman service for the city in the line of public-spirited efforts, in that ward, for the past twenty years.

MOYER. On April 27, 1790, (I) Martin Moyer (also spelled Myer) made his last will and testament, and he died the following year. His will is recorded in Will Book A, p. 212, and his wife Magdalena, and his brother George, were the executors. The only children mentioned in the will were George, Jacob and Conrad, of whom George was the eldest, and Jacob second. It is certain that there were several other children.

The name appears in the early tax lists. In 1800 in Colebrookdale township were the following: John, $1.68; Conrad, $1.24; John, $.19; Samuel, $.12; and Jacob (estate) $.6. In 1805: John, $7.12, Conrad, $2.39; and Isaac $.82. In 1809: John, $5.43; Conrad, $1.82; Isaac, $.59; and Martin, $.21. In 1805 two Moyers paid taxes in Earl township: John, $1.43; and Abraham, $.25; and in that same township in 1809 Henry Moyer paid $1.75. In April, 1829, Abraham Moyer made his will, and died the following October in Hereford township, leaving his wife Anna, and children as follows: John, Abraham, Francis, Catharine (Gerhard), Esther (born 1784, died 1880, m. Daniel Nester) and Nancy (m. Jacob Nester). Casper Moyer (also spelled Meyer) was a taxable in Hereford township in 1758, and again in 1759, in the latter year paying fourteen pounds. He is thought to have been the ancestor of many of the name in the southeastern part of the county. Among his sons were: Jacob, in 1744, an innkeeper in Colebrookdale township, and the father of a son, Jacob; George; and Martin. Tradition says that the Berks county Moyers spring from a common ancestor.

(II) Conrad Moyer, son of Martin and Magdalena, in 1791 lived on his father's farm in Colebrookdale township, as is indicated by his father's will. His name appears in the above lists as a taxable of that township.

(III) Joseph Moyer, son of Conrad, was born in 1791, and he lived in Colebrookdale township, one and one-half miles northwest of Bechtelsville, where he followed his trade of harness making, and also engaged in farming. He died in 1861, and is buried at Hill Church, to which he and his family belonged. He married Elizabeth Reitenauer, who was born at the store at Hill Church. Their children were: Charles; and Daniel, who lived in Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and had children—David, Elizabeth, Mary, William and Amandus.

(IV) Charles Moyer, son of Joseph and Elizabeth, was born in Colebrookdale township on the old Moyer homestead, in 1825, and he died in the spring of 1907. He was a farmer during his active days, but the last thirty years of his life he lived retired at Bechtelsville. He owned the old homestead of ninety acres in Colebrookdale township, and this is now owned by his son, Tobias H. His ballot was cast in support of the Democratic party, and for some years he served as school director. He and his family were members of Hill Church until Bechtelsville church was built. Of the latter he was one of the organizers and a liberal contributor. He helped to organize the Hill Church Cemetery Company, and at the time of his death was one of its trustees. He was well and favorably known throughout his district. He married Anna Henrich, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Muthart) Henrich. She died in December, 1906, in her seventy-eighth year. To Charles and Anna (Henrich) Moyer were born the following children: Ephraim, of New Berlinville, Pa.; Joseph H., of Bechtelsville; Elizabeth (m. Alfred Brumbach); Tobias H., of Bechtelsville; William, of Colebrookdale township; Jeremiah H.; Frank, of New Berlinville, formerly county commissioner of Berks county; Olivia (m. Frank Minner, of Allentown, Pennsylvania).

(V) Joseph H. Moyer, son of Charles, and now vice president of the Farmers National Bank, Boyertown, was born on the old Moyer homestead, in Colebrookdale township, March 4, 1849. He attended the public schools, and was reared to farm work. As a young man he learned the cigar maker's trade, and followed it for two years. In the fall of 1872 he began in the produce business, and this he continued for five years with great success. In 1878 he opened up a coal, flour and feed store in Bechtelsville, and enjoyed a good trade until 1889, at the same time buying and selling lime, often as much as 40,000 bushels annually. His lime was sold in Lower Berks and Upper Montgomery counties. Mr. Moyer is an excellent business man, and has considerable executive ability. He was one of the founders of the Kensington Hygeia Ice Company of Philadelphia, which was founded in 1895, and he has since been one of its directors. He is a director and vice president of the Farmers National Bank, Boyertown.

In 1875 Mr. Moyer erected a large brick residence at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, and that has since been his home. Beyond serving as the first treasurer of the borough of Bechtelsville, he has always declined to hold office. He is officially connected with Trinity Union Church, of Bechtelsville.

In January, 1873, Mr. Moyer married Annie B. Oberholtzer, daughter of John and Anna (Bliem) Oberholtzer, of Washington township. To this union were born three daughters, namely: Odelia, who died in childhood; Annie O.; and Orpha O. Mrs. Moyer and the daughters belong to the new school of the Mennonite church, having membership in Hereford church.

(V) Tobias H. Moyer, son of Charles and now owner of the Moyer homestead, was born in Colebrookdale township, Oct. 20, 1852. He attended the township schools, and worked for his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade, following it four years. He then took to farming on the Moyer homestead of one hundred acres, and for thirty years he has given it his attention. He also owns a farm near Bechtelsville of 160 acres, which he has stocked and now farms it himself. Since 1888 he has carried on a butchering business. In 1889 he moved into Bechtelsville and has since resided there. For six years he has been a deacon in Bechtelsville Reformed Church, and for some years he served the vestry as treasurer.

On Oct. 2, 1875, Mr. Tobias married Emma R. Hess, daughter of David and Harietta (Yoder) Hess. She died Nov. 19, 1899, aged forty-four years, ten months, eighteen days, and is buried at Hill Church. She passed away suddenly at church during communion service on Sunday morning. One daughter was born of this union, Eva May, born April 22, 1896. On March 30, 1901, Mr. Tobias married (second) Katie A. Kramer, born in Rockland township, July 21, 1879, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Deysher) Kramer. They have two children: Edna K., born Feb. 3, 1903; Sallie K., Aug. 28, 1904.

(V) Jeremiah H. Moyer, son of Charles and now a farmer and dairyman at Bechtelsville, was born in Colebrookdale township, July 14, 1856. He worked for his parents until he was nineteen, and then took to farming in

his native township. After two years there he went to New Hanover, Montgomery county, where he farmed five years, and then located in Washington township, his home since 1884. For twelve years he lived in Bechtelsville, which he helped to incorporate into a borough. He was six years a member of the borough council. While living there he dealt to a large extent in horses and cattle. He made ten annual trips to western States to buy stock, and he has proved himself an excellent judge. In the spring of 1899 he moved upon the farm he now occupies. This consists of eighty-seven acres of good land, all in fine condition. Mr. Moyer gives special attention to dairying, keeping about twenty head of cattle and shipping his milk daily to Philadelphia. In political affiliations Mr. Moyer is a Democrat, and since 1906 has been a school director. With his family he attends Bechtelsville Reformed Church.

On Aug. 19, 1876, Mr. Moyer married Emma B. Eshbach, daughter of George Eshbach, after whom Eshbach Crossing was named. To this union have been born the following family: Charles, who died in infancy; Emma, who married Charles Brumbach; Jesse, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Mabel; Warren; Elsie; Harry; and Frank.

DEHART. The early history of the Dehart family of Berks county, Pa., is gleaned wholly from scattering records and tradition. The origin of the family is French. The Deharts were early settlers of this Commonwealth, settling in Lower Berks, in the district now embraced in Amity township. They belonged to a band of emigrants known as French Huguenots, who settled here prior to 1719. In 1734 among the names of thirty-seven taxables, now embraced in the territory of the township mentioned, were those of Elijah and Simon Dehart, each paying quit rent on one hundred acres of land. In 1744, a petition for the erection of Amity township was presented to the Court at Philadelphia, signed by forty-one adult persons, and the first two names on this petition were Gilbert and Simon Dehart. In 1752 and 1759 among the list of taxables in this township is the name of Cornelius Dehart, a large land owner, who paid a federal tax of fifteen pounds. In 1759 the name of Cornelius Dehart also appears as a taxable of District township, where he paid a tax of three pounds. In 1782 the name of Widow Dehart is mentioned as resident of Earl township, in Berks county.

Gilbert Dehart, who signed the petition for the erection of Amity township in 1744, made a will which is on record in Berks court house in Will Book 1, page 20. He was a yeoman, and possessed several large plantations, and left a vast estate. His wife was Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Adam Reed, and she survived him, her name appearing in the will. The testator, Gilbert Dehart, provides a reasonable maintenance for his sister Charity Dehart. The will was witnessed by William Boone and John Warren, who belonged to a class called "Quakers." Gilbert Dehart had six children, namely: Samuel, who obtained the plantation on the north side of the Tulpehocken wagon road, and an additional twenty-five acres on the south side of it; William, who obtained the plantation on the south side of this road; and Catharine, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary, to each of whom was given fifty pounds of money besides other bequests of value.

The will of Jacob Dehart, of Exeter township, is on record in Will Book, 6, page 269. It was made Sept. 28, 1828, and probated Dec. 1, 1828. His wife Susanna was amply provided for. An item says: "The residue of my estate shall be equitably divided among all my children," but their names are not mentioned.

The ancestor of the DeHart family of lower Berks county, tradition says, was Jacob DeHart. He had a large family and is said to have left his native country, France, during the religious upheaval. Two of his sons remained in France to look after his confiscated property, and they in later years were joined by their brother Samuel. Among the children of the ancestor Jacob were: Elijah, Simon, Gilbert, Cornelius, Samuel, Jacob and Isaac. It is said that several DeHarts went with Daniel Boone the famous hunter and native of Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa., to Virginia—whence Daniel Boone proceeded to Kentucky. The early DeHarts were a bellicose people, and participated in the early wars of this country. Two DeHarts, one of whom was Isaac, were scouts under General Wayne; and there were also DeHarts who were scouts in the Miami Valley, in Ohio.

While Samuel DeHart, son of Jacob, was in France,—Marquis de Lafayette organized his army and came to America to assist the struggling colonies—the three DeHart brothers came over with him and fought in the war for independence.

The Pennsylvania Archives have the following Revolutionary records of the family:

Abraham DeHart resided in Monroe county, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1834, aged seventy-nine years. He was connected with First Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, as private in the Revolutionary war. In 1776, he was a corporal in Col. Thomas Craig's regiment. From Jan. 1, 1777, to 1781 he was a sergeant in same Regiment.

Isaac DeHart was a private in Capt. Samuel Kennedy's Company, which was commissioned April 17, 1780, and his time was to expire Jan. 15, 1781. In 1776 he was in Capt. Samuel Kennedy's Company. The first enlistment was for seven months. His name appears also as a private in Berks County militia in Capt. Jno. Robinson's Company. He served eighteen days in October, 1781. He was killed by a British soldier in Philadelphia.

Jacob DeHart on Feb. 3, 1781, was a master or soldier on the vessel "Nansemond," which carried sixteen men. He was twenty-five years of age. Stature five feet, five inches; with light brown hair and light complexion.

Jacob Mausier DeHart entered United States service June 2, 1778, and was a first Lieutenant, having been promoted to the rank from Ensign May 16, 1780. He died from wounds July 25, 1780. He was commissioned ensign July 2, 1778, in Capt. Jacob Ashmead's light infantry, 2d Regiment of Pennsylvania. On March 25, 1780, he was first Ensign in above company and regiment. On May 1, 1780, the return sheet of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment shows the position of Ensign held by Jacob M. DeHart vacant. The records show that the estate of Jacob M. DeHart received Depreciation Pay—(Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. IV, Page 116).

Samuel DeHart was a private in Capt. Lewis Former's Company, enlisting April 12, 1776. In 1780 his name appears on the roster of Capt. David Weidner's Company of the Berks County Militia. His name also appears on Pennsylvania Vol. Co.—in service from June, 1780, to serve to July 15, 1781.

Descendants of the ancestor live in Massachusetts and New Jersey. At Atlantic City lives "Squire" DeHart. Three of the ancestor Jacob DeHart's grandsons lived and died at Harrisburg, Pa. They died at the remarkable ages of 101, 103 and 104 years, respectively. The family generally are a long-lived people.

John Dehart, grandfather of David E. Dehart, of Reading, was in Amity township in 1764, and died at the advanced age of 104 years, in Exeter township, Berks county. His wife was Mary Harner, who died Dec. 2, 1859, aged eighty-five years. They were the parents of eleven children: William, David H., John, Jacob, Gilbert, Jeremiah, Amos, Abraham, Annie (m. Sylvester Trout), Mary (m. John Babb) and Lydia (m. Joseph Bechtel). All of these are now deceased except Amos. Mr. John Dehart had a most remarkable memory. J. Irvin Dehart lived with this remarkable personage, and the centenarian delighted in relating his Revolutionary war experience and his acquaintance with the great Washington. When he was fourteen years old he entered the army. He learned of his father, a soldier of the Revolution, known as "Captain DeHart," being at Valley Forge and came to see him there. His father asked the boy about Philadelphia and the lad unknowingly gave information which proved of great value to Washington. On being taken before Washington, the latter patted him upon

the back, and said he should get more information. The youth made several trips between Philadelphia and Valley Forge. On one of these trips he was captured and imprisoned with five others. They were all to be shot on the day General Howe in haste left Philadelphia, overlooking them. Howe's hasty leave from the city saved their lives. The boy followed Washington into New Jersey, and was lost in the woods for two weeks.

Amos Dehart, son of John, was born in Amity township, Aug. 1, 1813, and now lives on a farm in Alsace township near Stony Creek mills, which was formerly the property of his father. He is a remarkable man in many ways, and is well-preserved, being able to see easily without the aid of glasses. For a period of thirty years he followed the trade of carpenter and millwright. He married Mary Leas, who was born April 1, 1823, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Saylor, and she died April 26, 1907, aged eighty-four years, twenty-five days, after a happy married life of sixty-five years. Twelve children were born to Amos Dehart and wife, namely: (1) Rosana m. (first) James Lorah, and (second) Ezra Romich. (2) Amelia m. in 1866 Jacob Wentzel (1827-1873), a native of Alsace township, who passed away in Reading, and she now resides at No. 943 Muhlenberg street, Reading. She has four children: Edwin, Richard, Amelia and Allen A. (3) Daniel lives at Decatur, Ill. (4) Sarah m. John Geltz. (5) Richard died in the State of New York. (6) William died in Mexico in October, 1907. (7) Solomon lives at Reading. (8) Ellen m. Henry Seidel. (9) Louisa died young. (10) Debbie m. Jacob Wentzel. (11) Amanda m. James Scheildt. (12) Lydia died young.

David H. Dehart, son of John and father of David E., was born at his father's homestead in Amity township in 1800, and he died at Reading Jan. 3, 1892. In his earlier life he was a weaver by trade, but about 1842 he came to Reading, and here worked as a laborer. He is buried in Aulenbach cemetery, Reading. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Breiner, bore him six children, namely: John, Daniel, Sarah, Lucett, Cadehl and Caroline. He m. (second) Julia Ebert, who was born in 1812, daughter of John Ebert, of Germany, and she died Dec. 25, 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years. To this union were born the following children: Adam, David E., Sarah, Mary, Barbara, Eve and Susan.

David E. Dehart, son of David H., was born in Reading May 6, 1851. When only nine years of age he commenced working in the Reading cotton mills, and continued there upwards of twelve years. His next employment was that of a driver, and he assisted in the building of the Reading Fair Grounds. For about four years he worked in the brick yards of Thomas A. Danzell, and he next worked at the Scott works for a number of years. In 1886 he began in the contracting and building business in North Reading, where he has erected about eight hundred houses. He built whole squares of houses, and is well known in the business in the city of Reading. He was instrumental in the erection of the Windsor street market house. He has in his employ at all times from fifty to one hundred men. He is foreman of the sewer and contracting gangs for the large contracting firm of Fehr & O'Rourke, of Reading. He also laid the pavement around the large Nolde & Horst factory. Mr. Dehart is a man of great ability and is active and energetic. During the earlier years of his life he lived on Walnut street, but for twenty-five years he has had his home in the North section of Reading.

Mr. Dehart is a member of a number of fraternal societies, among which may be mentioned: Knights of Malta, No. 247; Muhlenberg Lodge, No. 1085, I. O. O. F.; Victory Castle, No. 433, Knights of the Golden Eagle; and he has belonged to the Hampton Fire Company since its organization. He and his family are members of Christ's Evangelical Church, of Reading, and he is active in the church and Sunday-school.

On March 8, 1873, Mr. David E. Dehart was married to Sarah Rote, daughter of Abraham and Harriet (Wolf) Rote, of Lancaster, Pa., and they have three children: Malissa M., m. to Harry G. Hain; David F., m. to Clara Eben; and Mary J., m. to Charles Graul.

Jeremiah DeHart, son of John and brother of David H. and Amos, was born in Alsace township, Berks county. He early learned the trade of wheelwright, and became a very able mechanic, many men learning their trade under his careful guidance. He owned a tract of twenty-five acres of land, upon which he made his home. His remains rest in the Aulenbach cemetery at Reading. He married Catharine Reppert, who bore him nine children, as follows: Celinda, Annie, Ellen, Oliver R., William R., Mary, Almeretta, J. Irvin and Clara.

Oliver R. DeHart, son of Jeremiah, was born in Exeter township April 1, 1846. As a young man he learned the wheelwright trade, and this he followed for some years, and later manufactured hats. Some time later he admitted partners, and branched out on a larger scale. In 1885 he came to Reading, and since then he has made his home at No. 1246 Chestnut street, and he is now employed as a watchman. In 1867 he married Caroline Stieff, daughter of William Stieff, of near Adamstown, where he lived and died. Their children, all of whom live at Reading, are: Charles, William, Catharine, Jackson, Emma, Robert, Harry, Carrie, Anna and Helen M.

William R. DeHart, fifth child of Jermiah, was born in Alsace township, Dec. 16, 1847. He remained upon the farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he enlisted as a private in Company D, 15th United States Infantry, being enrolled as a member of this company July 5, 1864, for three years, and he saw active service in Tennessee and Georgia. He was confined in Lookout Hospital, whence he was discharged Aug. 28, 1865. He then came to Reading, and learned the hatting trade, which he followed six years. He then learned the millwright's trade from his father, and this he followed with much success for many years. He built cars for the Reading Railroad Company for eight years, and later he began the building of houses in Reading, erecting Nos. 1715, 1717, 1719, 1721 and 1723 Perkiomen avenue. In the last named place he lived for twenty-two years, removing from there in 1907. In politics Mr. DeHart is a Republican, and in February, 1908, he was elected the constable of the Sixteenth ward. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. In 1869, Mr. DeHart married Rebecca Fisher, daughter of George and Catharine Fisher, of Muhlenberg township. Eight children have been born to them, as follows: Flavey, Geneva, Herbert S., George C., Howard W., Allen E., Claud W., and Hazel R.

PENROSE W. HAWMAN, member of the firm of Hawman Brothers, general contractors at Reading, and one of the best known and most enterprising business men and citizens of that city, was born there Jan. 22, 1858, son of Henry Reigard and Emma Esser (Henry) Hawman, the former a native of Lancaster and a son of Peter and Catherine Susanna (Hiester) Hawman.

Peter Hawman, grandfather of Penrose W., was born in the city of Lancaster, a son of the emigrant ancestor of the family in America. He was well known in the business world of Lancaster, where he died, and was at one time sheriff of the county. He was also a veteran of the war of 1812, in which he rendered distinguished service. He married Catherine Susanna Hiester, daughter of Isaac Hiester, and member of one of the early Lancaster county families. Their children were: Annie C., who died unmarried; Elizabeth C., m. to Benjamin F. Streaker, and killed on the Pennsylvania railroad, leaving children—Frank, Harry, Charles, Edward, Mary, Susan and Emma; Henry Reigard, father of Penrose W.; Mary H., m. to Levi Moyer, of Reading; William H., a chair maker, who died in Lancaster county; and Peter, who died young.

Henry Reigard Hawman, father of Penrose W., was born March 11, 1822, at Lancaster, Pa., and learned the molder's trade. He moved to Reading when eighteen years of age and entered the foundry of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, where he became foreman.

After remaining there ten years he became a co-partner in the Reading Industrial Works and in the Bertolette Foundry at the foot of Court street until the latter was destroyed by fire in 1856. He then conducted a restaurant in the Old State House building, and besides catering to the public he relieved many distressed families who applied for aid, and was the originator of the public relief society. In 1861 he began contracting and continued until his last illness. He was identified with the construction of a number of railroads, among which were the Reading & Columbia, Philadelphia & Erie, and the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was also engaged on the Berks County Prison extension and the Philadelphia & Reading round houses, car shops and passenger station. For many years he took an active part in politics, and from 1862 to 1865 was county commissioner, from 1867 to 1869 represented the Seventh ward in the common council, and from 1872 to 1875 in the select council. He was bank assessor for Berks and Lebanon counties by appointment from the auditor general of Pennsylvania, and he was a delegate to county, State and National Democratic conventions. On Aug. 12, 1846, he was raised a Mason in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and in 1853 and 1854 served as worshipful master, and in 1856 and 1857 as treasurer; he also belongs to Reading Chapter No. 152, R. A. M., and was past eminent commander of DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, K. T. He died at Reading May 4, 1879, and was buried with Masonic honors in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Emma Esser Henry, and their children were: William H., P. Frank, Albert H., Penrose W., George K., Harry E., Charles H., and two others—Charles Edward Howard and Charles Howard—both of whom died very young.

Albert H. Hawman, brother of Penrose W. and senior member of the contracting firm of Hawman Brothers, was born in Reading Sept. 22, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of the city, leaving in the last year of high school, when his father, a large contractor, needed his services. At the age of eighteen he became an assistant to his father, and in 1883 he and his brother Penrose W. formed a partnership under the firm name of Hawman Brothers. This firm as described below is most active and successful. Mr. Albert H. Hawman has general supervision of all work the company undertakes.

On June 27, 1877, Mr. Hawman married Miss Lillian Goodfellow, daughter of Isaiah and Rebecca (Lightcap) Goodfellow, of Reading. To this union have been born two children: (1) Dr. Erle G., born in Reading Sept. 1, 1881. He was graduated from the Reading high school June 29, 1899, and from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania June 15, 1904. He was resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, from June, 1904, to July, 1905, and at the Berks County Hospital from April, 1906, to November, 1907, when he resigned and went to Philadelphia, and did post-graduate work until Sept., 1908, when he returned to Reading and located at No. 131 North Fifth street, where he is engaged as a specialist in diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. He is a member of the Reading, Berks County, and State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; Philadelphia Consistory, 32nd degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. (2) Vera L. graduated from the Reading high-school June 23, 1904, and from Ossining School, Ossining-on-the-Hudson, June 6, 1905. She is at home. The family residence is at No. 13 South Tenth street, Reading. Mr. Albert H. Hawman is connected with Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Royal Arcanum. He and his family are members of Grace Lutheran church, of which for a number of years he was an official.

David Goodfellow, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hawman, was originally from Lycoming county, Pa., but later located in Reading. He was of Scotch descent. Isaiah Goodfellow, son of David, and father of Mrs. Hawman, was born in 1810, and died March 21, 1888. He married Rebecca Lightcap, born in 1815, daughter of John Lightcap (a member of an old Quaker family of Pennsylvania, who lived in Montgomery county). She died Jan. 9, 1894, and both she and her husband are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

Penrose W. Hawman received his education in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in the class of 1876, and in the same year was confirmed in the Lutheran church, becoming a member of St. James parish. In 1877 he began to learn the trade of machinist with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in the old shops on Seventh and Chestnut streets. He was possessed of mechanical ability of a high order, and was soon advanced out of the apprentice class, continuing to rise and to give satisfaction during the entire eleven years he remained in the employ of the company. In 1889 he made his first venture in the contracting business, and his first work was the construction of a sewer from Second and Washington streets to Court and Canal, and under the paper mills of the city. With his brother as his partner, Mr Hawman has gradually extended the scope of his operations and the firm of Hawman Brothers has become known far beyond the confines of its own city. Among the important contracts intrusted to them and successfully carried out may be mentioned the following: Two additional tracks for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, between Reading and Tuckertown, and in this they did all the work incidental to it, including grading and bridges; a number of railroads, trolley roads and sewers all over the country; twenty miles of railroad for the Long Island Railroad Company; many bridges for the Philadelphia & Reading road on different parts of the system; the first concrete sewer ever constructed in Reading—this was in the early nineties—and since then many others for the city; several sewers and trolley lines in Trenton, N. J., and the trolley line from Trenton to Trenton Junction, a distance of four miles; an addition to the Phoenixville Water Supply; and in 1900-01 all the buildings and Pipe line of the Lebanon water supply for the city of Lebanon, Pa., in which they installed everything needed. On April 5, 1909, they completed the Spring street subway for the city of Reading. The number of men in their employ varies according to the magnitude of the work engaged upon—sometimes requiring sixty men, while at others they have a pay-roll of 2,000. That success has attended their efforts speaks well for the business ability of the brothers, as well as for their mechanical ability. They are strictly honest and fair in their dealings, and their workmanship is always of the best possible. They take just pride in turning over to the corporations employing them, work that will stand the test of years, and they have a reputation equalled by few, excelled by none. Mr. Penrose W. Hawman is a man of large business capacity, and with the ability to see and understand almost intuitively the needs of construction in a work vast enough to make most men stand aghast at its daring conception.

In his political faith Mr. Hawman is a stanch Democrat. He is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection; Harrisburg Consistory; and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Reading Lodge, No. 155, B. P. O. E.; and the Royal Arcanum.

In 1896 Mr. Hawman married Miss Laura Edna Tomlinson, daughter of Lewis Kendall and Emily Jane (Newlin) Tomlinson. They have one daughter, Claire Dorothy.

The Tomlinson family was founded in America by the great-grandfather of Mrs. Hawman, who came from England in young manhood, and settled in New Jersey, where he reared a family. One of his sons, David, born in New Jersey in 1798, became a produce dealer in Philadelphia market, and died at the age of fifty-two years; he married Nancy Ann Emmel, of Cumberland, N. J., and had three children, Henry E., Lewis Kendall and a daughter that died in infancy. Lewis Kendall Tomlinson was born in Camden, N. J., Oct. 13, 1848, and in his

youth learned the potter's trade, which he carried on until 1890, when he moved to Reading, and was variously employed until April 1, 1898, then moving to Vaughan, N. C., and farming one summer. Returning to Reading he remained until 1894, when he purchased a small place in Mt. Penn, and there has since resided. He married Dec. 25, 1871, Emily Jane Newlin, daughter of William K. and Ann Eliza (Gyles) Newlin, and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Cavinder) Newlin. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson have had eight children: N. Robert, Laura Edna, Lewis B. (deceased), Maggie E., Josephine, Ross K., Blanche T. and Lewis V. (deceased).

BOYER. The Boyers have long been a prominent Berks county family, and the name has been perpetuated in the borough of Boyertown, so called in their honor. The family history in this country begins with

(I) John Philip Beyer (as the name was then spelled), from whom the brothers James K. and Horace K. Boyer, general merchants of Boyertown, trace their line through (II) Jacob, (III) Daniel and (IV) Daniel B. Boyer. Henry and Daniel Boyer, sons of (II) Jacob Boyer and his wife Catharine, were really the founders of the present beautiful borough, now a prosperous community of 2,500 souls, which was known as Boyertown long before it was laid out in 1835. It was not incorporated until 1851. We give a brief record of both these men, first mentioning their forefathers in America.

John Philip Beyer came to these shores from Rhenish Bavaria, better known as the Palatinate, in 1731, and settled in Pennsylvania, dying in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania.

(II) Jacob Beyer, son of John Philip, born in August, 1754, died Feb. 11, 1796. He lived on the old homestead at Perkiomenville, in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., where all his children lived, he and his wife Catharine Schantz (who was born in 1759) having a family of eleven, viz.: Henry, Daniel, Jacob (born Jan. 9, 1777, died March 13, 1853; married Elizabeth Heebner, born May 4, 1777, died July 30, 1838; had ten children, all daughters), Philip, John, Samuel, and five daughters, Susanna (born Aug. 2, 1787, died May 10, 1863, married Jacob Houck), one who married a Setzler, one who married a Campbell, one who married a Sassaman and one who married a Hendrix. One of the daughters, Mary, born Feb. 18, 1784, died Aug. 30, 1857, and she and her sister Susanna are buried in Keelor's churchyard. Jacob Beyer is said to be buried in the family plot near his homestead. After his death his widow married Daniel Schwenck, and she survived until Feb. 1, 1837; she is buried at Keelor Church, in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

(III) Henry Boyer, son of Jacob, was among the early comers to the vicinity of what is now Boyertown, and he settled on what was then the Latshaw place, securing a central location on the farm and opening the public house then known as the Boyertown Inn; it is now the "Union House." He became a large land holder, he and his brother Daniel owning the land upon which Boyertown is now built. Henry Boyer owned the land upon which the ore mines have since been opened. He was an exception to most of the name in that he was active in public affairs as well as in business, serving as representative in the State Legislature from 1824 to 1827, and again in 1832. He died in Boyertown March 18, 1857, aged seventy-eight years, four months, twenty-nine days, and is buried in Fairview cemetery, at Boyertown. Henry Boyer married Sarah Krebs, who died at Boyertown July 7, 1858, aged seventy-four years, four months, nine days, their married life covering a period of fifty-seven years, fifteen days. She, too, is buried in the Fairview cemetery. They had children as follows: (1) Catharine K. married John Rhoads. (2) Caroline married George Huff, of Huff's Church, Berks county, and they had six children, Harry, Sallie Ann (of Altoona, Pa.), Hon. George (Congressman-at-large for Pennsylvania), Caroline (married William Tyson), Elizabeth (married John Craig) and William A. (banker at Greensburg, Pa.). (3) Michael lived and died at Reading. (4) Jacob K., born Dec. 21, 1811, died March 10, 1850, and is buried at Boyertown. In 1835 he married Lucy Ludwig, who was born July 3, 1813, daughter of David and Sarah Ludwig, and died Feb. 7, 1868. They had five children. (5) Henry. (6) Hannah married Dr. Sellers, and they had a son Colvin, who was a prominent man in his day, being superintendent of the Reading division of the telephone service. (7) Maria married Marshall Campbell, and they lived in Michigan. (8) Angeline married Rev. F. W. Dechant. (9) Sarah married a Griesemer. (10) ———married an Allebach. The sons of this family were also engaged in business at Boyertown.

(III) Daniel Boyer, brother of Henry, was born Sept. 12, 1782, and died at Boyertown April 23, 1869, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He passed his entire life at Boyertown, and is buried there. Commencing in the mercantile business in a very small way, he prospered from the start by careful management and attention to detail. He married Salome Hill, born Nov. 16, 1785, who died June 14, 1861, and they had the following children: Samuel; Henry B., of Reading; Daniel B.; Sally Ann, who married William Schuler; Betsey, who married John Steinruck; Lavina, who married Richard Richards; and Willoughby, who lived and died at Norristown, Pa., where he was engaged as a merchant (he married Harriet Dengler).

(IV) Daniel B. Boyer, son of Daniel, born at Boyertown Jan. 12, 1814, died April 5, 1892, and is buried in the Boyer plot in Fairview cemetery, where the Boyer monument marks his last resting-place. He passed all his life at Boyertown, becoming a clerk in his father's store when quite young, and as early as 1830 embarked in the mercantile business on his own account, following that line throughout his active life, though he had numerous other interests. He and his brother Samuel were partners in the mercantile business, which they conducted under the firm name of Boyer Brothers. They were eminently successful, drawing their patronage from a radius of twenty miles about Boyertown, for there were few stores in those days, and not all the merchants replenished their stock with the enterprise shown by the Boyer Brothers, who hauled all their freight from Philadelphia, making weekly trips to that city, a distance of forty miles. In time he took his sons into the business with him, and they have carried it on since 1872 under the present name, J. & H. K. Boyer. Daniel B. Boyer served many years as postmaster, in 1836 succeeding his father in that office, which the older man held from 1828. He served until 1841, after which he and his cousin Jacob K. Boyer filled the office until 1865. Daniel B. Boyer held it again from 1869 to 1885. In addition to his mercantile business he dealt in lumber, his yards being in the center of the borough, where D. S. Erb's large cigar factory now stands, and in this connection may also be mentioned his building operations, which at one time were quite extensive. He built up three of the corners at the junction of Philadelphia and Reading avenues, and about thirty dwelling-houses in the town were of his construction. Mr. Boyer was the first man to organize a bank in Boyertown, the institution being known as the Mory, Boyer & Co. Bank, which later became the National Bank of Boyertown, and Mr. Boyer was vice-president at the time of his death. The bank was originally located in a corner of the "Union Hotel." Altogether his activities made him a very well known and useful man. He was active both as a member and official of the Lutheran Church at Boyertown, to which he gave a liberal support.

Daniel B. Boyer married Mary Ann Keely, born Feb. 14, 1815, who died May 6, 1890. Eight children were born of this union, viz.: William, born in 1837, who died in 1838; Samuel K., born in 1838, who died in 1866; Cornelia, born in 1842, who died in 1843; Catharine, born in 1846, who died in 1847; Emeline, who is unmarried; Malinda, now the wife of David S. Erb; James K.; and Horace K.

(V) JAMES K. BOYER, eldest surviving son of Daniel B. Boyer, and senior member of the well known mercantile house of J. & H. K. Boyer, was born in Boyertown Oct. 31, 1848. He has passed all his life in his native place, and received his education in the public schools. When only a boy of thirteen he began clerking in the large general store his father then conducted, and he has continued to make merchandising his principal interest. After he became associated as a partner in the business the firm was known for some years as D. B. Boyer & Sons, and in 1872 the name was changed to its present form. J. & H. K. Boyer are the most prominent general merchants in the lower end of Berks county, carrying a heavy stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, pumps, and other things in constant demand in their community, where no firm is rated higher or enjoys more universal popularity. They occupy an immense three-story brick building, and employ six clerks regularly, the bulk of trade in the vicinity coming to them. Their location in the Boyer building, which is 50 x 80 feet in dimensions and stands at the southwest corner of Philadelphia and Reading avenues, is very advantageous. Both the brothers are interested in the general progress of the community and in other important business affairs aside from their large mercantile business. They own the "Union Hotel," the post-office building, and six dwellings in town. Mr. James K. Boyer succeeded his father as vice-president of the Boyertown National Bank in 1893 and has served in that capacity ever since. He is a director of the famous Boyertown Casket Company, which is one of the most important industrial concerns in the town, giving employment to three hundred and fifty people, and he is also a director in the Union Manufacturing Company of Boyertown.

In 1878 Mr. Boyer was married to Annie Stetler, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Schwenk) Stetler, her father a merchant of Earlville, Berks county. Five children, two sons and three daughters, have been born to this union, as follows: Florence, who graduated from Washington College, Washington, D. C., resides at home with her parents. Edna, who perished in the Opera House fire of Jan. 13, 1908, was also educated at Washington College, was a talented musician and often called upon to sing on public occasions, and was a young woman greatly admired in her town. Edith is a graduate of Lutherville College, of Baltimore, Md. Daniel B. graduated from the Meigs Hill School, of Pottstown, Pa., and is now a student at Yale. J. Keely, who also perished in the Opera House disaster, was a student at Boyertown high school and a young man of promising character. Mr. Boyer and his family are active members of St. John's Lutheran Church and also of the Sunday-school, in which he was a teacher for many years, until 1906. He has also served as deacon of the church, and he is generally regarded as one of the pillars of the congregation.

(V) HORACE K. BOYER, junior member of the mercantile firm of J. & H. K. Boyer, was born Feb. 18, 1851, at Boyertown, and received his education there in the public schools. When fourteen years old he became a clerk in his father's store, with which he has ever since been connected. As in the case of his brother, the mercantile business has been his principal interest. Horace K. Boyer is treasurer of the Union Manufacturing Company of Boyertown, and he is interested as a stockholder in a number of local industries, he and his brother supporting some of the most important enterprises in the borough, where the members of the Boyer family have always sustained the name of being substantial citizens.

Mr. Boyer was married in June, 1871, to Sallie K. Grant, daughter of Charles and Catharine Knauss Grant, who for many years conducted the "Union House" at Boyertown. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have had three children, as follows: (1) Warren, who died May 5, 1892, aged twenty years, five months, had just graduated from the Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, and was an ambitious young man, just ready to enter upon the earnest work of life. He came home from school sick, and died four days later. (2) Anna G., who died Nov. 25, 1900, at the age of twenty-six years, was the wife of Joshua B. Lessig, of Pottstown, Pa., who was connected with his father in the iron business, eventually succeeding him. Mrs. Lessig left no children. (3) Edgar G., who graduated from the Schissler Business College, of Norristown, Pa., is engaged as assistant to his father in the mercantile business at Boyertown.

Mr. Boyer and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown, in the work of which they are active.

REUBEN T. LANDIS is an influential citizen and notary public of Robesonia, Berks county, and also carries on agricultural operations near the toll-gate on the Berks and Dauphin turnpike. He was born Dec. 15, 1844, in Rockland township, Berks county, son of Carl and Sarah (Truckenmiller) Landis.

Samuel Landis, grandfather of Reuben T. Landis, belonged to the Montgomery county branch of the Landis family, but in early life settled in Shimerville, Lehigh county, where he was a farmer and hotel proprietor for many years, owning considerable property and being a men well known and highly respected. In middle life he suddenly disappeared from home and nothing has ever been heard from him since. Samuel Landis married a Miss Frederick, born in 1770, who died in her eighty-ninth year and was buried at Bowers Station, Pa. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Landis, of whom we have record of George, Samuel, Jonathan, Carl, Reuben, Nathan, Hettie and Elizabeth.

Carl Landis, father of Reuben T., was born at Shimerville, Lehigh county, Feb. 12, 1803, and died in Reading Feb. 28, 1887. His educational advantages were decidedly limited, as he attended pay school for less than one month, but he was naturally bright and learned to read, write and cipher well. His industry placed him in comfortable circumstances, so that he was able to give all his children better educational opportunities than he had enjoyed, sending them all to higher schools of learning. Three of his sons became school teachers. Mr. Landis was a general weaver by trade, weaving flax, linens, woolen goods, carpets, etc. He and his wife are buried at Hain's Church, of which they were members.

Mr. Landis married Sarah Truckenmiller, who was born in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, in June, 1805, daughter of John George Truckenmiller, a well known rake-maker of Lehigh county. Mrs. Landis died at Wernersville May 20, 1876. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Landis, seven of whom died in infancy, the others being: Samuel, Leah, Jonathan, Charles, William, Reuben T. and Daniel.

Reuben T. Landis obtained a liberal education in the township schools, the Boyertown Academy, under I. B. Hankey, and the Maxatawny Seminary, which was organized into the Keystone State Normal School in 1866, while Mr. Landis was a student. He then taught school for seven consecutive sessions, three terms in his native township and four at Wernersville, in Lower Heidelberg township, and in 1888 he taught one term in Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. Landis has been organist and chorister at three different churches and cultivated small farms connected with these churches. In 1884 he was elected a justice of the peace of Heidelberg township, and this office he filled with efficiency and honor for fifteen consecutive years. He refused another re-election, and later took out a notary public's license, since which time he has settled up many estates, acted as administrator, executor and assignee, and has been a useful citizen in his community in many ways, always supporting movements for the benefit of his section. He is a Democrat in politics, has been delegate to county conventions, and for four years was also committeeman of his district. He is a Reformed member of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, of Robesonia, of which he was an elder for many years.

On Nov. 18, 1869, Mr. Landis was married to Eva A. Huntzinger, born Oct. 25, 1840, daughter of Jared Huntzinger. To Mr. and Mrs. Landis have been born two children: Laura E., born Sept. 10, 1870, who died Sept. 19, 1872; and Homer L., born Jan. 17, 1874.

Homer L. Landis, born Jan. 17, 1874, at Wernersville, Berks county, received his literary education in the public schools in the vicinity of his home. His musical training began when he was only six years old, at which time his father taught him to sing by note, and even during his childhood he was a vocalist of local fame. He commenced to study instrumental music at the age of ten, and one of the happiest days of his life was the one on which his father purchased him his first violin. His versatility and success are of course largely due to application, but nevertheless he has natural gifts of a high order, which have been carefully cultivated. He is one of Prof. Arthur Whittich's violin pupils. Since 1885 he has been engaged in teaching all the string instruments, having pupils on the violin, guitar, mandolin, etc. His first pupil was his newsboy. His association with local bands began about twenty years ago and was continued until his business interests became so pressing that he had to relinquish some of his musical work. In 1889 he began to be identified with different bands in his village and in this connection learned to play different brass instruments, as well as the drum and clarinet. He became especially proficient on the baritone and slide trombone. In 1895 he became associated with the Minnehaha Band of Womelsdorf, with which he played the baritone and slide trombone for a number of years, and he was also the leader of this band for some time. In 1897 he became affiliated with the famous Ringgold Band of Reading, with which he played for over two years, severing this connection because his increasing business interests left him so little time to do his work justice. He is considered one of the finest musicians in his section of Berks county, and is known as a composer as well as performer, his masterpiece being his "Pioneer Hose No. 1"; his "Reading and Womelsdorf Electric" is one of his most popular compositions. Mr. Landis prizes highly a musical relic which has been in his possession for some time, an old melodeon which in spite of its age is well preserved and still a fine instrument.

But though music is so important a factor in Mr. Landis's life he is also an excellent business man. In the spring of 1892 he engaged in the weaving of rag carpets, and he also manufactures jute carpets and carries a large stock of such merchandise ready for sale. He manufactures between three and four thousand yards of rag carpet a year, for which his establishment has a high reputation, his product ranking with the best quality turned out in this section. He also manufactures the "Durable Rug" from old carpets, and the new rag rugs called "Puritan Rugs," having a large patronage in this line, extending not only over his own county but into surrounding counties and New Jersey and New York States. Since 1898 Mr. Landis has in addition to his other affairs conducted a baking establishment in Robesonia, manufacturing what is known as the genuine home-made bread, for which there is a constant demand. Mr. Landis resides in his own home on Main street, Robesonia.

On April 17, 1897, Mr. Landis was married to Miss Emma Lina Spengler, formerly of Hamburg, daughter of George W. and Mary (Heffley) Spengler, of Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Landis have had three children, Milford Leon, Edna May and Max Spengler, all of whom have musical talent. Mr. Landis is a Democrat and interested in local politics, the movements of which he follows closely.

GABEL. The first ancestor of whom there is definite record is (I) John Gabel, who was probably from Switzerland, and he died on board the ship which was bringing him to America. His widow landed at Philadelphia about 1735, with Heinrich and an elder daughter who later married a man by the name of Moyer. The widow Gabel lived at Philadelphia a year or so, when a man named Jacob Latshaw, of Colebrookdale township, Berks county, came to Philadelphia to find a housekeeper. He was pleased with Mrs. Gabel and took her, as well as her children, back home with him. At first she was his housekeeper, but later they were married. They moved to Chester county and had a family. Heinrich Gabel married in Colebrookdale township, and became a large land owner.

George Gabel, head of another branch of the Gabel family, and a man of substance, was a Hessian soldier who remained in this country after the Revolution. He located here at a very early day, before records were kept of realty transactions in Ruscombmanor township, where he died in 1825. His relationship to the Boyertown Gabels, if any, was very remote. He made his last will and testament Feb. 16, 1815, died Oct. 7, 1825, and the will was placed on record in Will Book D, page 463. He and his wife had these children: Henry, Adam, George, Sarah, Christiana and Susanna.

Henry Gabel, son of George Gabel, married Catherine Hill. They lived in Earl township, and had issue as follows: Polly (m. Jonathan Heist); Jacob (died at Reading); George (m. Susanna Brumbach, 1816-1883); Catherine (lived in Amity township); Henry (died unmarried); Sally (m. Samuel Brumbach), and William (was deaf and died unmarried).

(II) Heinrich Gabel, son of John Gabel and the Widow Gabel, and the direct American ancestor of the Gabel family to which Ephraim G. Gabel belongs, was born in Alsace, Germany, May 16, 1734, and died March 9, 1828, aged ninety-three years, nine months and twenty-three days. He is buried at Boyertown in the Mennonite graveyard. He located in Colebrookdale township in 1736, having been brought to this locality by the man who afterwards became his step-father. Here he was reared, and in early life worked upon the farm, in the employ of Rutter Bros., pioneer ironmasters of Berks county. They bought 1000 acres of land from the Penns, and some of this came into the possession of Heinrich Gabel. It included what is now the property of Daniel Gabel, Jacob and John Baer, William Eddinger, and the Stauffer and Bechtel farms. Heinrich Gabel was a large property owner, and was probably a member of the Mennonite Church. He came with his mother to Colebrookdale township when only two years old, and spent his life in the same locality. He made his will April 5, 1815, and this was probated March 22, 1828, and is on record in Will Book 6, page 182. He married Elizabeth Brownback, who was born in 1741, died in 1817, aged seventy-five years, eleven months and nineteen days. They had children as follows: (1) Jacob, born May 9, 1774, died Sept. 29, 1823, aged forty-nine years, four months and twenty days; his wife was Catharine, daughter of John and Magdalene Hoch. She was born Dec. 19, 1784, and died May 24, 1886, aged 101 years, five months and five days. Both are buried in the Mennonite graveyard, Boyertown. Jacob was a farmer and owned the farm now owned by Daniel Gabel in Colebrookdale township. (2) John. (3) Elizabeth married Jacob Bechtel. (4) Hannah married John Schants, of Lehigh county. (5) Maria married Jacob Kepner. (6) Magdalena married Jacob Hoch. (7) Catharine married John Gehman. (8) Susanna married a Mr. Kunsenhauser.

(III) John Gabel, son of Heinrich and grandfather of Ephraim, was born on the homestead July 25, 1766, and died Aug. 21, 1830, aged sixty-four years and twenty-six days, and is buried in the Mennonite burying ground at Boyertown. By occupation he was a farmer, and owned a large property which is now cut up into a number of farms, it having consisted of more than 400 acres. John Gabel was a very large man, weighing more than 400 pounds at the time of his death. In height he was over six feet and was of fine proportions, and possessed magnificent strength. He had a very kind heart, and was a very liberal man and good citizen. He married Elizabeth Schantz, who was born in Lehigh county, in 1772, and died in 1855. She and her husband had children as follows: Henry married his cousin, Elizabeth Gabel, and settled in Pottsgrove township; Susan married Joshua Bechtel; Catharine married Daniel Bertolet; Elizabeth

married John Shanaman; Jacob settled in Canada, and married and died there: Abraham (born Oct. 11, 1799, died Oct. 23, 1885, aged eighty-six years and twelve days) conducted the store, oil mill and farm at Gabelsville, becoming worth over $100,000, married Elizabeth Ludy (1805-1855); David; Peter, born in 1805, died the same year; Maria (1814-1869), married Levi Koch, who bought his father-in-law's farm and lived upon it; Rebecca died after attaining maturity; Frank settled in Indiana; John went with his brother Jacob to Canada; and Daniel.

(IV) David Gabel, son of John and father of Ephraim, was born in Colebrookdale township, on the same farm, in August, 1808, and died in February, 1880, aged seventy-two years. He was a farmer and owned the homestead, which consisted of about 150 acres of good land. He built an addition to the barn and remodeled the house, and through his tireless industry became a wealthy man. He was an excellent mechanic and did all his own iron work, sharpened his plows and other tools. Mr. Gabel was also a good woodworker, and was always kept busy. Later he sold the upper farm property in 1856, and bought the adjoining farm of 104 acres; still later he bought another tract of forty-nine acres from Henry Gabel, his first cousin, and on this tract he erected the mill, replacing a stone and frame mill property standing to the north of the mill now in use. He also put up the house and barn standing by the mill. This property he sold to his sons, Ephraim and Henry, before his death, and it is now owned by Daniel, the youngest, who bought it in 1904 from Henry. He married Mary A. Gabel, his first cousin, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Hoch) Gabel, and they became the parents of children as follows: Ephraim G.; Hannah; William died in 1865; Lavina died in 1886, unmarried, and she and her grandmother were buried at the same time, having died a day apart; Elizabeth married John H. Boyer, a farmer of Amity township; Kate married Horace Harbold, of Amity township; Henry G., living at Larned, Kans., is a miller by trade, his mill having a capacity of 200 barrels of flour per day; David is of Morysville, Colebrookdale township; Jacob is a well known cattle dealer of Boyertown; Daniel G. conducts the Gabel mill at Gabelsville; and a daughter and a son died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gabel were members of the Mennonite Church, and are buried in the graveyard of that denomination at Boyertown.

(V) Ephraim G. Gabel, a son of David and now a retired farmer of Boyertown, was born in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, on the farm owned by Aaron Houck, which was one of the old Gabel farms, Sept. 10, 1835. He obtained his education in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, where the teacher was paid two and one-half to three cents per day for each pupil. Mr. Gabel only attended public school fifteen days, Colebrookdale township being the last to adopt free schools. He was reared upon the farm, and when seventeen he began learning the miller's trade at Gabel's mill, which he followed until he was twenty-one. He was in the business with his father for three years, and with his brother Henry three years more. In 1873 he moved to Boyertown, where he has since resided. When he located here he and his brother David engaged in the coal, flour, feed and hardware business and continued in it until 1884, when he sold his interests to Benjamin Yost, and has since lived retired. He is a man of substance, and resides in a large brick house at Third and Chestnut streets. He owns a house in Boyertown, one at Pottstown and one at Engelsville. Since 1895 Mr. Gabel has been a director in the Lead & Zinc Mining Company, of Joplin, Mo., a very flourishing industry.

In his religious belief Mr. Gabel is a Mennonite. He has always refused public office, preferring to attend to his own affairs. In 1864 Mr. Gabel was married to Sarah Schaffer, born in May, 1834, daughter of John and Esther (Hoch) Schaffer. They have one daughter, Miss Amanda, who is at home with her parents. She is an artist of rare genius both with her pencil and in oils. Not only has she produced some canvases that are very valuable, but she has done some excellent work in dry point etching and her china painting is beautifully artistic. Miss Gabel was educated in the Boyertown high school, and she is a young lady of exceptional talents.

(V) Daniel G. Gabel, manufacturer and dealer in high grade flour, feed and grain and prominent in the affairs of Colebrookdale township, residing near Boyertown, was born in the vicinity, Oct. 26, 1855. He obtained his education in the district schools, and when eighteen began to learn the milling business with his brother Henry G., with whom he was employed for seven years. In 1881 Mr. Gabel rented the mill property from William K. Grim in Colebrookdale township, and this he operated one year, when he began farming on the Gabel homestead, and there remained until 1902. Two years later (1904) he bought the milling business from his brother Henry G. This mill was built in 1860 by David Gabel, his father. It is located one-half mile northwest of Boyertown, and is the center of considerable milling business. Mr. Gabel is a successful business man, and has an up-to-date mill. He has a full roller process and gives employment to three men, and enjoys a large local trade, selling his flour at Boyertown and Pottstown, and throughout Chester county. He makes three brands of flour, the leader being the "Violet," which is a patent process flour. The other brands are the "Mayflower" and the "White Rose," and he also handles one of his brother's products, "Kansas Patent." In addition to his flour trade, Mr. Gabel has a large trade in bran, middling, maizeline, cottonseed meal, linseed meal, cakemeal, rye, corn and oats, etc. He owns the old original homestead of the Gabel family where Heinrich Gabel lived and died. The property now consists of 111 acres, although it was originally larger in extent. On the old homestead is a historic house built early in the eighteenth century by the Rutters who were the first settlers on it. The present barn was built by John Ehst, in 1840.

In religious belief, Mr. Gabel is a member of the Mennonite Church. He was twice married. On Jan. 24, 1880, he married (first) Emma Bechtel, born Nov. 1, 1853, and died April 22, 1882, aged twenty-eight years, five months and twenty-one days, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Ehst) Bechtel. Two children were born of the first marriage: Elmer, born Dec. 27, 1880, died Jan. 29, 1902, aged twenty-one years; and Emma died in infancy. On Nov. 5, 1887, Mr. Gabel married (second) Hettie Bertolet, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Bertolet) Bertolet, of Oley township. To this union were born two children: Edna B.; and Daniel B. (died in infancy). Miss Edna graduated from the Sternberg School of Music at Philadelphia, June 27, 1908. She is a fine musician and a charming young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Gabel reside in a fine, large house, which is beautifully and artistically furnished, and surrounded by grounds that are well laid out. Mr. Gabel is a man who is very liberal in his convictions and is willing to allow others to hold their own opinions even if they are not the same as his own. Among other heirlooms much prized is an old fashioned china closet filled with china much of which is almost priceless and has descended to him from long dead ancestors.

(IV) Abraham Gabel, son of John and Elizabeth (Schantz) Gabel, was born Oct. 11, 1799, and died Oct. 23, 1885, aged eighty-six years, twelve days. He conducted the store, oil mill and farm at Gabelsville, and at his death left an estate of $100,000. He was a Mennonite in religious faith, and his remains rest in the Mennonite cemetery at Boyertown. He married Elizabeth Lüdy (1805-1855), and they had seven children: Mary married Jonathan Dottery; Daniel L.; John died at Gabelsville; Frank lived at Amityville; Amos died at Gabelsville; Elizabeth married Jacob Gabel (her first cousin), son of John Gabel; and Josiah lived at Lehighton.

(V) Daniel L. Gabel, son of Abraham, was born at Gabelsville, Colebrookdale township, Feb. 5, 1836, and died July 29, 1904, aged sixty eight years. When a

young man he worked in a mill at Pottstown, Pa., but later became a clerk in his father's store. When only twenty-six he engaged in a general merchandise business at Pikesville, where he had a store for three years. He then came to Kutztown, where he kept a store for three years, and then went to Philadelphia, in 1866, and embarked in a queensware business. This he conducted for several years, and eventually took two partners and enlarged his business, which was located at Third and Arch streets. Several years later the property burned, and he then became a traveling salesman, following this line for twenty-seven years, and was very successful. At the end of that time he purchased and for three years conducted the "St. Almo Hotel," at Philadelphia, when he retired to Lyons, in Berks county, where he lived until his death. His widow then sold her home at Lyons and came to Kutztown, where she now resides on White Oak street. In addition to this property she owns her father's farm near Bowers in Maxatawny township, which consists of 150 acres, and is one of the best farms in the county.

Mr. Gabel was reared in the Mennonite faith, but when he and his wife went to Lyons they united with St. John's Lutheran Church of Kutztown.

In 1861 Mr. Gabel married Mary A. Sell, a daughter of John and Susanna (Swoyer) Sell, of Maxatawny. Her paternal grandfather and great-grandfather were both named George, and they both owned the homestead that is now her property. Mr. and Mrs. Gabel had children as follows: Annie died unmarried at the age of forty-one years; Edwin died in infancy; and George died at the age of eighteen years.

The Gabel family is one of the oldest, as well as most substantial of those who have done so much to make Berks county what it is today. Members of it may be found all over the country, and wherever they are there is prosperity, substance and integrity. The virtues which distinguished the forebears have descended to the younger generations and make them very desirable residents of the several communities where they are now located. It is to such men as Heinrich Gabel that the country owes so much, and his name is revered not only by his descendants, but others who appreciate the part he took in the development of Berks county.

HOLLENBACH. For over a century and a half members of this family have been actively interested in the agricultural, business and political affairs of Berks county, Pa. In this article, especial mention is made of the life and lineage of Jacob Hollenbach, a substantial citizen, director of the poor, farmer and cattle-dealer of Windsor township, and his nephew, William J. Hollenbach, representative citizen, party leader, and the present efficient steward of the Berks County Almshouse.

John George Hollenbach, the progenitor of the family in America, emigrated to this country on the ship "Neptune," which arrived in Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1754. In 1759 he was a citizen of Windsor township, Berks county. On the same ship on which he came, was one Michael Hollenbach, who, says tradition, was his brother, and who settled in Albany township, prior to 1759.

Heinrich Hollenbach, son of John George, married Elizabeth Moyer, and to them were born children as follows: Daniel, 1781-1866, m. Catherine Stein, 1784-1862. John m. a Kistler. Heinrich, 1791-1874, m. Marie Magdalena Moll, 1800-1871. Elizabeth, 1798-1883, m. William Lewars. Jacob, 1807-1871, is mentioned below. Maria m. Calvin Goodman. Eva, 1811-1871, m. Jeremiah Jacoby, 1811-1855. Catherine m. Samuel Ruth. Kate m. a Mr. Butz, of Genesee county, New York.

Jacob Hollenbach, son of Heinrich, was born Jan. 10, 1807, in Windsor township, and died March 15, 1871. When a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter, which occupation he followed for a number of years, but finally purchased the farm of 130 acres, in Perry township, which is now in the possession of his son, Jacob. He was a well-known and influential citizen of his day, and at the time of his death was in comfortable circumstances. On Jan. 2, 1830, Mr. Hollenbach was married to Rebecca Kistler, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Stein) Kistler, of Albany township, and to this union there were born children as follows: Henry m. Catherine Reber; Johannes died in his twenty-third year; Nicholas is mentioned below; Caroline m. Reuben Kauffman; Rebecca m. Levi Freeman; Lydia m. Moses Elting; Amelia m. Solomon Koller; Mesitta m. Aspin Kershner; and Jacob.

Jacob Hollenbach was born on the homestead in Windsor (now Perry) township, Sept. 9, 1847. He was reared on his father's farm, and attended the district schools of his native locality until he was eighteen years of age. As an occupation he chose farming and cattle-dealing, and he now owns the homestead, which is a good, fertile farm of 130 acres in Perry township. In politics Mr. Hollenbach is an uncompromising Democrat, and is a man of influence in public life. He served three years each as auditor and councilman of the borough of Hamburg, and in June, 1903, was elected director of the poor by the people of Berks county, with whom he has always been very popular. Through his extensive business dealings throughout the county, he became well-known to the people as an honest, upright citizen, and, although his election was opposed by the political machine and bosses, he was triumphant in one of the hardest fought elections in the county's history. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Hamburg, where Mr. Hollenbach has resided since 1880. He owns a fine double residence of Denver stone at Third and Walnut streets, he having one part of the residence, while his daughter, Mrs. Trexler, has the other part.

In 1867 Mr. Hollenbach was married to Catherine Loose, daughter of Benneville and Polly (Schwoyer) Loose, and to this union there were born children as follows: Wilson, who died at the age of eight years; Maurice, who died when five years old; Laura, m. to Frank Trexler; and Carrie, m. to Harry Seiders.

Nicholas Hollenbach, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Kistler) and grandson of Heinrich and Elizabeth (Moyer), was born June 29, 1832, in Windsor township. He married Annabella Miller, a native of Berks county, and daughter of Jonathan Miller. Mr. Hollenbach is a prosperous farmer of Tilden township, where he owns valuable real estate and is one of the substantial citizens. In politics he is a Democrat. In religious belief the family are all members of the Lutheran Church.

William J. Hollenbach, son of Nicholas and Annabella (Miller), and a popular and influential political factor in Berks county, was born in Tilden township, Nov. 26, 1864, the only child of his parents. In his boyhood he was sent to the township schools, and after he had completed the studies offered there, went to the Hamburg high school. At the age of sixteen he was graduated there. In the spring of 1880 he was granted a provisional certificate to teach public school by Superintendent D. S. Keck. But his tastes did not lead to the teacher's profession, and after leaving school he learned the trade of a tin and sheet iron worker. He was thus engaged for sixteen years, but at the end of that time his father's farming interests were such as to demand more attention than he could give, and for ten years the son devoted nearly his entire time to looking after his father's property. He also represented several firms who manufactured harvesting machinery and farm implements, and gained considerable reputation as a salesman throughout Berks and the adjoining counties.

From an early age Mr. Hollenbach was interested in political matters, has been a zealous worker for the Democratic party, and now is regarded as one of the influential leaders in Berks county. He has held a

number of responsible positions and has shown himself a practical and efficient man in each. When Tilden township was separated from Bern, Mr. Hollenbach was made the first registered assessor, and he has also served as school director for sometime. He has been several times chosen a delegate to county conventions, and he has served as Democratic county committeeman. He is now filling his second term as justice of the peace, for Tilden township, and during this time has been called upon to settle a number of estates. On April 7, 1905, he was elected steward of the Berks County Almshouse, which responsible position he is filling with high credit, and under his administration many improvements have been made at the county home.

In domestic as in public life Mr. Hollenbach has been fortunate. He was married, on Sept. 12, 1885, to Miss Kate Seaman, daughter of Elias and Angelina (Kauffman) Seaman, a farmer of Tilden township. They have an only son, Herbert S., born Nov. 17, 1886, who is a most promising young man. After graduation from the Hamburg high school he began teaching, and was successful. He has also taken a course in the Kerst Business College, learning stenography and shorthand, and is now stenographer and typewriter in the office of A. S. Deysher, of Reading. Mr. Hollenbach is also prominent in fraternal circles, and is an active and influential member of Symmetry Lodge, No. 100, Hamburg, I. O. O. F., in which he has held office.

ALFRED R. BRUNNER, a conservative business man and respected citizen of North Reading, was born at Greshville, in Douglass township, Berks county, Aug. 14, 1843, and died Nov. 2, 1908.

George Brunner, his great-grandfather, was born in Germany, and on his coming to America, he located in Douglass township, Berks Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran. He and his wife had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

Peter Brunner, son of George, was born on his father's farm in Douglass township, but in his youth went to Colebrookdale, where he followed the trade of carpenter, cabinet maker and builder. He had been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and never departed from it. Mr. Brunner was twice married. His first wife, Miss Mathias, bore him four children: Charles, deceased, who was a farmer in Union county, Pa.; Mrs. William Livingood, of Swamp, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Angeline, deceased, wife of John Firing, of Bernville, Berks county; and Samuel, mentioned below. He married (second) Susan Fillman, and their children were: Frederick, deceased, a farmer of Union county; Peter, deceased, a shoemaker at Unionville, Pa.; Jacob, deceased, a farmer and contractor at Monocacy, Berks county; Aaron, deceased, a shoemaker at Reading; Henry, a shoe merchant at Philadelphia; David, deceased, of Temple, Pa., where he was engaged as a shoemaker; Maria, deceased wife of John Bishop, of Reading; and Angeline, who married John Firing, of Pottstown, and is now deceased.

Samuel Brunner, son of Peter, was born in Colebrookdale township, Jan. 11, 1806. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming at Greshville, and also to some extent followed shoemaking. For many years he was a deacon and elder in the Lutheran Church. He married Maria Riegner, daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Schider) Riegner, the former a farmer at Swamp, Montgomery Co., Pa. Two sons and five daughters were born of this union: Alfred R.; Frank R., a leading physician at Eshbach, Washington Co., Pa., who perished in the Boyertown Theatre fire Jan. 13, 1908; Mary Ann, m. to William N. Clemmer, of Lanark, Ill.; Catharine, m. to William Steake, of Chambersburg, Pa., now deceased; Esther, deceased; Sarah, deceased wife of Levi B. Stauffer, of Boyertown; and Emma, m. to Albert Bickel, of Landsdale, Pa. Mr. Brunner m. (second) Mrs. Mary Boyer, and the four children of this marriage were: Amanda, m. to Henry Boyer, of Reading; Caroline, m. to Jeremiah K. Grant, an attorney at Reading; Clara, deceased wife of Aaron Koch; and Samuel, a grocer at Boyertown. The husband and father passed away in June, 1870.

Alfred R. Brunner, son of Samuel, received his education in the public schools and in the old German pay schools. Prof. J. S. Ermentrout, then county superintendent of schools, licensed him to teach in 1862, and he taught two terms at the Oberholtzer school in Washington township. He was only fourteen when he learned shoemaking under his father, and at this he worked four years. During the summers between his schooling he worked at this trade. In the spring of 1864 he entered the employ of Peter Y. Brendlinger, at New Berlinville, and clerked for six years. In 1870 he engaged in the general merchandise business at Greshville on his own account, and continued there successfully for nine and one-half years, at the end of that time going to Topton. There he formed a partnership with Charles K. Hagy under the firm name of Brunner & Hagy, but after a year and a half he returned to Greshville, and there remained three years engaged in merchandising. He then lived in Earlville for six years. In 1890 he came to Reading and opened a grocery store at Thirteenth and Greenwich streets, where he had a large trade. He carried a fine line of groceries, and some notions and dry goods. Success attended his efforts, and he made himself a very popular citizen in that section of the city. In 1905 he erected a handsome three-story brick residence at No. 601 North Thirteenth street, commanding one of the finest views in the city. In politics Mr. Brunner was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran, being a member of Grace Lutheran Church, of which for a time he was deacon.

On Oct. 18, 1869, Mr. Brunner was married (first) to Clara E. Keely, born 1847, died 1879, daughter of Henry B. Keely and his wife Edith (Ludwig). To this union were born: Harry K., a clerk in the Reading post-office; Lawrence K., a clerk in his father's store; and Bertha, m. to Lawrence Leaver, a prominent man of affairs at Roselle Park, N. J. Mr. Brunner married (second) Jan. 13, 1883, Lovina (Rambo) Fretz, widow of Lewis Fretz, and of this union were born two children. Miss Stella is at home, and Helen died in infancy. In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Brunner took a western trip, visiting in Ohio, and then going on to St. Louis to attend the World's Fair.

BOWMAN. Among the prominent and successful farmers of Brecknock township, Berks county, who worthily bear a name that for generations has stood for industry and integrity, may be mentioned John M. Bowman and Israel M. Bowman, both descendants of sturdy Mennonite ancestry.

(I) The Bowman family was planted in America by Wendell Bowman, the great-great-grandfather of John M. and Israel M. He was born in Switzerland, and was one of the founders of the Mennonite faith in Brecknock township, coming into the Allegheny Valley prior to 1750. He owned considerable land, and was rated among the well-to-do pioneers. He was twice married, but his children were all by his first marriage. These were: Christian; Wendell and Joseph, who both settled in Canada; Susanna, who married a Bechtol, and also went to Canada; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Gehman; and Esther (born July 31, 1790—died Sept 11, 1827), who married Henry Weber (born June 7, 1794—died Jan. 16, 1873).

(II) Christian Bowman, son of Wendell, was a well-known farmer in the Allegheny Valley, making his home in Brecknock township. In 1777 he built the Bowman Mill, which is still in the family, being now owned and operated by Noah M. Bowman, the great-grandson of the builder. Christian Bowman adhered to the faith of his fathers, and was active in the Men-

nonite Church. He is buried at the Allegheny Meeting House, and his grave is marked by a sandstone, whose inscription has long since been effaced by the elements. He married Nancy Huber (or Hoover), and their children were: Joseph; Lizzie, born Nov. 20, 1785, who married Jacob Good, and died July 6, 1866, aged eighty years, seven months, sixteen days; Samuel, mentioned below; Daniel, who settled near Bowmansville, Pa.; Maricha, who married Samuel Weaver; Mary, who married Jonas Good; and Sallie, who married Jonathan Weaver.

(III) Joseph Bowman, son of Christian, was born Jan. 22, 1784, and he died Jan. 9, 1841, aged fifty-six years, eleven months, seventeen days. He was a well-known miller, owning and operating the Bowman Mill in Brecknock township. He also cultivated the fifty acres of land belonging to the mill property. He was strictly honest in all his dealings, and was a successful man in business. He was buried at the Allegheny Meeting House. He married Nancy Hoover, and they became the parents of three sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, who married Samuel Bowman, of County Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; Isaac, who married Judith Gehman; Benjamin; Esther, who married Joseph Gehman; Nancy, who married Jacob Mosser; and Jacob.

(IV) Benjamin Bowman, son of Joseph and father of Israel M. and Noah M., was born Dec. 16, 1816, and he passed his entire life engaged at farming and milling, owning the Bowman Mill in Brecknock township, and becoming very well-to-do. He died Nov. 13, 1861, and was buried at the Allegheny Meeting House. He was a consistent follower of the Mennonite teachings. He married Lovina Mosser, who was born Jan. 29, 1819, daughter of John Mosser. She died Oct. 8, 1881, aged sixty-two years, eight months, nine days, the mother of nine children, namely: Eliza, born Jan. 29, 1842; Susanna, Sept. 22, 1843; Lydia, June 29, 1845; Anna, Nov. 5, 1848; Israel M., Sept. 6, 1850; Noah M., Oct. 7, 1852; Leah, Nov. 26, 1854; Lovina, Feb. 1, 1858 (died Feb. 22, 1858); and Benjamin, April 8, 1859 (died June 18, 1860).

(V) Israel M. Bowman, son of Benjamin, was born on the old Bowman homestead Sept. 6, 1850. In 1874 he began farming on the property where he now makes his home. He has forty-three acres of good land, which he purchased in 1884, and this he devotes to farming and trucking. He attends Reading market every week, and has a stand at the Deppen market, Tenth and Chestnut streets, and is well-known for his fine produce, his stand being one of the most popular in the market. He is courteous and obliging, and is of strict honesty and integrity.

On Oct. 21, 1873, Israel M. Bowman was married to Annie Burkhart, born Nov. 25, 1850, daughter of Isaac and Susan (Zimmerman) Burkhart. They have eight children, as follows: (1) Noah, born Sept. 22, 1874, is a minister in the Mennonite Church, and lives near Bowmansville, Lancaster county; he married Tilly Geigley. (2) Benjamin, born Aug. 27, 1877, is a farmer near Terre Hill, Lancaster county; he married Alice Good. (3) Lydia Ann (born Nov. 24, 1879), (4) Lizzie (Jan. 16, 1882), (5) Katie (Sept. 26, 1883), (6) Susanna (March 31, 1886), (7) Israel (Jan. 23, 1888) and (8) Martin (May 23, 1891) are all at home.

(V) Noah M. Bowman, son of Benjamin, and present owner of the Bowman Mill, on Allegheny Creek, Brecknock township, was born where he now resides, Oct. 7, 1852. He attended the township schools, and later was given the advantage of private instruction. In 1870 he went to Adamstown, Pa., and there for fifteen months worked for Henry Mohn, thoroughly learning the miller's trade. He then returned home, and began for himself in the Bowman mill, continuing for two years, when he sold out to Jonathan Good. Thirty-three years later he re-purchased it from the Cooper estate, and since 1904 he has again been the owner and operator. He and his family are members of the Allegheny Meeting House, in which he has been a deacon since 1880.

On March 17, 1872, Noah M. Bowman married Susanna Good, who was born June 11, 1852, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Gehman) Good, farming people of Cumru township. Fourteen children were born of this marriage, namely: Lydia, born Oct. 28, 1873, married Phares Good, of Lancaster county; Annie, born Feb. 10, 1875, married Samuel Weber, of Lancaster county; Lovina, born Sept. 5, 1876, married Benjamin Martin, of Lancaster county; Joseph, born Feb. 17, 1878, married Isabella Mosser, and lives on his father's farm; Susanna, born Oct. 14, 1879, married Harry Horning, of Lancaster county; Jacob, born March 24, 1881, married Annie M. Stauffer, and lives in Lancaster county; John, born March 5, 1883, died Nov. 11, 1887; Samuel, born Dec. 31, 1884, died Jan. 13, 1887; Noah, born Oct. 25, 1886; Henry, born Aug. 13, 1889; William, born Dec. 18, 1891; Enos, born July 29, 1893; Abel, born March 30, 1896, died April 3, 1896; and Sally, born Feb. 22, 1898.

(IV) Jacob Bowman, son of Joseph and brother of Benjamin, was born in Brecknock township, April 19, 1823, and he died July 10, 1860, aged thirty-seven years, two months, twenty-one days. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church, and both are buried at the Allegheny Meeting House. He married Catharine Moore, born March 10, 1826, and she died Jan. 7, 1901, aged seventy-four years, nine months, twenty-seven days. This marriage was blessed with three sons: Joseph, who died aged eleven years, and Jacob, who died aged nine, both of diphtheria in two weeks' time; and John M.

(V) John M. Bowman, son of Jacob, was born in the Allegheny Valley, in Brecknock township, Aug. 21, 1859. He was reared upon his father's farm, and there became thoroughly familiar with everything that pertains to the up-to-date and successful management of a farm. In 1885 he began for himself on his own farm, which he acquired after his mother's death. This is the old Bowman homestead, which has been in the family name since 1751. The present house was built in 1863, and in 1891 Mr. Bowman built his substantial barn 100 x 40 feet. There are 124 acres in the farm, all under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Bowman attends the Reading market twice a week in summer and once in winter. He has a stand in the Deppens market, where he disposes of all his produce.

In 1889 John M. Bowman was married to Sallie C. Reifsnyder, born Aug. 19, 1865, daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Becker) Reifsnyder. Samuel Reifsnyder was a farmer and butcher near Center Church, Lancaster county. Mrs. Bowman was the second born of his six children, the others being: Charles, of Lancaster county; Isaac, who lives on the homestead; William, near Churchtown; Irwin, near the homestead; and Minnie, who married John Troop, a farmer of Cumru township.

(III) Samuel Bowman, mentioned above as son of Christian, was born Dec. 1, 1789, and he died Jan. 19, 1857, aged sixty-seven years, one month, eighteen days. From John B. Good, who knew him intimately, it is learned that in his childhood his mother noticed that he was different from her other children, and was much concerned about him. When he entered school he evinced a natural fondness for learning. The only language used was Pennsylvania German, but he determined to learn English, and with the aid of the dictionary applied himself and made wonderful progress. After he had attended the township school until he had learned there all that he could, he went to Churchtown Academy, and there learned to converse in English. He also studied surveying at the Academy, and in this attained much skill, practising it successfully many years. "His clear head and logical mind were eminently fitted for practical geometry. His love of justice and equity and his high character for honesty and upright-

ness of purpose all combined to make him afterward a most successful surveyor. In his library were found some of the best classical authors in the English language. From 1815 to 1820 he was, during the winter months, engaged in school teaching. Surveying, scrivening and ordinary labor took up the rest of his time. As a teacher he acquired a wonderful reputation among his neighbors for the great amount of knowledge he possessed, and was especially famous for his success in keeping good order and governing his school. Some of his pupils are still living, and acquainted as they are with modern school discipline, say, 'It was not so in Sam Bowman's school.' His life was one of constant and unremitting toil of mind and body. He had a laudable ambition to be esteemed as a correct and competent business man, and all who knew him and had any business transactions with him can bear testimony to the ability and honesty with which his affairs were conducted. He was a man of great power and worth, the ideal leader and adviser around whom his neighbors flocked for advice; the centre of a community which he founded; the father any settlement may be proud of. Like the mighty oak in a great forest, he was the giant among those who gathered around him. I am digressing from my subject but no sketch of any place is complete unless something is known of the founder. It is true, most admirable biographical sketches of this marvelous man appear in several of our county histories, but his noble rugged character is deserving of a wider acquaintance, and for that reason I have at some length referred to him. In 1820 Mr. Bowman built a house on the southeast corner where the road leading from Reamstown to the Plow Tavern crossed the State road. The house was arranged for keeping a country store. Here he commenced the mercantile business immediately after the building was finished, and was succeeded by his son-in-law, J. B. Musselman. This was the first house in the now thriving village and from whence the name of the place was derived. . . . Now the village of Bowmansville contains over an hundred houses, many of beautiful modern design, four churches—two Mennonite, one Lutheran and Reformed, and an Evangelical Methodist—and a handsome substantial two-story school-house. In 1840, just twenty years after the first house was erected, a post-office was established at Bowman's store, and named Bowmansville. Mr. Bowman was appointed postmaster, the only office, outside of justice of the peace, he would accept, the latter only for the convenience of acknowledging his official papers." [From a paper read by A. G. Seyfert before the Lancaster County Historical Society.]

The Allegheny Meeting House, so frequently mentioned in the above sketch of the Bowman family, is one of the landmarks of Berks county. The following families have been represented in each generation among its most active members: Gehman, Good, Horning, Bowman, Moseman, Eshelman, Messner, Redcay and Musser. The ministers who have officiated there, in the order given, were: Christian Gehman, Samuel Good, Bishop Jacob Moseman (a native of Germany), Peter Musser, Benjamin Horning, Abraham Gehman, Henry Good, Abraham Gehman, and Noah Bowman.

FISHER OR FISCHER FAMILY. (I) Wilhelm Fischer, an alien by birth and native of Germany, was the founder of a very large and prolific Berks county family. He settled in a section of the country now embracing Spring (formerly Cumru) and Lower Heidelberg (then a part of Heidelberg) townships and owned about one thousand acres of land. He was a farmer by occupation, exceedingly industrious, and was known as a man of sterling qualities. During his lifetime there was little clear land in Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships, and he often heard the howling of wolves in the forest around his primitive home, a typical log cabin dwelling. Frequently he stood in fear of the Indians who still roamed the forests after the date of his settlement and whose attacks endangered the lives and property of the hardy settlers. He adhered to the German Reformed faith, and the Hain's Church in Lower Heidelberg township was his spiritual home. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the graveyard of that old established house of worship, and there, too, sleep scores of descendants of this noble pioneer. Among his children were: Frederick, Wilhelm, George, Michael and Daniel.

(II) Frederick Fischer, son of Wilhelm, the emigrant ancestor, born March 5, 1750, died Oct. 17, 1828. He lived in what is now Spring township, where he originally took up a tract of seventy-three acres. At that time only two acres were cleared, all the rest being timberland. The Indians had cleared the two acres, upon which they raised maize, and there Frederick Fischer put up a primitive house and barn. He was a farmer, but also followed his trade, that of blacksmith. His wife, whose maiden name was Gertraut Faust, was born Feb. 5, 1751, and died Oct. 31, 1827. She bore him nine children, four daughters and five sons, namely: Peter, John, William, Jonathan, Catharine (who married Jonas Fry, of Lancaster county), Barbara (who married a Beck and a Lash) and one son and two daughters who died young. When Mrs. Fischer died there were forty grandchildren.

(III) Jonathan Fischer, son of Frederick and grandson of Wilhelm, born March 31, 1794, died Oct. 14, 1854, aged sixty years, six months, fourteen days. He was a farmer and made much fine wine, his vineyard covering one acre. He was well known in Reading and in the surrounding district, was the founder of Kissinger's Church, and contributed largely to the erection of the church edifice in 1852. He is buried at that church. In 1820 he married Maria Magdalena Baum, who was born in 1801 and survived him, dying in 1869, and their children were: Elijah, born in 1821, who died in 1853; Henry B., living on the homestead in Spring township, who has children, Franklin and Mary E.; Lovina; Amelia, and Elizabeth. The home of Jonathan Fischer was three miles from Reading, and he always walked back and forth.

(II) Wilhelm Fischer, son of Wilhelm, the first ancestor in America, was born Oct. 23, 1766, at the old homestead in Spring township, and died there March 4, 1842, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He owned a farm which his sons cultivated, he himself following the blacksmith's trade during the greater part of his life. He was a skilled mechanic, and made the different kinds of hardware used in building in his day, such as nails, hinges, locks, etc., as well as farm implements, such as hay and manure forks, hooks, harrows, plows, etc. He owned and lived on the place now known as the "Wheatfield Ore Farm," in Spring township. On June 27, 1790, he married Margaretha Krick, who was born Aug. 29, 1773, and died Feb. 23, 1852, in her seventy-ninth year. They sleep their last sleep in the graveyard adjoining the Sinking Spring church. Their children were as follows: William, who lived and died in Butler county, Pa.; Jacob, who settled in Lebanon, Pa.; John, who was never married; Peter F.; Margaret, who married William Mohn; Ann, who married Absalom Ruth; Susanna, who married Joseph Ruth; Mrs. Daniel Bensing; and Mrs. Peter Rollman.

(III) Peter F. Fisher, son of Wilhelm and grandson of Wilhelm, was born Sept. 14, 1808, in Cumru (now Spring) township. He died Feb. 7, 1889, in Lower Heidelberg township, aged eighty years, four months, twenty-four days. He was a carpenter, and followed that trade five years, when he commenced farming, which he continued until he was seventy-five years old, owning a farm of over 100 acres in Spring township. The remainder of his days were passed in retirement. He was a short man, but well-set and strong. His wife, Ann Maria Bensing, was born in Heidelberg May 12, 1814, daughter of Peter Bensing, and died Feb. 21, 1894, in her eightieth year, at Fritztown. Seven sons and five daughters were born to Peter F. and Ann Maria Fisher, namely: John, Mary, Michael, Abraham, Peter, Isaac, Catharine, Hannah, William B., Rebecca, Adam and Annie. The father of this family was a Reformed member of the Sinking Spring Church, where he is buried.

(IV) William B. Fisher, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, residing on the Charles W. Potteiger farm, was born July 28, 1855, in Spring township. He was reared to farming, which has been his life work, and until twenty-three years old remained with his father, after that engaging as a servant for two years, near Lancaster, Pa. For one year he lived on a farm near Wernersville, in the spring of 1880 commencing agricultural pursuits on his own account. He was on his father's farm the first four years, and during the next four years lived on the old George Krick farm in Spring township, thence moving to Hendelton, in Cumru township. There he lived for six years on George Hendel's farm and for six years on Isaac Spatz's farm, in 1899 moving to Lower Heidelberg township, upon the old original Hain farm, at that time owned by Calvin Seitzinger. He remained upon that place three years, and then lived in Maiden-creek a year before settling at his present home, in Lower Heidelberg. Mr. Fisher has always been successful in his farm work, and is thoroughly enterprising and up-to-date in his methods, which have produced satisfactory results. His stock is particularly fine, his cattle and horses being worthy of especial note.

In 1881 Mr. Fisher was married to Amanda Leid, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Spatz) Leid, of Lancaster county, and granddaughter of William Leid, also of Lancaster county, who was a well-known cattle dealer for many years; he died at the age of eighty-one. A family of twelve children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, eight sons and four daughters, namely: Edward, born Oct. 9, 1881, died when two months old; Mary, born July 10, 1882, is the wife of Adam Sheidy, of Wernersville, Pa.; Adam, born Sept. 24, 1883, is a resident of Chicago, Ill.; John, born Sept. 24, 1883, is unmarried, and works with his father; Martin, born Oct. 19, 1885, is on a cattle range at Lee, Mont.; Samuel, born April 6, 1887, is married and living in Spring township; George, born Aug. 28, 1888, married Lizzie Wenrich, and they reside on the old Fisher homestead in Spring township—the property settled by a Fisher who emigrated from Germany; Clinton was born Feb. 11, 1891; Levi, Aug. 11, 1892; Katie, May 2, 1895; Lillie, Sept. 21, 1896; Carrie, Aug. 7, 1900. Mr. William B. Fisher and his family are Lutheran members of the Wyomissing (Gouglersville) Union Church. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

(II) Michael Fischer, son of Wilhelm, the emigrant ancestor, was born on the old homestead Nov. 19, 1769, and died on his farm near Wernersville, Pa., Dec. 16, 1845, aged seventy-six years, twenty-seven days. He owned a farm of 127 acres located one and a half miles south of Wernersville, which his family cultivated. He was a weaver, and made all kinds of cloth and linen goods in demand in his day. He was a man of prominence in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor in his district for many years; this office was abolished by Act of Assembly on March 29, 1824, after which directors of the poor were elected. Michael Fischer was much esteemed, and he was widely known for his uncompromising honesty. Like his father, he is buried in the graveyard at Hain's Church, of which he was a member. He married Elizabeth Hemmig, born Aug. 29, 1774, died July 22, 1845, aged seventy years, ten months, twenty-three days. The children born to them were as follows: Christian, born July 1, 1793; Michael, born Jan. 4, 1795; Daniel, born Sept. 27, 1796; Catharine, born Aug. 15, 1798; Philip, born Jan. 25, 1800; Wilhelm, born Jan. 15, 1803; Sarah, who married John Stump; and Elizabeth, who first married Daniel Fisher and later Isaac Boyer.

(III) Wilhelm Fisher, the sixth of the family of Michael Fischer, and a grandson of Wilhelm, the ancestor, was born Jan. 15, 1803, and died upon his tract of land near Wernersville. He was a well-known man in his community, having passed all his life in the district where he was born, and, furthermore, he was enterprising and thrifty. Under his father he learned plain weaving, but he also acquired the art of fine weaving, and did well at his trade. He lived upon a tract adjacent to his father's farm, consisting originally of six acres and 131 rods, to which he later added thirty-one acres. Here in 1837 he built a log house which is still standing. He married Ellenora Boyer, and to them were born children as follows: Peter, born May 13, 1826, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Abraham, born Nov. 17, 1831, a carpenter by trade and also a farmer, who married Catharine Miller; Jeremiah B., born May 20, 1838; Polly, the wife of Emanuel Eberly, residing near Fritztown, where he followed carriage-making for many years, now living retired upon his farm; and Lavina, born Jan. 21, 1842, who married John H. Steffy, and died May 17, 1898, in her fifty-seventh year (they had no children). Mr. and Mrs. Fisher worshipped at the Hain's Church, and there they are buried.

(IV) Jeremiah B. Fisher, third son of Wilhelm, grandson of Michael, Sr., and great-grandson of Wilhelm, the emigrant ancestor, was born May 20, 1838, upon his father's farm south of Wernersville. He attended the local district schools until he was eighteen years old, after which he took up fence making, a business he was engaged in many years, and in which he became very skillful. He next entered the employ of Jacob Lippy, at that time of Lancaster, later of Reading, where his sons are now successful business men; Mr. Lippy had a portable sawmill, at which Mr. Fisher worked for many years. A number of years ago Mr. Fisher commenced the manufacture of birch oil from birchwood, which is plentiful in the South mountains where he lives. The oil is of good quality, and markets readily in Philadelphia, New York, Lebanon and Reading, and he sells considerable to the Grand View Sanitarium. One of Mr. Fisher's best customers is William H. Luden, the confectioner, of Reading. Mr. Fisher has a valuable tract of land, upon which he raises an abundance of fruit and considerable truck. As may be judged from the various interests he has, he is very industrious, and by good management has attained success in his various ventures. He is a man of the highest honor and scrupulous in all his transactions, being respected wherever he is known.

On Nov. 9, 1863, Mr. Fisher was married to Melinda Stoltz, daughter of John Stoltz, of Upper Tulpehocken township, and seventeen children have been born to the union, namely: Catharine, Ellen I., William, Charles, Sallie, Mary, Eve, Alice, George, Jacob S., and seven who died young. Mr. Fisher and his family are Reformed members of the old Hain's Church, where members of his family have worshipped for so many years.

BRUMBACH. The early home of this old and honored family of Pennsylvania was in Switzerland. This family has been identified with the interests of Berks county, particularly in the manufacturing line, since prior to the Revolutionary war. Among its prominent members are Daniel C. Brumbach, one of the leading and substantial citizens of Boyertown; and Edwin H. Brumbach, postmaster and merchant at Manatawny.

(I) Hermanus Brumbach, born in 1751, died in 1803, and was buried at Amityville, Berks county. He was a farmer and weaver in Oley township. His will was probated in 1803, was written in German and signed in a good firm hand. His sons, Samuel and Jacob, were the executors. His wife, Maria Catherine Pott, born in 1749, died in 1832, and was buried at Amityville. Their children were: a daughter died young; John, born Dec. 5, 1774, died young; Mathias, born Oct. 9, 1776, m. Mary Custer, died Feb. 5, 1852, and is buried at Norristown; Samuel, born 1780, died 1801; Jacob, twin to Samuel, born 1780, m. (first) Dorothy Bear, (second) Susan Gumbert, and died Aug. 7, 1878, at an advanced age, and was buried at Reading; John (2), born Nov 5, 1783, m. Catherine Engle, died in advanced age and was buried at Boyertown; George, born June 8, 1787, and died at Pleasantville Dec. 5, 1875, in 1809 m. Elizabeth Koch (born Aug. 27, 1784, died Aug. 29, 1860), and his will, probated in 1875, was written in German; Abraham, born Aug. 2, 1789, m. Elizabeth Albright, and died Jan. 23, 1872; Daniel, born Feb. 20, 1792, m.

Catherine Spohn, and died March 29, 1884, at Shanesville, and is buried at Hill Church; David, born April 5, 1794, died Nov. 18, 1876, m. (first) Deborah De Turck (born Feb. 10, 1795, died May 10, 1855), and (second) Mary Muthard (1799-1889); and William, born Aug. 6, 1795, m. Susan Moses, and died April 27, 1852.

(II) Daniel Brumbach, son of Hermanus, was born Feb. 20, 1792. He followed agricultural pursuits in Earl township, Berks county. He married Catherine Spohn, and they had the following children: Levi, a resident of Sinking Spring, who has passed his eighty-second birthday; Daniel; Samuel; Susanna; Lydia, m. to William Deysher; and Mrs. William Fry, who lived in Reading.

(III) Samuel Brumbach, son of Daniel, was a cabinetmaker and undertaker in Pine township, Berks county. He lived and died in the family faith of the Reformed Church, and for many years served as an official. His first wife was named Mary Clouser, and they had the following children: Mabry C., a cabinet maker at Boyertown; Henry, deceased, formerly of Boyertown; Hannah, residing at Boyertown; Morris, a farmer in Oley township; Sophia, wife of Harry Lechner; Horace, who died young; Daniel C.; and Samuel, who died at Boyertown.

(IV) Daniel C. Brumbach, son of Samuel and one of Boyertown's leading and substantial citizens, was born in August, 1840, in Pike township, Berks county. For twenty-eight years he conducted the undertaking and cabinet furniture business at this place, and was one of the organizers of the Boyertown Casket Company, the leading industry of the borough. It was organized in 1884, with a capital stock of $20,000, and this was increased in 1897 to $100,000. The company has a large eight-story office building on Arch Street, Philadelphia. In the eighties Mr. Brumbach erected the Brumbach Building, on the corner of Philadelphia Avenue and Washington Street, Boyertown, which is 38x115 feet in dimensions and three stories high, of brick construction. A part of the building is utilized as a dwelling, and the rest is used for the furniture business. He is a director of the Union Manufacturing Company and a director and vice president of the Franklin Improvement Company. This concern gives employment to from 300 to 400 people and is a very successful corporation. It owns also the building which is occupied by the Eisenlohr Cigar Manufacturing Company, one of Boyertown's best structures, three stories in height and with dimensions of 175 feet with an 80-foot ell. It is regarded as one of the best equipped factory buildings in Pennsylvania. Mr. Brumbach was chairman of the building committee during the erection of this structure which does credit to the architects, builders and owners and to the borough. In his political views Mr. Brumbach is a Democrat. For six years he was a member of the town council, and for three years served as treasurer of the school board. During the Civil War he became a member of Company A, 128th Pa. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he participated in the battles of Antietam and South Mountain. While his company was at Maryland Heights, he was prostrated with fever and for four months was confined in different hospitals but finally was able to return to his company and was honorably discharged in 1865. He is a member of Gen. Cook Post, G. A. R., of Boyertown.

Daniel C. Brumbach married Caroline Moyer, daughter of Isaac Moyer, of Pike township, and they have had five children, as follows: Frank, a cabinetmaker of Boyertown; Amandus, deceased, who conducted an undertaking business at Allentown; and Ella, who married James Brown, of Kutztown (successor to D. C. Brumbach in business), and they have one son, Harold; and Carrie and Daniel, who are both deceased. Mr. Brumbach is a member of the Reformed Church at Boyertown, and he has served for a number of years as a deacon and elder. Since 1905 he has been president of the Fairview Cemetery Board. In 1903 he made a western tour, taking in the scenic part of the country west of the Mississippi, which has interested thousands, including Denver and surroundings, and Pike's Peak; and in 1907 he took another enjoyable trip, starting from Allentown and taking in Niagara Falls, Chicago and parts of Kansas, and returning by way of Chicago and Harrisburg.

(II) David Brumbach, son of Hermanus, born April 5, 1794, for some years conducted a woolen mill in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and in his earlier years was a mill operator in Tulpehocken. In 1841 he settled in Oley township, Berks county, where he acquired a farm of 113 acres, and this he cultivated until his removal to Friedensburg, where he lived retired until his death, Nov. 18, 1876. He is buried at the Reformed Church in Oley. He m. (first) Deborah De Turck, born Feb. 10, 1795, died May 10, 1855. To this union were born: Isaac, deceased; Eliza, m. to Abraham Herbein; James D.; Alfred, deceased; Percival, of Reading; Hiram, deceased; and two that died young.

(III) Isaac Brumbach, son of David and Deborah, lived to be seventy-eight years old. He followed farming and also operated a sawmill. His farm of eighty acres was situated in Oley township, and his death took place at Friedensburg, and he was buried at Oley Church. He was prominent in the affairs of his section and for years served as a school director. He married Rachel Hoch, who bore him four children: Jacob, who died young; Ezra, of Oley Township; Deborah, m. to William Schollenberger; and Wellington. After the death of his first wife he married Mary Ann (De Turck) Geiger.

(IV) Wellington Brumbach, son of Isaac, was born in Oley township, March 31, 1861, and was reared a farmer. When quite young he went into the sawmill owned by his father and worked there until he was fourteen years old, and then devoted some four years entirely to farming. After this he learned the shoemaking trade with David Diehl, and has followed this industry ever since. In 1880 he located at Friedensburg, and on Oct. 3, 1887, settled at his present place of business. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a Democrat in politics. Like the other members of his family, he belongs to the Reformed Church, and since 1902 has served in the church at Friedensburg as a deacon. On Dec. 24, 1887, Mr. Brumbach married Katie M. Rothermel, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Moyer) Rothermel, and they have had five children: Marion, Florence, Emma, living, and Earl and William, deceased.

(III) James D. Brumbach, son of David, was born in Tulpehocken township, Aug. 18, 1828, and was brought up to the woolen business. When thirteen years old he accompanied his parents to Oley, and assisted on the farm until he became of age. After his marriage he farmed for his father on the property which now belongs to Ezra Levan, and remained there for seven years, when he bought the Solomon Ely farm on which he has resided for the past forty-three years. Here he has twenty-eight acres on which he has made many improvements. For fifteen years he also engaged in a mercantile business at various points, spending three years at Griesemersville, six years at Spangsville and six years at Manatawny, and then sold out to his son Edwin. On Sept. 22, 1906, Mr. Brumbach suffered a severe loss by fire, his large double brick house being destroyed while the family was attending the funeral of Mrs. Polly Schaeffer, wife of Miles, who lived in a part of the house. Mr. Brumbach lost $1,000 above the amount of his insurance. It is his hope and expectation to spend his remaining years on this farm. On Dec. 25, 1855, he was married to Susan Herbein, daughter of Levi and Sarah (Herbein) Herbein, of Oley. Of their children: Levi died aged four years;

Ammon lives in Philadelphia; James resides in Reading and Edwin H. at Pleasantville.

(IV) Edwin H. Brumbach, son of James D., was born at Spangsville, Oley township, Berks county, Pa., Feb. 24, 1869, was reared on the home farm and obtained his education first in the public schools and later in Oley Academy. For a time thereafter he engaged in clerking in his father's store at Griesemersville and after his marriage turned his attention to operating the home farm which he successfully continued for five years. He marketed his produce at Reading, making periodical visits. When his father removed to Pleasantville and acquired his own store building there, Edwin H. served as his clerk for eight years, and in the spring of 1902 purchased the business and has continued the enterprise, but with a larger scope. Since April 10, 1906, he has been postmaster, having been assistant for some years previously. Mr. Brumbach and his family are members of the Reformed Church of Oley, in which he served four years in the office of deacon. In politics he is a Democrat. His fraternal connections are with Minnehaha Lodge, No. 154 K. of P.; and Manatawny Lodge, No. 461 K. G. E.

On Oct. 19, 1889, Edwin H. Brumbach was married to Mary Alice Griesemer, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Dilaplaine) Griesemer, of Oley. To this union have been born three sons and one daughter, namely: M. Edna and Ed. Lloyd G., twins, born April 2, 1892; J. Leroy, born April 19, 1894; and C. Lester, born Jan. 11, 1903. In 1904 Mr. Brumbach took an enjoyable trip, starting from Reading and going by way of Allentown, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Suspension Bridge, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and Chicago, to St. Louis, spending several weeks at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. His return trip was made through Cincinnati, Ohio, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Philadelphia, taking ample time to see the various points of interest in the cities named. On this journey he traveled through ten different States, and covered a distance of 2,800 miles.

BAUSCHER. The emigrant ancestor of the Bauscher family came to Pennsylvania from Germany, but the origin of the family is French. Tradition says that Daniel Bauscher (who in 1790 spelled his name "Boutcher") came to this country from the Palatinate in 1765. In 1790 he was a resident of Albany township, Berks county, and lived on the farm which is still in the family name. The Federal census of that year records him as the father of three sons (above sixteen years of age) and two daughters. He was, however, the father of seven children, namely: Philip; Jacob, who settled in Windsor township; Anthony, who removed to the Glades, Westmoreland county, Pa., and who is the forbear of J. N. Boucher, Esq., of Greensburg, Pa.; Henry, who removed to Somerset county, Pa.; Peter, who located in Hamburg; and two daughters, one of whom was Barbara.

Philip Bauscher, son of Daniel, bought land of John Penn in Albany township, Berks county. He is buried at New Bethel Church. His children were: Jacob; Christian, 1799-1875; Maria, m. to Peter Laubenstein; Kate, m. to John Dietrich; Rachel, m. to John Dietrich; and Leah, m. to John Hartzel.

Christian Bauscher, son of Philip, was born in Albany township in 1799, and died there in 1875; he is buried at New Bethel Church. He was a farmer on the old homestead, and retired from active work about ten years before he died. He married Maria Dietrich, daughter of John Dietrich, and their children were: Catharine m. Andreas Kunkel; Lydia m. Nathan Trexler; Abbie m. Jonas Werner; Nathan, a farmer living now at McKeansburg, m. Brigitta Smith, and has children—Ella, David, Levi, Sarah, Amanda, Amelia and Ida; and Henry.

Henry Bauscher, son of Christian, was born on the old Bauscher homestead in Albany township May 25, 1832, and there passed his entire life, dying on the same farm, May 3, 1909. His early education was obtained in the old pay schools of his day, and later he went to Montour county to learn English and attend school. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and judgment, and he was successful as a farmer and useful as a citizen. The old Bauscher farm, which he owned, contains 190 acres of the best land in the township, and under his practical, systematic care it was greatly improved and developed. The tenement house, a stone building, was erected by his father, Christian, in 1852, but the modern brick house, now occupied by Miss Annie M. Bauscher, was built by Henry Bauscher in 1882. The large Swiss barn was built by Christian.

Henry Bauscher was modest and retiring in his disposition, but he had too keen a regard for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship to remain in the background when the moral or material welfare of his community was in need of support and assistance, and he was ever one of the progressive and enterprising men of his community. He was industrious and honest, and he well merited the high esteem in which he was held. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years served most efficiently as school director. He and his family were members of the New Bethel (Corner) Church, of Albany, which he served many years in the offices of deacon, elder and treasurer. He and three generations before him are buried in its graveyard.

Mr. Bauscher was twice married. On Oct. 7, 1854, he m. Sarah Kunkel, born Oct. 2, 1837, died Sept. 29, 1863, the mother of five sons: Lewis W., born 1855; Oliver, born 1856; Daniel, born 1860; and Wallace and Thomas, twins, born 1862, the former dying in 1862, and the latter in 1863. On Nov. 9, 1867, Mr. Bauscher m. (second) Sarah Sassaman, born Sept. 6, 1835, daughter of John and Salome (Altenderfer) Sassaman. She died April 6, 1908. To this union was born one daughter, Annie M.

Miss Annie M. Bauscher is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1886. She taught school sixteen terms, and by appointment of the State superintendent of public schools was a member of the examining board for permanent certificates of teachers of Berks county for three years. She has traveled extensively, and is a lady of culture and refinement.

Daniel Bauscher, son of Henry and Sarah (Kunkel), was born on his father's farm in Albany township Oct. 18, 1860. He lived at home until the spring of 1886, when he began farming on his present place, located near Trexler, in Albany township. He has 127 acres of good land in what is known as the "potato" belt. He plants from ten to twelve acres of this vegetable, and is prosperous. In politics he is a Democrat, and since 1908 has been a member of the school board. He and his family are members of New Bethel (Corner) Church, in Albany, belonging to the Reformed congregation, of which Mr. Bauscher was deacon for two years.

On Aug. 2, 1885, Mr. Bauscher married Louisa Stibitz, born June 2, 1860, daughter of John Stibitz, of Schuylkill county. They have had six children, all living, namely: Sadie J., William G., Abner N., Fred O., Mahlon A. and Mabel E.

RHOADS. One of the best-known names in Berks county is that of Rhoads. The early spelling of the name was Roth, but through the school teachers of the children of the family it was changed to Rhoads early in the nineteenth century. The ancestor of the Pennsylvania Rhoadses must have come to America about 1710. In a manuscript history of Oley township, Berks county, now preserved by the Pennsylvania Historical Society at Philadelphia, is the following: "About 1725 three brothers named Rhoads, or Roth, also prospected this section of country for a home. As they threaded their way through Oley, one day, they halted at the beautiful spring where now stands the farm house of Jacob K. Kauffman, near the Yellow House. They finally took up land on the All Sort Range, in Amity, and settled thereon, and many families of that name have descended from them, some of whom are still in possession of the ancestral estates." These three brothers were Mathias, Jacob and John. A John Rhoads is buried in

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the old graveyard at Amityville, just east of the present church building. The inscription on his stone reads: "John Rhoads, who departed Octob. the 19, 1767." Catharine Rhoads, widow of the John Rhoads, who died in 1767, made a will Nov. 20, 1784, probated Aug. 6, 1786, in which she mentions sons, Adam, John and Mathias (who married a Mariet ———, and had daughters, Susanna and Catharine).

In this article two separate lines are shown, one descending from (I) Jacob and the other from (Ia) Mathias.

(I) On Dec. 28, 1812, Jacob Rhoads of Amity township made his last will and testament, which was probated July 8, 1814. His wife's name was Susan (or Susanna), and their four children were: John, born Nov. 29, 1775, died Feb. 19, 1850, married Mary Weaver (born March 19, 1781—died Aug. 3, 1860, daughter of Jacob and Anna Weaver), and had three sons and three daughters; Hannah married Abraham Hill; Elizabeth; and Daniel.

(II) Daniel Rhoads, son of Jacob and Susan, was born in 1752, and died March 12, 1825. He and his wife Magdalena (born 1760, died Dec. 11, 1813) are both buried immediately east of the Amityville Church in the old graveyard. In the will he made in 1823, admitted to probate in 1825, he mentions these children: Jacob (born May 19, 1784, died March 17, 1848), John (born Sept. 17, 1787, died May 20, 1861), Samuel (born July 8, 1796, died April 25, 1838), Daniel (had a son Ammon, a resident of Oley, who had two sons), Solomon (born May 13, 1798, died Feb. 17, 1873), Adam (born March 9, 1800, died Aug. 31, 1888), Abraham (born Jan. 20, 1802, died April 24, 1865) and Mary. Two sons, Peter (born 1791, died 1822) and David (born 1792, died 1812), both passed away before the making of the will. Of these children Abraham married Hannah, born Feb. 2, 1816, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Lorah; she died Dec. 25, 1883. He had one son, Daniel L. Rhoads, who lived near Yellow House, was president of the National Bank of Boyertown, and is buried at Amity. None of his children are living.

(III) John Rhoads, son of Daniel and Magdalena, born Sept. 17, 1787, was a miller along Monocacy creek. He died May 20, 1861, aged seventy-three years, eight months, three days. He married Catharine Pyle, and among others they had three sons, Abraham, John and William. Abraham lived near Monocacy Hill and several of his sons are there; William, a butcher, lived in Amityville, married a Hine, and had sons: Capt. Samuel H., of the famous Ringgold Battery, and Charles, of Reading. The brothers, Abraham and William are buried at Amity.

(IV) John Rhoads, son of John and Catharine (Pyle), was buried at Amityville. He devoted his years to farming. His wife, Catharine Idyl, bore him four children, namely: Jeremiah, of Indiana county, Pa.; Isaac, of near Yellow House (had a son, Jacob, living at Richmond, Va., and John, who died young and is buried at Amity); Rachel, who married Isaac Bowman, of Oley township; and Maberry A.

(V) Maberry A. Rhoads, son of John and Catharine (Idyl), was born in Oley township Aug. 31, 1835, and died Oct. 1, 1896, aged sixty-one years, one month; he was buried in Amityville cemetery. In his young manhood he learned the milling business, but farming engrossed the greater part of his attention. For over fifteen years he was a member of the church vestry. On Oct. 19, 1858, he married Mary Ann Schaffer, born Jan. 18, 1841, daughter of Samuel and Christina (Hartranft) Schaffer, of Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county. Thirteen children were born of this union, namely: Rosa E., who married W. L. Weiss, of Amity township; Calvin C.; Kate T., who married Frank Hamer, of Amity township; Annie, who married Samuel Dunn, of Douglass township; Effinger M.; Harvey M.; Mary, who married H. L. Wise; Newton I.; Edgar D.; Charles G.; Amelia; Carrie, who married Edgar Heist; and Irvin, born 1883, who died in 1903.

(VI) Newton I. Rhoads, proprietor of the "Washington House, Amityville, was born Nov. 26, 1873, son of Maberry A. and Mary Ann (Schaffer) Rhoads. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, Douglassville, and in Amityville Seminary. When he was sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of miller, and this he followed for six years. The dust affecting his health, however, he was obliged to seek a change of employment. He learned the butcher's trade, and was engaged at it for three years, when he was made supervisor of Amity township. On Dec. 19, 1901, he took charge of the "Washington House," at Amityville, which he has since conducted with great success. He has sixteen rooms, and keeps his place in a manner that makes it very popular with the traveling public. Fraternally Mr. Rhoads is a member of Washington Camp, No. 213, P. O. S. of A., Amityville; Bright Star Castle, No. 448, K. G. E.; Monocacy Lodge, No. 444, I. O. O. F., Douglassville; and the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Reading. He and his family attend the Reformed Church at Amityville. In politics Mr. Rhoads is a stanch Republican, and since 1906 he has been the very efficient and popular township auditor. On Sept. 15, 1894, he married Louisa Belles, daughter of William and Fietta (Greth) Belles, of Richmond township. Mrs. Rhoads was reared in the family of Judge Sassaman. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads have five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows: Paul N., David W., Mary A., Maud and Pearl M.

Ezekiel Rhoads, son of Samuel Rhoads, was born Jan. 26, 1810, on the old homestead farm in Amity. He made farming his life work, and at his death in 1889 was buried in Amityville cemetery. He married Susan Bertolet, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Calvin B., who was at one time mayor of Wilmington, Del., died there, and was buried in the Amityville cemetery (he married Camilla Johnson); Franklin B.; Louisa, who married L. A. Bertolet, of Wilmington, Del.; Catharine E., widow of Daniel L. Rhoads, of Yellow House; Harriet Ann, who married H. K. Bechtel, of Reading; and Amos, who located in Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1872, aged thirty-six years.

Rebecca Rhoads, sister of Ezekiel, married Samuel L. Boyer, a noted church chorister and teacher of vocal and instrumental music.

Franklin B. Rhoads, son of Ezekiel and Susan (Bertolet), was born in Amity township July 24, 1838. He attended the old pay schools, where the salary of the teacher was from two and one-half to three cents a day. The school-house was located where the chapel now stands in Amityville. The education here acquired was supplemented by attendance at Freeland Academy in 1857. He then engaged in teaching and for six terms in Amity and one in Douglass he was a very popular teacher. He then began to farm the homestead of 145 acres, and for seven years gave this work his exclusive attention. In 1886 he moved to Boyertown and became teller of the National Bank of that city, a position he held until Jan. 1, 1908. In politics he is a Democrat, and for three years served as borough auditor. In June, 1861, he married Rebecca Lorah, daughter of John Lorah, of Amity township. Nine children blessed this marriage: George, deceased; Lottie, at home; John, of Reading; Susan, who married John R. Guldin, of Yellow House; Daniel, of Hazleton; Mary, who married Frank S. Sailor, of Reading; Chauncey, of Reading; William L.; and Maud, who married Llewellyn Leinbach, of Oley.

William L. Rhoads, son of Franklin B. and Rebecca (Lorah), and the present assistant superintendent of the great Boyertown Casket Company, was born in Amity township, on the old Rhoads home farm, Nov. 11, 1874. He attended the public schools of his native town of Boyertown. As a boy he learned the printer's trade, serving a full apprenticeship. He then became an employe of the Boyertown Casket Company, beginning in the finishing department, of

which two years later he was made foreman. In six more years he became assistant superintendent of this large industry, where some 325 people are employed. In 1894 Mr. Rhoads married Annie S. Fryer, daughter of Benjamin R. Fryer, and they have three children: Rebecca E., Mary L. and W. Lester. The family reside in their own home on North Reading avenue, which was built by Mr. Rhoads in 1904. In politics he is a Democrat, and in the spring of 1908 was elected as school director of the borough. Fraternally he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 104, P. O. S. of A.; and Popodickon Tribe, No. 388, Red Men, both of Boyertown. With his family he attends the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd, in which for some time he served as deacon.

(Ia) Mathias Roth (or Rhoads), the ancestor of many of the name in Berks county, was a native of the Rheinpfalz, Germany, born Nov. 8, 1717, perhaps a son of one of the three brothers referred to in the foregoing. He died in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, March 13, 1795, and is buried at Amityville Church. He was an extensive farmer, and owned much land in Colebrookdale township. His last will and testament, which he made Nov. 14, 1786, is very fair and equitable. He made ample provision for his "dearly beloved" wife, Anna Elizabeth. His children were: Jonathan; Solomon; Catharine, who married Thomas Willson, of Pottsgrove; Barbara, who married Peter Yerger; and Anna Elizabeth, who married Peter Bastress. At his death Mathias left a large estate, and he had for many years been looked upon as one of the substantial men of his locality. As early as 1760 he was a taxable in the Colebrookdale district, being assessed at £10 that year, and paying 15s. tax.

(IIa) Jonathan Roth (or Rhoads), son of Mathias, was born March 18, 1751, and died Sept. 3, 1819, aged sixty-eight years, five months, fifteen days. He was bequeathed a gristmill, a sawmill, two tracts of land (on one of which were the aforesaid mills), one containing sixty acres, eighty-five perches, with allowance of six per cent for roads, and the other, forty-five and one-half acres, with its respective appurtenances. Jonathan Roth married Dorothea Elizabeth Linn, born Dec. 12, 1756, died April 16, 1824, aged sixty-seven years, four months, four days. They made their home in Colebrookdale, and there reared their eight children: Jacob married Margaret Kline; Elizabeth married Dieter Geiger; Margaret married Abraham Wartman; Maria married Christian Schaner; John married Catharine K. Boyer; Hannah died young; Henry married Elizabeth Schaeffer; Catharine married Mathias Ritter.

(IIIa) Jacob Roth, son of Jonathan and Dorothea Elizabeth (Linn), married Margaret Kline, and their children were: Lydia married Bastian Buchert; Daniel married (first) Catharine Yerger, and (second) Lydia Freyer; Jacob, born Dec. 25, 1806, married Sarah Romich, and had a large progeny (he is buried at Boyertown); Hannah, born Aug. 16, 1804, married David Wise; Dieter married (first) Elizabeth Brandlinger, and (second) Kate Reifsnyder; Samuel married twice; Rebecca married Abraham Hanberger; Maria married John Peltz, of Roxboro; Catharine, born Oct. 14, 1807, died Nov. 14, 1809.

(IVa) Daniel Rhoads, son of Jacob and Margaret (Kline), was twice married. By his first wife, Catharine Yerger, he had the following children: Levinus (who lived in Reading), who married Catharine Rahn; Samuel, of New Hanover, who married Rebecca Guldin; Lydia, of Reading, who married (first) Henry Spadler, and (second) John Yerger; John, who married (first) Mary Kohler, and (second) Mary Palm; Henry, who married Mary Freyer; Jacob, of Gilbertsville, who married Lavina Davidheiser; and Mary, of Frederick, who married Daniel Botz.

(IIIa) John Rhoads, son of Jonathan and Dorothea Elizabeth, was born June 28, 1788, and died July 4, 1860, aged seventy-two years, six days. He was a prosperous farmer in Colebrookdale, where he owned land, a part of which is still in the family. On it has been found iron ore in large quantities, which is at present being worked by the firm known as the John Rhoads Mining Company. John Rhoads married Dec. 13, 1818, Catharine K. Boyer, who was born Jan. 22, 1803, daughter of Henry Boyer, who with his brother Daniel founded the beautiful borough of Boyertown. Thirteen children were born to John Rhoads and wife, as follows: Jonathan, born 1820; Henry, 1821; Benneville, 1823; Rebecca L., 1825; Sarah, 1827; Elizabeth, 1828; Mahella, 1830; Dr. Reuben B., 1831; Julius, 1834; Catharine, 1835; Dr. Thomas J. B., 1837; Emma, 1839; and Angelina, 1841.

(IVa) Dr. Reuben B. Rhoads, son of John and Catharine K. (Boyer), was born Oct. 29, 1831. He was brought up on the home farm, and acquired his literary training in the public schools and Mt. Pleasant Seminary. For some time he engaged in teaching, and then began the study of medicine under Dr. Henry W. Johnson, of Boyertown, completing his professional studies in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1857. He located at Zieglerville, in Montgomery county, where he practised until 1862, when he enlisted in the United States service as assistant surgeon in the 169th Pa. V. I., for nine months. His first assignment was in the smallpox department of the hospital at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, whence he was transferred to Pittsburg, where he took charge of the hospital at Camp Howe. He was then sent to Fort Keyes, Gloucester point, at Yorktown, where Brig.-Gen. Tyndale was in command, and Dr. Rhoads was appointed by him brigade surgeon. Returning to Zieglerville after his term of enlistment had expired, he practised there for a year longer, and then moved to Amityville, where he was engaged until 1882, when he was elected warden of the Berks county prison. At the expiration of his term of office, he went to Boyertown, and engaged in the coal and lumber business, being associated with his two sons, John G. and Benjamin J., both of Reading. This line he followed with great success until 1893, when he retired. He built a fine brick residence at the corner of Apple street and Reading avenue, and there he continues to make his home. He enjoyed a large practice in his professional work, and it was with considerable regret that his clientele saw him enter the business world. In politics Dr. Rhoads is a Democrat, and he served as school director of Amity township, and also at Boyertown, and was burgess of Boyertown from 1903 to 1906. He has frequently served as delegate to county conventions, and twice to the State conventions. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown. Dr. Rhoads has always been much interested in agricultural work, and before his removal to Boyertown had large nurseries at Amityville, where he was engaged in experimenting with the cultivation of small fruits. He still retains his interest in this line and is active in the work of the Patrons of Husbandry.

On May 10, 1859, Dr. Reuben B. Rhoads was married to Kate W. Gilbert, daughter of the late Adam R. and Mary Ann (Weaver) Gilbert. Five children have been born to them: Ben Jonson, of Reading; Laura K., who married Harvey Breidenbach, of Camden, N. J.; Mary Ella, who married George G. Guldin, an employe of the United Traction Company, Philadelphia; John G., twin to Mary Ella; and Maggie Elizabeth, who died in her thirteenth year. Among Dr. Rhoads's many treasures is an old grandfather's clock, made some hundred years ago. It shows the moon's phases, and the date, and still keeps excellent time.

(IVa) Dr. Thomas J. B. Rhoads, son of John and Catharine K. (Boyer), was born on the old Rhoads farm, now within the corporate limits of Boyertown, Sept. 26, 1837. There were no "public schools" in those

days, as we use the term now, but Dr. Rhoads attended the school kept by Henry G. Stetler, and under him was prepared to enter Mt. Pleasant Seminary at Boyertown. He was but eighteen years old when he engaged in teaching, having first charge of the Wise school in Colebrookdale township, and later of the Gablesville school. He was not satisfied with teaching, and under Dr. Henry W. Johnson began his preparation for the medical profession, spending long evenings studying physiology and anatomy, and then he placed himself under the direction of his elder brother, Dr. Reuben B. In the fall of 1858 he entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1861. He at once opened an office in Gilbertsville, Montgomery county, and in the following year he was commissioned assistant surgeon in the army by Governor Curtin. He was assigned to the 169th P. V. I., then at Gloucester Point, opposite Yorktown, Va., where his brother was acting surgeon. This regiment was ordered in 1863 to march toward Gettysburg and intercept General Lee, but by the time they reached the Potomac they found Lee's army had arrived first. The regiment was mustered out July 28, 1863. Dr. Rhoads returned home, and took up his residence in the house occupied by his former preceptor, Dr. Johnson, and soon, backed by his reputation won in the army, he was favored with a large practice. In 1868 he erected the commodious home he has since occupied, at the corner of Philadelphia avenue and Chestnut street. In addition to his practice he has conducted a drug store. For twelve years he had as a partner in his practice his brother-in-law, Dr. Leidy. With the exception of inflammatory rheumatism Dr. Rhoads has been blessed with excellent health, and he has never been obliged to take a rest except when he had a leg broken in a runaway accident. He is not only the family doctor, but he is the friend and adviser of his patients in many ways, and is greatly beloved all over the county.

While Dr. Rhoads has given over forty-eight years of service to his profession he has not neglected other lines of activity, and he has assisted in developing various industries that have been of great benefit to his community. In 1874 he assisted in the organization of the National Bank of Boyertown, and was its president until 1882. In 1883 he organized the Farmers National Bank of Boyertown, and has ever since been its president. He is a director and treasurer of the Boyertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company; trustee of the Fairview Cemetery Association; and secretary and treasurer of the John Rhoads Mining Company. He has been active in public affairs, is ex-burgess, was one of the first councilmen, and served as school director for many years. He is president of the board of health; treasurer of the Friendship Hook and Ladder Company; past commander of Gen. George Cook Post, G. A. R., of Boyertown; and a member of the Pennsylvania German Society, the Berks County Historical Society and the National Geological Society. His religious connection is with St. John's Lutheran Church.

With all his varied interests, Dr. Rhoads has kept abreast of the progress of medical science, and has added much to medical literature. He has composed two large volumes of poems, one of which was published several years ago, and the other recently. Most of this writing was mentally arranged as he drove through country roads on long night drives. The first volume is entitled "Uncle Jeff's Reminiscences of Youth and Other Poems," and we append one gem, a favorite of the good old Doctor's:

THAT OLD TIN BOX OF MINE.

Who has not seen that old tin box of mine?
My close companion well nigh twoscore years,
This I have lugged along through rain or shine—
The truth of which in that old box appears.

Some carry costly leather-covered chests,
With nickel-plated bindings all around,
Wherein, in separate compartments, nests
Of tiny bottles in each space are found.

A handsome thing to look at, I admit,
If lugged with ease from place to place in town,
But when it comes to practice, not a bit
More handy than the old tin box I own.

When I hung out my shingle years ago
At Gilbertsville, one pleasant morn in May,
I carried saddle-bags wherein to stow
Things I might need to see the sick each day.

But when I went to war I stowed away
Those saddle-bags to let them have a rest,
Nor have I ever used them to this day,
Because I like my old tin box the best.

There every bottle in its proper place
Comes readily to hand in darkest night,
When quickly its location I can trace
Without the aid of artificial light.

This could be done with others, it is true,
In handsome chests with nickel lock and key,
But then why should I change to something new?
No reason in the world that I can see.

Unless it be to keep up with the times,
Or, else, perhaps, to show a little style;
In my perambulations I sometimes
Gaze on this tin box with a secret smile.

To see the dented corners, battered lid,
The stout tin bottom and the paper key;
Then note the fact that in that box lie hid
The means that brought success in life to me.

The taunts and jeers about that box of mine
By customers whose friendship I revere,
But served to bind still closer and entwine
That old tin box to me from year to year.

I've lugged it in the winter's frigid air,
And sweltered in the summer's scorching sun
In toting it in weather foul or fair,
By day or night when I was called upon.

Why should I now discard this box of mine
That served my purpose for so many years,
And substitute a case more neat and fine?
A doubtful move to me such plan appears.

It caused no corner in the price of tin
When to my order that tin box was made,
Nor when the well-known remedies within
Were stowed away did drugs decline a shade!

Now when life's summit by me has been passed,
While 'round this box so many memories twine,
As long as needed, or while life shall last,
I am bound to stick to that tin box of mine.

On May 10, 1862, Dr. Rhoads married Theresa Fiazetta Leidy, and to this union four children were born: (1) Ellen O. died aged four years, four months, sixteen days. (2) Katie N., born Nov. 12, 1866, married Prof. Elmer J. Conner, of the Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, and died Nov. 28, 1893. (3) Henry C. died in infancy. (4) Thomas Leidy, who has the rank of major on the medical staff, Division Sergeant, U. S. A., Manila, P. I., married Frances Kohler, of Allentown, who died in San Francisco, Cal., in 1902, leaving a son, Thomas Collier, born Nov. 2, 1900, who now makes his home with his home with his grandparents at Boyertown.

(IIIa) Henry Roth (or Rhoads), son of Jonathan, married Elizabeth Schaeffer, a daughter of one of the Hessians captured by Washington at Trenton on Christmas night, 1776, who remained in this country and became a prosperous farmer in Exeter township, Berks county. She was a sister to the celebrated Captain Schaeffer of the Exeter Troop. Henry Roth and his wife Elizabeth had three sons: (1) Jacob, the eldest, died on the farm left him by his father at an advanced age, and is buried at Boyertown. He had three sons, Jacob (who lives on his father's farm), Henry (of Gilbertsville) and William (of Boyertown), all of whom are married and have children. (2) Elam C. Rhoads married but died childless. His farm lay principally in the borough limits. He was a thrifty genius, industrious and saving, followed his trade of millwright for a considerable time and afterward engaged in agriculture, and accumulated quite a property. He left considerable to churches and one thousand dollars for orphan home purposes and the cemeteries of Boyertown, besides a good sum to the poor and deserving of the neighborhood. (3) Samuel died of consumption in the prime of life, and is buried at Boyertown.

(IIa) Solomon Roth, son of Mathias, born July 8, 1757, died Feb. 2, 1798, at the old homestead, Colebrookdale (now Morysville), and is buried at the Amityville Church. He received from his father two certain pieces of land, one tract of 159 acres, 126 perches, and the other of forty-eight acres, 141 perches, and their several appurtenances. He married Elizabeth Kepler, and their children were: Peter, born Dec. 8, 1793, died Aug. 31, 1795, and is buried at Amityville; a daughter died in childhood, and is buried at Amityville; David married Ann Catharine Schnell, and both are buried at Boyertown; Mary (or Molly) married Adam Gresh. After the death of Solomon Roth, his widow married (second) a Drenkel, of Reading, and after his death she resided for a short time with her son David. She married (third) John Feary.

(IIIa) David Rhoads, son of Solomon and Elizabeth, married Ann Catharine Schnell, and they became the parents of two sons and five daughters, namely: Elizabeth married Samuel Spatz, and is buried at Boyertown (she had children, David, Angeline, Susanna, Catharine and Hetty); Rebecca married Jacob Riegner, and is buried at Boyertown; Maria also married; Solomon married a Gilbert and had three children, Samuel (a United Brethren minister who lived at Philadelphia), David (died young) and Hetty (married Adam Barriett and lived in Philadelphia); Catharine married a Schearer and is buried at Boyertown; John lived on the old Rhoads homestead (he had one son, Percival, whom he lost while in the service of his country, during the Civil war, and several daughters, only one now living, Mrs. Thomson, of Philadelphia); Harriet married Israel R. Laucks (once recorder of Berks county) and is buried at Reading.

ANDREW FICHTHORN, son of Andrew and Catherine (Hartman) Fichthorn, the former for many years a gunsmith, was born in Reading Nov. 22, 1822, and died in that city June 25, 1903. He was one of a large family comprising the following: John, Daniel, George, Charles, William, Louis, Susan (m. William Call), Catherine (m. Adam Fasig) and Andrew.

Andrew Fichthorn, of the above family, attended the public schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which, however, he did not follow for any length of time, turning his attention to the saddling trade, at which he was engaged for several years on Penn street, below Fourth. He then embarked in the tanning business on Chestnut street, near Third, under the firm name of Fichthorn & Bro., and in 1865 engaged in the same business at Sinking Spring, Berks county, continuing there until 1870, in which year he returned to Reading. He then engaged in the real estate business, in which he continued actively until his death. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and was very active therein.

On June 1, 1845, Mr. Fichthorn married Rachel R. Reiff, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Reiff, of Gratersford, Montgomery county. She died April 7, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, the mother of eleven children: Clara C. resides at the old home, No. 30 South Eighth street; Andrew R. m. Miranda Eberly, and has two children, Kurtz A. and Luke E.; Anna M. m. Dr. C. F. G. Bergner, the well-known Penn street druggist; George L. m. Matilda Wentzel, and has eight children—George A., Harry, William, Florence, Estella, Edith, John and Ralph; Martha E. m. Samuel Yocom, of Reading, and has two children—Samuel A. and Clara A.; Jacob W., engaged in the confectionery business at No. 813 Penn street, m. Rebecca Quillman, and has two children—Grace V. and Clarence J.; J. Walter D., a clerk in Reading, m. Rosa E. Selig, and has two children—Emma E. and Mary A.; Hannah E., a graduate of the Reading high school, taught school in the city for twenty-three years, and died Feb. 1, 1906; and Grace V., Mary M. and Daniel C., died young.

BURKHART was originally a German name, some of the ancestors of the Berks county family spelling it Burghart and some Burckhardt, Burkhart being a somewhat Anglicized form.

Joseph Burkhart, grandfather of Elmore A. Burkhart, was born March 19, 1800, in a log house which stood in the orchard belonging to Mrs. Miese's farm, then in Bern township, now in Penn township. The house has been removed to Bernville, and is now owned by Levi Ludwig. His father's name was John, and his mother's maiden name was Jennings. She died when Joseph was only a few days old, and he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. John Brossman, with whom he remained until he was of age. When he had arrived at a proper age he was sent to learn the trade of chairmaker with Philip Kline, on the farm now owned by Miss L. Deppen, of Washington, D. C.

On June 20, 1822, Joseph Burkhart was married to Catharine Fuchs, daughter of Christian and Catharine (Clemens) Fuchs, the latter supposedly of English descent. Catharine (Fuchs) Burkhart was born March 11, 1803, in Reading, and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Boas—sponsors were Matthias Eisenbeis and Catharine Kutz (both single). When she was nine years of age her father died, and her mother put her older children with her relatives, Harry going to Jacob Conrad, at Conrad's mill. While he was there Mr. Conrad came to Reading and took Catharine home with him, to visit her brother. Mr. Conrad offered her to John Geiss, one of his neighbors, who brought his wife over to see her, and they took her home. She was there six months before her mother, supposing she was still at Conrad's, knew about it, John Geiss going to Mrs. Fuchs at the end of that time to come to some understanding about the length of time Catharine was to remain at his home, and what she should receive at the expiration of her time. It was agreed, among other things, that they must send her to school, and in due time to catechetical lectures for confirmation, and they complied with all these terms, Catharine being confirmed at Northkill Church, by Rev. Daniel Ulrich in the fall of 1820. She lived twelve years at the home of John Geiss.

After their marriage on June 20, 1822, Joseph and Catharine (Fuchs) Burkhart made their first home in a house owned by Henry Filbert, on land now owned by Morris F. Rentschler. During his residence there Joseph Burkhart continued to work at the chair-making trade for Phillip Kline. This house was torn down many years ago, a few cherry trees now marking the spot, which naturally is very interesting to all the family. After a few years' residence at that place Joseph Burkhart and his wife removed with the two

sons born to them in their first home to the house formerly owned by Benjamin Miller, now the property of Isaac H. Wenrich, and thence a little later (1826) removed to the upper end of town (Bernville) where he bought a one-story log house from Michael Porst, standing on the ground now occupied by the double brick house of Dr. George Hetrick. Mr. Burkhart added a story to his log house, and there lived with his family for about twenty-five years, at the end of that period removing to the lower end of town and buying a lot upon which he built a new home. There he passed the remainder of his life, making chairs and carrying on a confectionery store. He died April 23, 1874, aged seventy-four years, one month, four days, and his wife passed away July 16, 1876, aged seventy-three years, four months, five days. They are buried side by side in the Northkill church cemetery. This worthy couple had a family of six sons and four daughters, viz.: John F., Daniel F. (deceased), Rebecca (Mrs. William E. Huber, living in Reading), Enoch (of Lykens) and Henry F. (twins, the latter dying at Shartlesville), Matilda (Mrs. John Fritz, who died at Birdsboro), William F. (died at Shoemakersville), Sarah (Mrs. Benjamin Lins. who died in Reading), Sybilla (Mrs. Harry Laut, who died in Germantown) and Cyrus F. (of Philadelphia). Four of the sons volunteered for service during the Civil war, Daniel F., Henry F., William F. and Cyrus F., all returning home safely.

John F. Burkhart, eldest of the family of Joseph and Catharine (Fuchs) Burkhart, was born Nov. 23, 1823, and in 1838 commenced his apprenticeship to the trade of tinsmith with George Kershner, of Friedensburg, Oley township, walking home and back every three or four weeks. After his trade was learned he worked for Samuel Schell and Henry Witman as a journeyman in Bernville, in 1848 starting in business for himself at that place, where he has ever since remained. He retired from active business in April, 1908, having given sixty years of his life to work. He is now the oldest resident in Bernville, and though eighty-five years of age enjoys good health. He has prospered by steady industry, and no citizen of the place is more highly respected or honored than he. He is the oldest surviving member of this branch of the family, and one of its most creditable representatives in any generation.

In the Philadelphia *Record*, Feb. 16, 1908, appeared the following: "To be known as the 'Grand Old Man' of Bernville, Pa., is not the only honor John F. Burkhart is entitled to. He is the town's oldest business man, and the oldest tinsmith in the Blue Mountain region. Mr. Burkhart has been highly esteemed in his native town ever since he was a boy. In youth he was a bright scholar, a regular Sunday-school attendant of the Lutheran Sunday-school, which was held in the early period in the Union Church, known as the Northkill. Later he became Sunday-school superintendent and labored most faithfully for more than thirty years.

"In early life the citizens of his township, before the town was a borough, elected him to numerous offices, and as school director he worked hard for the advancement of the public schools. When the village grew and became a borough, his neighbors called him to council and later he was elected their burgess. He ruled over the town in a non-partisan way, though he was a Republican, and his fellow citizens of all parties always gave him a rousing majority at election time.

"Nearly sixty years ago Burkhart became a tinsmith, and it is said that there is no tin roof within eight miles of Bernville that he did not sit upon with solder in his hand welding together the seams.

"When he began his apprenticeship everything was made by the tinsmith in shop or store. Factory goods were unknown, and Mr. Burkhart well recalls how he made the first 'fat lamp' . . . the lamp used by all citizens sixty years ago . . . Another masterpiece of his youthful days as tinsmith was the 'mam', the nursing bottle of every child in Bernville.

"Sixty-seven years ago this town had meagre facilities, and newspapers were scarce in Berks county. The leading one in the Schuylkill Valley was *The Reading Adler*, which catered to the Pennsylvania German people, and arrived every week in the Burkhart home, opposite the town pump. He being a German scholar, his neighbors often gathered around this pump on a warm summer day, and heard him read the news of the outside world."

On April 25, 1847, Mr. Burkhart was married to Anna Margaret Wenrich, whose mother was Anna Maria Lamm. They celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on April 25, 1897, surrounded by a large family of descendants—children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their children were: J. Henry; Orlando J. m. Elizabeth Gundy, has two children—Edgar and William F.—and lives in Reading; James M., a jeweler in Reading, m. (first) Agnes Clay, and (second) Bessie Bartling, and has children—Edna May, J. Arthur, Joseph Clayton, George and Bartling; Mary C. m. John A. Schock, of Mt. Zion, Lebanon county, and has had children—Ida L. (deceased), Ella M. (deceased), Walter E., Margaret C. and James B.; Daniel A. and Elmore A. are mentioned below; Paul F., a tinsmith at Bernville, m. Alice Hieter (deceased), and had children—Chester D., Leroy H., John A., Margaret E., Catharine L. and Lydia R.; Annie M. m. Samuel T. Bordner, of Bernville, for thirty years a prominent educator and at present clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Berks county, and has had children—Thomas B., Margaret M. (deceased) and Catherine A.; and Sarah M. m. John I. Mattis, of Philadelphia, and has a son, Clayton I.

J. Henry Burkhart, son of John F., was born Nov. 1, 1847. He taught school for twenty-two years, but was a tinsmith by trade. For many years he was organist at St. Paul's Church, near Schaefferstown, Pa., and was choir leader in his own church at Bernville. He died April 22, 1907, and is buried in Haag cemetery, Bernville. In politics he was a Republican. He married Amanda Reifsnyder, daughter of Charles Reifsnyder, and she makes her home in Bernville. Their children were: Laura C., m. to Dr. P. S. Mogel, of Bernville, has two children, J. Vincent and Paul B., and lives at Reading; Sallie A., m. to W. D. Heffelfinger, of Bernville, has had children—Warren (deceased), Annie (deceased), Arthur, Amelia and Rachel; Martin L. died aged three years; Mary, m. to Dr. C. D. Gruber of Bernville, has had children—May, Anna and Flora (deceased); Henry W., a tinsmith in Philadelphia, m. to Millie Bailer, has sons, George H. and J. Warren; and J. Paul is of Bernville.

Daniel A. Burkhart, son of John F. and Anna Margaret (Wenrich) Burkhart, was born in Bernville in 1859, and is now a manufacturer (of tin and sheet iron ware, spouting, tin roofing) and jobber at No. 150 South Twelfth street, Reading. He was educated in the schools of Bernville until thirteen years of age, when he was thought old enough to learn a trade, his father taking him into his tin shop. He remained with his father until March 31, 1879, when he went to Birdsboro, and there he was employed by Albert Fritz for two years and for a like period by John K. Snell at No. 605 Penn street, Reading. He then was employed by D. C. Schnader until July 5, 1890, when he embarked in business for himself, establishing his present concern at No. 150 South Twelfth street. Mr. Burkhart is doing a very large business, employing skilled help and turning out work that makes a market for itself. His manufactured goods include, in addition to those above mentioned, heaters, ranges, furnaces, cooking utensils.

Mr. Burkhart married Rosa Davis, daughter of Cyrus Davis, of Penn township, and they have one daughter, Mabel R., who is attending the Reading high school. The family belong to the Lutheran Church. The pleasant family home is located at No. 1256 Spruce

street. Mr. Burkhart is a member of Sirius Castle, No. 63, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

ELMORE A. BURKHART, son of John F. and Anna Margaret (Wenrich) Burkhart, was born in Bernville, Sept. 22, 1862. He acquired his education in the schools of his native locality and for three years taught school in North Heidelberg township. In 1881 he came to Reading and accepted a position with the Reading Hardware Company, beginning as order clerk, from which capacity he has been promoted from time to time until he is now assistant purchasing agent for the Company. He is known to be an able executive, and his services are held in high esteem while he is very popular with his fellow employes. Mr. Burkhart is fraternally connected with Camp No. 113, P. O. S. of A., at Bernville. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church of South Eleventh street, where he has always been active, holding the offices of deacon and secretary. In political matters he is a Republican.

On June 23, 1886, Mr. Burkhart was united in marriage with Grace B. Hoffman, daughter of Michael and Mary J. (Smith) Hoffman, and to this union there has been born one child, Carrie E., a graduate of the Girls' high school, class of 1905. The family home is located at No. 522 Douglass street.

CYRUS T. FOX, manager for many years of the Reading News Bureau, which he established in 1887, and latterly connected with the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, has been identified with journalistic work continuously since his graduation from the Reading high school, June 30, 1864, at the head of his class. He is also a political factor in the State of Pennsylvania, as well as a leading authority in horticulture.

Mr. Fox was born March 12, 1847, at Reading, Pa., youngest son of Frederick Fox, whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the English-speaking residents of Berks county. After receiving his education in the public schools of Reading, Mr. Fox entered the office of attorney John S. Richards of Reading, where he studied law, but upon the death of Mr. Richards abandoned the legal profession for agricultural pursuits. As early as the year 1858, he had manifested a fondness for farm life, and had engaged in fruit culture and gardening on the farm of a relative in Oley township, Berks county. From 1865 until 1872 he served as manager of the Chesterwood Experimental Gardens, in Lancaster county, giving the same much of his personal attention. Almost from boyhood he had been a contributor to a number of newspapers throughout the State, including the Lancaster *Inquirer,* Lancaster *Examiner,* Reading *Evening Dispatch* and the Farm Department of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal.* For several years he was the Court reporter of the Reading *Times,* of which latter newspaper he became city editor in 1872, a position he continued to hold until Sept. 1, 1887. From July 1, 1895, until April 15, 1896, he was editor of the Reading *Daily Review,* and in July, 1897, he resumed relations with this journal, serving as editor and business manager until January, 1899. In 1893 he served as president of the Reading Press Club, and was present in his official capacity at the organization of the International League of Press Clubs at Pittsburg in the same year. In 1902 he was president of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, and in 1904 he was elected corresponding secretary thereof; he had been one of its organizers in 1871, as he was also of the National Editorial Association at Cincinnati in 1885.

While connected with the Reading press Mr. Fox organized the Reading News Bureau, for furnishing special matter to daily newspapers in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other cities; also articles to leading agricultural and horticultural journals, and to papers devoted to the horse, live stock and sports, also contributing to trade journals. This he conducted for a number of years, subsequently turning over a portion of this business to his sons. He is still engaged in writing for many papers, and is a regular contributor of special articles to the Reading *Eagle.*

In 1867 Mr. Fox became actively identified with the Berks County Agricultural Society, becoming corresponding secretary in 1873, and being elected secretary in 1874, in which office he served continuously until 1902, inclusive, with the exception of two years, 1877 and 1878. From 1877 to 1905 he filled the position of State Pomologist; and for two years, 1897 and 1898, he served as secretary of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, having been chairman of its General Fruit committee previously thereto for a period of fifteen years. He is also secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Societies. Mr. Fox was one of the first lecturers at farmers' institutes in Pennsylvania, and engaged in this work for many years; also serving as secretary of the local board of Farmers' Institute Managers. In 1904 he was appointed superintendent of horticulture for Pennsylvania at the St. Louis Exposition, and was elected secretary of the World's Fair Association of Superintendents of Horticulture May 2, 1904.

Mr. Fox has been a very active Republican for a long period. From 1873 to 1883 he was chairman of the Republican committee of Berks county, as well as chairman of the Republican city executive committee for the same period, and for many years was a member of the Republican State committee and was one of the "Committee of Five" which in 1877 framed the new party rules. In 1871 he was a delegate to the Republican State Convention and chosen secretary, and was chief secretary of the Republican State Convention of 1882. He was city clerk and secretary of the board of park commissioners and of the board of water commissioners of Reading from 1889 to 1900. From 1891 to 1897, he was secretary of the Reading Board of Trade, and during this period its membership increased from seventy-two to six hundred. In the latter year he was also secretary of the Board of Railway Excursion Managers, created for the purpose of bringing excursions to Reading and benefiting the business men. Mr. Fox was one of the organizers of the Reading & Southwestern Street Railway Company in 1890, was secretary of all the preliminary meetings held to organize the company and from the beginning served as a member of its board of directors, and for seven years was chairman of the executive committee. At various times Mr. Fox has been honored with election to offices of great responsibility. From 1891 to 1903 he served on the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania State College, and in the latter year he was the efficient manager of the great Roanoke Fair, at Roanoke, Virginia.

This fair he managed for three years, and at the same time assisted at other fairs in Virginia, including the first Interstate Fair held in Lynchburg in 1905. In 1906 and 1907 he was manager of the Great District Fair of Radford, Va., and in the same years assisted in holding the fairs at Tazewell and Emporia, Va., also serving as secretary of the Virginia—Carolina Fair and Racing Circuit. In the fall of 1907 he was manager of the Southwest Virginia Fall Festival, at Roanoke, Va., held under the auspices of the Woman's Civic Betterment Club of that city. In 1908 he was a general assistant in the arrangements for the Virginia State Fair, held in Richmond, and had entire charge of the Department of Publicity. He had previously helped in holding the first Virginia State Fair in 1906.

For many years Mr. Fox officiated as Expert Fruit Judge at a number of Fairs, notably those of Allentown, Pa., twelve years; York, Pa.; Mt. Holly, N. J.; Raleigh, N. C.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lynchburg, Va.; and at the last three State Fairs held by the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. He, also, has started the horses at various race meetings, and for some years has held a Starter's License, issued to him by the National Trotting Association, on account of his recognized ability and his knowledge of the racing rules. He was a delegate to several of the biennial meetings, or congresses, of the National Trotting Association, and assisted in forming many of the rules and regulations for the government of events on the turf now in force.

On March 1, 1909, Mr. Fox became connected with the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, as an orchard inspector, lecturer, demonstrator, and general assistant of Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, and in that capacity has had editorial charge of the Zoological Press Bulletin, issued weekly for the purpose of furnishing information to the general public on timely topics of insect pests and diseases of plant life through the medium of the press.

On Jan. 7, 1875, Mr. Fox married Miss Tillie Shartle, of Reading, Pa., and this union was blessed with four sons, all of whom grew to manhood. Two of them became newspaper men. Harry B., the second son, after having been engaged in newspaper work for ten years (the last two years with the Philadelphia *Press*) died suddenly after an illness of three days of acute gastro enteritis, on Sept. 3, 1905.

YODER. The Yoder family name is worthily borne by three young business men, Samuel D., Frank D. and Frederick D. Yoder, brothers, all engaged in the tinsmithing business.

Isaac Yoder, grandfather of these young men, was born July 3, 1805, and was the founder of Yodertown (now Pleasantville) in Oley township, and built many houses at that place, being a man of considerable prominence and influence. He was actively identified with the Evangelical Church of his section, and was a man of progress and enterprise, owning much land and being a large tax payer. He was twice married. His first wife is supposed to have been a sister to the second. His wife, Lydia Schall, was born Sept. 14, 1809, and died Feb. 28, 1893. He died April 27, 1878.

Mayberry S. Yoder, son of Isaac, now a resident of Pleasantville, was born in 1844 in that town. He has been a life-long tinsmith, and from his youth up has been prosperous. He owns his residence and shop, located on an acre of ground, and also has nineteen acres of good farm land which he cultivates. In politics he is a Republican and for many years was school director of Pleasantville Independent district. He and his family are consistent members of Pleasantville United Evangelical Church, of which he is an official. Mr. Yoder married Matilda Dierolf, daughter of John Dierolf, and to them have been born these children: Frederick D., a tinsmith, plumber and stove dealer at Friedensburg, m. Mary Fegley; Samuel D.; Amanda m. Albert Hertzog, a miller and merchant at Pleasantville; Frank D.; Lydia m. William Hafer, a public school teacher at Reading; and Rebecca died at the age of ten years.

Samuel D. Yoder, son of Mayberry S., has for some years been engaged in tinsmithing at Reading. He was born in Pleasantville, Oley township, Nov. 8, 1869, and was educated in the public schools of his native township, attending until he was seventeen years of age. For one year after leaving school he clerked in a store at Pottstown, and then, returning to the farm, assisted his father until he was twenty. That year he came to Reading, and for one year worked for the tinsmithing firm of Yoder & Ruckstool, and in 1901 returned to Pleasantville, where he was employed by F. F. Cleaver, proprietor of the Oley Creamery for six years. In 1896 he again began working at his trade which he followed for two years with his brother F. D. Yoder, of Friedensburg, and in 1899 he again engaged in the creamery business, being employed as manager by Hertzog & Yoder, at Pleasantville. Their building was located at the site of the old Oley paper mill, and here Mr. Yoder was engaged for a period of five years, in 1904 again engaging at his trade which he has followed ever since with his brother, Frank D., of Mount Penn. Mr. Yoder resides in his comfortable, well-furnished brick residence at No. 1846 Perkiomen avenue.

In political matters Mr. Yoder is a Republican, and he has been active in the ranks of his party, serving in numerous minor township offices and frequently being a delegate to county conventions. He was a director of Pleasantville Independent school district for a period of nine years, and served very efficiently as secretary of the board during his entire incumbency. He is a charter member of Manatawny Castle, K. G. E., No. 461, and passed all the chairs in his order, serving as master of records for fully four years, being noble chief of the degree team for seven years. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 480, P. O. S. of A., of Pleasantville, in which he has passed all the chairs and has acted as financial secretary for five years.

On Dec. 1, 1892, Mr. Yoder was married to Alice C. Snyder, born June 18, 1868, only daughter of Albert and Amelia (Clouser) Snyder, and granddaughter of Lando Udree and Mary (Knabb) Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder have no children.

Frank D. Yoder, son of Mayberry S., and now an enterprising and energetic young business man of Mt. Penn, was born at Pleasantville April 21, 1875. He attended the public schools, and when a mere lad learned the tinsmith's trade from his father, becoming an excellent mechanic. This he has followed ever since at Pleasantville, Friedensburg, Reading and Mt. Penn, locating at the latter place in 1902 and there purchasing a comfortable residence. He has built up a large trade, extending through the surrounding country, his work and that of his brother, Samuel D., who is associated with him, being most satisfactory. In his store on Perkiomen avenue he carries a good stock of tinware and stoves. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and frequently has served as delegate to county conventions, and he has also been on the school board of his borough. He is fraternally connected with Manatawny Castle No. 461, K. G. E., and Pleasantville Camp No. 480, P. O. S. of A. He and his family worship in the United Evangelical Church of Pleasantville.

Mr. Yoder was married March 10, 1894, to Jennie Marsteller, daughter of Edward and Rebecca (Miller) Marsteller, and to them have been born these children: Mayberry, Rebecca, Edwin and Frank D., Jr.

FERDINANDI COLLETTI, M. D., a well-known young physician and surgeon of Reading, Pa., is a native of South Italy, born in Montemiletto, near Naples, Feb. 8, 1871. Dr. Colletti received his education in the schools of his native country, taking special instruction in the classics, and later entered the medical department of the University of Naples, graduating in both medicine and surgery. His ability was at once recognized, and he was persuaded to remain for nearly two years in some of the leading hospitals of his native ccuntry, after leaving which he accepted the position of examining physician for a large steamship company, the vessels of which ply between Italy and the United States. Dr. Colletti was thus employed for a period of two and one-half years, and it was while he was serving in this capacity, in 1899, that he decided to locate in America.

After remaining in New York for a short time, Dr. Colletti removed to Allentown, Pa., remaining there until June, 1900, then going to Bethlehem, Pa., and finally settling in Reading in June, 1901. Prior to coming to this city, Dr. Colletti had taken a special course of instruction in English at Philadelphia, that he might be able to take the State Medical Examination and to understand better the requirements thereof. In this he was very successful, passing the examination very satisfactorily. He is a valuable man in the city of Reading, where so many of his countrymen have settled. He has gained the confidence and good will of the citizens of Reading and has enjoyed a lucrative practice. He has no specialties, being at home in every line, a close student, a careful practitioner and a steady-handed surgeon.

Dr. Colletti is connected professionally with the Reading Medical Association, of which he was elected president in 1909; the Reading Tuberculosis Association of which he is vice-president; the Berks County Medical Society; the Lehigh County Medical Society;

the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is connected with the K. O. T. M. and several prominent Italian societies.

MOYER. No history of Berks county, Pa., would be in any way complete without an extended notice of the Moyer family, which has been identified with its progress and development for many years. Among the leading representatives of this family are Nathaniel Moyer, a retired farmer, and his nephew William J. Moyer, both highly esteemed residents of Lower Heidelberg township.

NATHANIEL MOYER was born Aug. 16, 1832, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of Philip and Mary (Fry) Moyer. Philip Moyer was born in Maiden-creek township, and lived at Cross Keys, where he carried on distilling, his brother Leonard being a farmer and cattle dealer of near Kutztown. He died at Cross Keys, and was buried at Host Church. In politics Mr. Moyer was a Democrat. He was twice married, and by his first wife had nine children, among whom were: John, Philip, Isaac and Esther, the latter of whom was married to a Mr. Hinkel. Philip Moyer was married (second) to Mary Fry, daughter of Jacob Fry, and they had these children: Nathaniel; Adam F.; Benneville; Harrison; Caroline, who married Longena Sware; Annie, who married Philip Gihl, of Dover, Ohio; and Rosa, who died unmarried.

In his youth Nathaniel Moyer engaged in farming on his father's property, and when twenty years old he learned the stone-mason's trade, which he has followed off and on all of his life. For four years he conducted a general store at Brownsville, in partnership with Michael Keith, and in 1877 he came to his present place of abode, where he devotes his seven acres of land to the cultivation of fine fruits. On Oct. 26, 1862, Mr. Moyer enlisted from Berks county in Company A, 167th P. V. I., as a private, earned the rank of corporal by meritorious conduct and later that of quartermaster sergeant. He participated in the engagements of the Army of the Potomac, and was honorably discharged at Reading, Aug. 12, 1863, with a war record of which any man might well be proud. On the expiration of his term of service to his country Mr. Moyer engaged in the store business aforementioned and after disposing of his interests therein purchased his present farm of ninety-eight acres of fertile land in Lower Heidelberg township, which he now has rented. Mr. Moyer, although long past man's allotted span of life, is in full possession of his faculties. He is a well-read man, is a pleasing conversationalist, and his reminiscences of army life are both entertaining and instructing. He has been very successful in his financial operations, and is now in comfortable circumstances. His political principles are those of the Democratic party, and he has served his township as assessor for three years and supervisor for one year. With his family he belongs to the Reformed denomination of the Swamp Church in Lancaster county.

On Nov. 19, 1861, Mr. Moyer was united in marriage with Angelina Keith, born Aug. 24, 1840, daughter of Jacob Keith, and to this union there have been born these children: Sarah, who married Lewis Hassler, of Lower Heidelberg township; Eliza, who married George Eberling, of Lancaster county; Jacob, who is a painter of Lower Heidelberg township; Rachel, who married Rufus J. Kintzer; Levi, a truck farmer of near Wernersville; Harrison, who is engaged in operating his father's farm; and Nathaniel, who is carrying on operations in Lancaster county.

Adam F. Moyer, brother of Nathaniel and father of William J., was born Feb. 28, 1845, on his father's farm in Lower Heidelberg township, and until twenty-five years of age worked for his mother. After his marriage he rented the farm on which he now lives, and which he purchased in 1872, it consisting of forty-eight acres of good truck land. Mr. Moyer raises all kinds of small vegetables and disposes of them at West Reading market house, having Stands Nos. 69-70 at the Fourth and Penn street market. In 1889 Mr. Moyer remodeled the house on his property, and in 1893 erected a new barn, and the place now presents a very pleasing appearance. Mr. Moyer is a Republican in politics, but he has never aspired to public office.

On Nov. 13, 1870, Mr. Moyer was married to Janet Johnson, daughter of James and Janet (Smith) Johnson, and to this union there were born nine children: George P., who died aged eight years; William J.; Harry M., of Lower Heidelberg township; Adam J., who resides near Fritztown; John M., who lives at Fritztown; Joseph A., who makes his home with his father; Annie M., who married Milton Sell, a hatter of Lower Heidelberg township, has one child—Florence J.; Misses Jennie and Lillie Ann, at home.

WILLIAM J. MOYER was born on the Moyer homestead in Lower Heidelberg township July 25, 1872, and worked upon the home farm until twenty-two years of age, at which time he entered the employ of James H. Preston, owner and proprietor of "The Preston," a well-known and popular resort at South Mountain, near Wernersville. He has continued in Mr. Preston's employ to the present time, giving the utmost satisfaction. Mr. Moyer is a very capable man for such a position, as he is a "jack of all trades." In 1903 he erected a large frame residence on his truck farm of several acres on the south side of South Mountain, near the Preston, and here he has made his home to the present. Mr. Moyer has always been enterprising and progressive, and he is popular with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

In November, 1895, William J. Moyer was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Ulrich, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Stetler) Ulrich, the former of whom has been engaged in trucking with Solomon Shearer for more than a quarter of a century in Lower Heidelberg township. To Mr. and Mrs. Moyer there have been born five bright children, four daughters and one son, namely: Bertha, Lillie, Lizzie, Charles and Margaret. Mr. Moyer is a stanch Republican in politics, and has been active in the support of that great party in his township. With his family he belongs to the Swamp Church of Lancaster county, being a member of the Reformed denomination.

THOMAS C. BUCHANAN, M. D., who has been located at No. 117 South Fifth street, Reading, Pa., since 1902, in which time he has established a good practice, was born Oct. 2, 1875, at Honey Brook, Chester county, son of J. Clem and Emma (Bunn) Buchanan, and grandson of David Buchanan.

John Buchanan, great-grandfather of the Doctor, was a tanner by occupation and operated a large tannery near Wagontown, Chester county. He married there, and the children born to himself and wife were: John, David, Jane, Sarah and Ann. In religion the family were Presbyterians, and very active in the work of that denomination, both John Buchanan and his son David serving as elders.

David Buchanan followed the business that had been established by his father, and continued therein all of his active period, being very successful. He and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Katharine Clemens, were the parents of: Rebecca, deceased; Catherine, deceased, wife of Jacob Dampman; J. Clem; Loretta, m. to Peter Dampman; Martha, m. to Peter Supplee; Mary and E. Jane, twins; and A. Thomas.

J. Clem Buchanan, father of Dr. Thomas C., was born at Honey Brook, Chester county, and received his education in the common schools of his native locality, after leaving which he took up farming as a vocation, and followed that occupation all of his life, owning one of the best farming properties in Chester county. He was a good, public-spirited citizen, and a practical, enterprising farmer. Mr. Buchanan died in 1905, aged sixty-six years, his wife, Emma Bunn, having died

in 1890, in her forty-fifth year. They were the parents of three children: Thomas C., Cora C. and Paul R. In religious belief the family were Presbyterians. He was a charter member of Howell Lodge, F. & A. M., and was a Republican in politics, but, although very much interested in public affairs, would never accept office.

Thomas C. Buchanan received his literary education in the schools of Chester county, and at the York Collegiate Institute. In the fall of 1896, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated therefrom in June, 1900, with the degree of M. D. His first professional work was as interne at the Reading Hospital, and after one year there he accepted a position at the State Hospital for the Insane at Wernersville, Pa. In 1902 Dr. Buchanan located in Reading, taking offices at No. 117 South Fifth street, where he has been engaged in practice to the present time. Dr. Buchanan is well known and has gained the confidence of a large and growing clientele. He is at present assistant surgeon at the Reading Hospital.

LECHNER. (I) The first member of the Lechner family in this country was a native of Germany, and on coming to Pennsylvania settled in Macungie township, Lehigh county. As far as known he had but two sons, George and one who settled in Ohio.

(II) George Lechner came to Berks county, locating in the vicinity of Monocacy, but later removed to Douglass township, near Boyertown. He was a skilled veterinarian, whose services were in demand among farmers within a radius of many miles, in this connection becoming particularly well known. His death occurred before the Civil war, when he was eighty-two years of age. He is buried at Amityville. He married Elizabeth Shirley, who died when over seventy, and they had children as follows: Harriet m. Samuel Buck; Sarah m. David Baer; William was of Shanesville; Abraham died in Schuylkill county, June 26, 1898; Charles, the only one now surviving, lives with his son-in-law, Daniel A. Darrah, at No. 422 South Tenth street, Reading; and Amelia died young.

(III) William Lechner, father of Wallace L. Lechner, of Oley township, and son of George, was born in Lower Berks county in 1817, and died in 1890. He was a farmer and later a cattle dealer, residing at Shanesville, where he owned property and was a prominent man. There he died, and he is buried at Hillchurch. For a quarter of a century he served as constable. His wife was Matilda Long, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Clauser) Long, of Earl township, and their children were: Amelia m. Samuel Bowman; Elizabeth m. William Brumbach; Harrison died after his marriage to Sophia Brumbach, who is now deceased; and Wallace L.

(IV) Wallace L. Lechner was born in Douglass township, this county, March 31, 1850. Reared on a farm, he engaged in farming, but also learned cigar-making, at which he worked for a year. His next work was tending bar at Gilbertsville, where he was employed for three years, and at Shanesville for two years in the same capacity. Then he engaged in business as a huckster, for six years buying produce from the farmers and selling it to Philadelphia dealers. While engaged in this line he was associated with his brother Harrison, and they made the trip to Philadelphia once a week. In 1881 Mr. Lechner removed to his present home, and has since operated his excellent farm of 114 acres, which is in good condition. His farm buildings have the distinction of being decorated with pictures of animals. He has quite a dairy business, having twenty-two cows, and shipping his milk to a nearby creamery. His farm stock is very valuable and he is making a great success of his agricultural work.

Mr. Lechner is a Republican in politics, and has been school director of Oley township for six years. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and of the K. G. E., belonging to the Camp and Castle at Manatawny. He and his family are members of the Oley Lutheran Church.

The first wife of Mr. Lechner was Kate Schaeffer, a daughter of George Schaeffer, and she died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving these children: Warren, of Shanesville; Frank, of Friedensburg; and Wilson of Boyertown.

In 1882 Mr. Lechner was married to Fannie Haas, daughter of Nathan and Esther (Merkel) Haas, of Mertztown. Their children are: Samuel, living at home, m. Katie Drumheller, and has one daughter, Bertha; Hannah m. Charles Griesemer, and resides at Reading; and Charles, unmarried, at home.

(III) Charles Lechner, son of George, and father of Hamlin Y. Lechner, was born June 26, 1830, in Earl township, Berks county, and there owned a small farm, which he cultivated during his active years. He now lives retired at Reading with his son-in-law, Daniel A. Darrah, as previously mentioned. Mr. Lechner married Susan Yahn, who was born Feb. 15, 1831, and died Aug. 1, 1887; she is buried at Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. Mr. and Mrs. Lechner had the following children: Abraham never married and his whereabouts are unknown; Alice, born in 1857, died in 1881; Hamlin Y.; Dr. Ralph (deceased) lived at Boyertown; Dr. Leroy lives at Bechtelsville; Laura died young; and a daughter died in infancy.

(IV) Hamlin Y. Lechner, who has been engaged in the butcher business at Boyertown from early manhood, was born in Earl township Nov. 22, 1860. As he began to learn his trade when fourteen years old he may truthfully be called a self-made man, for much of his education has been acquired through his own efforts. He served his apprenticeship under George K. Spatz, who was his employer for seven years before they became partners, under the name of Spatz & Lechner. This connection lasted for sixteen years, since which time Mr. Lechner has been the sole owner of this well established business. Mr. Lechner commands an extensive trade, killing from twenty to thirty head of cattle weekly, and besides this, during the winter season, from thirty to forty hogs a week. Three teams are kept constantly busy, the patronage extending over a large territory outside of Boyertown as well as in the borough. Mr. Lechner has six regular employes. His shop and slaughter-house are completely equipped with modern butchering appliances of all kinds necessary for a business of this size, for Mr. Lechner is progressive and attentive to the needs of his establishment, which is well kept up in every respect. He had little to commence life with, but he has been persevering and industrious, and deserves the place he has won among the substantial business men of Boyertown. When he began to prosper he was anxious to have his family share with him the benefits of his thrift, and he provided funds for the education of his two younger brothers, both of whom became professional men. He has also been the main support of his aged father, and he is a man universally respected for his honor and sincerity in all the relations of life.

In 1880 Mr. Lechner married Miss Ella Rahn, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann (Patt) Rahn, of Perkiomen, Montgomery Co., Pa., and four children have been born to this union, as follows: (1) Wayne R. is a graduate of Boyertown high school and has attended State College, having prepared to follow the profession of chemist. However, he assists his father with the clerical work of the business. (2) Mabel R. became the wife of John Graver, who on the night of Jan. 13, 1908, when the terrible Opera House catastrophe at Boyertown took place, was killed on his way to the fire, the fire engine running over him. He left two young sons, William and John, and since his death Mrs. Graver has made her home with her parents. (3) Clyde was five years old at the time of his death. (4) Charles died when nine months old.

Mr. Lechner and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, to which he gives a generous support, being in fact liberal to all church enterprises, regardless of denomination. His benevolent disposition was very practically shown at the time of the disastrous Opera House fire, when he gave freely to the needy and assisted in every possible manner in the relief work.

JAMES RIESER GERHARD, M. D., a rising young medical practitioner of Reading, Pa., whose residence and offices are situated at No. 540 Centre avenue, was

born in Douglassville, Berks county, Feb. 9, 1874, son of Dr. Frank R. and Lillie Paris (Grove) Gerhard.

Frederick Gerhard, great-great-grandfather of Dr. James R., was a native of Germany, and came to the United States before the Revolutionary war, becoming one of the pioneer farmers of Heidelberg township, Berks county.

Frederick Gerhard, Jr., son of Frederick, was a miller by trade, which he followed in connection with farming, and lived at Host, Jefferson township. He and his wife, a Miss Troutman, were members of the Reformed Church, and became the parents of these children: John, a soldier of the Mexican war, remained in the West after the close of that struggle; Rev. William, deceased, was a well-known minister of the Reformed Church of Lancaster county; Jacob; Isaac was a farmer at Host; Augustus was a cabinet maker at Nebraska City, Nebr.; Rebecca, Catherine, Sarah and Amelia, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Jacob Gerhard, son of Frederick, Jr., and grandfather of Dr. James R., was born Jan. 1, 1814, on the old homestead farm at Host, and here followed milling and farming all of his life. A man of high principles, he was honored and respected by all who knew him, and he was an active and faithful member and official of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. Mr. Gerhard married Sarah Rieser, daughter of Abraham Rieser, and to this union there were born three sons and three daughters: Mary m. Jacob Miller, of Reading; Sarah R. m. Isaac L. Moyer, of Stouchsburg, Berks county; Dr. Frank R.; John F. is a dry goods merchant of Reading; Amelia J. m. Elias Obold, of Obold, Berks county; and Rev. James is a Presbyterian minister at Galena, Kansas.

Dr. Frank R. Gerhard was born May 12, 1843, at Host, Jefferson township, Berks county, and was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools, and in Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster, Pa., from which he was graduated in July, 1866. Immediately after his graduation from college he took up the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. Frank Rieser, of Reading, and after three years of study he graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in March, 1869, and on Oct. 16th, following, began his present practice in the village of Douglassville. Dr. Gerhard is a close student, a careful physician and competent surgeon, and he has built up one of the largest village and country practices in Union township, showing himself well qualified to handle any case that is entrusted to him. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Arcanum, while politically he upholds the principles of the Democratic party, with the exception of the silver plank in the Chicago platform.

On May 6, 1873, Dr. Gerhard was united in marriage with Lillie Paris Grove, daughter of the late Daniel B. Grove, a piano manufacturer of Philadelphia, and one son, James R., was born to this union.

James Rieser Gerhard was educated in the common schools of Berks county, and graduated from Selwyn Hall, a preparatory school in Reading, in 1893, and then went to Yale University, graduating therefrom with the degree of A. B. in 1897. In that year he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom in 1901, standing fourth in his class. He then served one year as Resident Physician and Surgeon in the Germantown Hospital and Dispensary, after which time he moved to Reading, Pa. Dr. Gerhard has won the confidence of the people of his locality, and has shown his skill as a physician in numerous cases. He keeps himself well posted in the new discoveries in his profession by his subscription to the leading medical journals of the country, and he is a member of the city and county medical societies. In politics he is independent, while he and his wife are Episcopalians in religious belief, being communicants in St. Barnabas Church.

Dr. Gerhard married Ada Florence Grant, born at Island Pond, Vt., daughter of John B. Grant, and to this union there have been born two children: Isabelle G. and Constance Langworthy.

CHARLES P. SCHAEFFER, a prominent citizen of Womelsdorf, Berks county, cashier of the Womelsdorf Union Bank, was born Aug. 3, 1874, in Snyder County, Pa., son of George K. and Elizabeth (DeLong) Schaeffer.

Jacob Schaeffer, his grandfather, was a native of Berks county, and was a young man when he removed with his parents to Snyder county, where he engaged in farming near Freeburg. Later the family removed to Shamokin Dam, Pa., and there Jacob Schaeffer died at the age of sixty-two years, his wife living to the remarkable age of ninety-four. They had six children: Benjamin, a resident of Freeburg; John, of Shamokin Dam; Sarah, who married Elias Strause; Lydia, who married Peter Berie; George K., father of Charles P.; and Susan, who married George Kline.

George K. Schaeffer was born Oct. 26, 1852, and has spent all his life in agricultural pursuits, now residing on his farm at Shamokin Dam. He married Elizabeth DeLong, born Sept. 24, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Row) DeLong, the latter descendants of old French Huguenot families of Lancaster county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer, namely: Charles P.; Bert H., a farmer of Union county; Jacob P., M. D., of East Greenville, Montgomery county; Allen J., assistant principal of the schools at Nazareth; and George and Helen, at home.

Charles P. Schaeffer was educated in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, from which institution he graduated. He had had five years' experience as a teacher before his graduation. In 1898 he came to Womelsdorf as principal, and continued in that capacity for five years. On the incorporation of the Womelsdorf Union Bank Mr. Schaeffer was elected cashier thereof, a position he has ably filled to the present time. He is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, I. O. O. F., and Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M. He and his family attend the Reformed Church.

On July 22, 1898, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Miss Annie Stein, daughter of William B. and Emma (Kistler) Stein, and three children have been born to this union: Orpha, Helen and Max.

REBER. The early home of the Reber family of Berks county was Langenselbold, in Kreis Hanau, Regrersungbezirk Cassel, Germany. In the old book at the Evangelical Church there appear the names of four brothers, Johan Bernhard, Hans, Johan Conrad and Michael. These were found there by Mr. James J. Reber, of Reading, in 1882.

The first named of these brothers, Johan Bernhard, is recorded as having a son, Johannes Reber, who was married Feb. 8, 1736, to Johanna Magdalena Hahn, daughter of Conrad Hahn. To this union were born in Germany two sons: Johannes, Dec. 16, 1736; and Ludwig Friederich August, Sept. 11, 1740. The Pennsylvania archives contain a list of 30,000 emigrants, and among them is Johan Bernhard Reber, from Rotterdam, Holland, on the "Snow Two Sisters," landing at Philadelphia, and qualifying Sept. 9, 1738, and of him no further records are to be found. However, according to his passports Johannes Reber left his native land for America April 23, 1742, bringing his family with him. His second son Ludwig died on the voyage. Being a member of William Penn's Colony his first object was to find a suitable location, and he selected a tract of land about six miles west of Reading, in Lower Heidelberg township, at the bend of the Tulpehocken—a beautiful but desolate valley now known as the Blue Marsh. He moved thither with his wife and son, built himself a home which served the double purpose of shelter and protection from the

Indians and wild beasts. This old building with its large square fire place in the center, is still standing, the farm now being the property of Henry Shofer, of Reading. He was naturalized May 13, 1768. Three sons were born to him after his arrival in America, namely: Thomas, Valentine and Peter.

Johannes Reber, son of Johannes, born Dec. 16, 1736, was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Orbengast, who bore him two children, John and Magdalena. The maiden name of his second wife was Haas, and of this marriage four children were born: Nicholas, Abraham, Michael and Susanna.

John Reber, son of Johannes Reber (whose wife was an Orbengast), became a farmer in Bern township. He married Magdalena Rathmacher, and they had fourteen children, namely: Magdalena, who married (first) John Bickel, and (second) Jacob Riegel; Barbara, who married John Hain; Christiana, who became the wife of John Ahrens; Elizabeth, who married John Fisher; Rebecca, who became the wife of Yost Hiester; Susanna, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years; Sarah, who married John Potteiger; Joseph, mentioned below; John, who died young; Benjamin, who married (first) Margaretha Tobias, and (second) Susanna S. Miller; and John (2), Samuel, Jonas and Daniel, who all four died young.

Joseph Reber, son of John and Magdalena, was a prominent miller and farmer in Bern township. He married Elizabeth Minnich, and had eleven children: (1) James died young. (2) Elias M., living at Tina, Mo., married Sarah Hain, and had five children: Wilson, Louisa, John J., George and Alva S. (3) Maria married Joshua Eyrich, and had twelve children: Charles, Frank, William, Joshua, George, Aaron, Elizabeth, Emma, James, Calvin, John and Sarah. (4) Eliza married Charles Gring, and has three children, Calvin, Charles and Wallace. (5) Fietta married Henry Rhoads, and their only child, George, died in infancy. (6) Harrison M., born Sept. 7, 1833, married Amelia Fisher, and died Nov. 16, 1892, the father of six children: Ellen, Joseph F., Mary E., Amelia, Kate and Alice B. (7) Sarah married James Adams, and had one son, Tyson. (8) Simplecius married Sarah M. Herbine, and had four children: Ellen H., Emma N., James H. and Sarah. (9) Priscilla married William Reeser, and had six children: Sarah, Ida, Obert, Ocky, Owen and Laura. (10) Henry M. (11) Rebecca married Jacob Rickenbach, and had eight children: Sarah, Clara, Ella, Annie, John, Solomon, Calvin and Charles.

Henry M. Reber, son of Joseph and Elizabeth, was born on the homestead farm at Reber's Mill in Bern township, June 15, 1841. He grew to manhood there and was trained to agricultural pursuits, giving his service to his parents until he was twenty-two years old. He then entered the employ of Joseph Reber, and for some years drove his mill team, and later continued in the same capacity for his brother Elias, who succeeded Joseph in the business. In 1865 Mr. Henry M. Reber engaged in farming, commencing in Heidelberg township, along the Tulpehocken, where he tenanted five years. He then moved to Spring township in the Cacoosing district, where he lived ten years, continuing to farm rented land in Spring and Heidelberg townships until 1892, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres in Lower Heidelberg, in the Faust school district. In 1892 he built the present frame house, and has it equipped with all the modern devices for comfortable living. He has twelve head of cattle and five horses, and a complete outfit of up-to-date farm implements. In politics Mr. Reber is a Democrat, and in religion he and his family are Reformed members of Epler's Union Church.

On Nov. 21, 1863, Henry M. Reber was married to Mary Rickenbach, born in March, 1843, daughter of Solomon and Rosina (Moyer) Rickenbach, of Rickenbach Station. The latter was born in Germany, and at her death was buried at Epler's Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reber: Solomon R.; Morris R., a school teacher at Wernersville; Harry, who died aged twenty years; Ella Nora, who married Aaron Witmoyer, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; George R., unmarried and teaching school; and Calvin R., born April 14, 1880, at home.

Solomon R. Reber, son of Henry M., and now a farmer near Shillington, in Spring township, was born Aug. 24, 1864. He was brought up familiar with the duties about a farm, remaining at home until he was twenty-seven. In 1892 he began farming one of the Shoup farms in Spring township, where he has since lived. This farm consists of fifty-five acres of excellent land, and Mr. Reber has a good equipment of modern machinery. He has a herd of Holstein and Durham cattle, and some good horses. His milk is sold wholesale, and shipped to Reading. While taking an interest in public affairs, Mr. Reber is no politician. He stands well in the community, being upright in his relations with his fellowmen. He was confirmed at Epler's Church, in Bern township, by Rev. R. S. Appel, and is a Reformed member of Hain's Church in Lower Heidelberg, in which latter Church Mrs. Reber was confirmed by Rev. W. P. Davis.

On Oct. 17, 1891, Mr. Reber was married to Sallie G. Bender, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Gerhart) Bender, farming people of Lower Heidelberg township.

JOHN M. FRAME. Among the successful practitioners at the Berks county Bar is John M. Frame, who, though young in the practice, has brought to the study of his profession such educational equipment as to place him at once in line for rapid advancement. He is the son of William J. and Elizabeth A. (Musser) Frame, and was born in Reading Aug. 6, 1875.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Frame comes of honored family, the maternal line having been especially prominent in the history of neighboring counties. Adamstown was founded by Richard Adams, grandfather of John Musser, who, in turn, was the grandfather of our honored subject. John Musser was in his day one of the leading men of Lancaster county, being one of the originators of the Musser Lumber Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the Mississippi Valley. On the maternal side also was Sebastian Miller, who was a captain in Col. Joseph Hiester's regiment during the Revolutionary war.

William J. Frame was born Dec. 25, 1844, and was educated in the common schools of Berks county, and at Lititz Academy. Before he had finished his course at the latter institution, came the Civil war, calling young men from school and from every occupation in life to the defense of the union. Mr. Frame enlisted June 18, 1863, in Company C, 42d Pa. V. I. He was mustered out at Camp Haak, in Reading, and after receiving his discharge returned to Lititz and completed his course in the Academy. Returning then to Reading, he clerked in his father's coal office until 1867, when he purchased the business, which he operated successfully for two years, or until the freshet of 1869. He then engaged in the flour and feed business, continuing until 1875, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. His next venture was in the leaf tobacco business at Adamstown, which he continued until 1886. He was considered an expert leaf tobacco man. He became a member of the firm of Glaser, Frame & Co., and remained such until its dissolution in 1897. In 1869 he married Elizabeth A. Musser, daughter of John and Cassiah (Miller) Musser, and they have one child, John Musser. Mr. Frame is a stanch Republican, and represented the First Ward in the council in 1868 and 1869. During his term in the council he helped vote the Market House away from Penn Square. He is broad minded and progressive, and has ever been at the front in any movement to benefit the city. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; Harrisburg Consistory; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

John Musser Frame passed the period of early boyhood and youth in Adamstown, being there well grounded in the rudiments. Thence he came back to the city, where he continued his studies in the high school, in preparation for college. Entering Princeton he took the degree of A. B., *cum laude*, and then matriculated at Harvard, where in 1900 he took his law degree. Mr. Frame at once entered the office of Isaac Hiester, of Reading, and after a few months of preliminary study and training in the details of office work, was admitted to practice in the courts of the county, and later in the Superior and Supreme courts.

In addition to his legal work, Mr. Frame is identified with a number of the city's most successful institutions. He is a director in the Metropolitan Electric Company, the United Traction Company, and the Colonial Trust Company. He is secretary and treasurer of the Adamstown & Mohnsville Electric Railway Company, and holds the same relation to the Kutztown & Fleetwood Railway Company. All of the foregoing are large employers of capital and are among the most successful of the city's enterprises.

In a social way Mr. Frame keeps in touch with the best people of the city by membership in the Berkshire Club, the Wyomissing Club and the Washington Library; and he continues his interest in school life by connection with the Princeton Club of Philadelphia. He is also a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and though a very busy man finds time to take a more or less active part in politics. Naturally his interest in education marked him for public preferment in that line, and he has for some time been a member of the board of school control from the Fourteenth ward, in which body he wields a powerful and salutary influence, being ever ready to promote the interests of Reading's excellent school system. Mr. Frame is also active in religious circles, being one of the leading men in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a member of the board of stewards. He takes delight in all the work of the church, but is especially devoted to the men's organization, known as the Brotherhood of St. Paul, of which he formerly was treasurer of the national body.

The making of a career is a matter of no small moment. There are two elements which enter into the making which, if possessed in good degree, lift a heavy handicap—good birth and breeding, and a good education. With these and with a mind singularly alert and attuned to the possibilities of the age, Mr. Frame has a substantial foundation for his life work.

GEORGE S. KLEINGINNA, of Shillington, Berks county, for some time a teacher in the grammar school at that place, was born Feb. 21, 1877, in Oley township, this county. During his boyhood he attended public school in Oley, Spring, Exeter and Bern townships, later pursuing his studies in the Oley Academy, Brunner's Business College, Shillington Academy and the Keystone State Normal School, from which latter institution he graduated with the class of 1900. Meantime, however, he had commenced teaching, having been licensed in 1894 by Prof. William M. Zechman, and his first experience was at the Hiester school in Bern township, where he began to teach in 1896. He taught school three terms in that township and then entered the Normal, where he remained for one year, after which he was elected to teach primary school at Oakbrook, in Cumru township, being promoted thence to the grammar school at Shillington, where he was elected for his seventh term in 1908; he was elected to teach the second term of public night school at Tenth and Douglass streets, Edwin Ziegler building, Reading. Mr. Kleinginna has continued his studies faithfully, along the lines of his own inclination as well as his special work, and he took a course in the American Correspondence School of Chicago, Ill., in architectural engineering.

Although he was reared upon the farm, Mr. Kleinginna has not followed agricultural pursuits since he began his independent career. The time he has not given to teaching has been spent in business, in which he has been notably successful. For five successive years on Saturdays as extra and during two summer seasons, he was engaged as a clerk in the establishment of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, of Reading, and he has been engaged by different firms in the capacity of traveling salesman, in which line he has become very well known. His business experience he has found of great practical value to him in his professional work, as much so as his educational training.

Mr. Kleinginna was married April 11, 1901, to Miss Sallie P. Kauffman, daughter of Samuel and Priscilla (Kauffman) Kauffman, of Tilden township, Berks county, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Grace Mary and John Adam. Mr. Kleinginna owns the comfortable brick home on Philadelphia avenue, Shillington, in which he and his family reside. They are members of the Shillington Reformed Church, in which he has been quite active in several branches of the work, being a teacher in the Bible class, assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, which office he has filled since 1902, and a member of the choir, in which he has sung since 1902. He is also interested in fraternal orders, being a prominent member of the Order of Independent Americans at Shillington (in which he has passed all the chairs), the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Maccabees. In political opinion he is a Democrat, and he is a worker in local party ranks. He has served three years, 1905-08, as assessor of Cumru township, where he is regarded as a most reliable citizen.

SCHEARER. The branch of the Schearer family in Berks county represented by John M. Schearer, proprietor of the "Yellow House Hotel" in Amity township, and Weaver H. Schearer, druggist, in Reading, is of German extraction.

John Schearer, grandfather of John M. and Weaver H., was born in Bern township, Jan. 26, 1798, son of Peter Schearer, and died Oct. 29, 1889, and is buried at Schwartzwald Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was a blacksmith, and followed that occupation at Stonersville. He married Susan Body, daughter of Henry Body, and their children were: Henry B.; Mary m. Levi Miller; Benjamin; Solomon; Hannah m. Abraham Herbein; and Peter.

Henry B. Schearer, son of John, was born in Bern township, April 23, 1826, and is now living retired at Amityville. He attended the old pay schools in his district, and was reared upon the home farm. When sixteen years old he learned the blacksmith's trade from his father, John Shearer, and this he followed nine years. After his marriage he took to farming in Exeter township, continuing there five years, and then coming to Spring township and farming ten years. The next two years he passed in Bern township, and at the end of that time came to the Peter Weaver farm in Amity township. He farmed there for twenty-two years, and then retired to Amityville, his present home. He was poor director of Berks county from 1888 to 1891, and was for some years supervisor of Amity township, being elected on the Democratic ticket. On June 1, 1851, he married Esther Herbein, daughter of Isaac and Susan (Knabb) Herbein, of Oley, and they had eleven children, namely: Miranda m. Jairus Ritter, of Earl township; Sarah m. the late John Fretz (1842-1898); Mary Jane m. David V. Ludwig, of Reading; Henry died aged three years; John M.; Isaac and George, born June 1, 1865, live in Amityville; David; Lizzie m. Samuel Gilham; Weaver H. is of Reading; and Edwin is of Reading. Mr. Schearer and his family attend the Reformed Church, at Amityville, and formerly belonged to Schwartzwald Church, having their burial plot at the latter place.

JOHN M. SCHEARER, son of Henry B., was born in Spring township, Oct. 14, 1862, and when six years of age ac-

companied his parents to Amity township, there attending the public schools and working for his father on the farm until twenty-two years old. He then became a clerk for Mr. A. G. Body, proprietor of the "Yellow House Hotel," with whom he remained for eighteen years, or until he bought out the place in the spring of 1906. He has a fine hotel of twenty rooms and his stand is well known in Berks and adjoining counties, being a favorite resting place of the traveling public. It is located on the Swamp road leading from Reading to Boyertown, being ten miles from Reading, seven from Boyertown and nine from Pottstown.

On June 18, 1887, Mr. Schearer married Elizabeth Dundore, daughter of William and Rosana (Lash) Dundore, of Reading, and they have six children, namely: William H., Levin, John, Sarah and Rebecca (twins) and Annie R. Mr. Schearer is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Amityville, where for three years he served as deacon. He belongs to Griesemersville Lodge No. 1109, I. O. O. F., and is a charter member of Wohlink Tribe, No. 179, Red Men, of Yellowhouse.

Weaver H. Schearer, son of Henry B., was born in Amity township, June 28, 1872, and he is now one of the energetic and enterprising young business men of Reading, where he is engaged in the drug business at the corner of Ninth and Penn streets. He attended the schools of Amity township and Palatinate College at Myerstown (now known as Albright College) in Lebanon county, graduating therefrom in 1890, in September of which year he engaged in the drug business. He clerked in different stores in Reading, and later in Philadelphia, graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1894. He then returned to Reading to J. C. Griesemer. In 1898 he bought his present place of business and through his attention to details and his strict integrity, the excellence of his stock and the genial courtesy of Mr. Schearer himself, he has built up what it is safe to say is one of the best trades—wholesale and retail—in Reading. His store is also the waiting room for the out-of-town cars, viz.: the Birdsboro, Boyertown, Wormleysburg, Adamstown and Lancaster.

Mr. Weaver H. Schearer married Miss Emma Marie Kantner, of Reading, and they have one child, Mary, now in school. Mr. Schearer is a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows, and also member of the Berks county Pharmaceutical Association.

HINNERSHITZ. The Hinnershitz family of Berks county, Pa., owes its origin to Johann George Hinterschied, who was born in April, 1724, in Germany, and who sailed from Rotterdam, landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1749. In 1768 his name first appears on the tax list in Alsace township, Berks county, but the exact date of his coming to this county, as well as the date of his marriage to Maria Catharine ———, is not known. Tradition says that he was married when he came into the province of Pennsylvania, and that he had several sons. He carried on agricultural pursuits in the neighborhood of Spies's Church, and in the cemetery there the remains of both himself and wife are buried. In 1783 he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and to this fact the proper authority issued a certified record. His wife was born in April, 1715, and the inscription on her sandstone tombstone says she died A. D. 1787, but this inscription, as well as that over the grave of her husband, was read with difficulty, and the accuracy is somewhat in doubt. The number of their children, with dates of birth and death, are uncertain, but old baptismal certificates and tombstones and church records show that among others they had two sons: Conrad, born March 23, 1756, who, it is believed, settled in Bedford county, where there is a large settlement of the family; and Jacob.

(II) Jacob Hinterschied, son of the emigrant, was married June 12, 1774, to Catharine Schepler, born Aug. 7, 1751, and died Sept. 30, 1834. They were the parents of five children: Heinrich, 1776-1862; Jacob; Johannes; Conrad; and Maria, 1785-1793.

(III) Jacob Hinterschitt, second son of Jacob, was married in 1814, to Susanna Paff, and among their children were: William P., born in 1817, and the father of Priscilla, John S., Harrison (of Mt. Penn); Elizabeth P., born 1819, died 1882; William S., who owns and lives upon the homestead; Charles S.; Richard S.; and Elizabeth.

(III) Johannes Hinnerschitt, third son of Jacob, married Elizabeth Wolf, and they became the parents of: (1) Jeremias, born March 14, 1807, m. Maria Clemons (1811-1882). (2) Henrietta, born Oct. 14, 1809, m. J. Koch. (3) Isaac, born May 12, 1813, died Oct. 28, 1901. (4) Malinda m. an Engelhart. (5) William died Dec. 9, 1816. (6) Samuel, born Oct. 27, 1818, m. Hanann Hoch (1820-1892), and died May 20, 1893. (7) Catharine m. a Brenner. (8) Rebecca m. John Price. (9) John was a life-long farmer in Lower Alsace township, and is buried in the old Hunsinger graveyard. He m. a Miss Paff, and had children: Isaac, Beckie, Samuel, Joseph, Jeremiah, Daniel, Matilda, William and several who died young. (10) Daniel, born in Lower Alsace township March 28, 1829, was a farmer and resided in various townships, and died April 12, 1893, aged sixty-four years, in Reading. He m. Margaret Fair, daughter of John and Margaret (Bickhard) Fair, of Lancaster county, and they had these four children: Miranda m. Mossie Kissinger; Martha m. Nathan Potteiger; Daniel W., born March 9, 1865; and John H.

(III) Conrad Hinnerschitz, son of Jacob, died in 1838, and in his will which was entered the same year in the Berks county Courthouse he states that he was old in years and weak in body. On June 29, 1806, he was married to Elizabeth Leiss, and they had the following children: Lovina; Augustus; William, born June 5, 1811; Maria, born June 14, 1814; Rebecca, born Feb. 26, 1816, m. John Clouser; Caroline, born Dec. 1, 1819, died Nov. 1, 1820; and Catherine, who m. David Engel.

(III) Heinrich Hinterschitt, son of Jacob, was a native of Alsace township, born in 1776. He was an extensive agriculturist, owning several valuable farms, and he also owned a distillery, frequently burning much apple-jack. He had from 100 to 150 barrels of apple-jack, wine, cider and vinegar in his kettle house. He was an extraordinary strong man, and with comparative ease could lift a barrel filled with liquor from the ground into a Conestoga wagon. In 1846 he erected a barn on the farm in Lower Heidelberg township, later owned by his son Anthony. He was a Reformed member of Spies's Church, and died in that faith in 1862, and was buried in the cemetery connected with that church. He married Maria Magdalena Faust, born in 1781, and died April 4, 1858, and they had the following children: (1) John Jacob and (2) John Heinrich were twins, born Feb. 11, 1807. John Jacob married Barbara Rapp (born March 4, 1818—died March 6, 1878), daughter of Henry and Barbara (Breidigam) Rapp, and died Jan. 10, 1882. Both he and his wife are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. They had five children: Amelia, born Jan. 27, 1838, m. Franklin Althouse, born March 28, 1836, son of John and Maria (Althouse) Althouse, and both are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery; Henry A., born March 3, 1843, married three times, the maiden names of his wives being, respectively, Rapp, Sides and Bissercomer, and he died March 1, 1882; William R., born Sept. 2, 1840, m. April 29, 1860, Esther Levan, daughter of David and Esther Levan, and died July 5, 1906; John R. died Nov. 24, 1894; Mary Ann, born March 1, 1845, died March 27, 1858. (2) John Heinrich m. Fredericka Kreiser, and died April 4, 1834, the year of his marriage. (3) Conrad, born Dec. 11, 1808, m. Mary Gibson (1818-1888), and lived in Alsace township. Their children were: Rufus, John, Heinrich, Rebecca, Amanda, Augustus, Emma E., Daniel and Alice. (4) Magdalena, born Aug. 10, 1810, m. Joseph Roland. (5) George, of Lower Heidelberg township, m. Susan Schadt, and had children: George, Harry, Jacob, Susan, Sarah, Emma and Hannah. (6) John, born June 19,

1813, m. Anna M. Goodhart, and had children: Isabella, Matilda, Frederick, Daniel, Thomas, Benjamin, John, Josiah and Catherine. (7) Susanna was born June 27, 1814. (8) Elizabeth m. John Christian. (9) Daniel lived in Cumru township. (10) Catherine, born Nov. 8, 1818, m. David Mell. (11) Frederick, born Sept. 14, 1820, lived in Alsace township on the original homestead, and died there Jan. 11, 1903, the father of: Abraham, Ann, Seville Eve, Henry, Adam, Frederick, Elizabeth, John, Rosana, Charles and Albert. (12) Anthony is mentioned below.

(IV) Anthony Hinnershitz, son of Heinrich, and father of William E. S., was born on the Hinnershitz homestead in Cumru township Sept. 15, 1822, and died Nov. 7, 1881. He was a life-long farmer, and owned eighty-four acres of land on the Van Reed road in Spring township, where he resided from 1845 until his death. He was a Democratic voter, never missing an election, and was a member of Kissinger's Church in Spring township, of which he served as deacon and elder. Mr. Hinnershitz was married to Catherine Landerstein, of Albany township, born Dec. 24, 1825, died Dec. 5, 1884, and they had seven children: William E. S.; Catherine, who resides in Philadelphia; John, of West Reading; S. Violette, deceased, m. to Jeremiah Bohn, of Lower Heidelberg township; Levi, of No. 252 West Buttonwood street, Reading; Malinda, m. to Frank Underkoffler, of Reading; and Annie, who died aged seventeen years.

(V) William E. S. Hinnershitz was born in Spring township, Berks county, Oct. 17, 1846, and was reared upon his father's farm, remaining at home until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time he became an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, on the East Penn and Lebanon Valley Division. He began as a brakeman, and was promoted to the position of conductor, remaining in the service for about four years, when he gave up railroad work to become a carpenter in the car shops until 1879. In that year Mr. Hinnershitz commenced farming in Spring township, an occupation which he followed for five years, when he removed to West Reading, becoming that place's first merchant. He opened the first store in the first house above the railroad bridge, which he conducted two years, and then removed to his present location, the growth of his business warranting a removal.

Mr. Hinnershitz is a Democrat in politics, and has been active in the ranks of his party since attaining his majority. He helped to hold many elections, and was instrumental in having the first precinct voting place of Spring township established. This precinct is now incorporated in West Reading. He was first elected school director in 1877, and since that time has served nineteen years. When West Reading was incorporated Mr. Hinnershitz was again elected school director, an office which he now holds. He became a candidate for sheriff of Berks county in 1899, and each election gave him a higher vote. He is a member of West Reading Camp, No. 676, P. O. S. of A., which he was instrumental in organizing in November, 1900, and which now has a membership of fifty-one. He is a member of Kissinger's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation, was deacon for eighteen years, and is now serving as elder. He is very active in church work, and his charities are many.

On July 4, 1872, Mr. Hinnershitz was married to Miss Lydia Ann Holl, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Steffy) Holl, and to this union were born the following children: Peter A.; Katie died young; Edward S. lives in Reading; Henry V. R. died aged six years; and Mamie L. and William both died in infancy.

Mrs. Hinnershitz is descended from Melchoir Holl, a native of Germany who came to America and became a school teacher in Cumru township. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Sinking Spring, as is his wife. He had four children: George; John, who never married; Kate, who was married to a Hoover; and Elizabeth.

George Holl, son of Melchoir, was twice married. His first wife, Mary Settley, bore him five children: Kate, Sarah, Sophia, John and Elizabeth. He m. (second) Elizabeth Steffy, and to this union there were born children as follows: Aaron, Henry, Rosanna, Isaac, Mary, Louisa, Lydia Ann, Anna Elizabeth, Peter and an infant son. Of these Lydia Ann and Anna Elizabeth were twins.

(VI) Peter A. Hinnershitz, son of William E. S., and the proprietor of the "Fifth Ward Inn," Reading, was born in Spring township Jan. 8, 1868. He was reared upon the farm, and the public schools afforded him his education. At an early age he began to learn the molder's trade in the Reading Hardware Company, where he was employed for seventeen consecutive years. He spent two years in the stove shop. In the spring of 1902 he engaged in the hotel business, and since that time has been the proprietor of his present popular hotel. In politics Mr. Hinnershitz is a Democrat. He belongs to Castle No. 49, K. G. E., Reading; Council No. 19, O. of I. A.; Conclave No. 133, Improved Order of Heptasophs. With his family he attends the Reformed Church.

On Dec. 24, 1889, Mr. Hinnershitz married Miss Sue E. Graeff, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Graeff) Graeff, and to this union have been born two children: William; and Clara Elizabeth, who died aged three months.

HOMAN. The Homan family is one of the oldest in Reading, and its members in each generation have proved themselves loyal, patriotic and useful citizens. Their devotion to the land of their adoption has been shown by service in the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil war and the Spanish-American war; and in time of peace they have been progressive and upright citizens.

(I) Johannes Homan, the founder of this branch of the family, came from the Palatinate, Germany, and sailed from Rotterdam, last from Deal, England, on the ship "Queen Elizabeth," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1738. He settled at Reading, where he reared a large family, and where his descendants yet make their home. In 1907 the Reading city directory gave the names of seventy-four adult persons by the name of Homan. Johannes Homan was the father of the following children: Samuel, born Feb. 17, 1755; Abraham, born Nov. 27, 1758, married (first) Christiana Wertz (1763-1826), (second) Jane Taylor (1782-1864), and he died March 13, 1847; Heinrich, born Nov. 25, 1764, died Oct. 12, 1834, m. Maria Reitmyer (1786-1821); and John, born about 1762, m. Kate Ziegler.

(II) Samuel Homan, son of Johannes, born at Reading Feb. 17, 1755, died Feb. 15, 1824. In 1775 he was a soldier in the early stages of the Revolution. He was twice married. His first wife, Juliana Rapp, died about 1780, the mother of one son, Johannes, born Oct. 1, 1778. His second wife, Christiana Reitmyer, born 1763, died 1849, bore him the following children: Kate, born Oct. 26, 1782, died unmarried Aug. 7, 1824; Samuel, born March 21, 1784, m. Elizabeth Maltzberger, and died Sept. 28, 1813; John Peter, born Feb. 12, 1786, was a soldier in the war of 1812, m. Sarah Schwartz (1791-1872), and died Oct. 23, 1857; Daniel, born in 1787, made his home in Washington, and died Aug. 25, 1867; Jacob, born Feb. 25, 1789, served in the war of 1812, m. Catharine Drinkhaus (1792-1854), and lived in Pottstown, Pa., until his death Dec. 9, 1826; William, born Oct. 27, 1791, m. Polly Graul (1792-1864) and died Feb. 27, 1821; Henry, born Sept. 13, 1793, served in the war of 1812, m. Elizabeth Kutz (1797-1878) and died Aug. 18, 1859; Adam, born about 1794, m. Catharine Levan (1807-1867), and died in 1854; Molly, born Oct. 29, 1796, died unmarried Sept. 28, 1867; Abraham, born 1799, died unmarried in 1821; Anna, born in 1803, m. William Arnold (1798-1863) and died in 1837; Sarah, born in 1806, m. John Kutz (1812-1863) and died in 1846;

and Joseph, born Oct. 27, 1811, m. Anna Bright (1805-1856) and died Oct. 12, 1832.

(III) Johannes Homan, son of Samuel, born Oct. 1, 1778, died April 19, 1845, aged sixty-six years. By occupation he was a hatter. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, his son Samuel accompanying him as a drummer, in Col. John Lotz's regiment, in the Second Brigade, Capt. John Christian's Company, from Sept. 1, 1814, to March 5, 1815. Two other sons were drummers also. Johannes Homan (also known as John) married Catharine Lehmann, of Kutztown, born Nov. 19, 1783, died Feb. 13, 1819. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom three of the sons, Jacob, John and Daniel, followed the hatter's trade. Two of the children died young. The others were: Jacob (1799-1839) m. Rebecca Hildebrand (1800-1860); Samuel (1800-1843) m. Elizabeth Boyer (1804, died when past ninety years of age); John (1803-1865) m. Catharine Heckman (1803-1844); Elizabeth (1804-1887) m. John Rightmyer (1801-1874); Catharine (1806-1858) m. Isaac Levan (1798-1856); Daniel (1807-1862) m. Lavina Reeser (1823-1873); Mary (1809-1883) m. Joseph Henry (1807-1870); Lebbeus (1810-1862) m. Matilda Schoener; Juliana (1812-1862) m. Gershom Wolf; Rosanna (1813-1891) m. Jacob Kunsman (1813-1893); Hester (1816-1860) m. Henry Hotem (1815-1852); and Henry Augustus (Aug. 25, 1818).

(IV) Henry Augustus Homan, son of Johannes, was born in Reading Aug. 25, 1818, and after a well spent life passed away Sept. 7, 1905, aged eighty-seven years, thirteen days. By occupation Mr. Homan was a carpenter, and he helped to build many of the houses of this city. In his later years he was a carpenter in the employ of the Reading Railway Company, and became well and favorably known, having the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He resided at No. 126 South Eighth street, where three of his daughters yet make their home. He was a faithful charter member of St. James Lutheran Church, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married June 28, 1840, Elizabeth Belz, who was born April 11, 1822, daughter of John Adam and Christiana Belz; she died July 11, 1877. They became the parents of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, namely: Jacob, died aged nine years; Charles A.; Thomas Belz, born July 14, 1845, died Nov. 17, 1874, m. Oct. 19, 1871, Mary Ella Cutler, and had two children—Harry Cutler and Edwin Forrest; Christiana is deceased; Frances Rebecca is deceased; Emma is at home; Lucy is deceased; Alice is a school teacher in Reading; Jeanette Rebecca, born Feb. 8, 1859, died Oct. 27, 1886, m. April 12, 1881, Oliver Mock, and one daughter, Alice, survives; Lewis, deceased; Frances E., born Jan. 14, 1863, was a successful school teacher in Reading until her marriage July 31, 1888, with Henry Schick, a furniture dealer in Reading, and they have had five children—Christian Henry (deceased), Esther Louise, Walter Herbert, Francis Homan and Charles Otto; and Clara is at home.

(V) Charles A. Homan, son of Henry Augustus, and one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Reading, was born there May 20, 1843. His education was acquired in the public schools which he attended until he was eleven years of age. At that time he became an errand boy in a grocery store, later assuming a like position in a dry goods store. On Dec. 4, 1858, he entered the telegraph office as a messenger—at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets—for the Reading Railway Company. On Nov. 4, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he served with his regiment until mustered out Aug. 12, 1863. On Sept. 23d following he entered the United States Military Telegraph service as an operator, and remained in that branch of the government service until April 13, 1866. On Aug. 3, 1866, he returned to the employ of the railroad company, being stationed at Columbia as a telegrapher until April 13, 1870. Since then he has been located in Reading, though continuing in the service of the same company. He is now one of the oldest men in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. Since November, 1880, he has been storekeeper of the telegraph department.

On July 11, 1889, Mr. Homan was married to Susan Barlet, a former grammar school teacher at Reading. She is a daughter of Charles and Emma (Briner) Barlet. No children have been born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Homan are members of St. James Lutheran Church. They reside in their comfortable home at No. 1444 Spruce street. Mr. Homan has long been interested in the history of his family, and he has a remarkable memory for the facts, as well as for the dates, in same. He is well posted on public affairs, and is a most interesting talker.

(IV) Daniel Homan, son of Johannes and Catharine (Lehmann), was born in January, 1807, and, after a life passed in Reading, died in 1862. In his earlier years he owned a boat and followed boating in the summer months on the Schuylkill canal, while in winter he engaged in hat making, a trade he had learned from his father. His latter days were devoted almost exclusively to this trade. For a short time he was employed by the Reading Railroad Company. He made his home for the greater part of his life on Eighth street, between Franklin and Chestnut streets. He married Lavina Reeser (1823-1873), who bore him the following children, namely: Eve Rosanna m. John Becker; John L.; Sallie died in childhood; Susan m. James Printz; Annie m. George Eisenbise; Hannah m. Jesse Castor; Daniel; Joseph, a railroad man, was accidentally killed in 1903; Amanda m. Julius Manning; Mary is deceased; Lottie m. Maurice Harbster; and two died young.

(V) John Lehmann Homan, son of Daniel and one of the popular employes of the Reading Railroad Company, was born in Reading April 1, 1844. He was educated in the Peach and Franklin streets school, and learned the blacksmith's trade with the Reading Railroad Company, in whose shops he commenced work when he was but thirteen years of age. He has been connected with this company since that time, with the exception of three years, 1898-1901, and during this long period has worked in every department in his line, being a skilled and efficient mechanic and trusted employe of the company.

In 1864 Mr. Homan was married (first) to Rebecca Dietrich, daughter of Conrad and Martha (Moyer) Dietrich, and to this union were born five sons: one that died in infancy; William, who died in 1904, aged thirty-eight years; Hiester, who died in infancy; John, born in 1869, who is an iron worker in Reading; and Daniel, who died in childhood. Mrs. Homan died at the age of twenty-four years. Mr. Homan m. (second) Elizabeth Eidel, widow of James Eidel; her maiden name was Eddinger. No children have been born to this union. Since 1889 Mr. Homan has occupied his own home at No. 1819 Perkiomen avenue. In his religious belief he is a Lutheran, and attends St. James Church, while Mrs. Homan is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Reading.

(III) Henry Homan, son of Samuel and Christiana (Reitmyer), was born Sept. 13, 1793, and was a hat maker by trade, before the days of machinery. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and he died Aug. 18, 1859. He married Elizabeth Kutz, who bore him seven children, as follows: Adam, Samuel, James, Susan, Celinda, Ann Eliza and Christian. In religious belief the family were Lutherans, and in politics Mr. Homan was a Democrat.

(IV) Samuel Homan, son of Henry, and one of Reading's venerable retired citizens, was born March 20, 1825, on the corner of Eighth and Cherry streets, in a building situated on the present site of Kissinger's Storage Warehouse. He received a meager education in the schools of his day, and when fourteen years of age apprenticed himself to the hatter's trade, his ap-

prenticeship lasting for five and one-half years. At the end of that time he worked at his trade for several years, and then with David Lotz went into business, the partnership continuing successfully until Mr. Lotz's death, after which time Mr. Homan continued the business. On Jan. 20, 1809, Mr. Homan married Susan Leas, daughter of Peter Leas. Six of the eight children born to this union survive, namely: Henry A. m. Mary Walters; Laura m. David Weidham; Elizabeth is deceased; Samuel P. m. Elizabeth Hays; one died in infancy; Eva G. and Saran S. are unmarried; and Charlotte G. m. David Hunnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homan and their family all belong to the Lutheran Church. Since the administration of James Buchanan he has been a stanch Democrat, and has taken an active interest in the success of his party. He joined the Friendship Fire Company when that organization had but seventeen members. Mr. Homan has many friends in the city, attracted by the sterling qualities displayed by him during his long and useful life.

WALTER G. STEININGER, of Reading, engaged in the practice of law, was born there April 11, 1877, son of Isaac W. and Emma S. (Althouse) Steininger. His grandfather, George Steininger, was a farmer and drover of Lehigh county, Pa. His father is in the real estate business in Reading, and his mother is a daughter of Adam Althouse, a prominent farmer and large landowner of Bern township, Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Steininger had three children: Harry A., a traveling salesman, of Reading; Lillian M., a graduate of the high school, class of 1900, now the wife of Eugene O. Siegrist, Esq., of Lebanon, Pa.; and Walter G.

Walter G. Steininger has passed his entire life in the city of Reading. He received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1894, after which he entered upon an active business life at once, securing employment as time clerk and inspector for the National Bolt, Nut & Rivet Works of Reading. He was with this firm until 1899, when he entered the office of the late J. Howard Jacobs, as clerk, and began preparation for the Bar. He studied there until the death of his preceptor in October, 1902, when he registered in the office of Harvey F. Heinly, where he remained until admitted to practice at the Berks county Bar, Feb. 11, 1905, later passing the examination before the State board, which admitted him to the Supreme court. Mr. Steininger occupies offices at No. 541 Court street. He has been a notary since 1899, now holding his second commission; and he represents the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland.

Mr. Steininger belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, and is active in all work of that institution. He is an active member of Olivet Presbyterian Church, serving on the board of trustees, teaches a class in the Sunday-school and is president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

DANIEL P. GRIM, living in retirement at Kutztown, after an active and successful business career of forty years, was born at Grimville, in Greenwich township, Berks county, Aug. 31, 1833. He was educated in the local schools; also at Bethlehem and Strasburg; and after quitting school, served as a teacher from 1852 to 1855. Then he went to Davenport, Iowa, to engage as a clerk in the general store of Jacob Weaver Jr. & Co., and he remained for two years, when he removed to Kansas City. Shortly afterward, he purchased a large tract of farming land near Topeka, which he continues to hold; also over seven hundred acres in Iowa, which he owned for ten years. In 1857, he returned home at the request of his father to assist as a partner in carrying on the tannery at Grimville. In three years he became the sole owner of the business, and he directed this successfully until 1897. Upon the decease of his father in 1883, he purchased the premises from the estate. He had removed to Kutztown in 1878, and traveled to and fro almost daily until 1897. Since then he has practically lived in retirement. By his father's influence he came to thoroughly appreciate the importance of education, and therefore encouraged the education of children in the upper section of the county in spite of much opposition. He was the first taxpayer there to send his children to a college for the purpose of giving them the advantages of a superior education.

When a national bank was established at Kutztown in 1872, Mr. Grim became one of its directors, and he continued to serve as such until the bank was removed to Reading, in 1883; and when interest in a local bank was revived, in 1896, he cooperated earnestly in its organization, and has since then served as a director. Mr. Grim also encouraged an electric plant at Kutztown for light, heat and power, and has filled the office of president of the corporation since 1901.

In December, 1861, Mr. Grim married Catharine A. Grim, daughter of Seth K. Grim and Anna (Kemp), his wife, of Maxatawny township, and by her had five children: Annie C., who was educated at the Keystone State Normal School; A. Elizabeth, who attended the same school, and married Ira P. Rothermel, Esq., an attorney at Reading (whose sketch appears in this publication); Daniel P., Jr., who attended the Keystone State Normal School, Millersville State Normal School and Stoner's Inter-State Business College, and was appointed bookkeeper of the Kutztown National Bank in 1902 (which position he is still filling); Emma, who graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, teacher in the local schools for six years, and an artist of superior accomplishments; and Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. Grim and his family have been devoted members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he has been a strong adherent of the Republican party.

Mr. Grim's father was Col. Daniel Bertolet Grim, for sixty years identified with the welfare of Grimville and vicinity, after whom the village had been named and by whom the post-office of the same name had been established in 1830. He was born in the township of Maxatawny July 17, 1800, and was brought up to farming and tanning under his father. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, and then started in business on his own account, purchasing a farm of over two hundred acres in Greenwich township. There he established a hotel, store, tannery and distillery, and operated them all successfully for many years. He also dealt in cattle, which he purchased in the Western States, brought to his place and disposed of at public sale. In this manner he developed a business stand and market for live stock which came to be well known in Berks county and in the adjoining counties. He showed much interest in the military affairs of the county and officiated as colonel for a number of years. He was a fine-looking man, of commanding presence and influence. He gave great encouragement to education, at the inception of the common school system, notwithstanding local prejudice and opposition. In politics he was a Whig, taking a stand which in his time required great determination and courage in a community almost wholly Democratic. In 1819 he married Elizabeth Crouse, daughter of Charles Abraham Crouse, of Skippackville, Montgomery county, and granddaughter of Capt. Charles Crouse, of Longswamp township in Berks county, who took an active part in the Revolution; and by her he had nine children: Jonathan, Daniel, Charles, Catharine (m. William Stettler), Sarah, Susan (m. Charles Dietrich), Amelia (m. William T. Breinig) and two who died in infancy. He died in 1883, and his wife in 1882.

Jonathan Grim, the grandfather of Daniel P. Grim, was a farmer and tanner of Maxatawny township. He married Catharine Bertolet, daughter of Daniel Bertolet, of Oley, and great-granddaughter of Jean Bertolet, the immigrant from Switzerland in 1726. By her he had an only son, Daniel Bertolet. Upon the decease of this wife he married Elizabeth Snyder, of Oley, by whom he had three children: Jonathan, Joshua, and Mary (m. Charles Faber).

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Heinrich Grimm, the great-grandfather, had five sons (including Jonathan) and two daughters; and the great-great-grandfather was Egidius Grim, who emigrated from Germany in 1728, and left two sons, Jacob and Heinrich, and three daughters, Margaret, Catharine and Elizabeth.

Egidius Grim was accompanied from Wurtemberg, Germany, by his wife, and, on their way to Pennsylvania, they tarried at Deal, England, for several years. By a "Family Tree," prepared many years ago, it appears that he was descended from a Norman knight of the time of William the Conqueror. Upon locating in Pennsylvania, he purchased a large tract of land (upward of seven hundred acres) in the district of Weisenburg, near the Maxatawny settlement, and at the time of his decease, in December, 1761, he was a resident of Macungie township, an adjoining district. By his last will, it appears that he gave his large farm to his two sons, Jacob and Henry, in two equal parts, having previously disposed of the premises to them with the reservation of a life estate to live on either of them (his last will being of record in the register's office of Northampton county).

Mr. Daniel P. Grim's wife's father, Seth K. Grim, born in Maxatawny township in 1817, was engaged at farming for a number of years, but he retired at an early age and died in 1887. His wife, Anna Kemp, born in 1814, died in 1883. She was the daughter of Jacob Kemp, farmer of Oley township. They had two children: Catharine A. (m. Daniel P. Grim) and Mary (m. William Kline, of Maxatawny township).

Seth K. Grim's father was David Grim, born 1787, died 1838. He married Catharine Knabb, a daughter of Peter Knabb, of Oley, born 1794, died 1838.

His grandfather was Jacob Grim, born 1754, died 1833; he married Catharine Hottenstein, of Maxatawny township, born 1761, died 1848. His great-grandfather was Henry Grim, the younger son of Egidius Grim, the immigrant in 1728.

Jacob Grim, the grandfather of Seth, was enlisted in the Revolution, having been first lieutenant in the company of Capt. Casper Smeck, Maxatawny township, Second Battalion, of the Berks County Militia, which was called into active service in the summer of 1777, and participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown.

M. S. FEATHER, a well-to-do young business man of Reading, Pa., who is conducting a flourishing drug business on Chestnut street, was born in the city in 1877, son of Milton G. and Louisa (Schmidt) Feather.

Mr. Feather's education was secured in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he clerked for two years in Sanderson's drug store, and then went to Philadelphia and four and one-half years later to Schuylkill Haven. At the latter place he clerked for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Reading, working for Mr. Troop for two years. In 1901 he entered his present place of business, formerly owned and conducted by R. D. Lengel, and now carries a full line of drugs, medicines, perfumes, candies and toilet articles, and manufactures the famous "E. E. E. E. (Four E's) Corn Cure," "Dewey's Headache Cure" and several proprietary medicines. He lived at No. 1010 Chestnut street until 1908, when he purchased the property at No. 1016 Chestnut street, where he is now located. He has won the confidence of the people in his community, and his trade, already large, is rapidly increasing.

Mr. Feather married Miss Nellie Binkley, of Schuylkill Haven, and to them has been born one child, Lauretta. Mr. and Mrs. Feather are members of the Lutheran Church. He is connected fraternally with the F. O. E., the M. W. A., and the B. P. O. E., in all of which organizations he is very popular.

J. HAIN MENGEL, a member of the well known real estate firm of Mengel & Mengel, located at No. 9 North Sixth street, Reading, Pa., is a native of this city, where he was born March 28, 1873, son of Jonathan T. and Alice (Hain) Mengel, the latter of whom is a daughter of Jacob H. and Mary Ann (Goodhart) Hain. The grandparents on the paternal side were Matthias and Mary Ann (Phipps) Mengel.

J. Hain Mengel secured his education in the public schools of his native city, and graduated from the High School in the class of 1890. In 1896 Mr. Mengel, with his brother Ralph H., established the real estate firm of Mengel & Mengel, and this has continued to the present time with much success. Both members of the firm are active and able business men, and their standing in the community is that of substantial, reliable citizens. Mr. Mengel has been very prominent fraternally, belonging to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; Philadelphia Consistory, 32d degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., Washington Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A., and Juniata Tribe, No. 174, I. O. R. M.

W. W. LIVINGOOD, M. D., one of Reading's well-known young professional men, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine since 1899, was born Aug. 13, 1876, in Reading, son of William H. and Anna (Jamieson) Livingood.

Dr. Livingood received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of Reading, after which he attended a preparatory school at Woodbridge, N. J. He read medicine with Dr. Joseph A. Brackbill, and subsequently, in 1895, entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of M. D. He at once engaged in the practice of his profession, but later served for one year as resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Livingood is a member of the city, county, State and national medical associations, and while at college was connected with the Stelli Medical Society, and the Nu Sigma Nu, Greek fraternity. In political matters he is independent, and he and Mrs. Livingood are members of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1901 Dr. W. W. Livingood married Miss Stella M. Ziegler. They spend the summer seasons at their beautiful summer residence in Robesonia.

HARVEY C. JOHNSON, D. D. S., one of the rising young dentists of Reading, was born in Kutztown, Pa., Feb. 7, 1870, son of Henry and Anna (Custer) Johnson.

Harvey C. Johnson was educated in Kutztown and Reading, and later attended the Schuylkill Seminary and West Chester State Normal School. His professional preparation was secured at the Philadelphia Dental College, and he was given the degree of D. D. S., in 1889. His father was one of the best known dentists in Reading, and the young man at once went into the elder Dr. Johnson's office, and has been practicing in connection with him ever since. He is a thoroughly wide-awake, energetic and practical man, and has not only built up a good practice but has also had time to serve his city's interests. The Doctor is treasurer of the Hamburg Manufacturing Company, one of the large industries in Berks county. A Republican and active in party work, he is at present serving his second term on the city council, where he has done good service and has a record above reproach. He is an active member of the Board of Trade.

Dr. Johnson is an enthusiastic lodge man and a member of many organizations. They are: Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 42; Bloomsbury Consistory (thirty-second degree Mason); Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Reading Lodge, B. P. O. Elks; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Sons of Veterans; and the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Reading Hose Fire Company, and the North Eastern Republican League.

HARTLINE. The Hartline family long prominent in Berks county Pa., is represented by George C. Hartline, justice of the peace of Mt. Penn borough and a foremost citizen of that vicinity; Warren D. Hartline, a trusted employe of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, with his residence in Mt. Penn borough; and Dr. Charles H. Hartline, a prominent physician and surgeon in Oley township. The family is of German origin, but has been a part of the substantial German element of Pennsylvania citizenship since the first half of the eighteenth century.

(I) John Jacob Hartlein was born Sept. 8, 1699, in Saxony, Germany, son of Nicholas and Dorotha Hartlein, as indicated by the Hill Church records. On Sept. 28, 1726, he married Julia, daughter of John Christian and Appolonia Dressler, born July 4, 1694. They came to America in 1732, and settled in Earl township, Berks county, Pa. They became the parents of six children, as follows: John Jacob and Jacob both died young; Margaret, born in 1729, married John ————; George, born 1732; Anna Dorotha, born 1734, died 1736; and Nicholas, born 1736, died 1741.

(II) George Hartlein, son of John Jacob, was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1732, shortly before the emigration of his parents to the New World. In 1750 he was a taxable in District township, this county, as was also George, Jr. In 1755 he married Maria Catharine Bochm (Boehm), who was born in 1730, daughter of Conrad Bochm a native of Fehrfield, Wurtemberg, Germany (born about 1705), who came to America in 1732. To George Hartlein and wife were born the following children: Jost (or Yost), born Jan. 8, 1767, died Dec. 21, 1852, aged eighty-five years, eleven months, thirteen days, and is buried at Oley Church; by his side is buried Sarah Hartlein, born Oct. 18, 1780, died Sept. 24, 1873, aged ninety-two years, eleven months, six days (It is not known whether she was his wife or his sister). George, Jr., was born Jan. 11, 1781. There were perhaps other children but the names of these two alone are of certain record.

(III) George Hartlein, Jr., son of George, was born in Earl township Jan. 11, 1781, and he died Feb. 19, 1865, aged eighty-four years, one month and eight days. He married Maria Dilleplane (properly spelled De la Plaine), daughter of Frederick Dilleplane, of French extraction and of an early settled family of Oley township. She was born April 29, 1784, and died Aug. 10, 1853, aged sixty-nine years, three months, and eleven days. Both she and her husband are buried at the Oley Churches. Their children were: Daniel; Solomon; Mary m. Elijah Clouser, of Oley township; Harriet m. Enoch Boyer; Josiah m. Anna Hoffman (1828-1899); Joel m. Mary Auche; Susanna m. Isaac Smith; Elizabeth m. Michael Brandt; Joshua D. m. Elizabeth Clouser; and Ezra, a weaver by trade and a veteran of the Civil war, m. Catherine Focht, and resides in Earl township.

The name George was a very common family name, and at the present time (1908) there are four George Hartlines living within a radius of seven miles in Berks county.

(IV) Josiah Hartline, son of George, Jr., was born in Earl township, Oct. 11, 1814, and his death, the result of an attack of pneumonia, occurred in Oley township March 21, 1877, when he was aged sixty-two years, five months and ten days. In his youth he learned the trade of shoemaker and cobbler from John Ahrenpriester, of Earl township, and this he followed all of his active life. He owned a small home in Oley township, where he died. He was a member of the Oley Lutheran church, and is buried in the Hartline plot in the cemetery adjoining. He married Anna Hoffman, born Feb. 15, 1828, daughter of John Hoffman. She died Sept. 10, 1899, aged seventy-one years, six months and twenty-five days. Their children were: Deborah, widow of Cornelius Kuser; Morris H., living at the old home in Oley; Hannah, who died young; Franklin, lineman for the American Telegraph and Telephone Co.; Harriet, who died young; Dr. Charles H.; Ellen, who married Charles Ohlinger, of Reading; and Enoch, a school teacher of Oley township.

(VI) Dr. Charles H. Hartline, son of Josiah and Anna, was born in Oley township March 22, 1859. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his district, and in the Oley Academy, which was established in 1857. He later attended the Amityville Seminary under Profs. D. M. B. Wann and Irwin Holloway, afterward taking a course in Pierce's Business College at Philadelphia, graduating in 1885. His medical studies were pursued at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1891. He immediately located for practice at Friedensburg, in Oley township, where he has since remained, having built up a large and lucrative practice, and having won a high place in the esteem and affection of the people by his ability, conscientious care and high principles. His practice covers a radius of ten miles, and throughout all this territory he is well known. His country practice is so large that he is obliged to keep three horses. Since 1896 he has been a member of the Berks county Medical Society, and he also belongs to the American Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with Mt. Penn Lodge No. 518, I. O. O. F.; Mt. Penn Encampment, No. 152; Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E.; Minnehaha Lodge No. 154, K. P.; Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E. The Doctor and his family all belong to the Friedensburg Lutheran Church.

On May 11, 1906, Dr. Hartline was graduated from Allemannia Gesang Verein von Philadelphia. He is a fine musician and is much interested in vocal culture in his district. Dr. Hartline has been twice married. On Jan. 19, 1895, he married Sallie E. Price, daughter of Adam and Mary (Eisenhour) Price, of Fleetwood. She died April 15, 1898, aged twenty-three years, seven months and five days. To this union were born two daughters: Esther P. and Sallie P. He married (second) Nora H. Seyler, daughter of John and Susan (Hess) Seyler, on June 29, 1901. No children have been born of this union.

(IV) Joel Hartline, son of George, Jr., was born Nov. 18, 1818. He made his home in Earl township and died Feb. 12, 1909, aged ninety years, two months, twenty-seven days, and is buried in Oley Churches Cemetery. He earned a good reputation for industry, engaging all his active life at day's labor. During his last years he made his home with his son George A., in Exeter township. He married Mary Auche, who died July 9, 1892, aged seventy-three years. They became the parents of five children, namely; One died in infancy; James, a carpenter in Earl township, m. (first) Hettie Shollenberger, deceased, and (second) Kate Hartman, widow of Amos Hartman; George A.; Ammon, a laborer at Shanesville, m. Sally Hartman; and Sarah m. Peter Yoder, of Fleetwood.

(V) George A. Hartline, son of Joel, was born May 16, 1842, in Oley township, and when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade, which was his occupation until 1900. He then tenanted for six years, and in 1907 he purchased a tract of twenty-two acres in Exeter township, which he is now cultivating very successfully. He is a hard-working, industrious man, and is esteemed by all who know him. In political matters he is Democrat, and in religious belief he and his family are Lutherans, belonging to Christ Lutheran Church, Spangsville. He married Deborah Drumheller, daughter of Charles and Abigail Drumheller, and to them were born eight children: Clara m. Harry Weidner, a shoemaker of Reading; Robert D., a truck farmer at Black Bear, Exeter township, m. Alice Shollenberger; Harry D., a shoe maker and toll-house keeper at Oley Line (Limekiln P. O.), m. Bertha Correll; Warren D.; George, a professional egg packer at Philadelphia, m. Sallie Deysher; and Mary, Oscar and Odella are unmarried and at home.

(VI) Warren D. Hartline, son of George A., and now a reliable citizen of Mt. Penn borough, was born in Oley township Jan. 24, 1872. He attended the public schools of his native township until he was about nineteen years of age, after which he learned the machinist's trade with Orr & Sembower, at Millmont, in whose employ he remained for a period of twelve years. He then accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Rail-

way Company, where he has continued to the present time, discharging the duties of his position with ability and care. In the spring of 1904 Mr. Hartline erected a comfortable residence on Twenty-third street, Mt. Penn, where he has since made his home. He is a Democrat in politi cal principle, but is independent of party lines. He is a member of Camp No. 560, P. O. S. of A., and of Tent No. 426, K. O. T. M. He and his family attend Zion's U. B. Church at Reading.

On Sept. 26, 1898, Mr. Hartline was married to Cora Strunk, born April 18, 1877, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Anthony) Strunk, truck farmers of Exeter township. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartline have been born four children: Elsie, March 27, 1900; Mary, Jan. 24, 1903; Paul, March 27, 1905; and Sarah, Feb. 19, 1907.

(IV) Joshua D. Hartline, son of George, Jr., was born in Earl township May 6, 1826. He learned the trade of shoemaker in his youth, and followed that occupation all his life in Oley and Exeter townships, the latter of which was his home the major portion of his life. He died there Feb. 2, 1890, in his sixty-fourth year, and was buried in Oley Church cemetery. On Oct. 12, 1852, Mr. Hartline married Elizabeth L. Clouser, born May 15, 1826, died Jan. 12, 1907, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Livingood) Clouser. To this union were born: Miranda m. Daniel Knabb, a farmer of Oley; Mary Catharine, born July 6, 1855, died when less than one year old; William H., born March 21, 1857, died in his fourteenth year; John, a farmer at Stonetown, in Exeter township, m. Maggie Noll; Sarah m. Howard B. Deysher, who resides at Mt. Penn; Harriet, born Jan. 28, 1866, died in her fifth year; and George C.

(V) George C. Hartline, son of Joshua D., and exburgess, justice of the peace, and school director of Mt. Penn borough, was born in Exeter township, Dec. 8, 1868. He was educated in the public schools and Oley Academy, of which Profs. George H. Heffner and Hiester A. Bowers were the instructors, and this well-known institution he attended for about four years. He then taught school successfully for ten terms in Alsace, Exeter, Ruscombmanor, Lower Alsace and Earl townships, but in June, 1889, he gave up teaching and accepted a position on the construction force of the Philadelphia, Reading & Pottsville Telegraph Company, receiving in 1897 a well-deserved promotion to the position of store keeper of telegraph materials, a capacity in which he has ever since continued, his office and storehouse being located at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets, Reading.

Mr. Hartline is one of Mt. Penn's most influential Democrats, this borough having formerly been a part of Lower Alsace township, in which Mr. Hartline was elected a justice of the peace in 1897, serving in that office until Mt. Penn was incorporated. Here he continued in the office, having been elected for the third time, and during all of this service to the county he has never drawn one cent for discharged cases, believing this practice to be legalized robbery of the tax-payers' money. He is greatly interested in educational matters and faithfully served Lower Alsace and Mt. Penn as school director. After the incorporation of the latter place, the people unanimously elected "Squire" Hartline to the office of chief burgess, a position which he filled with honor, and during his incumbency many important incidents are recorded, including the Topographical survey, the laying of considerable curbing and sidewalks, and the installation of the water mains. Mr. Hartline proved himself a capable incumbent of the chief executive's office, and an honest and incorruptible official. Socially he is connected with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., Reading; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; and Philadelphia Consistory, 32nd degree; Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 518, I. O. O. F., Mt. Penn Encampment No. 152; and Reading Canton No. 72, of that order; Washington Camp No. 221, P. O. S. of A., of Lime Kiln. He and his family attend Grace Lutheran Church, of which they are consistent members. Since 1895 Mr. Hartline has been superintendent of Faith Lutheran Sunday-school in Mt. Penn. He was instrumental in having the full course of the graded literature of the General Council of the Lutheran Church adopted in the Sunday-school, and in various ways through his influence the school has been brought to its present flourishing condition.

In 1892 Mr. George C. Hartline was married to Amanda C. Clouser, daughter of Enoch L. and Maria (Diliplaine) Clouser, of Tiffin, Ohio, and granddaughter of Abraham and Catharine (Livingood) Clouser. To them have been born these children: Joshua Enoch, born Feb. 22, 1893; B. Franklin; Martin L. and John W., twins; and a son, the four last named dying in infancy.

SAMUEL BANKS TAYLOR, M. D., a prominent physician and leading citizen of Reading, Pa., who has been identified with the interests of the city since 1895, was born in 1868 in Tuscarora township, near Millerstown, Perry county, Pa., son of George D. and Frances (Kurtz) Taylor.

George D. Taylor, who was for many years engaged as a farmer and lumberman in Perry county, is now devoting his time to fruit culture. His first wife, Frances Kurtz, died March 4, 1880, aged thirty-seven years, the mother of six children, three of whom are now living: Elizabeth G., m. to John F. Adams, principal of the Millersburg, Dauphin county, schools; Louisa, m. to J. Frank Fickes; and S. Banks. W. Sherman, a son of the first marriage, died May 16, 1907. Mr. Taylor m. (second) Mary E. Kurtz, sister of his first wife, who died March 29, 1890, without issue.

S. Banks Taylor received his preliminary education in the common schools of Perry county, also attending the Lock Haven State Normal school. He read medicine with his uncle, Dr. Samuel L. Kurtz, and entered Jefferson Medical College in 1892, graduating therefrom in 1895. He immediately settled in the practice of his profession in Reading, where he has won public confidence and esteem and built up a large practice. The Doctor is a member of the city, county, State and American Medical associations, and keeps himself well posted in the new discoveries and inventions in the profession by subscription to numerous medical periodicals.

In 1902 Dr. Taylor married Edith E. Niedhauk, a native of Lancaster county, and three children have been born to this union: Ethel N., George D., Jr., and Samuel B., Jr. In political matters Dr. Taylor is a Republican.

O. W. DECK, who was for many years a teacher throughout Pennsylvania and other States, and acquired a very favorable reputation in that profession, was, in 1904, acting in the capacity of cashier for the Canada Life Assurance Company, having charge of the Central Pennsylvania branch, consisting of five counties.

The Deck family traces its origin to the Palatinate immigration of early Colonial times. Mathias Dek, aged thirty-seven years, landed by the ship "Harle," Sept. 1, 1736. Four years later his son Johann Frederick was born, after he had located on a small tract of land in Tulpehocken township, in the "Fogelsbirge," near Host, which remained in the possession of the Deck family for over a century. Johann Frederick died in 1820, when the farm became the property of his son Henry (born in 1782). There were other sons, but their names and number is not now definitely known. One was John, another Frederick, and a third, George. The first named moved to Virginia, and settled near Winchester, in Frederick county, where he died in 1847. Frederick never became possessed with the "wanderlust," it seems, and remained in the State, but where he lived is not now known. George followed his brother into Virginia (now West Virginia), and settled near Martinsburg, where several of his descendants yet reside.

Henry Deck died at the old homestead in 1854, and the property came into the possession of his son Matthias, who, however, some years before this time had moved to Lebanon county, near Jonestown, where our subject's father, Isaac Z., was born in 1837. Matthias tilled the farm faithfully, being assisted by his seven sons: Henry, a victim of the Civil war; Jonathan, who died at Hamburg, this county, in 1893; Israel, who died in early manhood, unmarried; Isaac Z., who died in Easton, Pa., in 1897; Samuel, now living at West Leesport; Willoughby, who lives at present at Oakbrook, a suburb of Reading; and John, a veteran of the Civil war, now living at Rehrersburg. When Matthias Deck retired from active life, in his old age, he sold the farm, soon after the end of the Civil war, to a Mr. Webber—by which act it ceased to be associated with the Deck family in ownership, after undivided possession for a century and a quarter.

Isaac Z. Deck was a school teacher for twenty-eight years, and was also church organist in the old Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg for twenty years. He was elected to the Legislature from Rehrersburg for two terms, and died in 1897, at Easton, Pa., aged sixty years. He married a Miss Wagner, daughter of Daniel L. Wagner, a farmer of near Bernville, Berks county. Five children were born to this union: Eva m. S. P. Wilhelm, of Bernville, and died in August, 1905; Delos, of Easton, a granite cutter, is in the employ of the Easton Traction Company; Blanche m. George W. Snyder, railway mail clerk at Reading; Daphne, a graduate of the Reading High school, is now stenographer and typewriter for the Sun Wall Paper Company, of Reading; and O. W. is our subject.

O. W. Deck was born in Womelsdorf, Berks county, and was educated in the schools of that county and of Schuylkill county. He also attended Normal schools in Pennsylvania and Ohio. His first occupation was that of marble cutting, which he followed from the time he was fourteen years old until he was twenty, and part of this time he spent in attending school. He started teaching school at the age of twenty years, and followed that occupation for a like period of time in Berks, Perry and Luzerne counties, Pa., and in Monmouth county, N. J. Tiring of teaching, Mr. Deck returned to Reading, where he held the position of Cashier in the Central Penna. Branch of the Canada Life until the Branch was merged with the Philadelphia Branch of that Company. He is now bookkeeper for the Reading Quarry Company, located at Temple, five miles out from Reading.

GEORGE. The George family, planted in America some one hundred and fifty years ago, is found active in many different walks of life, and has been distinguished by industry, thrift and good citizenship. At the present time Rev. Dr. Jonathan V. George is successfully carrying on the Reading Collegiate Institute; Samuel George is a successful contractor and builder in Reading; and Daniel S. George is a prosperous farmer in Maxatawny township.

(I) Jost Heinrich George was born in 1707, at Breitenbach, near Herborn, Nassau, Germany. His children were: (1) Johann Heinrich. (2) Heinrich came to America Aug. 11, 1750, and tradition says he settled at Harrisburg, where he owned blocks of houses. He had a palatial residence, and it is said he received a princely inheritance from Germany after his father's death, but before he died he burned all the papers he had belonging to his father, as well as all his correspondence pertaining to his inheritance from Germany. He had a son, and a daughter, Anna Catharine, whose name was not given, but was referred to in a letter written by her father on May 2, 1783.

(II) Johann Heinrich George, son of Jost Heinrich, came to America when his oldest son was nine years of age, according to family tradition. His wife was Anna Maria Nicks, and they settled in Greenwich township, Berks county. Their children were: Jost Heinrich; Heinrich Jacob; and one referred to in letter.

(III) Jost Heinrich George, son of Johann Heinrich, married Elizabeth Mayer (1769-1840), and she is buried in the cemetery at Dunkel's Church. They lived in Greenwich township. Their children were: Elizabeth, m. to Christian Dietrich (1783-1873); Barbara (Bevy), m. to Hans Georg Kohler, and the mother of Rev. Daniel Kohler; J. Jacob (1790-1859), m. to Catharine Zimmerman, and had children—Maria (m. Charles Bleiler), Joseph, Jacob, Henry (inherited the home), Phoebe (m. Charles Shomo), Charles and Daniel; Eva, m. to Jacob Noecker; Maria, m. to Peter Spohn; and Hannah, m. to George Haring.

(III) Heinrich Jacob George, second son of Johann Heinrich, was born Feb. 27, 1774, and he died July 5, 1832, aged fifty-eight years, four months, six days. His wife was Maria Catharine Leiby, born 1778, died 1865. Their children were: Jacob m. Polly Willtrout; Heinrich m. Polly Hilbert; Elizabeth m. Daniel Peiffer; Rebecca m. Jacob Seitler; Maria m. William Bast; Felde (Valentine) m. Kate Neff; Charles m. Sarah Adams; and Lydia m. John Haring.

(IV) Jacob George, son of Heinrich Jacob, was born in Berks county, and when a young man learned the trade of gunsmith which he followed for several years, then taking up a tract of eighty-four acres in Greenwich township, which he farmed for the remainder of his life. He died in 1881, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Polly Willtrout, and to them were born children as follows: ———m. Jacob Kershner; Daniel W. is mentioned below; ——— m. Reuben Harris; Jonathan lived in Greenwich township; Sallie m. Jonathan Mechley, of Greenwich township; Jacob; Fianna m. Daniel Mechley; Jackson is deceased; Mary m. ——— Adams; and Benjamin.

(V) Daniel W. George, son of Jacob, was born in Greenwich township, Nov. 8, 1826, and he died on his farm in Maxatawny township April 25, 1904, aged seventy-seven years, five months, seventeen days, and was buried at Dunkel's Church. He was a life-long farmer, and owned a tract of thirty-three acres in Greenwich township, upon which he made his home until 1899, when he bought the Jacob Merkel farm in Maxatawny township, to which he moved. He m. (first) Hannah Hummel, daughter of Benjamin Hummel, who died aged about sixty years. No children were born of this union. He m. (second) Judith A. Hummel, daughter of Solomon Hummel, of Greenwich township, born Aug. 9, 1853. Three children were born of this union, namely: Daniel S.; Miss Lillie L., an invalid; and Judith A. M., m. to Ambrose Stettler, a farmer on the old George homestead in Greenwich township, by whom she has children—Alvin C., Samuel O., Franklin D. and Verna M.

(VI) Daniel S. George, son of Daniel W., was born in Greenwich township, Oct. 29, 1879, and was early trained to agricultural pursuits to which he has devoted his life. He worked for his father until the latter's death in 1904, and in December of that year came into possession of the Jacob D. Merkel farm in the eastern part of Maxatawny township. His farm is well stocked, and he has fifteen head of cattle, and six horses. His milk is all sold at the Rothrocksville creamery. His fraternal connection is with the Jr. O. U. A. M., of New Smithville, in which he has held various offices. He is a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife is a Lutheran. On April 4, 1905, Mr. George was married to Jennie Klotz, daughter of Samuel and Lucy Ann (Fritch) Klotz, of Topton, and they have had two children: Daniel Edgar; and Helen Agnes, who died aged six months and seven days.

(V) Benjamin George, son of Jacob, was born in 1835 in Greenwich township, and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for

about fifteen years. He then engaged in farming in Greenwich township, and there died Feb. 20, 1903. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the New Jerusalem Church of Greenwich township. He married Catharine Rothermel who survives and still resides in Greenwich township. Their children were: Lovina died young; Samuel; William died young; Elias is of Reading; Emanuel is deceased; Benjamin lives in Reading; Elizabeth died young; Emma m. Alvin Adams; Mary A. m. Alvin J. Kline; and Katie L. m. John Adams.

(VI) SAMUEL GEORGE, son of Benjamin, and now now one of the well known contractors and brick layers in Reading, was born in Greenwich township, Sept. 2, 1864. He attended the schools of his native township, until he was seventeen, and from that time until he attained his majority he engaged in farm work. He then went to learn the trade of brick layer, which he followed two years in Greenwich, finishing his apprenticeship in Allentown. He came to Reading in 1894, here working as a journeyman for one year, and in 1895 he engaged in business with Charles Schlenker, a partnership which was most successfully and pleasantly continued until Mr. Schlenker's death in 1901. In 1904 Mr. George formed a partnership with James H. Ramer, under the firm name of Ramer & George, and they have erected a large number of buildings in the northeastern part of the city. Mr. George is a good business man and excellent workman, and has an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity. Mr. George married Lovina M. Leiby, daughter of Jacob U. and Annie (Miller) Leiby, who died March 14, 1900, and was buried at Dunkel's church, Greenwich township. One daughter was born of this union, Miss Annie E. In politics Mr. George is a Democrat, although now not an active worker in political affairs. He belongs to the Maccabees, in which he is justly popular. He is an active member of St. Thomas's church (Reformed), Reading, in which he has held the offices of deacon, elder, treasurer and trustee, acting in the last named capacity at the present time.

(IV) Charles George, son of Heinrich Jacob, engaged in farming all his life in Maxatawny township. In 1887 he retired from active work and located in Kutztown, where his death occurred. His wife, Sarah Adams, survived him until 1895, when she passed away at the age of seventy-six years. Their four children were: Henry, of Bath, Pa.; Charles; Mary Ann, m. to W. A. Walbert, of Maxatawny township; and Rev. Jonathan V., D. D.

(V) REV. JONATHAN V. GEORGE, D. D., son of Charles and Sarah, was born in Maxatawny township, May 23, 1860, and is now conducting the Reading Collegiate Institute, an excellent preparatory school. He secured his preliminary education in the common schools of his native locality, and after graduating from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, he took a special course in Franklin and Marshall College. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1890, and pursued a special post-graduate course, receiving the degree of B. D. From Harriman University (Tennessee) he received the degrees of S. T. D. and D. D. He also took a special course at the Northern Illinois College, graduating with the degree of Ph. D., and was ordained in June, 1890. He served at Reamstown, Pa., for nine months, and was then elected to the Allegheny charge in Berks county, which he is still serving, the charge consisting of five congregations. Since 1903 he has been conducting the Reading Collegiate Institute, formerly the Scientific College conducted by the Hon. D. B. Brunner, an institution preparing both young men and young women for college and for teaching. Under his management the school has been very successful, and has come to be considered one of the best of its kind in the State. Dr. George was married to Sarah L. Sitler, of Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, and one child has been born to them, Jennie Belle, a teacher in the public schools of Reading. Dr. George is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Royal Arcanum. In political affiliation he is independent.

MISS ANNIE E. KEMP, of Reading, has, by her devotion to music, her thorough comprehension and high appreciation of the art, done much for the elevation of those about her to a higher artistic plane. As an instructress she has few peers, inspiring as she does in her pupils a true love and clear conception of the ennobling influences of perfect musical development. Those who have entered her studio seeking an education in music merely as an accomplishment tending toward social success have gone out from it better men and women who in the harmony of outward sounds have found the higher, deeper music of the soul.

Miss Kemp was born in Hamburg, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Geyer) Kemp. Joseph Kemp was a highly educated man and taught school for a number of years, winning a high reputation as an instructor. He died in 1875, at the age of forty-seven. Seven children were born to him and his wife, but two of whom, however, lived to maturity. These are: Elwood L., clergyman and educator, who attended the schools of Berks county, and then after an advanced course of instruction under private teachers, became a student in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, from which he was graduated in 1881, and after a theological course was ordained a minister of the Reformed Church in the United States. He was professor of Ancient Languages from 1881 to 1886; of Psychology and Pedagogy from 1886 to 1888 at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He was president of Wichita (Kans.) University, 1888 to 1891; president of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., 1891 to 1893; vice principal, 1893 to 1902, and principal, 1902 to the present time, of East Stroudsburg State Normal School. He is principal of the faculty of Pocono Pines Chautauqua Assembly, Pa. He is the author of "Idyl of the War," and other poems published in 1882; "History of Education," published in 1902. In 1903 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by Franklin and Marshall College. The other child attaining mature years is Miss Annie E.

Miss Kemp was educated in the schools of Hamburg. From her earliest childhood she evinced a love for music that gave no doubt as to her ultimate calling. She was a student of the Sternburg School of Music, and also studied under Prof. Baltzell, Mrs. Moulton and Miss Virgil, of New York. She opened her first school in Reading in 1891, and it was then known as the Kindergarten School of Music, her natural love for the little folks having early given her remarkable success in their instruction. Her own ability was so pronounced that it was not long before she was induced to accept older pupils, and the wedge once entered, she has numbered many who have elsewhere had the advantages of a higher musical education. While she uses the Virgil method of instruction in hand shaping and time beating, she has evolved from her own experience a simple method of teaching, particularly beneficial to beginners. This method is so simplified that children of no more than four years have been easily taught. Miss Kemp's pupils have, many of them, come from the best homes in Reading, and she has developed some wonderful talent. As is but natural in one so gifted with the divine art, she is a woman of much refinement. She has considerable literary ability, frequently contributing to musical publications, and was during its existence a contributor to the Woman's Club Bulletin, acting as editor of the Department of Music. Miss Kemp is working on and will soon have ready for the publisher a series of graded studies which will be of interest and great educa-

tional value to young students. Miss Kemp is also very fond of painting and if it were not for the demands made by her music would be justified in devoting some time to the development of her talent in this art. She was a special pupil for two years at the School of Design, in Philadelphia, under a pupil of Carolus Duran, studying both oil and water colors.

Hartman Leitheiser, Miss Kemp's maternal great-grandfather, enlisted at Reading, in the year 1775, under Capt. Nagle, and marched to Boston, where his company was attached to Col. Hand's regiment. He continued in service one year, enlisting again, in the year 1776, in the Flying Camp for six months, under Capt. Fricker, in Col. Klotz's regiment, after which he was appointed an ensign in Capt. J. Bowers Company, 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Col. McGaw. This company was commanded by Lieut. Baker, and was continued in service during the Revolutionary war. In 1792 Mr. Leitheiser again entered the service of his country, and was appointed an ensign in the sub-legion; in 1794 he was appointed a lieutenant, and in 1800 a captain, during which time he served under General Anthony Wayne against the Indians.

WILLIAM C. MATTHIAS, a mechanical and electrical engineer of Reading, and superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph System of that city, was born there June 18, 1871, son of David and Elizabeth (Whitman) Matthias, and he has passed practically all of his life in his home town. He obtained his education in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, after leaving the latter learning the machinist's trade with Davies, Printz & Co. After completing his apprenticeship he was employed at the Diamond Drill Works at Birdsboro, and later was with the Reading Hardware Company. In 1900 he entered the City Engineer's office, where he remained three years, and then he became second assistant city clerk, holding that position three years. This he resigned to accept the post of mechanical and electrical engineer at the city's Sewage Disposal Plant. While there he designed and patented numerous devices for the treatment and disposal of sewage, which are used extensively in Reading and elsewhere. This position he resigned to accept that of superintendent of the City Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph System, to which he had been appointed April 1, 1908. Since accepting this office he has practically rebuilt the system, introducing a number of improved methods. The city is now equipped with two sets of wires and double sets of alarm boxes, thereby affording the people cheaper, better and quicker service from both the fire and police departments.

LUDWIG. The Ludwig family of Berks county was founded in America by Daniel and Michael Ludwig, brothers, who landed at Philadelphia Sept. 18, 1733, having come from Rotterdam on the ship "Pennsylvania Merchant," Capt. John Stedman. Their father's name was Michael, and besides him they left in Germany one sister and four brothers, Emmanuel, Philip, Jacob and Abraham. Both the brothers settled in Berks county, Daniel about a mile southwest of Sinking Spring and Michael in Amity township.

Jacob Ludwig, son of Daniel, one of the brothers who emigrated to America, was born Feb. 22, 1761, and died Jan. 26, 1813. He was the first of the family to own the old Ludwig homestead in what is now Spring township, having moved thither from Oley township, and the property was continuously in the possession of members of the family from the time he acquired it, in 1794, until its sale in 1902. In 1814 Jacob Ludwig built the barn which is still standing on the place, and the present dwelling was erected in 1902 by the estate of Charles S. Ludwig, under the supervision of the latter's son, Philip D. Ludwig. In 1902 the homestead place was sold by the estate of Charles S. Ludwig to the Montello Brick Company at $115 an acre. Some years before Charles S. Ludwig had himself disposed of twenty acres to the same concern at the unusual price of $350 an acre. When approached by representatives of the company and requested to name his figure for twenty acres of the property he set a good price, as he did not care to sell, and looking out of the window he remarked that he would take $350 an acre. The offer was accepted at once, the company having been prepared to pay $500 an acre if necessary. During Jacob Ludwig's time this land was included in Cumru township. Jacob Ludwig married Ellenora Sadler, who was born Feb. 26, 1761. Both were buried at Sinking Spring.

Philip Ludwig, sixth child of Jacob and Ellenora, was born July 9, 1793, on the homestead, where he spent his entire life engaged in farming. He married Katie Suter, who was born July 15, 1793, and to them were born the following children: Richard, born March 18, 1821, married Esther Keim; John, born Feb. 12, 1823, died young; Frank, born Jan. 24, 1826, married Rebecca Moyer; Catherine, born June 6, 1828, died in March, 1898; Mary Ann, born in 1828, died in 1898; and Charles S., born in 1830, died in 1898.

Charles S. Ludwig was born Sept. 24, 1830, on the Ludwig homestead in Spring township, where he was reared, and which in time came into his possession. There he spent his entire life, engaged successfully in farming, his death occurring Dec. 11, 1898. He was a lifelong Democrat in political matters, and he and his family attended Sinking Spring Reformed Church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. In 1853 Mr. Ludwig was married to Ellen Ruth, born April 14, 1833, daughter of John and Elenora (Schaeffer) Ruth. Mrs. Ludwig died Nov. 18, 1886, the mother of eleven children, namely: Catherine R., born June 9, 1855, died in infancy; Frank, born Aug. 13, 1856, died in childhood; James M., born Nov. 25, 1858, is mentioned below; Mary R., born Feb. 16, 1860, married C. E. Diefenderfer, of No. 1321 Spruce street, Reading; Ellen R. was born April 25, 1861; Annie Laura was born July 23, 1863; John, born Feb. 17, 1866, married Kate Texter and lives on the homestead farm; Sallie, born Aug. 30, 1869, married Harry Lambert; Emma, born June 22, 1871, married Howard Hain; Philip D., born Feb. 28, 1873, is mentioned below; Charles R., born Nov. 13, 1879, is mentioned below.

JAMES M. LUDWIG, a successful hatter of Reading, was born Nov. 25, 1858, in Spring township, and until twenty-five years old lived on the farm. He received his education in the township schools, which he left at the age of nineteen years. In 1883 he engaged in the lime business in Spring township, burning 12,000 bushels during that year, and he spent the following three years in the brick manufacturing business, in which he was also quite successful. He then learned the hatter's trade at Montello with John Hendel, with whom he remained until 1900. Mr. Ludwig is a substantial business man and a public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, never having missed voting at an election since he attained his majority.

On Sept. 15, 1882, Mr. Ludwig was married to Annie Matz, daughter of David and Mary (Ulrich) Matz, farming people of Spring township. To this union have come four children: Walter J., born Sept. 23, 1883, who is a clerk in the Farmers Bank, Reading; Paul, born May 19, 1886, who died Dec. 10, 1887; Mary Mabel, born July 31, 1889; and Earl F., born March 14, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig are members of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring. He purchased his present residence, at No. 237 South Twelfth street, Reading, in 1902.

PHILIP D. LUDWIG, farmer of Spring township, was born there Feb. 28, 1873, on the old Jacob Ludwig homestead near Montello. He received his education in the local district schools, which he attended during thirteen winter terms. He learned the trade of house painting from D. A. Zechman, of Sinking Spring,

and followed that business for four years, but he was principally engaged in working for his father until the latter's death, in 1898. From the spring of 1898 until the spring of 1908 he farmed the old family homestead, doing his work in the most approved modern fashion, with up-to-date implements and intelligent methods, the effect of which was clearly shown in the fine condition of things about his place. He kept especially fine live stock, including five horses and four mules, but in the spring of 1908 sold his farm stock at public sale. He is now engaged in painting, at Sinking Spring. Mr. Ludwig is an energetic and enterprising young man, has traveled to some extent, keeps well read on current affairs, and is wide awake to all the responsibilities of practical good citizenship. Like most of his family he is a Democrat in political opinion and active in the ranks of the party. He served four successive years as committeeman of his district, being succeeded in that position by his brother Charles. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp No. 282, P. O. S. of A., of Sinking Spring, and to Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F., and he is a zealous member of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring, which he has served as deacon.

CHARLES R. LUDWIG, who has been a popular school teacher in Spring township for a number of years, was born on the old Ludwig homestead in that township, near Montello, Nov. 13, 1879. He was brought up to farming and continued to follow that work, for his parents, until he was eighteen years old, since which time he has devoted himself to his profession. His early education was gained in the public schools of his native township and was supplemented by a course in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He was first licensed to teach in the spring of 1897, by County Superintendent E. M. Rapp, and in the fall of that year commenced to teach. He has only missed two terms since. His first charge was the Marshall school in his native district, and since 1904 he has been teaching the intermediate school at Sinking Spring. Mr. Ludwig has the respect of his pupils and the confidence of the community, which he has won by conscientious and successful work, and he is held in high esteem wherever known. He has been active in local affairs, particularly as a devoted worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, which he has supported ever since he became of age. He is at present township committeeman, having served as such since 1903, and was a delegate to the State convention held at Harrisburg in June, 1905, which nominated Hon. William H. Berry for State treasurer; he was the first Democrat to hold that office in about forty years. Mr. Ludwig is a member of various fraternal orders, belonging to Lexington Lodge, No. 155, K. of P., of Sinking Spring; Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F.; and to Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

On April 13, 1904, Mr. Ludwig was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ruth, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Hertz) Ruth, of Fritztown, this county, and to them have been born two children, Stanley and Charles M. Mr. Ludwig and his family belong to St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring, where the Ludwigs have worshipped and been buried since its organization, in 1794.

SILAS R. ROTHERMEL has been practising law in Reading since 1894. He was born Feb. 26, 1867, in Richmond township, Berks county, and comes from a line of agriculturists who have been identified with the development of Berks county since the advent of the original ancestor, in 1737. His grandfather, David Rothermel, passed his life as a farmer in Richmond township, where his son Lewis, the father of Silas, has also followed the same occupation, and where he now resides.

Lewis Rothermel married Lydia Rothermel, a cousin. It is a fact somewhat noteworthy that among Mr. Rothermel's ancestors, both paternal and maternal, cousins have intermarried for nine generations. To Lewis and Lydia Rothermel were born seven children, one of whom, Annie, died when six years old. Those who survive are: Amos C., principal of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa.; Samuel P., a farmer of Bern township; Lydia, a school teacher; Emily, at home; Lewis, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, class of 1907; Irene, wife of Frank Rothermel, a Berks county rural mail agent; and Silas R.

Silas R. Rothermel was born at the old homestead in Richmond township, and received his primary education in the excellent district school of his home community, after which he attended the Keystone State Normal, at Kutztown, graduating in 1886. He taught school one term, and then began reading law in the office of Rothermel Brothers at Reading, was admitted in 1894 to the Berks county Bar, and later to practice before the higher courts. Mr. Rothermel has a lucrative clientele and honorable standing in his profession. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Rothermel married in 1892 Miss Amelia Kistler, daughter of Jacob Kistler, of Albany township, Berks county. To this marriage was born one daughter, Florence, now attending the public school.

FUNK. The Funk family have a complete history and genealogy of the family, published in 1899 by the Rev. A. J. Fretz of Milton, N. J. Their history is one of progress and is an honor to the state in which they settled.

(I) Bishop Henry Funk emigrated from Holland in 1719, and settled at Indian Creek, Montgomery county, Pa., where he died in 1760. His wife was Anna.

(II) Christian Funk was the son of Bishop Henry Funk, and father of John.

(III) John Funk, son of Christian, was the father of John.

(IV) John, son of John, and father of David W., was a Montgomery county man.

(V) David W. Funk, son of John, and father of Dr. John H. Funk, was a native of Montgomery county, where he was engaged in farming, and where he was successful. The Funk family has been identified with Montgomery county for so many years that members of it are connected with almost every other family there. The family name has been given to various points of interest and its representatives have held important offices not only locally but in the state government. David W. married Elizabeth Highley and they had two children: Martha who married Peter Houck and now resides on the Funk homestead near Norristown; Dr. John H.

(VI) DR. JOHN H. FUNK, State Pomologist, located at Boyertown, was born in Montgomery county, Lower Providence township, March 7, 1844. He was educated in the common schools, later in the Freeland seminary, now Ursinus college, and in the Spring of 1865 was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of M. D. He then practiced for a short time in Boyertown, when he embarked in the drug business, starting the first drug store in Boyertown, and this he conducted in conjunction with his practice.

Later he extended his operations and became a merchant, although all this time he possessed a love for horticulture, and every spare moment was spent in studying the science of fruit growing. In time he has become an authority on this subject. In 1878 he started in the orchard business, and in 1896-7 set out extensive orchards northwest of the city limits. In the spring of 1902 he planted a peach orchard of six acres, containing 1053 trees, and within two and one-half years the yield was one basket to each tree. One year more and the orchard yielded 3200 baskets which were worth about $4,000 on the market. His orchards are recognized as the finest in the entire state. Dr. Funk has made many very valuable discoveries. His trees bear without reference to good or off years. Experiments have taught him that in order to get best results for the state it is best to get varieties from

southern latitudes. An Arkansas variety, for instance, grown in Pennsylvania will give a good winter apple that will keep. On account of his intimate knowledge of horticulture, the state of Pennsylvania secured him to write Bulletin No. 152, entitled "Fruits of Pennsylvania," in October, 1907. The first edition of 15,000 was exhausted before the expiration of one year. The work is standard, and his is a national reputation, so all interested in the subject were anxious to secure a copy. Some idea of the immense amount of work its preparation entailed can be gathered from the fact that it contains 342 pages. Dr. Funk is one of the principal lecturers at Farmers' Institutes conducted under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Funk's experience extends over a period of thirty-five years. The state recognizes him as the authority on fruit, and his entire life is wrapped up in the matter. He travels all over the state on his lecturing tours, and he also lectures in Maryland and Delaware. He was appointed state pomologist by Gov. Samuel W. Pennepacker, and through this office he is made a member of the state board of agriculture. Dr. Funk has also traveled in thirty-one of the states and is a cultured, polished man, and a delightful talker, whose lectures are a treat.

The present home of Dr. Funk has been his residence since the year 1861. He first studied medicine under Dr. John Todd in the house he now owns. Dr. Funk served his town as chief burgess, councilman, school director for many years. He also was active in church work, and was a member of all the church councils, serving on the building committee, as chairman, of the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd, built in 1874 in Boyertown. In addition to his home, Dr. Funk owns a tract of land, eighty acres principally within the borough limits of Boyertown, and the rest is in Colebrookdale township.

In the fall of 1864 Dr. Funk was married to Valeria Stauffer, daughter of Jacob K. Stauffer of Boyertown, and their children are: Walter and Irene. Of these, Walter S. is a trucker and owns a greenhouse in Boyertown. His wife is Helena Weiser Funk, and their children are: Sheldon, Hildegard and Cathlene. Irene married Dr. Charles E. Moyer, formerly a druggist of Boyertown. They had children: Gwendeline, Leon T., Ena B. and Roydon F. Dr. Moyer and his seventeen year old daughter Gwendeline perished in the Boyertown fire, Jan. 13, 1908. His widow now carries on the drug business.

As a member of the most honored of all the professions, as a private citizen and as a learned savant, Dr. Funk has fulfilled every demand made upon him, and has made the lives about him better and broader for his acquaintance. In his present study he is working unselfishly. Many of the important discoveries he is constantly making, he will not live to enjoy. He is working for those who will come after him, and leaving for his children the best heritage that could be theirs,—an honored name, linked forever with some of the most wonderful discoveries of the age.

PETER H. KNABB, poor director of Berks county and a very well-known teacher, is engaged in farming in Oley township, where he was born Nov. 15, 1867, a member of an old and numerous family of Berks county.

The Knabb family was planted in Berks county by three brothers, Michael, John and Peter Knabb, who were born in Pfeldersheim, in Pfalz, Bavaria (which formerly belonged to France, but was restored to Bavaria in 1813). They emigrated to this country about 1737, and so far as is known, are the only members of the family to have emigrated from the eastern to the western hemisphere. Michael (born April 17, 1717) settled in Oley township, on the farm now occupied by Samuel B. Knabb, near the Exeter line. The old house was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1816-1817, and the present house was erected the following summer. A family graveyard near the dwelling contains the remains of the three brothers and a number of their descendants. John died unmarried in the forty-eighth year of his age; Peter died in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and most of his descendants live in Berks county; Michael, who married Eva Magdalena Seltzer, died June 17, 1778.

Peter Knabb, son of Peter, the emigrant, and great-grandfather of Peter H., was a farmer in Oley township, and built his home in 1806. He was a member of Spies's Church. The records show he must have been prominent in public affairs, and he was a county commissioner from 1819 to 1822. He married Sarah Herbein, and their children were: William; Nathan, of Oley township, whose children were—Susan, Rebecca, Jacob, Emma (Beidler) and Amanda; and Sarah, who married Daniel Zacharias, of Muhlenberg township.

William Knabb, son of Peter, was a farmer in Oley township, and on his fine home farm there he erected a substantial barn in 1866. He was a large landowner, owning four fine farms and the mill property now owned by John Bieber, consisting of five hundred acres at the time of his death. He was one of the substantial men of his township, and was very prominent in the affairs of the county. From 1849 to 1852 he served as poor director, and from 1855 to 1858 as county commissioner. He died in 1867, aged sixty-six years and was buried in the Knabb family plot at Spies's Church. He was the founder of the Spies's Church Cemetery Company, and was its first president, being succeeded by his son, Mahlon, who in turn was succeeded by his son, Peter H. He married Margaret Knauss, and they became the parents of eight children: Mary Ann, who married Samuel Rhodes, of Amity township; Hannah, who married Jacob D. Hertzog, of Exeter township; Charles, who is prominent in business and politics in Hiawatha, Kansas; Albert, of Reading; Mahlon; Emeline, who married Jacob Schaeffer, of Exeter township; Harriet, who married John Ritter, of Exeter township; and Augustus, of Reading.

Mahlon Knabb, son of William, and a life-long farmer of Oley, was born May 27, 1841, and he died Dec. 20, 1902, aged sixty-one years, six months, twenty-three days, and is buried at Spies's Church. He was the owner of a large farm of 184 acres of the best land in Oley Valley, one of the original Knabb homesteads. The house was built in 1806 by Peter Knabb. The old part of the house is of log, and was built long before the American Revolution. The present barn was built in 1855. In politics, Mr. Knabb was a Democrat, and he served his fellow citizens very efficiently as auditor and as school director in Oley. He married Sarah Hartman, daughter of Peter and Esther (Schmeck) Hartman, of Alsace township. Mrs. Knabb still lives on the homestead. She has the old family Bible, and is also the owner of Peter Knabb's clock. To Mahlon and Sarah Knabb were born children as follows: Margaret, wife of John D. Bieber, Oley; William, a farmer of Exeter township; Peter H.; Mahlon H., of Oley township; Sallie, who married Edward Steckel, of South Bethlehem, Pa.; Lucetta, who married A. H. Snyder, of Oley township; Edward H., of Exeter township; Warren, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Ellen, who married Robert Angstadt, of Blandon, Pa.; and Miss Clara, who resides with her mother.

Peter H. Knabb, son of Mahlon, was reared to farming, and he obtained his intellectual training at home and in the public schools of Oley, Oley Academy and the Keystone State Normal School. When but fifteen years of age he began teaching in Pike township, and in 1884 was at Lobachsville, same township. Since then he has taught each term in his home township, eight terms at Wiest's school, seventeen at Kiefer's. He was licensed to teach by Prof. D. S. Keck, and was awarded a professional certificate in 1889 by him, and in 1890 he passed the examination of the State Board, obtaining a permanent certificate. He is one of the most successful instructors in the county and is keenly alive to the needs of the public schools.

He is active in the work of the annual teachers' institutes, and is tireless in his efforts to benefit the schools.

Fraternally, Mr. Knabb is a member of Washington Camp No. 221, P. O. S. of A., at Oley Line; Griesemersville Lodge, No. 1109, I. O. O. F.; and the K. G. E., No. 119, at Oley. He and his family are members of Spies's Reformed Church, and he is, as stated before, president of the Cemetery Company. Mr. Knabb is a Democrat, and has long been active in his work for the welfare of his chosen party. Since 1892 he has been tax assessor of Oley township. For several years he served the township as committeeman; and in the fall of 1906 was elected poor director of the county, and is now filling that responsible office. He has been delegate to many county conventions, and in many ways attested his interest in public affairs. He resides on a farm of ten acres in Oley, on the road leading from Friedensburg to Yellow House.

On Aug. 15, 1891, Mr. Knabb was married to Amanda Hartman, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Reiff) Hartman, of Oley township, and their children are: Minnie, Sarah, Verna, Gertie, Edna, Alfred Peter, Olivia, Carrie and Beulah.

JAMES M. MILLER, general superintendent of the Reading Paper Mills, including the Tulpehocken, Reading and Packerack Paper Mills, one of the important manufacturing plants in Reading, is one of the progressive men of the city. He was born near Robesonia, Berks county, Sept. 20, 1859, son of Daniel S. and Henrietta (Heck) Miller, and grandson of Mathias Miller.

Mathias Miller was the owner of a fine farm in North Heidelberg township, and there made his home. He ranked among the best of the advanced agriculturists to whose energy and ability so much of the better development of Berks county is due. He married Sarah Stump, and they became the parents of a large family of children.

Daniel S. Miller, son of Mathias, was born on the old homestead in North Heidelberg township, and for some time after reaching mature age devoted himself to farming, but later moved to Reading. His wife was Henrietta Heck, and to their marriage was born one son, James M.

James M. Miller was but a child when he accompanied his parents to Reading, and there in the public schools he obtained his education. When he was fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade at the Tulpehocken Mill at Reading, and from that time to the present he has been continuously identified with the paper mills of the city, with the exception of six years, during which time he conducted a machine shop of his own, at first in partnership with a Mr. Schmehl and later with a Mr. Zacharias. He had thoroughly learned his trade, and he rose rapidly from the lowest to the highest position, giving faithful service wherever placed. He was made superintendent of the Packerack Mill July 1, 1893. Here he but repeated his former success, so fully demonstrating his ability in an executive as well as in a mechanical capacity that on Jan. 1, 1895, he was promoted to the position of general superintendent of the Reading Paper Mills, including the Tulpehocken, Reading and Packerack Paper Mills. His administration has proved to be of very great material benefit to the company and the city. These mills transact an immense amount of business, and Mr. Miller has a force of 160 men to direct, all skilled laborers. He has been able not alone to get the best results possible from their work, but at the same time he has won their unbounded esteem and good will, his kindness and consideration toward every one carrying with it the natural reward of general respect. He is a man of high principles, whose word in the business world carries great weight, and he is well read and informed on the questions of the day.

On Nov. 3, 1881, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Eva Hiester, daughter of John and Sarah (Gerhart) Hiester, and eight children were born to this marriage, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Arthur, Julia, Stella, Robert, Harvey, Mabel and Beatrice. Mrs. Miller died in 1900 at the age of forty-one years, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. Miller married (second) Aline E. Mathey, daughter of Frederick Mathey, a native of Switzerland, who came to America and settled in Reading. The family attend the German Reformed Church. Mr. Miller has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He belongs to Reading Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237; Reading Commandery, No. 42; Philadelphia Consistory; Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Reading (charter member); and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

JACOB S. PEIPHER, the proprietor of the Reading Scale and Machine Works, is a man of wide reputation in his line in Reading and that vicinity. In a section where large manufacturing concerns are so numerous a machine and repairing establishment of proved reliability is of the highest importance, the field being a profitable one and the business a valuable accommodation to the local factories. Mr. Peipher has been engaged as a machinist practically all his life. He was born in Reading Dec. 4, 1852, son of Jacob and Susan (Kissinger) Peipher, who had a family of six children, four of whom lived to maturity, namely: Mary A., wife of George Market; Jacob S.; Rosie, who was killed at Reading, on the Gravity Railroad; and Adam, a barber, who is also deceased. The father was identified with the lumber trade, having been manager of Fasig's lumber yard, in Reading. He died in February, 1861, and the mother is still living. Mr. Peipher was a member of the Reformed Church.

Jacob S. Peipher received a grammar school education in Reading, and after leaving school, began work in the humble capacity of tow-boy on the canal. Later he sold Philadelphia and New York papers, and he also drove a horse and cart for some time, during the Civil war. Then, at the age of sixteen, he commenced to learn the machinist's trade, which he completed when twenty years old, after which he worked as a journeyman at the Reading Foundry and for Mellert & Company. Since leaving their employ he has been in business for himself. His first location was on Spruce street, whence he moved to Court street, and later for a time was at Cherry and Carpenter streets. In 1889 the business in which he is now interested was founded, Mr. Peipher and three other men associating under the name of the Reading Scale and Machine Company, Limited. At present Mr. Peipher is the sole owner. He does an extensive business in the iron foundry and machine shops, manufacturing scales, engines, shafts, pulleys, hangers, plumbers' supplies, boilers, tanks, stacks, and similar products, and turning out castings of every description. In addition to manufacturing, he maintains a completely equipped repair department, and he also carries a line of belting, pumps and governors. Seventy hands are employed at the plant, which is located at the northwest corner of Front and Chestnut streets, in Reading. An excellent trade has been built up in the various lines named, the firm having high standing throughout this section of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peipher married Sarah Fritz, daughter of Michael Fritz, and they have had three children, Mamie, Edwin and William. Mr. Peipher is a Mason in fraternal connection, belonging to Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, and he is a member of the Junior Fire Company of Reading.

DAVID GROSS died in Reading May 14, 1891. For many years he was extensively engaged in the lumber business.

Mr. Gross, who was a native of Berks county, was educated in the schools of his native locality, and in early life learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for many years, some of the structures erected by him still standing in Reading and the vicinity. Later he accepted a position at the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and it was while in this company's employ that he received an injury which caused his retirement from active work, although later he engaged in the lumber business. He was an upright citizen,

and had many friends. He was a Republican in politics, but later became independent, choosing the right to vote for the man he thought best suited to the office.

Mr. Gross married Christiana Rolland, daughter of George and Catherine (Arnold) Rolland. She died July 15, 1909, aged eighty-three years, six months and twenty days. She is buried in Aulenbach cemetery. To them were born these children: Rosie E., Albert, Emma, William, James, Clara, Kate, David L., and Harry.

WARREN F. LINDERMAN, a leading business man of Reading, Pa., engaged as a commission merchant and dealer in fish, oysters, fruit, truck, etc., at No. 105 North Fifth street, was born June 11, 1871, at Baumstown, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Richard M. and Deborah (Francis) Linderman. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Linderman, namely: Morgan; Annie and Warren F.

Herman Y. Linderman, grandfather of Warren F., was born at Mt. Airy, Berks county, and for forty years was a justice of the peace of Exeter township. He owned a small farm at Baumstown. He and his wife are buried at Douglassville. Mr. Linderman married Margaret Jones, and they had two sons and five daughters: Richard Morgan, who lived and died at Baumstown; Franklin J., of Baumstown; Ellen m. Charles Ludwig; Sallie m. Mahlon Schantz; Amelia m. Joseph Esterly; Clara m. John Walters; and Ida m. John Y. Jones.

Warren F. Linderman received his educational training in the public schools of Amity township, and when a young man engaged in work in the mills at Pottstown, where he remained four years, coming to Reading in 1892, being employed by the Reading Iron Company for three years. At the end of this time Mr. Linderman engaged in his present business with the well known firm of Shade & Esterly, being with this firm for eight years, and the next four years with H. A. Esterly. On Dec. 4, 1905, Mr. Linderman engaged in business on his own account at No. 105 North Fifth street. Mr. Linderman is doing a large business, his honest, straightforward methods, as well as his pleasing personality, having won him much custom, and three wagons are required to deliver his goods.

Mr. Linderman married Annie R. Schraer, daughter of late John and Elizabeth Schraer, of Hamburg, Berks county, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Dorothy N., and Richard H. Mr. Linderman is fraternally associated with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., with Emblematic Lodge, Order of Odd Fellows, the P. O. S. of A., the Order of Red Men, No. 122, the Board of Trade and United Commercial Travelers of America. He and his family are members of the St. Luke Lutheran Church of Reading.

OLIVER P. GRIMLEY, the popular cashier of the Kutztown National Bank and one of the organizers of that well-known institution, was born April 2, 1846, in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., son of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Moyer) Grimley, and grandson of Frederick Grimley.

Frederick Grimley, who was an agriculturist of Salford, Montgomery county, was the father of these children: William, Jeremiah, Amos, Mary, Mrs. Trout, Mrs. Hallman, Jesse and Albert.

Jeremiah Grimley was born and reared in Upper Salford, Montgomery county, and after the completion of his education engaged in teaching, which he followed for many years, first in New Hanover and later in Upper Hanover. Later in life he settled upon a farm in Frederick township, where he died in 1858, ripe in years, being respected by all who knew him for his many sterling qualities. He was a member of the Reformed Church and an active worker therein and deacon for many years. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Ann Moyer, a daughter of Jacob Moyer of Upper Hanover township. To this union there were born: Oliver P.; and J. M., an extensive dealer in carpets, wood and willow ware of Allentown, Pa. Jeremiah Grimley's second marriage was to Mrs. Ziegler, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Jacobs. One daughter was born to the second union, Clara A., a telegrapher of Philadelphia.

Oliver P. Grimley was reared on his father's farm and his early education was obtained in the local schools of his native township. Later he attended Freeland Seminary, Ursinus College and the Pierce Business College at Philadelphia, graduating from the latter institution in 1869. He began teaching in the public schools of Montgomery county in his early manhood and continued to serve for eleven terms. He then entered the service of the Perkiomen Railway Company as freight agent at Schwenkville and afterward became the station agent at Palm station. He remained in the employ of the company until 1883 when he removed to Boyertown to fill the position of teller of the National Bank of Boyertown and he continued there for fourteen years. In 1897 Mr. Grimley, with certain capitalists at Kutztown and vicinity, organized the Kutztown National Bank, with a capital of $50,000, and he was selected as the cashier. From the beginning the operations of the bank showed evidence of superior management and by the year 1904 it appeared on the roll of honor of the national banks of the United States. Its surplus was earned, not paid in, as is done in many cases; and the bank's success is attributable in a large degree to Mr. Grimley's ability as a financier.

In 1872 Mr. Grimley was married to Sevilla Shaner, daughter of Isaac Shaner, a farmer of Frederick township, Montgomery county. They have two sons: Isaac C., teller of the Kutztown National Bank till 1902, and now assistant cashier of that institution, is greatly interested in collecting historical autographs, and is an antiquarian of some distinction; and Oliver Raymond is head book-keeper of the Keystone Shoe Manufacturing Company at Kutztown. Mr. Grimley is identified with the Free Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias; in politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE A. HULL, who has won a wide reputation in civil engineering circles, is now carrying on his business under the name of the Reading Engineering Construction Co., with offices in the Baer Building, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hull's grandfather, Aaron, was a farmer. I. W. Hull our subject's father is superintendent of factories of the Reading Hardware Co., and he and his wife, who was Julia Britton, of Reading, had a family of eight children: Frank, Ellen and Walter, who died in infancy; Richard, who died when a young man; John, a foreman in a machine shop of Reading; Florence, at home; Ida, the wife of H. H. Kleine, a druggist of Reading; and George A., our subject.

George A. Hull was born March 8, 1880, in Reading. He was educated in the public schools and also received private tuition, and after completing his education went to Philadelphia and engaged in railroad construction with a civil engineering corps for one year. He then spent some time in municipal work for the city of Reading, after which he engaged in business on his own account. Since 1909 he has been located in the Baer Building, doing business under the style of the Reading Engineering Construction Co., and has engaged largely in work all over the Eastern and Northeastern States.

Religiously Mr. Hull belongs to Calvary Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Germania Maennerchor.

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DR. JOHN R. WAGNER, practising physician at Hamburg since 1884, was born in that borough Aug. 7, 1861, and received his education in the local schools, and at the Keystone State Normal School, after which he took a regular course at the Bellevue Hospital Medi-

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cal College in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1884. He then located at Hamburg and has practised his profession in a successful manner until the present time, his patronage extending into the surrounding country for ten miles. He served as a school director for two terms, acting as president of the board for two years; and for one term he officiated as chief burgess. He assisted in organizing the gas works in 1904, and has since served as treasurer of the company. He is also an active member of the board of trade.

In 1882 Dr. Wagner was married to Helen Mengel, daughter of William and Sarah (Seaman) Mengel, and they have one daughter, Mame.

Jesse Wagner, father of the Doctor, was born in Newmanstown, Lebanon county, in 1821, and learned the trade of butcher. He located at Bern in Berks county, where he carried on trade for several years, and then removing to Hamburg, followed the business successfully for nearly forty years. He died in 1905. He married Rebecca Renno, daughter of Jacob and Hannah S. (Balthaser) Renno, and by her had seven children: Willia, Elias, Jacob, Franklin, John R., Caroline (who married Joel Bear) and Mary (who married Charles Tobias).

John Wagner, father of Jesse and the grandfather of the Doctor, was born and brought up in Upper Bern township, Berks county. After reaching his majority he moved to Newmanstown, Lebanon county, where he carried on the butchering business. He married Polly Shillig, and by her he had six sons, Jesse, Valentine, John S., and three who died young.

John Wagner, the great-grandfather, was born and brought up in the western section of Berks county. He settled in Upper Bern township (now Tilden) in the vicinity of Bern station, on the P. & R., where he carried on the butchering business in a very successful manner, during the construction of the Schuylkill Valley Canal. He was married and had three children: John, Valentine and Maria, who married Joseph Machemer.

George Wagner, the great-great-grandfather, emigrated from Germany about 1750 and settled in the western section of Berks county, where he engaged in farming.

WALTER S. YOUNG is a member of a family which has been closely identified with the professional and manufacturing interests of this section for several generations. He himself is a member of the Bar of Berks county, as was his father, Samuel L. Young. Grandfather Daniel Young was an ironmaster of Rockland and Oley townships during his life-time, and was a prominent man, having been associate judge for years. He also served a term as prothonotary of the county.

Samuel L. Young was an active member of the Bar for a period covering fifty-four years. He was appointed United States commissioner by President Pierce, an office which he administered until his death, in June, 1901, at the age of seventy-nine years. He married Annie E. Teed, a daughter of Major John Teed, of Reading, who was prominent in the war of the Rebellion, and was for years connected with the postal service of the city. He died in 1877. Of the six children born to Samuel L. Young and his wife, all are living, as follows: Catherine L., at home, a graduate of the high school; Mary E.; William J., a lawyer; Thomas, of McKeesport, Pa.; Annie T., wife of Prof. Carl Moter, a teacher of instrumental music, of Reading; and Walter S.

Walter S. Young was born July 13, 1870, at Reading, where he was educated in the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1887. He entered first on a business career, acting for several years as bookkeeper, during which time he studied law with his father. His admission certificate is dated November, 1894, since which time he has been in active practice. Meantime he has been admitted to the Superior, Supreme and United States District Courts. Mr. Young has for the most part contented himself with private practice, but he was solicitor to the Reading school board for a period, and he was also city solicitor for one term. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church.

HENRY CLAY SEIDEL, president of the Philadelphia Black Lead Crucible Works, and one of the prominent iron men of southeastern Pennsylvania, with which industry he has been identified since leaving school, was born Aug. 14, 1850, in Gibraltar, then Seideltown, son of Reuben B. and Maria Louisa (Yundt) Seidel.

The forerunners of this large and distinguished Berks county family were three brothers, emigrants from Sweden prior to the War of the Revolution, one of whom, the great-great-grandfather of Henry C. Seidel, became a large owner of land in Longswamp township, Berks county. This he sold later to purchase a tract near Stony Creek, just above the Stony Creek Mills, in Exeter township, where he erected an iron forge, subsequently becoming one of the pioneer ironmasters of Berks county. He had three sons: Benjamin, Philip and Nicholas, the first named of whom became associated with his father in the forge at Stony Creek, and the latter two removed to where the village of Gibraltar is located. Nicholas afterward built what are now known as the Yocum forges in Cumru township, which he operated for some years, and then sold, removing to Reading, where the remainder of his life was spent in retirement. Philip Seidel, the great-grandfather of Henry C., remained in Seideltown, where he owned a large property, on which he carried on agricultural operations.

Jonathan Seidel, the grandfather of Henry C., was one of the pioneer ironmasters of Robeson township. During his early days he engaged in a tanning business at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and later removed to Seideltown, building the Seidel forges, which he operated until his death. He married Susan Barr, by whom he had these children: John B., deceased, who was a member of the State Legislature, and who was interested in the iron forges at Marysville, Perry county; Henry B., who was an ironmaster of Lebanon county, and for a number of years a part proprietor of the Seidel-Hastings Company Rolling Mills, of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. John Bechtel, deceased; Reuben B.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, a resident of Reading.

Reuben B. Seidel was born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Oct. 21, 1821, and after attaining his majority removed to Seideltown with his father, with whom he became associated in the iron business. At the time of his father's death, he fell heir to the business, which he conducted until 1865, when he sold his forges. In 1866, with Henry Wile, of Reading, he started a black lead crucible and fire brick works, at 1324-1334 Callowhill street, Philadelphia, and they carried on the business for a short time. Soon Mr. Seidel became sole owner and, discontinuing the making of fire brick, devoted his entire attention to the making of black lead crucibles. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Robeson township. He died in 1892, on his seventy-first birthday.

Reuben B. Seidel was married to Maria Louisa Yundt, daughter of Henry Yundt, a cattle dealer of Blue Ball, Lancaster county, and to this union there were born children as follows: Henry Clay; Robert D., a manufacturer of coal buckets for mine use; Edgar B., also a manufacturer of crucibles at Tacony, Pa.; Maria Louise; Mary B., deceased; Susan B., who married Charles T. Evans, of Tacony; Sallie D., twin of Susan B.; Heber L., an employe of the Philadelphia Black Lead Crucible Works; Dora G.; Horace Y., also connected with the Philadelphia Black Lead Crucible Works; and Roberta C., who resides at home.

Henry Clay Seidel received his preliminary education in the public schools, and later attended Lititz Academy, and William F. Wyer's Military Academy at West Chester, Pa., from which latter institution he was graduated in 1869. Aug. 1, 1870, when but twenty years of age, Mr. Seidel began operating the Exeter Steam Forge, which

he was compelled to operate under his father's name, as he was not of age. This business, which was organized by Hennon and Son, had not, up to that time, proved a success, but Mr. Seidel took up the business to save his own money, he having been a heavy investor in the enterprise. He immediately caused improved machinery to be installed in the plant, including a much heavier hammer, and since that time the business has grown steadily and prospered accordingly. The plant operates continuously, employing twenty hands, and furnishing iron products to the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Reading Railroad Company. At the time of his father's death, the Philadelphia Black Lead Crucible Works was taken in charge by R. B. Seidel's estate, which appointed Henry Clay Seidel manager of the business, and in 1895 it was organized and incorporated, with Mr. Seidel as president. This business, which manufactures a superior article of crucibles, employs forty-five men, and has been a success since its incorporation.

In April, 1878, Mr. Seidel was married to Josephine C. Seltzer, the estimable daughter of the late Dr. John H. Seltzer, of Philadelphia, and two children were born to this union: Blanche Irene, who married Harry W. Spear, of Philadelphia; and Walter F., who died in infancy.

Mr. Seidel is a member of Reading Council, Royal Arcanum. In politics he is an active Republican, for many years was township chairman for the Republican party, and has also held the office of township auditor.

ALBERT F. MOGEL, who filled the office of sheriff of Berks county in 1902-03-04, is one of the foremost business men of Leesport, Pa., his success being commensurate with his popularity. He has long been a recognized leader of the Democratic party in northwestern Berks, having entered the political field when he reached his majority and been identified with the interests of that party since. Mr. Mogel was born Nov. 5, 1864, on the old Mogel homestead in Centre township, Berks county, son of David W. and Elizabeth (Fryberger) Mogel.

Valentine Mogel, who came to America in 1751, from the Rhine river provinces in the western part of the German Empire, settled on the Mogel homestead in that year, and this property has descended through four generations of the family. In 1790 it became the property of the ancestor's son, also named Valentine, and after the latter's death in 1831 it went to his son, Henry. He died in 1867, whereupon one of Henry's sons, David, became the owner.

Albert F. Mogel attended the common schools of Centre township, and in 1881 went west, working on a farm near Bloomington, Ill. He soon returned home, however, and at the age of seventeen years began teaching Kauffman's school in Centre township, and later the Bagenstose school for three years. In 1884 he attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., and on his return in 1887 was appointed deputy county treasurer by his father, a position in which he served three years. In 1891 he engaged in the general merchandise business at Dauberville, Berks county, for four years, and in 1895 moved to Leesport, where he purchased from Samuel Sunday the store and residence now owned by him, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, James W. Rahn, under the firm name of Mogel and Rahn. Mr. Rahn died July 17, 1903, whereupon Mr. Mogel bought his interest in the business, and since has carried on the industry alone. In 1894 Mr. Mogel was appointed chief clerk for the Berks county commissioners, Henry Stoyer, John Wunch and Jeremiah Hartman being the board of commissioners.

From his youth, Mr. Mogel has been an untiring worker for his party. He was elected a delegate from Centre township to the Democratic county convention at the age of twenty-one years, and afterward served five years as a member of the Democratic county standing committee, serving as its secretary for the last year. He was three times a Democratic State delegate, and alternate to the Democratic State convention at Chicago, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for President. He stumped the county for Governor Pattison and William J. Bryan, and became well and favorably known. In 1891 he was elected a delegate to the proposed Constitutional convention, proposed by the State Legislature, which was defeated by the popular vote. In 1898 he received second highest vote in the Democratic county convention for the office of sheriff, and in 1901 was nominated and elected to that office for three years, serving with credit. On Sept. 23, 1902, he had to perform the unpleasant duty of executing George Ganz. At the close of his term he devoted all his time to his store interests, and now is also engaged in farming to some extent, owning a small tract near Leesport.

On April 19, 1887, Mr. Mogel married Alice Henrietta Rahn, daughter of William Rahn, deceased, and to this union came two children: Emma Valeria and Adam Cleveland, the latter of whom died Dec. 11, 1890, aged two years, two months, seven days. Emma Valeria Mogel married Prof. Howard C. Snyder, teacher of the Ontelaunee township high school, Sept. 29, 1906.

Mr. Mogel united with the Reformed Church in 1880, and is a prominent worker thereof. He belongs to a large number of secret societies, being a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Hamburg; Reading Lodge of Perfection and the Philadelphia Consistory; and of W. C. No. 165, P. O. S. of A., of Leesport. This camp he represented at ten State camp sessions, and was four times elected by the State camp a national delegate, also serving as district president of the 2nd district of Berks. He organized Leesport Castle, No. 503, K. G. E., with 162 charter members, and has been its representative the past ten years, being elected grand second guardsman in 1901. He is also a member of Meade Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Ontelaunee; Council No. 985, O. of I. A., of Oley; Lodge No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Leesport; Camp No. 9284, M. W. of A.; and the D. of L., No. 182. He is energetic and industrious, has large business interests, and his standing in the community is deservedly high.

ISAAC McHOSE, a well-known citizen and retired business man of Reading, Pa., residing at Fifth and Walnut streets, who was for many years a generous supporter of public institutions and the prime mover in various business enterprises, has been a resident of this city since 1852. Mr. McHose was born Dec. 6, 1822, in Hanover, Lehigh county, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Lohrbach) McHose and grandson of Isaac McHose, the latter a native of Scotland who came to America at an early date and settled in Northampton county, Pa.

Isaac McHose, father of Isaac of Reading, was a contractor and builder in Northampton county for many years, and was a lieutenant in the war of 1812. In later years he removed to Rittersville, Lehigh county, and there died in the faith of the Reformed Church. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. McHose was married to Elizabeth Lohrbach, a native of Northampton county, and to them were born ten children, of whom Isaac is the only one now living.

Isaac McHose attended the subscription schools of his native locality, and with his father learned the trade of brick-layer, and when seventeen years old helped to build the first anthracite furnace at Catasauqua in 1839. Working with his father at different places he soon learned how to build furnaces and made this his business. For thirty years he was engaged in building blast furnaces in Reading, Robesonia, Topton, Millerstown, Temple and other places in Eastern Pennsylvania, putting the furnaces into successful blast before turning them over to their owners, and finally became interested himself in the manufacture of iron. In company with Mr. Clymer he carried on an extensive iron business at Temple Furnace, which Mr. McHose built, known as the McHose, Clymer & Co., for eight years.

Mr. McHose developed the Reading Fire Brick works from a struggling plant to a flourishing business, and for a number of years was president of the Keystone National Bank. He was a member of the select council, the Reading school board and the water board. He was one of the three citizens who secured the site now occupied by the Reading Hospital and was one of the organizers of this institution, as well as of the Homeopathic Hospital, of which he was the first president. He helped to secure the location of the Reading silk mill here, was one of the organizers of the Reading Steam Heat Co. and was its first president and subsequently became its superintendent, was the first president of the Reading Library Co., and with two other citizens bought the Odd Fellows' Hall, Fifth and Franklin streets, in which to locate the library. He helped to organize the Y. M. C. A. and was its first president. As president of the Board of Trade and through his friendship with President Roberts of the Pennsylvania Railroad, he was instrumental in securing the erection of the substantial iron bridge spanning the railroad and the river at the foot of Penn street. It was his suggestion that the city, the county and the railroad company each pay one-third of the cost of the structure. He continued in the iron business until 1890 when he retired.

On Aug. 16, 1862, Mr. McHose was made a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and he is now connected with Reading Commandery, Excelsior Chapter, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Formerly he was a member of the I. O. O. F. He was one of the presidential electors when James G. Blaine was a candidate for the presidency in 1885, was at one time the Republican candidate for the nomination for State Treasurer and about twenty years ago was the party's nominee for Congress. He has long been a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, served in its consistory and presented to the congregation the fine pipe organ which cost $5,500. He was for many years a trustee of Bethany Orphans' Home of Womelsdorf. Mr. McHose is looking well for a man of his age, is in excellent health and spirits and is thoroughly enjoying life. He has always taken good care of himself and observed regular hours, to which he attributes his general good health.

Mr. McHose was married to Letitia Wieder, a native of Emaus, and to them have been born four children: Susan, m. to Jerome L. Boyer; Ambrose, of Philadelphia; Wilson, engaged in the manufacture of fire brick in Reading; and Isaac, a clerk in the offices of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

JESSE HILTEBEITEL (deceased), who was for many years a prominent business man of Reading, Pa., engaged in dealing in cattle and stock, was born in 1822, in Montgomery county, Pa., and received his education in the schools of his native place.

As a young man Mr. Hiltebeitel engaged in farming, and for a time was the proprietor of a hotel at Salfordville, Montgomery county, and came to Reading about 1860. Here he engaged as a cattle drover, an occupation he followed the rest of his life. He was known to be a very clever business man, but was honest and upright in all of his dealings, and in many ways was kind and generous. He was a member of the Reformed Church, was very active in the work of that denomination, and was liberal in its support. His word was said to have been as good as his bond. He was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Hiltebeitel was married (first) to Sophia Shade, who died leaving no children. He married (second), in 1874, Elizabeth Brossman, daughter of John and Hannah (Renninger) Brossman, and one child, Mahlon, was born to this union, who by his marriage with Ada Russell has had three children—Jesse, Paul and Robert. Mrs. Hiltebeitel is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Brossman was born in Lancaster county, and followed farming all of his life, dying in 1886, aged eighty-two years, while his wife was two years older at the time of her death. They had three children: William, who married Sallie Frankhouser, and had five children—John, William, Daniel, Hannah and Susan; Elizabeth; and Rudolph, who married Elizabeth Beck.

GEORGE K. MOORE, of Boyertown, president of the borough council and otherwise prominently identified with the life of that place, has resided there since 1893. He is a native of Montgomery county, Pa., born Feb. 9, 1866, in Frederick township, where his father and grandfather before him lived and died.

George Moore, the grandfather, was a farmer in Frederick township, and died upon his farm there in the early sixties. He was a well-to-do man, owning a tract of over two hundred acres, and he was a well-known and influential citizen in his time. He is buried at Keeler's Church, though there is an interesting old cemetery on the homestead. It is 100 feet square, and covers the four adjoining corners of the Koons, Moore, Leidy and Stetler farms; there are 150 tombstones on this plot, which contains the remains of many ancestors of the families mentioned. Mr. Moore married Barbara Shetler, a member of a well-known family of Reading, Pa., and the East Penn district, and to them was born a family of six children, namely: George F. is mentioned farther on; John S. lived at Limerick, Pa., where he conducted the "Limerick Centre Hotel" for many years; Anna married Daniel Hiltebeidel, of Montgomery county, Pa. (Hendricks post-office); Maria married George Grubb, of near Braunback's Church, in Chester county, Pa.; Sallie married Jesse Willeauer, of Schwenkville, Pa.; and Eliza married Levi Grater, of Frederick, Pennsylvania.

George F. Moore, eldest son of George Moore, born in Frederick township Nov. 25, 1821, on the homestead of his father, passed all his life there, and died Jan. 10, 1908, at the age of eighty-six years, one month, fifteen days. He died in the house in which he was born. He was a Reformed member of Keeler's Church, in Montgomery county, and served it officially in his earlier life; he is buried there. He followed farming, owning about eighty acres of land. Mr. Moore married Leah Kohl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Daniel, whose wife was a Miss Bergey, and she survives her husband, still residing on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had four children: Daniel K., now deceased, was a resident of Frederick township; Barbara died in infancy; Henry K. lives at Green Lane, Pa.; George K. lives in Boyertown.

George K. Moore grew to manhood on the parental farm, and he continued to work for his parents until he attained his majority, though after he was sixteen he also clerked in the store at Gilbertsville, Montgomery county, being employed thus until he was twenty-two years old. In 1888 he engaged in the huckstering business, buying produce and poultry, which he sold at the Philadelphia markets, both wholesale and retail, going to market once or twice a week. He followed this line of business for some years, finally selling out because of failing health. During this time he had his home in Gilbertsville, whence he removed to Boyertown in the spring of 1893. From 1893 to 1898 he was employed at the "Mansion House" bar, and in the spring of 1898 embarked in the wholesale liquor business on his own account, on Reading avenue. He has since carried on this business, which he has built up from small beginnings to its present proportions, and in the interests of which he travels all over the county.

Mr. Moore has been very active in the public life of the borough of Boyertown for a number of years. He was first elected to the town council in 1902, and has served continuously since, having been re-elected the third time in the spring of 1908; since 1904 he has been president of that body, and under his progressive regime some of the most desirable improvements in the

borough have been promoted and carried to successful issue. During this period the borough has granted franchises for right-of-way to the Oley Valley and Boyertown & Pottstown Traction Companies; the borough has bought its own water-works; the gas plant has been erected, and other notable changes have taken place. When the great theatre calamity of Jan. 13, 1908, occurred, Mr. Moore proved himself equal to the exigencies of the occasion, and did noble work in bringing about order and directing relief work. He is alert to every need of his city and active in promoting its best interests. He is a Democrat in political connection.

In March 1888, Mr. Moore was married to Ellen Stauffer, daughter of Andrew and Amelia (Fegley) Stauffer, of Gilbertsville, and they have had three children, Agnes, Anna and Henrietta. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown, and he is a member of Popodickon Tribe, No. 388, Improved Order of Red Men.

H. T. JOHNSON, president and general manager of the Reading Quarry Company, is widely known in business circles of Berks county. He was born in 1871, near Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., son of William and Sarah (Leisinger) Johnson.

Mr. Johnson's early educational training was secured in the public schools of Norristown, and this was supplemented by a course at Tremont Seminary, after leaving which institution he learned the trade of painter. Later he engaged in quarrying in Chester county, where he remained for six years. He then returned to Montgomery county, where he continued in the same business, and in 1902 came to Reading, and operated a stone quarry and lime kilns. In 1906 Mr. Johnson established the Reading Quarry Company, which now operates seven kilns, two of which are patent kilns; quarries furnace, flux, crushed material, and building stone, and employs about forty men, being located between Temple and Tuckerton.

Mr. Johnson is a business man of much ability, and much of the success of the firm of which he is president and general manager may be attributed to his enterprise and skilled business methods. He is a popular member of Lodge No. 190, F. & A. M., Charity Chapter No. 190 and Knights Templar, and of the B. P. O. E. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and on the erection of that denomination's new structure, was a member of the building committee.

In 1897 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Anna Schultz, also a native of Montgomery county, and to them there have been born three children: Ralph S., Arthur S., and one who died in infancy.

WILLIAM A. WALTER, who is well-known to the citizens of Wyomissing, Berks county, as a prominent architect and builder, was born in Reading, Pa., April 15, 1866, son of Col. William F. and Julia (Benner) Walter.

Adam Walter, grandfather of William A., was born in 1800, at Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., and there resided all his life, dying in 1840, and being buried in the Evergreen cemetery. He was a tailor by trade, and owned several properties in addition to his home. Adam Walter was a tall, well proportioned man. He was a leader in Democratic politics and a pillar in the Lutheran Church. He married Polly Rahn, of Leesport, and their children were: William F.; Matilda, m. to a Mr. Slathauer, of Gratiot, Wis.; Charles, of Biglerville, Pa.; Sophia, m. to Gabriel O. Hiester, of Reading; Jesse, a soldier who died on the way home from the Mexican war in 1848; James, of Gettysburg; Mary, m. to John B. Lease, of Gettysburg; and John, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Col. William F. Walter, father of William A., was born March 18, 1821, at Gettysburg, Pa., where some years later he graduated from Gettysburg College. For three terms he taught school at Hiester's Mill, in Bern township, and in 1857 he located in Berks county, where he made his home until 1879. At this time he went to Gettysburg, but subsequently, in 1891, he located in Reading, and there died at his home, No. 231 North Third street, early in 1904, interment being made in Evergreen cemetery, Gettysburg. Col. Walter was a man of more than ordinary intelligence. He clerked for many years in law offices in Reading, where he was exceedingly popular, and in addition he held the position of store keeper for the Government. Col. William F. Walter married Julia Benner, daughter of Christian and Susan (Snyder) Benner, on whose land the battle of Gettysburg was begun. Nine children, all sons, were born to them, namely: Henry, who died aged six years; Oliver, unmarried and at home; Christian, who died when three years old; William A.; Simon, of East Berlin, Pa.; Edward, who died aged two years; Robert, unmarried and at home; John, of Reading; and Paul, of Wyomissing.

Col. William F. Walter won his title through a long military career in the service of the State and of the nation. When a young man he entered the militia in Adams county, and was appointed Aug. 3, 1842, by Gov. David R. Porter, captain of the 3d Company, 80th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, composed of the counties of York and Adams, until Aug. 3, 1849. He was commissioned June 28, 1854, by Gov. William Bigler, brigadier general of the 2d Brigade, 4th Division, Uniformed Militia of the County of Adams, State of Pennsylvania, his commission expiring the first Monday in June, 1859. He was elected captain of Independent Riflemen of the Uniformed Militia of Pa., 2d Brigade, 4th Division, counties of York and Adams, from June 19, 1858, to the third Monday in August, 1859. Gov. William F. Packer commissioned him brigadier general of the 2d Brigade, 4th Division, Uniformed Militia, counties of York and Adams, from June 6, 1859, to the first Monday of June, 1864. Gov. Andrew Curtin commissioned him captain of Company H, 104th Pa. V. I., to rank as such from Sept. 22, 1861, and this he was obliged to resign Nov. 3, 1862, on account of wounds received in knee and ankle at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va. Gov. Curtin again commissioned him captain, this time of Company A, 42d Pennsylvania Militia, June 3, 1863, and he was mustered out Aug. 11, 1863. Gov. Curtin commissioned him a third time, making him lieutenant colonel of the 205th Pa. V. I., Sept. 2, 1864. He was made brigadier general by brevet April 2, 1865, and was mustered out with his regiment June 2, 1865, receiving his honorable discharge at Alexandria, Va. Gov. John W. Geary appointed him captain of the First Reading Rifles, Uniformed Militia of Pennsylvania, 5th Division, composed of the counties of Berks, Lebanon and Dauphin, Feb. 23, 1869. He was made deputy marshal for the eastern district of the United States for Berks county, Pa., July 12, 1867. Col. Walter was a member of Corporal Skelly Post, No. 9, G. A. R., of Gettysburg.

William A. Walter was reared in Reading, where he attended the public schools, after leaving which he worked on a farm at Gettysburg, Adams county, for two years. When twenty years old, Mr. Walter learned the carpenter's trade at Gettysburg, and three years later went to Illinois, where he spent five years at that occupation. Mr. Walter came to Reading in 1894, and in 1904 became engaged exclusively in contracting, which he has followed with much success. He has erected twenty buildings in Wyomissing and Pottstown, most of these being dwellings, including some of the finest structures in those boroughs. He built two fine residences, one of brick and the other pebble dashed, at Pottstown; made the plans and superintended the building of the Tri-County Bank at Pottstown; erected two double houses for William M. Bunting, treasurer of the Security Company of Pottstown; made the plans and superintended the construction of two residences for Paul Russel, of Stowe, Pa.; one for Miss Jennie DeVinney, of Pottstown; the residence of

Rudolph Keller, of the Pottstown Brewing Company; the Jacob S. Bahr residence; the Warwick Iron & Steel Company building; and the Searles Knitting Mills building, the latter a two-story brick structure, 40 x 150 feet. Mr. Walter erected the first house at Wyomissing in 1896, and was instrumental in the organization of the borough in 1907.

Mr. Walter married, Dec. 23, 1895, Annie E. Bowser, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Miller) Bowser, of East Berlin, Pa., and three children have been born to this union; Grace M., Esther M. and George J. In politics Mr. Walter is a Republican, and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. With his family he attends St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM L. GEHRKE, a highly esteemed, retired citizen of the Twelfth ward, Reading, who lives in his own residence at No. 746 North Tenth street, was born Dec. 18, 1847, in Prussia, Germany, and is a member of a prominent and influential German family.

Christopher Gehrke, the father of William L., was born in Prussia, Aug. 11, 1812, and came to America in the spring of 1862, settling at Reading, where he was a successful contractor. He was also a railroad builder in Virginia and New York, and constructed furnaces in the former State and in Illinois. He died July 4, 1897, and is buried at the German Lutheran cemetery at Reading. His residence was at No. 240 Reed street. Mr. Gehrke married Anna Nimmer, who was born May 4, 1814, and died at the home of her son, William L., May, 1898, and to this union there were born three children: Loretta, who married Godfried Stoudt; Reinhold, a moulder of Reading; and William L. The Nimmers were prominent in the war history of Germany. In 1851, when the grandparents celebrated their Golden Wedding, the King and Queen of their province in Germany presented them with a Bible in which appeared a steel portrait of the sovereigns and their monograms. This Bible is now the treasured property of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Gehrke.

William L. Gehrke was educated under the German Lutheran Sectarian school laws, and in the spring of 1862 came to America with his parents, locating at Reading, which he learned the trade of molder at Mellert's foundry, working thus at different periods six years. He left Reading in 1868, and traveled all over the West and Southwest, being employed at different occupations, principally contracting, in which he has been very successful. He returned to Reading in 1871, and has made his home here ever since. In addition to his home on North Tenth street, Mr. Gehrke owns several other valuable properties in the city. He is an independent voter. In religious belief the family are members of St. John's German Lutheran Church.

In 1873, Mr. Gehrke was married to Philippine Francke, and to this union were born the following children: Reinhold; William, who died aged five years; Harry; Herbert W. S.; and May.

Herbert W. S. Gehrke was born at Reading, Nov. 3, 1880, and after graduating from the Reading high school with the class of 1899, he attended a course at the Reading Classical School. He has been connected with the Reading Trust Company since 1899, entering their employ as a clerk and now being head bookkeeper; and since December, 1904, he has been a registered law student in the offices of Isaac Hiester, Esq. Socially he is connected with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, and Reading Commandery, No. 42.

DR. JOHN A. BROBST, late of Bernville, one of the oldest practising physicians of Berks county, was born in that town, Oct. 26, 1835, and died Oct. 18, 1908. He was a representative of one of the oldest families in Berks county—a family that has borne an honorable record for upright living and sturdy independent citizenship.

The early home of the family was in Wurtemberg (some accounts say Lower Saxony), Germany, whence, in 1720, came (I) Philip Brobst to America. He settled in what is now Albany township, Berks county, Pa., and there followed his trade of potter in connection with farming, the latter of necessity engrossing most of his time. He was the father of three sons—Martin, Michael and Valentine—and three daughters, who married, respectively, N. Kutz, C. Hechler and J. Fetteroff. Michael and Martin each built for himself a mill in the same neighborhood. They were all devout believers in the Lutheran faith.

"In 1740 Parson Muhlenberg gave them a small tract of land on which the three brothers, with the assistance of some new settlers, built a church and school-house which is occupied from that day to this for the worship of God, by the name of 'Allimingle Church.'" Michael Brobst's wife was Elizabeth Albright.

(II) Valentine Brobst, son of Philip, remained at the old home, and like his brothers, engaged in farming and milling. Among his children were Valentine (2) and Martin, of whom the latter moved to Catawissa, Pa.

(III) Valentine Brobst (2), son of Valentine, was born in Albany township. For several years he was engaged in farming, and then went to Reading, where he became proprietor of a hotel. He was one of the largest land owners in the county, and possessed valuable coal land in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, where many of the family still reside. He died in Reading, and was buried in the cemetery of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which church he was a member. The maiden name of his wife was Leavy. Their children were: Christian; Elizabeth (Ruppert); Mary (Stump); Catharine (Inghman); Margaret (Reitmeyer); Diana (Johnston); Sophia (Christian); and Magdalena (Grant).

(IV) Christian Brobst, only son of Valentine (2), was born Nov. 29, 1787, in Albany township, where he engaged in farming until 1814, when he went to Rehrersburg to enter the hotel business, becoming the proprietor of the "Brobst House." He died Dec. 14, 1828, and is buried in the Lutheran church-yard at Rehrersburg. His wife, whose maiden name was Kreider, bore him children as follows: Valentine, Michael, Henry, William, John and Eliza (who married Jacob Kurr, of Millersburg), all now deceased.

(V) Valentine Brobst, son of Christian, was born Jan. 31, 1809, and was given superior educational advantages, completing his studies in the Reading Academy, a leading school in eastern Pennsylvania, located at Seventh and Chestnut streets. It was while attending this school that he saw the first stage coach ever run between Philadelphia and Reading in one day. He was also in Reading when the first canal was built. In 1826 he went to Hamburg, and there served an apprenticeship at the hat maker's trade under Henry Fister, the leading hat manufacturer in Pennsylvania. Returning at the end of his term of service to Rehrersburg, he engaged in the manufacture of hats on his own account, employing a number of hands. He turned out the finest grade of fur, silk and finished fur hats, the material being conveyed by team from Philadelphia. Mr. Brobst managed the factory, and acted as his own salesman, selling extensively in Northumberland, Columbia, Schuylkill and Carbon counties, and he continued in this business for thirty-five years. In 1831 he took charge of the "Brobst House," and carried it on for twenty-five years. He was also postmaster twelve years, and justice of the peace twenty-five years—at one and the same time being hatter, traveling salesman, landlord, postmaster and justice of the peace. In politics he was a Democrat, and he cast his first vote for General Jackson. In 1832 he married Mary Miller, daughter of Peter Miller, of Hamburg, and she died June 9, 1895, after sixty-three years of happy wedded life. Their children were: Dr. Edward, of West Leesport, who died in 1908; Dr. John A. (deceased); Dr. James C., of Lititz; Sarah, who married Capt. John Bassler, of Myerstown, and died in California; and Mary, wife of J. Frank Buch, publisher of Lititz.

(VI) Dr. John A. Brobst (deceased), son of Valentine, attended the old pay schools and then spent four years in Gettysburg College, afterward entering Pennsylvania College at Philadelphia. He graduated from the latter institution in 1857, and at once located in Bernville for the practice of his profession. This marked the beginning of a successful career, and the Doctor's long life of usefulness to his fellow-men endeared him to the people. No night was too dark, too cold or too stormy for him to respond to a call, and rich or poor, the patient found him the same helpful physician and kindly cheery friend.

Dr. Brobst took a great interest in medical societies, belonging to the Berks County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

Dr. Brobst married Sabilla Beyerle, daughter of Dr. George and Anna Maria (Gerhart) Beyerle. To this union were born children as follows: Laura, who married John N. Harrison, a merchant at Sunbury, and has children—Edward, Raymond, Russell, Robert and Laura; Mary and Jennie, at home; and Dr. William B., of the State of Washington, who married Victoria Grenwill, and has three children—Russell, Robert and Edward.

JOSEPH LODER, who died May 12, 1908, was one of the best known hotel men of Berks county, and from Sept. 1, 1906, had been proprietor of the "Windsor Hotel," Sixth and Court streets, Reading. He was born March 10, 1846, in Bavaria, Germany.

On coming to America in 1867 Mr. Loder first located in Newark, N. J., where he lived for sixteen years, following his trade of stone cutting which he had learned in Germany. He later went to Atlantic City, where he was agent for the Berger & Engle Brewing Company, also conducting a bottling establishment, in which he was very successful. Removing in 1884 to Columbia, Pa., he founded the Loder and Katzenmeyer Brewing Company, which was a very successful business venture. Mr. Loder was compelled to sell out at a sacrifice, however, when the business was merged into the trust. In 1898 he came to Reading, to take charge of the "City Hotel," of which he made a great success, and in 1903 he sold out to its present proprietor, and retired to look after his other interests, having the Carrousel at Carsonia Park. This he sold in 1906, and purchased the building known as the Windsor Hotel and Café, which he conducted until his death, having one of the finest stands in the city, directly across from the County court house. He handled a first class line of domestic and imported liquors, making a specialty of Rhine and Moselle wines, which made a great reputation for Mr. Loder, or "Uncle Joe" as the patrons of the house familiarly called him, for he was a genial and courteous host, and very popular with all who knew him. Fraternally he was connected with Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; the B. P. O. E.; Harmonie Maennerchor; the Liederkranz and Turner societies; Artisans Association; and Father Newfield's Council. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and was a hard worker in the ranks of the party. He was a very popular candidate for sheriff in 1905, and in a strong Democratic county was defeated by only 251 votes. For two years he was interested in building, erecting seventeen houses in Reading.

In 1868 Mr. Loder was married to Rosalia Grossman, of Bavaria, Germany, and to this union were born eight children: Anthony, of Atlantic City; Eva, who married Henry A. Becker; Caroline, who married Frank Habberstroh; Joseph P., engaged as a machinist in the Philadelphia & Reading shops, who married Louisa Schemlagwick; Matilda, who married William Smith, of Reading; Rudolph, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Columbia, Pa.; William, a hotel clerk of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Charles, of the electrical department of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, Reading. Mr. Loder died May 12, 1908, and is buried at Columbia, Pa. His widow resides at No. 103 Windsor street, Reading.

W. W. WUNDER, a manufacturer of fire apparatus, of Reading, Pa., and proprietor of the only manufactory of its kind in the State of Pennsylvania, was born in Reading, Pa., Jan. 17, 1850, son of Louis and Susan (Setley) Wunder.

George Wunder, grandfather of W. W., was a supply agent in the war of 1812. He was the father of children as follows: Louis; William, a soldier in the Mexican war, who lost his life at Vera Cruz; Levi; Charles; Lovina, and Margaret. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

Louis Wunder, father of W. W., was a tailor by trade, and followed that occupation until he was appointed assistant postmaster of Reading under President Franklin Pierce, receiving appointment as postmaster in President Buchanan's administration. In 1858 he was employed on the East Pennsylvania railroad as baggagemaster, was later conductor and finally ticket agent, at which latter he continued until his retirement. He served in the Mexican war as orderly sergeant of Company A, Reading Artillery, and in the Civil war as first lieutenant. His fraternal connections were with Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F. In religious belief he was a Lutheran. He married Susan Setley, and to them were born these children: Emily E., W. W., George C., Sally and Margaret.

W. W. Wunder secured his education in the schools of Reading, and as a boy worked in the sheet mills, and later for the Reading Iron Company, for a number of years. He learned the cigar maker's business at the old Maltzberger stand, which he later purchased, remaining there until 1882, when he engaged in his present business. His fire apparatus, which is considered the best made in the country, includes chemical engines and fire trucks. He organized the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association, being elected secretary, a position which he has held for thirty years; is president of the Firemen's Relief, and has been a representative of Keystone Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, to the Firemen's Union for thirty-four years. He is a prominent member of the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company, and has always taken a great interest in the work of the organization. In February, 1898, Mr. Wunder was elected a councilman, of the select branch, and has been continuously re-elected since, his present term expiring in 1910. Mrs. Wunder is an Episcopalian, while her husband attends Trinity Lutheran Church, the brick for which his maternal grandfather furnished gratis. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1883 W. W. Wunder married Susan Adams, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Emily E.

WILLIAM BLAND, deceased, for many years a prominent citizen of Reading, was born Dec. 16, 1824, at Blandon, Pa. (a town named in honor of the family), a son of Robert and Polly Bland.

Robert Bland was at one time a large landowner in the vicinity of Blandon. By trade he was a blacksmith and was well and favorably known in all the surrounding country. His children were: Jane, widow of Samuel Fields, of Pittston, Pa.; Robert, of Reading; Rachel, died in Iowa; Mary, deceased, wife of John Noll; and William. Others died in infancy. In their earlier life, Mr. Bland's parents were Quakers, but later they united with the M. E. Church.

The late William Bland learned the blacksmith trade under the direction of his father and worked at the same for many years and then came to Reading and established himself in the mercantile line. He was first at Third and Franklin streets and later at Ninth and Penn, and carried on business there until within a few years of his death. He stood at the head of the city's reliable, honorable business men and when he died, in 1894, there were many outside the circle of his family and personal friends to regret that so useful and upright a life had closed.

William Bland was married (first) to Mary Dickinson, who died July 7, 1877, aged fifty-nine years. They had one child who died in infancy. His second union

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was to Esther (Goodhart) Bechtel, widow of James B. Bechtel, the latter of whom was once a very prominent attorney of Reading. Mrs. Bechtel had three children, namely: Walter G., deceased; William B., an attorney at Reading; and Howard L., who died in 1869, aged six years. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bland.

Politically he was a Republican. He was a leading member of St. Peter's M. E. Church and held a number of church offices.

HENRY C. G. REBER was born in Penn township, Berks county, Dec. 18, 1846, and departed this life in 1902.

The Reber family originated in Germany, and there in 1746 was born Thomas Reber. He was an industrious and painstaking man, and was highly respected. His death occurred in 1823. His children were: John, John Peter, Catharine, Magdalena, Valentine, Anna Maria, Anna Margaretha, Elizabeth, Susanna and Conrad.

Conrad Reber was born in Germany May 18, 1788, and was the first of the family to emigrate to America. He became a farmer in Berks county, Pa., where he died Sept. 27, 1854. He was a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Reading. He married Susanna Bright, who was born Feb. 14, 1789, and who died Oct. 5, 1847. Their children were: Thomas B., Mary Ann, Charles B., Bennwell B., John B., Daniel B., Anna, Levi B., Matilda and Henry.

John B. Reber, son of Conrad, was born Jan. 9, 1818, and died Feb. 2, 1894. He, also, was a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Reading. He was thrice married. By his first wife, Sarah Fisher, he had two children, Mary A. and Levi F. His second wife, Mary Gernant, also bore him two children, Henry C. G. and Sarah M., of whom the latter married Simon P. O'Reilly, and lives in Reading. Mr. Reber married for his third wife Montana Dunbar; no children were born to this union.

Henry C. G. Reber was primarily educated in the public schools of his native township. He was but twenty years of age when he graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., which institution subsequently conferred upon him the degree of A. M. He entered the office of Jeremiah Hagenman, who afterward became President Judge, and on April 12, 1869, he was admitted to the Berks county Bar. His rise in the profession was phenomenal, and in a few years he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of Pennsylvania and the United States District court. Mr. Reber had a large practice in the Orphans' court, and was frequently called upon to settle estates. He was often appointed master in equity, and as such acquitted himself with great ability. In 1874 he was elected district attorney by a large majority, and as such served three years. It was during his term of office that the great riot of 1877 occurred—a riot arising from a strike of railroad employes, and had Mr. Reber done nothing else, his conduct at that trying time, his indictment of guilty parties without fear or favor, would have given him a record of which any man might be proud.

Outside of his legal practice Mr. Reber had a number of important interests. He was at one time a director in the Farmers' National Bank, and the solicitor of that institution. He was the owner of considerable real estate, and was interested in coal operations in Shenandoah. In his religious belief he was a Roman Catholic, being a member of St. Peter's Church.

Mr. Reber was married to Miss Mary C. Levan, who, with an adopted son, LeRoy L., survives. Mrs. Reber makes her home at the family residence on Eleventh street.

For several years before his death Mr. Reber had been in poor health, but it had been thought that he was on the fair road to recovery when the town was startled by the news of his death, and the general feeling was one of sorrow at the loss of a good man and a loyal friend. A special meeting of the Berks Bar Association was held in the main courtroom, and many who had known him spoke feelingly of his demise. Judges Ermentrout and Bland and several others eloquently testified to the loss to the profession and to themselves in the death of their personal friend—a lawyer of high ability, a man of unimpeachable integrity, a companion and friend genial and cheerful, who ever tried to scatter sunshine in the lives of those about him.

WILLIAM BINGAMAN, whose death occurred in Reading, Jan. 2, 1901, was known to the people of the city for many years as a proprietor of tonsorial parlors. He was born in 1822, at the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Reading, son of Peter and Mary (Oswalt) Bingaman. Peter Bingaman was a weaver by trade, and followed that occupation throughout his life. He had these children: Jacob, Peter, Charles, David, William, Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth and Margaret.

William Bingaman received his education in the public schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the barber trade which he followed throughout life. In 1842 he first engaged in business on Penn street, below Seventh and later on the South side. For a period of twenty years he conducted a place of business at No. 718 Penn street, where he became very well known. Failing health came on and Mr. Bingaman was forced to make a change of location, he therefore selecting Exeter township as his field. He purchased a small tract of land there, and after two and one-half years, his health having returned, he came again to Reading and opened a shop at No. 122 South Eighth street. Later he removed to 343 North Eighth street, where he continued until his retirement about twenty years prior to his death, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Bingaman was buried at the Charles Evans cemetery.

On May 27, 1845, Mr. Bingaman was married to Rebecca Graul, born Dec. 7, 1823, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ege) Graul. George Graul was a bricklayer by trade, and assisted in building the old freight depot of the P. & R. Co., which is still standing. Mr. and Mrs. Bingaman became the parents of these children: Emma, the wife of Harry Morris; Charles C., superintendent of the Steam Heat Co., of Allentown; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth, a graduate of the Reading High School, class of 1871, and now a teacher at the Tenth and Washington streets public school; Thomas, who is engaged in the barber business on Court street, near Sixth, m. Martha Scull; Annie A., the wife of M. Luther Stroh, who is employed at the Scott works; and Katie R., who died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Bingaman still survives her husband and resides at the Eighth street home.

WILSON FERGUSON, treasurer of the Montello Brick Company, one of the leading industrial concerns of Reading, Pa., belongs to one of the prominent families of the state. His grandparents, John and Elizabeth Ferguson emigrated to the United States about the year 1800, from near Dublin, and located in Lancaster county, where they lived, and where they reared a family of twelve children.

Nathaniel Ferguson, the youngest son in the above family, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Nov. 20, 1817. He left home when eighteen years of age with fifty cents in his pocket given him by his mother along with her blessings and well wishes for success. Having graduated from the Moscow Academy in Lancaster, where he had shown himself a diligent pupil, in 1839 he became clerk at the Elizabeth Furnace, in Lancaster county, then owned by the heirs of James Coleman, one of the proprietors of the Cornwall mines. Two and a half years later he rose to the management of the business, and he held that position for seven years. He then removed to Swatara Furnace, Schuylkill county, and became a member of the firm of Eckert, Gilbert & Company, of which he was the active manager. The partnership lasted until 1855 when the company ceased operations as the use of anthra-

cite coal had superseded charcoal. In 1857 he removed to Robesonia Furnace and assumed the management. In 1860, at the death of Henry P. Robeson, he purchased an interest and became a partner in the firm of White, Ferguson & Company. In 1863 the firm became White & Ferguson, and remained so until 1875, although the interest of Mr. White, who died in 1868, was continued for the benefit of his heirs. Mr. Ferguson then purchased the interest of one of the heirs and the firm became Ferguson, White & Co. One of their furnaces being abandoned in 1874, after the enlargement of "No. 2" stack, the firm deemed it advisable to manufacture but one brand of pig-iron, "Robesonia," made exclusively of Cornwall ore. They worked under an ore-right used at the Robesonia (formerly the Reading) Furnace since 1793, which had been purchased from Peter Grubb, the original owner of the Cornwall ore banks. In 1885 Mr. Ferguson sold his interests in Robesonia, and, retiring from active business, removed to Reading, where he passed away in 1891. He was a prominent man in the city and served as a director of the First National Bank. As a man of self-reliance, sound education, untiring energy and great executive ability Mr. Ferguson became a successful manufacturer and clear-sighted business man with the respect and regard of all who knew him for his unswerving integrity, benevolence and liberality toward all. Patriotic and public spirited, generous and kind, he passed away after a life of great activity.

Nathaniel Ferguson married in 1856 Miss Amanda Davenport, daughter of Dr. John Davenport, of Connecticut, and granddaughter of Judge William Adams, a member of Congress in the early part of the nineteenth century. They became the parents of ten children, five of whom still survive: Elizabeth, the wife of Charles L. Hoff, of Reading; Laura, the wife of Rev. S. H. Larper, a Presbyterian minister of Media, Pa.; Nathaniel, vice-president of the First National Bank, of Reading; Wilson; and Grace, wife of O. S. Doolittle, of New York City.

Wilson Ferguson was born at Robesonia June 30, 1870, and received his early education in private schools, supplementing this with a course at Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. He then read law in the office of Stevens & Stevens, and was called to the Bar in 1896. Later he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Courts of the State. In 1904 he became connected with the Montello Brick Company, and in 1905 was elected treasurer, a position which he now holds.

Mr. Ferguson was married, in November, 1900, to Miss E. Shirley Brockmier, of Wheeling, W. Va., and two children have been born to this union, Charles B. and Elizabeth Brady. Mr. Ferguson belongs to the Wyomissing and the Berkshire Clubs, and is very popular in both. A Presbyterian in religious belief, he is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Reading. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN R. KAUCHER, of Reading, represents a family resident in that city for several generations, his father and grandfather before him having been, like himself, natives of the place. The grandfather John Kaucher was a hatter by trade and became later a manufacturer of silk hats. He left a family of six or eight children.

John Kaucher (2), born in 1796, youngest child of John, received his education in Reading and then took up his father's line of work, which he followed practically all his life. He married Miss Catherine Rose and a family of nine children were born to them as follows: Henry, deceased; Martin; John R.; Mary, who died unmarried; Catherine, Mrs. Frederick Cleveland; Angeline, who died unmarried; Hannah, Mrs. John Till; Sarah and Ellen, who both died unmarried. Mr. Kaucher was in politics at first a Whig, like his father, and then a Republican. In religious belief the family were of the Reformed faith. Mr. Kaucher lived to the age of sixty-six, dying in 1862, while his wife was born 1799 and passed away in 1869, aged seventy.

After completing his course in the public schools of Reading, John R. Kaucher entered upon his long and prosperous business career, beginning as a clerk. In 1853 he obtained a position in the discount and deposit department of the Bank of Pennsylvania and remained there until 1878, when he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank. His association with the latter institution continued till 1899, when he practically retired from active business life. Since then, refusing all positions of heavy responsibility he has confined his work to life and fire insurance and represents several of the best companies in the country.

Mr. Kaucher married Miss Susan Leedom, daughter of John and Louisa (Wright) Leedom, and six children have been born to them, John, Richard, Thaddeus G., Sarah, Harriet and Maud. Mr. Kaucher and his wife are connected with the Presbyterian Church. A man of broad and varied interests, Mr. Kaucher has been identified with many public enterprises in his city, has been director of the Reading Library since 1857 and for a long time was secretary of the board of directors of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL E. RIGG, deceased, who for many years was a faithful employee of the United Traction Company of Reading, at the time of his death holding the position of superintendent of that concern, was born March 24, 1850, in Churchtown, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Samuel and Catherine (Styer) Rigg.

Mr. Rigg received his education in the common schools of Lancaster county, and when a young man engaged in farm work, also carrying on agricultural pursuits on his own account. After his marriage, Mr. Rigg removed to the city of Reading, soon thereafter accepting the position of conductor with the United Traction Co., gradually working his way upward, from position to position, until finally appointed superintendent of the company's lines in Reading. He was in the employ of the company for twenty-eight years, and was an honest, faithful workman. He was a favorite with employers and employees, being kind and thoughtful with his men, never forgetting that at one time he had held a subordinate position. His death, which occurred Oct. 23, 1904, took from the company one of its valued servants, and was a blow not only to his immediate family and friends, but to the entire community.

In 1872 Mr. Rigg was married to Ellen Ammon, daughter of George Ammon, and she survives him and makes her home in Reading. He had always been a Democrat in his political views, but never aspired to public office. He was a valued member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rigg was popular in fraternal circles, and a well-known member of the I. O. O. F.

RICHARD L. LAWRENCE, of Reading, is one of the most prominent citizens of that municipality, for as president of the common council of the city he impressed his individuality strongly upon that body.

John L. Lawrence, father of Richard L., was a native of Montreal, Canada, born in 1831, but passed practically all of his active business career in Reading. He was by trade a boiler maker but was much better known as a contractor, a business he followed for many years. During his latter years he went into the hotel business and was proprietor of the White House. At one period he was also employed in the department of justice of the city as policeman and detective. He was always active politically in the Democratic ranks, and was elected a member of both branches of council, serving as president of Select Council. The elder Mr. Lawrence died Feb. 3, 1905, aged seventy-three years, five months and eleven days. His wife, Mrs. Catherine (Kutz) Lawrence, born in 1838, still survives

him. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Edward; Richard L.; John, deceased; and Minnie, who married Thomas F. Flemming, and has two children, Catherine and Edward. In religious faith the family is Catholic.

Richard L. Lawrence was born in Reading, Aug. 21, 1865, and was educated in the city schools. He took up his father's early trade of boilermaking, perfecting himself in it at the Union Boiler Works, and followed it eight years. After giving that occupation up he was for a time in the hotel business and then in 1888 signed a two-years contract to play baseball in Reading, a sport in which he had always been an adept. In 1890 he played on the York team but at the end of the season definitely abandoned the diamond and accepted a place on the Reading police force, under Thomas P. Merritt as mayor. This he resigned to engage once more in the hotel line and established himself first at the corner of Twelfth and Cotton streets, whence he later removed to Tenth and Muhlenberg streets. There he was successfully located for thirteen years, but in 1905, he sold out his property and invested instead in his father's interest in the White House Mountain Spring Company, which he manages.

The White House Mountain spring is a natural formation and its water is among the purest in the United States. It is especially adapted for liver and kidney troubles and is widely recommended by physicians. The water is carbonated and sold in all the leading hotels and cafes in Reading and the adjoining cities. There is also an extensive manufacture from it of carbonated drinks, such as sarsaparilla, ginger ale, etc., and the enterprise has proved very profitable under Mr. Lawrence's able management.

From the age of seventeen Mr. Lawrence has been a steady supporter of Democratic measures and a hard worker in the party ranks, one whose adherence to the principles has been of the highest type. His services have been recognized by election to Common Council, in which he has served continuously since 1898, and of which he was president from 1903 to 1908. Mr. Lawrence is of a social temperament, is very popular, and holds membership in a number of organizations, either protective or social. Of the former order are the F. O. E., the Foresters of America, and the A. O. H., while of the latter nature are the 19th Century Quakers, the Oley Valley Rod and Gun Club, the Harmonie Maennerchor, the Commercial Club and several others. For two years he has been president of the Washington Fire Company.

The marriage of Richard L. Lawrence to Miss Catherine Hasler occurred in 1888, and they have become the parents of two sons, John L. and Thomas R. The family belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN SHADLE (deceased). Among the prominent business men of Reading, Pa., was the late John Shadle, an extensive woolen manufacturer, whose death occurred March 19, 1900. Mr. Shadle was born March 9, 1827, near Bellefonte, Center Co., Pennsylvania.

In 1846, after having received his education in the public schools of his native county, Mr. Shadle enlisted for service in the Mexican war, and served throughout that struggle. Upon receiving his discharge he came to Reading and entered the Brumbach woolen mill, where he remained about fifteen years, then removing to White Deer, Union county. He remained there for about seven years and then returned to Berks county, engaging in the woolen business on his own account at Leesport, in company with Adleman & Levan, but later sold out his interests and located in Reading, engaging with William Bradford on South Sixth street, at the present site of Hendel's hat factory. After continuing there for some years, he spent some time at Morgantown and Cressona, and then returned to Reading and became superintendent and one-fourth owner with J. G. Leinbach in the woolen business. This was the nucleus of the present Leinbach woolen mill. The business was successful from the very start, Mr. Shadle being an expert in the line, knowing every detail of the business from the duties of a loom fixer to those of the finishing department, and not only could he manage the different departments with efficiency, but could weave the finest wool fabric. Mr. Shadle was the first to make a non-fading brown in Reading. The partnership, which was a very congenial one, continued until Mr. Shadle's death, March 19, 1900.

Mr. Shadle was married (first) to Mary Ann Houp, by whom he had four children, as follows: Edwina, who married John T. Drayer; Jennie, who married John Rapp; and Fannie and Irvin L., deceased. Mr. Shadle's second marriage was to Mary (Wahl) Bogle, widow of John Bogle, who met an accidental death in Reading in 1872. Mrs. Shadle had one son by her first marriage: William Bogle, who is married to Marie Eva Koch, daughter of J. Peter Koch and Catharine (Kuhlman).

Mr. Shadle died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, which his widow attends. In political matters he was a stanch Republican.

EFFENGER R. FICHTHORN, a box manufacturer and merchant of Reading, was born in 1840, son of William B., grandson of Daniel H. Fichthorn and member of a family long resident in Berks county. He died May 10, 1907.

Daniel H. Fichthorn was born in Berks county April 26, 1787. A hatter by trade, he did not confine his attention to that one line, but for a large part of the time he resided in Reading, was in the hotel business, while he also engaged there in mercantile operations. He died Feb. 13, 1869, aged eighty-one years, nine months, and was laid to rest in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Miss Margaret Boyer, daughter of George Boyer, who was a well known hotel man in Reading. A large family was born to them, of whom only the last two are now living. They were: Frank B.; Reuben B.; Henry B.; Charles B.; William B.; Daniel B.; George B.; James and Joseph, who died young; one that died in infancy; Amos B., a carpenter residing in Reading; and Caroline B., of that same city.

William B. Fichthorn made tailoring his calling, and followed that occupation all his life. He was born in January, 1820, and died in Reading in 1847, leaving a widow, Mrs. Mary A. (Aulenbach) Fichthorn, and three children, Ellen (Mrs. Huber, of Philadelphia), Philip and Effenger R.

Effenger R. Fichthorn began his education in the public schools of Reading, but was nine years old when the family removed to Philadelphia, and the boy finished his studies there. While still in that city he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it there for a time but in 1875 he returned to Reading and a year later established himself in the manufacture of cigar boxes. His factory located at 143-45-47-49 Pearl street, a three-story building, 60 x 75 feet, was formerly a row of dwelling houses. He built up a large business, not only local but also extending over the surrounding counties and States, and he employed twenty-five or thirty hands. Mr. Fichthorn was also the proprietor of a grocery store, located in a building which he erected in 1882 at Fourth and Buttonwood streets, where his residence also stood. In this venture also he met with marked success.

In 1897 Mr. Fichthorn was left a widower. His wife was a Miss Sallie A. Ubele of Norristown, and she became the mother of three children: One died in infancy, Blanche H. and William B. Mr. Fichthorn was a member of several social or fraternal organizations, including the Eagles (in which he was captain of the Mt. Penn Commandery, K. G. E.), the Red Men, and Reading Consultory, No. 3, Knights of Friendship, in which he was a past officer. During the Civil war Mr. Fichthorn offered his services to his country, enlisting in Philadelphia in 1863 in Company B., 20th

Pennsylvania Militia, but in his three months' term he saw no active service, as he was kept on the Reserves.

William B. Fichthorn, only son of the above, was born in Philadelphia in 1872, but received his education in the schools of Reading. On reaching an age to go to work he began as a clerk for the Reading Iron Company but in 1893 entered his father's establishment and three years later was made superintendent of the factory. He is an able man and well qualified for his responsible position. He is married to Miss Alice Bush, daughter of Levi and Mary (Dehart) Bush of Reading, and they reside at No. 528 North Ninth street.

AMOS EMERY KEEPORT, one of the representative business men of Reading, Pa., in the line of jewelry and clock and watch manufacturing, sale and repairing is Amos Emery Keeport, a valued and esteemed citizen. Mr. Keeport was born at Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., Sept. 6, 1853, a son of Amos Lefever and Lavenia Emily (McIlvain) Keeport.

Daniel Keeport, the grandfather of Amos E., was an iron master and at the time of his death was the principal owner of the York Furnace. His son Amos, father of Amos E., was a civil engineer, a chemist and a mineralogist. He now lives retired at Littlestown, where he is much honored. For many years he was a teacher and became distinguished in the scientific world on account of his valuable discoveries. He was the first to maintain that platinum existed in its salts as well as its native form, and he was awarded a bronze medal and diploma for this and was elected a member of the Paris Academy of Science.

The mother of Amos Emery, Lavenia Emily (McIlvain) Keeport, was a daughter of Capt. William McIlvain, who served in the 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the war of 1812-14. Mr. Keeport's maternal grandmother was a daughter of Dr. Massing, who was physician to the royal family of Germany.

There were five children born to Amos L. Keeport and wife, as follows: Gustavus, who died aged seven years; John, who died aged four years; Clara Wilhelmina, wife of Dr. John W. Hickey, a dental surgeon at Littlestown, Adams county; Mark Aaron, a jeweler at Reading, married Elizabeth Betz, daughter of Jacob Betz, of Lancaster; and Amos Emery, of Reading.

Until he was twelve years old Mr. Keeport attended the schools of his native city and then began to learn the business of jeweler and watchmaker. When seventeen, he went to Logansport, Indiana, where he took charge of a jewelry store and operated it for nine months and then returned to Littlestown in order to assist his father. He later visited various portions of the West, working at his trade, and then located for six years at Lancaster, where he engaged in a watch and jewelry business.

In 1883 Mr. Keeport came to Reading, becoming an employee of a local firm with which he worked for six years and then opened up a store of his own at No. 833 Penn street. At the end of two years he moved to No. 635 Penn street and afterwards to No. 230 Penn street. He spent several years in the Elgin Watch Factory and also had training in the Hamilton Watch Factory, the former in Illinois, and the latter at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

On May 10, 1876, Mr. Keeport was married to Addie Clemmens Landis, daughter of Levi K. Landis, owner of a machine shop in Lancaster for many years, where he was looked upon as a mechanical genius. The Landis family is an old, numerous and very influential and wealthy family of Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Keeport have had three children, viz.: Mabel, who died aged twenty-one years; Clara Clemmens, wife of William G. Schaeffer, superintendent of the bicycle and machine department of the W. F. Remppis Company's iron works; and Helen Landis, a student.

Mr. Keeport is a Royal Arch Mason; a member of the P. O. S. of A.; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Foresters; and is collector and district superintendent of the Grand Fraternity and a representative of the 4th District and chairman of the Governing Council of the Grand Fraternity as well as one of the directors.

In politics he is a Republican and he was nominated for common council from the fifteenth ward, Reading, and for select council from the fifteenth ward. Four years later he was nominated and was triumphantly elected, owing to personal popularity, to select council. Usually the fifteenth ward went 150 votes Democratic. Mr. Keeport's term expired in 1908. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

In his business Mr. Keeport is looked upon as an expert. He does all the work for the Schuylkill Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and keeps all their clocks in perfect order.

ROBERT BLAND, a highly esteemed, retired citizen of Reading, was born at Blandon, Berks county, son of Robert and Mary (Minker) Bland, after the former of whom the town of Blandon was named. It was first called Blandtown, but after the advent of the East Pennsylvania Railroad, the name was changed to Blandon Station, and eventually to Blandon.

Mr. Bland's father was a blacksmith by trade, an occupation which he followed all of his life. In his younger days he removed to Blandon, and there died in April, 1836, aged fifty-three years. His wife, a daughter of Henry Minker, was born at Glasgow Forge, and bore her husband ten children, as follows: Henry; William; Robert, our subject; Hannah, married Peter Gift and has two children, Mary and Catherine; Mary married (first) William Hughes, by whom she had four children, Sarah, Jane, Hannah and Samuel L., and married (second) John Noll; Rachel married (first) Amos Lightfoot, and had one son, Amos, and married (second) Daniel S. Fox, having four children, Harry, Sarah, Mary and Emma; Hannah, deceased, married D. R. Smucker and had one child, Wilber B., of Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth died single; Jane married Samuel Field and had two children, Mary and Belle; and Sarah died single.

Robert Bland, our subject, was educated in the common schools of Blandon, and remained at home until about twenty years old. He clerked for several years in a general store conducted by L. D. Hoffman, and was then engaged in the iron industry of George Merkel, and Hunter & Kauffman. He later engaged in that business with Jacob K. Spang, George Merkel and William M. Kauffman for five years, and for six years with the Grubbs in Dauphin county. Mr. Bland then went into business with J. K. Spang, conducting the Union Forge, Lebanon county, for one year. He then served one year as treasurer of the Lerch Hardware Company, and was also connected with the Allendale Forge, Bland, Kauffman & Co. The firm then became Spang & Bland, having a furnace in Franklin county for five years. In 1888 Mr. Bland purchased George R. Frill's interest in the Angelica Ice Company, and was treasurer and superintendent for twelve years, and he is still a stockholder in this concern, which has been merged into the combine.

Mr. Bland married Nov. 12, 1861, Miss Elizabeth A. Jones, daughter of Alderman Ezekiel and Sarah B. (Pyle) Jones, and one child was born to this union, Laura, who married Charles A. Brown, a confectioner of No. 607 Penn street, and has one child, Elizabeth, at school. Mr. Bland is a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Republican.

JEREMIAH K. GRANT enjoys the distinction of being one of Reading's foremost professional men. He was born in Pike township, Berks county, Oct. 24, 1847, son of Charles and Catharine (Knauss) Grant.

Charles Grant, the father, was a native of Berks county, and was a relative of that distinguished American, Ulysses S. Grant. He was highly respected in

his section, and died in 1875, aged sixty-seven years. His wife Catharine Knauss, was a daughter of William Knauss, a farmer and miller in Amity township. To Charles and Catharine K. Grant were born nine children: Ephraim; William K., who was killed at Petersburg, while serving in the Union army; James K., who died in 1875; Mahlon K., who died in 1895; Hannah (died in 1902), wife of William G. Dietrich; Sarah, wife of Horace K. Boyer, a descendant of the founders of Boyertown; Hiram K., who died in 1907; Mary K., who married William G. Weidner, and died in 1909; and Jeremiah K.

Jeremiah K. Grant was educated under the private tutorship of eminent instructors, in the Keystone State Normal School and in the Department of Law of the University of Pennsylvania. He registered as a student-at-law in the office of William H. Livingood, of Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Bar of that city in 1877, on his certificate from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and at once began the practise of his profession there. In 1878 he removed to Reading, and he was admitted to practise in the several courts of the counties of Philadelphia and Berks, in the Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania, and in the United States District Court, and he has enjoyed a lucrative practice. He officiated as district attorney for Berks county from 1886 to 1889, having been elected on the Democratic ticket; and in 1903 he was elected county solicitor.

Mr. Grant has been interested in a number of important business enterprises. He erected the "J. K. Grant Building" at Sixth and Washington streets and many other buildings, thus adding greatly to the material development of the city. He is a director in the Berks County Trust Company. He has taken an active part in the political affairs of the county as a Democrat from the time he located in Reading, and has been a prominent member of the Americus Club for many years.

On March 20, 1878, Mr. Grant married Caroline Brunner, daughter of Samuel and Mary Brunner.

GEORGE BARLOW, one of the leading citizens of Reading, who has been engaged in the manufacture of hats in this city for some years, was born March 5, 1840, in County Roscommon, Ireland, son of George and Bedelia (Lilly) Barlow, and grandson of Robert Barlow.

George Barlow, father of George of Reading, was a native of Ireland, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, and died about 1862, aged seventy-five years. He married Bedelia Lilly, and to them were born these children: Mary, who remained in the old country; James, who came to America about 1845; William, who came several years later; Jane, who came still later; Ann, who remained in the old country; George; and Ella, who came to America with Jane.

George Barlow was reared in a country town in his native country, where he attended the local schools, and in 1852 came to America, settling thirty miles up the Hudson river, in New York. In 1853 he learned the hatting trade in Greene county, N. Y., which he followed there until 1856 when he came to Reading, in which city he has since made his home. He came here to superintend the William H. Rheinold & Company hat factory, and in this capacity he was employed for eighteen years, when the company suspended business, and Mr. Barlow became superintendent of John R. Hendel's hat factory at Montello. The following year the factory was brought to Reading, where it has since been located. Mr. Barlow is well known to the people of his community as a kind and obliging neighbor and a good citizen, while in business circles he is recognized as a man of much ability. In political matters he is a Democrat. He and his family attend St. Peter's Catholic Church of Reading, and Mr. Barlow was one of the liberal contributors towards the erection of the beautiful new edifice in 1905.

On Dec. 31, 1862, Mr. Barlow was married to Ellen McDonnell, daughter of James and Mary (Murphy) McDonnell, the former a native of Ireland, who followed carpentering in New York and there died. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow have these children: James F., a skilled mechanic who has charge of one of the departments of Mohn Bros.' establishment, Reading; Mary J., single, at home; George F., clerk for the Reading Iron Co.; Lillian F., single, at home; and William L., an employee of the Reading Iron Company.

HENRY GRANT MILLER, a victim of the ill-fated Shriners excursion, wrecked May 11, 1907, at Honda, Cal., and formerly a well known business man of Reading, member of the firm of J. B. Miller & Sons, then the largest wholesale grocery house in Berks county, was born Dec. 12, 1867, at Bernville, this county, son of J. B. Miller.

His funeral, which was held at his late residence, No. 1396 Parkiomen avenue, Reading, May 22, 1907, was largely attended by those who knew him as a good citizen, kind neighbor and loyal friend. The beautiful floral tributes that half filled one of the rooms were a mute testimonial of the high regard in which he was held. Forty members of Hermit Commandery, K. T., of Lebanon, with large delegations from De Molay and Reading Commanderies, were present. Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, of Trinity Lutheran Church conducted the services at the house, and interment was made in the Charles Evans cemetery.

Mr. Miller had been given a thorough business education, after which he began working in his father's large general store at Bernville, where he remained until 1889. He then became a partner in the firm of J. B. Miller & Sons, at Lebanon, Pa., conducting an extensive business in dry goods and groceries at Ninth and Railroad streets of that city. Here they continued until 1900, when the late firm of J. B. Miller & Sons was established with warehouse and offices at Nos. 41-43 South Seventh street, Reading, and of this firm Mr. Miller was a partner. The members were all men of business ability and standing in the community, and the house commanded the trade of not only Berks, but the surrounding counties, as well. Since the death of Mr. Henry G. Miller, the surviving partners have sold out their interests.

Mr. Miller was prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226; Weidele Chapter, Lebanon, No. 197; Lebanon Council, No. 27; Hermit Commandery, No. 24; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading; of the Reading Lodge of Perfection (charter member), and Harrisburg Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree. He was a past officer of merit of the first four mentioned divisions. He also belonged to the B. P. O. E., No. 115, Reading, and the Sons of Veterans of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Miller was an archaeologist, and was the owner of a fine collection of old dishes and china ware, as well as of rare coins and paper money. He possessed a full genealogical record of the Miller, Dewees, Dundore and Rauch families, and took an active interest in the Pennsylvania German Society.

On Feb. 28, 1895, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Katherine May Rauch, the accomplished daughter of John B. and Sarah (Hunsicker) Rauch, of Lebanon, Pa., and to this union there have been born four children: Helen, born July 12, 1896, died July 8, 1899; Albert Rauch, born Dec. 31, 1899; Frederick Dundore, April 28, 1902; and Virginia Dorothy, Oct. 12, 1904.

CHARLES G. HUNSBERGER, proprietor of one of the old and well patronized hostelries of Reading, the "Schwartz House," which is located at No. 309 North Eighth street, was born Nov. 18, 1865, at Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., a son of Henry H. and Lydia (Arms) Hunsberger.

The Hunsberger family is easily traced as far back as the great-grandfather, John Hunsberger, who lived in Franconia Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. By

trade he was a weaver. In his later years he moved to Chester county and settled on the farm that is now the property of J. F. Bickel, a son-in-law of Henry Hunsberger. John Hunsberger had the following children: Michael. Samuel m. Mary Echer, had children: Jesse, Samuel, William, John and Mary; and he and his wife Mary, with some of their children are buried in the Mennonite burial ground in East Coventry Township. John, who never married, is buried in the above cemetery. Henry married Sarah Brown, and they and children are buried at Oak Grove, at Parkersford. Henry had six children: Elizabeth, born in 1840, died in 1878, in 1868 m. J. F. Bickel; Annie; John; Adaline, in 1887, m. J. F. Bickel; Amos and Harriet. Dorothy, daughter of John Hunsberger, never married and is buried in the East Coventry graveyard, at the Mennonite meeting house. Catherine, the youngest daughter, m. Moses Grubb. They had no issue and their ashes rest in Oak Grove cemetery, near Parkersford.

Michael Hunsberger, grandfather of Charles G. and Henry A. Hunsberger, was a resident of Montgomery county, and he and wife were interred in the old cemetery adjoining the Mennonite Church, in East Coventry Township. He married Nancy Hunsberger and they had the following children: John, Henry, Catharine, Sophia, Sarah, Mary, Lovina and Lizzie.

Henry H. Hunsberger, father of Charles G., was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1835, and died at Reading in August, 1899, aged sixty-four years. In young manhood he left Chester county and located at Pottstown, Pa., where he kept the "Railroad House" for about ten years. In 1879 he came to Reading and lived on North Eleventh street, and in this city he followed the butchering business, opening the first Chicago meat market in that section of the city and he built up a large trade in Chicago meat products, and was a man of considerable substance. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. In religious connection, he belonged to the Episcopal Church. He was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Lydia Arms, a daughter of Henry Arms, a farmer of Douglass Township, Berks county. The children were three in number, namely: Henry Arms, Charles G. and Mary, m. Elton C. Bickel.

Henry Arms Hunsberger, older brother of Charles G., was born Nov. 18, 1863, at Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he attended the public school and later learned the nail-making trade. He continued to work at this trade for ten years. In 1881, he came to Reading and became a salesman for A. L. Stichter & Son and continued in their employ until 1886. In the following year he became collector for the Reading Brewing Company and this responsible position he filled for twelve years. Since 1898, Mr. Hunsberger has been salesman and collector for the Continental Brewing Company, of Philadelphia. He is a Mason of the higher degrees, belonging to Lodge No. 435, Reading, De Molay Commandery No. 9, Reading, Reading Chapter, No. 152, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. With his family he belongs to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church at Reading. He is a man of really commanding appearance, and his business relations are those of a man of repute. On Feb. 11, 1892, he was married to Rosa L. Spohn, a daughter of Daniel Spohn, of Reading, and they have one daughter, Emily, who is the wife of George J. Ermentrout, an electrician at Reading. Mr. Hunsberger resides in his fine stone residence at No. 1501 Perkiomen avenue.

Charles G. Hunsberger was reared to farm pursuits. He was sixteen years of age when his parents moved to Pottstown, where he worked for three years for the Pottstown Iron Company. In 1884, he came to Reading, where he first became a clerk at the "Keystone House," where he remained until 1892, when he went into business for himself, engaging in hotel keeping for seven years at Tenth and Oley streets. In April, 1899, he succeeded the well-known host, George Schwartz, who conducted the "Schwartz House," which was known as the "Rural Retreat," the headquarters of the railroaders, during their strike in 1877. Mr. Hunsberger is enjoying a prosperous business and is a popular resident of his section of the city. In politics, he is an Independent Democrat. He is a member and supporter of the Lutheran Church.

On April 25, 1886, Mr. Hunsberger was married to Emma D. Schwartz, a daughter of the late George and Rosina (Beutzel) Schwartz, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hunsberger have two children: Laura M. and Mary S.

WILLIAM W. WREN, postmaster at Boyertown, senior member of the firm of Wren & Koons, manufacturers of cigar boxes, is of the third generation of his family in America. He was born at Pottsville, Pa., June 29, 1851, son of Major James Wren, and grandson of William Wren.

William Wren, the grandfather, was a native of Scotland, who, lured by the tales of wealth in the New World, came over to America with his family in 1825, and located at Pottsville, Pa. He found work as a miner, and continued to be so occupied as long as he lived. He and his wife Jane are both buried in the vicinity of Pottsville. Their children were: William; John, whose son Christopher was formerly prothonotary of Luzerne county, and now lives in Plymouth, Pa.; Thomas; Major James; and Susan, who married John P. Powers, of Pottsville, and had a son, Thomas.

Major James Wren was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 6, 1825, and was six months old when brought by his parents to America. He grew to manhood in Pottsville, receiving such education as was afforded by the common schools. As his father was working in the mines, it was natural that the son should acquire a knowledge of the same line of work, but he was soon advanced, his mechanical ability developing as the years passed, and he became a mechanical and mining engineer of considerable note and experience. He learned his trade of machinist at the Haywood & Snyder shops. With his brothers, John and Thomas, he became interested in the Eagle Foundry in 1850, and shortly afterward established the Washington Iron Works, which were located on the site of the old Philadelphia & Reading freight station, at the end of Centre street. The first railroad bar iron made in Schuylkill county was manufactured at these works, and was used by Beemish & Co., at Fishback. In 1855 the machinery for the Palo Alto rolling mill of Lee, Bright & Co., was made, besides the more important mining machinery used in the coal regions. In the early seventies Major Wren moved to Boyertown and engaged in prospecting for iron ore in the hills along Colebrookdale creek, a quest in which he was unsuccessful, and he turned his attention to the operation of a woolen mill at Colebrookdale, near which he erected a comfortable residence. Fire destroyed the mill and Major Wren did not rebuild it. About fifteen years before his death, he moved to Boyertown, and his last business venture was garnet mining in Chelsea, Delaware Co., Pa. His death, the result of an operation, occurred at the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Jan. 16, 1901. The funeral was a military one, in charge of the G. A. R., and the faithful soldier was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery as the last note of "Taps" was sounded.

When on April 15, 1861, President Lincoln called for 75,000 men, Major Wren, then captain of the Washington Artillery, Pottsville, prepared for service. Two days before he had offered his command to the governor, and this offer had been accepted. They left Pottsville April 17th, without uniforms and arms, arriving in Harrisburg that evening. There they joined the Ringgold Artillery of Reading; the National Light Artillery of Pottsville; the Logan Guards of Lewistown; and the Allen Guards of Allentown, and all left for Washington, D. C. The entire party, except for thirty-four old Springfield rifles and the pistols of

the officers, was unarmed. Their trip from Harrisburg through Baltimore to Washington, and the attending riots, is a matter of history and is well known to every student. On their arrival in Washington, joined by troops from Massachusetts, they became known as the "First Defenders." At the end of his three months' term of enlistment. Capt. Wren returned home, and organized Company B, of the 48th Pa. V. I., of which he became captain, serving as such until he became major. He had an honorable record, and was the recipient of a gold medal from Congress. His interest in military affairs was unabated with advancing years, and he was ever an ardent worker in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Major Wren was twice married. He married (first) Sarah Mortimer, sister of S. M. Mortimer. Of the children of this union, William W. and Andrew, both of Boyertown, survive. He married (second) Clara Johns, sister of George W. Johns, of the well-known St. Clair, Schuylkill family, and they had children: Charles, of Boyertown; and George, Emma, James, Carrie and Norman. Major Wren was a Mason, belonging to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Pottsville. Mrs. Wren survived until December 10, 1903, when she died suddenly of apoplexy. She had been active in the Boyertown Methodist Church, and had many warm friends. She has been greatly missed, not alone in her home, but by the entire community. Her remains were interred in Fairview cemetery.

William W. Wren was educated in the public schools, and he also took a private course under the late Col. John A. M. Passmore, then of Pottsville, and at the Westchester Myers Classical Scientific Institute (Preparatory school). For some years he was an assistant of his father in the iron business, and worked in the draughting room. In 1870 he came to Boyertown, and prospected in the surrounding country for iron ore for about five years, at the end of that time engaging in the manufacture of cigar boxes. This latter line he followed alone for about ten years and then formed a partnership with Otto Engel, under the firm name of Wren & Engel, and this continued for five years. He then associated himself with his brother, Andrew, and continued the same business for some years, when his brother withdrew, and William W. carried it on alone. His present associate is Frederick S. Koons, and the name of the firm, Wren & Koons. They have been very successful, and the output of their factory is now about 5,000 boxes daily, giving employment to forty people. Their plant is a four-story building, 32 x 100 feet, besides several additions, and the whole is equipped with all modern machinery. Their product is sold in Reading, Philadelphia and other eastern cities.

Mr. Wren is a prominent Republican, and he has attended all the conventions of his party for a quarter of a century. It is said he has nominated more men than any other one man of the party. He was a delegate to the State convention when the Hon. William A. Stone was nominated (later elected) Governor of the State, and in that convention served on the committee on Resolutions. He was first appointed postmaster under the administration of President Harrison, second under President McKinley and later re-appointed under President Roosevelt. This is a third class office, with two rural routes and three stage routes daily, of the latter, one being from Boyertown to Reading, a second Boyertown to Limerick, and a third Boyertown to New Hanover. He has always been active in his party's welfare, and in the public work of his town. He was school director for several terms, and at the present time is president of the school board, the borough having a high school that is a credit to all this section of the county. Mr. Wren is actively identified with Washington Camp, No. 104, P. O. S. of A., in which he has held all the offices. He is a gifted orator, and has frequently appeared on the platform. His voice is powerful and magnetic, and his clear logical reasoning has convinced many a doubter. He has made many inspiring addresses under the auspices of the G. A. R. and kindred organizations.

On Nov. 25, 1875, Mr. Wren was married to Clara St. Clair, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Christian) St. Clair, of Pottsville. They have two children: Edwin S., who graduated from the Boyertown high school in 1899, and then assisted his father in the post-office for a time, is now a student in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania; and Gertrude S., who graduated from the Boyertown high school, married in 1908, Harry L. Gabel, son of Henry G. Gabel, who formerly conducted a gristmill in Colebrookdale, but who is now engaged in the milling business with his son in Larned, Kansas. Mr. Wren and his family belong to Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been trustee and steward. For the past thirty-two consecutive years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, and since 1884 he has been a local preacher.

JAMES F. TALLEY, president of the First National Bank of Bernville, Pa., and one of the ablest young business men of Penn township, whose rise to the front rank in commercial and financial circles has been little short of phenomenal, was born Aug. 8, 1870, in Pike township, Berks county, Pa., son of Jacob H. and Caroline (Frey) Talley.

The great-grandfather of James F. Talley came from England to the United States and first settled in Maryland, whence he went to Oley township, Berks county, and spent the remainder of his life in farming. His son, Wister, the grandfather of James F., was but a lad when brought to Oley township, and he was reared to the life of a farmer, an occupation which he followed all of his life, owning an eighty-acre tract near the Oley Furnace. He died at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Simon Link, in Ruscombmanor township. Wister Talley married a Miss Haas, a member of an old and honored family of Oley township, and they had two children: Mary, who married Simon Link; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Talley was born in Oley township, and for many years was a well-known educator, teaching seventeen terms in Oley, Pike and Rockland townships, and being for fifteen years a justice of the peace in Pike township. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Ruscombmanor township. Jacob H. Talley married Caroline Frey, daughter of David Frey, and to them there were born three children: Amon, at home; Levi, of Honeybrook, Chester county; and James F.

James F. Talley attended the public schools of his native township, the old historical Oley Academy, the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, and Muhlenberg College. Then he taught school for three terms in Pike township, after which he took a course in the American Business College at Allentown, Pa., and then located in Bernville, entering the employ of A. F. Shock, for whom he clerked for four years. He next became a clerk for J. B. Miller, at Bernville, with whom he remained one year, and from there went to New Berlinville, Colebrookdale township, where he successfully conducted a store and hotel for five years. In 1903 he bought the store of J. B. Miller at Bernville, an old established business in this part of the county, the building being situated on Main street, nearly opposite the bank, a structure 100 x 36 feet. Mr. Talley was active in the organization of the bank, and his ability was recognized by his election to the office of president, which he ably fills, being the youngest bank president in the county if not in the state. The bank, which is on a sound financial basis, was organized July 10, 1907, chartered two days later and opened for business Oct. 15, 1907. Mr. Talley is a Democrat in politics, and for three years served as school director of Bernville.

In 1897, Mr. Talley was married to Miss Ella Loose, the estimable daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Shock) Loose.

ELIAS B. SCHMEHL, who is well known as a millwright in Reading, has been engaged at his trade there since the close of the Civil war. He is a native of Berks county, born Feb. 28, 1840, in Ruscombmanor township, son of Jacob Schmehl and grandson of Conrad Schmehl. The latter settled near Barnhardts Tavern, in Berks county, and followed farming. His wife's name is not known. They had the following named children: Jonas, John, Jacob, and Louisa (who married Conrad Keller). Conrad Schmehl was a Lutheran in religious faith.

Jacob Schmehl followed both the mason's and weaver's trades, working as a stonemason during the summer season and weaving carpets in the winter time. He passed all his life in Ruscombmanor township. He married Barbara Bridegam, and to them were born fourteen children, namely: Rudolph, who is deceased; Rachel, who married Benjamin Snyder; Samuel, deceased; Charles, deceased; Angeline, deceased wife of Jacob Knaur; John, deceased; Lavina, deceased, wife of Charles Lorah; Louisa, deceased, wife of Enoch Hoffman; Jacob, of Reading; Elias B.; Katie, who died young; Amelia married Geo. Freyberger; Sarah, who married Daniel Angstadt; and Jacob. The father of this family was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief.

Elias B. Schmehl was reared in his native township and during his boyhood attended the common schools. When sixteen he found work as a farm hand, and continued thus for three years, after which he was employed for a year in a stone quarry. Then he served two years at the millwright's trade, with Abraham Lasher, before his enlistment, in 1862, for service in support of the Union. He joined Company C, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Capt. P. Y. Engleman, was enrolled Oct. 2d, and proceeded with his company from Reading to Harrisburg, thence to Washington, where they boarded a transport for Fortress Monroe, later going to Norfolk and Suffolk, where the regiment was stationed for six months. They were next ordered North, to do guard duty along the northern boundary, from Frederick, Md., to Gettysburg, Pa. Mr. Schmehl was honorably discharged Aug. 11, 1863, and returning to Berks county settled in Reading, where he began to work as a millwright with Levi J. Smith. He remained with this employer for seven years, during two of which he was foreman for Mr. Smith, and in 1875 he engaged in business on his own account. Mr. Schmehl has continued in this line ever since, and in addition to numerous mills of ordinary construction he has erected a number of iron furnaces, forges and mills, as well as several graphite mills, usually superintending the latter for some time after their completion, to make sure they have been properly constructed for successful work. His operations have been principally in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, and include work on mills of almost every description. He has at times given employment to as many as fifteen millwrights, his reputation for thoroughness and reliability having won him an extensive patronage. He has established himself in a substantial position among his business associates by honorably filling his contracts, his work being his best recommendation. From 1887 to 1893 Mr. Schmehl, in company with James M. Miller, now general superintendent of the Reading Paper Mills, carried on a general machine shop at Nos. 152-154 Court street, this being at the rear of Mr. Schmehl's residence, which is at No. 145 Penn street.

On Oct. 6, 1866, Mr. Schmehl married Annie Heckler, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Adams) Heckler, and ten children have come to this union, born as follows: Howard, Feb. 20, 1868; Heber, July 15, 1870; Wilson, Feb. 26, 1872; Elias B., Jan. 9, 1874 (died Dec. 25, 1874); Allen, Sept. 25, 1875; Pearl, June 28, 1879 (died Aug. 13, 1879); Webster, April 7, 1882; Adam B., Oct. 23, 1883; Mary Eve, Aug. 12, 1886; Robert P., June 13, 1891. This family all belong to the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schmehl is a Democrat in political sentiment, but he takes no part in public affairs, giving all his time and energies to his business. He is a member of Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R.

WELLINGTON H. RAUCH, farmer in Green Valley, Hereford township, Berks county, was born Dec. 3, 1852, at Gilbertsville, Montgomery county, Pa., son of Thomas L. Rauch.

(I) Henry Rauch, the first known ancestor of this Rauch family, lived in the eastern end of Berks county, being a farmer in Hereford township. His will, which is on file in the Berks county courthouse, recorded in Will Book B, page 107, was made Sept. 15, 1783, and was probated April 6th following, so it is presumed he died in the spring of 1784. George Rauch and George Lahr were the executors of the will of Henry Rauch, who mentions his "plantation" in that document. He and his wife, Magdalena, had six sons and five daughters: George, Philip, Henry, Jacob, David, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Barbara, Margaret and Magdalena.

(II) Jacob Rauch, son of Henry, settled in Manheim township, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and from him descend the Rauchs who live in the coal regions. He died in May, 1811, being survived by his wife "Gertraut," and the following children are mentioned in his will, which is recorded in Book A, page 591, in the Berks county court-house: Jonathan, Jacob, Solomon, Daniel and Christina. He provided that his children, as they became of age, should learn trades.

(II) Henry Rauch, son of Henry, in 1790 lived in Hereford township, Berks county, where he was the head of a family.

(II) David Rauch, son of Henry, born Nov. 27, 1769, died Dec. 11, 1843, aged seventy-four years, fourteen days. His last will and testament, made Nov. 6, 1840, is on record in Will Book B, page 107, at the Berks county court-house, and his sons, Henry and John, were the executors. He married Barbara Lieser (1770-1838), and both are buried at Huff's Church. Their children were: Elizabeth, David, Samuel (1796-1853), Barbara, Magdalena, Maria, Catharine, Rachel, Henry (1813-1850), and John (1815-1875).

(II) John Rauch, son of Henry, lived near Perryville (now Harlem), in Hereford township, where he owned and worked a small farm. He was a weaver by trade, and made all kinds of homespun in addition to following farming. He is buried above Nazareth, at Bushkill, in eastern Pennsylvania. By his wife, Hannah (Hoffman), daughter of Michael, he had three sons, Henry (who lived at Nazareth, Pa.), Michael (who lived above Nazareth) and John, and several daughters, one of whom was married to Peter Greiss.

(III) John Rauch, son of John, was known as "Bush John," to distinguish him from another John Rauch in the same district. He lived near Dale, in Hereford township, where he owned a small tract of land, was a shingle-maker and weaver, and in the winter time went out butchering among the farmers, becoming well-known in the pursuit of these various occupations. He was a great hunter and fisher. He is buried at Huff's Church. He married Rebecca Leeser, and nine children were born to them: (1) Thomas L. is mentioned farther on. (2) Benjamin L., a farmer of Washington township, had children, John F., William F., Manoah F., Benjamin F., James F., Rebecca F., Catharine F., Amanda F. and Adam (both of whom died young) and Emma (married Benjamin Schaeffer). (3) Samuel lived at various places and died at Philadelphia, where he conducted a wholesale grocery store. He became wealthy. He married Amanda Seaman, daughter of Daniel Seaman, of Hamburg, Pa. (4)

Hannah married Henry Richard and lived at Bechtelsville; they had one son and four daughters. (5) William was twice married, first to Maria Frey, by whom he had two children, Katie and John, and afterward to Mrs. Caroline Baus. There were no children born to the second marriage. (6) Reuben L., who is unmarried, lives at Hereford and is engaged in huckstering. (7) James L., who lives in Hereford township, is a shoemaker and basket-maker by occupation. (8) John died young. (9) Henry died young.

(IV) Thomas L. Rauch, son of John, born in Hereford township, Aug. 10, 1825, died June 25, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, ten months, fifteen days. He received a good education, learning to read both German and English, and when eighteen years old went to learn the blacksmith's trade from John Walker. He followed that calling for fifty years, retiring some five years before his death. Mr. Rauch is buried at Huff's Church, having belonged to the Reformed congregation of that church, which he served as elder. His wife, Catharine Herber, daugther of Henry and Susan (Landich) Herber, of Greenwich township, born Feb. 24, 1824, died Jan. 29, 1896, aged seventy-one years, eleven months, five days. Five children were born to them: Lewis died in infancy; Henry H., a blacksmith, died in Clayton; Wellington H. is mentioned farther on; Rosa Ellen died when eleven years and two days old; Anna Rebecca, deceased, was the wife of William E. Stangier, of Reading.

(V) Wellington H. Rauch received his early education in Hereford and Washington townships, Berks county, he being fourteen years old when his parents moved to Hereford township. Later he attended the Boyertown Academy. He was reared to farming in Hereford, and also learned the blacksmith's trade from his father, following that work in connection with farming until 1900, since which time he has devoted himself exclusively to farming. He has twenty-eight acres of very productive land, and raises excellent crops. For many years Rauch's smith shop was a very busy place, many coming from a distance to have blacksmith work done there. The blacksmith shop was built in 1867, by Thomas L. Rauch, who built the large stone house in 1893.

On Sept. 14, 1883, Mr. Rauch married Susanna A. Carl, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Rohrbach) Carl, of District township. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch are members of the Reformed congregation of Huff's Church, of which he was deacon for eight years. Mr. Rauch is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM A. GERY, manufacturer of vitrified brick, was born at Reading, Oct. 23, 1868, and educated in the public schools. He learned the trade of hatter and followed it for four years until 1890, when he embarked with his brother, Albert A. Gery, in the business of manufacturing vitrified brick at Montello, a mile south of Sinking Spring, in Berks county. In the organization of the company, he became the manager; and he filled this position until 1907, when he and his brother organized the Glen-Gery Brick Company, which established a plant, with all the latest appliances, at Shoemakersville, in Berks county, and became its manager.

Mr. Gery was married to Minerva Evans, daughter of Lewis M. Evans of Spring township; by whom he has two sons: Edward Evans and Ralph William. His father is Addison Gery, born in 1837, and brought up on a farm in Hereford township until he was twelve years old, when he accompanied his parents to Reading. He learned the trade of carpenter but entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and continued with the company for twenty-six years (mostly as a locomotive engineer), until 1893, when he became the stationary engineer of the Montello Brick Company, and he has continued in the employ of this company until the present time. He was married to Catharine Smith (daughter of Balthaser Smith of Reading), by whom he had eight children: Albert A. (married to Nellie Harbster); Mary Rebecca (married to Herbert E. Collins, of New Haven, Conn.); William A.; Leah (married to William C. K. Fisher); Frank S. (married to Amelia Beck); and three who died young.

Mr. Gery's grandfather was Jonathan Nuss Gery, tailor, of Hereford township, who located at Reading in 1849. He entered the employ of the P. & R. R. Co. in 1851 and continued with the company until 1892. He died in 1893, aged eighty-two years. He was married to Mary Gehris, daughter of George, of Oley (now Pike) township, by whom he had five children: Addison; Emma E. (married to John Haupt of Savannah, Ga.); Benjamin F. (who died in infancy); Sarah Ann (married to Harry Hartz); and Jonathan G. (married to Emma Babb). His wife died in 1885, aged sixty-nine years.

His great-grandfather was Michael Gery; and great-great-grandfather, Jacob Gery, who emigrated from Switzerland in 1739.

Mr. Gery's wife is a lineal descendant of Philip Evans, who emigrated with two brothers from Wales about 1720, and afterwards settled in Cumru township, Lancaster county, which in 1752 became a part of Berks county. Her father was Lewis M. Evans (1833-99), who married Sarah Ruth, and had four children, George, William, Annie and Minerva. Lewis was a son of John V. R. Evans (1804-64), who married Annie Ruth (1814-79). John V. R. was a son of Philip Thomas Evans, (1770-1835,) who married Annie Elizabeth Van Reed (1778-1853), a daughter of John Van Reed. Philip was a son of Joshua, and Joshua was a son of Philip, the immigrant above mentioned.

ISAAC G. BLATT, former proprietor of the "Hotel Blatt," on North Sixth street, Reading, Pa., comes of a family that has lived in Berks county almost two hundred years.

Frederick Blatt, the first of the name in direct line to Isaac G., of whom we have authentic record, was a pioneer farmer of Bern township, where he owned the large farm now the property of Levi Rentschler, and he lived in a stone house which was situated near the present Philadelphia & Reading depot near Mohrsville. It is supposed he was the Frederick Blatt who was a taxable in Maiden-creek township in 1757-58-59. He was a soldier in the Revolution, being a member of Captain Shartle's company, and he was a man of adventurous spirit. In 1800, with his son Matthias, he rode on horseback to Reading to vote for Thomas Jefferson for President. On one occasion, while he and his brother were hunting in the Blue Mountains, he entered a cave to secure a number of bear cubs, but the return of the mother bear interrupted him, and the warning cry of his brother who was on the outside enabled him to squeeze past the old bear in the opening of the cave, and to escape with his life. As many of the old pioneers of that locality were Friends, it is supposed that Frederick Blatt also belonged to that faith, though his service in the Revolution seems on the other hand to discredit it. He is buried at either Belleman's or St. Michael's Church. Mr. Blatt had children: Adam, who went to Ohio in either 1838 or 1839, his descendants still living in the vicinity of Sandusky; David and John, who were residents of Centre; Matthias; and Jeremiah, of Centre, who had four children—Aaron, Reuben, Caroline (m. Adam Bohn) and Malinda (m. George Snyder).

Matthias Blatt, son of Frederick, was born in Bern township in 1777, and died during the winter of 1859. He was a lifelong farmer of Bern (now Centre) township, where he owned a farm of one hundred acres now the property of his grandson, John B. Blatt. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and is buried at Belleman's Church. He married Rosanna Gerhard, a native of Germany, who came to this coun-

try with her parents when nine years of age. They became the parents of children as follows: Adam; John; Polly died unmarried; Rebecca m. (first) Nathan Hafer, and (second) Daniel Stepp; George (his only daughter, Hettie, is the widow of Adam Koch); Abraham G. died in March, 1892; and Elizabeth m. Samuel Billman, a prosperous citizen of Stark county, Ohio.

John Blatt, son of Matthias, was born in Bern township, and there married. His children were: Jacob; Levi, of Dauphin county; John; William, who was killed during the Civil war; Sarah; Maria; and Catharine.

Jacob Blatt, son of John, was born on the homestead in Bern (now Centre) township. He died near Host in July, 1883, aged sixty-seven years, and is buried at Tulpehocken Lutheran Church. He married Anna Greth, who died in 1877. They were the parents of nine children: Levi, of Logansport, Ind.; Isaac G.; Lovina, deceased; Moural of Strausstown; Rebecca and Darius, both deceased; Emma, deceased; Celeca who married Samuel Schell, of North Heidelberg; and Katie, who married Charles Biehl, of Reading.

Isaac G. Blatt, son of Jacob, was born in Centre township, Jan. 5, 1857, and worked upon the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to Reading, which city has since been his abiding place with the exception of two years when he conducted the "Mt. Pleasant Hotel" at Obold, in Penn township. In 1872 when he came to Reading he entered the employ of William Call, contractor for the Berks & Lehigh Railroad Co. One year later he became hostler and bar clerk at the "North Reading Hotel," now called "Riverside." A year later he became bar clerk at the "Farmers & Drovers Hotel" of which George Dreibelbis was proprietor. He then worked at huckstering and at various other vocations for some time. In 1876 he became bar clerk at the "Mishler House," and in 1878 proprietor of the Bernville stage, which he ran for one year. In this he was succeeded by J. M. Bordner, the present driver. When he gave up the stage, he entered the confectionery business on North Fifth street, and in 1881 he moved to No. 423 Penn street, and in addition also drove a confectionery wagon for several years. His genial personality brought him to the attention of business men, and the Orwigsburg Shoe Manufacturing Company offered him a position as their traveling salesman. He accepted and remained with them until he became associated with Walp & Co., shoe manufacturers. For eight years he was employed by Isaac Keim, and then he returned to the hotel business, becoming proprietor of the "Mt. Pleasant Hotel." Returning to Reading at the end of two years he sold insurance for the Metropolitan, and in 1897 he became proprietor of the "Hotel Blatt" at the corner of Locust and Oley streets, which he conducted until 1900. In the latter year he became proprietor of the "Berkshire Hotel," which he conducted three years and four months. He then retired to private life for a year, but at the end of that time returned to the hotel business, taking charge of the "Hotel Blatt," at No. 338 North Sixth street. This he conducted until he again retired to private life.

Mr. Blatt is a member of Bernville Lodge, No. 122, I. O. O. F.; Wyanet Tribe, No. 30, I. O. R. M.; Camp No. 550, P. O. S. of A.; and Esther Lodge, No 4, Rebekah degree, I. O. O. F. With his family he belongs to the First Reformed Church.

On July 8, 1882, Mr. Blatt married Clara Stricker, daughter of John Stricker, of Heidelberg township. Their children are: George, who died in infancy; Jennie, m. to Morris Stoudt, and died July 25, 1906; Irwin, a tailor in Reading, m. to Lottie Moyer; Minnie, m. to George Hincy, of Lancaster county; and Miss Eva, at home.

JOHN A. KINTZER, a farmer of Spring township and proprietor of the "West Reading Hotel," at West Reading, Berks county, was born March 9, 1855, at Womelsdorf, this county, son of Adam and Mary (Ruth) Kintzer. He is a descendant of Nicholas Kintzer.

(I) Nicholas Kintzer, the progenitor of a family numerous in western Berks county, was born in Germany, Nov. 15, 1715. When less than fifteen years old, he crossed the ocean on the ship "Thistle," which arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730, and he came to live in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a substantial citizen. In 1759 he was assessed sixteen pounds, which, reckoning $2.66 to the Pennsylvania pound, amounted to $42.56 of current coin. This pioneer settler died Jan. 20, 1794, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and he is buried at the Host Church, of which he was a member. His grave is marked by a brown sandstone, the inscription on which is still legible. His will, which was made Dec. 15, 1791, and probated March 5, 1794, is recorded in Will Book B, page 355. The executors were his son Jacob and Thomas Kurr, and the following children are mentioned in the document; Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Kurr; Margaret, wife of Godfry Real; Catharine, who died before her father, her children receiving her share; and Julian, deceased.

(II) Jacob Kintzer, son of Nicholas, obtained the plantation in Tulpehocken upon which his father lived and died, and there made his home, engaging in farming. He married Elizabeth Unruh, and they had a large family, among their children being: Johan (Johannes), born in 1785, died in 1851; Adam, born July 28, 1788, died Feb. 24, 1860; George, born Oct. 18, 1795, died Aug. 28, 1825. Of these, Adam married Anna Maria Leiss, born in 1789, died in 1872, daughter of Christopher and Maria Elizabeth Leiss, and they are both buried at Host. They had children: Jacob, Michael, Isaac, William, Henry, John, Betzy, who married Gabriel Filbert; Mary, who married Charles Shower and later John Less; and Amanda, who married Adam Moyer, of West Reading. George, the youngest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Unruh) Kintzer, was married Dec. 17, 1820, to Maria Seiler.

(III) Johannes Kintzer, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 1, 1785, and died Sept. 16, 1851. He was buried at the Host Church in Tulpehocken township. He was a lifelong resident of Marion township near the Charming Forge, where he owned several large farms, and was a well-known citizen, of much influence, in his day. By his first wife he had one child, Adam. By his second marriage, to Sarah Zeller, born Sept. 15, 1793, died Nov. 25, 1876, Johannes Kintzer had among other children: Mrs. Harry Beidler and John, the latter the father of Isaac Kintzer, who for many years was warden of Berks county.

(IV) Adam Kintzer, born in 1820 in Marion township, died in 1875, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a well-known citizen of his day, and for three years served with great credit as under steward to Steward Silas W. Fisher, at the county almshouse. Fraternally he was connected with the Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Zion's Reformed Church at Womelsdorf, and is buried at that place. Adam Kintzer married Mary Ruth, born in 1822, daughter of Adam Ruth; she died very suddenly in 1886, while seated at the dinner table. Six children were born to Adam and Mary (Ruth) Kintzer, namely: Rebecca, who married George Bright, of Womelsdorf; Mary Ann, who married Henry Arnold, of Reading; Anna, who married Elijah Smith, of West Reading; Caroline, deceased, who married Wellington Fisher, deceased, former clerk of the county almshouse; Sarah, who married John Miller, of Wernersville; and John A.

(V) John A. Kintzer lived in the borough of Womelsdorf until nine years of age, when his father removed to a farm near the town, and there he worked until 1896. He began farming on his own account in 1890, operating his own farm of 238 acres for four years, and then sold out to become the proprietor of the "Lebanon Valley House," Wernersville, which he con-

ducted very successfully for four years. This hotel Mr. Kintzer made one of the leading houses in the county, having many summer boarders from Philadelphia, Germantown, West Chester and Jersey City. In the fall of 1900 he purchased the good-will and fixtures of the "West Reading Hotel," which he has since successfully conducted. He is also managing the well-known Samuel Beidler farm in Spring township, consisting of ninety-five acres, now the property of Mrs. William P. High. This property is finely improved, having large, substantial buildings, and is furnished with the latest and best machinery. A large herd of cattle is raised there annually. In addition to this place, Mr. Kintzer owns a tract of twenty-eight acres in Lower Heidelberg township, one of the best truck farms in that township. Mr. Kintzer is an able agriculturist, is enterprising and progressive, and his manner of doing business has gained him many friends in West Reading. In politics he is a Democrat, and while a resident of Lower Heidelberg township he served as a member of the school board for nine consecutive years. He was also a delegate to many county conventions, and assisted in nominating Hon. James N. Ermentrout, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for his second term. Socially, he is connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 66, of Reading. He and his family are members of Hain's Reformed Church, of Wernersville.

On Oct. 18, 1879, Mr. Kintzer was united in marriage with Adaline Ruth, born in 1858, daughter of Reuben H. and Catharine (Ruth) Ruth, of Lower Heidelberg township. One child has been born to this union, Reuben W., local manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Carbondale, Pa., who married Mamie Senior, of Reading; they have two children, May A. and John S.

JAMES McGOWAN, president of the Berks County Agricultural Society, of which organization he has been a member since 1874, and a leading retired citizen of Robeson township, Berks county, was born May 2, 1838, in Union township, this county, son of John and Elizabeth (Geiger) McGowan.

Mr. McGowan was educated in the schools of Union township, and early in life took up agricultural pursuits, which he has made his life work. He is considered an authority on modern farming methods, and his beautifully located farm is well adapted for pasturing purposes for his herd of fifteen cows, a stream of fine, clear water running through the property. Mr. McGowan's dairy business is an extensive one, the product thereof being sold in the Philadelphia market. In religious belief Mr. McGowan and his family are Methodists. He is a Democrat in politics, and was for a number of years township assessor and tax collector. During his long membership in the Berks County Agricultural Society, Mr. McGowan has never missed a meeting, and since being elected to the presidency in 1883, he has done much towards strengthening it in many ways. Since 1895 he has also been president of the Berks County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In 1862 Mr. McGowan married Annie Ammons, daughter of Henry Ammons, who died in April, 1883. To this union were born eight children: William m. Rosie Miller; John m. Bella Rancel; Harry m. May Patterson; Evan m. Jennie Sponagle; Elizabeth m. Samuel Wicklein; Maggie m. George E. Wells; Amanda m. H. A. Rehr; and Kate m. Ambrose Slichter.

JOEL S. LENGEL, who has been chief engineer for the Metropolitan Electric Company, Reading, for a number of years, has been with that concern since 1889. He was born in 1856 in Penn township, Berks county, where his grandfather, Martin Lengel, was a prominent farmer in Penn Valley, owning a fine farm there. Martin Lengel was born Jan. 4, 1786, and died Jan. 2, 1861, aged seventy-four years, eleven months, twenty-nine days; he is buried at Bernville. He married Elizabeth Bickel, born Sept. 12, 1785, died Nov. 6, 1868. She is buried at Bern Church. They had one son and two daughters: Israel, Mrs. Samuel Phillips and Mrs. Jerome Degler.

Israel Lengel, son of Martin, was born Nov. 20, 1822, at the old homestead in Penn Valley, and died Sept. 9, 1888, aged sixty-five years, nine months, nineteen days. He was a prominent farmer in that district for many years, a few years before his death, however, removing to the borough of Bernville, where he bought a home and lived retired. He married Mary Althouse, born Aug. 28, 1825, died Dec. 24, 18—, and they had children as follows: Frank, one that died in infancy, Isabella, Elmira, Priscilla, Mary, Matilda, Joel S., Lizzie, Aaron, Levi, and another that died in infancy.

Joel S. Lengel attended public school in Penn, Bern and North Heidelberg townships. In 1888 he came to Reading, where he has since made his home, and during the first year of his residence here, was in the employ of Watt & Co., shoe manufacturers, as engineer, also serving in the same capacity with J. G. Speidel. In 1889 he entered his present employ, where he has since remained. By application, hard work and ability to perform his duties well, he has risen to the post of chief engineer, which he has filled for some years with eminent satisfaction to the firm, being a good mechanic and devoted to his work. He has had as many as fifty-five men in his charge in this position.

Mr. Lengel married Ellen Werner, daughter of Augustus L. Werner, of Centre township, Berks county, and granddaughter of William Werner, a native of Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Lengel have two children: Alvin, married to Mamie Trusty and living in Reading; and Catharine, wife of C. M. Althouse and also living in Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Lengel occupy their own home at No. 930 Oley street, Reading, which he bought and remodeled. They have an adopted daughter, Miss Edna Werner, who makes her home with them at present.

Mr. Lengel is a member of Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A., of Reading, and of the Motormen's Relief Association. He is a Democrat in political sentiment and a Lutheran in church connection.

KAUFFMAN C. KURTZ, who for almost forty years has been engaged in the milling business in Robeson township, where he also conducts a farm, is a very well known man in that section of Berks county. He was born in 1833 in Caernarvon township, this county, son of Jacob and Ann (Shingle) Kurtz, who reared a large family.

Jacob Kurtz was also a miller by occupation, following that calling all his life. He purchased the old Hartley Potts mill and operated it until his death, doing an active and prosperous business. He was a capable man, and held various township offices, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket, which always received his support. He married Ann Shingle, and to them were born thirteen children, namely: John; Henry; David; George; Samuel; Kauffman C.; Thomas; Matilda, who married James Scarlet; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Sheeler; Ann, who married Peter Plank; Catherina, who married Edward Evens; Barbara, who died young; and Jacob. The father of this family died in 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years, the mother at the advanced age of ninety. In religious belief he was a Baptist, while she was a Methodist.

Kauffman C. Kurtz was six months old when his parents moved to Robeson township, and there he was reared and educated, attending the common schools. He learned his father's trade, working on the home farm and in his father's mill until 1869, since when he has been engaged in milling on his own account. In that year he and his brother-in-law, Peter Plank, purchased what was known as the Brunner mill, located on Hay creek, and they continued to operate it in partnership, under the firm name of Plank & Kurtz, until Mr. Plank's death, in 1903. Mr. Kurtz has since carried

on the business alone, though the old firm name remains unchanged. In the fall of 1885 they replaced the old mill with the present three-story stone structure. The plant is what is known as a twenty-five-barrel mill, and much of the grinding done is custom work. There is also a sawmill in connection with the gristmill, and considerable custom work is also done in that line. Mr. Kurtz, in addition to milling, looks after the cultivation of his ninety-five-acre farm. He has likewise been active in the public affairs of his locality, having served as jury commissioner and school director, holding the latter office twelve years. Like his father he is a stanch Democrat. Mr. Kurtz was twice drafted during the Civil war, in 1862 and again in 1864, on the first occasion paying $900 for a substitute, and the second time $300.

In 1862 Mr. Kurtz married Elizabeth Bitler, daughter of Daniel and Eve (Priest) Bitler, and to them were born three children, namely: Matilda, who died when six years old; Hiester, an engraver, who married Cora Evens, and has two children, Mary and James K., and Levi, a machinist, who is married to Margaret Fisher and has two children, Alma and Estella.

SHARADIN. This family is of French origin, and the name was originally of quite different form.

Jacob Schirardin, as the name appears on the gravestone, was the emigrant ancestor of this family in America. He was born in Europe in 1735, at Rauweisen, and died in what is now Maxatawny township, Berks county, Pa., July 11, 1820. June 15, 1758, he married Margareta Haag, born Feb. 15, 1733, died Jan. 30, 1806. Both are buried in Bowers cemetery. They had a family of eight sons and four daughters, among whom were the following: Maria C., born Aug. 16, 1759, died Dec. 26, 1827, m. Daniel Hoch; Jacob, born Jan. 8, 1761, died Jan. 9, 1822 (great-grandfather of Francis E.); Peter, born July 25, 1764, died March 3, 1841; Abraham, born July 25, 1766, died Dec. 29, 1818; Daniel; Susanna, born Feb. 10, 1769, m. Nicholas Kutz, and died May 20, 1847; Justina, born Jan. 12, 1783, died May 22, 1852, m. Casper Schmick.

It is not known at just what time Jacob Schirardin came to America, but his daughter, Susanna, was born in Maxatawny township, Berns county, Feb. 10, 1769. This is the earliest record we have concerning him.

Jacob Sharadin, son of the emigrant, was born Jan. 8, 1761, and died Jan. 9, 1822. He was a very prosperous farmer and esteemed citizen. His children were: Abraham, lived on the old farm; Elizabeth, m. George Kemp; Sarah, m. Absalom Beidler; David, is mentioned below; Katherine, m. Jonathan Crim; Reuben, m. Katherine Biehl; Nathan, m. Rebecca Esser; Jacob, died unmarried; Polly, m. David Fister, and became the mother of the well-known Col. Thomas D. Fister.

David Sharadin, son of Jacob, was a prosperous farmer of Maxatawny township. He was born in 1807, on the old Sharadin farm, near Bowers, Pa., and died in September, 1880. In his early life he lived in Oley township, but later purchased his farm in Maxatawny township, where he resided for over forty years. He married Mary Magdalene Wanner, daughter of Col. John Wanner, and they had these children: Ephraim, m. Florence Hoch, and lives in Kutztown; Catharine, m. James Schaeffer, and lives in Richmond township; Henry, m. Abbie Deisher; J. Daniel, m. Caroline E. Butz; Sarah Maria, m. Frank Keck, and lives on Normal avenue, Kutztown; William, m. Mary Sharadin; David, m. Mary Bieber, and lives in Kutztown.

J. Daniel Sharadin, father of Francis E. Sharadin, is a tanner by trade, and for some years has been engaged in the leather and lumber business. He is an active Democrat, and during his time has been councilman and chief burgess of Kutztown, serving in these offices for a number of years. He is public-spirited, and has been a trustee of the Keystone State Normal School for the past fifteen years. Mr. Sharadin married in 1868 Caroline E. Butz, daughter of Egedius and Elizabeth (Bieber) Butz, and they have had the following children: Catherine, died in infancy; Harry W., m. Louisa Neff, and is a well-known artist of Reading; Ella M. m. Frank C. Miller; Howard S., m. Minnie Keiter; Francis E., is mentioned below; Ralph C., unmarried, is a druggist of Philadelphia; Caroline L., resides at home.

FRANCIS EDGAR SHARADIN was born at Kutztown, Aug. 20, 1880, and was educated in the local schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1898. After graduating he became a clerk in the general store of H. H. Almers, in whose employ he remained for about a year, and in 1899 he assisted his brother in conducting a shirt factory. After being thus engaged for a year, he took an extensive trip to Europe, visiting Scotland, England, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland, and during this time he gained much useful information. After returning from abroad, he traveled to some extent in his own country, especially through the Eastern and Central States, and the same year purchased the plant known as the Kutztown shirt factory, from J. B. Sharadin, his father, which he conducted very successfully until he sold the machinery in 1907 to the present operators. The factory is a two-story brick building, 45 x 45, which Mr. Sharadin still owns. He gave regular employment to about sixty hands, having a capacity of about 500 dozen shirts weekly, and sold all his goods to the New York trade.

In politics, Mr. Sharadin is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Reformed Church; fraternally he is a prominent Free Mason, being past master of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., and a member of Reading Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree.

ADAM KINDT LEIBELSPERGER, who is engaged in business in Reading, Pa., as a member of the transfer and local express company of Leibelsperger & Walborn, was born in 1880, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of Joel M. and Mary (Kindt) Leibelsperger, the former a hotel keeper and general merchant at Moselem Springs for a number of years.

Adam K. Leibelsperger received his education in the common schools of Richmond township and after attending Keystone State Normal school, at Kutztown, Pa., entered his father's mercantile establishment, where he remained for two years. He came to Reading in 1903, and engaged as shipping clerk with the wholesale grocery firm of J. B. Miller & Sons, and in 1904, in company with Jacob Walborn engaged in his present business. The firm has been successful from the start, they now employing nine men and having twenty boarding horses and five express teams. The office and storage and warehouse is located between Tenth and Eleventh, on Windsor street. Both of the partners are young men of much business ability, and their enterprise and energy have built up a patronage that compares favorably with any in the same line in the city.

Mr. Leibelsperger married Miss Katherine Hill, who died on Nov. 18, 1907, age twenty-seven years, six months, six days. She was the daughter of Charles F. Hill and Mary (Rahn) of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

JESSE I. BOYER, superintendent of the Scott Foundry of the Reading Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., one of the leading industries of Berks county, was born in 1850, in Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., son of Michael C. and Mary A. (Ziegler) Boyer.

Michael C. Boyer, who was proprietor of the Norristown Iron works, and one of the best known iron manufacturers of the State in his day, died in April, 1885, aged seventy-six years, having been retired for several years. He married Mary A. Ziegler, who bore her husband ten children, as follows: Jesse I.; Catherine m. Daniel Jacoby; Wallace, a pattern maker, deceased; Horace, a clerk; Wilson, a stone mason; Allen, deceased; Harry, a plumber; Mary, deceased; Frank, of Norristown; and Charles died in infancy. In re-

ligious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Boyer was a Republican in politics.

Jesse I. Boyer was educated in the common schools of his native locality, and entered his father's employ when a young man, remaining with him until the business was discontinued in 1870. He had learned the trade of machinist, and in 1876 came to Reading and accepted a position with Miller & Steen, which firm was later absorbed by the old Reading Iron Co. He was first made foreman of the machine shops in 1876, continuing as such until 1879. He then went to S. R. Seyfert & Co., at Seyfert Station, built their rolling mills, and remained with the firm for eight years, when he returned to the Scott works as draftsman. In 1890 he was made assistant superintendent of the plant, and in 1902 was made superintendent, a position which he has ably filled to the present time, having under his employ from 275 to 300 people. Under Mr. Boyer's supervision this foundry turned out a casting of 78,100 pounds, the largest turned out of any foundry in this section if not in the State. The foundry and machine shop also turned out, under the supervision of Mr. Boyer, the Brown Segmental Wire Wound Gun, which was tested by the United States Government at Sandy Hook.

Mr. Boyer married Mary Ann Furey, a native of Norristown, Pa., and to this union there have been born four children: Alice, m. William Beard; Jesse, a molder; Samuel, deceased; and Nellie. In religious belief the family are Presbyterians. Mr. Boyer is a Republican in his political belief.

LEWIS J. GEIGER, who is well known among the hotel men of Berks county, Pa., is proprietor of the popular "Schuylkill Avenue Hotel" in Reading. Mr. Geiger was born Sept. 21, 1867, at Hamburg, son of David Q. and Mary (Byar) Geiger.

Jacob Geiger, the great-great-grandfather of Lewis J., lived at a place now known as Fruitville. Concerning this Jacob Geiger, the following is taken from the *Reading Eagle* of Dec. 8, 1907: "Heirs of Conrad Geiger, who left Pottstown in 1841 and went to Cuba, held a meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sallie Steinrook, 24 King street, and organized for the purpose of inquiring into a claim for a sugar plantation said to have been left by their ancestor in Cuba. These officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sallie Steinrook, of Pottstown; Albert Leister, 249 Maple street, Reading, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Hannah Wendling, 446 Chestnut street, Pottstown, Treasurer. J. T. Hayter, 1837 South Chadwick street, Philadelphia, was selected to visit Cuba and investigate the claim.

"Conrad Geiger, the ancestor, was a son of Jacob Geiger, of the place now known as Fruitville, in Limerick township. Upon the settlement of his father's estate he is said to have had from $20,000 to $40,000, and with this he went to Cuba. He had a sugar plantation at Santa Zable, on the north coast of Cuba, east of Cardenas. Conrad died in 1868 or 1869. The London Times or News printed an advertisement for English papers to copy, calling for the heirs of Conrad Geiger to appear and claim the Cuban property. The advertisement would have appeared, according to legal periods in 1873 or 1874, 1878 or 1879, 1883 or 1884. A record of this advertisement in a local paper is being sought. In 1894 a movement was started to look into this same claim, but it was not pushed to a finish. A man named Chester M. Whiting of Franklin, Mass., has now been located, who worked for Mr. Conrad on his Cuban plantation in 1864 and 1865."

Jacob Geiger, brother of the Conrad mentioned, and great-grandfather of Lewis J., lived below Pottstown several miles, where he owned a twelve-acre tract of land, and also followed the trade of shoemaker for many years. He is buried at Pottstown. Mr. Geiger had twelve children: Charles, of Pottstown; John, of Ringing Rocks; Joseph, of Allentown; Henry, of Norristown; David, of Schuylkill Haven; Jacob, of Hamburg; Samuel, of Montgomery county; Katie, who married a Mr. Pierce of Pottstown; Tina, who married a Mr. Stichter of Tamaqua; Becky, who married a Mr. Yerkey, of Pottstown; Sallie, who married Henry Baer; and Polly, who married a Mr. Hatfield of Pottstown.

Jacob Geiger, grandfather of Lewis J., was born in August, 1810, and died April 14, 1885, aged seventy-four years, at Hamburg, Pa., where he was buried. He was the owner of six dwellings and a flour mill at Hamburg, was a director of the Hamburg Savings Bank, and had various other business interests. He was married (first) to Rachel Quinn, and they had these children: David Q.; John Q., of Reading; Mary Ellen, who married Harry Shutter; and James Q., of Reading. His second marriage was to Mary Wagner, and they had two children: Emma C., who married Nathan Confer, of Hamburg; and Freelove I., who is unmarried and lives at Hamburg.

David Q. Geiger was born at Hamburg, May 10, 1839, and died at Pottstown, Aug. 20, 1877. He was buried at Pottstown, where he was a printer and proprietor of the *Pottstown Advertiser,* one of the first papers of the borough. He was a leading member of the Baptist Church, in which he was an official. Mr. Geiger was married to Mary Byar, who died June 14, 1878, and they had these children: Lewis J.; Edward F., of Reading; William H., who died in infancy; and George H., of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

Lewis J. Geiger was but one year old when he accompanied his parents to Pottstown, and there he lived until his thirteenth year, attending the public schools. His parents having died he went to live with his grandfather Jacob Geiger at Hamburg, at which place he attended the public schools until nineteen years old. On reaching his twentieth year he came to Reading and found employment at Sternbergh's nut and bolt works, where he continued for a period of eighteen years, thirteen years of which he was a foreman in the nut department. In the spring of 1904 he engaged in the saloon business. Mr. Geiger is an active Republican in politics, and for several years was register assessor of the Fifteenth Ward. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Reformed Church at Reading, where Mr. Geiger owns a nice dwelling. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, No. 47, of Reading, the Junior Mechanics, No. 27, Grand Fraternity of Philadelphia, and Schuylkill Fire Company. With the last named organization Mr. Geiger has been identified since its organization in 1892. He was financial secretary for two years and for eight years he has been recording secretary. He is also a member of the following organizations: the Philharmonic Band; the Cadet Band; the Harmony Volunteer Beneficial Relief Association; the Nursery Literary Association, and the Uniform Rank of the Schuylkill Fire Company.

On May 11, 1889, Mr. Geiger was married to Agnes M. Lengel, daughter of Paul and Emma (Riegel) Lengel. Four sons have been born to this union, as follows: Paul, David, Leon and Lewis J. Jr.

Among the interesting features of Mr. Geiger's life was an election bet he made with Robert B. Harris that if Taft was elected, Mr. Geiger would have to collect the pennies and Mr. Harris would have to play the grind organ, and if Bryan should be elected Mr. Harris would have to do the collecting and Mr. Geiger play the grind organ. The route that was originally agreed upon was out Schuylkill avenue from Washington to Gus Resch's Hotel across the Schuylkill avenue bridge, both wearing masks and fixed up for the occasion. The proceeds were given to the Home for Friendless Children. The above program was carried out to the letter Nov. 14, 1908.

EPHRAIM MENGEL, one of Maiden-creek township's most highly-esteemed citizens, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in this locality for many years, was born Feb. 2, 1838, on the old homestead in Maiden-creek township, son of Isaac and Susanna (Baver) Mengel.

Abraham Mengel, the grandfather of Ephraim, was a member of one of the oldest families of Berks county, as was his wife, whose maiden name was Magdalena DeWaldt. He died in middle life, while Mrs. Mengel survived him for a long period, and died at the age of eighty-two years. They had a family of eight children: Isaac, the father of Ephraim; William; Solomon; Abraham and Lazarus, who died young; Sarah, m. to Merkel Gideon; Lena, m. to David Unger; and Esther, m. to Daniel Becker.

Isaac Mengel was born Feb. 6, 1806, in Maiden-creek township, on the farm now owned by Ephraim, his son. He was a carpenter and builder by occupation, also following farming, and was one of the township's highly-esteemed citizens. Mr. Mengel was married to Susanna Baver, a descendant of the Greths, and five children were born to this union: Ephraim; Mary, unmarried; William, deceased, m. Anna Keim; Israel, is single; and Sarah, m. Abraham Keim.

Ephraim Mengel was reared and educated on the homestead, and as a youth learned the trade of carpenter and builder, which he followed for some years, working for the Government in Virginia during 1864. On his return to Pennsylvania he continued this occupation in Berks and Schuylkill counties, but subsequently came into possession of the old homestead, and has been operating it to the present time.

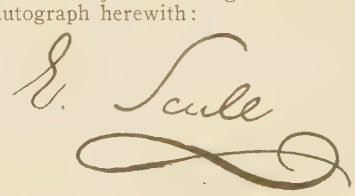
On Nov. 1, 1861, Mr. Mengel was married to Katie Moll, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Greenawaldt) Moll, and one child, Alvin, was born to this union. Mrs. Mengel died Aug. 27, 1868, and Mr. Mengel was married (second) to Matilda Moll, a sister of his first wife. Three children were born to this union: Oscar Isaac, who married Lizzie Noll; John, and Howard. Howard Mengel was a midshipman of the U. S. Navy for four years, during which time he went to nearly every point of interest in the world. Oct. 12, 1906, after receiving his honorable discharge from the navy, he started for home.

Mr. Mengel and family are members of Becker's St. Peter's Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has held a number of township offices, including school director, assessor, etc., but has never cared to become a politician.

WILLIAM O. SCULL of Reading, proprietor of the Edward Scull & Company plumbing and steam heating establishment, was born May 29, 1862, in Reading, son of Edward and Catherine (Call) Scull, and a descendant of Nicholas Scull, supervisor general of Pennsylvania.

Mark Biddle Scull, the grandfather of William O., was father of the following children: Mark; James; Lewis; Charles; Edward; Elizabeth m. James Bright; Amelia also married; Martha m. Thomas Bingaman; Kate m. Augustus Snyder; one died unmarried. Mark Biddle Scull was superintendent of the Reading water department for many years, and a man of prominence and influence in his day.

Edward Scull, who was the founder of Edward Scull & Company, learned the plumbing, gas fitting and steam heating trades, which he followed throughout life, his death occurring Feb. 5, 1902. He married Catherine Call, and to this union there were born four children: William O.; Edward M., deceased; Mary M., deceased; and Susan C., who married George W. Shaffer, has four children: Mary, Catherine, Henry and Edward. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Scull was a Democrat, and for several years served as councilman from the Seventh Ward of Reading. Fraternally he was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and had reached the thirty-second degree of Masonry. We append his autograph herewith:



William O. Scull was educated in the public schools of Reading, and later took a business course, after which he entered his father's establishment, and in 1892 formed a partnership with his father. After the latter's death he took up the management of the business, which he has conducted with much success under the firm style of Edward Scull & Co.

In 1884 Mr. Scull married Sallie H. Mengel, daughter of George and Mary Mengel, and four children have been born to this union: William E., Mary K., Elsie F. and Robert S. Mr. Scull, with his family, attends St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 62, Reading Chapter, DeMolay Commandery, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In political matters Mr. Scull is a Democrat.

HARRISON H. HEMMIG, a veteran of the Civil war, now engaged in the flour and feed business at Grill, Pa., is one of a numerous family in the state, who claim descent from one Johannes Hemmig, a native of Switzerland.

Johannes Hemmig left his fatherland in the middle of the eighteenth century, and in 1759 he is on record as a resident of Pennsylvania, where he was a taxable in Brecknock township, Berks county, paying a five-pound tax. By occupation he was a farmer, owning his land. He made his will May 20, 1776, and it was registered Jan. 21, 1777, the year of his death. His wife, Eva Maria, survived him, and they were the parents of Johannes (Hans), who was willed the homestead; Elizabeth, Anna and Eve.

Johannes Hemmig (2) was born Nov. 2, 1742, and died Nov. 14, 1820, aged a little over seventy-eight years. A farmer like his father, he located in Cumru township, and became the possessor of six hundred acres there, including what is now the Samuel Kurtz farm, the William R. High farm and a part of the present property of the Berks County Almshouse. As might be inferred, he was a man of both riches and prominence in the county. Twice married, his three sons were the children of his first wife, Elizabeth, who was born June 26, 1749, and died Aug. 26, 1804, aged fifty-five years, two months. Their oldest son (1) John, who lived in Cumru township, married Miss Yeich and had three sons, John, Joseph and Benjamin. (2) David, owner of the Angelica Mill on Angelica Creek, married Miss Catherine Werner. (3) Joseph, who lived on the old Morgantown road, married a sister of Mrs. David Hemmig and became the father of three sons, Benjamin, Daniel and Samuel.

David Hemmig, second son of Johannes (2), was born in Cumru township, March 6, 1775, and died Nov. 19, 1864, in his ninetieth year. A lifelong miller by trade, he bore a considerable reputation in his line and became quite a landowner. In 1812 he built the Angelica Mill, which is now owned and occupied by Harvey Marks. His wife, Catherine Werner, was born July 17, 1783, and died Nov. 13, 1868, in her eighty-fifth year. They were the parents of eight children: (1) Margaret, m. Philip Brown, who at one time owned the land where the Berks County Almshouse stands. (2) Joseph was the father of Harrison H. (3) Catherine m. a farmer named David Focht and they were the parents of Levi H. Focht, the well-known contractor. (4) Elizabeth m. Conrad Hornberger, proprietor of the Leopard Hotel and also of the Angelica Hotel in Cumru township. (5) Levi m. Miss Eva Raudenbuch. He was well-known as a miller and farmer and died in Adamstown. (6) Sarah m. Samuel Nosser, a farmer and a teamster between Reading and Philadelphia. (7) Polly was born Oct. 21, 1821, at Hemmig's Mill, Hemmig's Corner. In 1861 she m. Isaac Hiester, a farmer, and when left a widow undertook to carry on their farm herself. She proved fully equal to the task and continued it till after her eighty-sixth year. (8) David m. Mrs. Louisa (Stafford) Moore. He ran the Angelica Mill for twenty years, and died in Adamstown.

Joseph Hemmig was born in the old fire place of the Angelica Mill, June 16, 1805. At the age of fourteen he began regularly to learn milling and when old enough his father bought for him the mill at Shillington, which was thereafter called the Hemmig mill. He gave the greater part of his life to this occupation, together with farming, and was successful in both. He was noted for his powerful physique, and was able easily to carry a three-bushel bag of wheat up-stairs. He married Elizabeth Hornberger, daughter of Conrad. Joseph Hemmig passed away Nov. 19, 1871. Their children, ten in number, were many of them of marked musical ability. They were as follows: Catherine, who died in infancy; Henry, who lived only nine years; John, a retired miller, m. to Miss Sarah Noll; William, a Reading merchant, m. to (first) Miss Eliza Tobias, (second) Miss Rebecca Moore, and later a third wife; Harrison H.; Eliza, who died in childhood; Franklin, a miller and farmer of Cumru township, who was killed on a railroad, m. to Miss Sarah Weidknecht; Cyrus, a musician at Shillington, m. to Miss Emma Hartz; Sarah, m. to the late Henry S. Hill, a farmer of Exeter township; and Benneville, born July 18, 1852.

Benneville Hemmig married in 1878 Miss Amanda Schaeffer, and after her death married Miss Sabina M. Schultz, now deceased, who was a daughter of Dr. Charles Schultz, late of Reading. By the latter he had seven children, Bernard, Charles J., Florence M., Bessie J., Blanche H., Ralph H., and Paul R. (who died aged four months). The mother of these died in June, 1900. By occupation, Mr. Hemmig is a flour and feed merchant at Shillington, but music has always claimed much of his attention. For thirty-two years he was organist of Yocom's Church, and for a long time leader of Hemmig's Band, now the Winona Band of Mohnton, which was organized by his brother, William, while in it his brothers Franklin and Cyrus played the trombone and cornet, respectively.

Harrison H. Hemmig was born at Shillington, April 4, 1840, and was given a fair education in the township schools, being especially proficient in spelling and penmanship. From the time he was twelve years old till the war broke out, he was with his father in the mill, becoming entirely familiar with the details of the work. He enlisted, July 18, 1861, in Co. D, 3d Pa. Reserves, as a private, and in time was promoted to be a corporal. He was in active service most of the time till his discharge at Philadelphia, June 18, 1864, one month less than three years. He was with the Army of the Potomac and, June 30, 1862, while participating in the Seven Days' battle on the peninsula, he was wounded at Charles City Cross Roads, receiving a gun-shot wound in the left thigh. The next morning he was taken prisoner, and eight days later removed to Libby prison, where he was confined eleven days. Only the fact that he was so badly wounded saved him from being sent to a worse fate at Andersonville. After his exchange and recovery he rejoined his regiment, Nov. 16, 1862, in time to take part in the battle of Fredericksburg, the following month, under Gen. Burnside. Later, under Gen. Crook, at Cloyd Mountain, W. Va., he received a wound in the knee from a shell and was again disabled, necessitating removal to Gallipolis Hospital in Ohio, whence he was shortly sent to Philadelphia and there discharged.

On resuming civil life, Mr. Hemmig devoted himself to working on the home farm for some years, but in 1867 went into the milling business and was so engaged for twelve years. In 1879 he started his present enterprise, established a store and warehouse at Grill, and opened the flour and feed trade which he has been so successfully conducting ever since. His specialty is Hemmig's Superior Kiln Dried Cornmeal, a high-grade product for which there is a large local demand. In addition to his business cares, Mr. Hemmig has undertaken political responsibilities, and has served Cumru township very efficiently as auditor, having been appointed one year and elected on the Republican ticket for three more terms of three years each.

In 1879, Mr. Hemmig was joined in matrimony to Miss Amanda Bingaman, but their union was brought to a premature end by the untimely death of Mrs. Hemmig, May 30, 1885, when thirty-five years of age. Mr. Hemmig, like all the members of his father's family, is a member of Yocom's Church (Reformed) and he has served in it as a deacon. It is in the graveyard of this church that the remains of his parents are buried. Mr. Hemmig is one of the veterans of the war comprising Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., of Reading.

WILLIAM WEAVER, of Reading, was born Sept. 17, 1835, son of William and Diana (Foust) Weaver, and grandson of Peter Weaver, who was the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the family in America.

Peter Weaver, on coming to this country, was one of the pioneer settlers of Montgomery Co., Pa., and engaged at his trade of sugar refiner. He married and had a family of several children, among them William. William Weaver was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and he was at once bound out to General Sheetz, who owned a paper mill in White Marsh township, Montgomery county. He remained with this gentleman until he was twenty-two years of age, and, having acquired a good knowledge of paper-making in all of its branches, came to Berks county and hired out to Charles Van Reed, who owned a paper mill at the junction of Tulpehocken and Cacoosing creeks. Here Mr. Weaver worked for a period of thirty-three years; in the spring of 1844 he moved to Pennypack, and was employed in Joseph McDowell's paper mill. He later removed to Trenton, N. J., returning to Reading in the fall of 1845 and re-entering the employ of Charles Van Reed, accepting the position of "boss" paper maker. Here he bleached the first engine of rag pulp in Berks county, and this caused much jealousy among rival paper makers, who did not fancy "Bill Weaver's advanced ideas in paper-making." He was possessed of more than an ordinary education, and taught school for one or two seasons. He was also an expert salesman.

Mr. Weaver remained at the Van Reed mill until 1853, and in that year rented a mill at Stony Creek, where he engaged in the manufacture of paper on percentage until 1857. In this year he located at the Cacoosing, renting a mill and manufacturing on his own account until 1862, when he removed to Yoder's mill, near Pleasantville, continuing in a like manner there until 1865. In this year Mr. Weaver went to Venango county, prospecting for oil, but not being successful returned to his old business, which however he did not carry on long. His son, William, had engaged in the paper stock and junk business with Mr. Becker, of Manheim, and the latter gentleman engaged Mr. William Weaver, Sr., to look after his interests. When the concern of Weaver & Becker wound up its affairs, William Weaver, Sr., started a like business on North Fourth street, operating on his own account, until his death in 1890, at the age of eighty years. His wife passed away in 1854, aged forty-two years, the mother of five children: Sarah m. William Bower; William; Mary Ann, m. Peter Y. Aldeman; Rebecca, and Emma J., died in infancy. Mr. Weaver attended the Universalist Church. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat.

William Weaver, Jr., was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where his early education was received, also in the common schools of Bern and Spring townships. He learned the trade of paper making from his father, and this he followed for a period of twenty-one years, when he engaged in the paper stock and junk business. Closing this out in 1877, he engaged in the hotel business, continuing therein until 1879, when he sold out and accepted a position with Nolan Bros., contractors, and later with Hawman, Yarnell & Rowe, who were engaged in the same line of business.

Here he continued for four years, when, in company with William Fisher, he commenced to do contracting and building, and in this line became very successful, building many of Reading's substantial business blocks and residences. He continued thus occupied until 1888, when he again engaged in the paper stock and junk business with his son, William H., and in this continued until the latter's death Dec. 29, 1896. After settling his son's estate he purchased the remaining interest and has since conducted it alone.

In 1863 Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Sarah A. Derr, and to this union was born one son: William H., who died Dec. 29, 1896, leaving a widow, Ruth Bowman, and son, William H. Jr., a machinist who married Gertie Baum and has one child. Mr. William Weaver is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his politicial views he is an unswerving Democrat. Mrs. Weaver, who passed away April 3, 1904, aged sixty-four years, ten months, was one of the consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY W. RHOADS, for many years a prominent shoe merchant of Reading, senior member of the well-known firm of Henry W. Rhoads & Son, was a resident of the city through the greater part of his long life, which closed Feb. 5, 1906. Few men were better known in business life in this section of the county, and none had a higher reputation for honorable dealing.

Born Sept. 19, 1823, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, near the Hill Church, he was a son of George Rhoads, also a native of Colebrookdale township, where he made his home through the greater part of his life. He was a man of great strength, and engaged in teaming between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He served in local public offices, being constable and tax collector of his township, and was a useful and respected citizen. Moving to Reading in his later years, he died there, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Catharine Wise, and to them were born the following children; Maria m. Charles Rufe; Rebecca m. Isaac Undercuffler; William died at Pottstown, Pa.; and Henry W.

Henry W. Rhoads attended the pay schools of his home township, where he lived until he was a young man of eighteen, at which time he came to Reading. Here he learned the shoe business, and for a number of years carried on the manufacture of shoes, in time, however, turning to the business of selling footwear. He carried on business at the corner of Fifth and Penn streets, where "The Fashion" is now located, and continued as a shoe merchant for the long period of twenty-two years, part of the time in partnership with his son. He retired from active life after an unusually successful career, with the respect and esteem of all who knew him, in either business or social relations. Until his death he was held in high regard by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a member originally of Trinity Lutheran Church, and when the St. James Lutheran Church was built transferred his membership to it, being one of the pioneers of that congregation, which he served for many years as deacon. During the Civil war Mr. Rhoads served his country as a member of Company G, 2d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

On Sept. 23, 1843, Mr. Rhoads m. Susan L. Long, born Sept. 9, 1821 (daughter of George Long), died April 5, 1891, some years before Mr. Rhoads. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads are buried in the family plot in the Charles Evans cemetery. They were the parents of two children: Elmira R. m. William J. Irwin, of Cumru township, Berks county; Edward H., born May 2, 1857, a resident of Reading, m. Sarah K. Sausen, by whom he has three children, Charles H. (m. Estella Espenshade and has one child, Helen Lanette), Sarah and Paul.

WILLIAM J. IRWIN, a leading agriculturist of Berks county carrying on extensive operations in Cumru township, was born Jan. 24, 1845, at Hibernia, Chester Co., Pa., son of Isaac B. Irwin and grandson of Abner Irwin. He is a great-grandson of the founder of the family in America, who located near Charlestown, Md., where it is supposed he engaged in farming, and where his son Abner was born.

Abner Irwin followed farming for many years near Charlestown, but later in life went to Pottstown, Pa., where he died in 1841, at the age of sixty years. He married Elizabeth Benjamin, also of Maryland, daughter of Joseph Benjamin, a converted Jew, who came to this country during the Revolutionary war. Mr. Benjamin was married in Charlestown, Md., to Betsy Winchester, and after his marriage became one of the leading Methodists of his day. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Irwin are buried in the Pottstown cemetery. Their children were as follows: William, born Sept. 6, 1805, was killed while working in a rolling-mill at Kensington, Pa.; Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1807, died in Philadelphia, unmarried; Absalom, born Aug. 1, 1816, first learned the shoemaker's trade, was later an iron worker, and then went to Oil City, Pa., where he bought oil wells, and there he died; Isaac B. was born Aug. 2, 1818; Anna Jane, born Sept. 20, 1820, m. Robert Collom, of Oxford, Chester county, where she died; Jesse, born Jan. 17, 1823, m. Rebecca Smith; Francis G., born Feb. 14, 1825, was a large railroad contractor at Oil City, Pa.; Mary E. was born Dec. 23, 1827.

Isaac B. Irwin, born Aug. 2, 1818, at Charlestown, Md., died at Oxford, Pa., Dec. 22, 1900, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery, Reading. When a boy he located at Norristown, where he remained for a number of years, later locating at Pottstown, at which place it is claimed he turned out the first sheet of iron made there. He was skilled in his occupation, and was considered a good, honest, upright citizen. Mr. Irwin married Catharine Smith, daughter of James and Ann (Smith) Smith, both of whom came from Ireland and were Protestants in faith. They bought property near Oxford, Chester Co., Pa., later removing to Cecil county, Md., where they raised their family. Mr. Irwin survived his wife several years. To them were born children as follows: Annie E. m. Charles Wright; Mary W. m. George Trucksess; William J.; Catherine m. Thomas Jefferson Baker, of Norristown, a well-known saddler; Mahlon D. m. Henrietta Lerch; Sarah m. Arthur T. Garren, of Philadelphia; Cyrenius W. m. Mary Whittick; Fannie m. Augustus Freely, of Philadelphia.

William J. Irwin received the greater part of his education in the schools of Norristown, to which place he went with his parents when but six years of age; he had previously received some schooling in Pottstown. After completing his education he was first employed with his father as heater in a rolling-mill, becoming, as was his parent, very skilled in this line of work. About the time he reached his majority he went to Allentown, Pa., and to Oxford, N. J., where he remained for a short time, in 1866 locating in Reading and beginning work at the McIlvaine plant, where he continued for one year. He then spent two years in the polishing department of the Reading Hardware Company, his next employment being with Rick Brothers, at polishing, after which he drove a wagon through the country, selling notions for Samuel T. Jaeger. He then went into the plating business, doing this kind of work first for Orr, Painter & Co., later for many other firms, and continuing for about twenty years in the business, in which he was very successful. Mr. Irwin then purchased the old Jacob Bitting farm, comprising 100 acres of well improved land in Cumru township, on which he has resided since the spring of 1901. This valuable farm, located near the Kurtz House and but one mile from the city of Reading, has undergone many improvements since it came into the hands of Mr. Irwin, who is now carrying on a profitable fruit and dairy business, also keeping a large stock of wine and cider on hand. He is considered one of the most substantial farmers of Cumru township, and his work is done with the aid of the latest improved machinery.

On Jan. 24, 1871, William J. Irwin married Miss Elmira Rebecca Rhoads, daughter of Henry W. and Susan L. (Long) Rhoads, and to this union have been born

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children as follows: Ida M. m. W. Bridegam, an electrical contractor of Reading, and has three children, LeRoy, Dorothy and Grace; Katie L. m. Wesley Fisher, a butcher of Fritztown, Pa., and has two children, Catherine and Allen; Harry B. m. Katie Sassaman and has three children, William J., Harry and Earl Thomas; William, Jr., m. Clara Buck; Joseph P. m. Celia Althouse; Walter G. m. Bessie Prizer, and has four children, Walter J., Pearl, Arthur and Mildred; Florence m. Thomas Robertson, and has one child, Harold Irwin; Jesse H. is a student in the schools of Reading; Leona F., who is an elocutionist, attends Schuylkill Seminary, Reading; George W. is attending grammar school. The family occupy a beautiful Colonial residence standing on the corner of the farm, near the Kurtz House, on New Holland avenue, one of the most modern homes in the county. It was just completed in 1908.

Mr. Irwin is a Republican in his political belief, and he has served his fellow-citizens as a member of the school board of Cumru township, holding the office of president of that body with great efficiency. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, to which his family also belong, and is an honest and upright citizen, much esteemed and respected in his community. He is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M., and DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar.

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, who for nearly fifteen years has been engaged at the hatting trade in West Reading borough, is a native of Bern township, born April 17, 1855, son of Christian Leinbach, and a representative of an old German family early settled in Berks county. The Leinbach family had its early home in the district of Wetterau, Germany, where the first known ancestor of the Berks county family was Henry Leinbach, who married Barbara Lerch.

Johannes Leinbach, Sr., son of Henry and Barbara, was born in Langenselbold, Wetterau, March 9, 1674, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor. In his native land he was an organist. On Oct. 2, 1700, he married Anna Elizabeth Kleiss. He came to Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1723, with his three sons and two daughters: Frederic, Henry, John, Joanna Maria and Maria Barbara. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth (Kleiss) Leinbach was born in Eidengup, Wetterau, Feb. 2, 1680, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Schillinger) Kleiss, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith, to which her parents adhered. Johannes Leinbach, Sr., was "vorsteher" of the Oley congregation, into which office he was inducted April 9, 1742.

Frederic Leinbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt, near Frankfort-on-the-Main, July 15, 1703, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Bender. He was a tailor by trade. On June 2, 1737, he married Elizabeth Frey, of Skippack, who was born there July 1, 1719, and was baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742.

Johannes Leinbach, Jr., son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt Feb. 13, 1712. He accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania in 1723, and settled as a farmer. On Aug. 12, 1735 he married Catharine Riehm, of Muddy Creek, and they had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Frederic, John, Louis, Abraham, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Maria Barbara, Johanna and Catharine.

John Daniel Leinbach, son of Johannes, Jr., and Catharine (Riehm) Leinbach, died in Oley April 8, 1817, aged seventy-one years, two months, nineteen days. On Nov. 9, 1768, he married Catharine Graul, who died April 6, 1783, the mother of six children: Salome, born March 9, 1771, sign of the Goat; Maria Sybilla, born Nov. 17, 1773, sign of the Goat; Susanna, born Nov. 1, 1775, sign of Waterman; John (Johannes), born April 3, 1778, sign of Cancer (sponsor, John Leinbach); John Henry, born Aug. 29, 1780, sign of the Virgin (sponsors, John Schieffer and wife); and John Daniel, born June 21, 1783, sign of the Ram (sponsors, Philip Miller and wife). John Daniel Leinbach married a second time, and this wife bore him two children. Abraham, born March 8, 1787, sign of the Scorpion (sponsors Mr. Ohnmacht and wife); and Catharine, born June 9, 1788, sign of the Virgin (sponsor, Catharine Lerch). In 1789 John Daniel Leinbach married (third) Mary Magdalena Hartman, and the children of this marriage were: Jacob, born Sept. 24, 1790; Christian, born Nov. 24, 1791 (sponsors, Christian Gosh and wife); Benjamin, born Sept. 26, 1793 (sponsors, Benjamin and Margaret Leinbach); Joseph, born Aug. 12, 1795, died Nov. 6, 1795; William, born Aug. 27, 1796 (sponsor, Pastor Boas); Samuel, born April 14, 1798 (sponsors, Daniel Hartman and Maria Lerch); Maria Magdalena, born April 21, 1800 (sponsor, Maria Magdalena Hartman); Thomas H., born Jan. 18, 1802 (sponsors, Peter Mohn and wife, Magdalena); Salome, born Feb. 25, 1804, died in early youth (sponsors, John Knabb and wife, Salome); Frederick, born Aug. 9, 1807 (sponsors, Frederick Ohnmacht and wife); Solomon, born June 9, 1809 (sponsor, Rev. Boas); Rachel, born April 14, 1813, died May 10, 1815; and Charles, born Nov. 7, 1815 (sponsor, Rev. Frederick Herman, Jr., who baptized him).

William Leinbach, son of John Daniel, born Aug. 27, 1796, became an extensive land owner along the western side of the Schuylkill river, and he owned the land now embraced in West Reading borough. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a leading man of his day. He is buried in the family plot in the Charles Evans cemetery. His children were: Christian R.; Priscilla, who married Joseph Hartz; Maria, who married John Miller; Levi and Enoch, twins; Simon, who died young; and Ellen, who married George Smith, of Pottstown.

Christian R. Leinbach, son of William, was born in Spring township, near the Penn street bridge. He followed farming as a vocation, and also for about twenty years was a paper manufacturer. His industry and close attention to business won him a fair fortune. He was a man of wide acquaintance, and he was highly respected for his many good qualities. In his political tendencies he was a Republican, and his fraternal connection was with the Odd Fellows. With his family he belonged to Kissingers Union Church. His remains rest in the Charles Evans cemetery. His wife was Catharine Esterly, daughter of Amos Esterly. Their children were: William, of West Reading; Annie, who married Peter A. Althouse, of Reading; Clara, who married Levi Shearer, of Reading; Frank, a farmer of Bern township; J. Calvin; Catharine, deceased wife of Charles Graeff, of Reading; and Timothy, a bookkeeper of Reading.

J. Calvin Leinbach, son of Christian R., worked on his father's farm, and in his paper mill until he was of age. In 1877 he took a trip to Indiana and Illinois, where he worked at farm work, but a year later he returned home and entered the Van Reed Paper Mill, situated along the Tulpehocken. Here he worked for Mr. Charles L. Van Reed for seventeen years, his long term of service being the best evidence of his ability. In the spring of 1893 he came to West Reading, and has since made it his home. Previous to his removal here he had erected a commodious two and one-half story brick residence at No. 526 Penn avenue. After coming to West Reading he learned the hatting trade at the E. W. Alexander Hat Company, and there he has continued to the present time.

Mr. Leinbach has always been an active Republican. For three years he served Spring township with great credit as school director. When West Reading was incorporated as a borough he was chosen by the people to serve as one of the first school directors. He has taken a keen interest in the schools, and his sound practical judgment has had much to do with the efficiency of the system in his district. His social connections are with the Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum, No. 1584, in which he is a charter member;

Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E.; and No. 509, P. O. S. of A., Reading. He belongs to Sinking Spring Reformed Church.

On March 4, 1882, Mr. Leinbach married Annie C. Potteiger, daughter of Levi and Barbara (Beidler) Potteiger, of Spring township. They have had two children: Warren C., a machinist, who has now taken up electrical engineering; and J. Lester, who died aged five years.

SAMUEL W. KERST, a retired boatman and honored veteran of the Civil war, who now makes his home at Gibraltar, Robeson township, was born in 1838, in Union township, Berks county, son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Wicklein) Kerst.

Jacob Kerst, the grandfather of Samuel W., was a son of George Kerst, an extensive land owner of Union township and one of the heaviest tax payers of that section. Jacob Kerst, like his father, was an extensive farmer and land owner, inheriting much of his father's property, and at his death, when aged fifty-two, was a very prosperous man. His wife, Esther Bertolet, died in 1847, at the age of seventy-seven years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged. He was an Old Line Whig in politics. Jacob Kerst and wife had these children: Mary m. Elias Moore; Catherine m. Daniel Kinsey; Esther m. George Kinsey; Samuel B.; Daniel m. Catherine Weidensohl; and Isaac went to New York State, where he married, the name of his wife not being known.

Samuel B. Kerst was born in Union township, Berks county, and there spent all of his life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1879, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife passed away in 1856, when fifty-four years old, and their children were: Jacob m. Hannah Wicklein; Isaac died unmarried at the age of twenty-three years; Abram m. (first) Harriet Rhoads, and (second) Caroline Cring; Samuel W.; Esther died at the age of eighteen years; and Lydia, Mary and Daniel died in infancy. In religious belief the family are connected with the Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Kerst was first a Whig and later a Republican.

Samuel W. Kerst was educated in the common schools of Union township, after which he engaged in boating on the canal. Some time afterwards he became the master of a boat, and with the exception of about four years spent in teaching, continued at that occupation until 1893, when he built his fine home in Gibraltar, and since that time has lived practically retired. October 1, 1861, Mr. Kerst enlisted in Co. B, 53rd Reg. P. V. I., Col. John R. Brooke, to serve three years, and received his honorable discharge at the expiration of that time, having received a wound at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, and having been in the hospital six months on account of sickness. He had the record of a brave and faithful soldier, who always performed his duties cheerfully and well.

Mr. Kerst was united in marriage with Miss Leah Wicklein, daughter of William Wicklein. He is a member of Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R. For three years he has been a deacon in St. John's Lutheran Church, and for several years superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican in politics, and for two terms served as school director in Robeson township.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, of Reading, Pa., engaged in the drug business, who resides at No. 159 West Oley street, was born in this city in 1859, son of Elwood and Catherine (Mock) Adams, and a grandson of William H. and Maria (Kendall) Adams.

William H. Adams, grandfather of William H., was born about 1812, near Absecon, N. J., and died in 1872; his wife, aged ninety years, is still surviving, residing at Reading. They had six children: Rachel, deceased, m. Thomas Branhouse; Elwood, deceased; two children died in infancy; Winfield S., of Reading, m. Kate Genant, deceased; and Josephine, m. Morris Barber, a retired grocer. Mr. Adams was engaged in the hotel business in New Jersey. He came to Reading and engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., at core-making, a trade he learned after coming to this city. He continued with this company until his death, being regarded as a skilled and faithful workman by his employers, and his fellow citizens rated him as an honest and honorable man.

Elwood Adams was born in Reading, and after receiving a common school education learned the trade of core-making and molding, entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with which he was connected until his death. He and his wife had these children: William H., Charles, Winfield S., James, Marian M. m. Millard Brown; Estella m. George Yeager; Rachel m. Walter Miller; and Harry. Mr. Adams was a Baptist in his religious belief. Fraternally, he was connected with the P. O. S. of A.

William H. Adams was educated in the schools of Reading, Pa., and then learned the trade of spectacle maker at Willson's spectacle factory, where he remained for three years. He then resigned this position to learn the molder's trade at the Philadelphia & Reading shops, with which company he was connected ten years, when he engaged with the Mellert Iron Foundry Co., working there until it closed out business. He then accepted a position with the Prizer Painter Stove works at Millmont, where he continued about nine years, resigning this to engage in the drug business at No. 1326 North Tenth street, where he has continued to the present time with much success.

Mr. Adams was married to Sally Homan, daughter of Frank Homan, and to this union there have been born three children: John, a druggist, is a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ollie, a student at that institution; and Walter, is employed as a clerk in the store. Mr. Adams is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and an independent in politics. He and Mrs. Adams attend the Universalist Church of Our Father.

PROF. SAMUEL I. HENRY, Principal of Schools at Boyertown, was born there April 21, 1872, a member of an early-settled family.

Jonathan Henry, great-grandfather of Prof. Samuel I., lived in Marlboro township, Bucks county, where he was engaged as a rakemaker and farmer, owning a large farm. He and his wife are buried at the Six Corner Church. They had children: Daniel, who lived at Marlboroville, Pa.; Jonathan; and Mrs. Frederick Pflueger.

Jonathan Henry, son of Jonathan, was born on his father's farm about 1823, and he died in 1859, and was buried at Six Corner Church, in Montgomery county. He was a hotel-keeper and drover, at Marlboroville, and he drove many herds of cattle from York State across the Blue Mountains to Berks county. He was the owner of about 180 acres of land, and figured prominently in his community. He married Leah Ann Samsen, daughter of Charles Samsen, and she died about twenty years ago and is buried at Six Corner Church. The children born of this marriage were: Edwin, of Gilbertsville; Jacob; Elizabeth, who married Jonas Royer; Hannah, who married Daniel G. Dry, of Hudsonville, Ill.; and William S., born at Marlboroville Sept. 10, 1854, who married Sallie Emery (deceased) daughter of Peter Emery, and who is now a salesman at Boyertown. After the death of Mr. Henry, his widow, Leah Ann (Samsen) Henry, married Jonas Schweisford, and had two daughters, Sallie and Addie.

Jacob S. Henry, son of Jonathan, was born March 15, 1846, and he died May 14, 1904, and is buried in Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. He had lived in Boyertown the greater part of his life, being proprietor of the "Union House," for four years, from 1884, after which he retired for a few years, and then re-entered business life as a butcher, a business he followed until about two years before his death. He married Ann Catharine Houck, daughter of William and Hannah (Haas) Houck, of Lower Berks county. To this union were born the following children: Miss Clara, living

at Boyertown; Prof. Samuel I.; Hannah, who married Dr. C. C. Stauffer, of Harrisburg, Pa. Mrs. Ann Catharine (Houck) Henry was born Oct. 24, 1845, and her death occurred Feb. 14, 1892. She, too, was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery.

Prof. Samuel I. Henry received his early education in the public schools at Boyertown. Later he attended Herbst's Academy at Pottstown, Pa., and there prepared for college. In the fall of 1892 he entered Muhlenberg College, Allentown, and graduated with the class of 1896, being commencement orator, his subject, "Civic Negligence." He then taught school in Colebrookdale township, this county, one term, after which he was made principal of the school at Pioneer, Ohio. For one term he taught in the Boyertown Grammar School, and then, in 1900, was made principal of the high school, where he has since continued. Prof. Henry has made a number of improvements in the course of study, and is a member of the Advisory Committee of the County Institute. He is a member of the Berks County Reading Union, and has taken an active interest in its work. He is one of the popular and successful teachers in the county, and is devoted to his profession. He is a man of naturally literary tastes, and he has a well-selected library in which he finds his rest and recreation.

Socially, Prof. Henry is connected with Stichter Lodge, No. 254, F. & A. M.; Joy Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., of Pioneer, Ohio. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, at Boyertown. Since the death of his father, his sister, Miss Clara, has presided over his home.

CHARLES O. MINNICH, who was for many years engaged in school teaching in North Heidelberg township, a profession in which he was very favorably known, is now engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks at Robesonia, Pa., and is a farmer and school director of North Heidelberg township. He was born Sept. 26, 1860, in this township, son of Adam and Henrietta (Klopp) Minnich.

Christopher Minich (Minnich) was the progenitor of the family in America, and his will, written in German, is on record in Berks Court House, in Will Book A, page 515. It was probated in 1806, and mentions his son Benjamin as the executor. Benjamin Minich died in 1832, in which year his will was entered for probate. It is on record in Will Book 7, page 60, and the executors were his son Jacob, and Joseph Reber.

Jacob Minnich, grandfather of Charles O., was a lifelong farmer, and was elected to various township offices. He married Elizabeth Potteiger, and they had two children: Adam; and Ellen, who married Jonathan Klopp. Jacob Minnich is buried in North Heidelberg township.

Adam Minnich was born on the old homestead in North Heidelberg township and during the major portion of his life was an agriculturist, although he lived retired for some years before his death. He is buried at the Moravian Church in North Heidelberg township. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, was for thirty-seven years a school teacher, thirty-six years being in North Heidelberg township and the other in Perry township, and he was a great friend of the cause of education, doing much towards building up the present public school system, which met with so much opposition at first. In politics he was a Democrat, served as prison inspector, was a school director of his township for nine years, and for a long period served as justice of the peace in his district. He was married to Henrietta Klopp, and they had two children: Deborah, who married Rev. A. Johnson Long, of Marion township; and Charles O.

Charles O. Minnich was reared to agricultural pursuits and lived with his parents until he became of age. He obtained his early education in the schools of his township, and later he attended the Keystone State Normal school, at Kutztown, which he left when a member of the senior class. He was licensed to teach in the public schools of Berks county in 1879, by Prof. D. S. Keck, and taught his first term in Lower Heidelberg township at the Ahrens school, which was followed by a term at Lengel's school, and the succeeding nineteen years were spent at Klopp's school in his native district. During his long service as an educator, Mr. Minnich became well-known, and the fact of his incumbency at one school for nineteen successive terms testifies to his efficiency and popularity. In the spring of 1882 he commenced farming the original Minnich homestead of ninety-two acres of fertile land, which he had secured by purchase after his father's death, and from that time on he spent the winters in teaching and the summer months in cultivating his land. He has twelve head of cattle and thirteen horses, and during the last few years he has given a great deal of attention to stock-raising.

In politics Mr. Minnich is a stanch Democrat, and he has been active in the ranks of his party since attaining his majority. His first office was that of judge of election, and in 1904 he was elected a school director of North Heidelberg township, and as such is serving now, having been secretary of the board for one year and president thereof for a like period. He and his family are members of the Moravian Church of North Heidelberg township. Mr. Minnich was active in the interest of Patrons of Husbandry of Robesonia, and assisted in organizing the Benneville Grange.

In 1880 Mr. Minnich was married to Emma Kalbach, daughter of James and Sarah (Derr) Kalbach, and granddaughter of Adam Kalbach, who married Miss Althouse. To this union there have been born nine children. Lloyd K., a graduate of the class of 1902, Keystone State Normal school and a teacher in North Heidelberg township, m. Cora Fisher, and has one daughter, Ellen; Constance S. m. Calvin Master, a mechanic of Robesonia, and has one daughter, Marguerite; E. Willis, a graduate of the class of 1905 at the Keystone State Normal school, and a teacher in the schools of North Heidelberg township, m. Annie Kreider; J. Earl is a farmer and assists his father; C. Raymond is also a farmer, and during the winter months a student; and Adam J., Stella, Mabel and Russell all died in youth and are buried at North Heidelberg.

ALFRED B. YORGEY, postmaster and merchant at Wyomissing, was born in the upper section of Douglass township, Oct. 10, 1850. He received his education in the local public schools, and after assisting his father on the farm until he was eighteen years old, he entered the general store of Peter Brendlinger, at New Berlinville, where he filled the position of clerk for a year. While there he prepared himself to become a teacher, and, after receiving a certificate, taught public school for three terms, two in Douglass township and one in Pottsgrove township near Pottstown. He then learned the trade of a watchmaker under Jonathan East, at Boyertown, serving an apprenticeship of three years.

Mr. Yorgey's brother George was then carrying on a grocery store in Philadelphia, and needing his assistance, he went there to fill the position of clerk, but he remained there only a year, for in the fall of 1874 his father was elected sheriff of Berks county, and being offered the position of deputy sheriff he accepted it, and filled it for the term of three years from January, 1875 to January, 1878. He next engaged in the sale of fruit trees for three years; after which he again served as deputy sheriff of the county under Levi M. Gerhart sheriff, from 1881 to 1884. After this Mr. Yorgey embarked in the jewelry business on Penn street in the vicinity of Seventh, in Reading, and he carried this business on successfully for twenty years, closing out in July, 1904, to remove to Wyomissing to carry on the grocery business in a fine store building, which he had purchased there in the Mory addition.

While in the jewelry business Mr. Yorgey purchased a grocery store at No. 738 North Sixth street, Reading,

and he conducted this from 1899 to 1905, when he sold it to enable him to devote all his time to his rapidly increasing trade at Wyomissing. In July, 1904, Mr. Yorgey removed with his family to Wyomissing, and he has been engaged in the grocery business there until the present time. The post office has been established in his building, and immediately after locating in the place, he became assistant postmaster of the local office under George W. Heffelfinger, postmaster. After serving the position for two years he received the appointment of postmaster, which he has been filling satisfactorily until now in connection with the grocery business.

Mr. Yorgey was married to Laura R. Esterly, daughter of Amos S. Esterly, a prominent proprietor of well established hotels at Reading for many years, and by her he had sixteen children: Elizabeth, unmarried; Lillie May, Mrs. John C. Holmes; Annie, Mrs. James M. Long; Florence, Mrs. Morris Zimmerly; George; Leah; Rachel; John; Samuel; David; Sarah; Alfred; and four boys who died in infancy, two of whom were twins.

George R. Yorgey, father of Alfred B., was brought up on the Yorgey farm in Douglass township, which has been in the family name for upward of 125 years. He was a farmer and millwright for more than fifty years. He became very prominent as a Democratic politician of the county, serving as sheriff from 1875 to 1878; officiated as a school director and also as a supervisor of the township roads for several terms; and acted as a bank director. He died in 1896 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Elizabeth Bowers of Amity township, and by her he had ten children: Malinda, who married Levi Davidheiser; Emma, who was a public school teacher for upward of ten years, and died at the age of twenty-seven; George, who married Catharine Gottschall; Alfred; Clara, who married Henry Dengler; Henry, who married Ellen Sassaman and after her decease Maggie Gresh; Oliva, who married Zephaniah Roshon; Anna, who died at the age of eighteen years; and two who died in infancy.

Jacob Yorgey, the grandfather, was a farmer of Douglass township. He married Sarah Reifsnyder, and by her had seven children: Charlotte, who married Frederick Neiman; George; Ephraim, who married Hannah Bechtel; Rachel, who married John Geiger; Christian, who married Matilda Fritz; Leah, who married Henry Baker; and Sarah, who married Henry E. Rhoads.

Mrs. Yorgey's father, Amos S. Esterly, was married to Elizabeth Ritter, daughter of David Ritter, of Exeter township, and by her he had six children. Laura R.; Mary, who married Frank F. Bressler; Francis, who married Matilda Davis; Joseph, who married Catharine Hohl; Amos, who married Susan Shearer; and Jacob. Joseph Esterly, father of Amos, was a farmer and blacksmith of Exeter township, a short distance south of the Black Bear Inn. He married Lydia Snyder and by her he had ten children: Daniel, Amos S., Joseph, Augustus, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and four, who died young. He died in 1856, aged sixty-two years; and his wife died in 1882, aged eighty-four years. Daniel Esterly, Mrs. Yorgey's great-grandfather, was also a farmer and blacksmith, living on the same place as his son. He married Susanna Hechler, and by her he had eight children: Daniel, Jacob, John, George, Joseph, Jonas, Amos and Elizabeth (married to George Boyer).

FREDERICK W. E. GROHMAN, who is engaged in pattern-making at No. 1053 Mulberry street, Reading, is conducting an independent business in his line, and has met with much success. Mr. Grohman was born in 1872, in Brandenburg, Prussia, German Empire, son of William and Bertha (Wonneberger) Grohman, the latter a sister of the noted Professor Wonneberger.

In his native country Mr. Grohman served in a military school from the age of eight until fourteen years old, and learned the pattern and cabinet making business, which he followed at the Scott works, Reading, after coming to America in 1890. Later he became connected with the Penn Hardware Co., and spent three years at brass pattern making with the Berks foundry. He then took a complete mechanical course in the correspondence school of Scranton, Pa., and went to Lancaster county, where he was employed as pattern maker and foreman of a machine shop. From Lancaster county Mr. Grohman went to Philadelphia, working for the Pen Coyd Iron Company for two years, and in 1900 returned to Reading, entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. In 1907 Mr. Grohman resigned his position and opened an independent shop, which he has equipped with all modern machinery, and here he is carrying on a large and lucrative business. He is a first-class mechanic, and makes a specialty of designing artistic furniture, both mission and modern. While living in Lancaster county, in 1897, Mr. Grohman received his naturalization papers, and since that time he has been allied with the Republican party. He and his wife attend the Lutheran Church. Fraternally Mr. Grohman is connected with the K. G. E., the Foresters, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., the Twentieth Century Quakers and the I. O. R. M.

In 1895 Mr. Grohman was united in marriage with Miss Emma Huntzinger, a cousin of Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, and to this union there were born four children: William, George, and two who died in infancy.

JAMES F. SCHNADER, of Cumru township, Berks county, was born July 18, 1869, in Cumru township, son of Franklin K. and Fietta (Saylor) Schnader.

The great-great-grandfather of James F. Schnader was John Jacob Schnader, who was one of the organizers of the Center Lutheran and Reformed Church of Lancaster county, the site of which is the burial ground of many of his descendants. When he settled four miles back of the Conestoga river, in the virgin forest, all of the surrounding country was a wilderness and here he at once commenced to clear land. At the time of his death, in 1829, when ninety-five years old, he was the owner of 1,000 acres of excellent land. He married a second time when seventy-five years of age. Mr. Schnader was known as a remarkable man in many ways, but was always highly esteemed for his many sterling traits of character. His son, Balzer Schnader, born in 1765, at the old homestead, married Barbara Kitzmiller. After marriage he located in Franklin county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a few years and then returned to his native township and became the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres. He erected the first stone house built in the neighborhood, the roof of which was of imported tiles and the glass in the windows was but four inches square. Balzer Schnader was the father of fourteen children, among whom were: Jacob, born Dec. 25, 180-, died Nov. 13, 1861; Amos; William; John; Sally; Betsy; James; Lydia; and Mary.

James Schnader, grandfather of James F., was born Nov. 23, 1802, in Lancaster county, and died Oct. 5, 1872. For some years he lived in Cumberland county, and in 1842 came to Brecknock township, Berks county, where the remainder of his life was spent. He owned a farm of 100 acres of land, which was highly cultivated, and he was considered a substantial and representative citizen of his day and community. He is buried at Allegheny Church, as is his wife, both being members of that organization. James Schnader married Susanna Kessler, daughter of Johannes Kessler, born Feb. 10, 1805, who died Nov. 22, 1881, and they had these children: Maria, who married John Sweitzer; Richard, who married Angelina Deeds; Franklin, who married Fietta Saylor; John, who married Amanda Jones; James, who married Anna M. C. Grater; and Susanna, who married Samuel Hartz.

Franklin K. Schnader, father of James F., was a gun-barrel manufacturer and farmer along the Wyomissing in Cumru township, where he became a substantial and highly esteemed citizen. Born in Breck-

nock township Jan. 1, 1831, early in life he came to Cumru township, and this section of the country was his home until his death, May 14, 1906. He and his family were members of Gouglersville Church, of which he was deacon and elder. Mr. Schnader married Fietta Saylor, born in October, 1832, daughter of John Saylor of Alsace township. Five children were born to this union, as follows: Nathaniel S., born March 30, 1854, a gun-barrel manufacturer of Cumru township, also conducting a cider mill which manufacturers as much as 90,000 gallons annually, married in 1875, Victoria Zeamer, daughter of Henry Zeamer, and to them were born eight children, as follows: Mary, Charles, Frank, Katie, Carrie, William, Gertie and Stephen; Henry, who married Mary Wertz, died in 1888, aged thirty-two years, seven months, eighteen days; Mary E., who married John A. Von Neida, of Bowmansville, Pa.; Adallia, who married Samuel K. Ramp of Brecknock township; and James F., of Cumru township.

James F. Schnader received his education in the public schools of his native township, leaving them at the age of sixteen years to learn the milling trade with John A. Von Neida, of Bowmansville, Pa., with whom he continued for upwards of a year. He then learned the painting trade with Frank Folfinger, of Mohnton, with whom he continued for three years, working also for Mosser & Pauling, painting contractors, for four years. Mr. Schnader then worked for himself for two years and for four years at the trade in Reading, then engaging in the milling business, at the mill erected by his father, known as the Wyomissing Grist, which was the first mill obtaining its power from the Wyomissing creek. After the death of his father in 1906, Mr. Schnader came into possession of the Schnader homestead in Cumru township, a tract of forty-seven acres, on which property is the famous old gun-barrel factory, where gun-barrels were manufactured during the Revolutionary war, one of the oldest business places in the county, and here also is situated the cider-press, where thousands of barrels of apples are ground into cider annually. The present home was built by his father in 1860. Mr. Schnader also owns thirty-seven acres of heavily timbered land and his own home on the road leading from Mohnton to Gouglersville.

In politics Mr. Schnader is a staunch Democrat, and in the spring of 1906 was elected by a handsome majority to the office of school director of Cumru township, which has thirty schools. He takes a great interest in educational matters and is an efficient man for the office. He and his family are members of Gouglersville Union Church, belonging to the Reformed denomination.

In the year, 1894, Mr. Schnader was married to Annie M. Unger, born Dec. 3, 1874, daughter of George and Annie (Bower) Unger, natives of Wittenberg, Germany, and to them were born children as follows: Sadie W., born March 21, 1895; Clara M., born July 26, 1897; James H., born Aug. 25, 1899; Annie F., born Oct. 6, 1901; Wayne A., born Dec. 19, 1904; and Harland A., born Jan. 17, 1907.

BENTON REIFF GEHRET, a well known resident of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the paper hanging business at No. 1264 North Tenth street, was born Jan. 28, 1862, in Alsace township, Berks county, son of Israel and Malinda Reiff Gehret.

Israel Gehret, who was a wheelwright by trade, followed that occupation practically all of his life in Alsace township, where he died October 6th, 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Malinda Reiff who bore him twelve children, nine of whom still survive: John, James, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Benton R., Eli, Augustus, Ellen, who married William Hoffman. In religious belief the family are connected with the Reformed Church. Mr. Gehret was a stanch Democrat.

Benton R. Gehret was educated in the common schools of Alsace township, and until seventeen years of age worked on a farm near his home. He then came to Reading, securing employment in the old Reading Rail mill, and worked for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for five years. He then learned the painter's trade with Henry Wertz, of Reading, an occupation which he followed from 1889 until 1904, in the latter year adding paper hanging to his business. Mr. Gehret has one of the best appointed places of business for this kind of work in the city, and he commands Reading's best trade. He also does graining, decorating, etc., and employs from nine to fifteen skilled workmen.

December 17, 1881, Mr. Gehret was married to Miss Ida Noll, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Gift) Noll, representative Berks county people, and to this union there was born one child: Debbie, who died at the age of five years. They adopted two children, one of whom is dead. Mr. and Mrs. Gehret attend the Reformed Church. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, the P. O. S. of A., Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum, and the Wyomissing Association, a beneficial Order. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Gehret is widely known throughout his section of the city, and his fairness in business matters has gained for him an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity. He is public-spirited in a high degree, and any movement which has for its object the welfare of the city finds in him a staunch supporter.

MARTIN R. HOCH, a well known slater of Reading, Pa., whose place of business is located at No. 718 North Eighth street, was born Jan. 12, 1868, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of Benneville and Susan (Rothermel) Hoch.

Samuel Hoch, grandfather of Martin R., who was a prominent agriculturist of Richmond township, and whose death was caused by a fall from a load of hay, married a Miss Herbine, who also died in that township. Their children were: Benneville; Philip; Maria, who married for her third husband Mr. Schmoyer and resides in Fleetwood; John; Joel; and Samuel.

Benneville Hoch was born in Richmond township, and at the time of his father's death took charge of the old homestead on which he resided all of his life, farming there for a period of thirty-four years. His death occurred in his sixtieth year, his wife passing away when seventy-seven years old. Their farm is now occupied by Jacob Scheaffer. Mr. Hoch and his wife were faithful members of the Reformed Church. In political matters he was a Democrat, and for some years served as a member of the school board, taking an active interest in educational and public matters. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoch there were born sixteen children, ten of whom now survive: Susan, who married Isaiah Hoyer of Reading; Benneville, who married Mary Mertz of Richmond township; Cyrus, who married Diana Richard of Friedensburg, Oley township; Harriet, who married August Schlegel of Fleetwood; Joel, who married Catherine Reider; William, who married Fianna Conrad of Boyertown; Amanda, who married William T. Delp, of Bowers, Pa.; Martin R.; Henry, who married Clara Schlegel, of Reading; and Katie, single; and Ezra (died Aug. 5, 1909, m. Sally Hefner), Annie, Peter, Samuel, Lydia and Sarah, deceased.

Martin R. Hoch (or High) attended the public schools of his native township until nineteen years of age, working on the farm during the summer months. He then learned the trade of marble cutting, a business which he followed for six years, but since 1894 has been engaged in his present line, having a large and profitable trade in slate and sink tops. He employs three skilled mechanics, and does work not only in the city, but in the surrounding country and adjoining counties.

Mr. Hoch married Miss Emma Keller, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sicher) Keller, and their two sons, Charles K. and Claude H., are attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Hoch reside in their pleasant home at No. 930 Greenwich street, Reading, and have many friends

in their community. They are members of St. Stephen's Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Hoch is a Democrat and fraternally he is connected with Camp 103, P. O. S. of A., Fleetwood; and Friendship Council, A. & I. O. K. of M., No. 247, of Reading.

GEORGE JOHN BREEDY, of No. 235 South Twelfth street, who is known to the people of Reading, Pa., as a professional musician and teacher of music, was born in this city, May 4, 1878, son of Theodore and Mary E. (Moyer) Breedy.

John Breedy, the grandfather of George J., was born in 1803, was a native of Antwerp, Belgium, and founded the family in this country in 1836. After coming to America the rest of his life was spent in Reading, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. Breedy was a stone mason by trade, and was a gifted musician, teaching all of his children music. He married Emma Keen, who was also born in his Fatherland, and to them were born children as follows: Theodore; John, a bricklayer of Reading; Mary, single, resides in Reading; Emma, deceased, was the wife of Wilson B. Houck; Barbara, deceased, was the wife of Charles Manegold of Reading; and Lizzie, who married George Young of this city. Of these children Emma and Barbara were talented vocalists, and sang in church choirs throughout Reading.

Theodore Breedy was born Jan. 8, 1855, in Reading, where he was educated in the public schools, and then learned the upholstering trade at Herbein's furniture store, which he followed until Mr. Herbein's death, From his youth he had shown remarkable talent in music, and at the age of eighteen years played with the celebrated old Ringgold Band of Reading, with which he was connected until the organization of the Germania Band, when he became a member of that body. This was later reorganized and again took the name of the Ringgold Band. Mr. Breedy also played at the Academy of Music for a number of years. In political matters he is a Democrat. Mr. Breedy married Mary E. Moyer, born in February, 1855, daughter of George M. and Amanda (Petree) Moyer, and to this union there were born four children: George J.; Charles and Edward, who died in boyhood; and Paul J., a student at the High School.

George John Breedy obtained his education in the public schools of Reading, leaving after the completion of his grammar school course, and when fourteen years of age secured a position as clerk in J. H. Obold & Company's hardware store. There he remained for a period of two years, and in 1894 he began the study of music under Professors Joseph Rowe and George Holcombe of New York. For one year he played the drums at the Academy of Music, Reading, and in 1899 with his father joined the famous Ringling Brothers' Shows, with which organization they traveled in every State and territory in the Union. Their pleasant stay in California and the exciting times experienced by them throughout the Southern States will be events ever clear in their memories. After the close of the show season in 1900, Mr. George J. Breedy returned to Reading, and was for some years a member of the Bijou Theatre orchestra, and is now at the Orpheum Theatre, also teaching music to a large class of pupils. Professor Breedy has been very successful, residing in his own home at No. 235 South Twelfth street. He is genial and companionable and has many warm friends. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church of Reading.

On Oct. 30, 1901, Professor Breedy was married to Amelia Imgrund, born Jan. 18, 1878, daughter of John and Louisa (Gray) Imgrund. No children have been born to them.

JOHN H. CLAUSER, a representative agriculturist of Berks county, Pa., who is carrying on operations in Robeson township, was born in that same township May 10, 1836, son of Samuel and Hannah (Hertzel) Clauser.

John Clauser, grandfather of John H., came from Oley township to Robeson many years ago, and bought the old George Moore farm, now owned by one of his grandsons, Simon Clauser. He followed farming and lime burning for the remainder of his life, also owning and operating canal boats on the Schuylkill canal, which he used to carry his lime to market. Mr. Clauser died about 1841 or 1842, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife, Catherine Feigle, was also a member. Their children were: Daniel, John, Benjamin, Samuel, Lydia (who married Henry Moyer) and Sarah (who married Isaac Moore).

Samuel Clauser, son of John and Catherine, was born in Oley township, but early in life came to Robeson with his parents, and most of his life was spent working for the Seyfert forge at Gibraltar. He was active in the work of the Lutheran Church, where he held numerous positions, and also was much interested in Sunday school work. His death occurred in his fifty-third year, and his wife passed away when about sixty-two or sixty-three years old. Their children were: John H.; Samuel, deceased; Daniel, a grocer at Seyferts; Albert, a blacksmith of Philadelphia; Kittie, deceased; Malinda, who married Peter Neidich; and Hannah and Susan, deceased.

John H. Clauser was educated in the schools of Robeson township and until fifteen years of age worked on a farm, at that time beginning to learn the blacksmith's trade with John Schaeffer, at Beckersville, Robeson township, and he continued with him for two and one-half years. He then went to Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, and thence to Fort Wayne, Ind. Returning to Berks county by way of Bucyrus, after one winter at school, Mr. Clauser went to Reading, and there engaged at his trade and after a short time purchased the blacksmith shop at the Junction in Robeson township, which he operated three years. He next purchased a shop in Philadelphia, which he carried on for one year, when he sold out, married and returned to Robeson township, purchasing the "Naomi Hotel" at Seyferts. He conducted this hotel for some thirty years, and then purchased the Hettie Dick farm, which he still owns—a one-hundred acre tract of some of the finest land in the county. Mr. Clauser has brought this property to a fine state of cultivation, has improved it with good, substantial buildings, and in connection therewith operates a dairy of eight cows. In politics he is a Democrat. He is public-spirited and progressive, and is always found in the front rank of any movement tending toward the public welfare.

In 1856 Mr. Clauser was married to Miss Mary Kennedy, daughter of Thomas Kennedy, and seven children have blessed this union: William, deceased; Heber, of Reading; John K., proprietor of the "Naomi Hotel;" Annie, wife of Reuben Redcay; Ida; Sallie, wife of Henry Eshelman; and Bessie, who married Walter Rickey.

BENJAMIN F. LEINBACH, who since 1898 has lived retired at Friedensburg, was one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of the county. He was born on the home farm of his grand-uncles, John and Daniel Hoch, Jan. 19, 1853, son of Samuel and Mary (Reppert) Leinbach, and a member of one of the early settled families of the county.

The Leinbachs of Berks county are descended from Henry Leinbach and his wife, Barbara Lerch, of Wetterau, Germany, the line of Benjamin F. Leinbach being through their son, Johannes, Sr. (the first of the name in America) and his wife, Anna Elizabeth (Leiss); their son, Johannes, Jr., and his wife, Catharine (Riehm); their son, John Daniel and his wife, Catharine (Graul); their son, Samuel and his wife Elizabeth (Hoch); and their son, Samuel and his wife, Mary (Reppert).

Samuel Leinbach, son of John Daniel and grandfather of Benjamin F., was a native of Oley township, born April 14, 1798. His sponsors were Daniel Hart-

man and Maria Lerch. He passed his entire life as a farmer, removing from Berks county to Upper Northumberland county after his marriage, and there he died, and was buried at Turbotville. He was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Hoch, died in Berks county before his removal to Northumberland, the mother of two children: Samuel; and Sabilla, who married David Bertolet. He married (second) a Miss Barto, and they had six children: Ephraim, Jeremiah, Nathan, Uriah, Ann Maria and Malinda.

Samuel Leinbach, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hoch) was born June 5, 1827, and he died June 25, 1897, aged seventy years and twenty days, and was buried at Spies's church, of which he was a member. He made his home in Alsace township, where he followed farming. He married Mary Reppert, who was born in 1827, daughter of Jacob Reppert, and she died in 1864, the mother of four children. Benjamin F.; Elizabeth; Mary Magdalena, who died young; and Daniel, of Pottstown.

Benjamin F. Leinbach received his education in the district schools, Oley Academy and later in a fifteen weeks' course at Brunner's Academy in Reading. He taught school five terms in Alsace township, beginning in the fall of 1871, and receiving a salary of thirty dollars per month. He was early trained to farm work, and in 1882 he began farming at the place where he was born, and in that same year bought the homestead. This consisted of 328 acres in one tract, sixty-five in a second, and seven and one-half in a third, making 400½ acres all together. Here Mr. Leinbach was profitably engaged from 1882 until 1898, when he was succeeded by his son Beriah. In the spring of 1898 he built a comfortable and modern brick residence at Friedensburg, located at the corner of Main and Water streets, and here he has since lived retired.

Unlike most of his family, Mr. Leinbach is a Democrat, and for six years he served as school director in Alsace township. He is a member of Spies's Church, in which he has served as deacon.

In 1874 Mr. Leinbach was united in marriage with Sarah H. Yoder, daughter of Gideon and Mary (Houseman) Yoder. Three children were born to them, namely: Beriah, who married Maggie Beidler, and has two children, Benjamin and Ray; Mary, who married Charles Swoyer, of Reading; Sallie, who married William H. Lutz, of Oley.

JACOB PETERS, of the borough of Mohnton, who is engaged in plaster contracting, was born Oct. 30, 1858, in West Earl township, Lancaster county, son of Henry K. and Lydia (Harman) Peters.

John Michael Peters, the grandfather of Jacob, was a native of Ireland, and came to this country when a boy with his sister, his parents being deceased. He located in West Earl township, Lancaster county, and there the remainder of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He married Polly Kelly, who died in middle life, and both were buried in Rollans cemetery, near New Holland, Pa. Their children were: Isaac, who died while defending his country in the Civil war; Joseph, who was a farm hand, met an accidental death while working for a Mr. Bare; John, who died suddenly in Indianapolis, Ind., where he had been successfully engaged in the milling business; Gibson, a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil wars, who was of a roving disposition and had a wonderful career; Susanna, who married Henry Swergert, a farmer of Lancaster county; Elizabeth, who married George Smith, a soldier in the Civil war; Henry, father of Jacob; Cornelius, who married Joanna Witzel of Berks county; and Rev. Lewis, a minister of the United Brethren Church, was a noted pulpit orator, and for many years had been presiding elder. He died in New Holland, Pa., in 1890, aged fifty-four years and is buried at Steelton, Dauphin county. He married a Miss Rand, and they had three children, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Augustus and a daughter.

Henry K. Peters was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Oct. 16, 1830, and died there May 9, 1882, having been engaged for a number of years in operating a sawmill for Benjamin Schaeffer. Mr. Peters was a highly respected citizen, and all his life was a regular attendant of the United Brethren Church at Hinkletown, Lancaster county. He was twice married, (first) Oct. 4, 1853, to Lydia Harman, born Aug. 4, 1830, who died Sept. 17, 1865, daughter of Daniel Harman. Six children were born to this union: Lemon, born July 29, 1854, married Cecelia Holman; Herman, born July 19, 1856, married Emma Schaeffer; Jacob; Harriet, born April 23, 1860, married William Carpenter, deceased; Mary Ann, born Dec. 11, 1861, died June 14, 1880; and Henry, born Feb. 14, 1864, is a bachelor of Lancaster. Mr. Peters was married (second) to Fannie Dietrich, daughter of George W. Dietrich of Lancaster county, and to them was born one son, Benjamin Franklin.

Jacob Peters was reared to agricultural pursuits, but when sixteen years of age began to learn the trade of plasterer with Jacob Shatz of Lancaster, in whose employ he continued for three years, then connecting himself with J. Madison Dietrich, a contractor of Vogansville, Lancaster county. In 1880 Mr. Peters engaged in business on his own account in Lancaster county, following his trade throughout the county for a period of twelve years and employing an average of six people the year round. On Dec. 12, 1892, he located in Mohnton, and for two years worked for Adam Wentzel of Sinking Spring, a plasterer contractor. In 1895 Mr. Peters re-engaged in business on his own account, doing work in Reading and the surrounding country, and in this he is at present engaged. Himself a thorough mechanic and skilled workman, Mr. Peters employs only those who are skilled at the trade, and his staff of workmen comprises twenty mechanics. He has been handling all of the contracts of the Reading Real Estate Co. since 1902, this company building from thirty-five to forty-five buildings annually, and he also did the work in forty-five houses erected by Mertz & Christman of Reading in 1905. In 1906 he had the contract for plastering the large Barbey Hall at Hamburg, Pa., and in the fall of that year did the work in J. Dives' summer residence in Cumru township. Politically Mr. Peters is a stalwart Republican, and takes a great interest in public matters. He is a member of Hill Side Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. In religious belief he and his family are members of Salem Evangelical Church of Mohnton, and in earlier life Mr. Peters was much interested in Sunday school work, being for a number of years superintendent of the Evangelical Sunday school at Vogansville.

On Nov. 21, 1878, Mr. Peters was married to Dora R. Reitz, born Aug. 1, 1852, in Ossenberg, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, daughter of Baltzer and Caroline(Reitz) Reitz, and to this union there have been born six children: Harry C., born July 24, 1879, married Ada Shirk, of Mohnton; Caroline R., born Dec. 4, 1882, married Frank R. Good, of Lancaster county; Lizzie R., born April 2, 1883, married Irwin R. Mosser, of Mohnton; George W., born June 26, 1884, married Stella Hittle, of Boyertown; Lydia, born March 8, 1886; and Chester A., born Sept. 14, 1888.

J. W. KLINE, of Reading, who is proprietor of the Kline & Company brass foundry, was born Dec. 5, 1871, in Reading, son of William and Rebecca (Kinzer) Kline, and grandson of John R. and Esther (Lutz) Kline.

John R. Kline was a brick manufacturer in early life, and later engaged in building boats for Asa Packer. He retired about six years prior to his death in his sixty-first year. He was first married to a Miss Homan, who bore him one son, Mahlon, and his second marriage was to Esther Lutz, who died in 1905, aged eighty-one years, one son also being born to this union, William. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were members of the Reformed Church. In political matters he was a Democrat.

William Kline, who now lives retired at No. 600 Center avenue, Reading, was born in Reading in 1840, and was educated in the public schools, after leaving which he learned the cabinet maker's trade. Later he engaged in the furniture business, in which he continued for seventeen years, and then for several years engaged in the foundry business at Second and Beech streets. This he later sold out to his son, John W., purchasing the Bechtelsville furnace property, where he operated a crusher until 1905, and since that time has lived a quiet life. He was married in 1864 to Rebecca Kinzer, and to them four children have been born :Emma, Amanda, John W. and Harry. Mr. Kline is a member of Chandler Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 227, Reading Chapter and Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T. Politically he is a Democrat.

John W. Kline received his education in the common schools of Reading, and after leaving the grammar school entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co., as a clerk in the freight department under Mr. A. T. Gorman, and resigned this to accept a position with the Reading Iron Co., under Messrs. Dodds and Schumann. He remained there three years, at the end of which time he engaged in his present business at Second and Beech streets, where he has been successfully carrying on business since 1897. He erected a new plant in 1906, and here he is engaged exclusively in the manufacture of brass castings. He has a modern plant, with the latest and most improved machinery, and under his management the business is proving a great success. Mr. Kline is a member of Reading Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. E. Religiously he is connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church, while his wife attends Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Kline is identified with numerous other business enterprises in addition to his foundry business, among which may be named the American Slag Co., of Reading.

Mr. John W. Kline was united in marriage with Miss Emma L. Klapp, daughter of Joseph Klapp, a sketch of whom will be found in another part of this publication.

DAVID B. RAUCH, farmer near Huff's Church, in Hereford township, was born on the old homestead there Dec. 23, 1842, son of John Rauch and grandson of David Rauch.

David Rauch, born Nov. 27, 1769, in eastern Berks county, died Dec. 11, 1843, aged seventy-four years, fourteen days. He was a farmer, and lived in Hereford township, owning the farm near Huff's Church which is now the property of his grandson, David B. Rauch, and which consists of 150 acres of fertile land, improved with good buildings. He built the stone house there in 1830. The old part of the barn was built in 1803 and the other part in 1823. There is an old burial ground on this tract, covering a half acre of ground, and about one hundred people are interred there. As late as 1879 one Elizabeth Zimmerman, unmarried, was buried there. This was the principal burial ground of the settlers in the vicinity before the establishment of the one at Huff's Church. In 1901 Mr. David B. Rauch sold three acres of land, to the Huff's Church congregation for cemetery purposes, and on this plot are now buried a number of people to whose memory have been erected creditable monuments. David Rauch, the grandfather, and his wife are buried at Huff's Church. She was Barbara Lieser, born Feb. 16, 1770, died March 22, 1838, aged sixty-eight years, one month, six days. They had children as follows: Elizabeth; David, who lived in Springville, Bucks Co., Pa. (he had a daughter); Barbara, married to Jonas Saul; Magdalena; Maria, married to Philip Hertzog; Catharine, married to Abraham Moyer; Rachel, married to John Hertzog; Henry L. (1813-1850), a watchmaker, who lived in Washington township, Berks county (his children were Maria, Sarah and Jefferson); John, mentioned below; and Samuel (1796-1853), of Hereford, who never married.

John Rauch, son of David, born in Hereford township, near Huff's Church, Nov. 9, 1815, died there on his farm Nov. 10, 1875, aged sixty years, one day. He was a farmer, owning and working the place which now belongs to his son David B., and which has been in the possession of this family since 1804, having formerly belonged to David Rauch. He was a member and deacon of the Reformed congregation of Huff's Church. John Rauch married Maria Bossert, born in 1819, daughter of Adam Bossert; she died March 4, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. John Rauch had children as follows: Maria (married Martin Landis), David B., Sallie Ann (married John D. Baus), Caroline (married Horatio Hertzog), Charles B., John B., Emmalinda (deceased wife of William Benfield) and Annie (who died when young).

David B. Rauch commenced his education in an old pay school, which he attended one winter, and after their establishment he went to the free schools. He was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until he was twenty-two years old, after which he learned the carpenter's trade. He followed that calling fourteen years, after which he farmed the homestead for eighteen years. In the spring of 1894 he purchased the Samuel Baus farm, in the upper part of Dale, a tract of twenty-seven acres, on which are a nice set of buildings. Mr. Rauch built the present house on the place in 1894, and he made an addition to the barn the following year. The place is an ideal home in more ways than one. Besides this place, where he still makes his home, Mr. Rauch owns the old homestead of 150 acres, and he is regarded as a substantial resident of Hereford township, where he is well known, having served two terms as auditor and two years as tax collector. Mr. Rauch is a Democrat in politics.

In the year 1868 Mr. Rauch married Eliza Ann Moll, daughter of Christophel and Susanna (Repp) Moll, of Hereford township, farming people, who had a family of nine children, namely: Horatio, Sarah, Elizabeth, Susanna, Eliza Ann, William, Daniel, Caroline and Emeline. John and Elizabeth (Bittenbender) Moll, grandparents of Mrs. Rauch, lived in Siesholtzville. Their children were: George, Jacob, John, Christophel, Susan, Peggy, Betzy, Polly, Catharine and Nancy.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rauch: James M. is mentioned below; Mary married Epheniah Fronheiser, a farmer of Hereford, and they have children—John, William, Mamie, Eliza Ann, Katie and James; John, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Rauch, died in infancy; Allen, a farmer living near Siesholtzville, married Eve Gerhart, and they have two children, John and Jennie; Annie married Frank Derr, of District township, and they have had three children, Claude, Harvey and Stella.

James M. Rauch, son of David B. Rauch, was born Nov. 17, 1868, and was reared upon the home farm. From early youth he showed a fondness for books, was studious at school, and when eighteen years old was licensed to teach public school, receiving his certificate from Prof. D. S. Keck. His first experience was gained at the Rhode school-house in Greenwich township, where he taught one term; then for a term he was engaged in Hereford township. He then took a competitive examination, and was appointed Sept. 9, 1893, under civil service rules, to a clerkship in the treasury department, where he has ever since been employed. Since July, 1906, Mr. Rauch has also been engaged in dealing in coal, in which line he has met with success, giving employment to five men. He deals in wood, coal, coke and ice.

Mr. Rauch married Mary Moll, daughter of Reuben and Katie (Baus) Moll, and they have had three children, Amy, Arthur R. (who died when seven months old) and Stella.

HENRY E. REMP, resident in the borough of Mohnton, since 1870, is a native of Berks county, born

in Brecknock township, Oct. 31, 1846, son of Richard and Sarah (Eshelman) Remp.

Jacob Remp, the great-grandfather of Henry E., was born May 6, 1756, and died June 6, 1841, after a long and useful life. He was a farmer by occupation, owning the old Remp homestead, on which he and his wife and his son Benjamin and wife are buried. The wife of Jacob Remp, whose Christian name was Catherine, was born Dec. 22, 1753, and died May 31, 1829. Among their children were: Mrs. John White; Eve, who married Daniel Barlot; Benjamin; and a daughter who died single.

Benjamin Remp, grandfather of Henry E., was born on the old homestead, now the Kissinger farm in Brecknock township, Aug. 30, 1786, and died April 15, 1872. Like his father he was a lifelong farmer, owning the homestead, which consisted of 100 acres, and was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Remp married Barbara Trostle, born Jan. 6, 1786, who died March 15, 1857, and to them were born these children: William; Jacob; Elijah; Richard; Sally, who married Abraham Hartz; Polly, who married Samuel Eshelman; Elizabeth, who married David Blankenbiller; Mrs. Isaac Ziegler; and Candace, who married Henry Fritz.

Richard Remp, the father of Henry E., was born in May, 1824, and died Nov. 25, 1903. He followed agricultural pursuits in Cumru township the major portion of his life, owning a farm of eighty acres, and was known as a man of integrity. A Republican in politics, he always took an interest in public matters, and for three years served efficiently as school director. Mr. Remp was a member of the Mennonite Church at Brecknock, where he was buried. He married Sarah Eshelman, born in Cumru township, who since 1907 has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Matz, of Mohnton. To Richard and Sarah Remp were born nine children as follows: Henry E.; Sarah, who married Richard Matz; Mary, who married William Manier; Kate, who married Augustus Hartz, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Emina, who married Henry Messner; Charles B., a lumber merchant at Lippig, Mont.; Albert E., who resides at No. 1019 Church street, Reading; and Owen, who died young.

Henry E. Remp was reared upon his father's farm, and until twenty-two years of age worked for his parents. At this time he was married, and during the following year lived at home, but in 1870 he removed to Mohnton, where he has since resided. For a number of years he worked in the hat factories of his town, but since 1900 he has worked at carpentering, being connected with W. D. Mohn. In 1902 Mr. Remp erected two large frame houses on Summit street, in the borough of Mohnton, in one of which he himself resides, renting the other. In politics he is an Independent Republican, and he and his family attend Zion's Evangelical Church.

In 1869 Mr. Remp was married to Emma Fritz, daughter of Baltzer and Barbara (Fitterling) Fritz, and to this union there has been born one daughter: Ellen, the wife of B. Frank Steffey, a musician of Reading. They have five children, namely: Maizy, Emma, Lawrence, Alda and Lee.

SAMUEL L. GRAEFF, a contractor and builder of Reading, who as senior member of the firm of Graeff & Brother, has handled some large contracts in Reading and the surrounding country, was born in 1856, in Centre township, Berks county, son of Isaac S. and Mary (Loose) Graeff.

Mr. Graeff received his educational training in the schools of Centre township, and worked upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade with Backenstose & Co., with whom he worked three years. He was then employed in bridge building for about one year for the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, and then came to Reading, where he worked as a journeyman carpenter until 1897. In this year he formed a partnership with his brother, Isaac L. Graeff, under the firm name of Graeff & Brother, and this partnership has continued to the present time, the brothers meeting with great success in their business.

Samuel L. Graeff was married to Sidney Richard, born in Penn township, Berks county, and to this union there were born three children, one of whom, Eve, survives. She married and has one child, Irma. In religious belief Mr. Graeff and his wife are connected with the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

MORRIS Y. JOHNSON, a miller and farmer located near New Berlinville, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to reside in that neighborhood. The Johnsons are descended from one Nicholas Johnson, a native of England, who settled in Colebrookdale township in an early day.

(I) Nicholas Johnson was born Jan. 12, 1758, and came to America in young manhood. He was a wool dyer by trade, and was working for a man in Germantown, Pa., at the time the Continental army was encamped there. One night he slept on the floor to give up his bed to General Washington; the bed is now in the possession of Albert J. Fisher, of Reading. Later he was at Skippack, in Montgomery county, whence he came to Berks county, locating near New Berlinville, where he followed farming. He died Sept. 4, 1839, when over eighty-one years of age, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Boyertown. Mr. Johnson was not a member of the Mennonite Church, but he attended the services of same. His wife, Mary Updegrove, was born Sept. 18, 1761, and died on her seventy-third birthday. Among their children was a son William.

(II) William Johnson was a native of Colebrookdale township, born in February, 1788, and died May 8, 1867, aged seventy-nine years, two months, twenty-one days. He is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Boyertown. He was engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil, his plant being located along Swamp creek, and later he conducted a woolen mill on the same stream. This he subsequently changed to a grist and saw mill, and he was successful in business, becoming a man of substance. He married Susan Bechtel, born Oct. 6, 1782, who died Jan. 9, 1869, and was buried by his side. Three sons and two daughters were born to them, namely: Isaac, Nicholas, David, Mrs. John Ritter and Polly (who married Henry Fisher).

(III) Nicholas Johnson, father of Morris Y. Johnson, was born in Colebrookdale township, and died on the homestead. By occupation he was a miller and farmer, owning the Johnson homestead of sixty acres and operating a mill at New Berlinville, prospering in both lines. He was well and favorably known, and served acceptably as school director of Colebrookdale township. His remains rest in the Fairview cemetery at Boyertown. Mr. Johnson was a Schwenkfelder in religious belief, attending church with his family in Hereford township, and a Republican in political opinion. His wife was Mary Yoder, daughter of Jacob Yoder, of Oley township, and they had a family of six children: William, now a resident of Montgomery county, Pa.; Nicholas, deceased; Henry, of New Berlinville, Berks county; Eli, of Spring township, Berks county; Rosanna, wife of John E. B. Bechtel; and Morris Y.

(IV) Morris Y. Johnson was born July 21, 1854, and was reared in his native place, attending the district school and later Kallynean Academy, at Boyertown. He received a good education, and was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner in 1871. His first term, in Hereford township, was followed by five terms at New Berlinville and one year at Gablesville. Ever since he has worked on the farm. In 1880 Mr. Johnson moved to Douglass township, Montgomery Co.,

Pa., where he bought a seventy-acre tract upon which he engaged in farming for twenty years, and which he still owns, having rented the land since he settled at his present location. Since the fall of 1899 he has owned his present mill property and farm of thirty-five acres near New Berlinville, in Colebrookdale township. The land was formerly known as the Henry Gilbert tract, and is fertile and productive, and in a good state of cultivation. The mill had been burned in 1898, but Mr. Johnson rebuilt it, opening his present establishment Oct. 17, 1900, since which time he has enjoyed a large patronage and the good-will of his entire neighborhood. Besides milling and farming he deals in flour, feed and grain, and he is an energetic man in everything he undertakes. He is a Republican in political belief, and while a resident of Montgomery county took considerable interest in the affairs of his community, serving as school director of Douglass township; he was also elected to the office of poor director for a term of three years.

In 1876 Mr. Johnson married Elizabeth Bahr, daughter of Jacob Bahr, and to them have been born children as follows: Edwin, of New Berlinville; William, who is now at East Greenville, in Montgomery county; Nicholas, who lives at home; Warren, living at Vera Cruz, Pa.; and Morris B., at home. The members of this family are Lutherans, attending St. John's Church at Boyertown, in which Mr. Johnson has been active, having held the offices of deacon and elder.

FRANK PLOWFIELD, of Reading, who is engaged in the manufacture of artificial ice at No. 227 West Green street, was born Feb. 7, 1865, in Morgantown, Pa., son of Frederick and Christiana (Graeff) Plowfield.

Frederick Plowfield was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and in his native country served in the standing army. When a young man he came to America and settled first in the Conestoga Valley, and later at a place where he engaged in farming and lime burning for several years. Later he purchased a farm near Joanna Furnace, and there the rest of his life was spent, his death occurring in February, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow survived him until 1894, and she passed away in her seventy-second year. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and the parents of children as follows: Mary, born in 1847, m. George Miller; Joseph, born in 1848; Jacob, born in 1850; Ludwig, born in 1853; Eliza, born in 1854, m. William Hunsberger; Catherine, born in 1855, m. John Hartenstine; Annie born in 1857, m. Herman Bandles; Emma B., born in 1859, m. Theodore Bush; William, born in 1861; John born in 1863; Frank; Ella, born in 1867.

Frank Plowfield was educated in the common schools of his native locality and his first employment was on a farm, on which he worked until about twenty-four years old. In 1889 he moved to Gibraltar, Berks county, where he drove a team until 1891, and in the latter year located in Reading and engaged as a driver for the Excelsior Bottling Works. After one year at this occupation he engaged in the coal and flour business with Francis Keller, and in this continued for four years, in 1897 engaging in the ice business, in which he has continued to the present time. He has two delivery teams, using the extra one for afternoon service, and employs three assistants. He has a storage plant, although he buys the ice direct from the manufacturers, and his trade is large and constantly increasing. Mr. Plowfield owns a valuable residence at No. 1230 Oley street, Reading, in which he resides.

In 1891 Mr. Plowfield married Sarah H. Merkle, daughter of William and Mary A. (Noll) Merkle, and to this union have been born two children: William F. and Harvey H. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Plowfield are Lutherans. He is a Republican in politics and his fraternal connections are with the Foresters of America; Harmony Fire Relief Association and Schuylkill Fire Company.

HENRY G. CLEMMER. The Clemmer family is one of the oldest of the Mennonite families in the State. Henry Clemmer (as his name is signed to his last will and testament on record at Norristown) came over to America in the ship "Alexandria Ann," which landed its forty-six passengers at Philadelphia Sept. 5, 1730. His will was probated June 2, 1791. In Vol. 17, Second Series Pa. Archives, page 21, his name is recorded Henrick Cleimer. The name has been changed to Klemmer and Clymer, but a large number of the descendants spell it as did the emigrant ancestor, Clemmer. Henry Clemmer settled in Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county. In 1779-80-82 the names of Henry Clemmer, Sr., and Jr., appear on the Federal and State tax lists in Franconia township, then in Philadelphia county, where they paid a large tax, showing them to be land owners at that time. Henry Clemmer, Sr., died in Franconia township. In his will he mentions nine children as follows: Catharine m. Henry Leatheroth; Elizabeth m. Jacob Oberholtzer; Ann m. Jacob Kile; Mary m. Jacob Moyer; Christian; Henry, Jr. (died in Hatfield township, and will recorded at Norristown, Oct. 14, 1802); John; Valentine; and Abraham (died in Franconia township, and will recorded at Norristown March 7, 1838). On the same vessel on which Henry Clemmer, Sr., came to America was one Hans Jacob Oberholtzer, a Mennonite, who also located in Montgomery county. Elizabeth, daughter of Henry, Sr., married Jacob Oberholtzer, who was probably a son of Hans Jacob. The Clemmers are a numerous family and scattered throughout the State, especially in the counties of Montgomery, Bucks, Berks and Lehigh. The early members of the family were all Mennonites, but George Clemmer, a grandson of the emigrant, married into a Catholic family named Kuhns, and then he himself became a communicant of that faith; his descendants live near Bally, and are members of the parish of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Christian Clemmer, great-grandfather of Henry G., was a farmer near Sellersville, Bucks county. His children were George, Abraham, Samuel, Catharine (m. John Derstein) and Mrs. Jacob Detweiler.

George Clemmer, son of Christian, was born in the vicinity of Sellersville, Jan. 29, 1786, and died June 25, 1864. He came to Berks county before his marriage, and began farming on the farm now owned by James B. Funk. This is a large and fertile tract of land, and on it is located "Clemmer's Mill." He married Anna Geissinger (1787-1872), and their children were: Catharine m. David Hiestand, of Lehigh county; John lived on the farm now owned by Amos B. Pannepacker, near Bally; Rev. Christian; Rev. Samuel; Abraham lived in various places, but died and is buried in the State of Washington; and Anna m. John H. Bechtel.

Rev. Christian Clemmer, son of George, was born near Clayton, in Hereford township, on the old Clemmer farm, Feb. 8, 1813, and died on the farm now owned by his son Henry G., March 9, 1883, and is buried in the Union cemetery at the Mennonite Meeting House in Bally. He was first a farmer, and was then, in 1842, selected by lot to preach the Word of God, and he continued active in the ministry until his death. He contracted a cold at a funeral in Oley, and his death resulted seventeen weeks afterward. He owned the farm now the property of Henry G., and was successful in its cultivation. He married Barbara Gehman, daughter of John Gehman, and to their union five children were born: (1) Maria died in her fourth year. (2) Henry G. (3) Abraham G., who died in Hereford township April 8, 1877, aged thirty-four years, eight months and nine days, was extensively engaged in burning lime, for eight years having burned 17,000 bushels annually, and he also owned the seventy-three

acre farm, now owned by his son David F. He m. Mary Funk, daughter of Philip Funk, of Hereford, and their children were: David F., Jacob, Oswin, Annie, Amanda, and Mary. (4) Annie died Aug. 21, 1864, aged twenty years, seven months, and twenty-one days. (5) Malinda m. Jacob Oberholtzer, of Bechtelsville.

Henry G. Clemmer, son of Rev. Christian, and now living retired at Clayton, was born on the Clemmer homestead, in Hereford township, March 11, 1841. He attended the public schools of his township after they were established, and later was in school at Collegeville —now Ursinus College. He was reared to farm work, and when twenty-five years old began farming on his father's farm, and this place has continued to be his home. He has been retired from active work since 1894, his son Alfred assuming the cares and duties. He farmed from 1866 on for twenty-eight years, and met with the success that comes from industry and honest intelligent effort. In 1895 he began huckstering to Philadelphia, and they went once a week to the Philadelphia market, selling considerable produce and poultry. They also have a stand at the Reading Terminal market, and have an established trade.

The Clemmer farm has been in the family since 1838, having before that time belonged to the Gehmans. It consists of 115 acres of excellent land. The house is quite large. The old part was built during the Revolution, and is of stone, but the newer part was built at a much later period. The barn was built in 1857, replacing one erected in 1759 and covered with split cedar shingles.

Mr. Clemmer was one of the charter members of the Clayton Butter and Cheese Company, and became one of its first directors, and later its manager. In politics he is a Republican, and was committeeman of the township during the days when the high and anti-high factions were at war. He and his family attend the New Mennonite Church at Bally.

On Jan. 27, 1866, Mr. Clemmer married Mary Geissinger, daughter of Abraham and Anna (Bechtel) Geissinger, of New Zionsville, Pa., and granddaughter of Philip and Veronica (Hiestand) Geissinger, of Lehigh county. To this union have been born two children: Alfred G.; and Miss Emma, who lives at home.

Alfred G. Clemmer, born Feb. 1, 1867, received his education in the public schools and at Kutztown, and for two and one-half terms was engaged in teaching in Hereford township. He worked for his parents until he reached his majority, and in 1894 he became the active manager, engaging in farming and huckstering. He also sells cattle in the fall of the year. In 1893 he married Naomi Markley, of Norristown, daughter of Richard and Sophia (Kehl) Markley, and they have children as follows: Henry, Ira, Leroy, Alfred, Warren, Mary, Ella, Annie and Bertha.

HORACE M. SASSAMAN, farmer of Colebrookdale township, Berks county, lives in a section where his family has been settled for several generations. He is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Muthard) Sassaman, and a descendant in the fifth generation of August Sassaman, who founded the family in America.

(I) August Sassaman, of Witgenstein, in Westphalia, Germany, emigrated to America in 1775, and located in Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., where he took up a large tract of land with a family named Gernand. In 1787 he sold his interests to the Gernands and with his family located at Clayton, in Hereford township. He was a member of the Reformed Church. The family Bible he brought with him from the Fatherland; it was printed in 1770 and is still in excellent condition. It is now in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Joel W. D. Whitman, of Reading. August Sassaman's children were as follows: Johan Christian, Daniel, Johannes, Mrs. Elizabeth Guarty and Mrs. Catharine Roth. Both the daughters lived in Bern township.

(II) Johannes Sassaman was born in Germany and was only a child when brought by his father to America. He lived to a good old age, dying in October, 1851, on his farm in District township. He was a blacksmith as well as farmer. For a number of years he lived in Hereford township, along the State road, to Tamaqua, and all but two of his seven children were born in that township. He married Barbara, daughter of Henry Geyer, and she died only a few weeks before her husband, passing away Sept. 12, 1851, at the age of seventy-two years. Their children were born as follows: Barbara, 1806 (died young); John, 1807; Christian, 1809; Abraham, 1811; a son, 1813 (died in infancy); Mary Ann (Polly), 1814 (married Joseph Fritz); Daniel, 1816 (died in 1817).

(III) Christian Sassaman, son of Johannes, was born Dec. 25, 1809, in Hereford township and died on his farm March 17, 1890, at the age of eighty-one years. He passed his active life in farming, retiring some years before his death. He was a progressive man, and took particular interest in the question of public education, serving his township as school director, as well as in other local offices. Religious matters and church work also claimed his attention, and for many years he was a member and official of the Reformed Church at Boyertown. He married a distant relative, Maria Sassaman, who was born Sept. 10, 1813, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Boyer) Sassaman, and granddaughter of Jacob Boyer. Mrs. Maria Sassaman died June 29, 1893, aged nearly eighty years, and was buried July 4, 1893, in the family lot at Boyertown, in Fairview cemetery. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Willoughby, who lives in Montgomery county, Pa.; Judge Augustus S., now deceased, mentioned elsewhere; Mary, deceased, who married Henry S. Hoffman, of Boyertown, Pa.; Lucy, who is the wife of Joel W. D. Whitman, of No. 322 North Ninth street, Reading; Henry S., a justice of the peace, of Pottstown, Pa.; and John S., deceased, who was the father of Horace H. Sassaman.

(IV) John S. Sassaman, youngest member of Christian Sassaman's family, was born in 1846, and died in 1904, at the age of fifty-eight years. Though he was in poor health for twelve years before his death he was for many years a most active man, and he carried on farming all his life, living in Colebrookdale township for twenty-five years, and in Douglass township for five or six years. He took part in local public affairs, was school director for six years in Colebrookdale township, and also served some years as supervisor. Like his father he was also interested in the religious life of the community, and he was a member and deacon of the Reformed Church of Bechtelsville, where he is buried. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Sassaman married Elizabeth Muthard, daughter of Joel Muthard, and to them were born six children, namely: Horace M., Jeremiah, Mary (deceased), Anna, William and Alice.

(V) Horace M. Sassaman was born Nov. 19, 1867, at the home in Douglass township. He attended common school in Colebrookdale township, attending the Landis school, and was reared to farming which he has followed with success all his life. He worked for his parents until eighteen years old, in 1896 beginning on his own account and on his own place, which contains seventy-six acres. It was formerly the property of his maternal grandfather, Joel Muthard. Here Mr. Sassaman has been located ever since, and he is in comfortable circumstances. He keeps four horses and ten head of cattle.

Mr. Sassaman was married June 2, 1894, to Miss Sarah Amanda A. H. Johnson, daughter of Gideon and Hannah (Houck) Johnson. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Sassaman are members of the Bechtelsville Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in politics.

EPHRAIM Y. HILL was a farmer all his life in Earl township, where he was born Jan. 29, 1844, and where he died Oct. 6, 1891.

Abraham Hill, his great-grandfather, was a farmer in what is now Earl township, and lived on and owned the farm that is now the property of Mrs. Rebecca Hill and her sister. He is buried in a private burial ground on this farm. Among his children were two sons, Peter and Abraham. Of these Abraham, who died in 1844, married a lady whose first name was Hannah, and they had a son Samuel (1807-1853) and a daughter Sarah. In 1802 Abraham Hill was assessed as a wheelwright in Earl township.

Peter Hill, son of Abraham, was a farmer in Earl township, owning the farm along Manatawny Creek, which later was the property of his son Jacob, but is now owned by Daniel Gross. Peter Hill located on that farm before 1802, and in that year his name appears as one of the taxables of the district. He died about 1863, aged eighty-seven years. Both he and his wife, Hannah Knabb, are buried at the Oley Churches. Their children were: Jacob; Mary, m. to Frederick Brendlinger, of the Swamp; Lydia, m. to David Gresh; and Daniel, who died young.

Jacob Hill, son of Peter, was like his father and grandfather, a farmer in Earl township, where he died in 1881, aged seventy-eight years. He owned the farm above described as the present property of Daniel Gross. He married Sallie Yoder, who died about 1883, aged seventy-six years. They were members of the Oley Reformed Church, where both are buried. They were the parents of twelve children: James, deceased; Mary Ann, who died unmarried; Abner; Jacob; Jacob Y., born Nov. 24, 1835, living at Stony Creek, Pa.; Peter; Ephraim Y.; Darius; Augustus; Ellen m. to John Specht; Frank Y., a grocer at Reading; and one that died young.

Ephraim Y. Hill was familiar with farm work from boyhood, and after his marriage he became a tenant farmer. In 1880 he obtained by inheritance through his wife the farm of David Davidheiser, in Earl township, located on the Manatawny Creek. This contains 187 acres of good land, and Mr. Hill was engaged in its cultivation until his death, being very successful in his work. This farm has been in the Davidheiser name since 1858, but before that it was the property of Abraham Hill, and before him it was owned by his father. An old stone house on this farm was built in 1805, and the date in the south gable is given as "1805. H. H." The big house was built by a Hill in 1838, but the new part of the present residence was built by David Davidheiser.

In politics Mr. Hill was a Democrat, and was very active in party work. He was frequently a delegate to county conventions, and at one time held the office of supervisor. He was a member of the Reformed congregation, and his wife of the Lutheran, of the Amityville church, and both are buried there in the Hill lot.

On Aug. 31, 1862, Mr. Hill married Rebecca Davidheiser, daughter of David and Rachel (Weaver) Davidheiser, and their children were: Elsie M., who died aged four years; Irwin S., deceased in infancy; and Catharine, who became the wife of Daniel Achey, the farmer of the Hill homestead for Mrs. Hill.

DR. FRANKLIN H. GOOD, physician of Reading, resides at No. 1012 Greenwich street.

Benneville Good, the father of the Doctor, was for some years engaged in teaming between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and his death occurred in 1871, at the age of sixty-two years. He also raised flax for some time and engaged in spinning, but in his later years he gave up all active work, and for some time prior to his death lived a retired life. He and his wife had a large family of children, four of whom survive, as follows: Amelia, wife of Henry Piper, is of Jonestown, Lebanon county; Amanda, wife of Henry Fastnacht, lives on a farm in Lebanon county adjoining the old home; Mary, widow of Ephraim Armstrong, who was for many years treasurer of the Reading school board, resides in Reading; and Dr. Franklin H.

Dr. Franklin H. Good has four children: Benjamin F., Robert G., Sadie I., and William C. He is fraternally connected with the Eagles and the Foresters.

HARRY JACOB WEIDNER, engaged in the shoemaking business in the Sixteenth ward, Reading, is a member of the old Weidner family of Berks county. Mr. Weidner was born Oct. 14, 1866, in Reading, son of Daniel W. and Sally (Price) Weidner.

Tychicus (Dietrich) Weidner, the progenitor of this branch of the family in America, was one of three brothers who came from the Fatherland about 1750 and settled in Oley township, where one of his brothers, Lazarus, also settled, the other one, Adam, locating in Amity township. The death of Tychicus Weidner occurred in 1798, he being at a very advanced age, and his will, which was probated in that year, mentions these children: Jacob, John, Hannah, Catherine, Esther, Susannah, Mary, Peter, Jonathan, Christian and Daniel. Of these Jacob Weidner was the great-great-grandfather of Harry J., was a farmer and owned the old homestead, where he was buried, and had a number of children, among them the great-grandfather of Harry J., William.

William Weidner, like his father, spent his life in Oley township, where his entire attention was given to agricultural pursuits on the homestead farm. He married Susannah Yoder, and to them were born the following children: Daniel; Jacob, who married Mary Ann Weidner; William, who married Catherine Bean; Reuben (1832-1889), who married Mary Bean; Amanda, who married Reuben Dry; George, who married Theresa Barndt; Rachel, who married William Dilaplain; Leah, who married Israel Keim; and Polly, who married David Weidner.

Jacob Weidner, grandfather of Harry J., was a native of Oley township, and was engaged in farming and wheelwrighting above Pleasantville, but in 1855 he located in Reading and there engaged in car building for Shaaber & Johnson until his death in 1888. He married Mary Ann Weidner, daughter of David Weidner of Friedensburg, and to this union there were born children as follows: Augustus, who died young; Jacob, who died aged eighteen years; James, who was killed in the Civil war; Gideon, born in 1842, who died in 1906, was a shoemaker of Reading, married Esther Graul and had two children, of whom James, born Aug. 8, 1865, a shoemaker of Reading, married Mary Monroe, by whom he has two children, Annie and Charles; Daniel W., father of Henry J.; and Malinda, who married Luke Koch, of Reading.

Daniel W. Weidner was born Oct. 12, 1844, in Oley township, was reared on the farm, and when eleven years old came with his parents to Reading. When seventeen years of age he learned the shoemaking trade, and he has been engaged in this business to the present time. For twelve years he was located at No. 214 Chapel Terrace, but since 1904 he has resided at No. 231 South Tenth street, where he owns property and conducts his business. Mr. Weidner was married in 1866 to Sallie Price, born Sept. 2, 1847, and to them have been born three children: Harry Jacob; Annie, who married Jeremiah Auge, of No. 214 Chapel Terrace, Reading; and another that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner are members of the Gospel Tabernacle on Franklin street, above Eleventh, where Mr. Weidner is an official and exhorter.

Harry J. Weidner obtained his education in the public schools of his native city, which he left after completing the grammar school course. At the age of fourteen years he became an errand boy in A. Haugen's shoe store, where he remained one year, and from 1871, when he learned the shoemaking trade with his father,

until 1888, they worked together at No. 231 South Tenth street. At the latter date Mr. Weidner married and opened up a shop of his own at Maple street and Benner's court, and there he followed his trade until 1892, when he bought the house at No. 239 Miller street, and here he has continued to the present time, having all the trade that he can handle. Mr. Weidner is very proficient at his trade, and his good work has won for him much custom, while his pleasant and courteous manner has won for him many friends. In political matters he is independent, and socially he is connected with the Knights of Good Templar of Reading. He and his wife are regular attendants of the Gospel Tabernacle.

On Oct. 11, 1888, Mr. Weidner was married to Clara D. Hartline, born June 29, 1867, daughter of George A. and Deborah (Drumheller) Hartline, the former a shoemaker and farmer of Alsace township. To Mr. and Mrs. Weidner have been born five children, sons as follows: Earl R., born Sept. 29, 1889; Harold C., born Jan. 1, 1891; Daniel W., born July 10, 1892; George S., born Oct. 16, 1895, died May 9, 1904; and H. Clifford, born Oct. 15, 1903.

HENRY JOSEPH HARTMANN, a rising young business man of the Tenth ward, Reading, Pa., who is engaged in cement contracting for builders, is a native of this city, born Jan. 29, 1874, son of Godfrey and Modesta (Bruder) Hartmann.

Staffron Hartmann, the great-grandfather of Henry J., was a laborer in the Fatherland, and lived in Grossherzogthum Hessen. He had a family of children, among them Nicholas Hartmann, who was born in the Grand Duchy in 1818, and died in 1874. He married Theresa Houck, and to them were born eight children: Charlotte, of Reading; Magdalena, of Reading; Barbara, who was blind and died at the age of nine years; Jacob and Godfrey, twins; Heinrich, who died at the age of two years; Margaretta, and Anna.

Godfrey Hartmann was also a native of Grossherzogthum, Hessen, Germany, born Jan. 22, 1840. He was educated in the German schools, which he attended until fourteen years of age, and then learned the milling trade, which he followed for one year. Mr. Hartmann then learned the millwright trade, in which he was engaged until coming to America in 1863, and after landing at Castle Garden, New York, proceeded immediately to Reading, where he worked at carpentering for many years in the car shops. Later he engaged in the contracting business, and erected a large number of houses in Reading including the double brick residence at Nos. 412-414 South Eleventh street, which now belongs to his son, Henry J., and here lived until his death. He and his family were members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Mr. Hartmann married Modesta Bruder, and to them were born four children, namely: Godfrey, who died single, aged twenty-one years; Mary, who died at the age of seventeen years; Henry J.; and one that died in infancy.

Jacob Hartmann, the twin brother of Godfrey, and uncle of Henry J., of Reading, lived for some years in Rei Breidenbach, Kreiss Ehrbach, in Odenwald, and on Oct. 29, 1881, embarked on the ship "Rheinland," at Antwerp, and came to Castle Garden, where he landed Nov. 12, 1881. He at once came to Reading, and worked for seven years in the employ of the Reading Iron Company, but in 1888 went back to Germany, returning to America the year following and settling in Reading, where he has since resided. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. In 1871 Jacob Hartmann was married to Anna Maria Emmich, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Bollander) Emmich, and to them have been born these children: Frantz, who died in infancy; Adam, who married Ella Mosser, lives in Reading; Annie, who resides at home and is single; and Magdalena, who died in 1900, at the age of twenty-one years.

Henry J. Hartmann was educated in St. Paul's Catholic Parochial school, after leaving which he worked in a box factory, and for the Reading Hardware Co. When seventeen years of age he learned the machinist's trade with Orr & Sembower, of Reading, after leaving whose employ he engaged with his father, assisting him in contracting until 1900, since which time he has been carrying on business on his own account, doing contracting jobs for builders. Mr. Hartmann is a man of more than ordinary business ability and has gained a reputation for living up to the word of his contracts. In political matters he is a Democrat, giving his support to the candidate he thinks best fitted for the office. Socially he is connected with the Knights of St. John, No. 271, of Reading. Mr. Hartmann and his family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and his children attend the parochial school.

On Nov. 27, 1897, Mr. Hartmann was married to M. Elizabeth Rohrbach, born Dec. 11, 1874, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hiller) Rohrbach. Mr. Rohrbach, who was a native of Hereford township, Berks county, was a blacksmith by trade, and he and his wife had four children: Henry, who is single and lives in Reading; Charles, who married Mary Good, of Reading; Samuel, who married Minnie Pinyard; and M. Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann have two children: Clarence J., born July 20, 1898, and Catherine, born May 16, 1904.

LLOYD M. NUNEMACHER, who is engaged in an extensive contracting business in Reading, is one of the leaders in the ranks of the Democratic party in Reading, and has been favorably mentioned as candidate for the office of sheriff of Berks county. Mr. Nunemacher was born Sept. 2, 1863, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Miller) Nunemacher.

Jacob Nunemacher, the grandfather of Lloyd, was a well-to-do farmer of Berks county, and an influential Democrat. He married Lovina Henne, and to them were born two children: Benjamin, and Jacob, who is now living at Tower City, Pa. Benjamin Nunemacher, an uncle of Benjamin the father of Lloyd, was a State Senator on the Democratic ticket and served his constituents at the State Capitol in 1868. Benjamin Nunemacher, father of Lloyd, was a carpenter by trade, an occupation which he followed all of his life. He died in 1887, aged forty-eight years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Nunemacher were born these children: Rosa, who married Luther Rhodes; Clayton J., a blacksmith of Reading; Katie, who married Simon Hiester of Chester Co., Pa.; Sally, who married Paul Keim, of Pittsburg; Charles F., in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, Reading; John, employed with Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart; Maggie, who resides with her mother on the old homestead; and Lloyd.

Lloyd M. Nunnemacher was educated in the common schools of Bern and Centre townships, and worked at farming for four years, after which he engaged in coal mining from 1877 to 1883. In the latter year he came to Reading and apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade with Wesley Wells, serving five years. He then engaged with the Reading planing mill (Fink & Huyett), and continued with this firm until 1899 when the business was dissolved and since that time Mr. Nunemacher has been engaged in contracting for himself. He employs on an average five men, but at times has as many as fifteen to twenty men on his pay list. He is well and favorably known in Reading, especially in the Fifth ward, where he has resided for sixteen years, and where he owns a home at No. 233 South Third street. Mr. Nunemacher has been prominent in the Democratic party for a number of years. He has been a member of the school board for eight years, has served as a delegate to thirteen county, four State and three city conventions, and has ever been active in public life. His fraternal connections

are with the P. O. S. of A., with which he has been affiliated for the past twenty-six years; the I. O. R. M., Juniata Tribe, No. 74; and Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E., of which he is a charter member, and an officer for twenty-one years. In religious belief Mr. Nunemacher and his family are connected with the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Nunemacher was married March 24, 1887, to Miss Catherine Stitzer, the estimable daughter of Augustus Stitzer, and to this union there have been born three daughters: Rosie M., Florence C., and M. Ruth.

HARRY Y. YOCOM. The name of Yocom has been long familiar to the inhabitants of this section of Pennsylvania, and the family is particularly prominent in the lower end of Berks county. The earlier generations were identified with Oley township, but Nicholas Yocom, grandfather of Harry Y., who founded the family in Cumru township, settling there about the beginning of the last century, came from Douglassville.

Late in the seventeenth century a colony of Swedes settled at the Wissahickon, near Philadelphia. In 1701 a number of these Swedes, among whom were three "Yocom" brothers, settled along the eastern bank of the Schuylkill, in the locality of Douglassville, Berks county. Surveys for land for these pioneers were made on Oct. 21, 1701, and patents were issued between 1704 and 1705 for these lands. One J. Jonas "Jocum" (then "Yocomb," also spelled Yokham, Yocum, and now Yocom), the youngest of their brothers, had a patent granted him by the Penns for 350 acres in Amity township. On the eastern bank of the Schuylkill where the Douglassville bridge spans the river, is an historic stone house erected in 1716 by Mounce Jones. He was a son-in-law of J. Jonas Yocum, and was an executor with Peter Yocum, of the will of J. Jonas Yocum. This document was made Aug. 8, 1757, and was witnessed by these Quaker people of Union township: Mordecai, Thomas and Joseph Millard. The will was entered in Berks court house for probate Dec. 27, 1760, and is on record in Will Book I, page 89. This noble ancestor left a large estate, which he equitably divided among the following children: Peter, who obtained one of the homesteads; Judith Mary; Margaret, and John. At the making of the will, the "beloved" wife of the ancestor was still living. The son, John, who had died prior to the making of his aged father's will, left his widow Margaret and three sons, Jonas, Peter and John, the youngest child born after the father's death. The ancestor amply provided for his widowed daughter-in-law. An item of the will states "and should she give birth to a son—he shall have an additional inheritance."

Moses Yocom, of Douglass township, a descendant of J. Jonas, made his will May 20, 1823; it was probated Feb. 28, 1824, and is recorded in Will Book D, page 449. His wife Susanna survived him. The executors of the will were: Daniel Yocom and Jacob Fritz. His children were: Moses, John, Peter, George, Mary, Ann and Hannah.

The will of Maria Yocom, of Douglass township, probated in 1829, provides that each of the legatees of her will shall buy a large family Bible for each of their children. Her children were: Ann, who married Jonas Yocom; Rachel Ragsize, who had a daughter Mary; and Daniel Yocom. Daniel Yocom, son, and Jonas Yocom, son-in-law, were executors of the will.

John Yocom (son of John, and grandson of J. Jonas) was born in 1749, and died Oct. 14, 1823. He had a son Moses, born on the homestead in Amity township, Oct. 11, 1786, who died Aug. 30, 1850. Moses Yocom was married to Susanna, a daughter of Jacob and Anna Weaver, who were the parents of Peter Weaver, who was the father of Col. Jeremiah Weaver. Susanna (Weaver) Yocom was born Aug. 18, 1791, and died May 19, 1872. Moses and Susanna Yocom had a son William, born Jan. 23, 1817. He married Mary B. Kline, a daughter of George Kline, and they had a son William B. Yocom, a prominent man of Amity township.

Nicholas Yocom, a descendant, probably a grandson of J. Jonas, was born in Oley township, Sept. 3, 1776. As a young man he went to Lancaster county, and he learned to make gun-barrels. When ready to begin for himself he chose Cumru township as his location, bought the old Seidel forge, and there prepared his own iron for the manufacture of his gun-barrels, following this calling many years with great profit, but he was of so generous and sympathetic a disposition that he was remembered for his benefactions rather than his wealth, and many were the men in financial straits whom he helped. In person he was tall, powerful and of commanding presence. He died April 23, 1857, aged eighty years, seven months, twenty days. His wife, Catherine (Lorah) Yocom, to whom he was united March 14, 1801, was born Oct. 3, 1783, and died Feb. 13, 1851, at the age of sixty-seven years, four months, ten days. They had four children, as follows: Daniel, born in 1805, who married Miss Catharine Thompson, and died in 1864; George, born 1803, of Sinking Spring; Moses; and Samuel, who married a Miss Spohn and settled at Sinking Spring.

Moses Yocom, father of Harry Y., was born in Lancaster county, Aug. 12, 1815, and died at Grill Oct. 25, 1886, aged seventy-one years, two months, thirteen days. He was an iron manufacturer, following his father's line, and after the latter's death became the owner of Yocom's forge. He, too, was successful financially, while he found time in addition to his business to assist in the educational progress of his section. A man of keen intelligence himself, he was much interested along educational lines and for nearly twelve years was school director. He was likewise prominent in church work, was an elder and treasurer of Yocom's Church for many years and one of the three substantial contributors toward its erection in 1854. Of devout spirit and regular in his attendance, the sincerity of his worship was made manifest in his daily life.

Moses Yocom married Miss Lydia Yost, who was born Oct. 5, 1821, and died Oct. 24, 1888, aged sixty-seven years, nineteen days. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Susanna (Seidel) Yost. The children born to her and her husband were three in number. (1) Nicholas is a farmer and also proprietor of one of the two licensed places in Chester county, outside of Chester. He has as bondsmen citizens whose aggregate wealth is at least $8,000,000. He married Miss Sarah Althouse, now deceased, and has one child, Emily. (2) Harry Y., whose life follows, was the second son. (3) George Y. married Miss Susan Hornberger, by whom he has had two children, viz.: Carrie M., wife of John Hollenbach, a builder in Reading; and Arthur, at home. Mr. George Yocom resides in Reading and is the real estate agent of the Pennsylvania Trust Company.

Harry Y. Yocom was born on the Yocom homestead April 26, 1849. He was given a good education, especially for those days, as he went first to the public school in his immediate vicinity, and then to the C. N. Farr Business College in Reading, from which he was graduated in 1869. Later he resumed his literary studies in the Weaversville Academy near Bethlehem. At the age of twenty-five he began his business career in the office of A. S. Boas and Company, lumber merchants, at the corner of Eighth and Elm streets, with whom he remained as bookkeeper for four years. From there he went to E. S. Ammon, a dealer in dry-goods and notions at No. 354 Penn street, and worked with him as a clerk for four years more. With this experience Mr. Yocom went into business for himself in the same line, opening a dry-goods store at Lincoln, Lancaster county, and ran it from 1882 till 1889 with great success, and with the capital thus accumulated he embarked in the latter year upon the manufacturing enterprise with which he is still identified. Returning to Cumru town-

ship he erected his factory on the Wyomissing and began the manufacture of seamless half hose, of a high grade. His goods have a market all over the United States, and the business has prospered from the first. The plant is twenty by fifty-eight feet, two stories high, and twenty-five people are employed. Mr. Yocom possesses all the qualifications for success in business and well deserves his present assured position.

Since 1899 Mr. Yocom has served as justice of the peace for Cumru township. So efficient did he prove during his first term that he was unanimously re-elected. In the course of his incumbency there has been not a single case sent to court nor one discharged.

On May 14, 1885, was solemnized the union of Mr. Yocom to Miss Louisa Yetter of Lancaster county. She was a daughter of Michael and Louisa (Smith) Yetter, who came to Pennsylvania from Germany. Mrs. Yocom is a woman of many accomplishments and for ten years before her marriage was one of the most popular and efficient teachers in Lancaster county, having begun her career when only seventeen years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yocom are devout members of Christ Union (or Yocom's) Church, of the Lutheran persuasion. Mr. Yocom was a deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years, while his wife is usually assiduous in the latter department. To her untiring efforts and skill in training the children, the church and Sunday school festivals owe much of their success. Their present home, "The Briarmere," was built by Mr. Yocom in 1903, and is located on the old State road leading from Reading to New Holland, at the corner of the cross road from Yocom's Church to Mohnton. It is one of the handsomest residences in that section, is surrounded by a beautifully kept lawn, equipped with every modern improvement and is furnished in a style fully commensurate with its attractive exterior.

CHARLES S. YOCOM, who entered into rest, Feb. 6, 1901, aged fifty-five years, was a lifelong resident of Spring township. By occupation he was a carpenter, and for many years also carried on farming. In political faith he was a Republican, and in religious connection a Lutheran member of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring, serving on the building committee when the present edifice was erected in 1897. He was twice married. By his first wife, Catharine Faust, he had one son, William H., of Sinking Spring. He married (second) Mrs. Kate A (Shalter) Reeser, widow of Cyrus Reeser. She was born Oct. 19, 1848, and by her first marriage had four children, namely: J. Pierson, a coal, grain and lumber merchant at Sinking Spring; George G., employed by his brother, J. Pierson; Cora E., wife of Thomas Huyett, Sinking Spring; and Kate L., who died in infancy.

The early history of the Yocom family will be found in the sketch of Harry Y. Yocom, grandson of Nicholas Yocom.

George Yocom, son of Nicholas, was born in Cumru township Oct. 3, 1803. He was an iron worker by trade, and he and his father bought the old Spohn estate in Lower Heidelberg township, consisting of 101 acres of the best land in the county. Here he engaged in farming until his son Benjamin took charge, and he then retired to Sinking Spring, where he died Aug. 17, 1881, aged seventy-seven years, ten months, fourteen days. He is buried in the cemetery at Sinking Spring. His wife Catharine Hemmig, daughter of John and Susanna Hemmig, was born Dec. 23, 1805, and she died April 21, 1874, aged sixty-eight years, three months, twenty-nine days. Their children were: William, a farmer near Stouchsburg, married Mary Potteiger; Aaron, a flour merchant in Reading, married (first) Hannah Manery and (second) Kate Heffer; Sarah married Frederick Graeff; Amanda died unmarried; Amos, a shoemaker and farmer, married Isabella Miller (1843-1885); Benjamin is mentioned below; Lizzie married Aaron Fox, a butcher at Sinking Spring; Anna married Reuben Beecher, formerly at Wernersville.

Benjamin Yocom, son of George, was born on the Yocom homestead Nov. 7, 1836, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until after he was twenty-one years of age. He then began farming on his father's farm in Lower Heidelberg township, where he lived six years, after which he moved to the old Daniel Dechert farm, where he lived nineteen years. At the end of that time he bought a tract of eighty-one acres in Lower Heidelberg. This was an exceptionally fertile tract, with fine water and good substantial buildings, and was in every way a comfortable and commodious place, where Mr. Yocom made his home for sixteen years. In the spring of 1907 he came to Sinking Spring, where he now lives retired, making his home with his son-in-law Charles E. Potteiger.

In politics Mr. Yocom is a stanch Republican. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder. On Oct. 7, 1858, he wedded Catharine Huyett, born Dec. 16, 1838, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Hill) Huyett. To this union have been born four children, namely: Benjamin F., born May 2, 1860, married Alice Bieber, and is a farmer in Jefferson township; Mary M., born Oct. 12, 1865, married August Scheetz, of Denver, Pa.; Kate, born Dec. 31, 1868, married Charles E. Potteiger, a farmer and cattle dealer at Sinking Spring; and George W., born Aug. 17, 1871, married Katie Brown, and is farming the old home farm.

ISAAC L. GRAEFF, of Reading, engaged in contracting and building, was born Nov. 21, 1853, in Centre township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Isaac S. and Mary A. (Loose) Graeff.

Isaac L. Graeff attended the public school of his native township which was then taught by the well-known schoolmaster, Squire Zerby, and as a boy assisted in the work on his father's farm. At the age of nineteen years he started to learn the trade of painter, and as an apprentice came to Reading, which city has been his home to the present time. Since the age of twenty-three years he has been engaged in carpentering. After being employed by different builders of the city, he engaged in business on his own account, and in the spring of 1898 he took his brother, Samuel L., into partnership, the firm being known as Graeff Brothers. Their first job was at the Carpenter Steel Works, and they have also erected several schoolhouses, and a number of dwellings, and their business is a large and growing one.

Mr. Graeff was married to Miss Alice S. Winters, daughter of John R. and Amanda (Spotz) Winters, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Miss Jennie V., who resides at home. The family live at No. 462 Centre avenue, and have a wide social circle. In political matters Mr. Graeff is a Democrat. His religious belief is that of the Reformed Church.

BAHR. Among the early Mennonites who settled in Pennsylvania and particularly in Berks county, was a family by the name of Bähr. Tradition says the emigrant ancestor of this family was Leonard Bar, who is buried in the cemetery at Hill Church. He was born in 1734, and he died March 9, 1813, and his wife, Maria (also called Magdalena) was buriel at his side. She was born Aug. 28, 1738, daughter of Nicholas Ihst (Ehst), a native of Switzerland and a pioneer of Colebrookdale township, Berks county. She died July 2, 1820, aged eighty-two years, two months, four days. On her tombstone the name is spelled Bahr; and on that of her husband Bar, the latter also stating that there were two sons and two daughters.

Jacob Bahr was born Dec. 25, 1759, and his death occurred Dec. 11, 1825, when he was aged sixty-five years, eleven months, sixteen days. His wife, Esther Stauffer, born June 23, 1759, died Feb. 10, 1836, aged seventy-six years, seven months, seventeen days. They

were Mennonites in religious faith, and were buried in the Mennonites cemetery at Boyertown.

Johannes Bahr, son of Jacob and Esther, was born Dec. 26, 1780. He owned the farm of over seventy acres now owned by William Keim, and also the tract belonging to William C. Edinger, and the farm of his grandson John B. Bahr. He died Jan. 20, 1864, aged eighty-three years, twenty-four days. On July 5, 1807, he married Catharine Bechtel, born Oct. 15, 1784, daughter of Isaac Bechtel. She died Oct. 10, 1850, aged sixty-six years, one day. Both she and her husband are buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Boyertown. Their children were: Elizabeth, born Aug. 18, 1808, died May 16, 1809; Rebecca, born Dec. 5, 1810; Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1812, died Jan. 15, 1815; Jacob B., born July 18, 1814; Ester, born Dec. 19, 1816; Catharine, born Feb. 5, 1818, married John Maurer, and lived on the homestead; Susanna, born Sept. 3, 1820, died unmarried; Isaac, born June 21, 1826.

Jacob B. Bahr, son of Johannes, was born in Colebrookdale township, July 18, 1814, and he died July 19, 1882, and is buried in Fairview cemetery. He was a life long farmer and prospered in his undertaking. He owned a farm of 125 acres near Boyertown, the farm now the property of his son, John B., and he built all the buildings there, the barn in 1864, and the house in 1869. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as school director of the township. His wife, Catharine Bliem, was born April 27, 1823, and died March 16, 1890, daughter of John Bliem, of Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county. They were the parents of children as follows: Elam, who died young; Sarah, who married Samuel Noll, of Reading; Lucy, wife of Chester Kepner, of Pottstown; Lizzie, who married M. Y. Johnson, of New Berlinville; Matilda, who became the wife of William Davidheiser, of Pottstown; Mary, who died unmarried; Kate, wife of Samuel Bechtel, of Congo; John B., on the homestead; a daughter who died unmarried; Jacob B.; and Annie, who married John Y. Shultz, of Trexlertown.

John B. Bahr, son of Jacob B., is a prosperous farmer living at Gabelsville, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county. He was born Jan. 26, 1861, and was educated in the common schools of his district, and later in Boyertown Academy, which he attended for a short time. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-five years old, and then began farming for himself on the homestead, which he continues to operate. This is a tract of one hundred acres, Mr. Bahr having added twenty acres to it. He has a fine dairy, keeping twelve to fifteen cows, and ships his milk to Boyertown. His land is kept in fine condition, and the home is comfortable and attractive with its well kept lawn. There is an excellent spring on the place. Mr. Bahr has some of the finest horses in Lower Berks county. In politics Mr. Bahr is a Democrat. He and his family attend St. John's Church at Boyertown, in which he served four years as deacon. He has the old family Bible, once the property of his grandfather, bearing the date 1765. Mr. Bahr was married in October, 1888, to Annie Hartman, daughter of John and Hannah (Clouser) Hartman, of Spangsville. They had children: Luella, Arthur, Nora, William, Edna and Warren, the last named dying in infancy.

Jacob B. Bahr, son of Jacob B., and now a leading merchant, miller and sawmill proprietor, was born in Colebrookdale township, near where he now lives, April 11, 1863. He attended the schools of his district, and was reared to farming pursuits, working for his parents until twenty-five years old. He then married and located in Gabelsville, in 1888, at once engaging in the lumber and sawmill business, and in a small way operated a gristmill. In 1900 he engaged in the mercantile business, where he has two persons employed. He runs a huckster team, and does a profitable business. There are fifty-seven acres of land in his farm, three houses (two of which he rents) a mill and a sawmill, barn and necessary out-buildings. He is the leading spirit in the town, and altogether employs three men besides his three sons. The place on which he lives is the old Gabel nomestead. His wife was Mary Gabel, daughter of John L. and Leah (Hoch) Gabel. She is buried in Fairview cemetery. To this union were born four children: William, who died in infancy; Elmer, assisting his father; and Raymond and Lawrence, also working on the home place. Mr. Bahr married (second) in November, 1905, Mrs. Alice Nester, nee Scheetz, widow of William Nester. Mr. Bahr and his family belong to St. John's Church at Boyertown, where he was deacon for two terms of two years each.

JONATHAN B. MILLER. The Millers or Muellers have more representatives in Berks county than any other one family. There were many by that name who immigrated in the early days, and a number of these were evidently not related in any way. It is possible that there are two or more immigrant ancestors of that name to be found in some localities, but the oldest Miller family in the county located in the Tulpehocken valley in the spring of 1723.

In a list of members of the Tulpehocken Lutheran Church, from 1743 to 1746, as given in Rupp's "Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants," there are shown the following named Muellers: Michael, Joh. Michael, John, Joh. Adam, Joh. Peter, Jacob and Leonhard.

In a list of members of the Tulpehocken German Reformed Church, between 1735 and 1755, same authority, there are shown Muellers as follows: Nicklaus (Nicholas), John, John Jacob.

The following information has been gleaned from various sources: From the records of births and baptisms of the "Little Tulpehocken Church" (near Bernville, Berks county), as published in Dr. W. H. Egle's "Notes & Queries" (annual volume, 1899); from tombstone inscriptions in the graveyards of the Little Tulpehocken and Host Churches, and from private sources. The Proprietary and State Tax Lists of Berks county show for taxables of the name in 1768; seventy in 1779 (returns of twenty-three of the twenty-nine townships and Reading); and sixty-one in 1784.

(I) Jacob Mueller, the immigrant ancestor, according to his tombstone inscription at Little Tulpehocken Church was born Oct. 22, 1697, died Dec. 18, 1772; married three years to Catharine (middle name badly worn probably, according to will, it was Charlotte, maiden not shown, born Oct. 11, 1699, died April 5, 1777); "a good name, a sorrowing widow and four children." Jacob Mueller and his wife had ten children, of whom three sons and one daughter survived the father. He was the immigrant Jacob Mueller who, with Charlotta (very likely his wife), John Jacob (under sixteen) and Barba (no doubt another child), all grouped together on the "original list" of passengers, is shown as having landed at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1732, having come over in the ship "Johnson," of London, David Crocket, master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal; passengers, 112 males above sixteen, 98 under sixteen; 98 females above sixteen, 85 under sixteen. He came from Germany. In 1759 Jacob Mueller paid £11 tax. He is mentioned as a yeoman in his last will and testament, made Jan. 29, 1766, witnessed by Balser Unbehauer and Henrich Kettner, and recorded in Book II, page 117. The oldest son was allowed £25 over and above all others for his birthright. The children mentioned are: John Jacob, born Sept. 24, 1728 (was single in 1759); Johannes, born Nov. 9, 1733 (was married in 1759); Elizabeth Barbara Hess; and Mathias, born Oct. 18, 1743. In the Little Tulpehocken Church records of births and baptisms are found the following children of Jacob Mueller: John Jacob, born Sept. 24, 1728, in Europe, baptized Sept. 26, 1728 (sponsors, Frederic William Beckle, Christopher Haist, Joseph Rohr and Joh. David Bauer); John, born Nov. 9, 1733, in Pennsylvania, baptized Nov. 16, 1733, by Rev. Philip Boehm, Reformed minister at White Marsh at the time (sponsors, Joh. Henry Fegner and Mary Elizabeth Barbara Schneider); Mary Elizabeth

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Barbara, born Sept. 9, 1736, baptized Sept. 28, 1736, by Rev. Bartholomew Rugner, who was Reformed pastor at Germantown, Pa., at that time (sponsors, same as for John); Matthias, born Oct. 18, 1743, baptized Nov. 6, 1743, by Rev. Joh. Casper Stoever (sponsors, Matthias Schmidt and wife); Elizabeth Barbara, born June 7, 1755 (baptism not given). It seems doubtful that the last named child belonged to the family of Jacob, the immigrant.

The line of Jonathan B. Miller from (I) Jacob is through (II) Matthew or Matthias, (III) Johannes, (IV) John and (V) Samuel W. Miller. We have the following details concerning these generations.

(II) Matthias Miller, born Oct. 18, 1743, was the father of children as follows: Maria Barbara, born Jan. 24, 1762, baptized Jan. 31, 1762 (sponsors, Christopher Muench—Minnich—and wife); Maria Magdalene, born 1764 (?), baptized 1764 (sponsors, Jacob Wagner and wife Maria Apollonia); John, born 1766, baptized 1767 (sponsors, John Mueller and wife); Catharine Charlotte, born May 21, 1769, baptized June 4, 1769 (sponsors, the grandfather and grandmother); Maria Elizabeth, born May 22, 1771, baptized 1771 (sponsors, Casper Heckel and wife); Anna Maria, born Sept. 21, 1772, baptized Oct. 23, 1772 (sponsor, Anna Maria, single, daughter of Jacob Mueller); Susanna Catharine, born March 31, 1774, baptized May 17, 1774 (sponsors, Christopher Winder—Winter—and wife).

(III) Johannes (John) Miller, born Aug. 25, 1766, died March 6, 1846. He lived in Tulpehocken township, where he conducted a tannery. On May 30, 1789, he married Maria Salome Gilbert (born Dec. 7, 1772, died June 6, 1854), and tradition says he had eight children, but the will mentions only three, though "all my other children" are referred to, thus substantiating the tradition. It is known he had sons John, Samuel, Henry and Matthew, and daughters Catharine and Justina. The other two are said to be daughters. (The tombstone inscription shows that there had resulted from his marriage at the time of his death six sons and five daughters, forty-eight grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren).

(IV) John Miller, son of Johannes, was a native of Tulpehocken township, born Sept. 18, 1790, baptized Oct. 20, 1790, sponsors Matthew Miller and wife Maria. He lived on a farm belonging to his father a short distance from the tannery on homestead farm. In later years his brother Henry lived on the homestead and succeeded to the tanning business. John moved to Bernville, where with his son Samuel he carried on the tanning business. Afterward the tannery was sold. John Miller married Elizabeth Wagner, and they had one son, Samuel W., born Jan. 15, 1816. He died March 21, 1861.

(V) Samuel W. Miller, born Jan. 15, 1816, in Tulpehocken township, received a common school education there and then went to work in his father's tannery, early becoming familiar with the business, which he followed with his father. As previously noted, the tannery was sold, and Samuel W. Miller engaged in mercantile pursuits at Bernville in 1847, beginning in a small way, as his limited means necessitated, but enlarging his establishment as the demands of trade required until he had a well-equipped establishment. He was alone in the business until he admitted his son to partnership, in 1866, and they continued together as S. W. Miller & Son until Samuel W. Miller's retirement, March 1, 1878. He died Nov. 23, 1885. He married Sarah Brossman, also of Tulpehocken township, born Dec. 4, 1821, and to them were born three children: Monroe, deceased; Isabella, wife of Dr. D. D. Deppen, and Jonathan B.

(VI) Jonathan B. Miller was born Nov. 21, 1841, at Bernville. There he spent his boyhood days and received his education in the public schools. From childhood he had assisted in and about his father's store, and when fourteen he began to work there regularly, continuing thus until he was admitted to partnership, in 1866, at the age of twenty-four, this association continuing, as previously stated, until 1878. Meantime the business had increased in volume and the establishment was steadily enlarged to accommodate the growing trade. In 1867 the son, J. B. Miller, erected a new store on the site which the business has ever since occupied, and this proving inadequate within a few years a large extension was built, bringing the proportions of the building up to 55 by 106 feet, three stories in height. Mr. Miller conducted the business alone from the time of his father's retirement until April 1, 1903, when he sold out to James F. Talley. He carried on what was known as the "model store" at Bernville, and his establishment was reputed to be the most up-to-date mercantile house in Berks county outside of Reading. His business was also the largest in the county outside of Reading, and he employed six clerks regularly, with two extra on Saturdays, retaining the general oversight of the business himself. He was always solicitous for the comfort and welfare of his employes, and his store was not only run in a business-like manner but well appointed, being heated with steam, which was also supplied to the adjacent dwelling, and having the illuminating plant on the premises.

On Nov. 26, 1887, Mr. Miller bought the property and furniture business at Bernville formerly owned and carried on by Frank Schroeder, carrying on same as a branch to the general merchandise business until April 4, 1891, when he sold the property and stock to James H. Hollenbach.

Mr. Miller conducted his mercantile business on a cash basis, having made it a principle to buy and sell for cash in early life. For over a quarter of a century he maintained his standing as the foremost business man of western Berks county. His store in Bernville probably made him more widely acquainted throughout the county than any of his other interests, but they were equally important, if not more so. For ten years he had a large branch store at Lebanon, Pa., which was conducted under the firm name of J. B. Miller & Sons. He established the Bernville creamery and the bakery, and in his active years was a large real estate dealer in that borough. He was also interested in the manufacture of men's shirts for New York firms. In 1901 he bought out the grocery stock of Daniel S. Esterly, of Reading, who did a wholesale business, and it was continued for a year at the same stand, until J. B. Miller erected the new building at Nos. 39-41 South Seventh street, to which they moved. They did a very large business there until after the death of Mr. Miller's eldest son, Harry G., who was a victim of the Honda railroad wreck in 1907, after which the business was sold to the Hooven Mercantile Company of New York. Jonathan B. Miller is now living retired, enjoying the rewards of a successful career. He lives in a handsome residence at No. 815 Centre avenue, in Reading, and is best known as J. B. Miller of Centre avenue or Bernville. He still retains many interests and paying properties, including the Hiester mill and farm in Bern township. There are 116 acres of land in the property, and the mill was established many years ago; Mr. Miller remodeled it in 1899, when he put in a roller process with a capacity of fifty barrels daily. The mill is leased. Mr. Miller is also the owner of the block known as the Star building, in Buffalo, N. Y., at the corner of Broadway and Pratt streets. He has been a director in the Schuylkill Valley Bank of Reading since 1898 and is also connected with the Bernville Bank, with which he has been connected since its organization.

Mr. Miller's friends are not confined to Bernville and Reading, but are found all over Berks county, and he has many acquaintances in Philadelphia. He is a Republican in politics, and held a number of offices while living in the borough of Bernville, serving as school director there (for eight years), as burgess, member of the town council, and in minor offices. He has long been prominently identified with the Berks County Merchants Association. In 1907, when Bernville celebrated its now historic "home week," Mr. Miller, although then a resident of Reading, took a very public-spirited interest in the occasion. He suggested to the committee of arrangements that a "Reading Day" might be an acceptable feature, and the suggestion was adopted, Mr. Miller being made chairman of the Reading committee of arrangements. On a beautiful autumn morn-

ing a parade over one mile long started from Reading over the Bernville road, and more than fifteen thousand people attended "home week" on that day. All the prominent merchants had lavishly decorated wagons or vehicles in the parade, and Mr. Miller and his family were given the place of honor in the procession. They had a handsomely decorated carriage, on which were displayed two placards, one bearing the words "Ye Old Home," the other "We're here because we're here." They were taken up all over the county and by the Philadelphia and New York papers, which gave the home week proceedings very gratifying notices.

On Dec. 24, 1863, Mr. Miller married Eliza L. Dondore, born Dec. 11, 1844, daughter of Gabriel Dondore, descendants of Jacob Dondore, a pioneer resident of Bern township. Mrs. Miller died April 13, 1908, the mother of children as follows: Sarah Lydia, born May 27, 1865, is deceased; Harry Grant, born Dec. 12, 1867, died May 11, 1907, a victim of the railroad wreck at Honda, Cal., in which so many Shriners met disaster (he was married and had children—Helen, deceased, Albert Rauch, Frederick Dondore and Virginia Dorothy); Benjamin Franklin, born Aug. 17, 1870, has two children, Richard Shane and Benjamin Franklin; John S., born July 4, 1872, has three children, Sarah Lydia, Ralph Jonathan and Robert Henry; Catharine E., born June 11, 1874, was married Nov. 28, 1899, to Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, and has three children, Theodore Miller, Harold Miller and Arthur Miller; Amelia I. was born June 16, 1876; Mary M., June 27, 1878; James Garfield, June 21, 1882 (deceased); and Emily N., June 13, 1885.

Mr. Miller and his family are Evangelical Lutherans, and still retain their membership in the Friedens Church at Bernville, which he served as deacon and treasurer for many years. He has always been liberal in his contributions toward religious and charitable objects. He is a member of Keim Post, G. A. R., having served in the State defense during the Civil war as a member of Company I, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania State Militia. He has also been a member of the Pennsylvania German Society for many years.

(IV) Samuel Miller, born July 4, 1792, son of (III) Johannes, was baptized July 26, 1792, sponsors, Conrad Gilbert and wife Anna Elizabeth. He died Nov. 23, 1859, and is buried at Host Church. He was a tanner by occupation, and lived in Tulpehocken township, on the road from Rehrersburg to Bernville. He married Anna Maria Moyer (born Oct. 12, 1796, died Oct. 14, 1855), and to them were born eleven children, as follows: (1) Michael, born in 1818, died March 19, 1882, m. Cath. Klahr and had ten children: Franklin K., of Reading (m. Caroline Nunnemacher and had nine children, George W., Mary, Elva, William, Stella, Henry R., deceased, Phoebe, Laura and Beulah), Mary, William, Rebecca, Charles, Edward and Lewis (twins, born July, 1850), Sybilla, Levi and Albert. (2) Jonathan, who lives on Fourth street, Reading, married Lydia Klahr, and they have had six children: Martin, Jonathan (of Philadelphia), Daniel, James H. (a stationer of Reading), Maria and Matilda. (3) Sarah married Elijah Weaver. (4) Rebecca married Israel Wagner. (5) Catharine married David Koenig. (6) Matthias married Eliza Snyder and they have had seven children: Willoughby, John, George, Henry, Samuel, Lizzie and Mary. (7) Jacob married Mary Gerhard and they had five children: Gussie, Annie, George, Dora and Maggie. (8) Samuel, who lives in Perry, Iowa, married (first) Hettie Christman and (second) Henrietta Scholl. By the first union he had three children, Harvey, Mary and Amelia, and by the second five, Beulah, Lillie, Lizzie, Thomas and John. (9) John, who died at the age of thirty-five years, was married and had a family of four children: Sarah m. Levi Himmelberger; Rebecca m. John Himmelberger; Catharine m. Jacob Riehl; John. (10) Leah married (first) John (?) Miller and (second) Joel Kantner. (11) William married Theresa Wilhelm, and they had one child, William.

ISAAC GRAEFF, a retired farmer of Centre township, Berks county, was born Aug. 5, 1825, in Bern township, and is a member of the fourth generation of the family in this country.

Jacob Graeff, great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and emigrating to this country settled in Maidencreek township, Berks Co., Pa., where he died in the winter of 1806. At that time he owned over two hundred acres of land, and left a large estate to his children. He and his wife, Catherine Margaretha Kindt, are buried at St. Peter's Church, in Richmond township. They had these children: Abraham, who obtained the old homestead; Sebastian, John and Jacob, who each received £200 in lawful money of Pennsylvania; Eva Maria, who married Jacob Murria; Elizabeth, who married Adam Kindt; Catherine, who married Jacob Trowitz—each of these daughters receiving £150 of lawful money of Pennsylvania; and Rosina, who married a Miller, by whom she had three children, Rosina, Susanna and Hannah, all of whom were provided for in the will. Of this family Abraham Graeff lived on the homestead for some years and there carried on farming, later moving to Reading, where he died; he was married to a Miss Kieffer, and they had two children, Isaac and Abraham.

Jacob Graeff, grandfather of Isaac Graeff, was born in 1762, and died in 1841. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned a tract of 180 acres near Gernand's Church, where he is buried. He married Rosina Adam, and to them were born the following children: Jacob, a farmer of Maiden-creek, who married, and died at Reading; Daniel, who died unmarried; Samuel; John, a farmer of Maiden-creek, who died and was buried at Gernand's Church; Isaac, who was a farmer on the homestead; Solomon, a farmer of Upper Tulpehocken township; Elizabeth, who died unmarried and is buried at Gernand's Church; and Sallie, who was married.

Samuel Graeff, father of Isaac Graeff, was born in Maiden-creek township Nov. 17, 1793, and died Sept. 11, 1876, in Centre township, in which district he settled after his marriage. He owned a farm at Belleman's Church, where the cemetery is now located, his tract consisting of 136 acres. He erected a house in 1849 upon the farm on which his son Isaac lived until after his marriage, was a prosperous man and a good, useful citizen. He was a member of the Reformed congregation of Belleman's Church, and served as deacon and elder. He married Elizabeth Stamm, born Jan. 27, 1797, died Sept. 26, 1877, daughter of Nicholas Stamm, and they had seven children: Mary, who died young; Benjamin, a retired citizen of Heidelberg township; Isaac; Catherine, who married John Faust, of Reading; Sarah, who married Elias Kreider, of Bern township; Samuel, who was a farmer of Centre township; and Anna Eliza, who married John Haak.

Isaac Graeff attended the public schools and was reared to farming, which he followed throughout his active years. He lived for many years on the old homestead, in 1887 buying his present place of 124 acres in Centre township. He has been retired since 1893. Mr. Graeff gave his time principally to his private affairs, though he has served his township as school director. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, and in religion an adherent of the Reformed denomination, holding membership in Belleman's Church, which he has served as deacon and elder.

Mr. Graeff married Mary Loose, born Sept. 2, 1830, died Nov. 3, 1891, daughter of Daniel Loose, of Centre township; she is buried at Belleman's Church. A large family was born to this union, as follows: Daniel, living in Centre township; Isaac, of Reading; Samuel, of Reading; Milton, of Dauberville, Pa.; Adam, of Kansas; Aaron, of Leesport, Pa.; Fred, of Kansas; Catherine, who married Frank Bucks; Ella, who married Howard Zerby; Sally, who married Levi Becker; Ida, who married Milton Rentschler; Mary, who married Samuel Mast; and Jacob, of Kansas.

FREDERICK BARTH, deceased, who was for many years engaged in the contracting business in Reading, and who was a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Reading, Pa., in 1847, son of Everhart and Catherine (Eppler) Barth.

Everhart Barth was a native of Germany, and when a young man came to America, landing at Castle Garden, New York City, from whence he came at once to Reading, settling at Twelfth and Buttonwood streets. He was a stone cutter by trade, and that occupation he followed for some time, later engaging in the stone business. He later sold his property in Reading and purchased a vineyard in Alsace township near what is now the borough of Mt. Penn, from John Fair, and there he remained until his death, which occurred in his seventy-first year, his wife passing away when seventy years old. They had the following children: Frederick; Carrie, m. John Fair; Henry; Mary, wife of Calvin Caldin; John, and Ellen.

Frederick Barth attended the schools of his native city and then engaged in teaming for a time, later going to the Scott works; while there he enlisted for service in the Civil war under the name of Frederick Bard. He enlisted in Co. B, 205th P. V. I., and was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., June 2, 1865. While in the army Mr. Barth contracted rheumatism, from which he never fully recovered. On his return he was employed at the "Mineral Spring Hotel," and while there he was married in October, 1867, to Miss Barbara Spearley, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Maurer) Spearley. After his marriage he engaged in the hotel business on his own account for nine years, then going into the mercantile business, at which he continued seven years. For the next nine years he was employed in his father's vineyard in Alsace township, after which he returned to Reading and was for four years in the mercantile business. Then he engaged in the contracting business, digging cellars, with Henry Schaeffer, and they became the leading men in their business in the city. The partnership continued eight years, after which Mr. Barth continued the business alone, becoming very successful. At a later time Mr. Schaeffer joined Mr. Barth for eight months again, but at the time of his retirement, in 1903, he was doing business alone. He then was for two years foreman for Adam H. Leader in the same business, but in 1905 he re-engaged in business on his own account, and continued therein until his death, Sept. 2, 1905. He was well-known in Reading, where he had the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. In 1891 he built the home where his family now reside, No. 1327 Buttonwood street. He was religiously connected with the Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Rainbow Fire Co., and the Veteran Firemen's Association. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Barth's children were: Frederick, deceased; Clara, wife of Augustus Hare; John; Ella, deceased; William, who resides with his mother, is conducting his father's business; Aaron; Henry, a carpenter by trade, employed by the P. & R. Co., resides at No. 418 Linden street, Reading; Susan, at home; and Frederick, a carpenter of Reading.

C. MILTON RENTZ. Among the well known residents of West Reading, Pa., who have been identified with the social, political and professional life of the borough, may be mentioned C. Milton Rentz, a well known and popular educator of Spring township. Mr. Rentz was born Jan. 9, 1871, at Vinemont, Spring township, son of John and Emma E. (Weitzel) Rentz.

John Rentz was born in Germany, and came to America with his parents when ten years of age. Throughout a long and successful career Mr. Rentz followed agricultural pursuits near Wernersville, where he cultivated a tract of forty-eight acres until 1903, and since that year he has lived retired. He now resides in his own home on the boulevard at Wyomissing, which he erected in 1907, and also owns a residence on Mory avenue, in the same borough. Mr. Rentz is a member of Hain's Reformed Church, where he was an elder for two years. In 1869 Mr. Rentz was married to Emma E. Weitzel, born in Cumru (now Spring) township, daughter of John and Rebecca (Gruber) Weitzel, of Bern township, and to this union there were born children as follows: John W. died in infancy; C. Milton; George M. lives in Montello, Pa.; Albert resides in Wyomissing, Pa.; Rebecca m. Isaac Whitmoyer, of Sinking Spring, Pa.; Rosa m. James Hill, of Wyomissing; Amelia m. Harry Sheidy and died at the age of twenty-one years; Howard lives in West Reading; Emma died at the age of nineteen years; and Fred is attending Franklin and Marshall College.

C. Milton Rentz obtained his early training in the township schools of Spring and Lower Heidelberg townships, and later he attended a private school under the tutorage of Prof. H. H. Clouser, at Sinking Spring. In 1894 he was graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. Except during his senior year at the Normal school Mr. Rentz has been teaching school during the winter months since 1889, nine terms in Spring and eight in Lower Heidelberg township, eleven of which were in the grammar school, and until 1902 he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer months. In that year he removed to No. 436 Penn avenue, West Reading, where he owns a residence. Mr. Rentz has become very well known as a school teacher, and his popularity is great. He has always been an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and at present he is serving the borough of West Reading as town clerk, a position to which he was appointed by the council. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., of Wernersville; and Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., of Reading. He and his family are Reformed members of Hain's Church, of which he served as deacon and secretary, each two years.

On Sept. 15, 1894, Mr. Rentz was married to Ida S. Miller, daughter of Peter and Susan (Epler) Miller, of Fritztown; and to this union there have been born two children: Irwin J. and Emma E.

WILLIAM B. BORKEY, a resident of Centreport for over fifty years, formerly a merchant at that place and at one time postmaster, was born Oct. 1, 1825, in Centre township, and has passed all his life in Berks county. His grandfather was a farmer in Bern township, Berks county, where he died.

Michael Borkey, father of William B. Borkey, was born in Bern township, May 24, 1794, was a farmer by occupation, and died March 4, 1875, aged eighty years, nine months, ten days. He is buried at Belleman's Church, in Centre township. He married Anna Maria Bentz, born Feb. 23, 1808, died Dec. 2, 1872, aged sixty-four years, nine months, nine days. Their children were: William B.; John, who is a resident of Centre township; Mary, married to Frank Schock; Elvina, deceased; Sydenham, who married Leah Strouse and lives in Centre township; Nathaniel, living in Scull Hill; Samuel, of Jefferson township; Eliza, married to Albert Backenstose; Sarah, deceased, and Isaac, deceased.

William B. Borkey attended the schools of his district, and after he began work became a clerk in Samuel Miller's store at Bernville, where he remained until 1850. He then went to Leesport, where he clerked until 1854, after which he engaged in business on his own account at West Leesport, where Samuel Lenhart is now located. There he continued for three years, at the end of that period coming to Centreport, in 1858. He was the second merchant at this point, succeeding John Faust, who was the first, and he continued general merchandising at Centreport for fifteen years, meeting with gratifying success. He then retired from that line, and he has since devoted his attention principally to his property, being an extensive owner of

real estate in both the borough and the township. Among other borough property he owns eight houses, and he has two fine farms in Centre township, one being the old Christ place, of 120 acres, and the other a tract of sixty acres near Belleman's Church. He is a man who has accumulated his means by honorable methods, and he is accordingly highly esteemed, no citizen commanding greater respect among his fellow townsmen. He has been quite active in the civil administration of the borough, for several years served as councilman, and also as assessor, and in 1889 he was appointed postmaster, serving one term in that office. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Mr. Borkey married Miss Anna Christ, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Yoder) Christ, and three children blessed their union: Lillie A. and Emma L. are at home; Mahlon D. died when twelve years old.

MATTHIAS C. SIGMUND, of Reading, proprietor of the only hat block manufacturing establishment in the city, was born in Thurmont, Md., in 1858.

In 1881 Mr. Sigmund removed from his native place to Ohio, and was for some time employed in the experimental department of the Champion machine works at Springfield. He learned the pattern-maker's trade in Waynesboro, Pa., and on coming to Reading in 1887 engaged at the Malleable Iron works. Later he erected a plant at Detroit, Mich., and one in Montreal, Canada, and in 1888 engaged in his present business. He not only furnishes the leading hat manufacturers of Reading and the surrounding country, but ships his goods to Boston, New York, St. Louis, Chicago, and all of the leading cities of the United States. He manufactures block forms, some of which are of his own invention, and employs from four to six men in his establishment, which is furnished with the latest machinery, and which has electricity for its motor power. Mr. Sigmund is not only an able business man, but is a man of much mechanical ability, and his inventions are practical and labor saving.

In 1887 Mr. Sigmund was married to Adelaide Sigmund, and to this union there have been born four children, as follows; Amy, a graduate of the Reading High School, class of 1907; Irma, who is attending high school; Jeanette, in high school; and Olive, in grammar school. Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund and their four daughters attend St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

FRANCIS I. ROLLMAN, a leading citizen of Rehrersburg, Tulpehocken township, who has been serving as justice of the peace since 1900, was born Aug. 14, 1866, in Bethel township, Berks county, son of Thilon J. and Emma (Kurr) Rollman.

Peter Rollman, the great-grandfather of Francis I., was born May 23, 1791. He was a drover and farmer, and resided for some time near Wernersville, Berks county, and later in Tulpehocken township, near Rehrersburg, where he died March 22, 1859. He was married to Rebecca Margaretha Fisher, born March 14, 1795, who died Nov. 14, 1868, and they had the following children: (1) Elizabeth, who resided in Tulpehocken township, m. John Stump, and had two children: Lovina, who married Isaac Reedy; and Jonathan. (2) Daniel, who was a farmer, resided below Strausstown, where some of his descendants still live. (3) Samuel was the grandfather of Francis I. (4) Peter, a miller who was employed at various mills in Berks, Schuylkill and Lancaster counties, married and had three children. (5) Benjamin, who was a farmer of near Rehrersburg, married and had four children. He died aged sixty years, while his widow still survives in good health, at Fleetwood, Pa. (6) Pauline m. Jonathan Deck, a miller by trade and later a farmer, and had seven children, five boys and two girls. (7) Mary m. David Dieffenbach and resided near Freystown, where Mr. Dieffenbach carried on coach-making; they had eight children. (8) Catherine m. Thomas Carver, a veteran of the Civil war, resided at Myerstown and had six children. Both parents are deceased. (9) Carolina m. Daniel Anspach and resided in Rehrersburg where she died. (10) Ellen died unmarried, aged thirty-one years, ten days. (11) Rebecca also died unmarried.

Samuel Rollman, grandfather of Francis I., was born and reared near Wernersville, and at an early day learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed all of his life. He was married to Mary Bordner, daughter of Jacob Bordner, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work, and they had four children: Thilon J.; Catherine m. Seranus Noll, a tailor of Freystown, Berks county, and has one child, Rev. Elmer; one son died when sixteen years of age; Mary S., who is unmarried, resides near Mount Aetna.

Thilon J. Rollman, father of Francis I., learned the trade of blacksmith with his father, but later, evincing a desire for a higher profession, entered Freeland Academy, and after graduating from Palmyra College engaged in teaching, for a number of years being principal of the Millersburg high school. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he filled with credit for a number of years. He was married to Emma Kurr, and to them five children were born: Francis I.; Ella m. Charles Schreiber of Lebanon, Pa., and has three children; Minnie m. Jonathan Bressler, a baker of Lebanon, Pa., and also has three children; Eva died at the age of eighteen years; and Emma m. John Carpenter, a soap manufacturer of Lebanon.

Francis I. Rollman was educated in the common schools, the Millersburg high school and the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been active in the ranks of that party, being elected justice of the peace in 1900, an office which he still holds. With his family he attends the old Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg. Mr. Rollman is a prominent member of Camp No. 567, P. O. S. of A., and is a past president thereof.

Mr. Rollman was married May 19, 1888, to Kate A. Snyder, daughter of Aaron and Lovinia (Lebo) Snyder, the former of whom was a justice of the peace of Tulpehocken township for thirty-five years. Three children have been born to this union: Laura R., born Oct. 28, 1888, who when but nineteen years old had taught two terms in the public schools of Tulpehocken township, at the same time taking a course in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown; Lillie G., born Nov. 8, 1890, who graduated from the township schools at the age of twelve years; and Robert S., born Aug. 31, 1895, who is still attending school.

JOHN MELL, postmaster at Montello, Spring township, where he is the proprietor of a flourishing mercantile business, is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Mell was born May 3, 1840, in Cumru (now Spring) township, near Sinking Spring, son of Bennewell and Maria (Dinkelberger) Mell.

John Mell, grandfather of John, was born in Bern township, Berks county, whither his father, a native of Germany, had come at an early day. John Mell in early life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and enlisted in the war of 1812, in which he contracted sickness which caused his death, while still a young man. His widow passed away at Montello, Berks county, at the age of eighty-five years. Their children were: John, Isaac, David, Bennewell, Mrs. Keim and Rebecca, Mrs. Jeremiah Engelhart.

Bennewell Mell, father of John, was born Nov. 19, 1815, and died June 15, 1894, being buried at Sinking Spring. He was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned and cultivated a small tract of land. Mr. Mell married Maria Dinkelberger, born Dec. 1, 1816, who still survives and lives at Shillington. Their children were: William, who was killed at Ridgefield, Va., during the Civil war; John; Isaac, who was killed in the first day's fight at Gettysburg during the Civil war, being buried with the many unknown; Henry, also a soldier in the Union army, who after the end-

ing of the war enlisted in the regular army, serving for twenty-eight years, and who now resides at Shillington, Pa.; Charles, who died at Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Mary, m. to Peter White, of Shillington; and Emma, m. to William Noll.

John Mell attended the pay schools of his native township, after leaving which he engaged for three years in farm work. He then learned the carpenter trade, which he followed until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1861, he enlisted in Company G, 6th P. V. Cav., being mustered in at the old Keystone Hotel, Reading. Later he was transferred to Co. H, of the same regiment, as first sergeant, and later was promoted to second lieutenant. Mr. Mell gave long and faithful service to his country, and participated in many important engagements, including that of Brandy Station, where he was twice wounded, once by a musket ball in the upper part of his hip and again by a sabre thrust in the forehead, of the latter of which he still bears evidence. After the war Mr. Mell went to Juniata county, Pa., and engaged in the lumber business for one and one-half years, a business which he continued in his home county for some time. He then went to West Virginia, where he carried on lumbering for ten years, but subsequently returned to Berks county, and in 1892 engaged in a mercantile business at Montello. He named and established the postoffice there, where he has been postmaster ever since.

Mr. Mell married Sarah Leffel, daughter of David Leffel, of Oley township, and they have these children: David, who married Ida Keefer and resides at Montello; and John, single, of Reading.

Mr. Mell is a Republican in politics. Religiously he is connected with St. John's Reformed Church, of Sinking Spring. He is a popular comrade of Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., and is in all respects a highly esteemed citizen.

LEVI BROWN (deceased), whose death occurred Feb. 24, 1894, in Gibraltar, Pa., was for many years a leading hotel man of Berks county, where he was also engaged in blacksmithing and farming. He was born Oct. 17, 1835, in Robeson township.

Mr. Brown was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and learned the blacksmith trade when a young man, an occupation which he followed for many years, later engaging in farming. After seven years spent in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Brown engaged in the hotel business at the Junction Hotel stand, where he remained eight years, and then sold out to move to Gibraltar, where he built a hotel in 1875. This he operated until his death in 1894, becoming well known for his honesty and integrity in all business transactions, and esteemed and respected wherever known.

Mr. Brown was married Nov. 8, 1857, by Rev. F. A. M. Keller, a Lutheran minister, to Mary Ann Fritz, born Aug. 2, 1837, in Cumru township, Berks county, daughter of Elias and Anna (Lutz) Fritz, and to this union there were born children as follows: Albert m. Sallie Wenpelt; Mary E. m. Albert Wenpelt; B. Franklin died at the age of two years; Sarah L. m. Levi Cramp; Annie m. John Cramp; Kate F. is unmarried; Dora m. Peter Detemple; Ella M. is unmarried; Harry m. Emma Quinter; and John m. Lillie Eames. Mr. Brown was a Lutheran in religious belief and was buried at Yocom's Church. He is remembered as a man of much business capacity, and was identified with some of the leading enterprises of Gibraltar, including the coal and lumber yard, which after his death was conducted by his son for some years. In politics he was a stanch Democrat.

Elias Fritz, son of Martin, and father of Mrs. Brown, was a pillar of the Lutheran Church, and donated the ground upon which the church bearing that name now stands, as well as the burying ground. He and his wife had these children: Catherine; Eliza; Alice; John; Jeremiah, who served three months during the Civil war; and Mary Ann.

Mrs. Brown built her present home in Gibraltar in 1895, and here, with her two daughters, she is living quietly, enjoying the sunset of her life surrounded by many friends.

LEWIS P. G. FEGLEY, of Boyertown, was born Aug. 15, 1851, on the Jacob Gottshall farm at New Berlinville, in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, son of Peter and Rebecca (Gottshall) Fegley. The family is an old one, Bernhard Fegley, the first of the name in this country, coming from Switzerland and settling in this section of Pennsylvania in its early days. He first located in Montgomery county, near East Greenville, but died in Longswamp township, Berks county, in 1782. Little is known of his son, Peter Fegley, the great-grandfather of Lewis P. G. Fegley, except that he was born in Montgomery county and settled in Douglass township, that county, induced by the fact that his uncle (a brother of Bernhard) had made a permanent settlement there. Some members of the Fegley families write the name "Bird," the English version of the original name, and others "Vogel" or "Fogel." There are descendants of Peter Fegley living in New Jersey who use the English form.

Peter Fegley, grandfather of Lewis P. G., was born in Montgomery county, and there, like his father, passed all his life, engaged in farming at a small village called Cedarville, now Congo.

Peter Fegley, father of Lewis P. G., was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, Aug. 14, 1815, and was one of a family of thirteen children. He died Feb. 23, 1905, in his ninetieth year. He was a man of regular habits and was never ill. He followed the millwright's trade for a short time, in 1843 moving upon the farm of his father-in-law, Jacob Gottshall, at New Berlin (now called New Berlinville) in Colebrookdale township, where he continued farming until 1870. He then retired to the village, and afterward oversaw the cultivation of his farm. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd at Boyertown, in the work of which he was active. He married Rebecca Gottshall, and they had four children, namely: Mary G., Lewis P. G., Rebecca (wife of B. F. Ackerman, of Reading) and Caroline (who died in youth).

Lewis P. G. Fegley received his early education in the common schools of his native township, later attending the Mount Pleasant Seminary, which was located at Boyertown; the home farm where he passed his youth was a mile northeast of that borough. At Boyertown he was under the instruction of Profs. Hankey and Koons, two noted educators in their day, and he completed his schooling in the fall of 1870. Meantime, however, he had commenced teaching, having been licensed by Prof. James N. Ermentraut, then deputy county superintendent under his brother, Prof. John Ermentrout, in 1869. In the fall of 1868 he began teaching among the Mennonites in Butter Valley, his first experience being in Hereford township, where he taught for two terms, in 1869 being engaged in Treichlersville, and for the succeeding four terms in New Berlin, at the grammar school. Then for three terms he was in the Boyertown high school, and he was awarded professional certificates by Profs. D. B. Brunner, S. A. Baer and David S. Keck. His last experience as a teacher was in 1881, when he taught the Colebrookdale grammar school, but meantime he had been otherwise engaged. In 1878 he had been appointed by the heirs of a deceased uncle, Jacob Fegley, to go to California to look up their interest in the estate, and he made a most successful trip, this being only the first of a long series of similar trusts, for he has become quite noted in his satisfactory settlement of estates.

During the eight years he was engaged in teaching school Mr. Fegley assisted his father on the farm at

New Berlinville, and in 1874, when only a little over twenty-one years old, he was elected a justice of the peace, serving continuously until Dec. 1, 1884, when he resigned after his election to the State Legislature. On Jan. 6, 1885, he took his seat in the State House of Representatives, and he never missed a single session nor a single vote either for or against a bill as the Legislative record will show, during his first term of service in that body. He served four years. In 1887 he was a member of the committee appointed by the Legislature, with Governor Beaver as president, to view the Gettysburg battlefield and report on the advisability of erecting monuments in honor of Pennsylvania's fallen heroes, and he voted for the $81,000 appropriated for the erection of eighty-one monuments, one for each Pennsylvania regiment represented in that famous battle. Since his retirement from the Legislature, at the end of 1888, he has filled a number of important public offices. He took a notary's commission at the close of his legislative experience and has held it ever since, finding it most convenient in the class of business which has occupied his attention.

Mr. Fegley was the principal organizer of the Boyertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was chartered Jan. 2, 1886, under the General Incorporation Act of 1874, and he has served ever since as secretary of the company, which now has net assets of $4,000,000. During its existence of over twenty-three years the company has levied nineteen assessments, the latest on June 1, 1908, with all its losses paid up to date and a satisfactory surplus. On Jan. 2, 1883, Mr. Fegley was appointed acting cashier of the National Bank of Boyertown, to fill a vacancy for a short time. He has assisted in the organization of a number of business concerns in Boyertown, and his services as secretary of various bodies, and in the settlement of estates, have made him particularly well known. In fact there are few citizens of Boyertown who have been more intimately connected with the fortunes of its residents. Since 1874 he has at various times been assignee, executor, trustee and administrator of estates in lower Berks and Upper Montgomery counties, his ripe experience and trustworthy disposition making him particularly valuable. At the time of the Boyertown opera house holocaust, Jan. 13, 1908, Mr. Fegley lost records of little intrinsic value to others, but greatly prized by him, representing the accumulation of thirty years. Fortunately his most valuable books and papers were in a fireproof vault. He took temporary office in Dr. Rhoads' residence, Philadelphia avenue and Chestnut street, and Nov. 20, 1908, located in Room 2, second floor, Farmers National Bank, in the new fireproof building, where he has a large vault. He devotes himself now exclusively to insurance and the settlement of estates. For over fifteen years he has been an active member of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, serving as judge of periodicals, public records and relics, and he is also a member of the Berks County Historical Society.

Mr. Fegley has often refused public honors, such as nominations for the offices of burgess and councilman of his town, but he has taken a prominent part in the administration of various organizations with which he has been connected, particularly religious associations. He has been secretary of seven different institutions, including a church body; was secretary of the council of the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd, of Boyertown, and has been secretary of the congregation from Sept. 24, 1882; was superintendent or assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school of that church from 1882; and was deacon of the church for six years. He is a Democrat in political opinion, has always been active in the councils of his party, and filled a number of minor local offices before his extensive business interests demanded so much of his time. In addition to the insurance business he does in connection with the Boyertown Mutual Company, Mr. Fegley represents several strong old-line insurance companies.

On April 5, 1891, Mr. Fegley married Miss Emma G. Leidy, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Gabel) Leidy, of Boyertown, and they have a beautiful home on North Reading avenue, beyond Fourth street, which Mr. Fegley erected in 1890. It is in the most desirable residential district of the borough. Mr. and Mrs. Fegley had one child, Lulu L., born Oct. 29, 1895, who perished Jan. 13, 1908, in the terrible theatre catastrophe which brought sorrow to so many homes in and around Boyertown.

HARRISON R. EPLER, a well-known business man of Riverside, North Reading, Pa., where he is engaged in the manufacture of hosiery, was born in the Hotel Penn, Reading, in 1838, son of Jared and Deborah (Rothermel) Epler, and a grandson of Jacob Epler, a farmer of Bern township.

Jared Epler, father of Harrison R., was born in Bern township, where he followed farming until 1837, and in that year removed to Reading and purchased the old "Hotel Penn" property, which he conducted for a period of two and one-half years. This he sold and in 1840 purchased the farm at Leinbach's, now known as the Harrison Epler farm. There he died in 1865, aged fifty-three years. He and his wife had four children, of whom two are now living: Deborah R., who married John Z. Althouse, deceased, and Harrison R.

Harrison R. Epler was educated in the schools of Bern township, and was reared on the farm, on which he worked until 1902, when he engaged in the manufacture of hosiery, in order that his son, the only living child, Jared V. R., could have a business in which to engage. In religious belief Mr. Epler is connected with the Reformed Church. He held several township offices during his residence on his farm, among them the office of member of the school board. During the Civil war Mr. Epler was a member of the State Militia.

Mr. Harrison Epler was united in marriage with Emma Van Reed, daughter of Henry Z. Van Reed, and the only surviving child of their family is Jared V. R. Epler.

AMOS M. DE TURK, a well known resident and prosperous merchant of Tulpehocken township, was born Jan. 26, 1847, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, son of Jeremiah and Kate (Moll) DeTurk.

Mr. DeTurk was educated in the common schools of his native district and assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age, after which he worked for various farmers in the neighborhood until his marriage, Nov. 23, 1872, to Louisa Deisher, daughter of Gereon and Helena (Seidel) Deisher. Mr. Deisher was a prominent business man of Tulpehocken township, at Wintersville, having previously resided in Perry township. Mr. Deisher while in Tulpehocken township carried on farming and later engaged in the mercantile business. Shortly after his arrival he was appointed postmaster at Wintersville, an office which he retained until his death in 1901. He was a prominent politician, but never served nor aspired to county offices. He served as school director and in other minor township offices, and was frequently appointed executor or administrator of estates, and served as guardian of minors.

After his marriage Mr. DeTurk located on his father's farm, where they resided for eight years, and then removed to Wintersville, keeping the hotel and store for some time, when he subsequently gave up the hotel business, and one of the oldest stands in Berks county went out of existence. After residing for five years at the present store property, Mr. DeTurk removed to his own property, about one mile away, which he cultivated for fourteen years, and then returned to the store, which he has since conducted.

Mr. DeTurk is a brother of Jeremiah DeTurk, present prison warden of Berks county, formerly clerk to city treasurer Bright. Like all the family he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office. Mr. and Mrs. De-

Turk are members of the Reformed Church, where he served as deacon and elder for some years.

FRANK W. TROUTMAN, of Marion township, has been prominent in public affairs of the township and county for some years, and is now serving in the office of justice of the peace. He was born Jan. 28, 1862, on the old Troutman homestead near Host Church, in Berks county, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Leiss) Troutman.

The Troutman family of Western Berks county had settled prior to the organization of the county in 1752, in Tulpehocken township where the ancestor, Hieronimus Troutman, Oct. 15, 1752, obtained two warrants, each of twenty-five acres of land, located in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Lebanon county. March 23, 1802, he and Abraham Troutman jointly obtained a warrant for 152.80 acres of land in Northumberland county. The records show that at this time he was a taxable in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, the Pennsylvania Archives recording the following in 1768; "Peter Troutman, eighty acres of land in Tulpehocken; Philip Troutman, 100 acres; Valentine Troutman, six acres; and Michael Troutman, 217½ acres." In 1779 the tax lists show: "Valentine, single-man; John, single-man and tailor, and Peter, weaver." In 1779 Michael Troutman owned 275 acres of land, six horses, six cattle, and paid seven pounds, thirteen shillings tax, showing that he was a large property owner. It is traditional, and records confirm it that Hieronimus Troutman had these sons; Michael, born Nov. 8, 1746, died Nov. 1, 1804, aged fifty-eight years, less seven days; Valentine, born June 17, 1752, died April 19, 1823, aged seventy years, nine months, two days; Johannes, born Feb. 4, 1755, died Dec. 2, 1823, aged sixty-eight years, nine months, twenty-eight days; and Johann Philip, born Aug. 9, 1758, died Feb. 23, 1830, aged seventy-one years, one month, eleven days.

Michael Troutman, the oldest of these brothers, made his will Aug. 3, 1804, and his death occurred about three months later. In it he mentions his wife Susanna, who was to receive the property in Tulpehocken township on which they lived, besides other items. Ample provision was made for her. They had no issue. The rest of Michael Troutman's estate he divided among his brothers, after leaving a bequest to Host Church of twenty pounds, for the care of his grave. He mentions the brothers thus: Valentine, John who had a son Michael, and Philip. Philip was married to Magdalena, a born Troutman, possibly a descendant of Abraham, who was a relative of Hieronimus. She was born Feb. 16, 1753, and died Dec. 29, 1831, aged eighty-one years, ten months, thirteen days. Valentine was also married, and had children, among them was a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, who was born in 1785 and died unmarried in 1804.

All the above Troutmans are buried at Host Church, in the old graveyard adjoining it on the southwest. Many of the gravestones are brown sandstones, and the inscriptions on them were deciphered with some difficulty by William J. Dietrich of Reading, and Squire Frank W. Troutman of Stouchsburg. Immediately back of the church is an old sandstone, on which appears the following inscription:

"Eva Elizabeth Troutman Sei ist gaboren den 6 Januar, im yahr 1716, und starb am 1 Januar in yahr 1794. Bracht ehr alter zu 78 yahr, 4 monat, und 3 tag." This possibly was the wife of the ancestor Hieronimus Troutman, and the mother of the sons before mentioned.

Johannes Troutman, son of the ancestor, was born in 1755 and died in 1823. He was married (first) May 13, 1787, to Maria Elizabeth Hoffman, and (second) to Sybilla Himmelberger, who was born Jan. 7, 1774, and died Nov. 29, 1858, aged eighty-four years, ten months, twenty-two days. Among his children were. Michael, the grandfather of Frank W.; John Jacob, born in 1791, who died in 1862, the grandfather of John M. Troutman of Marion township; and Elizabeth, born in 1796, who died in 1866.

Michael Troutman, grandfather of Frank W., was born Aug. 2, 1787, and died July 19, 1840, aged fifty-three years, less thirteen days, being buried at Host Church. He was the original owner of the old Troutman homestead, was a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and died in comfortable circumstances for that day. He married Susanna Schaeffer, Dec. 28, 1908, and their children were: Benjamin; Eliza m. Jonathan Kurr; Lydia m. Henry Knoll; Rebecca m. Jacob Forrer, and Susanna m. Isaac Stupp.

Benjamin Troutman, father of Frank W., was born on the old homestead, May 13, 1813, and died July 16, 1898, at the home of his son-in-law, John Anspach. He owned the homestead in Marion, and carried on operations there until his retirement twenty-five years prior to his death. He was a Reformed member of Host Church, where he is buried. In politics Mr. Troutman was a strong Democrat, and during war time served as assessor. Mr. Troutman was married to Hannah Leiss, who was born Aug. 10, 1812, and died March 8, 1880, daughter of John Adam and Eva Leiss, and they had these children: Malinda m. Isaac Beckey; Sarah m. George A. Brown; Ezra E. m. Kate Anspach; Rebecca m. Reily W. Zeller; Adam L. m. Isabella Gerhard; Eleanora m. George Heckman; Amelia m. John E. Anspach; Michael B. m. Amelia Himmelberger; and Frank W.

Frank W. Troutman's youth was spent upon the homestead farm, and until his twelfth year he worked for his parents, at this time going out among the farmers of the vicinity, by whom he was employed for six years more. He attended the local schools, and took advantage of every opportunity to gain an education, and when nineteen years old was licensed to teach in the public schools of Berks county, by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner. He taught two terms in Marion township, and one term in Tulpehocken, the latter being under the administration of Prof. S. A. Baer. After completing this experience as an educator, Mr. Troutman learned the trades of house painting and paper hanging, which he has followed to the present time in his immediate community.

A Democrat of the Jeffersonian type, Mr. Troutman has been active in his party's ranks since attaining his majority. His first official position was that of township assessor, an office in which he served for fifteen consecutive years, during the first six years of which the office of tax collector was included with that of assessor. During this time Mr. Troutman served to the utmost satisfaction of all parties concerned, and in all the years had not one complaint nor appeal. He was fair, impartial and just to all. In 1904 George L. Groff, the only justice in the district, died, and Mr. Troutman was persuaded by his friends, both in the Democratic and Republican parties, to allow the use of his name as Mr. Groff's successor. He was subsequently appointed in May, 1904, by a Republican governor, and in the following February, he was elected by the people to serve the full term of five years. Judge Troutman is very popular in Marion and the surrounding townships. In his official capacity of justice of the peace, he is actually a peace-maker, and his intelligent and persuasive arguments have in many cases influenced the disputing parties to settle their differences amicably. Kind and open-hearted, honest and upright, he has won the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, who respect and esteem him for his many sterling traits of character. On a number of occasions Mr. Troutman has been a delegate to county conventions, and he assisted in the nomination of Hon. James N. Ermentrout to the judgeship. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Good Fellows, No. 42, of Stouchsburg, where he has twice gone through the chairs; and of the P. O. S. of A., Lodge No. 237, of the same

town, in which he has been serving as financial secretary since 1898. He also belongs to Reading Encampment No. 1, Patriotic Americans.

On Feb. 5, 1874, Mr. Troutman was married to Isabella C. Rhine, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Bohn) Rhine. Mr. and Mrs. Troutman have had no children of their own, but have two foster children, both the offspring of Mrs. Eleanora Beckert, Katie L. Hechler and O. F. Moyer. With his family Mr. Troutman attends Host St. John's Church, in which he has been deacon and elder, and is now serving as trustee.

JOHN M. TROUTMAN, a well-known farmer and representative citizen of Marion township, where he is now cultivating a fine farm, was born on the Troutman homestead, June 8, 1847, son of John and Susanna (Moyer) Troutman.

John Jacob Troutman, grandfather of John M., was born on the Troutman homestead, May 18, 1791, and there his death occurred March 6, 1862, aged seventy years, nine months, sixteen days. Susan Peiffer, his wife, was born Jan. 21, 1793, and died Sept. 17, 1866, and both are buried at Host Church, of which they were members of the German Reformed denomination. Their children were: William; Augustus; Jacob; John; Susanna m. Elias Batdorf; Leah m. Stophel Batdorf; Eliza m. Jacob Manbeck; Sybilla m. Jacob Krauss; and a daughter whose name is not remembered.

John Troutman, the father of John M., was born on the Troutman homestead, Jan. 27, 1815, and died May 9, 1898, aged eighty-three years, three months, twelve days, being buried at Host Church, of which he was a deacon, elder and trustee. He was a lifelong farmer and owned the homestead at the "Summer Hill" in Tulpehocken. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat and served his district as school director and supervisor for many years, being well-known and highly esteemed throughout the township. He married Susanna Moyer, who was born May 19, 1808, and died Aug. 15, 1863, and they had these children: Isaac, Daniel, George; John M.; Mary m. William Stoudt; Leah m. Joseph Keener, and Eve m. a Mr. White.

John M. Troutman's educational advantages were somewhat limited in his youth, but he has educated himself, and is conversant with all the topics of the day. Until twenty-five years of age he remained under the parental roof, and he then spent two years in farming in Marion township, whence he removed to the homestead in Tulpehocken township, where he remained five years. In 1879 he located in Marion township, and here he has made his home ever since. He successfully conducted the Hill farm for many years and in 1907 he purchased the Frank Oxenreider stand in the eastern end of Marion township, a farm consisting of fifty acres of good, fertile land. The farm is supplied with good water, contains a heavy bearing orchard of all kinds of fruit, and is supplied with fine, substantial buildings. This farm he took possession of in the spring of 1908. Mr. Troutman's interests have not been given entirely to farming, as for many years he has been engaged in the huckstering business, dealing in country produce, poultry and calves the year round. He has regular customers in Pottsville and New York, with whom he has done business for a number of years. He is an enterprising and successful business man, and he stands high in the esteem of his fellowmen. With his family he belongs to the Reformed denomination of the Host Union Church, in which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee for many years.

In 1872 John M. Troutman was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Schoener, the estimable daughter of Andrew and Mary (Kintzer) Schoener, and to them the following children have been born: Mary m. Walter Webber; Katie m. Charles Trautman; Eva m. Oliver Schoener; Agnes m. Samuel Schoener; Herbert, John, Elsie and Laura—all are single and reside at home with their parents; Harry died of scarlet fever; and Charles met an accidental death when nineteen years old.

In his political views Mr. Troutman is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office, although he takes a lively interest in the progressive movements incorporated in his township, and is ready at all times to assist in the same.

WILLIAM KOCH was a builder and contractor of Reading, belonging to a family long resident in that city, his father, also named William, having likewise been a native of that place.

William Koch, Sr., was born July 2, 1824, and was one of four children, the others being: Daniel, of Reading; Adam, of Elmira, N. Y.; and Mary, who married George Roland. William became a tanner, but after following that occupation for many years, finally went into the mines at Topton, and there was killed May 6, 1862, breaking his neck by falling down a shaft. He was survived by his widow and three children. Mrs. Koch was a Miss Louisa Neider and was the seventh child in a family of fourteen born to Henry and Mary (Dumm) Neider. Of these there are living, only Mrs. Koch, who was born Oct. 27, 1832, and Clara, the youngest. The brothers all died at home except Lafayette, whose death was caused by starvation during the war. William and Louisa Koch were married Oct. 4, 1851, and their three children were: Louisa, Mrs. John Neider, of Reading; Sarah, Mrs. Harry Button, of Reading; and William.

William Koch was born Aug. 10, 1859, and after going to school until he was eleven years old was obliged to begin work, beginning at the rope walk. While still very young he was apprenticed to his uncles, Michael and Simon Neider, to learn the trade of bricklaying, and spent about three years with them. The next seven years he passed as a journeyman, and then was employed as a boss by many of the largest and best known contractors in the city. In 1897 he went into business for himself and in the years following put up a number of fine buildings and made a good reputation for himself by his satisfactory work. Mr. Koch died May 17, 1909, aged forty-nine years, nine months, seven days.

Mr. Koch was married April 7, 1880, to Miss Katie Fick, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Tobias) Fick, of Reading. The children born to their union were: Bessie; William H., who was educated in the high school of Reading, and is now a clerk for the Reading Iron Company; and Carrie, a graduate of the high school, class of 1903, now at home. Mr. Koch was a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially he belonged to the Sons of America. He was a man of much ability, who had made his own way in the world successfully and was much respected by all who knew him.

SHOWALTER. A well equipped shoe store is that conducted by Mrs. Emma V. Showalter at Thirteenth and Cotton streets, Reading.

ELWOOD SHOWALTER was born in Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa., son of William and Mary Showalter. He there received a good common school education and learned the trade of painting and paper hanging. In 1887 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and worked as painter on the parlor and day coaches at Trenton Junction, but for the past fifteen years he has been stationed at Reading. In 1879 he married Emma V. Ziegler, daughter of J. F. and Emma L. (Ondinot) Ziegler, and they have two sons, John and William. The former married Jennie Wagner and they have one son, John, Jr. In religious belief the family is Lutheran. Mr. Showalter is a member of the order of Golden Eagles. In politics he votes independently.

Mrs. Showalter is an admirable business woman and has been engaged as at present, since May 1, 1890. She has a good store and carries a complete line of men's,

boys', women's and misses' shoes. For many years she was a very active worker in Sunday school and charitable organizations. She is a member of Lady Jefferson Home Mission Society and was the first superintendent of Rev. Myers' infant Sunday school, which Henry J. Rhodes founded.

J. F. Ziegler, father of Mrs. Showalter, was born at Philadelphia, in 1835. He was an expert machinist. In boyhood he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and remained with that corporation until a short time before his death. He was accidentally drowned in the Delaware River. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were: George, Emma V., Anna L., Julia Ellsworth (deceased), William A., John (deceased), Sally, Samuel, Louisa, and Minnie (deceased).

Mrs. Ziegler became interested in philanthropic work and accepted the position of assistant matron of the City Hall police court at Reading, being appointed by Mayor Adam Leader. She continued in that position for three years, during which period she saw so much cruelty to children, in various ways, that she made an appeal to the Woman's Club of Reading, with which she was affiliated, for the formation of a society to correct abuses. She proposed that it should be called the Reading Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Through her monthly reports the club became interested, and as a result a society of this kind was founded, with Mrs. Ziegler as matron, a position she still fills most efficiently. Great credit is due this lady for her arduous work in the cause. She has secured many comfortable homes for innocent children who have been abandoned or who have been orphaned. She is known and admired all over the city for her Christian work.

SAMUEL S. REIFSNYDER, one of the representative men of Lower Heidelberg township, who was for seventeen years the proprietor of the "Tulpehocken House" at the Blue Marsh in North Heidelberg township, was born April 12, 1839, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of Samuel and Justina (Stiely) Reifsnyder.

Johann Ernst Reifsnyder (also spelled Reiffschneider), a native of Germany, was a passenger on board the ship "Phoenix," which qualified at Philadelphia, Sept. 30, 1743, and soon after this date he settled in Berks county. His children were: (1) David was the grandfather of Samuel S. (2) Daniel married and died young at New Wales, Pa. (3) George, who was born June 1, 1786, and died May 23, 1859, m. Elizabeth Spangler (born March 3, 1786, died Aug. 17, 1878), both being buried at Hain's Church. They lived at Brownsville, and had these children: Polly m. Daniel Greth; Susanna m. Emanuel Greth; Elizabeth m. Joseph Fox; Martha m. William Phillips; Kitty Ann, twin of Martha, m. Peter Leininger; and Ellen died unmarried. (4) Jacob, who lived at Dengler's and is buried at Schwartzwald Church, had these children, Samuel, Perry, Jacob, William, Elizabeth, Maria and Rebecca. (5) John, who was lame, lived below Reading and kept Giles Locks, having three children, Charles, Solomon and Dr. William. (6) Catherine m. Wilhelm Stiely, a weaver of Stielytown, in Lower Heidelberg township.

David Reifsnyder, grandfather of Samuel S., was born April 13, 1781, and died July 15, 1849, being buried at Hain's Church. He was a farmer and lived at Brownsville, Berks county, which town he was instrumental in building up. His brother-in-law, Michael Brown, built the first house there before 1800, and hence the name Brownsville. Mr. Reifsnyder owned a tract of sixty acres of land near Hain's Church, and there his death occurred. He was also a wheelwright by trade, and this he followed for many years. He was married to Elizabeth Knerr, who died without issue, and he then married her sister Catherine Knerr, daughter of Christian Knerr. She was born Jan. 6, 1784, and died May 20, 1861, having been the mother of these children: Samuel; Ellen m. Daniel Shower, a stone mason of Lower Heidelberg township; Catherine m. Daniel Dunkelberger; Jonas, of Womelsdorf, was the twin of Catherine; Maria, widow of Henry Seibert, was born Feb. 7, 1825, and lives with her son George at Sixth and Bingaman streets, Reading; and Sarah, born on the homestead, Oct. 2, 1827, m. Reuben Spangler, who died in 1901 in Reading, where Mrs. Spangler has lived since 1867.

Samuel Reifsnyder, father of Samuel S., was born at Brownsville. He was the owner of two hundred and seventy acres of land in North Heidelberg township, and was a farmer all of his active life with the exception of five years spent in the lumber business in Luzerne county. After the death of his wife he cut the farm in two parts, one part going to his son Samuel and the other to his son Adam. He was a Democrat in politics and served his township as assessor, tax collector and supervisor. He was a member of Hain's Reformed Church, of which he was a deacon. Mr. Reifsnyder was married (first) to Justina Stiely, born June 16, 1817, who died Feb. 23, 1850, and they had three children: Mary m. William Brossman of Lower Heidelberg township; Adam, who died in North Heidelberg township, m. Sarah Ernst, who still survives, and had these children, Candace, Adam, George, David, Sallie, Samuel, Calvin, Kate, Charles and Lillie; and Samuel S. is mentioned below. Mr. Reifsnyder's second marriage was to Elizabeth Huyett, and to them four children were born, three of whom died young. The surviving daughter, Rosa, married Elmer Snyder and lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Reifsnyder is buried at Sinking Spring.

Samuel S. Reifsnyder worked for his parents until he was of age, at which time he married. In 1863 he became the tenant on the John Addams tract of thirty acres, where he remained one year, and then tenanted on other farms in that section for five years more, also engaging in huckstering for a period. Subsequently he returned to his father's farm, which he operated for eighteen consecutive years. In 1890 he purchased the "Tulpehocken House" at the Blue Marsh in North Heidelberg township, where he did a large business until 1907, in which year he sold it to Nicholas Bortz, of Reading, the present proprietor. Mr. Reifsnyder is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active interest in anything pertaining to the welfare of his township. He and his family are members of Hain's Church, where his wife rests from her labors.

On Aug. 8, 1856, Mr. Reifsnyder was married to Mary Gicker, born June 22, 1838, who died March 9, 1904, daughter of John and Annie (Leib) Gicker, of Lower Heidelberg township, along the Tulpehocken. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnyder: Agnes, m. to Martin Hacker, of Reading; Wellington A., who died at the age of seventeen years; Nathaniel M.; Albert J., who lives at Egypt, Lehigh county; Sarah, m. to George Dunkelberger, of Lower Heidelberg township; Clara, deceased, wife of Benneville Lamm; Miranda, m. to Irwin Hafer, of Reading; Annie, who died at the age of two years; and Adaline, m. to Thomas Heister, a teacher of Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Nathaniel M. Reifsnyder, son of Samuel S., was born in North Heidelberg township, May 14, 1863. He assisted his father upon the farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-seven years, and he also helped to conduct the hotel at Blue Marsh. He has always worked with his father with the exception of two years spent at laboring in Sinking Spring. Mr. Reifsnyder married Aug. 30, 1890, Emma Bare, daughter of Percival Bare, a well-known resident of Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnyder have been born two children, a son and a daughter, Miles S. and Florence M. Mr. Reifsnyder and his family attend Hain's Church.

JAMES D. CHRIST, senior member of the well-known contracting and building firm of Christ & Albert, of Reading, Pa., was born Nov. 18, 1848, in Penn

township, Berks county, son of John and Elizabeth (Dundore) Christ, natives of that township.

John Christ, father of James D., was born March 9, 1809, on the old Christ homestead in Penn township, son of John, Sr., and there he carried on agricultural pursuits, and died Jan. 19, 1887, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Elizabeth Dundore, died when seventy-three years old. They had ten children, as follows: Louisa, m. to Levi Staley; Levi, who died aged five years; Jonathan D. (had Thomas, Mrs. Joseph Leinbach and Clara); Harrison D. (had Mary, Alice and Howard); Kate; Aaron D. (has Monroe, Minerva and Oscar); Sarah; Henry D. (has Helen and Rosa); James D.; and Levi D. (has Verna, Willard and Norma). Mr. and Mrs. Christ were members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a stanch Democrat.

James D. Christ was educated in the schools of his native township, and as a boy was reared on the home farm, on which he continued to work until 1896. In this year he sold his farm, and in company with Morris Kuehn he engaged in the contracting business for one year, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Christ carried on building operations alone until 1905. In this year he associated with Willover and Wagner, under the firm name of Christ, Willover & Wagner, but in the spring of 1906 he withdrew from this firm, and with Henry S. Albert, his brother-in-law, founded the firm of Christ & Albert, which has been very successful. Charles F. Denlinger, a young man of much ability, is associated with the firm. Altogether, Mr. Christ has erected about 175 first-class buildings, and has never had the slightest trouble in disposing of them. He has an enviable reputation for honest dealings, and is known to be a man to live up to the letter of his contracts. He is at present engaged in the erection of twelve houses.

Mr. Christ was married (first) to Mary A. E. Obold, by whom he had two sons, Evan P. and Samuel J. Mrs. Christ died March 1, 1897, and he m. (second) Ellen Albert, daughter of Isaac Albert, and sister of his business partner, and to them one child was born: Anna E. In religious belief the family are members of St. Mark's Reformed Church. Mr. Christ is a Democrat in politics.

JOHN H. HOFFMAN, farmer of Hereford township, Berks county, was born there Oct. 6, 1847, on the old homestead of his grandfather, Michael Hoffman.

This family of Hoffmans came to America from Germany, a family of ten, father, mother and eight children, embarking from the Fatherland on an Easter Monday. The first few days aboard the ship were pleasant enough, but a severe storm arose, and the voyage was both long and weary. Many of the passengers died, among the number being the father and mother and six of the children of the Hoffman family. The two who were left, the son Casper and one daughter, landed safely at Philadelphia, and Casper spent the remainder of his life in Pennsylvania. The daughter married, and it is said moved to South Carolina.

In course of time Casper Hoffman married and resided in Hereford township, Berks county, where he reared his family. In 1790 Casper Hoffman and his son Michael, both then residents of Hereford township, are mentioned, the former as the head of a family then in Berks county. It is possible that Casper Hoffman, of Hereford township, may have moved to Earl township, this county, in his later years, as there is a last will and testament of one Casper Hoffman recorded in Will Book 4, page 252, and in the will are mentioned the names of sons Jacob and John. But whether this was the Casper who was also the father of Michael and Georg Hoffman is not certain, though the maker of the will mentioned died in 1804, and it is known that the ancestor of these Hoffmans died in the latter part of 1804 or about 1806. The members of this family are now numerous, and are scattered over all sections of Berks county and indeed all over the United States. According to tradition Casper Hoffman had five sons, three of whom located in South Carolina, and a daughter of Casper Hoffman was married to Philip Will, of Hereford township; there was also a daughter Eva.

Georg Hoffman, son of Casper, lived in Hereford township, where his son Heinrich (Henry) and grandson Jonathan were born, and was a farmer and wagoner by occupation. His 100-acre homestead is now owned by Aaron Benfield. He died in 1847, and is buried at Huff's Church, of which he and his family were Reformed members. Mr. Hoffman married Elizabeth Huff, and they had a family of nine children: Dorotha, 1797-1860; Elizabeth, 1801-1860; George, who died unmarried (in his father's will he was given the "weaver's loom"); Catharine, 1805-1855; Abraham, 1807-1854, who married Maria Moyer and had two sons and three daughters (this family lived near Perryville); Hannah, who married David Seisholtz; Rebecka, who married George Nester; Jacob, who lived on the homestead; and Heinrich, 1817-1879.

Henry Hoffman, son of Georg, was born on the Hoffman homestead at Siesholtzville Dec. 6, 1817, was a farmer and wheelwright, and died Sept. 12, 1879, aged sixty-one years, nine months, six days. He and his wife, Susanna (Moll), born in 1819, died in 1873, are buried at Huff's Church. They had three children: William; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Wetzel; and Jonathan M. The last named was born in Washington township, Berks county, Sept. 4, 1849, where he is now engaged in farming, having a sixty-two-acre farm. He married Elizabeth Reidenauer, and they have four children, Ella, Ambrose, Mary and Sallie.

Michael Hoffman, another son of the Casper who emigrated from Germany, was the grandfather of John H. Hoffman, whose name introduces this sketch. He was born May 18, 1776, and died Sept. 18, 1857, aged eighty-one years, four months; he and his wife, Mary (Miller), daughter of Henry Miller, also of Hereford township, are buried at Huff's Church. Michael Hoffman was a blacksmith in Hereford township, and also owned a farm there. His family consisted of four children: John; Michael M.; Judith married Benjamin DeLong, a tanner of Hereford township, at Devil's Hole; and Sally married Henry Garrett, of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

Michael M. Hoffman, son of Michael, born May 15, 1808, in Hereford township, died there April 9, 1885, aged seventy-six years, ten months, twenty-four days. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of 145 acres in that township, and also occasionally engaged in blacksmithing. In 1859 he built a barn on his place which was burned in 1895; it is not known how the fire started. The present house on this property was put up by his father, Michael Hoffman, Sr., in 1836. Michael M. Hoffman married Catharine Haas, daughter of Jonathan Haas, of Topton, born Jan. 5, 1817, died Dec. 3, 1881, aged sixty-four years, ten months, twenty-eight days. Seven children were born to them, viz.: Emma, who died when seven years old; John H.; Frank; Sallie, who married Jacob N. Gery; Mary, who married Silas Smith; Catharine, who married Henry B. Moyer; and Benjamin.

John H. Hoffman was reared upon the farm and attended the common schools of his district. He has always been very handy with tools, has worked to some extent at the blacksmith's trade, and does all his own carpenter work, though farming has been his principal occupation through life. In 1870 he began farming on the land where he has since lived, the John Fox place, near Huff's Church, where he has fifty-five acres well improved and cultivated. Mr. Hoffman built the present barn in 1875 and the house in 1888, the new dwelling replacing an old log cabin which was one of the earliest houses in the township; old residents say that it stood fully 150 years.

Mr. Hoffman has taken an active interest in the life of his community, having served nine years as school director of his township, and he was president of the board during the greater part of his incumbency. He has served four years as deacon of Huff's Church, of which he and his family are Lutheran members. Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat in his political views.

In 1869 Mr. Hoffman married Emma Fox, daughter of William and Caroline (Gaumer) Fox, of Hereford township, and granddaughter of John and Anna (Berger) Fox, also of Hereford. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have had two children: James, of Freemansburg, Northampton county, is engaged in teaching, being at present principal of a grammar school at East Allentown, Pa.; Tillie married Benjamin DeLong, of Longswamp township, Berks county, and has one child, Pearl.

JOHN C. BRADLEY, one of the best known citizens of Birdsboro, Pa., has been connected with public affairs in Berks county for many years, is a prominent factor in Democratic politics, and is now serving as high sheriff of Berks county, to which office he was elected Nov. 5, 1907. He was born Aug. 30, 1857, at Birdsboro, Pa., and is a son of James and Charlotte (Bell) Bradley.

James Bradley, his father, was born in 1814, in County Donegal, Ireland, and in 1844 came to America, settling at Spring Grove, Lancaster county, Pa. Some years later he removed to Birdsboro, Berks county, where for twenty-six years he served as gardener for Edward Brooke, and through industry and economy succeeded in accumulating some means and property. He died April 6, 1875, and was buried in the St. Paul's Catholic cemetery, Douglassville, Pa., of which church he had been a consistent member. He was a leading Democrat of Birdsboro from the time of his arrival in the town until the day of his death. He married Charlotte Bell, born Feb. 14, 1825, who survives her husband and makes her home with her son, John C. She is well preserved in mind and body, notwithstanding her advanced age, enjoys good health, and is able to read and sew without the aid of glasses. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley five children: Clara, who married L. B. Umstead, a coal merchant of Birdsboro, Pa.; James, who died at the age of seven years; Edward, a foreman car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Wilmington, Del.; John C., the subject of this sketch, and Thomas, who died in infancy.

John C. Bradley was educated in the common schools of Birdsboro, Pa., and early in life began working at the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company mills in his native borough. After some years employment at various occupations with this company, he became a nailer in their cut-nail factory, a vocation which he pursued for many years. He was in the continuous service of the Brooke concern for a period of twenty-seven years.

In the year 1890 he engaged in the coal business in Birdsboro, Pa., conducting it for seven years and then disposing of it to his brother-in-law, L. B. Umstead.

In politics Sheriff Bradley is a stanch Democrat, and has for many years been active in the ranks of his party. His first political office was that of committeeman, which he held without interruption from 1881 until 1907 and at the time of his withdrawal therefrom, held the record of being the oldest member of the county standing committee in point of service. In the year 1892 he was appointed deputy coroner of Birdsboro, and served acceptably until 1908, when he resigned owing to press of other duties. Sheriff Mogel, in 1901 appointed him a deputy sheriff, and three years later he was re-appointed to the same position by Sheriff Jacob Sassaman. On June 1, 1907, after a spirited contest, he was made the nominee of the Democratic party of Berks county, for the office of sheriff, receiving at the primaries 3,995 votes, while his next highest opponent, Thomas G. Werley received 2,655 votes. On Nov. 5th, of the same year, he was elected over his Republican opponent, George R. Dietrich, by a majority of 4,011 votes.

Mr. Bradley is very popular throughout the county, and is well known in many parts of the State. He is honest, intelligent, kind-hearted, companionable and has many warm friends. In society organizations he maintains membership in but one, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is in good standing in Aerie No. 66, of Reading. He was reared in the Catholic Faith and was a member of St. Paul's Church, Douglassville, until the services there were discontinued some years ago, when he transferred his membership to St. Peter's Church, South Fifth street, Reading.

In the administration of the office of sheriff he has shown marked ability, characterized by fairness to all parties concerned and thus far has given great satisfaction to his superiors in State and County and received the praise of all with whom he has had business relations in the performance of his duties.

On Feb. 28, 1880, Mr. Bradley was married to Serena F. Smith, who was born in 1864, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Gilmer) Smith, farming people of Caernarvon township, Berks county, Pa. These children have been born to the couple: Isabelle F., Clara and Joseph S. (who died young), Mary A., Katharine H., John, Jr., Agnes L., Alice F., and Serena F. (who died young).

EDWARD W. SPAAR, a farmer in the eastern end of Washington township, has passed all his life in that section of Berks county, having been born near his present home, Sept. 30, 1841.

Peter Spaar, his father, was born May 10, 1798, in Switzerland. He had three brothers and two sisters, and one of his brothers, Frederick, was a priest in Switzerland, the Spaars being devout Catholics. Peter Spaar came to America before his marriage, when a young man, to avoid military service, and settled in the eastern end of Washington township, Berks Co., Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in that township July 19, 1872, aged seventy-four years, two months, nine days. He was engaged in farming, owning a tract of forty acres, on which there were three houses. He was a member of the Catholic Church at Bally, where he is buried. Peter Spaar married Elizabeth Wingert, daughter of John and Phoebe (Covely) Wingert, of Washington township, born March 10, 1808, died Oct. 7, 1889, aged seventy-two years, six months, twenty-seven days. Their married life covered a period of thirty-eight years. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spaar, one dying unnamed. The others were as follows: John is a resident of Barnesville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Lucy Ann, twin of John, died young; Horatio died unmarried; Henry lived at Pittstown, Pa.; Edward W. is mentioned farther on; Mary, twin of Edward, married Augustus Grow; Phoebe died unmarried; Augustus, deceased, lived in Montgomery county, Pa.; Aaron is a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Peter lives in Allentown. Of this family, Henry and Aaron spell the name Sparr; the original name, however, is Spaar.

Edward W. Spaar received his education in the schools of the home neighborhood, attending the public schools the first day the system was inaugurated in his district; it was held on the second floor of an old mill building, where John Shuler now lives. He was reared on the farm, and still continues to follow farming, owning thirty-five acres of good land, on which are a stone house and a good barn. By thrift and industry he makes a good living from this place. For some years Mr. Spaar worked at the cigar-maker's trade. He has served three years as constable of his township, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Spaar married in 1863 Mary Ackerman, born Nov. 9, 1843, daughter of Stephen and Fietta (Griffith) Ackerman, of Washington township, and fourteen children have been born to them: Frank, who is deceased; Edwin, of Bally; David, who lives in Allentown; Jonathan, of Allentown; Elmer, of Allentown;

Anthony, of Allentown; Tevillia, wife of E. Deysher; Joanna, wife of William Fister; Jane, wife of Earnt Waller; Amanda, wife of Frank Bauer; Estella, unmarried; Saphora, unmarried; Lydia, wife of Laurence Frey; and George, deceased. The family belong to the Catholic Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament, at Bally, Berks county.

ALFRED J. GENNER, president and general manager of The Temple Ornamental and Structural Iron Works Company, one of the important and prospering industries of Temple, Pa., has been identified with the development of this enterprise since its organization, having been its careful and conservative presiding officer since that time. He is a man of wide experience in his line of activity and occupies a position of prominence in the business world. Mr. Genner is a native of England, where his education was received.

While in his native country Mr. Genner learned the method of iron making, and in the spring of 1880 he came to America and settled in Chester county, Pa., where he secured employment with the Crucible Iron Works. After about ten years with this company, he accepted a position with Jackson and Sharp, at Wilmington, Del., and served with them for six years as manager of the iron department. He then resigned to engage in the ornamental iron business, but subsequently located in Reading, and for five years was employed at the W. F. Remppis Iron Works. Mr. Genner then organized the Temple Ornamental and Structural Iron Works Company, which was later established on a joint stock basis, the officers being: Alfred J. Genner, president and general manager; J. D. Brockway, vice president; and Wilfred Wolcott, secretary, of Camden, N. J.; and K. B. Genner, treasurer. The above gentlemen, with Herman P. Roeper, compose the board of directors. Mr. Genner still controls the chief interest in this enterprise, and its continuous growth and expansion is directly attributable to his intelligent and well-applied efforts.

Ever since its organization the company has maintained an office in New York, which is located at No. 207 Broadway, and it has executed many large and important contracts in that city and vicinity. Lately the company has furnished all the ornamental iron work used in the construction of the new Bellevue Hospital, New York, as well as all the ornamental iron work for the Essex County Hospital buildings for the State of New Jersey: while another contract includes fire escapes for the Dupont Building, Wilmington, Del. How extensive has been the work of the company during recent years will be seen from the fact that it has filled orders for such representative concerns as the Bell Telephone Company, Lyric Theatre Company, University of Pennsylvania, and others in Philadelphia; West Chester State Normal School, West Chester, Pa.; Wilmington Pumping Station, Wilmington, Del.; New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, Jamaica, L. I.; Monroe County Bank, East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Schuylkill Trust Company, Pottsville, Pa.; the new Mishler Theatre, Altoona, Pa.; and numerous contracts throughout the State for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The business of the Temple Ornamental and Structural Iron Works Company was never in a stronger or more prosperous condition than at the present time and it is steadily increasing in volume from month to month. It was owing to the growth of the company's business that a branch office was opened in April, 1907, at No. 308 Harrison Building, Philadelphia, where its interests are constantly growing in volume and importance. Mr. Genner divides his time between the main offices at Temple and the branches at Philadelphia and New York. The company's output embraces a wide and varied line of architectural and ornamental wrought and cast iron work, plain and artistic iron work of all kinds, office and bank work, elevator enclosures, iron stairs, fire escapes, railing, fencing, grilles, etc., and the facilities at its command are of the most complete and advantageous character.

JAMES Y. HARTMAN, a well-known resident of the Twelfth ward, Reading, who is now living retired, was for many years engaged in butchering and contracting, and was also prominently connected with public affairs of the city. Mr. Hartman was born in Reading, Oct. 21, 1838, son of John and Elizabeth (Bower) Hartman.

John Hartman was born in Alsace township, Berks county, where as a young man he learned the stone mason's trade, and this occupation he followed successfully for many years in Reading, employing from six to eight men, and becoming one of the best known men in his line in the city. He died at the age of eighty-four years and was buried at the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Hartman was married to Elizabeth Bower, who attained the remarkable age of ninety-four years and was buried at the Alsace cemetery, and to this union there were born the following children: Elizabeth, who married (first) Jacob Kulp and (second) Joseph Baker; John; Angeline, who married Peter Shaffer; Sophia, who married Emanuel Fritz; Mary, who married Adam Schwenk, a resident of Reading; Christiana, who married Jacob Danig; Henry; Amos, who died young; and James Y.

James Y. Hartman attended the public schools of Reading, and when a boy was employed with his father. At the age of seventeen years he went to learn the butchering trade with William Mengel and John Simmons, with whom he served an apprenticeship of three years, and then engaged in business for himself for twenty-seven years, serving many families and being located most of this time at Tenth and Marion streets. In 1887 he gave up butchering to engage in the contracting business, and in addition to furnishing many of the cobble stones that were used in paving streets and gutters, the last being the stones used on Fidelity street, east from Twelfth, between Elm and Buttonwood streets, he has dug many cellars and built the foundation walls for many houses. Among Mr. Hartman's many contracts may be mentioned the cellars and foundation walls for four houses on Douglass street above Birch, built by Joseph Loder and Irvin Impink, and the foundation walls for Loder & Impink's thirteen new houses on Locust and Elm streets. Mr. Hartman for a number of years lived at No. 839 Hampden street, but after his retirement in October, 1907, he started the erection of a fine three-story residence at No. 1239 Douglass street.

On June 24, 1874, Mr. Hartman was married to Catherine Weaver, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Oswald) Weaver, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Charles N., born April 6, 1875, who married Gertrude Becker, July 14, 1909; Henrietta, born Jan. 28, 1878, who married William Dailey of Reading; Franklin F., born July 6, 1880, who lives at home; Maggie M., born Jan. 14, 1883, who married Harry Grube, of Reading; and Matilda, born Oct. 10, 1885, Emma E., born Nov. 16, 1887, Cecelia, born Feb. 17, 1890, and Josephine E., born July 29, 1893, who all live at home.

In political matters Mr. Hartman is a stanch Democrat, and served his ward, then the Eleventh, in the city council in 1874-5 and again in 1882-84. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, while Mrs. Hartman belongs to the Lutheran faith.

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STEINMAN. The Steinmans of Berks county are descendants of Hans George Steinman (also spelled Stoneman), who in a deed for land is said to have come from Holland at an early date. Prior to 1760 he had located in Hereford township, Berks county, and in 1764 Agnes Steinman, relict of Hans George Steinman, purchased from Michael Schell a tract of land in Here-

ford township consisting of thirty-two acres. She also purchased a tract of twenty acres, with an allowance, from Thomas and Richard Penn, which is still in the family name, being at present owned by the brothers John F. Steinman and George H. Steinman. The deeds are of parchment, and beautifully written with a goose quill. One of the deeds begins as follows:

"This Indenture made the Tenth Day of April, in the Eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George III, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., and In the Year of our Lord 1768, between Agnes Stoneman of Hereford township—in County of Berks, in province of Pennsylvania—Widow—the relict of Hans George Stoneman, late of same township, yeoman, deceased, John Stoneman of Hereford township—aforesaid—yeoman, and Andrew Mamer, of Upper Hanover township—in County of Philadelphia—in the said Province, Miller, and Anna Barbara his wife, They the said John and Anna Barbara being of the children of the said Hans George Stoneman by the said Agnes his wife—on the one part and George Stoneman of Hereford township—aforesaid—Yeoman, another of the sons of the said Hans George Stoneman, by the said Agnes his wife of the other part." Hans George Steinman it appears had three children. He is buried in the old graveyard, but the exact location of his grave is uncertain. One of his sons who bears his name has the following tombstone inscription:

"Dieser Stein zeiget die Ruhestette des verstorben Johan Georg Steinman geboren June 14, 1747, gestorben Nov. 25, 1826, war alt 79-5-10."

The following refers to his wife: "Hier ruhe in dieser Grabe die Gebeine von Catharine Steinman, eine Ehefrau von Georg Steinman. Sie erblickte das Licht dieser Welt d. 12 Oct. Anno 1750. Zeugte in ihrem Ehestand 8 Kinder, davon 4 mit der Mutter in die Ewigkeit gegangen, die unbrigen noch am Leben. Sie wurde alt 47 Jahr, 10 Monat, und 2 Wochen."

Among their children were Peter (1775-1813) and George (1775-1817), twins, and Catharine (1788-1829).

The second wife of Johan Georg Steinman was Elizabeth (Lehr), born in 1774, died in 1852, by whom he also had a number of children, among them being: Johannes is mentioned farther on; George, who located at Bethlehem, Pa., where he died, had four children, Amanda (who married Dr. Henry Dickensheid), Angeline (Mrs. Snyder), Henry (who died unmarried) and Willis; Heinrich, born in 1801, died in 1822; Jesse, born in 1804, died in 1827; Elizabeth married George Weigner, who lived in Hereford at the mill now owned by Lewis Kehl.

Johannes Steinman, son of Johan Georg, was born in Hereford township June 24, 1799, and died on his farm—the old Steinman homestead—Feb. 23, 1870, aged seventy years, seven months, twenty-nine days. He is buried in the graveyard at New Goshenhoppen Church, of which church he was a member. He owned the old place of 139 acres, and the farm of forty-eight acres now belonging to his grandsons, John F. and George H. Steinman. He built the brick house which still stands on the homestead in 1851, and had erected the barn some time previously. He also built the present house and barn on the old homestead now owned by Jeremiah H. Schultz, located on the Treichlersville and Clayton turnpike. He married Catharine Kehl, born Dec. 18, 1802, died April 11, 1857, and they had two children, William F. and James A.

William F. Steinman, son of Johannes, was born on the old homestead in Hereford township, Berks county, Nov. 15, 1836, and died April 22, 1890, aged fifty-three years, five months, seven days. In his early life William F. Steinman clerked in a store at Philadelphia, beginning at the humble salary of $1.75 a week and board, and he traveled with a show for a year before settling down to farming on the old homestead in Hereford with his brother, in 1859 or 1860. They continued in partnership until 1870, when William F. Steinman moved to the farm now belonging to his two sons, James remaining on the old homestead, where he farmed until his death in 1898. William F. Steinman was a member of the Reformed Church at New Goshenhoppen, and he was a Democrat in political opinion; he served six years as school director in Hereford township. He was married April 26, 1862, to Ellena Gery, daughter of John W. and Catharine (Glaser) Gery, of Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., born Nov. 21, 1831, died March 4, 1905. They became the parents of two children, John F. and George H., both of whom are mentioned below.

James A. Steinman, son of Johannes, owned and lived upon the old homestead until his death, which occurred April 25, 1898, when he was aged fifty-eight years, four months, sixteen days. Like his brother he was a Democrat in politics and served as school director of Hereford township. He married Fianna Christman, sister of Charles, who hailed from Kutztown, and they had a large family, namely: Katie, John, Agnes, James, Annie (who died young), Ida (who died young), Lottie, Charles and Ralph.

JOHN F. STEINMAN, eldest son of William F. Steinman, was born Nov. 7, 1863, on the old family homestead in Hereford township, and began his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. Later he went to the Perkiomen Seminary. He was reared to farming, and so far has spent all his days on the farm, making his home with his brother. They own the old David Gery tract, located on the old Maxatawny road, now better known as the Green Lane and Goshenhoppen turnpike, over which the early residents of Maxatawny township hauled their grain and produce to Philadelphia in the old-time Conestoga wagons. The Steinman brothers have made their home there since 1870. To the forty-eight-acre tract previously mentioned as having formerly belonged to their grandfather they have added twelve acres.

The Steinman brothers are Democrats in politics, and in religion they adhere to the Reformed faith, belonging to the New Goshenhoppen Church. John F. Steinman was active in the Sunday-school for many years, serving long as teacher, and George H. Steinman is one of the deacons at the present time.

GEORGE H. STEINMAN was born July 1, 1869, on the homestead in Hereford township, attended the common schools, and for a time was a student at the Perkiomen Seminary. He married Mary Christman, daughter of Jacob and Matilda (Gery) Christman, and they have had three children: Katie A., William F. and Willis J.

An old building on the Steinman brothers' property, and used by them as a store-house for farm implements, is one of the landmarks of the community and must be almost two hundred years old. People now in the eighties say that it was very old when they were children, and that their parents told them it was over one hundred years old then. It was one of the first stone houses in the township, and is of German architecture throughout, 26 feet wide and 40 feet long, two stories in height, with an attic. Standing on the pike formerly known as the old Maxatawny road, it was one of the earliest taverns in the county and was long known as the "Stone Tavern." Store and hotel were kept there up to about 1825. It was the stopping-place for teams and travelers between Kutztown and Maxatawny and Philadelphia, and old residents recall that people from Kutztown and Maxatawny remained there overnight going to and coming from Philadelphia, whither they took their grain and produce, bringing merchandise back. In those days they laid on the floor, rolling themselves in their blankets, and according to tradition they took turns keeping the wood fire going—a story which undoubtedly had its foundation in fact.

WILLIAM R. KRICK, an influential citizen of Reading, Pa., who is well known among hotel men of the city as proprietor of the "Fifteenth Ward Hotel," was born in Reading, June 2, 1840, son of Peter and Susanna (Reber) Krick.

Adam Krick, the grandfather of William R., was born June 22, 1792, and died April 5, 1857, aged sixty-four years, nine months, fourteen days, being buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a Reformed member, as well as chorister. He was an early school teacher of Berks county, was later the proprietor of a hotel in West Reading, which he himself erected, and was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of his day. On Nov. 30, 1811, he was married to Catherine Fisher, and they spent a married life of forty-five years, four months and five days. Their children were as follows: William; Peter, John; Maria; Susan; Abraham; and Rebecca, who married John Reedy, who died at Sinking Spring in 1906, in the ninety-fourth year of his age.

Peter Krick, the father of William R., was born in 1813, and died in 1872, being buried at the Charles Evans cemetery. In 1837 he came to Reading borough, locating in the Northwest Ward, and there he became a tradesman and boat-builder for the Union and Schuylkill canals. He married Susanna Reber, daughter of Nicholas Reber (1780-1844) and his wife Susanna Lash, born in 1783, and to this union there were born children as follows: Catherine Anna, born in 1837, died single; Levi J., born in 1839, married Mary Ann Hinnershitz, and they had five children,—Joel, Anna, Emma, Monroe and Mary; William R.; Ellenora, born in 1841, who died young; Joel, born in 1844, who married Sarah Young; Adam, born in 1846, who married Ella Adams; Ella, born in 1847, who married William Leas; Peter, who married Mary Riegel; and Catherine, twin of Peter, who died aged thirteen years.

William R. Krick has been a resident of the city of Reading all of his life, with the exception of ten years when he was engaged in the boat building business with James Rickenbach at Leesport. For six years he was employed at Barbey's Brewery, and at different times worked at Jacob Bushong's paper mill. For some time he was engaged in hauling for the city and private individuals, having as many as nine horses and carts, and he is still engaged in this business to some extent, having three horses and carts. On Nov. 1, 1900, he engaged in the hotel business, which he has continued to the present time, and in addition to his hotel property, he owns a dwelling and two building lots in the Sixth Ward and one dwelling in the Fifteenth Ward. He is a member of the Junior Fire Company, with which he has been connected since reaching his majority, and he is a charter member of the Schuylkill Fire Company, as was his brother, Levi, who is now deceased. He is connected with the Veteran Firemen's Association, the Harmony Club, Nursery Literary Association, and Democratic Club.

In 1859 Mr. Krick was married to Catherine Leinbach who died in 1896 and who was the daughter of Joshua Leinbach and Hannah Noecker, and to this union there were born seven children: Adam; Harvey; Laura, who married Daniel Frymoyer; Ella, who married Henry Humma; Alice, who married Moses Lessig; Albert, and Peter.

Mr. Krick belongs to Zion Reformed Church, Reading.

JOHN A. L. JENNINGS, one of the prominent citizens of Reading, Pa., who is now serving the city in the capacity of councilman, was born at Ninth and Walnut streets, Reading, Feb. 29, 1848, son of John S. and Julia (Long) Jennings.

John Jennings, grandfather of John A. L., was a native of Reading, where he spent all of his life, his occupation being that of a carpet weaver. He was first buried at Sixth and Walnut streets, but later, with many others, his remains were removed to the Lutheran graveyard. Among his children were John S. and Mrs. Weaver. John S. Jennings was born at Reading in 1800, and died there in November, 1867. He was a carpenter by occupation, as well as an all-around mechanic, resided on Maple street, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Julia Long, daughter of Joseph Long, a Chester county Quaker. She was born in 1803, and died in 1887, having been the mother of four children: John A. L.; Susan, who married Levi Miller, both deceased; Julia, who is the widow of John Yerger; and Anna Elizabeth, who died aged five years, in 1857.

John A. L. Jennings was educated in the public schools of the city, and when but thirteen years old he commenced working for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being an apprentice boy in the machine shop at Seventh and Chestnut streets. In 1864 during the strike, he was a fireman on the main line, when the Government sent thirty-five crews to operate the trains. For four years, from 1874 to 1878, Mr. Jennings worked as a special officer on the same road, and was in Schuylkill County during the Molly Maguire troubles, witnessing the hanging of the first six offenders. After 1878 he returned to the shops and took up the machinist trade, which he followed until he was made foreman in about 1880. He has charge of the old shop and about 150 men are under his employ, doing all the yard work and the heavy work in the shop. Since 1887, Mr. Jennings has resided at No. 1346 Cotton street. He is a member of Camp No. 212, P. O. S. of A., and the Twenty Century Quakers No. 2, both of Reading. In religious belief he is a Methodist. In political matters, Mr. Jennings is a stanch Republican, and since he attained his majority he has taken an active interest in his party's welfare. He was ward chairman from 1900 to 1903, and in the spring election of 1908 was elected by a good majority, to the office of common councilman.

On Oct. 12, 1869, Mr. Jennings was married to Clara Derrick, born Oct. 12, 1852, at Reading, who died aged twenty-eight years, daughter of Charles Derrick, of Reading, and granddaughter of Charles and Libby Derrick. Five children were born to this union: Minnie, who married Jacob Ganster, has a son, Earl, who lives at home with parents; Viola, who died in 1901; Emma E., who married Walter W. Troxel, of Reading; Laura, who married Joseph Miller, of Reading; and John, who is single.

JARED G. YARNELL, a highly esteemed retired citizen of West Reading borough, Pa., who was for many years engaged in contracting in Spring township, Berks county, was born Feb. 23, 1840, in Bern township, son of George and Margaret (Lerch) Yarnell.

The Yarnell family is of old English Quaker stock. Francis and Peter Yarnell came from their native land with the Hugheses, Boones, Penroses, Kirbys, and Lightfoots, and settled in Oley township. They were of the fifty or more families who had been left out when the township was erected. The people to the "south part of Oley" therefore petitioned the Court at Philadelphia, in 1741, to erect that part into a township. The petition was granted. Among the sixteen signers to this petition were Francis and Peter Yarnell, one of whom was the great-grandfather of Jared G.

Peter Yarnell, grandfather of Jared G., had a brother Jasper, who was a blacksmith by trade, and who had settled in Maidencreek township prior to 1800; in 1802 he bought a tract of land in that district from Michael Dunkel. The Yarnell family was related by marriage to the Lightfoot family of the Revolutionary days. Peter Yarnell, the grandfather, is buried at the Quaker Meeting House in Maiden-creek township. He married Maria Yarnall (the original spelling of the name), and their one son, George, was born Aug. 4, 1793, in Maiden-creek township.

George Yarnell, son of Peter, obtained a fair education in the local schools and learned the shoemaking

trade, which, however, he did not follow. He worked at the carpenter's trade, and also followed farming, having a small tract of land in Bern township, near "Leinbach's Hotel," where he died April 23, 1842, and was buried at Epler's Church. Mr. Yarnell married Margaret Lerch, born Jan. 3, 1803, in Bern township, daughter of John and Margaret (Steffe) Lerch, who died Sept. 27, 1888, and was buried beside her husband. They were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Yarnell was a Whig. To George and Margaret (Lerch) Yarnell there were born these children: Mary, born Feb. 16, 1825, is unmarried and resides at the Home for Widows and Single Women, Reading; Reuben J., born Jan. 1, 1834, died unmarried Feb. 17, 1861; Catherine, born April 26, 1837, married Henry R. Tobias, of Bern township; and Jared G.

Jared G. Yarnell attended the schools of Bern township, and the Normal school for two terms, and then taught two winters in Bern and Brecknock townships, after which he learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed in connection with stone cutting for several years. He engaged for a short time in boating on the Schuylkill canal, and in 1867 engaged in the contracting business, beginning operations in this line by building the Albright school house in Bern township. He built ten county bridges, the waterworks at Fleetwood, the Maiden Creek pumping station and pipe line, and did a great deal of sewer contracting in the city, also breaking the ground for the City Park at Reading. For twenty-five years he did work for the city and county. In 1884 he located in West Reading, where he built fifteen private residences, but since 1905 he has been living retired. On Sept. 18, 1906, Mr. Yarnell met with an accident, through which he lost his left leg, eight and one-half inches below the knee.

At the beginning of the Civil war Mr. Yarnell enlisted in Company E, 42d regiment for the State defense, and in 1864 re-enlisted, becoming on Sept. 2d, a private in Company H, 205th Pa. V. I., with which he served until the close of the war, being with the Army of the Potomac. For many years Mr. Yarnell was a member of Keim Post, G. A. R. He was raised a Mason in 1882, belongs to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., Reading Commandery No. 42, and Excelsior Chapter, No. 237. He was a member of LuLu Temple, of Philadelphia, and a charter member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading. In politics he is a stanch Republican, being one of the first councilmen of West Reading, and a prime mover in the establishment of the borough. He is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder since 1902. On Feb. 10, 1867, Mr. Yarnell was married to Katie M. Adams, of Cumru township, daughter of Amos and Mary A. (Moore) Adams. One child has been born to this union: Charles W., alderman of the Fifth ward of Reading, who married Sarah, daughter of Albert Franks.

JONAS S. KRIEBEL. The Kriebel family was planted in Pennsylvania by members of the Schwenkfelder band who came over from Silesia, Germany, in 1734, and located in Towamensing township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

(I) Casper Kriebel, the ancestor of that branch of the family to which Jonas S. Kriebel, of Hereford township, Berks county, belongs, lived in Towamensing township, Montgomery county, on land which he owned, and which is now in the possession of his descendant, Abraham K. Kriebel. On his emigration to this country he was accompanied by his wife, Susanna, who died April 17, 1769. They had two children, George and Abraham.

(II) Abraham Kriebel, son of Casper, was born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 8, 1736. He died Jan. 30, 1801. He inherited the farm on which he lived and died, at the Schwenkfelder meeting house, and this in 1879 was occupied by his grandson. In 1762 he married Susanna, daughter of George Schultz, and she died in 1820. Their children were: Christian (1764-1812) and Andrew.

(III) Andrew Kriebel, son of Abraham and Susanna, was born Oct. 5, 1765, and he died Oct. 15, 1853. In 1793 he married Maria, daughter of George Heebner. She died in 1857, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Their children were: Lydia, Daniel, George, Hannah, Abraham, Susanna and Sophia.

(II) Rev. George Kriebel, son of Casper the emigrant, was born in Saxony, Germany, Nov. 3, 1732. He was well educated, and in his younger days taught school. For many years he was a minister in the Society of Schwenkfelders. He was frequently engaged as a conveyancer and in settling differences in his vicinity. He lived on property which in 1879 was owned by a man named Brey. The Rev. Mr. Kriebel died Dec. 1, 1805. In 1758 he married Anna, daughter of Blathaser Anders, and she died in 1822 in the eighty-seventh year of her age, at their home in Lower Milford, Lehigh county. Their children were: Abraham, born May 26, 1760; Susanna, July 1, 1761; Jacob, Feb. 12, 1764; and Anna, Nov. 20, 1766.

(III) Abraham Kriebel, son of Rev. George, born May 26, 1760, owned and lived on a farm that in 1879 was owned by Joel Yeakel, in the Hosensack. In 1784 he married Salome Yeakel, who died in 1815. They had eleven children: Benjamin, Lydia, Daniel, Jacob, Anthony, Jonathan, Sophia, Anna, Samuel, Susanna and Rachel.

(IV) Jonathan Kriebel, son of Abraham, was born May 5, 1795, and died April 10, 1873. On April 22, 1820, he married Anna, daughter of George Heydrick, and she died April 9, 1836. Their children were: George, born 1821, and died the same year; Charles, born 1828, and died 1838; and Abraham.

(V) Abraham Kriebel, son of Jonathan, was born in Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, on his father's farm, Aug. 22, 1823. He is buried at Washington Schwenkfelder Church. He was a life long farmer, and owned a 120 acre farm in Douglass township, Montgomery county, immediately opposite the old Gehman farm. On Nov. 27, 1845, he married Regina Schultz, daughter of Matthias Schultz. Their children were: Susanna, born 1847, died unmarried, 1876; Jonas S.; Charles, who lived on the homestead; Sarah, who died unmarried; Samuel, born 1854, and died 1860; John; a daughter that died in infancy; and William, born 1861 and died 1862.

(VI) Jonas S. Kriebel, son of Abraham and Regina, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, Aug. 19, 1848. He attended the township school, and one winter term he attended a school of higher education at Wadsworth, Medina Co., Ohio. He remained with his parents until he was of age, and then for three years hired out among neighboring farmers. After his marriage in 1876 he began farming on his present place, then the property of his father, and this he tenanted until the latter's death, when he purchased it from the estate. The farm contains one hundred acres, and is well located. The present set of buildings were erected by Christopher Schultz.

Mr. Kriebel is a Republican, and was a director of the Clayton Butter & Cheese Company for one year. Since its organization in 1889 he has been one of the trustees of Union Chapel, at Chapel. For three years he was a deacon in the Schwenkfelder church, to which he and his family belong. Mr. Kriebel has a grandfather's clock that belonged to his parents.

On Jan. 8, 1876, Mr. Kriebel was married to Annie H. Krauss, daughter of Aaron Krauss. Ten children have been born to them, as follows: Harvey, a student at State College, Pa.; Minerva; Alice, who married Harry Huber, of Norristown; Mary; Amanda, who married George Gerhart, and lives in Worcester township, Montgomery county; Adaline; Edna; Annie; Oswin; and Irene.

ALLEN C. PAINE, proprietor of the "City Hotel" and a prominent citizen of Reading, Pa., was born in

Lebanon county, Pa., and is a son of William and Rebecca (Urich) Paine.

The Paine family is of English extraction and was founded in America by the grandfather of Allen C. Paine, who, settled in Berks county, Pa., but later removed to Lancaster county, where he became a man of substance and prominence. He owned two fine farms and also operated a distillery, and continued in active business life until his death. His children were: William; John; Levi; Joseph; and Mary m. a Mr. Wagner and now resides in Lebanon.

William Paine, father of Allen C., was born in Berks county, Pa., and he was engaged in farming for many years in Lebanon county. Practically his whole life was spent there. His marriage was to Rebecca Urich and they had three children, namely: Allen C., James, in a grocery business at Reading, and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Klinefelter, of Illinois. In political sentiment William Paine was a Democrat.

Allen C. Paine was educated in the schools of Lebanon County and in boyhood commenced learning the trade of cabinet making. After working for three years at this business he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and was in business at Schuylkill for twelve years and then disposed of his stock and returned to Lebanon. Since then he has been more or less connected with hotel-keeping at different points. He has been proprietor of the "Central," the "Palace" and the "Valley" hotels and has established an enviable reputation as a host.

In October, 1897, Mr. Paine came to Reading and purchased the "Windsor Hotel," which he successfully operated for four and a half years, when he disposed of it to other parties. For the two succeeding years Mr. Paine retired from business but returned as the owner and proprietor of the "Hotel Weiler," on the corner of Eighth and Washington streets. This property he leased and he remained its owner until the site was secured by the city for a public school building, the hotel being dismantled. The school building cost $25,000. Mr. Paine then purchased the "City Hotel" on South Sixth street. This is one of the finest hostelries in the city. It has sixty well furnished rooms, fitted with all modern improvements, and the cuisine is second to none. This hotel is a favorite one with theatrical people and commercial travelers.

In 1876 Mr. Paine married Miss McCorkle and they have six children, viz.: Thomas, Raymond, Robert, Lizzie, Beulah and Virginia.

Politically Mr. Paine is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., and the K. G. E.

WILLIAM JACOB BOBST, proprietor of a hosiery mill at Reading, was born in Maxatawny township, near Kutztown, Jan. 14, 1838, and died at Reading April 8, 1909. Mr. Bobst received a limited education in the public schools near his home. While still a boy he began to work out on a farm for his board and clothing, but his industry and perseverance so won the esteem of his employer that he was soon paid two dollars a month extra, which, at that time, was regarded as very much, and evidenced the satisfactory performance of his duties. After working on a farm until he was seventeen years old, he manifested a preference for machinery and manufactures, and securing employment in the woolen mills of William Brumbach in Exeter township, three miles below Reading, he worked there for several years. Then he sought a position in a hosiery mill at Lockport, N. Y., for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the manufacture of hosiery, and he remained there for a year. With this experience he located at Reading, finding employment in the large wool hat factory of the Hendel Brothers. After working for this firm about ten years, he was invited to become a partner on account of his skill and steady character, and he retained his interest in this great local enterprise for nearly thirty years, retiring in 1893.

In 1889, while in the hat business, he started a factory for the manufacture of hosiery, with his son William as the manager. Guided by his long experience as a manufacturer, he made this venture a success from the start, and the increasing orders from different parts of the country coming to require all of his time, he was obliged to withdraw from the firm of Hendel Bros., in 1893; and from that time he devoted his attention to the manufacture of men's half hose. In 1895 he erected a substantial two-story mill on Pearl street below Chestnut and equipped it with the best machinery. He employed upward of one hundred hands, and kept the plant running constantly, shipments being made direct to all parts of the United States.

From his early manhood Mr. Bobst took an earnest interest in religious affairs and identified himself with the Evangelical Association, the church of his parents, becoming a member of the Salem congregation at Eighth and Court streets. His zeal and devotion won the high regard of the members, and he quite naturally was selected to fill various positions in carrying on its affairs, both in the Sunday-school and in the church; and his successful efforts were evidenced by his acting as class-leader, exhorter, and president of the trustee board for the management of the financial affairs of the congregation, and also as president of the steward board for the management of its ministerial affairs; and though constantly active in the work for upward for fifty years, he continued to be devoted to the welfare of the congregation to the end of his life..

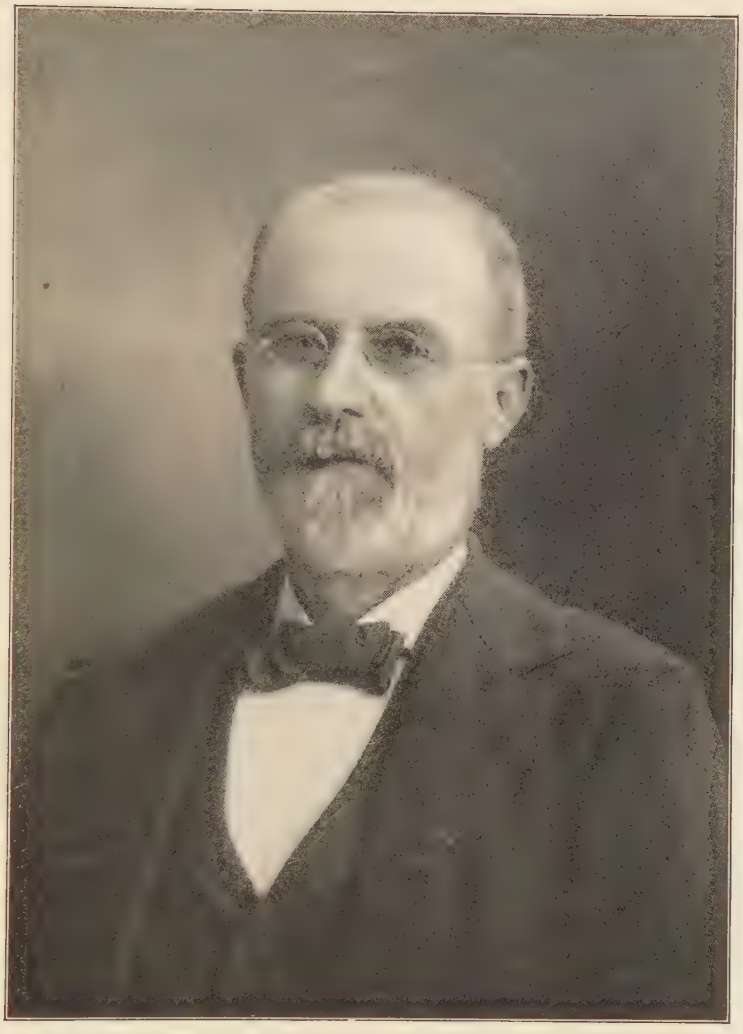
In 1875, when thirty-seven years old, Mr. Bobst imbibed the commendable principles of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and became a charter member in the institution of a new lodge, called Mt. Penn, and he kept up his membership in this lodge until his death. In 1868 he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by becoming a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, and he was advanced into Excelsior Chapter and Reading Commandery of the Knights Templars; in all of these bodies he continued an active membership.

Notwithstanding his devotion to the church and secret societies outside of his business, Mr. Bobst felt it his duty as a citizen of a prosperous city like Reading to show an active interest in the educational and municipal affairs of the community; accordingly he was elected to serve as a common councilman from the First ward for two terms from 1880 to 1884; and also as a school controller from the Fourth ward for two terms from 1891 to 1899, acting as chairman of the Teachers' committee for six years. He also officiated as president of the Aulenbach Cemetery Company for five years from 1898. In January, 1907, he was elected a director of the Commercial Trust Company of Reading, and from that time serving the corporation in its management.

When Mr. Bobst became of age he cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln as President, and he ever after held firmly to the Republican party. When the Civil war broke out in 1861, he espoused the great cause of Lincoln's administration, and in 1863 when a call for special troops was made to defend the State from the invading enemy, he enlisted in the company of independent artillery from Reading, commanded by Capt. William C. Ermentrout, and served a term of three months from July 3, 1863.

In 1858 Mr. Bobst married Sarah Clark, daughter of William and Susan (Hiester) Clark, of Exeter township, and by her he had three children: William Clark; Emma, m. to William H. Romig; and Laura, m. to Warren Rotz.

Charles Bobst, father of William J., of Maxatawny township, near Kutztown, was born in 1808 and learned the trade of a weaver, which he carried on in connection with farming for many years until shortly before his death in 1871. He was married to Mary Smith, of the same township; and by her he had six children: Catharine m. John Shively; William J., above; Lucy m. John Clark; Samuel m. Leah Houpt; James m. Alice Heffelfinger; and Jacob died unmarried.



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Philip Bobst, grandfather of William J., was of Kutztown, where he conducted a popular inn for many years, which was largely patronized in the days of stage-coaches traveling daily on the great thoroughfare from Reading to Easton. He was married to Rebecca Swoyer, of the same township and a descendant of the prominent family of that name, and by her he had six children: Michael married a Schmeck; John married a lady whose Christian name was Elizabeth; Samuel m. a Schoedler; Charles, above; David m. Leah Diener; and Lucy m. John Swenk. He died in 1851, aged seventy-three years, and his wife died in 1855, aged eighty years. The family name was formerly Brobst. The Maxatawny branch migrated from Albany township before 1800.

JAMES B. GRESH, justice of the peace and real estate agent at Little Oley, Douglass township, Berks county, was born on the Henry Gresh homestead, July 24, 1867, son of Urias F. and Rebecca (Baker) Gresh.

Johann Georg Gresch (to use the old spelling of the name) was the founder of the family in this county. He was born in Germany, Oct. 18, 1724, and was twenty-five years of age, when in 1749 he came to America, and shortly after he located in Douglass township, Berks Co., Pa. He was a farmer, and it is likely that he was unmarried when he came to this country. He died Oct. 29, 1788, and both he and his wife Esther, born Sept. 22, 1738, died Jan. 31, 1827, are buried in the Fritz burying ground near Little Oley, where also sleep many other members of the family. They had sons: Georg, Johann Adam and Nicholas.

The village of Greshville perpetuates the name. It is located in Douglass township, and was named after Johann Adam Gresch, son of the pioneer. The postoffice was established in 1853, and was continued for fifty years.

Johann Adam Gresch, son of the emigrant Johann Georg, was born in Douglass township, March 19, 1778, and died May 28, 1831. He was a prominent business man in the very early days in Douglass township, having a store, tavern and distillery, his place being a very busy business center. In 1796 he married Anna Maria Reifschneider, born March 30, 1779, and died Feb. 29, 1864, after a married life of sixty-eight years. They had three sons and two daughters, among whom were: Elizabeth, 1799-1805; Charles, 1802-1849; and Adam, 1804-1846.

George Gresh, great-grandfather of James B., was born Oct. 16, 1767, and died Nov. 3, 1823, passing his entire life in Douglass township. He was a farmer and owned considerable land. His remains were buried in a private burial ground, known as Fritz's Burial ground, on the farm now owned by Warren Hoffman. He married Elizabeth Handwork, and their children were: George; Henry; Jacob; Isaac; Aaron; Elizabeth, m. to Jacob Moser; Joseph, of Monocacy; Susan, m. to John Sassaman; Sarah, m. to Samuel Fox; Polly, m. to Henry Hartranft; and several whose names are not recalled.

Henry Gresh, son of George, was born Jan. 20, 1800, and died in 1880, and is buried in Fairview cemetery at Boyertown. He was a farmer and also operated a saw and oil mill. His farm, which consisted in his time of 103 acres, has been cut up into two tracts, and the mill property is now owned by James G. Hartranft. He married Catharine Fox (1803-1871), and she too, is buried in Fairview cemetery. Their children were: Urias F.; Sarah, m. to Frederick Hornater; Henry who lived in Douglass township; David, a shoemaker in Douglass township; Jeremiah, who died in infancy; George, a willow basket maker living at Iron Stone Creek; and Mary Ann and Catharine, twins, the former the widow of William Yoder, and the latter the widow of Milton Hatfield.

Urias F. Gresh, son of Henry and father of James B., was born in Douglass township Oct. 24, 1830. His earlier life was spent upon the Gresh farm near Little Oley, where he lived for thirty years, and operated the saw and oil mills, the latter for fifteen years, making flax seed oil. After the establishment of the free schools he taught at Manatawny two years, at Mock's school two years, and at the old eight corner school in Douglass two years. In 1866 he opened the first business house at Little Oley, and carried on a general merchandise business there until 1906, when his son Jacob succeeded him. He established the Little Oley postoffice in 1871, and was made postmaster, an office he has since continued to fill. His business has so increased that he was obliged to build an addition to his store. In politics he is a Democrat, and for forty years was a justice of the peace, at the end of that time being succeeded by his son, James B. He also served as auditor and school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Boyertown church, and he has been an officer of the Sunday-school. In 1862 he married Rebecca Baker, daughter of Jacob Baker and his wife who was a Miss Eagle, of Earl township. To this union have been born twelve children: Maggie, m. to Henry Yergey; Miss Emma, at home; James B.; Jacob B.; Thomas B.; Katie, m. to Irwin Sands; Bessie, m. to Harvey Bower; Mary B., m. to Orlando Leh; and four died in infancy.

James B. Gresh received a good education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he learned the cigar making trade, and at nineteen became a cigar manufacturer, following this business ever since. He has a factory at Little Oley, and employs five hands, making the well known "Graso," a five-cent cigar, which has a good local trade, and as well in the towns of Schuylkill Valley, between Reading and Conshohocken. The capacity of the factory is 200,000 per annum. Mr. Gresh is thoroughly familiar with the raising of tobacco, and has made a study of the different grades and stages. In 1906 he began growing it, and at present raises about three acres a year. He built his two-story brick factory at Little Oley in 1889, and his modern residence in 1894.

In politics Mr. Gresh is a Democrat, and has held several local offices. In the spring of 1907 he was elected a justice of the peace. In 1908 he was treasurer of the supervisors of his township. He and his family are Lutherans. Mr. Gresh is a member of Aerie No. 626, F. O. E., of Pottstown.

In 1892 Mr. Gresh married Lizzie Anderson, daughter of James and Catharine Anderson, and they have three children: Clarence, Grace and Paul.

ISAAC Y. KINTZER (deceased), at one time U. S. Internal Revenue Collector and warden of the Berks county prison, was born in Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., Aug. 2, 1837, son of John and Louisa (Yeager) Kintzer.

John George Kintzer was the emigrant ancestor of this family in America, he having settled along the Potomac river. His estate is still unsettled, and his lands along the river are now occupied by the United States Government. He had a son, George, who was the father of John Kintzer, grandfather of Isaac Y., who settled in Marion township, Berks county, and there owned several farms, and there died aged eighty-six years; he was buried at Host Church. He was three times married, his first wife being a Miss Leiss, by whom one son, John, was born. To his second marriage, to a Miss Brown, a child, Adam, was born, and he married (third) a Miss Zillars, who also bore him one child, Caroline, who married a Mr. Beidel. In religious belief he was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics he was an old line Whig.

John Kintzer, father of Isaac Y., was reared upon a farm in Marion township, but when a young man removed to Womelsdorf, operating a farm on the outskirts of that borough, and following agricultural pursuits all of his life, dying in 1886, at the age of ninety. His wife passed away in 1902, when eighty-four years

old. In politics a Democrat, in religion he was a member of the Reformed Church, and he served many years as a deacon. He and his estimable wife were the parents of four children, viz.: Isaac; John H., deceased; Rebecca, who married William Kline, of Reading; and Elizabeth, who married William Reeser, of Reading.

Isaac Yeager Kintzer received his literary training in the schools of Womelsdorf, and commenced teaching school when but a boy, continuing to act in that capacity for twelve terms. Mr. Kintzer was then elected justice-of-the-peace, an office he filled very efficiently for seventeen years, resigning his last commission to accept the position of Deputy Revenue Collector, during Cleveland's first administration. This position he held for a term of four years, and in 1894 was elected warden of the Berks County Prison. This important office Mr. Kintzer filled for a period of four years, and it is scarcely too much to say that he was one of the most satisfactory incumbents of that office that the county ever had. It was during his superintendence that many improvements were inaugurated, these including the placing of electric lights and an entire change made in the sanitary conditions. Both he and his estimable wife took a personal interest in the charges under their control, and even so captious a body as prisoners were entirely satisfied with the food provided for them. After leaving this position Mr. Kintzer engaged in the grocery business at Third and Franklin streets, and here he was very successful. Before coming to Reading, however, Mr. Kintzer was engaged for seven years in Womelsdorf, and for one year in Robesonia in the hotel business.

Mr. Kintzer was married (first) in 1858 to Elvina Smith, and to them were born six children: Valeria married H. P. Keiser, Esq., of Reading, Pa.; John, of Fayette county, is a clerk with the Pittsburg Coal & Coke Co.; Lizzie, who died in October, 1908, married E. M. Keller; Nova D. married George Schupp; Mary married William Kurtz of Womelsdorf; and William, unmarried, is of Reading. Mrs. Kintzer died in 1883, and in 1885 Mr. Kintzer married (second) Amelia S. Behney, of Marion township, Berks Co., Pa. Mr. Kintzer was a member of the United American Mechanics from 1857, and was also connected with the K. G. E. at Womelsdorf and the K. of P. of Robesonia. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion was a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kintzer died Jan. 4, 1907.

LEWIS BOLLMAN, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Hyde Park, Berks county, who served three three-year terms as tax collector of Muhlenberg township, was born Dec. 5, 1842, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of John and Mary (Fisher) Bollman, and died there April 8, 1908.

Jacob Bollman, grandfather of Lewis, was a native of Berks county, and owned and operated a farm near Sinking Spring, in which locality he spent his life. He and his wife, whose name is not remembered, were the parents of these children: George m. Sarah Fisher; Susan m. Levi Hendel; Barbara m. Absalom Fisher; and John. In religious belief the family were Reformed. Politically Mr. Bollman was a Whig.

John Bollman inherited the farm formerly owned by his father, which is now known as the Reuben Gaul estate, and here he spent a few years, but on account of bad management was forced to give up his farm and engage in common laboring. He died in 1863, when fifty-four years of age, his wife surviving until her sixty-ninth year. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and the parents of these children: Sarah m. George Cordeman; Leonard, who died single, was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of the 128th Reg., Durell's Battery; Catherine m. Benjamin Luft; Lewis; Mary m. Isaac Behm; Emma m. William D. Sand; and Samuel died young. Mr. Bollman was a Whig, but never was the holder of any public office.

Lewis Bollman was educated in the schools of Sinking Spring, which he attended winters, and in the summer months, from the age of eight years, he engaged at laboring for $1.50 per month until 1862, when he enlisted as a substitute for William Mahnader, in Co. E., 167th P. V. I., Durell's Battery, in which he continued to serve until the close of the war, having an honorable and gallant record. On his return from the war, he became the driver of a six-mule team for the Clymer Iron Company, with which firm he continued about two years, and then engaged with Leisz and Schrack, lumbermen, who were operating in the Blue Mountains. He remained with this concern for several years, and then found employment in the Philadelphia and Reading rail mill, in which he continued until Coffoth & Sailor took charge thereof, and then with these gentlemen until they suspended business. He then engaged in farming for himself for three years, but subsequently engaged at Wilhelm's Bolt and Nut Works, and continued with this company until it was closed in 1898. At this time Mr. Bollman was elected tax collector of Muhlenberg township, and he served his third three-year term in this office, while he was also roadmaster by appointment of the board of supervisors. Mr. Bollman was a Democrat in his political belief, being the only member of his family to vote with that party.

Fraternally Mr. Bollman was connected with Washington Camp No. 68 P. O. S. of A., and Nathan Hale Commandery of that order; and with Lodge No. 372, K. G. E. He was also a member of Durell's Battery Association. He was a member of Grace Alsace Reformed Church, in which he had been an elder.

Mr. Bollman married Rebecca Moyer, daughter of Jacob Moyer.

HORATIO K. SCHULTZ, the present owner of the old homestead in Hereford township, near Hereford, owns land which has been in the family name since 1746, on Oct. 4th of which year his collateral ancestor. Melchior Schultz, purchased it. Record of this transfer is found in Patent Book A, Vol. 13, page 124. In 1729 Casper Wistar, a noted land agent in his day, purchased from John, Thomas and Richard Penn a tract of 200 acres, which he sold to Henry Stauffer, who in turn sold it to Melchior Schultz. The land was a perfect rectangle, level and productive, and included the present Horatio K. Schultz farm, which has been in the family name since 1746; the farm of Jonas S. Kriebel, and the tract of Erwin N. Schultz. In 1749 Melchior Schultz (or Scholtz) bought a tract containing 120½ acres in the Manor of Ruscombe (Ruscombmanor township), in Berks county, Pa.; this was woodland. In 1783 Melchior and Maria Schultz sold three separate tracts to his nephew, Andrew Schultz, all located in Hereford township, and containing, respectively, 190, fifty-three and fourteen acres.

Andrew Schultz, the great-grandfather of Horatio K. Schultz, was born Jan. 29, 1753, son of Rev. Christopher Schultz, the great leader of the Schwenkfelders in this part of the country, who was a brother of the Melchior Schultz mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Andrew Schultz died Feb. 5, 1802, aged forty-nine years, six days. On Nov. 24, 1776, he married Charlotte Yeakel, daughter of Jeremiah Yeakel. She survived him many years, dying Feb. 11, 1825. Their children were Christopher (Rev.), Susanna, Regina, Esther, Maria, Christina and Henry.

Rev. Christopher Schultz, son of Andrew, born Oct. 12, 1777, died on his farm March 22, 1843, aged sixty-five years, five months, ten days. He is buried at Washington meeting-house. On May 29, 1804, he married Susanna Yeakel, daughter of Abraham Yeakel, and she died April 3, 1861, at the age of seventy-eight years. They had children: A son who died in infancy, Joseph, David, Sarah, Regina, Thomas, Lydia, Hannah, Leah and Rebecca. A grandson of the first Rev. Christopher Schultz, he lived on the fine farm in Hereford township now

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owned by his grandson, Horatio K. Schultz. He, too, like his famous namesake, was a minister of the Schwenkfelder Church, and continued in the active ministry until his death. He always drew large audiences, wherever he preached, whether in his own church or a neighboring pulpit, as he was frequently called upon to officiate elsewhere. His fine personal appearance, fluent speech, fervent and impressive piety, well-stored mind and high social qualities, tempered by a true Christian spirit and kindly nature, commanded the respect of all with whom he came into contact, and he was popular as well as esteemed.

Thomas Y. Schultz, son of Rev. Christopher, born Dec. 25, 1813, died April 13, 1873, aged fifty-nine years, three months, eighteen days, and is buried at the Schwenkfelder Church in Washington township. He was a farmer, owning the place which now belongs to his son Horatio in Hereford township, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life, prospering in his work. He built the large barn which now stands on the home place. He was married Nov. 21, 1850, to Hannah Kriebel, daughter of Jacob Kriebel, born April 6, 1823, and two children were born to them, Horatio K. and Thamar K. Mrs. Schultz now makes her home with her son, Horatio K., on the homestead. She is well preserved, and in possession of all her faculties. Mr. Schultz was a Schwenkfelder in religious faith.

Thamar K. Schultz, daughter of Thomas. Y. Schultz, born Feb. 17, 1858, is the wife of Howard W. Kriebel, of East Greenville, editor and proprietor of the *Pennsylvania German*, a valuable magazine, which champions the interests of the German settlers and their descendants.

Horatio K. Schultz was born Sept. 22, 1851, on the farm in Hereford township where he now resides. He received his education in the public schools of his district, was reared upon the farm, and worked for his parents until he reached his majority. In 1877 he began farming on the homestead on his own account, and there he has since remained, engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with success. His farm comprises 123 acres, located three-quarters of a mile west of Hereford post-office, and on this property stands, besides the large barn previously mentioned as having been built by his father in 1854, a stone dwelling which was erected before the Revolutionary war, and rebuilt in 1822 by Christopher Schultz, who added a second story to the original structure, besides making an addition to the northern side. An interesting relic in Mr. Schultz's possession is a "grandfather" clock which Andrew Schultz's wife bequeathed in her will to her son, Rev. Christopher Schultz, from whom in turn it has descended through Thomas Y. Schultz to Horatio K. Schultz, along with the old property. Mr. Schultz's farm is finely stocked and well taken care of in every respect. He is a man esteemed for his worthy life and honorable character, highly regarded wherever he is known.

On Jan. 20, 1877, Mr. Schultz married Magdalena Schultz, daughter of Andrew and Magdalena (High) Schultz, and to this union were born five children: Ellenora, who is unmarried; Flora; Webster, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Homer; and Sadie, who married Milton Bieler, a farmer of Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa. The mother of this family died April 6, 1889. On Sept. 3, 1898, Mr. Schultz married for his second wife Mrs. Ida (Fry) Fetterman, widow of Oscar K. Fetterman, of Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, and daughter of Readen and Mary (Miller) Fry, of that township. Two children have been born to this marriage, Ada and Catharine.

Mr. Schultz and his family cling to the faith of his forefathers, belonging to the Schwenkfelder Church, of which he has been deacon. He is a Republican in politics.

JACOB K. SPANG, a prominent retired citizen of Reading, was born in Oley township, Berks county, son of Jacob S. and Deborah (Kline) Spang, and a grandson of Frederick Spang, an important figure of the time of the iron boom in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Jacob S. Spang early in life took up the pursuits of his fathers, and for many years was engaged in the iron business. He also owned and operated much farming property throughout Berks county, and at one time conducted a mercantile establishment at Spangsville, a settlement named in his honor. He died in 1862 aged sixty-four years. His wife lived to the advanced age of eighty-one years, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband had also belonged. He was a Whig, and at the time of the formation of the Republican party joined its ranks.

Jacob K. Spang received a common school education, and while still in his 'teens worked in his father's store and around the furnaces. In 1865 he went to Dauphin county and engaged in the manufacture of iron, later removing to Hamburg, Pa., in the same line of business, and after three years in the latter place came to Reading, becoming associated with Bushong & Co., being one of the promoters of the Keystone Furnaces, holding the responsible position of superintendent for fifteen years. He then left the firm and purchased the Maiden-creek furnace property, which he personally conducted for a number of years, after which, in 1894, he discontinued the manufacture of iron and lived retired for a few years. Mr. Spang still owns this property, a very valuable one, and has also several fine farming properties, which he rents. Mr. Spang has been a very active business man, and has done much to further the business and manufacturing interests of this section.

Mr. Spang was married in 1861 to Sarah Kauffman, daughter of Samuel Kauffman, one of the early iron manufacturers of this section. Four children have blessed this union: Fanny m. Charles Breneiser, a tobacco manufacturer; Mary; Samuel m. Miss Ella Rick, and is connected with the Colonial Trust Co.; and Alice, at home. Politically Mr. Spang is a Republican.

JACOB H. REESER, a prominent farmer in Bern township, where he has a well-improved and well-stocked farm of 135 acres, was born in that township, in August, 1841, on the old Reeser farm.

Philip Reeser, great-grandfather of Jacob H., was a farmer and prominent citizen in Bern township. He became very wealthy, and at his death left a large estate to be divided. His will is on record, and was made Aug. 23, 1786. His death occurred in 1789. To him and his wife Elizabeth were born the following children: Jacob; Philip Jr.; Anna Elizabeth, who married John Winter; Elizabeth, who married Christian Bossler; Daniel and John, who were bequested with bonds; Catherine; Mary; and William.

John Reeser, son of Philip and Elizabeth, was a successful farmer in Centre township, where he owned 100 acres of fertile land. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. His children, two sons and two daughters, were: Jacob, Catherine, Betsy and John (2).

John Reeser (2), son of John, lived the greater part of his life in Centre township, where he was born. As a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it some years, then taking up farming. He became the owner of 224 acres of land. In political faith he was a Democrat, and was frequently called upon to serve as a delegate to county conventions. He was a member of Belleman's Church (Reformed). He married Hannah Himmelberger, and they had twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth, John, Catharine and William, all deceased; Jacob H.; Mary, deceased; Sarah, who lives with her brother, Daniel H.; Hettie, deceased; Daniel H.; Caroline, who married James D. Weikel, a machinist at Reading; Susan, who married Jacob Kramer, a merchant at West Leesport; and Amelia, deceased. John Reeser (2), the father, died Jan. 9, 1869.

Jacob H. Keeser, son of John (2), was brought up to farming. When he was twenty-five years old he engaged in that calling on his own account near Leiss' bridge, and that place has since continued to be his home. He erected a good barn in 1885, and has otherwise improved the place, adding both to the value of the farm and to the comfort of his family. He has a good stock of farm implements, and his horses and cattle are kept in excellent condition. In politics Mr. Reeser is a Democrat, but he has never cared for public office.

In 1867 Mr. Reeser was married to Ellen Hartman, daughter of Daniel Hartman, and she died aged fifty-four years. Four children blessed this union: James of North Reading; Valeria, who married John Tobias, of Bern township; Mary Ellen, who married Ammon Hoffman, of Bern township; and Bessie, who keeps house for her father.

Daniel H. Reeser, son of John (2), and brother of Jacob H., was born Aug. 14, 1846. He was educated in the Kutztown Academy before it became a Normal school, and later in Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy at Reading. He taught school for some time, and has since then been in public life. In 1893 he was postmaster at West Leesport; in 1895-96 he was county, State and school tax collector; and Nov. 2, 1897, was elected recorder of the county, on the Democratic ticket. He is a man of high principles and is greatly respected.

R. A. FRASSO, notary public and proprietor of the First Italian Exchange Bank of Reading, was born in the Province of Benevento, Cusana Mutri, Italy, son of Pasquale Frasso, also a native of that country.

R. A. Frasso came to America March 22, 1883, landing at Castle Garden, N. Y. His first employment was on the West Shore Railroad with a construction gang at Syracuse, N. Y., and this line of work he followed for about three years, when he engaged in supplying contract labor for different corporations, principally the Broadhead Co., of Philadelphia, and also furnished labor for the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. He is one of the best known men in this line in Pennsylvania. He also furnishes supplies to Italian help, and is one of the best interpreters in this section. In 1901 he came to Reading and engaged in supplying help for one of the contractors on the Reading railroad, later opening an Exchange Bank and office, on Penn, between First and Second streets. He is agent for several steamship companies, representing some of the best of both this and foreign countries. Mr. Frasso was appointed notary public March 7, 1904, by Governor Pennypacker. He is well and favorably known in Reading and the adjoining country.

Mr. Frasso was married in 1891, to Miss Kate Bolich, a native of Schuylkill county, and five children have been born to this union: Frank, George, Sadie, Eddie and Mabel.

BARTO. The Bartos of Berks county are an old family of French Huguenot extraction. The French form of the name is Perdeau. Three of the name came to America in the early days, one John Barto locating in Berks county, Pa., in 1730, one Isaac Barto prior to 1750, and one Nicholas Barto in 1778. The Isaac Barto mentioned was a large taxable in Oley township in 1759, in which year he paid £14 tax. He was the great-great-grandfather of William Clarence Barto, who lives near Barto, in Washington township, engaged in the growing of tobacco.

Isaac Bartow (as he spelled the name), a grandson of the Isaac just referred to, was born in Oley township, Aug. 17, 1786. In 1813 he moved from that township to Hereford (now Washington) township, where he purchased land and settled down for the remainder of his life, dying June 27, 1865. He owned 150 acres of land, was a prosperous farmer, and highly respected as a man. In 1812 he married Elizabeth Feger, by whom he had two daughters, the mother and children all dying in April, 1838. On Nov. 24, 1843, Mr. Bartow married Magdalena Huber, and to this union was born one son, Abram H.

Abram H. Barto was born March 4, 1855. He began his education in the public schools, later attending Mount Pleasant Seminary and the Kutztown State Normal School, and in 1875 he took a scientific course in the Allentown Business College. He inherited his father's farm, which with the advent of the Colebrookdale railroad became very valuable. In 1868 the company surveyed its line from Pottstown, via Boyertown, to a terminus on and near the western border of the farm, where a fine depot was erected. The road was soon completed, and in 1870 building lots were surveyed on the farm, a number being sold and built upon. The name of the station was changed from Mount Pleasant to Barto, as it has since been known, and the post-office bears the same name. The place is now a thriving village, and much of its growth is due to Mr. Barto's enterprise. He conducted a store there for a number of years, and in his death, the place lost one of its best citizens. He was a church member and took a deep interest in church matters and the welfare of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Barto married a Miss Stauffer, and they became the parents of three children, one son and two daughters, and they make their home in Reading.

William Clarence Barto, only son of Abram H. Barto, was born at Schultzville, in Washington township, May 10, 1885. He received his early education in the public schools of the city of Reading, whither he removed with his mother when five years old, and also took a commercial course at the Kerst National Business College, graduating in 1902. For one year he was engaged in clerking in the grocery store of his step-father, in Reading, for two years he sold liquor and for another year he sold jewelry for Loftis Brothers, of Chicago. In the spring of 1907, he began working upon his farm, which is in Washington township, near Barto, and in the spring of 1908 he commenced the cultivation of tobacco, of which he now makes a specialty. He planted ten acres, thus reviving the culture of tobacco in the upper end of the Perkiomen valley after that industry had been abandoned in this section for a period of thirty-five years. Considerable tobacco was raised in the old days, and as much as $1.25 a pound was paid for the product, but when the price dropped until it reached 25 cents a pound the culture died out, and the art of growing the plant was almost forgotten. Mr. Barto, believing there is profit in the weed, is experimenting thoroughly with its cultivation. He has a fine place of 138 acres of clear farming land, with fifteen acres of woodland. In 1883 his father built a Swiss barn, 40 x 92 feet in dimensions, and also a good frame dwelling, upon the place. It is well improved in every respect and is a valuable piece of property.

On June 20, 1907, Mr. Barto married Miss Annie P. Schlegel, daughter of Edwin H. and Sallie A. (Miller) Schlegel, of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Barto are members of St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading.

A. M. KERSHNER, of Reading, who is engaged in the manufacture of ice cream and water ices at Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 North Third street, was born May 3, 1856, in Bernville, Pa., son of William B. and Henrietta (Faust) Kershner.

As a boy Mr. Kershner started to work as office-boy for Dr. Brobst of Bernville, receiving as compensation his board and schooling. He remained with the Doctor for three years, and then started to work as a farm laborer, and for some time was engaged at various employments, including teaching school in Centre township for one session. Mr. Kershner then apprenticed himself to the shoemaker's trade, which he followed successfully for a period of nineteen years, and in 1892 was appointed to the position of deputy under Sheriff Fahrenbach. He located in Read-

ing, and served in the position throughout the administration, giving universal satisfaction. He continued in that capacity under Sheriff Schmuck, then taking a position in his brother's hotel, remaining with him until the latter's retirement, when he took a like position with Al. Payne at the Windsor Hotel. He was then appointed deputy sheriff during Frank Brobst's administration, serving in that office for eighteen months, when he was appointed clerk in the prothonotary's office under Daniel Schmuck. For one year after leaving this position, Mr. Kershner lived practically retired, but on July 28, 1902, he purchased the stock and fixtures of the Sherman Ice Cream Co., 19-23 North Third street. Since taking possession of the business Mr. Kershner has increased the capacity of the plant sixty per cent. He has built a brick store room and factory, and has a seating capacity of 250 people, this, however, being inadequate during busy seasons. He caters to Reading's best families, making a specialty of weddings, festivals, etc., and the Kershner trademark is well known as a guarantee of pure goods. Mr. Kershner himself is affable and courteous, genial and obliging, and none have ever left his place dissatisfied. He hires a corps of twenty assistants, and three delivery teams are used by him in the business, orders being promptly attended to. Mr. Kershner deserves the success that has come to him. Starting out in life entirely upon his own resources, he has worked his way to the front, and may now be considered one of Reading's substantial citizens.

Mr. Kershner was married in 1875 to Rebecca Wenrich, and they have three children: Estelle L., Anna H. and John W., all at home. In religious belief the family are Lutherans. Politically he votes for the man, not the party. Mr. Kershner is fraternally identified with Bernville Lodge, No. 122, I. O. O. F., P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 113, of Bernville, Wyomissing Council of the Royal Arcanum, Foresters of America, Reading, and Lexington Commandery, P. O. S. of A.

ROTHENBERGER. The branch of the Rothenberger family to which Daniel and Lewis Rothenberger, brothers, of Hereford township, Berks county, belong is traced back to one John Nicholas Rothenberger, who emigrated from the German Fatherland to America about 1741. He located in that part of Northampton county now included in Lehigh county, and not much later bought land there. In 1734 the proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania sold a tract of 150 acres, located in Upper Milford township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, to John Teeter, who on April 21, 1742, sold it to John Nicholas "Rothenburger" (also "Rodenburger"). On April 30, 1776, he and his wife, Maria Catharine, sold this tract to their son, Jacob, and as the name is signed Rothenberger in the deed setting forth this transfer that spelling is regarded as correct.

The property mentioned, through various changes in ownership, remained in the Rothenberger family until 1872. On May 13, 1830, Jacob Rothenberger, whose wife was then deceased, sold it to his son George for $1,800 lawful money. After the death of George Rothenberger it was old to his son Daniel, in 1858, and he sold it to William Rothenberger, who owned it until his death, in 1872, when it was disposed of at public sale to Daniel Yeakel, from whom it passed to Albert Snyder, who now owns and lives upon the place. It is in the vicinity of Sigmund, Lehigh county, near where Sigmund Furnace was located.

Jacob Rothenberger had four sons: George, who is mentioned later; John, who had a son Charles; Peter, who was the father of Ephraim and Daniel; and Jacob, who had Daniel, Ephraim and Willoughby. Three of these sons lived in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, and belonged to the old Zionsville Church. Jacob located in Indiana in 1858, moving out in the big covered Conestoga wagons.

George Rothenberger, son of Jacob, was born at the homestead at Sigmund, and died in 1857-58, when about seventy years old. He is buried at Old Zionsville. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Sallie (Mensch), died in 1873, the mother of eleven children, namely: Rachel, Dinah, Lavina, Susanna, Daniel, Reuben, David, George, Christian, William and Samuel.

Daniel Rothenberger, son of George, was born May 8, 1808, at the old homestead in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, and died May 10, 1865, at the place in Hereford township, Berks county, where his sons, Daniel and Lewis now live. He is buried at Zionsville, where he was a member of the Reformed Church. He followed farming, owning a tract of forty acres, upon which he built the present dwelling in 1860, and in winter engaged in cigar making. Being a progressive man, he was interested in education, and served as school trustee under the old pay system. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Rothenberger's first marriage was to Sallie Marsteller, who was born about 1814, daughter of Peter Marsteller, of Hereford township, and died in 1847. She was the mother of six children, three sons and three daughters, viz.: Joel, Daniel, Lewis, Catharine, Sallie and Amanda, the two last named dying in infancy. Mr. Rothenberger's second marriage was to Lydia Stahler, who died in 1888. To them were born two children, both of whom died when young.

Joel Rothenberger is a native of Hereford township, where all of Daniel Rothenberger's children were born. He began housekeeping there, but has long lived in Clinton county, Ind., where he followed farming until his retirement. He is now (1909) in his seventy-third year. He has been twice married, and by his first union, with Maria Krommis, had four children, William, Daniel, Sarah and Flora. By his second wife, Lydia Mohler, he had two, Lydia and Perry.

DANIEL ROTHENBERGER, son of Daniel, was born July 12, 1838, in Hereford township, and there attended Traub school, No. 7, receiving all his education in the public schools. He was reared to farming, but for twelve years he and his brother Lewis engaged in lime-burning, doing a large business. They had their kilns at Sigmund, conducting the plant now operated by Daniel Yeakel, and burning considerable lime for building purposes as well as for farmers. In one year they burned over 28,000 bushels, and they employed as many as ten men, and kept two teams busy all the time. In 1866 the brothers took their father's homestead, where they have ever since resided, their families occupying the same house. Both tried life in the West for a short time, Daniel Rothenberger going to Indiana in the fall of 1860 with his uncle, George Rothenberger, and his brother Joel, who had gone out previously. He remained for two years, and in 1863 went out for another year.

On April 4, 1868, Mr. Rothenberger married Rebecca Helfrich, and they have had five children: Emma C., Sallie A. (who married George R. Gregory, of Reading), Charles W., Daniel H. and Cassilia R. Mr. and Mrs. Rothenberger are Reformed members of Zion's Church. He is identified with the Democratic party in politics, and is well known throughout the township, where he has served five years as treasurer and seven years as school director.

Mrs. Rothenberger is a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Buck) Helfrich, of Weisenburg township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and a granddaughter of Rev. Johannes Heinrich Helfrich, who began his labors as pastor of Ziegel's Church, in Lehigh county, in 1778. His death occurring in 1810, his son, Rev. Johannes Helfrich, was elected to succeed him, and served this and other congregations for a period of thirty-five years. In 1852 Rev. William A. Helfrich, son of Rev. Johannes, was elected pastor, serving until 1879, when his son, Rev. Nevin W. Helfrich, took his place. Thus for long over

a century four generations of the one family have filled the pastorate of this church.

LEWIS ROTHENBERGER was born Sept. 23, 1844, on his father's homestead in Hereford township. He attended school No. 7, Traub's, in that township. He was in Clinton county, Indiana, for one year, working on the farm, and also helped to clear twenty acres of land, and as previously stated, he was engaged in the lime-burning business with his brother at Sigmund for a number of years. He has been out to Indiana seven times on visits, but like the brother with whose interests his own have been identified for so many years he has been content to settle down at the old home of his father. He, too, is active in the local circles of the Democratic party, and served four years as township treasurer.

On March 28, 1873, Mr. Rothenberger married Maria Reinhart, daughter of Reuben and Angelina (Reinhart) Reinhart, of Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa., and they have had one son, Calvin, born May 3, 1874, who died in his twelfth year.

MILTON L. SHIREY, grocer at Reading, was born in this city in 1861, the only son of David Y. and Emma L. (Leedom) Shirey, and a grandson of Samuel Shirey, who was a native of Caernarvon township, Berks county. He was a stone mason by trade and also manufactured hearthstones. He carried on business in Reading for a number of years.

David Y. Shirey, father of Milton L., was born in Caernarvon township, in the old homestead there, and after completing his schooling he engaged with his father in the manufacture of hearthstones. Later he accompanied the family to Reading and found employment with Conrad Frame, who kept a store at "The Locks." Mr. Shirey remained with Mr. Frame for several years and then went into business for himself at the same place, with John Newkirk. They carried on a general store and did a big trade supplying the surrounding country and the canal boatmen, traffic then being heavy on the canal. Later he came to Reading and engaged in business at Third and Franklin streets, where he remained a few years, and then moved on Penn street above Sixth, into the S. Young building. In partnership with Henry Shearer, Mr. Shirey did a large business in garden produce of all kinds. Later he engaged in a livery business, but subsequently returned to the grocery line and for a number of years was established at No. 1129 Chestnut street, on the corner of Wunder. Some twelve years before his death, which occurred in February, 1901, he retired from active business life. He was a man who was respected and esteemed and was an active member of the orders of K. of P. and the Sr. O. U. A. M.

David Y. Shirey married Emma L. Leedom, daughter of John and Louisa Ann Leedom. She still survives and resides with her son, M. L. Shirey.

Milton L. Shirey completed the grammar school course at Reading and then assisted his father in his store until he was eighteen years of age, when he went with Joseph S. Esterly, in the produce business. He continued with him for one year and then returned home and continued with his father until he was twenty-three years old. His next business connection was with the Adams Express Co., with which he remained a year, and then was with Howard L. Goodman, in the bakery business for the next ten years.

He took over his father's store, making many improvements and introducing modern methods and also enlarging the capacity for doing business. His store room is 20x60 feet and he has a warehouse in the rear, 14x40 feet. He possessed business enterprise and may justly be considered a representative man in the city's commerce.

Mr. Shirey married Katie Goodman, daughter of Daniel and Amanda Goodman, and they have three children, viz.: Harold A., Thaddeus I., and Minerva L. He is a member of St. Peter's M. E. Church. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and Red Men.

DAVID B. CLEMMER, now living retired at Bally, was born in Washington township, Berks county, July 5, 1839. The name Clemmer is also spelled Klemmer. The family originally were Mennonites, but in the branch herein described, George Clemmer, grandfather of David B., married a member of the Roman Catholic faith, and later was himself confirmed therein.

George Clemmer lived between Bally and Barto, in a small stone house near James Melchior's mill. He was a laborer. He is buried at the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament, of which he had become a member. His death occurred before the Civil war. He married into the Kuhns family, and his wife survived him only a short time. They had six children: John and Jacob, living at Reading; Joseph, mentioned below; Samuel, of Norristown, who became a Methodist; a daughter that married David Greth, of Reading; and Eliza, who married Henry Kuhns, a mason at Reading.

Joseph Clemmer, son of George, was born in Washington township, April 26, 1800, and he was killed by a cave-in in the ore mine at Barto, March 21, 1862. He is buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Bally. His home was one and one-half miles north of Bally. He married Anna Bauer, daughter of Peter and Rosina Bauer. She was born Sept. 18, 1800, and died Dec. 24, 1876, in Union township, where she was living with her daughter, Isabella. These children were born to Joseph Clemmer and wife: Isaac, born 1822, died 1852; John, born 1825, died 1863; Nathan; Joseph; David B.; Jonas; Mary, who married Samuel Koch, of Pricetown, Pa.; Catharine, born 1827, died 1852; Sarah, who married Henry Richards, and lives at Philadelphia; Isabella, who married Joseph Bauer. All the children are now deceased except Joseph, David B., Isabella and Jonas.

David B. Clemmer learned the stone mason's trade when he was seventeen, and this he followed nine years. After his marriage he worked in the ore mines at Siesholtzville and Red Lion, and for fifteen years at Barto, rising to the position of foreman. In 1888 he engaged in the butchering business, and carried this on for twelve years at Barto, residing in that town altogether twenty-three years. In 1894 he came to Bally, and that town has since been his home. He conducted a meat market and dry goods store for two years, but since the spring of 1908 he has been retired from active work. He helped to build the towns of Barto and Bally, and gave employment to a number of men. In his younger days he was very active, and being a man of progressive ideas was a source of great usefulness in his community. In politics he is a Democrat, and for two years he was assessor, and he has served as delegate to a number of county conventions. He and his family all belong to the Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church at Bally.

On Dec. 18, 1863, Mr. Clemmer was married to Mary Stengel, daughter of Sophierus Stengel, of Bally. Thirteen children have been born of this union, all in Washington township, as follows: Rosa, who married George Melchior, had children—Charles, Willie, Bertha, Mary, Tillie, John, Paul and Bennett—and died in 1903; Clara, who married Frank Melchior, a farmer of Washington township; Emma, who died in the fifteenth year of her age; William, who died aged twenty-three; Matilda, born 1870, and died 1878; Mary Ann, born 1872, and died 1878; Agnes, born 1873, who married Peter Fichter, and died 1898; Katie, who died in infancy; Dora, born 1876, and died 1878; Franklin, born 1877, and died 1878; Charles, who died in infancy; Mary, who married Leo Eck, of Bally; and John, a tailor at Bally. Four of the children died within one month of diphtheria.

LEVI MALTZBERGER, for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Reading, Pa., both in busi-

ness and public life, whose death occurred in 1884, was born in 1819 in the city of Reading, son of John and Phoebe (Stone) Maltzberger. John Maltzberger was the proprietor of a tobacco store, and he and his wife had three children: John; Levi; and Esther m. Albert Auman of Pottsville, they having these children—Levi of Reading, Oliver of Reading, and Luther, who died in March, 1906. Both John Maltzberger and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

Early in life Levi Maltzberger learned the stone mason trade, and worked also for his father in his tobacco establishment. When a young man he worked for the Griscom Brothers, general contractors of Reading, keeping this firm's books, and this experience, no doubt, helped him greatly in after life, when he became extensively engaged in contracting and building. Mr. Maltzberger built the first Homeopathic hospital in the city of Reading, the E. P. Boas residence and many of the fine residential properties of Reading, also being an expert at valuing real estate, doing much work in this line for the Bushongs. He was self-made in every sense of the word and was known as a man of integrity and honesty.

Mr. Maltzberger was married to Lydia Harbold, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Saylor) Harbold, early settlers of the vicinity of Hampden Reservoir, known then as Helltown. The children born to Levi Maltzberger and his wife were as follows: John H., cashier of the Keystone National Bank, m. Catherine Keeler, and they have two children: B. Elizabeth and Catherine; Esther, deceased, m. (first) Martin Wagner and had one son, Martin S., deceased, and m. (second) Jacob S. Wingert; Clayton, deceased; Emma E., of Reading, and Victoria, deceased.

Levi Maltzberger was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., the Chapter, R. A. M., and DeMolay Commandery, of Reading. In political matters he was a Republican and under Diller Luther served in the U. S. Revenue service in Reading. Mr. Maltzberger was also a member of the council from the Seventh ward and was a member of the school board.

DAVID G. TREICHLER, miller at Treichlersville, in Hereford township, Berks county, was born on the homestead, where he still resides, Feb. 18, 1854. He is a son of David M. Treichler and grandson of Samuel Treichler, Sr.

There is a tradition in the Treichler family that the immigrant ancestor was Jacob Trycler, and that he came from the city of Treichlerdorf, Holland, landing at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1727. It is also believed that his wife came from Amsterdam, Holland. The Treichlers originally settled in New Jersey.

Samuel Treichler, Sr., grandfather of David G., is supposed to have been the first of the family to come to Berks county, where he settled in Hereford township. It is said he came from Kintnersville, Bucks county, on the Delaware river, on which stream the Treichlers were engaged as rafters. He followed mercantile pursuits and also engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil, and was the founder of Treichlersville, Berks county. Born July 14, 1776, he died March 29, 1865, aged eighty-eight years, eight months, fifteen days. He married Maria Magdalena Mumbauer, daughter of Philip and Barbara Mumbauer, born May 18, 1781, died Dec. 28, 1851, aged seventy years, seven months, ten days. They had these children: John, Jacob, David, Samuel (born Oct. 15, 1806, died Jan. 29, 1860), Joseph, Mollie (married Samuel Wehr), Sally Anne, and two who died in infancy. The will of Samuel Treichler, Sr., is on record in Will Book 11, page 380. The executors were his sons, David M. and Joseph. The following children are mentioned in the will: Jacob, John, David M., Samuel, Sarah, Mary and Joseph.

Anna Treichler (1763-1792) and Elizabeth Treichler (1768-1851), sisters of Samuel Treichler, Sr., were the second and third wives, respectively, of Jacob Gery, an early resident of Hereford township, who was married three times.

David M. Treichler, born May 6, 1809, died of Bright's disease May 24, 1878. He was a farmer and miller at Treichlersville, and successful in business. He was a Republican in politics, a member of the Reformed Church, and is buried at the New Goshenhoppen Church at East Greenville, Montgomery county. Mr. Treichler was married in May, 1840, to Luzetta Gaumer, daughter of John Adam Gaumer, born Nov. 20, 1814, died Dec. 5, 1893, and they had these children: Sarah Ann, who married William Butz; Mary, unmarried; James G., a resident of Kutztown; Emma, who married Jacob Bittenbender; Lucinda, who married John Smith, and died in 1888; David G.; Caroline, who married J. M. Gainley; and Samuel, who married Amelia Lorentz.

David G. Treichler attended the public schools of his native township, later studying at Mount Pleasant Seminary and at the Trappe, at the institution which in time became Ursinus College. He was reared to farming and milling, learning the trade from his father, and in 1878 engaged in the milling business on his own account, succeeding his father. Here he has since continued to carry on operations. The present mill, which is a stone structure, was built in 1854 by David M. Treichler, and before that time there was a stone mill at this site, built by Samuel Treichler, Sr. The place has been a mill property for many years, and was formerly a part of the Thomas Maberry tract, though it has been in the Treichler family since 1800. Mr. Treichler makes a specialty of the manufacture of rye flour, which he ships to Allentown, Bethlehem and Catasauqua. He also has a good market for his buckwheat flour and cornmeal, but his mill is particularly famous for its rye flour, which is a popular brand in this section. There is also a sawmill on the property, which was conducted by his father and grandfather before his time, but it has been inactive since 1888. The tract of land upon which the mill is situated comprises sixty-three acres, and the present stone house thereon was built by Samuel Treichler, Sr., in 1811, and the present barn was put up by David G. Treichler. The one which preceded it was burned about 1881, with all the contents, including cattle, horses and poultry, entailing a loss of $1,500. The fire started at night, so there was little chance to save anything.

Mr. Treichler is a progressive and prosperous business man, a good representative of a family which has always been noted for energy and enterprise. He applies sound principles to the conduct of all his affairs, and he is big-hearted and broad-gauged in all the relations of life, having a disposition which has never cost him any patronage and has gained him many friends.

In November, of 1879, Mr. Treichler was married to Maria Schantz, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Roeder) Schantz, of Lehigh county, Pa., and they have had children as follows: David W., Harry S., Sallie, Frederick, Carrie, Newton, Jeremiah and Minnie. Mr. Treichler and his family are Reformed members of the New Goshenhoppen Church. He is a Republican in politics, and socially holds membership in East Greenville Castle, No. 298, K. G. E., and in Old Zionsville Lodge, No. 1077, I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL K. HOWERTER, of Reading, extensively engaged in the cement business, was born in Kutztown, Jan. 8, 1869, son of Samuel Howerter, who for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Long Swamp, and later in the manufacture of woolen goods, and is now living retired in Lehigh county. He had these children: James; Nathan; Alice; Lizzie; Samuel K.; Edwin, a dentist of Reading; William, a physician of Monroe county; Katie; George; Cora; and Emanuel, who was a physician and died aged forty years.

Samuel K. Howerter attended the public schools of his native locality, and subsequently entered Stoner's

Business College, after leaving which he taught school for three years in Long Swamp and Maxatawny townships. Mr. Howerter then took a business course, after which he went to Philadelphia, being there employed as a clerk for three years. After being employed in different shops for a time, Mr. Howerter came to Reading, being employed by the P. & R. R. Co., at the shops for one year, and then with the Acme Bicycle works for a period of six years. In 1900, with Adam Hartman, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, Mr. Howerter engaged in his present business, the firm being known as the Reading Cement & Paving Co. The partners have been very successful, their work being of the highest grade, and their contracts always properly filled.

Mr. Howerter was married in 1892 to Miss Cora Krause, daughter of Jacob Krause, a prominent farmer of Albany township, Berks county, and to this union have been born: Arthur and Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Howerter live in their fine residence at No. 917 Locust street, and are members of Alsace Lutheran Church. He is very popular fraternally, and is connected with the Eagles, the Red Men, and the Maennerchor.

AARON S. ESCHBACH, a venerable citizen of Barto, Berks county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born April 13, 1832, in Washington township, where the family has been located for several generations.

There is a tradition that three Eschbach brothers came to America from Switzerland before the middle of the eighteenth century, and it is said that they first located in Berks county, Pa., but that two of them later settled in other parts, one supposedly in the vicinity of Millersburg, Lancaster county, where Eschbachs are still living. Where the other settled is unknown.

Two Andrew Eshenbachs came to America (according to the Pennsylvania Archives), one in 1740, the other in 1744. The former, a native of Germany, came in the ship "Friendship," landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1740, and made a settlement in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where it is known an Andrew Eshenbach was located in 1752. In 1759 he was an assessed taxable there, paying £9 tax that year. However, he is said to have left these parts.

In 1737 one Peter Eshbach (Espacher) and his son Christophel (also Christopher) came to this country on the ship "St. Andrew." In 1752 Christopher Eshbach (Ashbach) was assessed as a single man in Hereford township. The ship "St. Andrew" in 1749 brought two Christian Eschbachers (Eschbach) to America, undoubtedly father and son. In the graveyard at the Hereford (Bally) Mennonite meeting-house is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Christian Eschbach, born 1737, died April 27, 1809, aged 71 years, 11 months." This Christian Eschbach was presumably the son of Christian Eschbach (er), who emigrated in 1749. Abraham Ehst, born in 1816, at present a resident of Barto, Berks county, Pa., and who has a most remarkable memory, gives the children of Christian Eschbach (1737-1809) as follows: John, Christian, Heinrich, Abraham, Peter, Martin and Elizabeth. We have the following account of this family.

Johannes (John) Eschbach, born Oct. 24, 1764, died Feb. 28, 1826, and is buried at the Hereford Mennonite meeting-house. He owned the large farm at Barto which is now the property of William C. Barto, of Reading, and lived and died there. He married Elizabeth Latschaw, born in May, 1765, died in September, 1844, and they had children as follows: Abraham, Peter, Christian, Henry, John, Barbara (married John Bliem) and Catharine (married Jacob Fox).

Christian Eschbach, born June 3, 1763, in what is now Washington township, died Oct. 31, 1838. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and besides building many houses in his district followed undertaking. His home was at Barto, in Colebrookdale township. He married Froene Moyer, born July 30, 1777, died Sept. 13, 1838, and both were Mennonites and are buried at the Hereford (Bally) meeting-house, where they belonged. They had the following children: William; Henry; Jesse, born Nov. 24, 1810, who died Aug. 28, 1838; Nancy, who married Jacob Yoder; and Betzy, who died unmarried. Of these children, William was the father of Aaron S. Eschbach, whose name introduces this sketch.

Heinrich Eschbach, born Jan. 4, 1771, made his will in 1732, and died March 11, 1841. He lived and conducted a sawmill which stood where the county cement bridge is now located, at Barto. His wife, Maria Anna (Moyer), born May 4, 1765, died July 21, 1851. Their children were: Elijah, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Haas and Elizabeth, the last named dying unmarried. Another account gives the children as, Catharine, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Molly, Barbara and Elijah. The son Elijah and Andrew Koch, a son-in-law, were named as executors of the will.

Abraham Eschbach, the next mentioned in the family of Christian, owned the farm near Hoffmans, in the upper part of Montgomery county, where Yerkers clover mill now stands. He was twice married, first to Mary Bechtel, by whom he had these four sons, Abraham, David, Joseph and John. By his second wife, who was from Montgomery county, he had three sons.

Peter Eschbach, son of Christian, lived above Grim's Mill, in Colebrookdale township, and followed farming, owning his 100-acre farm, which is now the property of Elam Moyer. He was a thrifty farmer and useful citizen, serving as supervisor, tax collector and in other local offices. He was a Republican in politics. He is buried at the Hill Church, of which he was a member. Peter Eschbach was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Bechtel, by whom he had four children: Christian, who married Anna Ritter; Isaac, who married Susan Moyer; Susan, who married John Roland and lived in Hereford township; and William, who was much younger than his brothers and sister. To the second marriage was born one son, John, who lived back of Clayton, Berks county.

Martin Eschbach, son of Christian, was married and had one daughter, Jane, who became the wife of Daniel Bobb, from near Barto. In later years Martin made his home with his brother, Christian.

Elizabeth Eschbach, daughter of Christian, is buried at the Hereford Mennonite meeting-house. The following inscription is on her tombstone:

Zum
Gedaechtnisz
Der Hier Ruhenden
Gebeine des Weyland
Elizabetha Eschbachin
Gebohren den 1 Maey
1773 Gestorben den
24 April 1792 Altern
19 Yahren 7 tage.

There is another tombstone inscription, which probably refers to a daughter of the elder Christian or the wife of the son, Christian, and which reads as follows: "Catharine Eschbach, died July 17, 1787, aged 57 years."

William Eschbach, son of Christian (1766-1838), was born in Washington township March 2, 1805, and died May 2, 1878, aged seventy-three years, two months. He is buried in the Bally Mennonite graveyard. He lived at Barto and engaged in weaving, making all kinds of homespun articles, such as table-cloths, bed-spreads, and other household linens. He married Esther Stauffer, born Sept. 13, 1808, daughter of Jacob Stauffer, died May 7, 1870, aged sixty-one years, seven months, twenty-four days. Mr. and Mrs. Eschbach had a married life of forty-four years. They had a family of four children: (1) Edward, born Nov. 26, 1826, died Aug. 5, 1883, aged fifty-six years, eight months, nine days. He lived near Pleasant Run, Montgomery county, and followed the tailor's trade. He had two sons, Addison and William. (2) Eliza married a Mr. Stahler. (3) Reuben was for a time a shoemaker at Barto, later in life owning and operating a large farm at Barto, where

he died. He married Mary Gehman, and they had six children, Prof. Dilworth (of Vineland, N. J.), Allen (of St. Louis, Mo.), Annie (Mrs. Longacker), Lydia, Daniel (of Lancaster, Pa.), and Frank (of California). (4) Aaron S. is mentioned below.

Aaron S. Eschbach learned tailoring in early manhood and followed that trade for many years, in fact throughout his active life. He is now living retired in Barto, where he owns a nice home, and although advanced in years is well preserved and able to enjoy life. Mr. Eschbach served as a Union soldier during the Civil war, on Oct. 27, 1862, becoming a member of Company G, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served nine and a half months, receiving his honorable discharge at Reading Aug. 12, 1863. He served as sergeant of his company, and his certificate states that he was five feet, seven inches tall, had dark complexion and dark eyes. He has a new $1 greenback note which he received in his pay upon his discharge from the service and which he prizes highly. He has a number of other valuable relics, of various kinds. Mr. Eschbach receives a substantial pension.

True to the faith of his forefathers, Mr. Eschbach is a Mennonite, attending the meeting-house near his home. He is unmarried.

On the Colebrookdale railroad, running from Pottstown to Barto, is Eschbach Station, named for George Eschbach, now deceased, and there is a post-office of the same name at that point. The town of Eshbach has about twenty-five houses.

R. E. LEFEVRE, M. D., of Reading, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1876, son of William H. LeFevre, a prominent cigar manufacturer of Montgomery county.

The Doctor spent his early school days in his native county, and in 1894 entered Ursinus College, from which he was graduated two years later, when he entered the Medical College of Philadelphia, being graduated in 1900. He at once located at Boyertown, attaining a large practice, and winning the confidence and patronage of a large number of people. In November, 1905, the Doctor located in Reading, where he is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice. He is located at No. 138 South Eighth street, where he has commodious and well-appointed offices.

Dr. LeFevre married Miss Jennie C. Dengler, daughter of William and Mary Dengler, of Birdsboro, Berks county, and they are members of the Lutheran Church. Dr. LeFevre is fraternally connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men, the Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Friendship. He is a member of the Reading Medical Society, the Berks County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a charter member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M.

ALBERT M. SWOYER, retired farmer, living at Sinking Spring, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Sept. 14, 1845, and was brought up on a farm. He attended the township school until he was thirteen years old, when he was hired out on a farm in the neighborhood of his home, where he continued four years. He then secured employment with Eckert & Co. (who were then operating the Henry Clay Furnace at Reading and iron ore mines in the vicinity of Topton), and served as engineer for three years, when he was promoted to be manager of a mine, and he filled this position successfully for thirteen years. The business of mining was then suspended on account of the prevailing panic, and being thrown out of employment, he directed his attention to farming. Renting a 100-acre farm of Daniel Huyett, in Lower Heidelberg township, near Wernersville, he carried on its cultivation for eight years. During this time he served as a school director of the township. He then removed to Ruscombmanor township, near Pricetown, where he had become the owner of a large farm comprising 250 acres, and this farm he cultivated for nearly thirty years, until April, 1908, when he rented the place and moved to Sinking Spring, where he is now living in retirement. While farming in Ruscombmanor township he also served as a school director for six years, filling the offices of president and treasurer of the school board for part of the time.

In 1873, Mr. Swoyer married Caroline Zacharias, daughter of Daniel Zacharias, of Muhlenberg township, and Sarah Huyett, his wife (who was a daughter of John Huyett, of Spring township, and Sarah Hartman, his wife). By this union there were three children: Ambrose died when six years old; Charles, educated at the Keystone State Normal School and now occupied as a clerk in the recorder's office in Berks county, married Mary Leinbach; Nora, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, is now engaged as a teacher in the public schools.

In politics, Mr. Swoyer has been a Democrat from the time he began to vote, and he has frequently attended the county conventions as a delegate. He and his family are connected with the Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring.

Mr. Swoyer's father was Peter Schweyer, farmer of Maxatawny township, and Elizabeth Dumn, his wife, was a daughter of Michael Dumn, of Richmond township.

LEVI KELLER, who for a number of years was a resident and well-known business man of Reading, Pa., was an honored veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1827, son of Samuel and Sarah Keller, who emigrated to America in 1844. Landing at New York City, they remained there but a short time, emigrating to Easton, Pa. While in Germany, Mr. Keller was engaged as a drover, but never engaged in business after coming to America. He died at the age of eighty-two years, his children being: Otto, Eli, Levi, Mrs. Jennie Goldsmith (of Brooklyn, N. Y.), Sarah (the wife of Jacob Summerman, of Philadelphia) and Rosa (who died young).

Levi Keller came to America with his parents when twenty-seven years of age, and with his brother, Otto, engaged in the butchering business at Easton, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. He then enlisted in Company B, 14th P. V. I., Aug. 4, 1861, for a term of three years, under Capt. Henry Rockfellow. He served his entire time, being mustered out of service in August, 1864. Mr. Keller participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the war, and was wounded in the upper part of his leg, which wound no doubt hastened his death. He was a brave soldier, and with the exception of the time spent in the hospital, was with his regiment in every march, skirmish and battle. On his return from the war, Mr. Keller came to Reading and engaged in the dry goods business on Tenth street, below Franklin, continuing there some years. He retired from active life about fifteen years prior to his death, which occurred May 26, 1897. Mr. Keller was a member of Post No. 16, G. A. R., and later joined the Union Veteran Legion. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1870, Mr. Keller married Miss Amelia Benjamin, daughter of Samuel Benjamin, a drover of Germany, who died in his native country. Mrs. Keller came to America when nineteen years of age, and after living in New York for a time, came to Reading, where she met Mr. Keller. She is now living at No. 1039 Walnut street with her two oldest sons, who are unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Keller had these children: Samuel and Emanuel M., are engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Fourth and Franklin streets, Reading; Joseph W., also a cigar manufacturer of Reading, at No. 1043 Greenwich street, m. Sallie Bahn.

GRIESEMER. The ship "Thistle," which in 1730 arrived at Philadelphia, had on board three "Gresamere" brothers, Casper, John Leonard and Peter. The name Griesemer has been variously spelled. In Oley township the village of Griesemersville perpetuates the

name. Casper Griesemer located in Oley township, where his descendants reside to the present time. He died in 1794, the head of a large family. His sons, John and Peter, were the executors of his last will and testament, which is recorded in Will Book A, p. 293. Peter Griesemer located in the Goshenhoppen Valley, Montgomery county. There Valentine Griesemer had also located for a few years, but before the organization of the county in 1752 he had settled in Hereford township, Berks county. He became a prominent factor in that township, and was one of the three largest land owners there, the township having been erected in 1753. Thomas Maberry, an Englishman, Peter Fetherolf, a Hollander, and Valentine Griesemer, a French Huguenot from Alsace, owned nearly the entire eastern part of Hereford, the Griesemer land comprising about 600 acres, and including the present farm of Joseph M. Griesemer (who is of the fifth generation of the family in this country), the Benjamin Grassley farm, the Samuel S. Schultz farm, the tract owned by the Mary Urffer estate, part of the Henry Kriebel farm, the James Roberts tract, the William H. Sallade farm, the F. W. Huber farm, all of Treichlersville, and the Ambrose H. Huber farm, the Albert Fry and Elmer Huber tracts, besides parts of other farms along the eastern end of the township. Thomas Maberry owned the land about Mensch's Mill, the David G. Treichler farm and the Daniel N. Schultz farm, besides considerable other lands. Peter Fetherolf owned the land to the east and southeast of Siesholtzville, and he is buried in a private burial ground on the late Samuel Bittenbender's farm. Valentine Griesemer erected the first set of buildings on the tract now owned by Joseph M. Griesemer. In 1878, Gabriel G. Griesemer tore down the old log house that Valentine Griesemer built long before the establishment of Berks county. Valentine Griesemer is buried at New Goshenhoppen Church, but the inscription on his sandstone tombstone is no longer legible. He was a member of the German Reformed congregation. Among his children were Leonard and Gertrude (m. Jacob Gery).

(II) Leonard Griesemer, son of Valentine, was born in 1733, and died Jan. 5, 1821, and is buried at New Goshenhoppen Church. He was a farmer. He also established a pottery on the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Joseph M. Griesemer, about fifty yards southeast of the present stone residence. The pottery was conducted by Gabriel Griesemer as late as 1865, when it was destroyed by fire. Leonard Griesemer was public-spirited and enterprising. In that early day he was greatly interested in the intellectual development of the community and was officially connected with the establishment of the primitive pay schools that marked the beginning of the present great school system. During the war of the Revolution he did hauling for the Continental army, and suffered the loss of a valuable team. On the farm now owned by Joseph M. Griesemer, he built a barn in 1811, and added to the stone house, but the barn has since been remodeled. He married Elizabeth Faber, born Oct. 14, 1739, died Jan. 14, 1814. They had children: John Jacob, George, Abraham, Isaac, and Catharine (m. Abraham Mertz).

(III) Jacob Griesemer, son of Leonard, obtained the lands now in the farms of Benjamin Grassley, Samuel S. Schultz, and the Mary Urffer estate, besides thirty-five acres of woodland located in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. He was a farmer and also conducted a pottery which was located on the Benjamin Grassley farm, about fifty yards northwest of the present residence. The pottery represented an important industry many years ago, and even as late as 1850 Jacob Frederick operated it, but in 1865 or 1866 it was torn down, though fragments of the foundation are still to be found below the surface of the ground. On Nov. 25, 1809, Jacob Griesemer purchased of his parents two tracts of land in Hereford township, containing altogether 145 acres. On Sept. 10, 1810, Jacob Griesemer and his wife, Sarah, sold this land to John Gery, of Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county. On Sept. 13, 1816, John Gery sold it to Samuel Gery, of Hereford township; and on April 5, 1834, Samuel Gery and wife, Susanna, sold it to David Schultz, of Upper Hanover township, for $10,500. In 1873 title passed to the present owner, Samuel S. Schultz, but the tract known as the homestead was accepted by Manoah S. Schultz, who in 1905 sold same to Benjamin Grassley. Samuel S. Schultz received forty-two acres of this same tract.

(III) Abraham Griesemer, son of Leonard, became the father of six children: John, located in Ohio; Julia; Mrs. Grim; Mrs. Wendling of Pennsburg; Mrs. Miller; and Abraham, born in 1821, and still living, located in Allentown, where he was the first dentist. (He married and had two children: Elizabeth, wife of Thomas A. Strasser, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and nose, and an inventor of note, at Reading; and Dr. Asher, who died in 1885, the father of Mark, Asher, Paul and Robert.)

(III) Isaac Griesemer, son of Leonard, was born on the homestead in 1777 and died in 1872, and is buried at the Reformed Church in Old Zionsville. He was a farmer and owned the old original homestead, consisting of ninety acres. He was well built physically and possessed of great strength. He was very fond of attending battalion meetings, and could well take care of himself and his friends. In politics a Democrat, he served as township supervisor. He married Catharine Gross, of Maxatawny township, born May 23, 1773, died Oct. 2, 1839. He married (second) Catharine Jacoby. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Joseph, Solomon, Isaac, Peter, Gabriel and Hettie (died unmarried).

(IV) Gabriel G. Griesemer, son of Isaac, was born Dec. 27, 1813, on his father's farm, and died in Hereford in 1895, and both he and his wife were buried at Goshenhoppen Church. He was a farmer, and operated the pottery, making roofing tile. He built the present large substantial stone residence in 1878, containing twelve large rooms with a wide hallway, and he also remodeled the barn. He and his family were Reformed members of New Goshenhoppen Church. On Sept. 2, 1841, he married Regina Meschter, daughter of George and Susanna (Heimbach) Meschter, and their children were: Elizabeth m. Henry Kriebel, deceased; Susanna is unmarried and lives with her brother, Joseph M.; Sarah, deceased, m. Henry Schuler; Matthias, died in infancy; Owen is a school teacher at Walnutport, Pa.; Mary, deceased, m. Levi Moll, also deceased; Percival, lives at Goshen, Ind.; and Joseph M.

(V) Joseph M. Griesemer, son of Gabriel G., was born at the family home March 17, 1857, and was educated in the township schools and later in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He early became thoroughly versed in farming duties, and this vocation he has continued to follow to the present time. He owns the old homestead farm, which is one of the best in the township, the buildings and improvements being first-class in every respect. Mr. Griesemer is one of the influential Democrats in his district, and he has frequently served as delegate to county conventions under the old system. In 1903 he was a delegate to the State Convention at Harrisburg, and he is active in the political affairs of the county, many a successful candidate owing his success to Mr. Griesemer's influence. In the spring of 1906 he was elected one of the supervisors of his township under the new road law, and this office he continues to hold. He belongs to the Reformed congregation at Goshenhoppen Church. He has been committeeman since 1899.

ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hamburg, Berks County, Pa. Since June, 1901, the Hamburg charge has consisted of three congregations, namely, St. John's, Hamburg; Zion's, Perry township, and St. Paul's, Windsor township.

In 1773, a period when Hamburg was a wilderness and people worshiped in private houses, a Martin Kercher, or Kearcher, donated a piece of land to be used by the

Lutheran and Reformed people as a place of worship. The first structure was built of logs and was dedicated in 1790 the lower floor being used as a school room and the upper as a place of worship. About a score of years later a larger building was erected, with a weather vane in the shape of a fish, and its pulpit fashioned like a tulip, which served until 1857, when a more spacious one took its place, and was burned to the ground in 1898. The present church was erected at once and was ready for use early in 1899.

St. John's has a Bible society of three hundred members, a Luther Guild, a Luther League, a society formed by the children of the congregation and called The Children's Temple, and a Lutheran Aid Society. The organization last mentioned has done noble work, among its activities being the purchasing of a splendid pipe organ, contributing rich altar cloths and collecting more than $4,000 for the liquidation of the indebtedness on church and parsonage.

Following are the ministers who have preached for the Lutheran congregations:

Peter Mishler—not ordained.
Rev. Daniel Lehman, 1778-1803.
Daniel and John Knoske, 1803-1816.
Rev. F. Engel, 1816-1823.
Rev. Carl Strein, 1823-1828.
Rev. Ludwig Walz, 1828-1832.
Rev. F. A. M. Keller, supply.
Rev. G. F. I. Iaeger, 1832-1860.
Rev. J. H. Eberman, 1860-1861.
Rev. S. S. Kline, 1861-1867.
Rev. T. T. Iaeger, 1868-1880 (German).
Rev. Benjamin Zweizig, 1868-1880 (English).
Rev. C. K. Drumheller, 1880-1883.
Rev. O. D. Miller, 1884-1896.
Rev. Z. H. Gable—supply for a few months.
Rev. H. C. Kline, 1897— [Supplied by Rev. H. C. Kline.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR TOWNSHIP. This church is on the State Road in Windsor township, about two miles northeast of Hamburg, Berks county. It is a plain stone structure, and said to have been for more than 75 years an exclusive Lutheran church. The first church was built of logs after 1750, and was dedicated November 6, 1756, by Rev. Daniel Schumacher, as the "Lebanon Evangelical Lutheran Church, at the Blue Mts." The membership was very small, and the services were at long intervals. It is said that the Indians destroyed this church and drove off all its members.

On Sept. 25, 1767, a request was issued to collect funds for erecting a new church near the Blue Mts. On Oct. 9, 1767, permission was granted to collect £500. This, added to their own funds, enabled them to build a second church, which was also built of logs and was dedicated on the 15th Sunday after Trinity, 1769. This church endured 63 years.

In 1832 the third church was built, which was also the first Union church. The corner-stone was laid April 29, 1832. The building is a plain stone structure. Rev. G. F. I. Iaeger and Rev. A. L. Herman were the officiating pastors at this time. On October 20, 1832, the church was dedicated. In 1868 the church was remodeled, the interior was entirely changed with new pulpit, new altar and new pews, and re-dedicated on September 27; and in 1892 the interior was repainted and refurnished at a cost of $500.

In the fall of 1872 Rev. B. F. Weiss was elected pastor of the Reformed congregation and served until 1898. In 1900 Rev. J. S. Bartholomew was elected as pastor of the Reformed congregation. June 16, 1870, Rev. F. K. Huntzinger became Lutheran pastor and served until 1875, when Rev. B. S. Smoll was elected and served until 1880; then Rev. C. K. Drumheller became pastor and served until June, 1883. Rev. O. D. Miller was elected June 1, 1884, and served until 1896; was then supplied for a short time by Rev. Gable. Rev. H. C. Kline, the present pastor, began his official ministrations June 23, 1897. [Supplied by Rev. H. C. Kline.]

ZION'S CHURCH, PERRY TOWNSHIP, formerly of Windsor township, stands on the hillside surrounded by the cemetery, about one-half mile from Windsor Castle and about three miles from Shoemakersville. In 1760 a movement to erect a house of worship in this immediate vicinity was begun, and in 1761 or 1762 the first log church was built.

The Lutherans of this community were originally connected with the Moselem church, which was and still is an exclusive Lutheran church. But because of certain misunderstandings they withdrew from the Moselem congregation, joined hands with the Reformed people of this community and organized a union church. This step was taken when Rev. Bernhard Michael Hausihl, Lutheran pastor, was pastor at Reading and served Moselem and other churches, 1759-1763.

It is said that Mr. Conrad Kerschner, a man well educated for the time, went to Philadelphia and obtained from the Colonial authorities a grant of land originally donated by William Penn for church and school purposes in this vicinity. The tract originally comprised 40 acres. The land was secured and the site selected opposite the organist's home to build the first church, which was built of logs. It is impossible to give the dates of the corner-stone laying or consecration of the first church, or of the second, or of the third. It is indeed a pity that there are no records of these events. However, it appears that the first church was soon found to be too small, and a larger stone structure was built about the year 1774.

The congregation then decided to build the third church of brick, and for some reason or other selected this elevated site in preference to the one below. For this purpose additional land was purchased. The brick were burnt on the church's own land. The dimensions of the church were not given. The exact date of the corner-stone laying is not given, but it is supposed in May, 1804, therefore the present church has stood for more than a century, while the organ is seventy-five years old, and John Starr, one of the organists, served for thirty-six years.

The Reformed pastors beginning about 1661 are as follows:

Philip Jacob Michael.
Henry Herzel.
Rev. Wack.
Rev. Henry Dieffenbach.
Rev. Carl G. Herman.
Abraham Schaeffer (not ordained).
Rev. Abraham Berkey.
Rev. Carl G. Herman.
Rev. J. S. Herman.
Rev. L. D. Leberman.
Rev. R. S. Appel.
Rev. Elmer Leinbach.
Rev. Joshua S. Bartholomew.

The Lutheran pastors, beginning in 1759, are as follows:

Rev. Bernard Michael Hausihl.
Rev. Daniel Schumacher.
Rev. John Andrew Krug.
Rev. H. Moelfer.
Rev. Daniel Lehman.
Rev. John Knoske.
Rev. F. Engel.
Rev. G. F. I. Iaeger.
Rev. T. T. Iaeger.
Rev. O. D. Miller.
Rev. Z. H. Gable.
Rev. H. C. Kline.

The combined membership of this church is between 600 and 700 souls. [Supplied by Rev. H. C. Kline.]

FRANKLIN K. SCHWEITZER, of Spring township, Berks county, who makes a specialty of fruit growing and trucking, is a member of the Schweitzer family which has been so long represented in Brecknock township, and which is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Schweitzer was born in Brecknock township, Sept. 14, 1875, and was brought up on his father's farm there, from boyhood being familiar

with agricultural work. When twenty-four years old he learned the hatter's trade at Hendel's hat factory in Hendleton, and later he learned the wool hat business at Spatz's hat factory, in Mohnton. He followed this line of work for four years, and since the spring of 1904 has been engaged at farming, having then purchased the C. H. Schwartz farm, near Textile, in Spring township. This place comprises thirty-five acres of valuable land, in fine condition, and Mr. Schweitzer has given special attention to fruit growing and the raising of truck. He also keeps excellent live stock, and he disposes of all his products in the Reading market, having stands Nos. 21 and 22 on West Buttonwood street, at the Market House. Mr. Schweitzer keeps his place up well, having good buildings, a substantial barn which was erected in 1898, and a neat lawn around the house, his surroundings indicating thrift and industry.

On Oct. 16, 1899, Mr. Schweitzer was married to Miss Cassie Trostle, daughter of Levi and Lizzie (Brendel) Trostle, and to this union have been born two children, Lillie May and Violet Elizabeth, the latter of whom died when five months, nine days old.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEINBACH, of Reading, who holds the responsible position of superintendent of the fulling department in the Leinbach mills of that city, is a native of Reading, born June 20, 1862, son of Albert and Sarah (Nagle) Leinbach.

Albert Leinbach, who is now living retired at his home at No. 415 North Fifth street, spent all of his active life as a woolen manufacturer. Although not actively engaged in the duties at the mills, he is still a member of the firm and takes a great interest in its success. He married Sarah Nagle, and to this union there were born four children, as follows: William, of Atlantic City, N. J.; Benjamin Franklin; Sallie m. John Morrison, deceased; and Hattie m. Warren Thomas.

Benjamin Franklin Leinbach received his education in the public schools of Reading, and in 1876, when still a lad, entered the Leinbach mills, with which he has been associated to the present time. He has worked his way up through every department of the business, learning each detail, and now holds the position of superintendent of the fulling department, much of the success of this great enterprise being due to his good business judgment and untiring efforts. Mr. Leinbach was married Sept. 14, 1893, to Alice Hartman, daughter of Benjamin Hartman, of Reading. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Leinbach is fraternally connected with the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife attend Trinity Lutheran Church.

CHARLES Y. FRONHEISER, a farmer in Washington township, Berks county, is a descendant of Georg Fronheiser, a farmer, who is given in the federal census list of 1790 as the head of a large family. His early home was in that part of Colebrookdale township now embraced in Washington township, and he died in 1820, when very old. His will is on record in Book C, page 186, and the witnesses were Isaac Kummerer and William Stapleton. The executor was his son "Georg" (pronounced Jurick). His wife Elizabeth bore him eleven children, viz.: Georg; Johannes; Daniel; Joseph; Jacob (1799-1854) who married Rebecca Derr (1804-1866); Samuel; Henry; Abraham; Molly, who married Jacob Herb; Catharine, who married Conrad Kister; and Elizabeth, who never married.

Georg Fronheiser, previously mentioned as the executor of his father's will, was born Jan. 20, 1783, in Pike township, Berks county, on the farm now owned by Elmer Fronheiser, and died May 3, 1863, aged eighty years, three months, thirteen days. He was twice married, first to a Miss Herb, by whom he had a family of seven children: George; Samuel; Daniel; Jacob; Catharine married Samuel Watter; Betzy married George Dierolf; Polly married (first) Abraham Dotterer and (second) Gehret Bechtel. For his second wife Georg Fronheiser married Betzy (Elizabeth) Derr, born in 1781, died in 1846, and with whom he had a married life of nearly forty-four years. By her he had three sons, as follows: Abraham, Henry, and William, all of whom are deceased.

Abraham Fronheiser, son of Georg, born March 25, 1819, died Feb. 8, 1900, aged eighty years, ten months, thirteen days. He was a farmer, owning the place of 140 acres in Pike township where he died, and which is now owned by his grandson, Elmer Fronheiser, though it is now included in Washington township. His land line bounded the Washington township line, and his grandson, Charles Y. Fronheiser, owned land in Washington township which in his grandfather's day belonged to Pike. Abraham Fronheiser put up the present set of buildings upon Elmer Fronheiser's farm. He was a prominent man in his day, and very influential in the affairs of his locality. He was a stanch Jeffersonian Democrat, and served many years as a school director in Pike township. He married Elizabeth Gries, an Englishwoman, daughter of Jacob Gries, a blacksmith from above Reading. Mrs. Fronheiser died in August, 1873, at the age of fifty-five years, the mother of six children, as follows: Sarah, who married Henry Gilbert, of Bechtelsville; Mahlon; Jefferson; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Jacob Zwoyer; Catharine, who married Mahlon Clauser, of Griesemersville; and Sybilla, who married Thomas Rohrbach, of Ohio.

Jefferson Fronheiser, son of Abraham, was born in 1851, in Pike township, where he is at present employed, working also in the surrounding townships. His home is at Bechtelsville. For some years he worked at Hyde Park, in Muhlenberg township. Mr. Fronheiser married Mary Ann Yoder, daughter of George S. and Catharine Yoder, of Oley township, and they had one child, Charles Y., whose name introduces this sketch. Mrs. Fronheiser died in September, 1869. She is buried at Oley Churches.

Charles Y. Fronheiser was born Dec. 7, 1868, on the Abraham Fronheiser homestead in Pike township, where he was reared, making his home with his grandfather during his boyhood and youth. He was trained to farming there, and also worked on neighboring farms, and from 1888 to 1891 was engaged in driving the mail from Shanesville to Reading. He then became proprietor of the "Keystone House," at Bechtelsville, which he conducted for three years, and in the spring of 1894 he began farming on one of the old Dotterer homesteads, where he has ever since lived. This farm consists of seventy-one acres, and was originally owned jointly by him and his uncle, Mahlon Fronheiser, Charles Fronheiser purchasing his uncle's interest in the property in the winter of 1893. The place was formerly owned by Joseph Dotterer, and before him by D. Dotterer, a pioneer, and the old stone house, built during Revolutionary days, is one of the landmarks of this district. The present barn, however, is modern, having been built by Mr. Fronheiser and his uncle in 1891. Many improvements have been made by Mr. Fronheiser during his residence on the place, which is very productive and yields him a good income. He is a progressive farmer and also engages in dairying, keeping from twelve to fifteen milch cows.

Mr. Fronheiser has served his fellow-citizens in various capacities, and he has been constable of Pike township ever since 1896. He was fire warden of Berks county for three months, and on different occasions has acted as tipstaff in the court-house corridor at Reading. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, in which he has been a good worker. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, belonging to Council No. 1019, of Eshbach.

On March 7, 1890, Mr. Fronheiser was married to Rosa Weller, daughter of William and Hettie (Fronheiser) Weller, of Pike township, later of Boyertown, and granddaughter of Gideon Weller and his wife, who was a Miss Hartline. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fronheiser, namely: Verna W.,

Sallie W., Herbert W., Leroy M. and Elmer C. Mr. and Mrs. Fronheiser are both members of the Hill Church, Mr. Fronheiser belonging to the Lutheran congregation and Mrs. Fronheiser to the Reformed congregation.

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, Pastor. One of the largest Lutheran congregations in Pennsylvania is St. Luke's, in the city of Reading. It is a child of Trinity. Its Sunday-school was organized in 1862 by Messrs. Frederick Fox and Solomon L. Moser, both of whom were deeply interested in Sunday-school work. It was organized in the public school house at Tenth and Green streets, and became the nucleus of the congregation. Seeing the importance of having a church in that section of the city, a lot was purchased by Trinity Lutheran congregation on the east side of North Ninth street near Green, 60 x 110 feet, on which was erected a frame building 30 x 50 feet, known as "The Chapel of the Reformation." The corner stone of this chapel was laid on July 26, 1868, and the building was dedicated on the 31st of October following. The cost of the ground was $600, and of the building $3,000. The Sunday-school at Tenth and Green streets, which had been conducted as a mission of Trinity Church, was now transferred to the chapel. Rev. J. Fry, D. D., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Congregation, assisted by other Lutheran pastors of the city, conducted services in the new building.

In May, 1869, the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania held its annual convention in Reading, and among the young men who were ordained to the ministry during its sessions was Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, and he was selected to take charge of the new field. He therefore preached his first sermon there as pastor on the 6th of June, 1869. His labors proving satisfactory, he was duly installed in October of that year, one year after the church had been dedicated. The attendance at the services was small for some months—often not more than ten to fifteen persons were present. That section of the city had just been laid out, and streets were being opened. When the first services were held, there were but few houses in the immediate vicinity; in fact the neighborhood was of a suburban character. The section, however, commenced to improve rapidly about the year 1870, and as fast as new houses were erected many of their occupants sought the nearest church, and the attendance at the services increased correspondingly. On Jan. 12, 1871, a meeting was called for the organization of a congregation, at which Rev. Dr. Fry, of Trinity, presided. Thirty-eight persons signed the constitution of the new parish, and identified themselves with it. The name chosen was St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Reading, Pa. The first class of twenty-five catechumens was confirmed April 21 (Good-Friday), 1871.

St. Luke's now began to thrive. Trinity, the mother church, gave it encouragement and aid, and on Jan. 10, 1879, a conveyance of the property was made by Trinity congregation to St. Luke's church for a nominal consideration. During the ensuing seven years the new congregation continued to grow, and before the close of 1885 the necessity of providing a more commodious house of worship was plainly evident. Accordingly, in 1886 the present roomy and substantial edifice was erected. The basement is 50x110 feet, while the main auditorium on the first floor is 50 x 94 feet, and is supplied with wide galleries. The seating capacity of the church is 1,400, but there have been occasions when many more persons have been crowded into the building. The corner-stone of the new church was laid June 13, 1886, and the basement was regularly opened for services on the 10th of October of that year. During the four months that intervened from the laying of the corner-stone services were held, by permission of the Reading school board, in the Boys' high school building at the southeast corner of Eighth and Washington streets, and the Sunday-school occupied the two public school houses at Tenth and Green streets. The church was dedicated Feb. 13, 1887.

The growth of St. Luke's church has been phenomenal. The additions by confirmation having averaged 116 each year for the past twenty years. The largest class confirmed in any year was 183, in 1902. The present membership is fully 1,700, and the Sunday-school numbers between 1,000 and 1,200. Services are held in both English and German. Since 1907 the morning services are conducted in English on alternate Sundays. All the evening services are conducted in English. In 1893 the large pipe organ was placed into the church at a cost of $2,700. The quarto-centennial of the congregation was celebrated in 1894, as well as of the pastor's pastorate, and in June, 1909, the pastor celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his connection with the congregation. Truly he has witnessed its development from a very humble beginning into one of the most influential in the city.

EDWARD L. ANTHONY, miller, of Forge Dale, Washington township, Berks county, was born Jan. 7, 1832, at the place where he now lives, son of Jacob Anthony. His grandfather lived in Lehigh county, Pa., probably in Weisenburg township, where his son Jacob was born. Among his children, besides Jacob, was a daughter Betzy, who married a Mr. Hottenstein, and they lived in the vicinity of Moselem, in Berks county.

Jacob Anthony was born in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, in 1792, and died in April, 1875. He was reared upon the farm, but began to learn the milling business in boyhood, and on coming to Forge Dale, in 1831, he bought the mill which has since been known as the Anthony mill. It was formerly the Steltz mill property. Jacob Anthony conducted this mill successfully until his death, and the opinion of his neighbors as to his character is summed up in the name by which he was best known—"Honest Jacob." He was active in religious affairs as a Reformed member of Huff's Church, where he is buried. He was twice married, and by his first union had two children, one son and one daughter. The son, Charles, lived in Montgomery county, near Hoover's Church, where he is buried. Mr. Anthony's second wife was Maggie or Molly Leiby, born in 1798, in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, died in 1863, and they had four children: Fietta married Benjamin Fry; Hannah, born in 1824, died in 1904, unmarried; Sarah L., born May 6, 1829, is unmarried and lives in Forge Dale; Edward L. is mentioned below.

Edward L. Anthony received his early education at Forge Dale, in the pay schools conducted during his boyhood, and also attended the free school for a few winters. He learned milling early, assisting his father, and he has followed that business all his life, being now the proprietor of the Anthony mill, which he bought upon his father's death. On Oct. 27, 1862, Mr. Anthony became a member of Company G, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment, and served nine and a half months, being mustered out at Reading Aug. 12, 1863. After his return home he farmed for his father as well as working in the mill.

The Anthony mill is one of the landmarks of the district. One of the large millstones bears the date 1793, and it is believed the mill was built before that time. Mr. Anthony is one of the respected residents of his district, where he has become widely known in his long connection with the mill business.

In 1863 Mr. Anthony married Anna Dotterer, daughter of Matthias and Kate (Herb) Dotterer, and five children have been born to them: Jacob A. M., now of Boyertown; Mantana, unmarried, who assists her parents at home; Sapora, married to Harry Spaydt, of Pottstown; Edward C., of Allentown; and Malara M., unmarried. This family belong to the Reformed congregation of Huff's Church, where Mr. Anthony served a number of years as elder.

ABRAHAM H. YOUSE, of Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., is a native of this township, where he was born July 16, 1860, a son of Levi and Emma (Haas)

Youse, and grandson of John and Esther (Weiser) Youse.

(I) John Youse, the originator of the family in Berks county, located in Rockland township before 1800, and died there in 1823, the year in which his will was probated. This will was made in 1820 and is on record in will book C, page 276. The executor of his estate was his eldest son, Adam. The children mentioned in the will are: Adam, Jacob, John, Catherine and Maria.

(II) John Youse, grandfather of Abraham, and son of John, was a native of Rockland township, where he lived, working as a laborer. The grandmother of Abraham Youse was born May 4, 1788, and died July 20, 1852, aged sixty-four years, four months and sixteen days. She was a daughter of Christian and Magdalena (Lobach) Weiser, the former born in 1741 and died in 1807, and the latter born in 1760 and died in 1812. Esther Weiser and her parents are buried on private ground on Seth De Turk's farm in Oley township.

(III) Levi Youse, father of Abraham, was a tailor by trade and followed that calling at Friedensburg for many years. He was born Sept. 24, 1819, and died May 6, 1898, aged seventy-eight years, seven months and twelve days. He is buried at Friedensburg. His wife was Emma Haas, a daughter of John Haas, and she was born April 2, 1822, and died Oct. 5, 1887, aged sixty-five years, six months and three days. These two had children as follows: Naomi, born in 1843, died in 1853; Augustus is of Friedensburg; Harriet married James Seyler; Esther, born in 1850, died in 1851; Mahlon, born in 1852, died in 1853; Emma married William Remack; Levi, of Friedensburg, died in 1906, aged forty-nine years; Abraham; Mary married John Gross; and Edward, of Reading, lives at 832 North 11th street.

(IV) Abraham H. Youse was reared in Oley township, and secured his education in the common schools and Oley academy. He learned the carriagesmith trade, completing it when he was twenty-two years of age. He followed this calling twelve years, and then for one year clerked in a grocery store. His next work was huckstering produce, but after two years he began to learn butchering, and followed it with success for twelve years, building up a large business that necessitated his keeping two wagons delivering. In August, 1908, he resumed the business of butcher, which he is now conducting. At present Mr. Youse resides in his pleasant home on the Main street of Friedensburg, which he built in 1898. In addition to other interests, he owns stock in the First National Bank of Oley. He is a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Reading, and has been since 1886. He is also a member of Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E., and the Order of Red Men, both of Oley, Pa. He and his family are members of the United Evangelical church of Oley, of which he is a trustee, and was assistant exhorter for several years.

On Jan. 24, 1888, Mr. Youse was married to Hannah Deysher, a daughter of David G. and Malinda (Weidner) Deysher, and granddaughter of Johanes Deysher of Oley township. David G. Deysher was born July 25, 1831, and died May 10, 1902, aged seventy years, nine months and fifteen days. His wife was a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Weidner, and she was born Sept. 29, 1836, and died Sept. 20, 1872, aged thirty-six years less nine days.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Youse were: Luella, who has taken a commercial course; Ivy; Tynes and Margaret. Mr. Youse is very much interested in giving his children good educations. He is active in church work and is a conscientious, Christian gentleman and one who stands very high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

HARVEY S. HEISTAND. One of the oldest families in Pennsylvania and certainly one of the most prominent in the region of Berks county is that of Heistand. The first on record to come to America was Jacob Heistand, who emigrated in 1727. He was followed in 1731 by Johan Heistand, who was then nineteen years old. In 1752 came another Jacob Heistand, and in 1754, one Heinrich Heistand landed, and as late as 1770 came Johannes Heistand. The family are all Mennonites, and are numerous in the southeastern counties of the State. Tradition says that Jacob Heistand was the ancestor of the Berks county family, and the records of Montgomery county show that Heistands lived there as early as 1741, in which case it would seem that Jacob, who landed in 1727, was the ancestor of the family.

Jacob Heistand, great-grandfather of Harvey S., was born near Goshenhoppen, in Montgomery county. His brothers and sisters were: Christian (lived at Goshenhoppen), Maricha and Susanna were all three unmarried and lived on the original Heistand homestead; and Abraham settled in Upper Milford, Lehigh county, with his brother Jacob, having a farm of sixty acres which he cultivated in connection with his trade of weaver (he m. a Borneman, and had children, Abraham, Polly, Rebecca, Anna and Catharine). Jacob Heistand located in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, in his young manhood. He bought a large farm of 140 acres, erected a barn before 1800, part of which is still standing. Later he purchased an adjoining farm of 111 acres. On his original tract he built a distillery which he operated many years, making both apple-jack and rye-whiskey. He was very prosperous, and at his death left a large estate, including a third farm near Peters Church. In religion he was a Mennonite, and belonged to New Zion Church, and there he and a number of his descendants are buried. He died at the age of eighty-four. His children were: (1) Nancy m. Jacob Bortz. (2) Elizabeth m. Jacob Gehman. (3) A daughter who m. John Musselman. (4) John is mentioned below. (5) David, born in 1813, obtained the 140-acre farm, and engaged in its cultivation until his death in 1881. He was a Mennonite. He married Katie Clemmer, daughter of George Clemmer, who died in 1866, the mother of Maria, William, Charles, a daughter (deceased in infancy), David C., Elizabeth, Susan, Samuel, Nathaniel C. and Jacob. Of these children, Nathaniel C., born Dec. 9, 1857, began farming in 1882, and in 1903 retired and moved to Chapel; in 1881 he m. Hannah B. Kratz, daughter of Daniel Kratz, and they have children—Hannah, Horace K., Katie, Sallie, Lizzie, and Geneva and Jennie (twins, the latter an invalid). All are Mennonites.

John Heistand, son of Jacob, was born in Upper Milford, Lehigh county, and he died aged forty-three years, and is buried at New Zionsville. He was a life long farmer, living on one of the old homesteads, containing 110 acres of good land. The log house on this tract was built long ago, and was torn down about 1856, when the present stone house was built, by Mrs. Elizabeth (Bechtel) Heistand, widow of John and daughter of Jacob Bechtel. John Heistand passed all his life on this farm. Like all his people he was a Mennonite. To him and his wife were born: Anna; Jacob; John died unmarried; Jonas succeeded his father on the home farm; and Levi lives at Allentown.

Jacob Heistand, son of John, and now a venerable resident of Chapel, was born in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, Nov. 17, 1835. He attended the old pay school, and his teacher's wages were from 2½ to 3 cents per day for each pupil. He was trained to farming, and this he followed until his retirement in the spring of 1906. He began farming in 1873 on the farm in Hereford township, now tenanted by his son. This at the time he purchased it, in 1872, contained some fifty acres, but he later purchased twenty-five acres more. This was an old Deysher homestead, the last of that family to own it being Joel Deysher, son of Jacob, son of Daniel, who in 1790 was the head of the family in that township, and who is buried on the farm in a private burying

ground located on the line of the Jacob Heistand and Benjamin M. Grassley farms. This graveyard is now abandoned, and since 1880 has been plowed. About twenty-four persons are buried there. Jacob Heistand built the barn in 1879, and he also built all the other buildings except the house. He and his family all attended the New Zion's Mennonite Church, of which he was trustee for three years. In 1870 Jacob Heistand married Emma Stahl, daughter of Nathan and Bevvy (Albrecht) Stahl, and their children were: Harvey S.; Henry, of Lower Milford township, Lehigh county; Calvin, who died in infancy; Allen, of Hereford township; and Elmer, at home with his parents. In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heistand purchased a home at Chapel, where they are now living retired.

Harvey S. Heistand, son of Jacob, was born in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, May 26, 1870. He attended the common school in Hereford township, Berks county, to which place his parents moved in 1873. He was reared to farming pursuits, and in the spring of 1892 began farming in Hereford township on his father-in-law's farm, and this he cultivated for fourteen years. In the spring of 1906 he came to his father's farm, and this has since been his home. He has eighty acres under good cultivation, and he keeps four horses and twenty-one head of cattle. In politics Mr. Heistand is a Republican, and in religion is a member of the New Zion's Mennonite Church, of which he has served as a deacon. On Jan. 16, 1892, he married Agnes A. Heil, daughter of Samuel D. Heil, and they have one daughter, Verna M.

On the farm whereon Mr. Heistand is now living was an old silk mill, which was abandoned about 1855. Dr. Joel Y. Shelly was president of the Company. The building was then used as a barn, but was torn down in 1897 and replaced by the present more modern structure. The old building was of frame, and stood about sixty yards southeast of the new barn.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, READING, PA. Baptist interests in the present County of Berks had one of their earliest beginnings at the time of the Tulpehocken land surveys made for the proprietors by young Rees Thomas about the year 1722. Some time later a number of Welsh Baptists, among them Rees Thomas, settled on these lands and on Aug. 19, 1738, formed themselves into the Tulpehocken Baptist Church, with twenty-one constituent members.

German Baptists or Dunkards had entered Oley township in 1719.

There probably was an attempt made at an early date to form a Baptist Church in Reading, but of this there is only indefinite tradition. One of the several meeting houses of the Tulpehocken Church was situated near the western bank of the Schuylkill river, opposite the town of Reading.

The Tulpehocken Church after an existence of sixty years became so reduced in membership that in the year 1800 it ceased to exist, and a part of its property was sold. The proceeds of the sale were retained for a number of years in hope that the work on that side of the river might be revived, but after long waiting the money and the effort were transferred to the town across the river, and on Dec. 20, 1828, the First Baptist Church of Reading was formed with six constituent members, who were: William James, Adam Johnston, John Faulkner, Ann S. Oliver, Sarah Faulkner and Mary A. Lockhart. This church has maintained a continuous and successful existence since its organization; its present membership is seven hundred and seventy three.

The pastors of the Church have been: George Higgins, 1829 to 1830; Enoch M. Barker, April 1, 1835, to about July 14, 1838; Thomas T. Kutchin, Dec. 1, 1838, to about Aug. 1, 1839; Enos M. Philips, June 10, 1840, to April 3, 1841; Samuel Davison, Feb. 12, 1842, to Feb. 1, 1844; Charles R. Hendrickson, March 1, 1844, to Sept. 1, 1844; Emerson Andrews, May 24, 1845, to May 1, 1846; Joseph Hammitt, May 2, 1846, to May 1, 1849; Enoch M. Barker, May 26, 1849, to March 24, 1850; Isaac Bevan, July 1, 1850, to Dec. 31, 1857; George Frear, June 16, 1858, to Jan. 31, 1872; Alpheus H. Sembower, June 1, 1872, to Aug. 31, 1884; Charles M. Deitz, Jan. 1, 1885, to April 1, 1889; Joseph S. Bromley, Jan. 1, 1890, to Dec. 31, 1905; and James A. Maxwell, April 11, 1906, ——— .

There have been gone out from this Church, the Berean Baptist Church, July 17, 1879; and the Memorial Baptist Church, Oct. 6, 1908. The Church also conducts a mission at Millmont. The first meeting house of the Church was erected in 1829, at the southeast corner of Front and Cherry streets. The second meeting house was erected in 1836, on Chestnut street above Fourth street. The third meeting house was erected in 1845, on Chestnut street above Fourth street; this building is still standing. The fourth meeting house was erected in 1893-95 at the southwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets. This is the building at present occupied by the Church. The parsonage of the Church is at No. 221 South Fifth street. [ANDREW SHAABER, Church Historian.]

FRANK BABB LONG, of Reading, Pa., where he was born Dec. 16, 1867, is a son of Henry R. and Mary A. (Babb) Long.

Mathias Long, grandfather of Frank B., was born in Douglass township, Montgomery Co., Pa., a son of George Long, who lived and died in Douglass township, where he was a farmer and an old-time planemaker. This business his son Mathias learned, first working at home, but after 1821 at Reading, where he subsequently went into the railroad shops and remained connected with the wood department until 1844. He died Oct. 3, 1857, aged sixty-seven years, six months, fifteen days. Mathias Long married Rebecca Long and they had the following children: William, Henry R., Franklin, Matilda, George and Catherine, the last named, Mrs. John Steckert, being now the only survivor of this family.

Henry R. Long, father of Frank B., was born May 16, 1832, on the corner of Seventh and Court streets, Reading, and was a life long resident of the Ninth ward. After obtaining a fair education in the common schools he went to work as a tobacco stripper, but in 1846 he began to learn the cooper's trade with Henry B. Shearer, following same successfully, at different periods, up to 1903, when he retired. He conducted a shop in the rear of his residence. During the sixties Mr. Long became employed as mailer in the *Gazette and Democrat* office, in the Adler building, on Penn below Fourth street, then owned by J. G. Hawley and William S. Ritter. When that partnership was dissolved, about 1870, he was employed in the mailing room of the *Eagle,* and for a period of twenty-seven years, until four years before his death, was mailer in that office. He worked altogether thirty-nine years with the Adler Publishing Company. He was engaged by Mr. Ritter, of the *Adler,* until four months before his decease, when obliged by ill health to relinquish all work.

Mr. Long married Mary A. Babb, daughter of John and Mary (DeHart) Babb, of Stony Creek, Berks county, where the Babbs are among the early families. Their children were as follows: Ida, who died Aug. 6, 1900, the wife of William H. Horner; Harry B., pressman at the *Adler* office, Reading; and Frank B.

Henry R. Long joined the Masons Sept. 2, 1857, and was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and of Reading Chapter, No. 152, which he joined May 9, 1859. In May, 1858, he became affiliated with Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F. In political faith he was a Democrat, and he was appointed the first assessor of the Ninth ward at Reading, but declined to serve. He resided at No. 209 North Eighth street, where he died Oct. 10, 1906. He had a pleasant home, and had many friends in all parts of the city, who mourned the death of a faithful friend and excellent citizen. Mr. Long was a member of the Reformed Church.

Frank Babb Long completed the public school course and then took a commercial course in a local business college. He was employed at the Adler publishing house, in different departments, for three years. When nineteen years old he passed the civil service examination and entered the post office as clerk, being the first Democrat in that office, where he remained for four years. Then he entered the employ of William Shafer, the well-known baker, and remained with him as city salesman for sixteen years. In July, 1906, he entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Cyrus G. Ream, who is the proprietor of the "Mineral Spring Hotel" at Reading, where his tact, experience and genial qualities make him very efficient.

In 189— Mr. Long married Sarah K. Yerger, daughter of George and Mary (Kantner) Yerger, and they reside at No. 237 North Ninth street, Reading.

In politics Mr. Long is a Democrat. He is a member of the Order of Foresters and the Golden Eagles. In religious faith he is connected with the Reformed Church.

SAMUEL P. LEWIS, who died in Reading Oct. 18, 1904, had been a resident of that city since 1881. He was born in Chester county, Pa., July 27, 1868, son of John and Mary (James) Lewis.

The parents were both natives of Chester county, and were among the representative farming people of that section. John Lewis owned valuable properties there, which he operated until 1881, in which year he removed to Reading. He entered the employ of Orr, Painter & Co., with whom he remained until he died in 1891. He had a family of six children, namely: Frank, Lizzie (m. Samuel Price), Samuel P., John H., George O. and Charles. Both Mr. Lewis and his wife were Presbyterians.

Samuel P. Lewis received most of his education in the public schools of Reading, but he left school early, and when not much more than a boy commenced to learn the trade of stove molder in the foundry of Orr, Painter & Co. He remained with them several years, until he accepted the position of special officer for the city, a place which he was filling most acceptably when his career was cut short by death in 1904. Not only faithful in the discharge of his duties, he was greatly esteemed by his superior officers, and he was very popular socially. He was a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.

Mr. Lewis married, Feb. 6, 1892, Miss Emma E. Gnau, daughter of Jacob and Amelia (Frill) Gnau. Three children were born to this union, namely: John H. (born Sept. 10, 1893, is at school), Florence A. and Russell R.

Jacob Gnau, father of Mrs. Lewis, was born in October, 1846, and died Aug. 31, 1899. He was a native of Reading, and was educated in the schools there. Learning the trade of stove molder, he followed that occupation until 1872, when he went into the hotel business at Columbia Hall, on Penn street. This proved so successful, that in 1887 he was able to retire. Mr. Gnau served in the Civil war and was a member of McLean Post, G. A. R. He also belonged to Friendship Fire Company and to the Masonic fraternity. Twice married, by his union with Miss Rebecca Britton there was no issue. By his marriage with Miss Amelia Frill there were two children: one who died in infancy and Emma E. (Mrs. Lewis).

DR. ISAAC W. NEWCOMET of Stouchsburg, Pa., was born in Bethel township, Berks county, Oct. 8, 1842, and was reared upon his parent's farm, working there until he was fifteen years old, when he began teaching at the Merkel school in Bethel township. He taught in all three terms in Bethel, one in Jefferson, and one in Ontelaunee (the latter the best paying township in the county). He was a great success as a teacher. He was educated in the common schools, the Reading Classical Academy (then in charge of the late Rev. William Good, at one time county superintendent, and later in charge of Prof. D. B. Brunner). He then enlisted in the Independent Battery, Ringgold Light Artillery of Berks county. This company of 144 men was attached to Gen. Couch's brigade. He was in service three months, and was mustered out in the latter part of June, 1863. After the expiration of his enlistment he returned to Reading and became assistant teacher in the Reading Classical Academy, teaching upward of two years. In April, 1866, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1867. He afterward took a special course, becoming very proficient, and in October, 1867, he located at Stouchsburg, where he has since engaged in practice, having a large clientele. He is well and favorably known in his district, and is frequently called far beyond the confines of his own county.

In politics Dr. Newcomet is a Democrat. He is a consistent member of Christ Lutheran Church which was organized in 1727, and is at present serving as an Elder. In his younger days he was superintendent of Crosskill Mills Sunday-school, for several years.

The Doctor resides on the main street in the central part of town in his own residence, which was formerly a Klopp property. He also owns the historic Spyker homestead on which was in 1742 the colonial residence which is still standing and in good state of preservation. Mr. Spyker was a co-patriot and worker with Conrad Weiser.

Dr. Newcomet married Elizabeth S. Bickel, daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Gruber) Bickel. They have no children. Dr. Newcomet is a member of the Berks County Medical Society, and the State Medical Association. He is a member of Williamson Lodge No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf, and was a charter member of the Order of Good Fellows of his town, of which he was an official during its later years.

The Doctor's emigrant ancestor was Christian Newcomer—who came over from Switzerland on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," which landed Sept. 21, 1742, at Philadelphia. On the same ship with him came his wife and at least one son—Christian, Jr.,—whose name appears on the list of passengers of the ship. In 1790 the elder Christian Newcomer was a resident in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, when he had three sons above sixteen years of age, and four sons under sixteen, and five daughters at home, apparently fourteen in his family. Christian, Jr., and his brother Peter were the oldest of the family, and lived in Bethel township, Berks county, each one having a family of his own. Christian Newcomer, Jr., had two sons and two daughters, and Peter Newcomer had three sons and two daughters. Another of the ancestor's sons was Wolfgang Newcomer. School teachers added the "t" to the name.

Abraham Newcomer, grandfather of William W., and Doctor Isaac, was a miller, as was Christian, Jr., his father. The name of "Abraham Neicomer" appeared on his grain bags in his mill. This mill was situated in Bethel township and was known as "Crosskill Mill." It was operated during the Revolutionary war times by Christian Newcomer, Jr.

JOHN E. HARBSTER, one of the prominent business men of Reading, Pa., is a son of Matthan and Susan (Bingham) Harbster. He was educated in the schools of Reading, and then entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Company. Starting at the very bottom, he rose rapidly from one position to another until he reached the head of the great industry, the second largest in its line in the United States. He started as special order clerk, to which he was appointed in 1884, and was then promoted to the position of superintendent of the pattern department. Shortly afterward he was advanced to superintendent of the lock department, and, still later, of the cost department of the entire plant. He was then made assistant superintendent of the works, then superintendent, and finally, in 1904, elected president. This establishment manufactures all kinds of light and builders' hardware, and employs upward of 2000 mechanics beside a large clerical force.

Mr. Harbster was chief marshal of the great Firemen's parade on Labor Day. He is an active member of the Liberty Fire Company.

JACOB GNAU

ADAM HEILMAN, late of Reading, Pa., was a native of Germany, born Feb. 24, 1820, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Miller) Heilman, both of whom died in the Fatherland.

Adam Heilman learned the trade of shoemaker in his native country, and on coming to America in 1838 he engaged at that occupation first in Philadelphia, where, however, he remained only five weeks. Removing to Reading, young Heilman engaged at his trade and made it his life work, his first place of business being at the present site of William Rosenthal's printing establishment, which was owned by the Borrells, and later at No. 660 Penn street. Mr. Heilman remained at the latter place until February, 1897, from which time and until his death he lived in retirement. He was what may well be called a self-made man. On his arrival in this country his capital was little more than a great amount of ambition, tireless energy and unbounded honesty. He was one of the successful men of his section. Always a good, skilled workman, he instructed others in his trade, and some of the leading shoemakers of Reading owe their success in the business to his valuable teachings.

In 1842, Mr. Heilman was married (first) to Hannah Miller, born in Amity township, Berks county, and seven children were born to this union, three of whom are living. On March 20, 1859, Mr. Heilman was married (second) to Mrs. Caroline Kieffer, and there were seven children born to this marriage also, five of them still surviving. In religious belief the family are Lutherans, and Mr. Heilman was prominent at the time of the erection of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which he was an elder, trustee and deacon, and treasurer for seventeen years. In political matters he was a Democrat, but in local matters took an independent stand. He was connected with the I. O. O. F. and Teutonia Lodge, F. & A. M., of Reading. Mr. Heilman was well-known as a musician and in this connection was identified for many years with the old Germania Band.

PIERCE K. STEFFY, a cigar manufacturer and active citizen of Sinking Spring, Berks county, was born here, in Spring township, Nov. 23, 1864, and is a member of a family which has been numerous in this section for several generations.

Daniel Steffy, his great-grandfather, was born in Cumru township and was engaged as a laborer in the vicinity of Sinking Spring, where he is buried. Among his children were Daniel, Lizzie, Penina and John.

John Steffy, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 14, 1800, and died Aug. 6, 1865. He is buried in the old graveyard at Sinking Spring, close to where his father lies, and like his father he was a laborer in that section. He married Lydia A. Luft, born Aug. 28, 1805, daughter of Johannes Luft (born Aug. 15, 1777, died Aug. 17, 1864, and his wife Magdalena (born Sept. 23, 1777, died Oct. 27, 1865). Mrs. Steffy died Nov. 28, 1869, aged sixty-four years, three months, and is buried beside her husband. They had a family of twelve children, namely: Rebecca, John, Lydia, Jane, Daniel, Isaac, Elizabeth, Maria, Molly, William (who died in infancy), William and Benneville.

Isaac L. Steffy, a respected resident of Spring township, living just above Fritztown, was born in that township, near Sinking Spring April 28, 1841. When only five years old he moved with his parents to Heidelberg township, where he lived for fourteen years with the family of Adam Ruth, a farmer. After leaving the Ruths he continued to do farm work for two years longer, in 1863 beginning to work as a repairman on the Reading & Columbia railroad, where he was employed for eight years as a journeyman. For twenty-four years he was engaged as foreman of a section, during this time having under his charge at different times two to sixty men, with corresponding responsibilities. In the spring of 1894 Mr. Steffy became the proprietor of the "Fanners Hotel" at Fritztown, which he himself conducted for three and a half years. Since 1900 he has been engaged in the coal and fertilizer business at that place, and he has prospered by thrift and good management. He has his own home above Fritztown, a comfortable dwelling with one acre of ground. Mr. Steffy is known to all as a conscientious and honorable man, and he is highly esteemed in his community. In 1860 he married Margaret Kline, daughter of William and Mary (Ruth) Kline, and granddaughter of William Ruth. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Steffy, as follows: John, who lives at Lyons, Pa.; William, of Montello, this county; Pierce K.; Ida, married to James Grimes, a shoemaker of Reynolds, Pa.; Ellen, wife of Henry Bucher, a painter of Denver, Pa.; Mary, wife of Harry R. Gring, a cigar manufacturer of Fritztown, Pa.; Rufus, who died in infancy; and Maggie, married to Stephen Hornberger, a cigar maker at Denver, Pa. Mr. Steffy and his family belong to the church, which they attend, at Sinking Spring. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

Pierce K. Steffy received his education in the public schools of his native township, and learned his trade at Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., from John Yenland. After following his trade for six years at Lititz, Denver (Lancaster county) and other points he became foreman for John S. Nolde, a cigar manufacturer at Denver, continuing in that capacity for seven years, until he started in business on his own account, at Denver, in 1891, as Mr. Nolde's successor. He carried that business on until 1896, in the fall of which year he came to Sinking Spring, where he has since been engaged in cigar manufacturing. He is established in a two-story factory on Main street, 20 x 44 feet in dimensions, and gives employment to about forty people. The product is confined to high-grade cigars, which are disposed of through jobbing houses at Philadelphia and other Pennsylvania cities, as well as in New Jersey. Mr. Steffy has a lucrative business, and he owns his factory and his home. In addition to cigar-making he runs a coal yard at Fritztown, having a profitable patronage.

Mr. Steffy has taken an interest in the administration of public affairs in the various communities in which he has resided. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been active in the local workings of the party. While a resident of Lancaster county he was delegate to many county conventions, and during President Cleveland's second administration he served as postmaster at Denver, that county. Since he became a resident of Berks county he has served a term of three years as school director of Spring township, was treasurer of the board, and at present holds the office of supervisor, being president of the board of roadmasters. He has done able work for the township, where his efforts have been highly appreciated. In 1907 he was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention.

Socially Mr. Steffy is well known, being a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; of Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F.; of Lexington Lodge, No. 155, K. of P.; and of Wyanet Tribe, No. 301, I. O. R. M., of Reading. He is a leading member of Salem U. B. Church at Sinking Spring, which he has served as trustee and steward. His family are also identified with this church.

In October, 1896, Mr. Steffy married Miss Emma Smith, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Barry) Smith, of Lancaster county, and to this union have been born six children: Robert P., Charles S., Alvin S., Martha, Russel and Luke.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. The first recorded meeting of this congregation was held Jan. 6, 1752, on which occasion, it is stated, the church officers were re-elected; which shows that the Church probably was organized in 1751. At the meeting in 1752 a committee was appointed to build a church. The church, begun 1752, was dedicated Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1753, by the name of Holy Trinity Church. This church was

a wooden building fronting on Washington street, and standing nearly where the present parsonage is. In 1791 a new church was begun, fronting on Sixth street. The corner-stone was laid May 10, 1792; and the church was dedicated Trinity Sunday, June 15, 1794. This building still stands. In 1851 the interior was greatly altered, a basement for Sunday-school purposes being introduced, and the pulpit and altar, which had been on the north side of the church, being placed on the east. The steeple of the church was completed in 1833, and rebuilt in 1892, at which time William A. Arnold and Samuel Kutz built and presented a memorial Sunday-school chapel, and the whole church building was thoroughly repaired and embellished.

In *The History of Trinity Church* by Rev. Dr. J.Fry, the following pastors are named: 1751-1753, T. Wagner and H. B. G. Wordman; 1754-1763, D. Schumacher, J. C. Hartwig and B. M. Hausihl; 1764-1771, John Andreas Krug; 1771-1774, F. Niemeyer and P. J. Grotz; 1775-1781, H. Moller, F. A. C. Muhlenberg and D. Lehman; 1782-1796, C. F. Wildbahn; 1796-1803, A. N. Marcard, D. Lehman, W. H. Scriba; 1803-1829, H. A. Muhlenberg, D. D.; 1829-1850, Jacob Miller, D. D.; 1851-1851, F. A. M. Keller; 1851-1854, J. W. Richards, D. D.; 1854-1857, John W. Hoffman, D. D.; 1858-1861, F. J. F. Schantz; 1861-1864, C. Rightmeyer. From 1865 to 1896 J. Fry, D. D., was pastor; and he was succeeded in 1897 by Edward T. Horn, D. D., LL. D., who is the pastor at the present time.

While Dr. Miller was pastor, Rev. F. A. M. Keller served as assistant, conducting English services, and afterward became the founder of St. James Church. With Dr. Schantz, Rev. J. J. Kuendig was assistant, preaching in the German language, and became the first pastor of St. John's, which separated from Trinity in 1861. During the interval between Dr. Fry's resignation and the present pastorate, Rev. George Drach served as a regular supply. Since 1897 Rev. L. D. Lazarus, and subsequently Rev. J. F. Snyder, have successively served as assistants, and vicar in Peace and Faith chapels, which are maintained as filials of Trinity. All of the Lutheran Churches of Reading look upon Trinity as the Mother Church, and acknowledge her fostering care.

In her earlier charter Trinity was called the German Lutheran Congregation in the borough of Reading, but in 1860 she was named *Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading*, by Act of Assembly, and in 1888, by an amendment to the charter received the name and style of *The Trinity Lutheran Church of the City of Reading*.

In the Sunday-school the following have filled the office of superintendent: E. Jon. Deininger 1829-1842; Rev. A. M. Keller 1842-1850; Geo. W. Oakley 1851-1857; W. H. Livingood 1858-1860; Sol. L. Moser 1861-1865; Rev. J. Fry 1865-1867; P. S. Ermold 1868-1880; H. M. M. Richards 1881-1899; Geo. M. Jones, Esq. 1900-1907; A. Raymond Bard 1907—.

We find mention of occasional English services in this church as early as 1758. When H. A. Muhlenberg was called as pastor in 1803, he was obligated to preach in English at stated intervals; but this arrangement seems to have been abandoned in 1806. Rev. F. A. M. Keller was engaged in 1847 as "Assistant preacher in the English language." Dr. Richards conducted English morning services once in every four Sundays, and the evening service was regularly English. After the separate establishment of St. John's Church, English became the only language used in the regular services.

It would be impossible to recite a list of the interesting events which are connected with Trinity Church. Among the most interesting are the organization of the *General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America*, which occurred in 1866; and the touching scene when the aged C. F. Hoyer volunteered and was sent to revive the Mission at Rajahmundry, India,—at the meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1869. The General Council's first missionary to Japan, Rev. Frisbie D. Smith, was formally commissioned in Trinity Church, Sept. 6, 1908.

The annual report to Synod, in 1909, shows that 1250 persons communed within the year, and that 1625 are carried on the roll; the Sunday-school had 69 officers and teachers and 961 scholars enrolled; the properties are valued at $175,000; $6,500 were spent for the maintenance of the congregation, and $4,582.72 given to the various benevolent works of the Lutheran Church. [Supplied by Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D., LL. D.]

J. K. BRINTZENHOFF, secretary and treasurer of the Penn Cigar Company, manufacturers of high grade cigars, at No. 1138 Franklin street, Reading, was born in Washington township, Berks county.

After attending the schools of Rockland township, and the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, Mr. Brintzenhoff in 1891 engaged in teaching at Womelsdorf for two years, when he was appointed principal and held that position one year. He then accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Relay Manufacturing Company, when after a period he engaged in his present business with Keyser Fry, at No. 838 Chestnut street. There they engaged in the manufacture of cigars until they removed to No. 723 Franklin street. They purchased the Newcomet factory and the business was combined with that of the cigar company, and in 1905 the Penn Cigar Co. was incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania with Mr. Fry as president and Mr. Brintzenhoff as secretary and treasurer, the latter also having the general management of the business. The Penn Cigar Co. does a very heavy business, and probably ships more cigars than any other firm in the city by express. They manufacture a high grade of five and ten cent cigars, among them the "Chief Rabban," "Wyoming Elk," "Lady Mar," "Ortho" and "American Securities," besides many private brands. They employ an average of thirty hands the year round and the business is steadily increasing in volume.

Mr. Brintzenhoff is a member of Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, R. A. M., No. 152, DeMolay Commandery, K. T., No. 9, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Mt. Penn Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander. Mr. Brintzenhoff is politically independent.

HENRY GASS, the owner of a fine farm of twenty-one acres in Muhlenberg township, where he also conducts a custom feed mill, coal yard and stone quarries, was born in Alsace township, Berks county, Jan. 23, 1852, son of Henry and Mary (Phillips) Gass.

Henry Gass, father of Henry, was born in that portion of Alsace township that is now Muhlenberg, in 1817, and died in 1853, and engaged in farming and lime burning all of his life, hauling his lime on the Schuylkill Canal. He married Mary Phillips, a native of the same township, who died in 1861, having borne her husband these children: Sarah, who married Franklin Miller; Mary, who married Edward Snyder; Elizabeth, who married James Wiedner; and Henry. In religious belief the family were of the Reformed faith. Mr. Gass was a Democrat in politics, but was never an office seeker.

Henry Gass was educated in the schools of Alsace township, only attending, however, at intervals when he was not needed on the farm, where he had hired out for his board and clothes. Later he received $7.00 per month, and out of these meagre wages managed to save a little each month. Subsequently his pay was raised to $22.00 per month, at which wages he worked for one year, by which time, by the utmost economy and frugality he had managed to put away enough with which to buy the old homestead. Mr. Gass conducted this land for three years, when he sold out and purchased a house at St. Lawrence, where he remained about nine months, operating a stone quarry on his father-in-law's property. In 1879 he purchased his present land, a tract of twenty-one

acres, known as the old Bushong property, and here he has made many improvements. He planted every tree now on the place, opened a new quarry, since 1893 has operated a coal yard, and built a feed mill which is still in operation. The original house was destroyed by fire in 1882, and this was replaced by Mr. Gass as were all of the out buildings.

Mr. Gass was married to Amanda Stauffer, daughter of Abram Stauffer, and eleven children were born to this union: Nora, who married E. H. Zacharias and has one child, Marguerite; Mamie, who married George Shirk and has one child, Franklin Henry; Avin, who married Estella Wahl; Henry W., single; Jennie E., at home; Mary, deceased; Charles and Jennie E., who died of diphtheria within a week of each other; and three who died in infancy.

In religious belief Mr. Gass is Reformed and he has held the offices of deacon and elder. In politics he is a Democrat, and is treasurer of Muhlenberg township, in which capacity he has served for several terms, no man in Berks county holding a better record than he. Fraternally Mr. Gass is connected with the P. O. S. of A., and the K. G. E.

HENRY H. SHULTZ, one of the most influential citizens of lower Berks county, the leading cattle dealer in this section, and a man of large affairs in various lines, belongs to a family which has been particularly prominent in Hereford township and the surrounding district from its settlement in this country.

The Schultz ancestry is traced back to one Mathias Schultz, who was born in 1612, on a Sunday (Invocavit), lived through the Thirty Years' war, and died in 1682, in the seventieth year of his age, at Lower Harpersdorf, in what was then the principality (now a government district) of Liegnitz, Silesia. His son, Melchior Schultz, is said to have been born in 1647, and died on a Sunday (Invocavit), 1708, in the sixty-first year of his age. And his son, also called Melchior Schultz, was born June 26, 1680, and died Feb. 15, 1734, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, at Berthelsdorf, Saxony, about two months before the emigration to this country, then being contemplated. The last-named Melchior Schultz was the father of George, Melchior and Christopher, all of whom married, and descendants of George and Christopher still flourish in Berks county.

Rev. Christopher Schultz, Sr., the youngest son of Melchior, was born at Lower Harpersdorf, Liegnitz, Silesia, March 26, 1718. In the spring of 1726, owing to religious persecution, this family with others left home and possessions and fled by night, arriving at Berthelsdorf, in Saxony, May 1st. Here Christopher became a shepherd boy, but his humble circumstances did not quench his spirit or ambition. In his youth he evinced a burning desire for books. His kind friend, Rev. George Weiss, assisted him in his study of the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages. He also had the kindly assistance of Count Zinzendorf. The three orphan boys, George, Melchior and Christopher Schultz, joining some forty Schwenkfelder families, forever turned their backs upon their native land, embarking for Philadelphia, where they arrived after a tedious voyage of about five months, Sept. 22, 1734. Young Christopher kept a diary ("Reise Beschreibung"), which is found in print in the "Erlauterung." At a comparatively early period he was looked upon as a leading spirit among the Schwenkfelders, and was chosen their minister, serving as such efficiently and faithfully until the end of his days. He was the chief organizer of the Schwenkfelders into a religious body or congregation, composed the catechism still in use, compiled their hymn-books and wrote their constitution, as well as a "Compendium" of religious doctrines of faith of 600 octavo pages. For many years, up to the end of the American Revolution, "Father" Schultz, as he was called, kept up correspondence with friends left in Germany. He lived in stirring times and had varied experiences. At the age of eighteen years we find him, with his two brothers, selecting a site for their future home in a dense wood forty-two miles north of Philadelphia, two miles west of what is now the borough of East Greenville, where they had found an excellent spring of water. Here, in 1736, assisted by Melchior Newman, carpenter, they commenced felling the tall oaks, rolling them on a scaffold over a trench, sawed them by hand into three-inch planks, whereof the outside walls of their capacious two-story house were constructed. Wagon wheels were made of the same article, horse collars were skillfully plaited of straw, traces were made of hemp, the grubbing hoe preceded the plow with wooden mold board. There was no sawmill or gristmill within fifteen miles, and every resource of the pioneer was taxed to the utmost to supply the lacks experienced in a new country. For clothing the Schultzes raised their own flax and wool, spun it with the aid of a single spindle, erected a weaver's loom, and wove the yarn into cloth.

The three brothers lived in peace and harmony, and at the end of ten years, under the blessing of Providence, they had considerably extended their landed domains, increased their flocks and filled their coffers, so that the question which once engaged the attention of Abraham and Lot, at their parting, now confronted them. The result was that Melchior and Christopher sold out to their elder brother, George, the former going about three miles north, where he bought a farm; Christopher, having married in 1744, now bought and settled at Clayton, Berks county. Here he lived to the end of his life. Among the early records of Berks county we find the last will and testament of Christopher Schultz, a model of its kind. It is dated the 24th of October, 1788, and is witnessed by his friends, Abraham Schultz, Gregory Schultz and George Kriebel; in it the testator, among other things, disposes of about eight hundred acres of land located in Berks, Montgomery and Northumberland counties, Pa., including two of the finest farms in eastern Berks; one of them, late that of his brother Melchior, had been bought by the testator for and in the name of his son Andrew. His family, all of whom survived him, consisted of his wife Rosina, a daughter of Baltzer Yeakel, and four children, Regina, Andrew, David and Susanna. Father Schultz died May 9, 1789, aged seventy-one years, one month, thirteen days. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy. The Rev. Christopher Hoffman, of Skippack, preached the funeral sermon, taking for his text the words of Paul, II Timothy 4: 7-8, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, etc.

David Schultz, son of Rev. Christopher, born April 10, 1757, died Aug. 4, 1833, aged seventy-six years. He resided in Hereford township, Berks county, immediately adjoining the Schwenkfelder meeting house. In 1781 he married Anna Kriebel, and the following are the names and years of birth of their children: Susanna, 1782; Andrew, 1784; William, 1786; Rosina, 1788; Christopher K., 1790; Philip, 1793 (died 1817); Maria, 1795; Jeremiah, 1797; Christina, 1799; Regina, 1801.

Andrew Schultz, eldest son of David, born Oct. 4, 1784, died Nov. 17, 1817, aged thirty-three years. He lived at Clayton, on the border of Washington and Hereford townships, where he owned valuable land, including the homestead farm, and he followed farming. He married Sophia Kriebel, daughter of Andrew Kriebel, born Nov. 16, 1785, died March 24, 1857, in her seventy-second year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are buried at the Schwenkfelder Church. They had a family of five children: Andrew K., father of Henry H.; Lydia, born in 1814, who married John Anders; Anna, born in 1812, who was married to Joshua Schultz; Susanna, born in 1810, who married Stophel Wiegner; and Elizabeth, born in 1816, who married Samuel Schultz.

Andrew K. Schultz, son of Andrew, born in Washington township May 3, 1818, died in May, 1903, aged

eighty-five years. He was a successful farmer all his life, and besides the homestead farm owned the store property at Clayton. He was a man of affairs, and wielded a strong influence for good throughout his district, where he was an active and well-known citizen. Like most of the name he was a Schwenkfelder in religious faith, and very devoted to the church; he is buried at the Schwenkfelder meeting-house in Hereford township. He married Magdalena High, daughter of John High, and she died May 6, 1897, aged seventy-three years, two months, twenty-three days, the mother of ten children: Henry H.; Mary, who married Daniel Longaeke; Andrew H., of Pottstown; Amanda, who married E. K. Schultz; Edwin H., of Philadelphia; Magdalena, deceased wife of Horatio Schultz; John H., of Worcester, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Emma, who married Dr. Stover; and two that died in infancy.

Henry H. Shultz was born July 17, 1844, on the homestead in Washington township where his father was born, at Clayton, and received his education in the public schools of his home township and at Washington Hall, at the Trappe. In 1865 he was licensed to teach public school by Prof. John S. Ermentrout, and he taught two terms in Hereford township, at the Treichlersville school. In 1867 he began clerking in the general store of Diehl & Stover, at Pleasant Valley, in Bucks county, Pa., and the following year was in the employ of Treichler & Brother, who took over the business. In 1869 he engaged in butchering at Pleasant Valley, continuing that line for two years with excellent results, and then for several years he was in the mercantile business at Clayton. His father had purchased the store property there in 1871, and Henry H. Shultz took the business in 1872, carrying it on until 1879, when because of poor health he sold out to his brother Edwin, who conducted the store until 1905, a period of twenty-five years.

In order to build up his health Mr. Shultz went to Florida on retiring from the store, and settling in Orange county he engaged in the cultivation of oranges, lemons and grape fruit, being the first man to send grape fruit into the city of Reading, in 1881. Mr. Shultz made as much of a success of fruit raising as he has of his other lines of effort, and by the application of sound business principles to that undertaking did very well during the seven years he remained in Florida. During that time he also dealt more or less in cattle, a business he had started in 1876, and in which he has been interested continuously to the present. While in the South he had transactions of this kind both in the North and in Florida, and his operations at present entitle him to the rank of the most extensive dealer in his line in lower Berks county. He has handled as many as 125 carloads of cattle yearly, and he shipped 13,000 calves to New York City within ten years. He owns two farms, both in Hereford township, is connected with the Perkiomen National Bank at East Greenville as director, and has other large interests which keep him in close touch with the industrial life of Berks county as well as a leading factor in its material prosperity. However, he has never taken any active part in local public affairs, and though a stanch Republican in political principles has neither sought nor accepted office.

In 1868 Mr. Shultz married Anna Maria Geisinger, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Gruber) Geisinger, the latter a daughter of John Gruber, of Springfield, Bucks Co., Pa., after whom Gruber's Valley, in the same county, was named. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz have one child, Elmer G., born Nov. 19, 1868, who resides at Clayton and assists his father in the management of his business; he married Catharine Rudolph, daughter of John Rudolph, of Springfield, Bucks county, and they have two children, Henry H. and Stella M.

In 1883 Mr. Shultz bought his father's farm at Clayton and the house in which he makes his home, and which he and his family have occupied since 1884. The large stone residence, erected in 1843, is located on a corner, has been completely remodeled and refitted with the most modern conveniences during Mr. Shultz's ownership, and presents as fine an appearance as any place in the surrounding country. It is Colonial in style, and the spacious porches and beautiful lawn give it an air of dignity and comfort which bespeak the ideal home. There is a supply of fine spring water which adds to the value of the property.

Mr. Shultz has probably traveled more than any other man of his section, and during his travels he has collected a number of valuable and interesting relics, from Florida, California and other places, his journeyings having carried him all over the United States.

JAMES B. LEVAN, a farmer at Mountain postoffice, in Albany township, Berks county, was born on the farm on which he now resides, Feb. 23, 1849, son of Benjamin and Anna (Lutz) Levan. At the time of his birth the family home was in the old log house of Indian depredation fame. It was commonly known as the "Fort," and many times when the Indians were on the war path the white settlers would flee thither for protection. It was built with inside stairs to the upper floor, so constructed that they could be drawn up and prevent the Indians from reaching the refugees. During the French and Indian war many of the settlers were cruelly murdered by the savages, among these being a Mrs. Shissler, whose husband and daughter escaped a like fate by crawling through the window of their burning cabin and finding safety with neighbors.

Daniel Levan, grandfather of James B., was a native of Exeter township, Berks county, Pa. He died on his farm in Albany township before 1840, and is buried in a private burial ground on the farm now owned by James B. He came from Exeter to Albany in 1813, and bought the farm now owned by his grandson from his father-in-law, Peter Fries, and on this farm he lived until his death. He met his wife, a Miss Fries, in Reading, and their children were: Lydia m. Reuben Smith; Sally m. Benjamin Kramer; Benjamin; Maria (1815-1891) m. Samuel Lutz; Magdalena (called Molly) (1818-1896) m. David Lutz, brother of Samuel; and Daniel, a farmer and blacksmith at Wessnersville, where he owned the farm now the property of Henry Leiby, and was the father of the following children: Lavina, Casetta, William, Cordelia, Belisa, Mrs. Henry Leiby and Dr. Walter.

Benjamin Levan, son of Daniel, was born in Exeter township, Feb. 27, 1813, and died in Albany, Nov. 17, 1878. He was but one month old when his parents brought him to Albany township, and he lived there during the remainder of his life. He received a limited education in the neighborhood, when schools were held by Germans in private houses. He farmed all his active life, but was retired some years before his death. He hauled the products of his farm over the Blue Mountains to Schuylkill county. He prospered in his work and he saw many changes in the Levan home. He was a member (Reformed) of the New Bethel Church, where both he and his wife, Anna Lutz (born Jan. 7, 1812, died Dec. 31, 1893), daughter of Frederick Lutz, are buried. To him and his wife were born nine children: Amanda m. David Heinly; Loriah m. Samuel Hartman; Leanda m. (first) Jonathan Smith, and (second) Samuel De Turk; Mary Jane m. William Heinly; Casetta, died aged about two years; James B.; Benjamin lives at Lynnport, Pa.; Elmira m. Edwin D. Kistler, a merchant at Wessnersville; and Albert D. is a merchant at Mountain, Albany township.

James B. Levan received his education in the township schools, and later attended a boarding school at Trappe, Montgomery county. He was substitute teacher for several years, and was reared to farming under his father, working for the latter until he was twenty-seven years of age. He began farming for himself, where he now lives, in the spring of 1877. In

1879 this farm came into his possession. It is located at the base of the Blue Mountains, in the potato belt, and consists of 230 acres, about 100 acres being woodland. The log house that sheltered the family for three generations, and which was used as a fort in the Indian days, built about 1749, was torn down by Mr. Levan in 1898. Many Indian relics such as tomahawks, arrows, spear heads, etc., have been found on the Levan farm. Mr. Levan is blessed with a good water supply on his place, the Yellow Spring being on his land, and the so called "sand spring" on the adjoining property. The present set of buildings were erected by Mr. Levan, the barn in 1880, and remodeled in 1905, and the large stone house in the eighties. Everything is strictly modern, and the well kept lawn is enclosed by an iron fence. Mr. Levan raises about fifteen acres of potatoes annually. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been supervisor of his district. He and his family attend New Bethel Church, of which they are Reformed members, and in which he has served as deacon.

In 1877 Mr. Levan married Rosa Kistler, daughter of David and Maria (Fetherolf) Kistler, of Kistler's Valley. Five sons and five daughters have blessed this union: Dr. George K., of Reading; Annie, m. to John Long, station agent at Wanamakers, Pa.; Miss Maggie; Benjamin, a painter, unmarried; James, a miller at Wanamakers; Jennie, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, and now a successful teacher in Albany township; John, a farmer at home; Sallie, in school; Charles, a farmer at home; Pauline, at home.

Dr. George K. Levan, son of James B., was born on his father's farm Nov. 3, 1877, and was educated in the public schools of his district, graduating from the Albany school in 1897. He then went to Reading and worked in a drug store, attending night school, and taking private instruction in Latin from Edward D. Trexler. He then entered the Department of Pharmacy in the Medico-Chirurgical College, and graduated in the class of 1903. In the fall of that year he began the study of medicine at the same institution, and graduated in 1907. He was then elected a resident physician of Reading Hospital, where he served one year. In the fall of 1908 he located at No. 300 South Fifth street, Reading, where he has been very successful in building up a good patronage. He holds the temporary position of physician of the Reading School District. He is a member of the Berks County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M. He is a self made made, his professional training having been gained through his own efforts, and he is justly entitled to the respect of his fellow men.

DERR. From the records of Berks county the following interesting information is gleaned relative to the old Derr family:

Johann Heinrich Derr was born Dec. 13, 1787, and died Aug. 15, 1867, aged seventy-nine years, eight months and two days. His wife was Sarah Schumaker, born in 1803, died in 1882. Another Heinrich Derr was born April 9, 1795 and died Feb. 15, 1878, aged eighty-two years, ten months and six days. His wife's Christian name was Sibilla.

David Derr was born Sept. 13, 1814, died May 14, 1888, aged seventy-three years and eight months. His wife was Sarah A. Leibig, born in 1826, died in 1881.

Henry Derr, son of David above mentioned, was born in 1854, and died in 1893.

John Derr of Amity township, Berks county, has entered in Will Book D, page 274, on March 1, 1821, a will made under the date of Dec. 5, 1820. John Derr had sons,—John, Samuel and Henry George.

Henry Derr, father of Henry Derr and grandfather of Thomas L., had among other children the following: Mrs. Jacob Stout of Emaus, Lehigh county; Mrs. Henry Kemmerer in Emaus; William who was a well known blacksmith near Kutztown; Henry.

Henry Derr, son of Henry Derr and father of Thomas L. Derr, was born in Hereford township, Berks county, in March, 1820, and there received his education. When a young man he learned the tailor trade, and coming to Reading in 1849 he engaged in business on Penn street, below Eighth street, conducting a clothing store for some years. Later he was a grocer at Ninth and Penn streets. Still later he returned to his trade and worked at it until his death which occurred in 1865, when he was forty-five years of age. His body was interred in the Charles Evans cemetery.

The wife of Henry Derr was Maria Fisher, a daughter of William and Catherine (Hippensteal) Fisher. Mrs. Derr died at Reading at the age of sixty-six years. Their children were: William of Wooster, Ohio, veterinary surgeon, who has three children,—William, Emma and Earl; Amanda A. who married Charles Weber of Reading, foreman in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company's shops; Hezekiah who died at the age of fourteen years; Matilda who married Charles Schanberger; Charles whose wife's first name is Lizzie and who lives at Kent, Ohio; Antura married Roland Laing, health Commissioner of Reading, and Thomas L. Derr.

Charles Weber, son-in-law of Henry Derr, enlisted in Company A, 3rd Pennsylvania Reserves, June 4, 1861, and was honorably discharged June 7, 1864, having served through some of the worst engagements of the Civil war. He again enlisted on Aug. 24, 1864, in Company D, 198th Regiment, and remained in the service until the close of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have had these children: William H.; Charles D., deceased; George; Mary C.; Laura D.; Howard and Arthur G.

Thomas Luther Derr was born at Reading March 27, 1859, and his boyhood days were spent in this city, where he attended school, and later learning the machinist's trade in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops at Seventh and Chestnut streets. He followed his trade for thirty-four consecutive years, and for nine years was foreman in the machine department, and is a very able mechanic. At present Mr. Derr is in the employ of the Metropolitan Electric Light Company, of Reading, having charge of a number of men, and being the chief gas fitter for the company.

Mr. Derr is an inventor, and among other things invented a grease cup in 1906, which runs 19,000 miles for one-half cent's worth of grease. He holds deeds for patents for the United States, Canada, England, Germany, France and Belgium. He was offered $20,000 for this patent in the fall of 1907, but he refused to sell. He has also invented a gage-cock for locomotives, March, 1907, and after a year's trial it has been proven a great success. These inventions are on the market.

Mr. Derr is a man of remarkable ability, and is a deep and profound thinker who carefully studies out problems which perplex other men. His standing is a high one in the world of successful inventors.

In politics he is a strong Republican, and at one time took an active part in party matters. Fraternally he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 66, and is one of the organizers of that lodge in Reading. He is also a member of the K. G. E., No. 433; and P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 61, both of Reading.

On Dec. 18, 1882, he married Clara V. Eisenbise, a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Stuebner) Eisenbise. They have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Derr reside in their own home at No. 1138 North Ninth street, where they have lived since 1898. This home is a beautiful one, and is numbered among the fine residences of Reading. Here Mr. and Mrs. Derr dispense a cordial delightful hospitality to their many friends.

The work of a man like Mr. Derr must always serve as a lesson and a source of encouragement to young

men who have only themselves to depend upon. Leaving school in the grammar grade, Mr. Derr may well claim to be entirely self made. He has patiently developed his talent into genius and has made his name a well known one wherever machinery is used.

CHRIST CHURCH, READING, PA. For some time previous to the war of the Revolution, and at the beginning of that memorable conflict, the Rev. Alexander Murry, D. D., ministered to the congregation of St. Mary's, in connection with St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, as a missionary, under the patronage of that most excellent and Christian institution of the Church of England, "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts." The members of St. Mary's, who were probably few in number, possessed no regular place of worship. They had made preparation and procured materials to erect a church edifice on the same lot now occupied by Christ Church. This laudable undertaking was frustrated by the commencement of the Revolutionary struggle. In the unrestrained zeal of the controversy, many of the clergy of the Church of England, who were from the nature of the case English subjects, were suspected of lack of sympathy with the Revolution. The missionary at Reading did not escape. His house was mobbed, the furniture carried out and broken to pieces. The fragments were then collected, and, together with books, papers, etc., served to make a bonfire, to blaze abroad the zeal and patriotism of those who instigated and performed the act.

Dr. Murry soon afterward embarked for England, returning to this country after the settlement of the difficulties with Great Britain. On a short visit to Reading he was particularly careful to call on several of those who had been the abettors or actors in the mob; and in the kindness and cordiality which he manifested toward them he presented a noble example of the Christian spirit of meekness and forgiveness. Dr. Murry departed this life in Philadelphia during the prevalence of the yellow fever of 1793.

The lot of ground on which Christ Church stands was numbered 71 in the plan of the borough, being 60 feet wide and 230 in depth. It was given by Mrs. Rebecca Price, and conveyed by James Diemer, Esq., by a Deed of Indenture, dated November 30, 1815, to James May, Marks John Biddle, and George Douglass, Esq's., to be by them "held in trust, for the erection of an Episcopal Church, whenever it should be found convenient, and as a place of burial, for the Episcopalians, within the town of Reading, and the vicinity, and of such other persons, not Episcopalians, as the said trustees shall permit to be buried therein, and for no other purpose whatsoever." From a sand stone at the head of one of the graves it appeared that the lot of ground had been used as a place of burial a century and a half ago.

Christ Church was organized, and the edifice mentioned above erected, under the ministry of the Rev. Robert Davis, who commenced missionary services in Reading in the spring of 1823, under the patronage of "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania." The Church was admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 12, 1824, Henry Styles and Nathaniel P. Hobart attending as delegates.

The Holy Communion was first administered by the Rev. Levi Bull, to twelve communicants, in the autumn of 1823, and a Sunday-school started the same year. The church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William White, May 10, 1826, the annual convention of the Diocese being assembled at the time.

The Rev. Mr. Davis continued his labors about three years, the congregation worshiping in a room of the "public buildings."

The Rev. William C. Meade, the first rector, elected soon after the consecration of Christ Church, resigned at the close of 1826.

The succeeding rectors have been as follows: Rev. Henry John Whitehouse, 1827-1829; Rev. Francis H. Cuming, 1831-1832; Rev. Samuel A. McCoskey, 1833-1834; Rev. Richard Umstead Morgan, 1834-1850; Rev. Milton C. Lightner, 1850-1861; Rev. Alexander G. Cummings, 1861-1866; Rev. J. P. Lundy, D. D., 1866-1868; Rev. J. Pinckney Hammond, 1868-1872; Rev. William P. Orrick, D. D., 1873 to the present time. [Supplied by Rev. William P. Orrick, D. D.]

JOHN A. STROHECKER, one of the foremost citizens of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the painting and decorating business at No. 439 North Eleventh street, has also been prominent in the public life of the city, and was recently Democratic candidate from the Eleventh ward for the select council. Mr. Strohecker was born in Reading July 6, 1867, son of Edward and Ellen (Hafer) Strohecker.

Edward Strohecker, father of John A., was born in Reading, where for upward of thirty years he was engaged in the butchering business, retiring some years prior to his death. He was married to Ellen Hafer, and they became the parents of these children: Emma, who married Sherman Yeager; Rosa, who married Jacob Custer; Sallie, who is single; John A.; and Edwin, who resides in Reading.

John A. Strohecker received his education in the public schools of his native city, after leaving which he learned the painter's trade with Edward Fasig, in whose employ he remained for four years. He then engaged in business on his own account at Phoenixville, Chester county, continuing there successfully for three years, at the end of which time he went to Oneonta, N. Y., and there spent a like period. On his return to Reading he established himself in business at No. 439 North Eleventh street, where he has one of the leading business houses of its kind in the city. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Strohecker has always been an unswerving supporter of his party's principles, and his enterprise and public spirit make him the leading candidate for the office he is seeking. He was one of the first members of Reading Encampment of Progressive Americans, No. 1, and is also connected with Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias. With his family he attends the Reformed Church.

In 1891 Mr. Strohecker was married to Annie Muringer, daughter of Sebastian and Matilda (Regenfuse) Muringer, of French ancestry, and one son has been born to this union, namely: Raymond.

WILLIAM K. LOTT, one of the old and honored residents of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the grocery and tobacco business, was born in this city, Jan. 1, 1833, son of William and grandson of Nicholas Lott, the first stone-cutter of the town or borough of Reading.

Nicholas Lott came to this country from Germany and settled in Reading on Penn, above Ninth street, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years, he and his wife having four children, namely: Nicholas, William, Jacob and John.

William Lott, father of William K., was born in Reading, and when a young man learned the hatting business, which he followed successfully for a number of years on Penn street, being one of the first in the city to engage in that business. Mr. Lott died at the age of fifty-one years. He married Margaret Kutz, daughter of Adam Kutz, and their children were: Nicholas; William K.; Susan; Adam; Clara J.; Caroline and John.

William K. Lott attended the public schools of his native city, and under the tuition of his father learned the hatting trade, a business which he followed with much success for a period of fifty years in all. For several years he was engaged in the manufacture of hats with William Lenn on Penn street, and after this partnership was dissolved Mr. Lott embarked in the hotel business at Moss and Walnut streets. After continuing in the hotel business for sixteen years, Mr. Lott, in 1885, located at his present place, Tenth and Walnut streets, and here engaged in the grocery

and tobacco business, in which he has successfully continued to the present time. His property, which he purchased several years ago, has a frontage of thirty-four feet, six inches on Tenth street, and 110 feet on Walnut street, and is well appointed and stocked with a full line of first class goods.

Mr. Lott was married to Sarah Derr, daughter of Samuel Derr, and she died in 1872, leaving one child, Ellen, who is the wife of Monroe A. Miller, traveling salesman for Kline, Eppihimer & Company, of Reading.

Mr. Lott is a Mason, being a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, and was one of the first members of the Rainbow Fire Company, later joining the Ringgold Hose Company. He is a member of the Reformed Church. For a man of his advanced years Mr. Lott has a wonderful memory, and his many reminiscences of the earlier days of Reading are both interesting and instructing. He is highly esteemed in Reading, where he has a host of friends.

LOUIS BATTENFELD, the proprietor of a hotel at the corner of Reed and Walnut streets, Reading, was born April 19, 1852, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Henry Battenfeld, father of Louis, came to America in 1854. He went west where he remained until 1856, when he went to Reading and there resided until his death, which occurred in October, 1905, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Battenfeld helped to build the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and to the close of his active life worked in the machine department of that company. He is buried in the German Lutheran cemetery. His wife was Catherine Mengle of Hesse-Darmstadt. They had one son, Louis.

In 1865 Mr. Louis Battenfeld came to America and for eleven years was engaged as a locksmith and hardware merchant at New Britain, Conn. He came to Reading in 1876 and entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Co., at the foot of Sixth street, continuing in the lock department for nine years, resigning to accept a position with a Mr. Fitzgerald. With the latter gentleman he remained until 1887, when he left his employ to engage in the hotel business at No. 647 Walnut street, and was located at this number until 1890, in this year removing to his present property, which was formerly a private residence. Mr. Battenfeld remodeled the building, and is now operating a family hotel of twelve rooms. He has a first-class trade, and also carries a finely assorted stock of wines and liquors, making a specialty of Moselle wine.

Mr. Battenfeld was married (first) in 1874, to Lena May, who died in 1876, aged twenty-two years. His second marriage was to Sophia Bernhardt, of Connecticut, who died in 1891, aged thirty-six years, and by whom he had seven children, two of whom survive: Henry and Gertrude. Mr. Battenfeld's third marriage was to Alice Boas, of Reading, daughter of Albert Boas, and to this union were born two children, one of whom, Lewis S., survives. He is attending school.

In political belief Mr. Battenfeld is independent in city matters, voting for the man rather than the party, but in national issues he is a Republican. He is prominent in fraternal organizations, belonging to Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E., Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, F. & A. M., and the Junior Fire Company. He formerly was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Harmonie Maennerchor, of which latter organization he was president for ten years, and of which he is now an honorary member. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH of Boyertown, Pa. The first record of this congregation is a baptism on the 30th of June, 1811. Whatever historical records may have been kept are either destroyed or stored somewhere among the old papers and books of the families of the early secretaries of the congregation. This church is a daughter of the historic Falkner Swamp Church in New Hanover, Montgomery county. It was a part of the once large parish of which the Swamp congregation was the central church, but which from 1865 to 1887 consisted of these two only. Since the latter year the Boyertown congregation has been a separate parish. The pastors that have served the congregation were: Rev. Jacob Miller, from 1811 to 1829; Rev. Conrad Miller, 1829-1852; Rev. Nathan Yeager, 1853-1857; Rev. Henry Wendt, 1858-1864; Rev. Abraham H. Groh, 1865; Rev. Leonard Groh, 1866-1891; Rev. Charles C. Boyer, 1891-1893; Rev. Adam M. Weber, 1893 to date.

The congregation occupied jointly with the Reformed congregation the brick church (40x50 feet) on Philadelphia avenue until 1872. A peaceful and friendly separation of property rights was made, the Reformed congregation retaining the old property. The congregation was incorporated April 22, 1871. On August 17th and 18th, 1872, the new church building of brick, 90x55 feet, on Reading avenue, and costing $23,000, was dedicated. In 1882, a steeple 172 feet high was erected and a large bell placed in it. In 1893 an addition of 20x55 feet was erected, to provide more room for the Sunday-school which occupies the whole basement floor, and to furnish the space for the large pipe-organ, pastor's study, church council and society rooms. In 1898 a ten-room parsonage was built.

German was the language used in the services up to the last generation, which has demanded English services, both being now in use. The congregation is the largest of the Lutheran denomination in the county, outside of Reading, numbering over 1,000 members. The Sunday-school is thoroughly equipped and modern in its methods. It has a membership of 650. Other organizations of the members do work for the home church and general benevolence. This church gave the necessary $1,000 as first payment on the farm purchased for the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Topton, Pennsylvania. [Supplied by Rev. Adam M. Weber.]

GEORGE W. SASSAMAN, serving his second term as councilman of the Seventh ward of Reading, Pa., is a native of that city, and is the son of Isaac Sassaman. Isaac Sassaman was born in Amity township, Berks county, but early in life came to Reading, where for many years he was extensively engaged in the ice business, and where he died in 1884, at the age of fifty-one years. He married Sarah Strunk, and to this union were born: Isaac N., of Fort Washington; John C., also of that place; George W.; and Daniel J., of Reading.

George W. Sassaman's literary training was obtained in the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he went to learn the trade of box making at the Reading Box Factory. Mr. Sassaman has been with that firm for ten years, and is now holding the position of foreman. He has been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party in this section, and is serving his second term as Councilman from the Seventh ward of the city, having also held a number of minor offices, and having been a delegate to numerous county conventions. He is prominently connected fraternally, being a member of Juniata Tribe of Red Men, No. 74, and for two years Secretary of State of Appeals of that order; he is also identified with the I. O. O. F., No. 169. He has served as president of the Haymakers' Association, is treasurer of the Amphion Musical and Social Club, and a member of the Junior Fire Company of Reading.

Mr. Sassaman was united in marriage with Miss Sara Sassaman, daughter of Jacob Sassaman, and they reside at No. 423 Elm street. Mr. Sassaman is highly esteemed both in public and business life, and he has proven himself a worthy citizen and public-spirited man.

JOHN H. MOHR, deceased, who will be remembered by the older business men of this section as a leading merchant of his day, and who spent his life in Mohrsville, which town was founded by his an-

cestors many years before, was born in that borough in 1804.

Mr. Mohr received his education in the schools of his native place, and early in life his attention was turned to the mercantile business, in which he was successfully engaged throughout his life. His death occurred in the prime of his life, in 1857. Mr. Mohr was married to Angeline Madeira, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Wartz) Madeira, and granddaughter of Michael Madeira, and there were six children born to this union, as follows: John J.; James N.; Lewis; Howard N., who is deceased; Susannah M., and Anna, deceased.

In religious belief Mr. John H. Mohr was a Lutheran, while his wife was connected with the faith of the Reformed Church.

FRANK K. KEMMERER, a leading agriculturist of Berks county, Pa., whose fine tract of land is located in the eastern end of Richmond township, was born May 19, 1861, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, son of Daniel Kemmerer.

John and Polly Kemmerer, the grandparents of Frank K., were prosperous farming people and landowners of Maiden-creek township, and were the parents of these children: Elvina; Maria; Elias; Daniel and Caroline. This family were Dunkards and strictly observed the principles of that faith, while in political matters the Kemmerers have always been Democrats. Daniel Kemmerer, of this couple's family, is a farmer of Maiden-creek township, and owns two excellent properties in the vicinity of Evansville. He was married to Sally M. Kramer, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Strausser) Kramer, and to them were born these children: Frank K.; and Sarah, the wife of J. S. Hains, the merchant at Molltown, who succeeded Mr. Kemmerer in the spring of 1905.

Frank K. Kemmerer was reared on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the local schools. He commenced farming for himself in 1885 and continued until 1889, in which year he located upon his father's farm. In 1892 he engaged in a mercantile business at Molltown, in Maiden-creek township, but sold out after a successful business career of thirteen years. On engaging in business at Molltown, Mr. Kemmerer was appointed postmaster, and this office he has held to the present time. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Kemmerer purchased the old Kemp Hotel property in Richmond township, on the eastern road between Kutztown and Moselem Springs, this farm consisting of forty-nine acres of good land, which he has placed in the best condition. Mr. Kemmerer is a Democrat in his political views, but has never aspired to office, although he keeps himself well posted on the issues of the day.

On May 31, 1879, Mr. Kemmerer was married to Katie B. Yoder, daughter of John and Sallie (Baer) Yoder, farming people of Maiden-creek township, and to this union there have been born: Sallie, who married Robert Weidenhamer, Reading; Charles, who married Hattie Adam; Cora, Katie and Samuel, all single, who reside at home with their parents.

WILLIAM H. SPERRY, a representative business man of Reading, Pa., who is proprietor of Sperry's Cafe, formerly the Washington Library, was born at "The Buck," in Chester county, Pa., Jan. 18, 1863, son of Samuel and Sarah (Feather) Sperry.

Francis Sperry, the grandfather of William H., was a resident of Warwick township, Montgomery county, Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and died at the ripe old age of ninety-four years, in about 1872. He had two sons, namely: Francis, who died in 1898, and who had two sons, Samuel and Jacob, who both died at Norristown; and Samuel, the father of William H.

Samuel Sperry was born in December, 1829, in Worcester township, Montgomery county, and died at Reading, May 13, 1901, and was buried at Pottstown. He was a farmer and carriage builder in Pottstown, occupations which he also followed in Chester county, and later became the proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Boyertown, which he successfully conducted for a number of years. He married Sarah Feather, who survives him and makes her home with her son William H., and they had three children, namely: Clara and George, both of whom died young; and William H.

William H. Sperry was educated at Washington Hall, The Trappe, Pa., having prior to this attended Koons' Pleasant View Seminary, at Boyertown, Pa. When eighteen years old he became a clerk in J. & H. K. Boyer's general store at Boyertown, learning the grocery, dry-goods and hardware business, and continued one year as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman. He then became a hotel clerk in his father's hostelry at Boyertown, Pa., in which capacity he continued for fourteen years, and in 1889 he came to Reading and engaged in the coal business at Ninth and Marion streets, continuing in this line for four years. Subsequently he rented Frill's coal yard, which had been established by George Frill about 1850, at the present site of Luden's candy factory, and here Mr. Sperry continued for four years, handling about 9,000 tons of coal annually, and also engaging in contracting. He removed the old building located on the site of the present Masonic Temple, on North Fifth street, excavated that cellar, which is the largest in the city of Reading, being 228 x 54 feet, and also delivered 600 tons of iron there from the Eighth street freight house. He then sold out his coal business on North Eighth street, and in July, 1897, he engaged in the hotel business at No. 217 North Eighth street, where he continued about seven years. His next venture was the conducting of the "Hotel Monterey," at Atlantic City, for one year, but in 1903 he returned to Reading and assumed charge of his present place of business, located at No. 640 Penn street, which is one of the most popular and best patronized stands in Reading.

Fraternally, Mr. Sperry is connected with Stichter Lodge No. 254, F. & A. M., of Pottstown; Excelsior Chapter, Reading Commandery, Council at Bethlehem, Lodge of Perfection and Consistory at Bloomsburg, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading. He is also a member of Opopokasset Tribe No. 122, I. O. R. M., of Reading, having passed all the chairs and being past sachem. In June, 1907, at the Great Council at Lancaster, Pa., to which he had been elected a representative of his tribe, Mr. Sperry was appointed District Deputy Great Sachem of Pennsylvania, having charge of five tribes of Reading, comprising about 1,800 Red Men. He is very popular in this order, and numbers his friends by the number of his acquaintances.

On Nov. 24, 1887, Mr. Sperry was married to Mary E. Merkel, daughter of Frederick and Fredericka Merkel, natives of Germany, and one son has been born to this union, namely: S. Merkel Sperry.

JAMES O. LEIBOLD, justice of the peace and farmer in Albany township, Berks county, was born in that township Sept. 14, 1876, son of John and Maria A. (Steigerwald), grandson of Johan George Leibold and Maria C. (Gesi) Leibold, and great-grandson of Heinrich and Salome Gesi, of Switzerland.

Johan George Leibold, grandfather of James O., was born in Oberamt Marbach, Reilinghaus, Germany, May 11, 1803, and died in Albany township, Berks county, Pa., April 17, 1892. He was a farmer and shoemaker. At the age of thirty years he came to America, and settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, where lived an elder brother whose emigration had taken place some years before. He then went to Kutztown, where he bought a home and followed his trade of shoemaking. From Kutztown he located in Albany township, where he purchased a farm, but after living on it some years he sold it, and then purchased the one which now belongs to his grandson, James O., and where he died. He was a well educated

man, and was especially versed in the Scriptures. He was a man of progress and enterprise, and was highly esteemed in the community. In his business affairs he was eminently successful, and his death was sincerely deplored. He was active in Democratic politics, but always refused to accept public office. He was a Lutheran member of Friedens Church at Wessnersville, where he is buried. He married Maria C. Gesi, daughter of Heinrich and Salome Gesi, of Switzerland. She was born Aug. 8, 1810, and died May 5, 1875. They had five children, as follows: Mary, who died soon after her marriage to Daniel Snyder; John; Henry, who lived in Heidelberg township; Catharine, m. to Cyrus Dries, of Reading; and Elizabeth, m. to John Boyd, of Cementon, Pa.

John (or Johan) Leibold, son of Johan George and father of James O., was born in Maxatawny township March 30, 1838, and was but a child when brought by his parents to Albany township to the farm now owned by his son, James O. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that occupation up to the time of his death, Nov. 4, 1906. He also conducted a farm of fifty-five acres, and made many improvements on his place. He was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at Friedens Church, and held a number of offices therein. During the war of the Rebellion, he served in Company G, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Maria A. Steigerwald, born Feb. 24, 1845, daughter of John Steigerwald; she died Oct. 20, 1882. Their children were: Amandus A., of Reading; Messina, deceased wife of Elmer Lutz; Frank, of Reading; Fred, deceased; William, of Erie, Pa.; Annie, m. to James Shears, of Reading; Alice, m. to William A. Bauscher, of Albany; Charles E., of Atlanta, Ga.; and Martha L., wife of Henry Knauss, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

James O. Leibold was educated in the township schools, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until eighteen years of age. He was then hired out to a farmer near Allentown, Lehigh county, and when twenty years of age learned the milling trade. In 1898 he and his brother Amandus A. formed a partnership under the firm name of Leibold & Brother, and leased the Van Reed mill at West Reading. In 1900 they took charge of Shadel's mill at Shillington, which they successfully conducted three years. The firm then dissolved, and Mr. James O. Leibold became the representative of H. R. Kearney & Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., extensive flour merchants of that city, and he continued with them for two years, or until he suffered an attack of typhoid fever. He then resigned and accepted his position with M. C. Dietrich, of Kempton, a merchant, grain and lumber dealer, with whom he remained from 1904 to the spring of 1907. At the close of his connection with Mr. Dietrich he purchased his father's farm near Kempton, consisting of fifty-five acres. This he has since cared for, and has made a success of it, paying especial attention to potato culture.

Mr. Leibold is a Democrat in politics, and in the spring of 1908 he was elected a justice of the peace in Albany township, an office he is now filling with great ability. He is also committeeman of his township, and is a very influential factor in politics. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Americans at Shillington, of which he is a charter member; and of the Knights of Friendship, at Mohnton. He and his family are members of Friedens Reformed Church at Wessnersville.

Mr. Leibold married Montana Long, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Snyder) Long, of Wessnersville, and they have two children: Edith F. and Ethel M.

ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH, Reading, Pa. St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church came into being in response to the need of another English congregation in Reading. A constantly increasing number of members of the First Reformed Church desired an exclusively English service, and this fact led to the founding of St. Paul's Reformed Church in 1872, under the inspiring leadership of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., who had become the pastor of the First Church in 1863. The First Reformed Church donated ground worth about $24,000 to their new daughter. This ground included the cemetery of the old First Church.

With a colony of 198 members Dr. Bausman left the First Church and became the pastor of the new enterprise. His election took place on January 6, 1873. The erection of the building was begun in the spring of 1871. The corner stone was laid on August 27th of the same year, and in August, 1872, the chapel was dedicated. The dedication of the completed church took place on Sunday, Feb. 15, 1874, almost three years after ground had been broken for its erection. In 1892 and 1893 the chapel was remodeled and enlarged at a cost of $15,000. The reopening took place May 7, 1893. The congregation has a plant valued at $125,000.

In 1900 Rev. C. E. Creitz became the assistant to Dr. Bausman, which position he held until Dr. Bausman's death, on May 8, 1909, shortly after which he was elected pastor of the congregation.

The congregation is fully organized for efficient work, having a Sunday-school, a Missionary Society, a Ladies' Society, a Young Ladies' Guild, a Christian Endeavor Society, and two benevolent organizations—a Brotherhood and a Sisterhood. The congregation has raised about $400,000 for various purposes. Nearly one-half of this amount has gone to benevolence. The church has helped nearly all the Reformed churches that have been built in the city during its history. The present membership is 900. [Supplied by Rev. C. E. Creitz.]

SAMUEL ADAM, one of the thrifty young agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., who is engaged in cultivating the fine property in Windsor township, until 1904 the homestead of his father, was born April 27, 1876, on this farm, son of Charles Adam and Lydia (Ritter) Adam.

Anthony Adam, the progenitor of this numerous family in America, who is said to have been a French Huguenot, came to America on the ship "Snow Polly," and landed at Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 26, 1741. As he was then twenty-five years of age he must have been born in 1716. On the same ship on which he crossed the Atlantic were a number of the ancestors of old Albany and Greenwich township families, whose descendants live in the same district, and in a few cases the original lands and homesteads are still in possession of their progeny. Who the wife of this pioneer Adam settler was, is not known. It is probable that he settled in Albany township immediately after his arrival in the New World, as he was a settler there as early as 1752, and he witnessed and participated in the trying times of the French and Indian wars, when such events as the horrible massacre of Jacob Gerhart's family, the killing of the wife of Balser Neyfong and the shooting of David Howell occurred. It is known that Anthony Adam had these sons: Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who located in Schuylkill county; and Peter.

Peter Adam, the great-great-grandfather of Samuel, was born Oct. 1, 1765, and died July 1, 1849, aged eighty-three years, nine months. On March 11, 1788 he was married to Catherine Houseknecht, who bore him ten children, as follows: Jacob, who married Anna Maria Gardner; Anthony, who married a Miss Schappell; Peter; Abraham; John; William; George; Betz; who married Abraham Snyder; Hannah, who married Benjamin Merkel; and Polly, who married Daniel Schappell.

Jacob Adam, son of Peter, was born Oct. 18, 1789, and died Dec., 1866, in his seventy-eighth year. His wife was Anna Maria Gardner, born July 16, 1793, and died Aug. 7, 1874, in the eighty-second year of her age. They had these children: Hannah, who married Daniel Bausher; William, who married Betz Kramer; Heinrich, who married Harriet Focht; Jacob (1816-1894) who mar-

ried Lovine Smith (1822-1905); Peter, who died single, aged twenty-one years; Benjamin, who married (first) Esther Smith, and (second) Catherine Lengel; Isaac, born Nov. 12 1820, who is still hale and hearty, married (first) Lovina Hattenstein, and (second) Esther Adam: Betzy, who married John Gerhart; Polly, who married Reuben Strasser; Lazarus, who died aged fifty-nine years; Simon, who died in 1867, in the thirty-third year of his age; Catherine, who married Samuel Schappell; and Lydia, who maried Jacob Kershner.

William Adam, grandfather of Samuel, was born in Windsor township, where he spent his whole life, and is buried at Moselem Church. He was an excellent carpenter and cabinet-maker and was also engaged in the undertaking business. He was married to Betz Kramer, and to them were born a number of children, one of whom was Charles, the father of Samuel.

Charles Adam was born in Windsor township, July 26, 1836, and died May 3, 1902, from the effects of Bright's disease. He was reared in Greenwich township, where he learned the trade of carpenter when a young man, and this he followed for six years, the next six years of his life being spent in threshing among the farmers of his section. He then purchased a property above Hamburg, at the tunnel, and lived for several years, at the end of which time he sold out and purchased the premises now owned by Samuel Adam. Here he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Adam was a Democrat, as had been all of the members of his family before him, and served his district as school director for six years. He and his family worshiped at Zion's Union Church, of which they were Reformed members.

Mr. Adam married Lydia Ritter, daughter of Frederick and Sallie (Strasser) Ritter, the former a German immigrant, and a "Swope." On coming to this country Mr. Ritter was very poor, but like many of his thrifty fellow-countrymen, after landing in America worked industriously, and at the time of his death was in comfortable circumstances. His children were: George, a farmer of Greenwich township; Dr. Jonas, a physician of Norristown Hospital; Dr. Nathan, a physician at Allentown, Pa.; David, a merchant; Rev. John, deceased; Simon, a farmer of Montgomery county; Anna, who married Joel Miller; Sallie who married John Fisher, of Berks county; Polly, who married William Balthaser; and Lydia, who married Mr. Adam. To Charles and Mrs. Adam there were born the following children: Louisa; Fianna; B. Franklin; Alvin; Katie; Victoria; Albert; Samuel; Alice, who met her death by gas suffocation in Reading; Ida Louisa; Thomas; Ella; Jeremiah P.; Amy and three who died in childhood.

Samuel Adam secured a good common school education in the schools of his native district, and with the exception of a few years, has spent his entire life on the farm where he now resides. After his marriage in 1900 he located on the Reading Railroad farm in Tilden township, where he tenanted for one year, then became a tenant on John Balthaser's farm in the same township, where he lived another year, afterward, until 1904, locating on Charles Deysher's farm in Maxatawny township. In the year above mentioned he bought the old homestead on which he had been born, settling thereon in the spring of the year. This fine property of ninety-six acres, the work on which has been conducted by Mr. Adam and his estimable wife, is one of the best improved in the community, the buildings having been repaired and remodeled by Mr. Adam. He is considered one of the good, practical farmers of his community, and his many sterling characteristics have won him the esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

On Feb. 25, 1899, Mr. Adam was married to Mary B. Ketner, daughter of Isaac and Emma (Billman) Ketner, and to them have been born these children: Sadie May; Amy A., who died March 10, 1901, of paralysis; Clayton A.; Amandus C.; Hermie A.; and Edith V.

WILLIAM KUNKEL, a prosperous young farmer in Albany township, living near Kempton, was born Sept. 25, 1879, at the place where he now lives, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Hartman) Kunkel. He is a descendant in the fifth generation from (I) Georg Kunkel, who came from Germany and who lived where Nathan Kunkel now resides, near Wessnersville. Georg Kunkel at one time owned all the upper end of Stony Run. His children were George and Peter.

(II) Peter Kunkel, son of Georg, born Dec. 20, 1774, in Albany township, died Oct. 28, 1830. After his marriage he moved to Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he engaged in farming and also operated a distillery on his farm. Later he lived near Wessnersville, where he owned a tract of 275 acres, which is now owned by a descendant, Charles Kunkel. All the land in upper Stony Run was once in the name of this family. In 1797 Peter Kunkel married Maria Magdalena Rausch, born Nov. 10, 1778, died April 12, 1846. They had fourteen children, eleven of whom survived their parents (sixteen grandchildren also surviving). Among these children were: Daniel; David; Andraes; Benjamin; Joseph (mentioned elsewhere); Peter; Polly m. Jacob Elbert; Catharine m. John Dietrich; and Sophia.

(III) Daniel Kunkel, son of Peter, was born in Albany township, Berks county, March 2, 1798, and died Oct. 26, 1863. He was a farmer, living on and owning the farm which later became the property of his son Jacob, who sold it to Henry Bauscher, his brother-in-law, in 1870, for $10,000. It comprises 127 acres of excellent land, situated in the potato belt, and is now tenanted and cultivated by Daniel Bauscher, son of Henry. The present barn on the place was built by Daniel Kunkel. He married in 1821 Maria Magdalena Zimmerman, born Feb. 27, 1797, died July 14, 1859, and they are buried at the Friedens Church at Wessnersville. They had a large family, thirteen children, among whom were: A daughter who married Daniel Brobst; Catharine, who married Reuben A. Dietrich; Mary, who married a Mr. Derr; Benjamin, mentioned below; John, who lived and died at McKeansburg, Pa.; Jacob, born in 1841, died in 1900; and Sarah, who married Henry Bauscher.

(IV) Benjamin Kunkel was born July 27, 1831, in Albany township, where he passed all his life. He died May 24, 1904. He lived retired for a number of years before his death. Mr. Kunkel was a substantial citizen, and in his day one of the best-known men of Albany township. He served as assessor of his township for many years. He and his wife were hospitable people, and visitors to their home were always treated to homemade bread, butter and honey, as they kept many bees and always had plenty of honey. In 1866, Mr. Kunkel built the present brick house. He married Sarah Hartman, born in 1834, who came from a Lehigh county family, and who died Dec. 29, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel are buried at the New Bethel Church, where the Kunkel monument marks their last resting-place. They were Lutherans in religious connection, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Thirteen children were born to Benjamin and Sarah (Hartman) Kunkel, five of whom died young. We have the following record of the family: James Monroe, born in 1855, died in 1858; Albert D., born Dec. 28, 1858, is a business man of Klinesville; Matilda, born in 1860, died in 1861; Ellen (deceased) m. Benjamin Levan and lived in Lehigh county; Frances is deceased; Rosa m. Jairus K. Trexler, of Lehigh county; Benjamin is a farmer in Maxatawny township; Sallie S., born in 1872, died in 1894, married Dr. Douglass S. Kistler; Lorenia, married George W. Lutz, of Albany township; Amanda, born in 1876, died in 1904; William; and two who died in infancy.

(V) William Kunkel obtained his education in the public schools and at a select school at Steinsville, which he attended two terms. He worked for his parents until he was of age, and in the spring of 1901

began farming on the old homestead on his own account. He has continued to follow agricultural pursuits with much success. He has owned the place since 1905. It consists of 197 acres of good land in the potato belt, and his crops are good in all lines. He raises from three thousand to four thousand bushels of potatoes annually, besides large crops of grain, and he has a full stock of farm implements as well as many conveniences for facilitating his work, including a wind pump. His farm stock is valuable. On his land are two large barns, one of which was built by his father, and the other by his grandfather, Daniel Kunkel. His large and comfortable brick residence is surrounded by a fine lawn and a neat iron fence incloses the whole, which is remarkable for its neat and attractive appearance. There is an abundance of excellent water on this place. Like his father, Mr. Kunkel raises bees, having seven hives at present.

On Nov. 25, 1899, Mr. Kunkel married Miss Sallie A. Loy, daughter of Phaeon and Louisa (Miller) Loy, farming people of Albany township; her grandparents were Michael and Polly (Behler) Loy, who lived on the farm now owned by their son, Phaeton. Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel have a daughter, Lovie Mae. The family are Lutheran members of the New Bethel (Corner) Church, of Albany, of which Mr. Kunkel has served as organist since 1899. The church music is also under his supervision, Mr. Kunkel being a popular music teacher in this district, where he has given instruction to many of the young people. He is a Democrat in politics, and served three years as township assessor.

CHARLES H. FIX, engaged in the truck and general merchandise business, at Reading, Pa., is a native of the city, born March 8, 1868, son of Harrison and Sarah (Keefer) Fix, and grandson of Samuel L. Fix.

Samuel L. Fix was a native of Berks county, and followed farming all of his life. He was considered well to do for his day, and was a representative citizen of his locality. A consistent member of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Fix was politically a Republican. He died in 1894, aged ninety-four years, and his wife in 1870, when seventy years of age, they being the parents of: Charles; Frank; Hiram; Thomas; Harrison; Amanda, deceased, who married Daniel Miller; Ann, who married David Heifer; Caroline, single; Charles, who owned considerable land in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and Emma, who married William Phillip, of Philadelphia.

Harrison Fix was educated in the common schools of Exeter township, after leaving which he worked on a farm for several years, and then turned his attention to boating on the Canal, supplying the Reading furnaces with iron ore from Fritz's Island, an occupation which he carried on for seven or eight years. At the time of his death, in 1893, he owned considerable property on South Sixth street. Religiously he was a Lutheran. He was one of the first to answer the call for troops in the Civil war, enlisting with a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers and serving throughout the war with an excellent record. Politically he was a Republican, and was always greatly interested in public matters although he never sought office for himself. He was a member of the Liberty Fire Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Fix were born: Mary, who married William Hall; Samuel L.; Charles H.; Edward; William; Flora, who married Martin Wall, and Harrison. After Mr. Fix's death, Mrs. Fix married Rev. Mr. Cornman.

Charles H. Fix was educated in the schools of Reading, and as a boy worked for the Reading Iron Company, with which company he remained for fifteen years as foreman over the trough gang. He then engaged in the grocery business, in 1897 locating at No. 600 South Sixth Street, and here he carried a full line of canned goods, groceries, smoked meats, bread, pies and cakes, fruits, vegetables, dry goods, notions and ready-made clothing. He gained a large and constantly increasing trade, the excellence of Mr. Fix's goods insuring him a steady patronage. He owns three properties in Reading. Although a loyal Republican, Mr. Fix is no office seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests.

In 1890 Charles H. Fix and Elizabeth B. Sowders were united in marriage. She is the daughter of William Sowders of No. 519 South Tenth Street, and four children have been born to the union: Paul, Harry, Esther and George.

HIRAM F. DRY, the present proprietor of the Oley Roller Mills, of Oley township, was born in Rockland township, Berks county, on Jan. 14, 1860. His grandfather, Gideon Dry, was born in the same township. He is buried in Mertz churchyard at Stony Point. His wife was a Miss Kutz. They had the following children: Benneville, who has a son, Glancey, living at Lenhartsville, Pa.; John, father of Hiram F.; Samuel, of New Jerusalem; Nicholas, also of New Jerusalem, Pa.; Hannah and Susann, who own the old homestead, and reside there, near Stony Point; Elizabeth who married Isaac Hottenstein (they had two sons, Charles A. and Frank, and a daughter, Mary).

John Dry, the father of Hiram F., was born also in Rockland township, Sept. 11, 1826, and died there Aug. 8, 1906. He is buried at Mertz's church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was by trade a stonemason, and in addition conducted a farm of some 26 acres in Rockland township. He married Hannah Funk, daughter of George and Catharine (Gerhard) Funk, and to them were born the following children: Charles, who lives at Mifflinsville, Columbia county, Pa.; Augustus, of New Jerusalem, Pa.; Hiram F., the subject of this review; Henry, who died in youth; Alvin, now residing at Bechtelsville, Pa., and Sarah who died at the age of twelve years.

Hiram F. Dry passed the earlier years of his life on his father's farm, and gave him his services until his full majority, attending the public schools in his childhood; he received a scholastic training in a subscription school conducted at Lyons, Pa. Professor Samuel A. Baer, in 1879, signed his license to teach, and he conducted one of the Rockland township schools successfully for two terms. For reasons which then seemed to him sufficient and satisfactory, he changed the course of his life by apprenticing himself to the milling trade with Lewis Carl, of Bowers. This trade Mr. Dry has since followed, for a number of years as employee, and with success. In 1892 he accepted employment under Morris Carl, and for two years continuing as employee, he then bought out the business, and has since conducted the mill. He makes a specialty of the brands "Peerless" and "White Rose," having a waiting market in Reading and throughout Berks county.

Mr. Dry was married in 1880 to Hettie Boyer, a daughter of Daniel and Judith (Yause) Boyer, old and esteemed residents of Rockland township. Mr. and Mrs. Dry have five children: Sally; Laura; Horace who married Deborah De Turck, and resides with his parents; Elda, and Minnie.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Dry never fails to cast his ballot, though he has no inclination to hold office. He is a force in the councils of the party at the different conventions, and has served one term as Judge of elections. He is known as a friend of education, having supervised the schools of Oley township for six years as a member of the board of directors. He and his family are worthy members of Mertz's church at Stony Point, and are held in merited esteem by a large circle.

OWEN H. KOLLER, one of the well-known residents of Richmond township, Berks county, who is engaged as an agriculturist and dairyman near Fleetwood, was born June 21, 1858, in Ontelaunee township on one of the Koller homesteads.

Michael Koller, Jr., who was a citizen of Longswamp township in 1759, and who paid tax in that year, is supposed to have been the founder of the Koller family in America. His son, John Koller, had two sons and two daughters: David; John; Polly Mertz and Sally Ann Hoch. Of these children David Koller was the grandfather of Owen H. He was a farmer of Maidencreek township, where he owned property as well as a large piece of land in Ontelaunee township. David Koller married Hannah Kirby, daughter of David Kirby, and to this union were born children as follows: Eliza, who married John Kauffman; Solomon; John; Hannah, who married Stephen Berndt; Mary, the wife of James Leiby; Lydia, who married Nicholas Madeira; and Diana, the wife of Ephraim Peters.

Solomon Koller was born Nov. 1, 1831, and married Hettie Reiser, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Dunkel) Reiser, their children being: Mary, the wife of Joel Hoch, postmaster at Fleetwood, Pa.; Owen H.; Sally R., who is single and lives with her mother in Fleetwood; Isabella, who died aged twenty-nine years; Lena, the wife of Eugene Fegler of Lyons, Pa.; and Howard, whose death occurred in the sixth year of his age. Solomon Koller followed farming all of his life, and was a well known and much esteemed citizen.

Owen H. Koller was educated in the schools of his district and this was supplemented by two full terms at the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown. Mr. Koller has spent his whole life in the vicinity of his present home. He has a fine farm bounding Fleetwood borough on the north and in 1905 he built a spacious cement block residence, surrounded by a large, well-kept lawn, which is enclosed by a modern lawn fence. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Koller operates a dairy and sends a dairy team to the borough every day, supplying the best families. He is politically a Democrat, and served two terms as supervisor of his township. He and his family are members of the U. E. Church, Emanuel, of Fleetwood.

On Sept. 29, 1877, Mr. Koller was married to Ellen Mertz, daughter of John and Sarah (Sailer) Mertz of Richmond township, and to this union were born two children: Charles I., who married Katie M. A. Burkhert and has one son, Paul B.; and Howard S., who married Clara B. Reider.

BOLICH. The Bolich family is an old one in Berks county, and was founded in America by the great-great-grandfather of Reuben W. Bolich.

Andraes Bolich was a native of the German Palatinate and crossed the ocean with 171 other passengers on the ship "Neptune," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1754. It is not known where he spent the intervening time, but it is of record that he settled in Greenwich township, Berks county, some time after 1765. He was a tiller of the soil and a man of decided German characteristics. His will, recorded in Book A, page 11, is of record March 16, 1780, and he died the following month. To his son Andrew (Andraes) were bequeathed the plantation and all the implements, and he was to pay £300 sterling to his seven sisters in installments. An item appears in the will which evidently shows the favorite daughter, reading, "My daughter, Dorothea, shall have a yearling heifer," so many pounds of flax, beef, etc. The will contains as witnesses the names of Philip Arnold and Benedict Kohler, who will be recognized as early pioneers of the county.

Andraes Bolich, son of the ancestor, lived in Greenwich township, with his wife Margaretha, and among their children, whose names do not appear, were Johan and Michael. The latter settled in the vicinity of Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he owned a large estate, and where his descendants now reside,—Michael Bolich of Mount Carmel, being one of them.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 recorded Andraes Bolich a resident of Greenwich township, and the head of a family consisting of his wife, one son under sixteen, and four daughters.

One Peter Bolich was a private in the Revolution; was for fourteen days in Captain John Robinson's Company, of Berks county, in October, 1781.

John Bolich, the grandfather was born in Greenwich township Feb. 4, 1784, son of Andreas (2). He passed his life in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he died 1867. He also was of the agricultural class, clearing away the forest for his large farm of 200 acres, this property having since been divided in two. He was a man who took an active interest in the public affairs of the district. He is buried at Friedens Church, near New Ringgold. His wife was Catharine Fisher, born in Greenwich township, Sept. 27, 1789, "at eight o'clock in the morning," her sponsors being Heinrich and Catharine Fisher, and she was the daughter of Frederick and Anna Maria (Leidy) Fisher, of Greenwich township. Their marriage occurred Oct. 13, 1807, and they had children born to them as follows: Susanna, born 1809, m. Joseph Allsbach; Johannes, 1811, m. Hannah Sechler; Catharine, 1813; Daniel, 1814; George, 1816; Samuel, 1817; Maria, 1819; William, 1820; Hannah, 1822; Christina, 1823, died 1841; Sarah, 1825; Benjamin, 1826; Joseph, 1831.

George Bolich was born in East Brunswick, Schuylkill county, Oct. 11, 1816. He died Jan. 29, 1902, and he is buried with his wife at Bolich's churchyard in Eckville, Albany township. This church was named after George Bolich, he having donated the land on which it was built. George Bolich was one of the industrious and prosperous farmers of his day. He was one of the stalwart Republicans of the county, and though he never sought office he was ever ready to stand for the principles he had espoused. He was devoutly pious, having been the leading spirit in the establishment of Bolich's church, contributing $1,000 toward its erection, in addition to the ground on which it is built. His whole religious life was wrapped up in his church, and he served it with devotion. Mr. Bolich came to Albany township about 1849 from East Penn township, Schuylkill county, where for five years he had operated a grist-mill. He purchased the farm now cultivated by his son Reuben, where he continued to reside until his demise. The wife and mother was Priscilla Wanamaker, of Lynnport, Lehigh county, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kistler) Wanamaker. They reared the following family; Samuel, the eldest son, died aged forty-seven; Caroline m. Jacob Seidel; William resides at Drehersville; John, Amandus, Priscilla and Sarah died young; George is living at Drehersville; Alice m. Daniel Bailey; Jacob died aged seventeen; Reuben W. is the youngest.

Reuben W. Bolich has spent his life in Albany township, where he was born March 4, 1865. He was reared under the parental roof. His education was such as could be secured in the district schools of his day, but he has supplemented it with that education which comes from careful reading and an observant mind; and he is one of the substantial men of his community. He began farming for himself in the spring of 1891, on the old homestead, and has met with merited success. The old homestead contains now 220 acres. It was originally a "Gerhard" farm, and has somewhat of a romantic history, dating from the French and Indian war. The Gerhards lived on it at that time, and as this was on the frontier, the Indians made it the scene of one of their murderous, predatory raids. The house was burned, together with Jacob Gerhard and two of his daughters. It is of interest to note that the site of this house was where the present pig-sty now stands. This part of the Gerhard farm was later known as the Michael Hendrick estate, from which it was purchased in 1849 by George Bolich, it then consisting of 243 acres. It came into the possession of its present owner in 1899 by purchase. It is fertile, and has good buildings. Mr. Bolich plants from fifteen to twenty acres of potatoes, the specialty in his section. The present residence was built in 1875 by his father.

It occupies the site of a log house which is said to have been built as early as 1756, and which stood until 1875. The present barn was built in 1886, by George Bolich.

Reuben W. Bolich married at Albany, Oct. 31, 1891, Miss Emma Yenser, daughter of Moses and Fietta (Trexler) Yenser, and a granddaughter of George and Mary (Heilman) Yenser, residents of Lenhartsville. One daughter was born to this union,—Amelia Alice Bolich.

The Yensers are a German family of the county, who have lived for many years in the vicinity of Wessnersville. Besides Mrs. Bolich, there were in the family: Sarah (m. Albert D. Levan); William died at the age of twenty-six and had one son, George.

Mrs. Bolich is a lady of education and refinement. Her early education was secured in the common schools. Later she attended the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown. She then taught school successfully for some five years. Since her marriage she has interested herself in the intellectual life of the community. Mr. Bolich is a member of the Evangelical Association, at what is known as "Bolich" or "Eckville" church, of which he is a class-leader and official. Mrs. Bolich is a Lutheran member of New Bethel Church.

The annual reunions of the Bolich family are largely attended, the last one, the fifth, being held at Drehersville.

SAMUEL W. SLATER, one of the popular young business men of North Reading, Pa., who is proprietor of the "Riverside Hotel," was born in 1876, in Terre Hill, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Maberry and Margaret (Matz) Slater, the former of whom died in 1891, and the latter in 1882.

Samuel W. Slater was educated in the schools of Terre Hill, and as a boy learned the cigar making business, which he followed for three years. He then located in Reading, and entered the employ of Sternbergh, with whom he continued for one year, then serving a six months' apprenticeship with the Reading Scale and Machine works. Mr. Slater's next employment was as clerk in George Kenyon's hotel on Penn street, and later he was engaged for one year in the restaurant business for a Mr. Eberly, from whose employ he went to the Reading Market, being engaged with George N. Albright one year. Mr. Slater then became clerk of the "Riverside Hotel," under Harry Fidler, now deceased, and continued in this capacity until Mr. Fidler's death, when he was prevailed upon by the Brewing Company to accept the proprietorship of this hotel, which is one of the finest stands in this section of Reading. Mr. Slater has been very successful since taking charge of this well-known hostelry, and makes a very efficient hotel proprietor, being genial and courteous, and popular with all who know him. Fraternally he is connected with Reading Aerie, F. O. E., Knights of the Golden Eagle, Quakers, Neversink Fire Company, and Hotel and Restaurant Employers' National Alliance.

In 1902 Mr. Slater was married to Lillie Tomkins, of Trenton, N. J., and to them there has been born one child: Margaret. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and in political matters Mr. Slater is a Republican.

HARRY H. SHARTLE, a well-known citizen of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, who is engaged in practical blacksmithing at Wernersville, was born at Womelsdorf, Berks county, Aug. 19, 1865, son of George and Mary Ann (Cox) Shartle.

Bernhard Shartle (sometimes "Schartle," "Scherdel," and "Sherdle") was born in Switzerland in 1708 or 1709, and when twenty-three years old crossed the ocean on the ship "Adventure" with many of his other countrymen, and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1732. Soon thereafter he settled in Berks county, in that section of Bern township now embraced in Upper Bern township, where he was a taxable in 1759, paying a tax of three pounds. The original place of settlement was on what is now State road, one mile east of the village of Shartlesville, the farm being now owned by O. F. Berger. The ancestor had sons named William; Jacob, who died in 1803, was a witness to the will of Catherine, the widow of his brother John Sherdel; John; and George, the great-grandfather of Harry H. Two daughters were married to Adam Kauffman and Jacob Albright. Although the offspring of Bernhard Shartle were numerous in Bern township, scarcely any descendants remain.

John Sherdel, son of Bernhard, died in middle life. His widow, Catherine (Riegel) Sherdel, made a will Oct. 8, 1803, which was probated Dec. 5, 1803, and in it she mentioned their children: Catherine; John; Bernhard; Philip; Daniel, to whom was willed the grandfather's clock, old Bible and religious books; and Jonas.

The village of Shartlesville is situated near the Blue Mountain in Upper Bern township, and derives its name from the Shartle family, who lived at this place and did much towards developing it. The Shartles were farmers, and after the custom of those days kept inns, one of which was opened as early as 1765, and which in 1801 was spoken of as "an old log tavern." In 1819, George Shartle built a large brick house, which with other property suddenly passed into the possession of Benjamin Nunnemacher. In the lower inn George Shartle sold the first goods, and his nephew, John Albright, had one of the first stores in the old tavern.

George Shartle, the great-grandfather of Harry H., was born in the vicinity of Shartlesville, and died between Robesonia and Womelsdorf, being buried at the latter place in the graveyard back of the church. He was a farmer, owning land at Heidelberg township, being at one time in very comfortable circumstances. Mr. Shartle married Esther Kershner, and they had these children: Jacob; Daniel, of Pottsville, who had five children,—William, Harry, Alvin, Sallie and Hattie; and Benneville, of Reading, who had four children,—Alexander, Emma, Tillie, and Laura.

Jacob Shartle, grandfather of Harry H., was born in the vicinity of Shartlesville, Upper Bern township, Sept. 22, 1804, and died at Womelsdorf, July 21, 1894, aged nearly ninety years. He was a blacksmith by trade, an occupation which he followed at Womelsdorf, whither he had come as a young man. Mr. Shartle was married to Eliza Moyer, born April 3, 1810, in Heidelberg, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Witman) Moyer. They were married March 7, 1833, and Mrs. Shartle died May 1, 1893. Their children were: Franklin, born Feb. 10, 1834, who died March 5, 1884; George, born Nov. 14, 1835, died Jan. 2, 1898; Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1838; Helen, born Nov. 26, 1842; Jacob, born July 28, 1845; Adaline, born March 7, 1853; and Mary Ann, born May 21, 1840, died Dec. 28, 1848.

George Shartle, father of Harry M., was born Nov. 14, 1835, and died Jan. 2, 1898, aged sixty-two years, one month and seventeen days, being buried at Womelsdorf. He was a brewer, and burned many barrels of apple-jack. He was the owner of the residence at Newmanstown, where his widow now resides. He was twice married, his first union being April 11, 1858, with Mary Ann Cox, who was born Jan. 31, 1840, daughter of Charles Cox, of Womelsdorf. Ten children were born to this union: Charles J., born July 18, 1863, a shoemaker of Reading; Harry H; Katie, born in 1863, who died in 1864; Adeline, who died at the age of fourteen years; William, born June 28, 1873, a blacksmith of Reading; Lizzie, who married George Wells, of Philadelphia; John Franklin, who died single, Sept. 8, 1888; Lillie May, born in 1881, died in 1884; George W., born in 1871, died in 1872; and Mary Annie, who died April 13, 1886.

Harry H. Shartle obtained a public school education, and at the age of sixteen years learned the blacksmith

trade from his grandfather, at Womelsdorf, an occupation which he has followed ever since. He came to Wernersville, July 19, 1886, and for eight years worked for Henry Fiant. He then engaged in the business on his own account, purchasing the business and shop of Henry Barthol in 1884. Mr. Shartle is an excellent mechanic, and he is considered the leading blacksmith and horse-shoer of his district, also having the agency for the New Burch plows. He is a stockholder, and was formerly a director, in the Wernersville Water Company. He erected a fine brick residence on Main street, 65 x 75 feet in dimensions in which are installed all of the latest modern improvements, including electricity for lighting. In politics he is a Democrat, but although he was very active in the incorporation of the borough, he has never cared for public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and he was a member of the building committee, his name appearing with the others on the front of the First Reformed Chapel, which was erected in 1900. He is a trustee of the church, and an active member of the Sunday school, in which he was formerly an official member. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 99, P. O. S. of A., of Wernersville.

On Oct. 24, 1889, Mr. Shartle was married to Katie Van Reed, daughter of Levi and Catherine (Werner) Van Reed, and granddaughter of Thomas and Eliza (Ruth) Van Reed.

JOHN J. McNURNEY was a native of Wisconsin, where he received his education, and learned the blacksmith's trade. After finishing his trade, at the age of nineteen, he started in business in Chicago, Ill., where he was burned out during the big Chicago fire, after which time he came East and located in Reading. He had an exceptionally fine professional and business reputation, being an industrious and skilled mechanic, in his line of business. The success that came to this well-known and popular man was deserved, and was the fitting reward of a lifelong determination to excel in all that he undertook. He was a progressive man, of a positive type, having perfect confidence in his ability, and took great interest and pride in his business.

He retired Jan. 1, 1907, and left Reading the following July on a tour of the Pacific coast, for pleasure and enjoyment. He was accompanied on this trip by his niece, Miss May Fallon, who resides at No. 46 North Eighth street, and is the only living relative in Pennsylvania. On returning home he met with an accident which caused his death in Chicago, Sept. 1, 1907. His remains were taken to Reading and buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

JOSEPH F. FLAIG, a well-to-do resident of Reading, Pa., whose home is located at No. 226 South Twelfth street, in the Tenth ward of the city, was born Oct. 6, 1843, in Schramberg, Obendorf am Neckar, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Christian and Theresa (Haas) Flaig.

Andraes Flaig, the grandfather of Joseph F., was a native of Maria Zel, Wurtemberg, and was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Clara King, and to them were born children as follows: Christian, Fidel, Stephen and Andraes. Christian Flaig was born Sept. 8, 1801, and his entire life was spent in the Fatherland, where he died Sept. 28, 1868. He started in the freight hauling business when a young man, and, becoming prosperous later engaged as a grain and wine merchant. He married Theresa Haas, born Sept. 25, 1807, who died Oct. 25, 1869, and they had four children: Francisco, who married Charles Summer, a machinist of Germany; Christian, who was a clock maker; John, also a machinist; and Joseph F.

Joseph F. Flaig was educated in the schools of the Fatherland, and after leaving school, at the age of fourteen years, learned the brewer's business with Johann Haas, with whom he continued for three years. Mr. Flaig then followed his trade at different places for nine years, when he enlisted in the German army, in September, 1864, but after six weeks received his discharge, and the war of 1866 then being imminent, he came to America, and landed at Castle Garden, N. Y., in the latter part of October. Soon thereafter he came to Reading, where he has since remained. Mr. Flaig at once found employment with a brewer named Floto, and later was employed by Lauer, Barbey and other leading brewers of the city. In 1884 he formed a partnership with Abraham Peltzer, under the firm name of Peltzer & Flaig, and this firm continued successfully for a period of ten years, they being reputed to have the best beer in Reading. Mr. Flaig is now in the employ of the Deppen brewery, and resides with his family at No. 226 South Twelfth street. In political matters Mr. Flaig is a Democrat. He is a member of the Holy Cross Society, and he and his family attend St. Paul's Catholic Church.

On May 5, 1867, Mr. Flaig was married to Agnes Link, born Sept. 21, 1843, who came to this country in June, 1864, daughter of Frederick Link, a carpenter of Germany, and to this union there were born children as follows: Agnes, who married Francis Fogel, of Reading; Annie, who married John Blankenbiller, of Reading; Fred, a machinist in the Government service; John, single at home; Joseph, born Feb. 16, 1882, was educated in the Reading public schools, learned the boiler making trade at the Scott foundry, and is now in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company; George, who died aged eighteen years; and Francis, who died in childhood.

JOSEPH D. FOX, a conductor in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, living at No. 118 North Fourth street, Reading, was born in that city, at No. 116 North Fourth street, May 4, 1851, son of Daniel S. and Maria (Ditlow) Fox, the former a native of Berks and the latter of Lancaster county.

John Fox, grandfather of Joseph D., was twice married. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He had but one son, Daniel.

Daniel Fox followed the dual trades of cabinet-making and painting in Reading, where he died in 1858, aged thirty-two years. His remains rest in the Charles Evans cemetery. He and his wife were the parents of two sons: John, who died Jan. 1, 1859; and Joseph D. Mrs. Fox married for her second husband, John H. Fix, by whom she had four children: John H.; Mahala, who married Thomas Rambo; Rose, who married George Eisenbrown; and Maria, deceased. In religious belief the family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Fox was a Republican.

Joseph D. Fox received his education in the common schools of his native city, and was about eight years of age when his father's death occurred. He learned the painting trade, which he followed for about fifteen years, when he accepted a position as brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, continuing in that capacity until promoted to the position of conductor, which he has held for twenty-five years. Mr. Fox was married August, 1870, to Kate Maderia, daughter of David and Sabilla (Scheetz) Maderia, and one child was born to this union, Anna, who died at the age of two and one-half years. Mr. Fox is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and the Brotherhood of America. In religious belief he is connected with the Lutheran faith. He is a member of the Reading Relief Association, and in 1868 joined the Neversink Fire Company, retaining membership in that organization until the present time, serving as assistant chief for two years, and being a delegate to numerous firemen's conventions. A very interesting collection belonging to Mr. Fox, and one which he prizes highly is one of about 150 badges, which he has framed. He is well known in and

about Reading, his genial, friendly manner making for him many warm friends.

JOHN W. RINGLER, of Reading, has carried on his confectionery and tobacco store at No. 205 Bingaman street since 1874. He has passed most of his life in that city, where he was born Dec. 30, 1844, son of Israel W. Ringler, and grandson of Reuben Ringler. The family has long been located in Berks county.

Reuben Ringler was a tailor, but followed his trade only a short time, in 1833 going to work at Robesonia Furnace. He married Sarah Wilson, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and to their union were born the following named children: Sarah, who married Joseph Brandshett; Anthony, who was a blacksmith in Scranton, Pa., where he died in about 1887; Israel W.; Isabel, who married James Gold, and went to live in Philadelphia, where she still has her home, at No. 3209 Dauphin street (she is the last survivor of this family); Jerome, a boatbuilder on the Schuylkill canal, an expert in his line, who died in March, 1863, during the smallpox epidemic, shortly before his son, Mark, was killed at Chancellorsville; Harriet, wife of Robert Baker, and Sarah, deceased, who married Frank Kelley. The mother of this family was a member of the Methodist Church, but the father's religious connection is not known. He was a Democrat in political opinion. He was a private soldier during the war of 1812, and drew a pension for the services he rendered. His death occurred in February, 1870, at the age of eighty-two years.

Israel W. Ringler attended school in Reading, and during his young manhood clerked in a general store there. Later he embarked in merchandising on his own account in that city, continuing in that line until 1865, when he sold out and engaged in the music business at the location now occupied by Potteiger's drug store, at Fourth and Spruce streets. He had purchased that property in 1848, and lived there over sixty years. In 1842 Israel W. Ringler married Mary A. Moers, who was born in 1822 and now lives at No. 347 Spruce street. Her grandfather, John F. Moers, established himself in the marble and tombstone business at No. 314 Penn street in 1793. To Mr. and Mrs. Ringler were born children as follows: John W., who is mentioned further on; Franklin, who died in 1851, when three years old; Heber, who died in 1866; Charles A., an employee of the Reading Iron Company; Robert B., born Sept. 16, 1862, now a jeweler of Reading; and Mary E., who married John Hampden, a manufacturer of artificial teeth. This family were Methodists in religious belief. The father passed away June 22, 1892.

John W. Ringler was reared and educated in his native city, attending the old Chestnut street school until he reached the age of sixteen. At that time he entered his father's general store, where he remained until his enlistment, Feb. 1, 1864, in Durell's Independent Battery D, Pennsylvania Light Artillery. He served until June 13, 1865, when the battery was discharged following Lee's surrender. Mr. Ringler saw considerable active service, taking part in Grant's campaign from the Wilderness to Appomattox. His military service completed, he returned to Reading, and within a short time became engaged in boating on the canal. In 1870 he went to Norfolk, Va., coming back to Reading in 1873, and carrying on the manufacture of brick until 1874, when he sold out that business and purchased the property at No. 205 Bingaman street, where he has since been located. He has a thriving confectionery and tobacco stand, which he has carried on since 1874, and is well-known in the neighborhood as an honest, industrious business man. Mr. Ringler has prospered, and owns a piece of residence property in Oakbrook (in Cumru township) and also one in Millmont. His wife owns the home and store property at No. 205 Bingaman street, as well as another piece in the First Ward, at No. 474 South Third street. Mr. Ringler has been quite active in local public affairs, and from 1884 to 1889 served as alderman of his ward, the First, having been elected as the candidate of the Republican party, of which he is an enthusiastic adherent. He is also prominent in Grand Army circles, being a member and past commander of Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 21, 1869, Mr. Ringler was married to Catherine E. Seiders, daughter of Benjamin and Esther (Engle) Seiders. To this union came one child, born May 10, 1876 (the opening day of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia), who died in infancy.

JOHN KISSINGER. There have been three John Kissingers in Berks county in direct line, father, son and grandson, and the early home of the family was in Alsace township.

John Kissinger, the first of the name, was a farmer in Alsace township, where he owned a valuable farm. This he lost through the machinations of the husband of his sister Betzy, a Hessian soldier with whom she became acquainted while the Hessians were in camp at Mount Penn, Reading, during the Revolutionary war. John Kissinger was born about 1761, and he died in 1837, in Alsace township, at the home of his son, Jacob. He married Elizabeth Tobias, daughter of Jonathan Tobias, of Bern township, and they had nine sons and one daughter, namely: Jacob, John, Samuel, Andrew, Christian, Abraham, Solomon, William, David and Lydia (married (first) David Gehret, and (second) John Leader).

John Kissinger, son of John and second of the name, was born in Alsace, now Muhlenberg, township July 4, 1794, and he died on Pine street, Reading, in 1859, at the age of sixty-five years. By occupation he was a carpenter. He married Catharine Spengler, daughter of Christian Spengler, of Heidelberg township, and they had three sons and five daughters, as follows: Elizabeth died unmarried aged twenty-one years; John, born March 11, 1816; Mary m. Daniel Roberts; Reuben m. Kate Jones; Susan m. Samuel Zerr, and is still living; Sarah m. James Eckert; and Adam, a cripple, who died unmarried; and another daughter.

John Kissinger, the third of the name and the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, March 11, 1816. He attended pay schools, where only the German language was taught, and at the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade under Jacob Ahrens, then a prominent builder. In 1836 he came to Reading, seeing in this then rapidly growing town great opportunity for success, and he located at Front and Washington streets, at the canal locks—long since removed. He secured work with Adam Wright, a manufacturer of threshing machines, and at the end of a year entered the employ of Benjamin Fink, a builder with whom he remained many years. In 1852 he went to Philadelphia, but at the end of eight months returned to Reading, and engaged in carpentering. He built a number of the homes on the north side of Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and on the east side of Court street, between Church and Sixth streets. He himself built his own home in 1897, when past four score years, and it was nearly a decade later before he retired from active work. To the last he worked in his little shop in the rear of his home, making chests and household articles on a small scale. His death, April 24, 1908, in his ninety-third year, was due to a fractured hip, sustained in a fall down stairs.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Kissinger married Catherine Lewis, daughter of William Lewis, and she died about half a century ago; she had eight children, of whom is living (1908) Reuben C. L., whose golden wedding anniversary was attended by his father, four generations being present. Two years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Kissinger married (second) Hannah Dunnegan, daughter of James Dunnegan. She died in 1907. Five of the eleven children of this union survive: Susan, wife of Charles Spangler; Miss Clara;

Morris; Lucy, wife of Earl Schaeffer, of Reading; and Anna, wife of Joseph Bascone, of Philadelphia

In politics he had been a Democrat all his life casting his first vote in 1836. He recalled the administration of Reading's first mayor, Peter Filbert, a time when a great part of the present city was farm land. He was very intelligent and could tell in a most interesting manner the tales of those early days. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and fraternally he belonged to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M. and Seminole Council, No. 88, O. U. A. M. Mr. Kissinger attributed his long life to nothing more than temporate habits. He never used tobacco and very little liquor; his hearing was excellent, as was also his eyesight, and his health was perfect.

WILLIAM F. MARKS, M. D., born April 6, 1846, at West Leesport, Berks county, son of Elias and Catharine (Fink) Marks, has been a successful practitioner for forty years, thirty-eight of which—since 1871—he has spent in his adopted city of Reading.

Elias Marks, the father, was employed by the Schuylkill Canal Company until the great freshet of 1850, which destroyed the home at West Leesport, and in which his wife, one son, and three daughters lost their lives. Utterly distracted by this tragedy and the total loss of his property, he resolved to start life anew. With this purpose in view he made provision for the care of the remnant of his family, who were saved from the flood—consisting of two daughters and the subject of this sketch, the latter being adopted by Jacob Rieser—and removed to Illinois, and, on the outbreak of the Civil war, enlisted in defense of his country; he saw active service the first year, when he contracted pneumonia and died at Memphis, Tennessee.

Under the care of his foster-father, to whom he was indentured to the age of eighteen years, William F. Marks was granted four months' schooling a year, the limit of the term in the district schools in those days, in conjunction with his labor on the farm, until he reached the age of seventeen. Then he made his first attempt at teaching in the township school, thus continuing for three years. At the close of each term during these three years he attended Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College, in Montgomery county, Pa., and thereafter two terms at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. While at the latter institution and in delicate health he became the patient of Dr. Helfrich, a prominent homeopathic physician of the town, and through the acquaintance thus established resolved to read medicine under the preceptorship of the latter. He then attended a course of lectures at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and, during vacation, was a student in the office of Prof. Richard Koch, one of the faculty of the institution, under whose influence and tutelage he gained a practical knowledge of his chosen profession, as the Professor appreciated the diligence and close application of his student. Yielding to the trend of his inclinations, he took a special course in obstetrics at the Philadelphia School of Practical Obstetrics and Diseases of Women.

After graduating from Hahnemann Medical College, March 3, 1869, Dr. Marks purchased (through the assistance of his adopted father) the property of Dr. A. J. Dundore, at West Leesport, and assumed the latter's practice, and there continued successfully for two years, when ambition for a greater latitude in the practice of his profession induced him to locate in Reading. That the change was one exhibiting rare judgment and self-confidence is confirmed by the extensive clientele that followed his scrupulous and untiring efforts, contemporaneous with which he was a close student and observer of all the important advances made in the science of medicine. In addition to his personal or self-attained acquirements through his office study, he made his vacations consist of special courses in prominent medical institutions of the country, which included the clinical lectures of Profs. Ludlam and Pratt, of Chicago; Profs. Emmet, Newman and Snow, of New York; Prof. Howard Kelly, of Baltimore; and Prof. Massey, of Philadelphia, all of whom were specialists and instructors of national reputation. All these lectures constituted what is known as post-graduate courses, and physicians pursuing them are regarded as having qualified themselves to an exceptional degree. Dr. Marks's flattering success in his practice is properly attributed not only to conscientious devotion to his work, but to his skillful diagnosis and prognosis in the treatment of disease.

Notwithstanding the incessant demand made upon his time in his practice, Dr. Marks has not been unmindful of his duties as a citizen, and, while interesting himself in other directions of a civic nature, his most conspicuous service to the public may be said to have been in connection with his labors associated with the board of health, of which body he has been an active member for twenty-eight years, six years of which he was honored with the presidency. His annual reports are illumined with sanitary and preventive measures generally against disease, pestilence and contagion. In his persistent warfare against the smoke evil he attracted attention not only at home, but among municipal, State and national governments as well, a number of his suggestions finding adoption in various communities, or by the authorities communicating with him on the subject.

Dr. Marks is the gynecologist of the Homeopathic Hospital of Reading, and is connected with the following medical associations: The Practitioners Society; Hospital and Dispensary Association; State Medical Society; American Institute of Homeopathy; International Medical Congress; American Association of Orificial Surgeons, and American Electro-Therapeutic Association.

Dr. Marks married Rebecca S. Althouse, daughter of Henry Althouse, of Reading, and to this union was born one daughter, Minnie. Mrs. Marks died Nov. 10, 1879, and later Dr. Marks was wedded to Clara B. Regar, of Reading. To the second union were born two children, Edith C. and Bessie.

In political matters the Doctor is not biased by partisanship, although technically a Democrat, but of the Jeffersonian persuasion. In religion he is broad-minded, and the denomination with which he is identified is the Reformed faith.

The Doctor is prominent in fraternal organizations, being a popular member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M.; Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F.; Mt. Penn Castle, K. G. E.; Fidelia Chamber, No. 5, K. of F.; Washington Camp No. 505, P. O. S. of A.; and Mt. Penn Council, R. A.

NATHAN G. KACHEL, one of the prominent and highly respected truck farmers of Brecknock, where he is also efficiently serving as school director, was born on his present property, May 23, 1857, son of Aaron Kachel, and a descendant of one of the early Swiss pioneers of the county.

In 1732 there came to America a little band of emigrants from Switzerland, among whom was Andrew Kachel. He settled in Cumru township, Berks county, where he became the owner of 200 acres of land. His will, which is on record in the Berks county court house, was probated July 16, 1777, and is signed in good clear German. He made ample provision for his beloved wife Ursula, and specially mentions his son Simon. His wife Ursula and son Andrew were the executors. Other sons were Leonard and John.

John Kachel, son of the emigrant Andrew, was a farmer in Brecknock township. He married Catherine Eitzer, and became the father of the following children: Jacob, born March 9, 1786, died Oct. 19, 1865, the father of two sons—Henry and Jacob; Andrew died unmarried; John lived near the Green Tree, in Cumru township; William died young; Elizabeth married Michael Bittner; Samuel; Daniel, a farmer and miller, died in January, 1904; Michael was a noted marksman and figured at the olden time shooting matches; Susan married Elijah Spencer; and Polly and David died unmarried.

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Samuel Kachel, son of John, was born in Cumru township, Jan. 15, 1796, and there passed his entire life. He was the owner of a large farm, which he kept in a high state of cultivation, and became one of the substantial men of the place. He learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth, and followed it to some extent as long as he lived. He died April 6, 1861. He married Elizabeth Rieser, born Jan. 15, 1800, and died Dec. 21, 1883. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Reuben, born 1820, died in 1852; Aaron; Mary m. Elijah Remp, and is deceased; Sarah m. Jacob Mamer, and is deceased; Catherine m. Jesse Hartz, and is deceased; Benjamin, born June 3, 1836, lives on the homestead; and Samuel is a farmer in Brecknock township.

Aaron Kachel, son of Samuel, was born on his father's farm May 29, 1824. He was the owner of a fine farm, and this is now the property of his son, Nathan G. In his political belief he was a staunch Democrat, and in the early sixties was a member of the school board. He was a Lutheran member of the Allegheny church, and was a member of the building committee when that church was erected in 1878. His death occurred June 30, 1891, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Allegheny. His wife, Betzy Griffith, born Dec. 18, 1824, died an accidental death Dec. 24, 1889. She was a daughter of Isaac Griffith. By her marriage with Mr. Kachel she became the mother of four sons, as follows: John, born Oct. 1, 1851, was a farmer on the homestead, and died Dec. 2, 1892; he married Elizabeth Blankenbiller. Charles S. married Ellen E. Kramer, and he resides at Knauers. Albert G. and Nathan G. are twins, and Albert G. married Maggie Griffith.

Nathan G. Kachel, son of Aaron, was born as above stated. His entire life has been devoted to farm work. He obtained his education in the district school, and assisted his father at home until he attained his majority. In 1878 he went to Davis county, Iowa, where for six months he worked on a farm, and then returned to his native county. After his marriage in 1888 he tenanted on the Isaac Kramer farm in Brecknock township for four years, at the end of that time returning to the homestead, where he has since lived. He cultivates the fifty-seven acre farm which belonged to his father, and this he purchased in 1893. He raises all kinds of vegetables and fruit, and these he sells at the Reading market, having stand No. 210 at the Bingaman street market. In his farm work he is very progressive, and is quick to adopt new methods as soon as he sees their practical value. He has all the standard up-to-date farm implements, and keeps them in perfect condition all the time.

Mr. Kachel and his family attend the Allegheny church, in which they are Lutheran members. For four years he was president of the church organization. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1904 he was elected school director; and he has also served as delegate to the county conventions.

On Aug. 28, 1888, Mr. Kachel was married to Cassie Kramer, who was born June 6, 1875, daughter of Isaac Kramer, and his wife, Betzy Hoschaur. To this union were born six children: Annie; Calvin; Nora, who died Aug. 26, 1894, aged one year, six months, three days; Pierce; Steward; and Isaac.

JOHN PETER KOCH, of Reading, was born in Bechteim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 13, 1842. He came to America in 1864 and for a number of years resided in New Jersey, but in 1876 moved to Reading, Pa., and has been settled there since that date. He was a baker by trade, but from 1888 to 1902 he was engaged in that line of business, and at the end of that time retired. He was elected, in 1902, a member of the city board of assessors, for a one year term, but was re-elected for a term of three years.

Mr. Koch has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1870, was Catherine Kuhlman, a native of the same town as himself. After twenty-one years of married life, she died, and in March, 1894, Mr. Koch married again. His second wife was Lillie Findeisen, who died July 21, 1908, aged forty-nine years. Three sons were born of this union, John, William and John (2), all deceased. The children by the first marriage were: George P.; Mary Elizabeth; Annie; and Kate, wife of Lewis Heeter, a hotel proprietor in Reading. John P. Koch is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Jackson Democratic Club, of which he was treasurer. He is also connected with the Reading Leiderkranz, of which he was a trustee. His religious affiliation is with St. John's Lutheran Church. He has been an essentially good citizen, and is highly esteemed.

George P. Koch was born in New Egypt, N. J., Aug. 14, 1871, before his parents moved to Reading. He received a good education and was graduated from the Inter-State College, after which he secured a position with the Norwich Electric Railway and worked there eight years. He was appointed to his present position of water inspector Aug. 15, 1898, and has proved himself a most capable official; he is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and in religion he is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church. George P. Koch was married Jan. 13, 1895, to Emma Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Emma Gussman, of Boyertown, Berks county, and they are the parents of six children, John Jacob, Howard George, Margaret Marie, Blanche Elizabeth, George Peter, and Daniel. The two oldest boys are in school.

CHARLES E. SCHRADER, engaged in the furniture business at Reading since 1865, was born Dec. 2, 1833, in the township of North Whitehall, Lehigh county, Pa., and when a small boy his parents removed to Trexlertown. He received a limited education, and at an early age began to work on different farms in the neighborhood, and continued this work until he became twenty years of age, when he entered the employ of William Hains as an apprentice to the trade of cabinet maker. He served his apprenticeship of two and a half years and then followed the trade at Trexlertown, Allentown and Philadelphia for several years, when he went to Reading. There he worked for a short time for Josiah Hearing, a prominent furniture dealer (prothonotary of Berks county from 1854 to 1857) and then went to Hollidaysburg where he followed his trade for nearly a year, when he returned to Reading and resumed his employment with Mr. Hearing. After working at his trade until 1865, under Mr. Hearing, Jacob R. Ritter and Joseph Schmucker, he formed a partnership with Anthony Felix and they carried on the business as dealers in furniture until 1872, when they purchased the stock of Joseph Schmucker and added Jerome T. Kline (an experienced salesman in the business) to the firm. They traded as Schrader, Felix & Kline until 1882, when Mr. Felix sold his interest to his partners and the firm name became Schrader & Kline, and under this name they have continued to trade until the present time. Mr. Schrader has been in the furniture business on Penn street, between 6th and 7th streets for upward of forty years. Though entirely self-taught, he designed and executed superior wood work, more especially parlor mirror mantels in costly mansions at Reading and elsewhere.

In 1858, Mr. Schrader was married to Elizabeth Maltzberger, a daughter of Jacob Maltzberger (bricklayer of Reading) and Elizabeth Gensemer (also of Reading), by whom he had seven children, three having died in infancy: Harry, Katie (m. Arthur Wittich), William, and Annie (m. Daniel Y. Klapp). His wife died in 1906, aged sixty-five years.

Mr. Schrader's father was Benjamin Schrader, who was brought up and lived in Montgomery county until he died in 1852, aged forty-five years. He was married to Sarah Koch, of Lehigh county, who died in 1874, aged sixty-two years; they had six children: Charles, Benja-

min, Benneville, James, Angeline (m. Peter Hout), and Mary (m. John Bridegroom).

His grandfather was John Schrader, farmer of Montgomery county, who located in Snyder county in 1840, and there died in 1855, aged seventy years. He was married and had six children: Jacob, John, Benjamin, Charles, Isaac and Catharine.

EMANUEL M. WELLER, a farmer near Hill Church, in Pike township, Berks county, was born in that township, Jan. 24, 1865, son of Emanuel and Sallie (Moyer) Weller.

Philip Weller, grandfather of Emanuel M., was a resident in District township, where he was engaged in burning charcoal and in cultivating a small tract of land. He married Rebecca Heydt, a sister of Jacob Heydt. Both Philip Weller and his wife are buried in the graveyard at Hill Church. Their children were: Julia, who died unmarried; Emanuel; Henry, m. to Mary Houck; Rebecca, who is unmarried and is in her eighty-third year; Adam, unmarried; Jonathan, m. to Sallie Johnson; Ishmael, m. to Catharine Herb; and Polly, m. to George Benfield.

Emanuel Weller, son of Philip and Rebecca, was born in the vicinity of Landis Store in District township March 25, 1821, and he died Feb. 20, 1897, on his seventy-six-acre farm Feb. 20, 1897. He was a life-long farmer. He was a Reformed member of Hill Church and was regular in his attendance at divine service. In middle life he cut his left foot with an ax, necessitating the amputation of the foot above the ankle. He wore a wooden leg. About 1851 Emanuel Weller married Sallie Moyer, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Muthart) Moyer. She was born Sept. 9, 1831, and lives near Hill Church. They had ten children, namely: Jonathan, m. to Hannah Moyer; Rebecca, m. to John Eschbach; Malinda, m. to Peter Geschwindt, who died 1900; Mary, m. to William Eschbach; Sarah, m. to Willoughby Herb; Nathan N., m. to Ellen Lesher; Adam, an invalid; Emanuel M.; Joel, m. to Rosa Berkey; and Hettie, m. to Mahlon Swavely.

Emanuel M. Weller was educated in the township schools, and early became familiar with farm work. He began farming for himself in the spring of 1889, in Colebrookdale township and lived there on a thirty-eight-acre farm two years. He then moved to the homestead in Pike township, where he was born, and farmed there one year, then moved to Montgomery county on a 110-acre farm and farmed it for two years. From the late place he went to Oley, where he lived but one year, when he bought one of the old Moyer farms in Pike township near Hill Church. This consists of 220 acres, and belonged to Jacob Moyer, his grandfather. Mr. Weller bought it from the estate of Isaac Moyer, and he has since made a number of improvements to the buildings, and now has an up-to-date and valuable farm. He is one of the successful farmers in the township and is one of the largest milk shippers in the district. He is also an agent for fertilizer and sells annually several car loads.

In his political faith Mr. Weller is a Democrat, and was a school director for six years, serving the board as treasurer. He is a member of Knights of Golden Eagle, of Manatawny, and of Council No. 1007, Order American Mechanics. He and his family attend Hill Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation. He is a member of the Church choir.

On Feb. 13, 1886, Mr. Weller was married to Sallie Greis, daughter of John and Eliza (Lesher) Greis, of Longswamp township. She was born Feb. 11, 1867, and died April 26, 1907, and is buried in Hill Church cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Weller had thirteen children, as follows: Warren W. G., Clyde S., Ralph W., Verna G., Vergie V., Earl P., Emanuel G., Norman N., Herbert H. and four died young.

NATHAN N. WELLER, son of Emanuel and Sallie (Moyer) and brother of Emanuel M., was born Sept. 20, 1860. He is a farmer in Pike township, near Hill Church, where he has a ninety-four-acre farm, which was a Moser tract. On Dec. 13, 1885, he married Ellen Lesher, and they have had seven children: Mame, who died in 1908, aged twenty-one years, was the wife of Elmer Bechtel; Herbert is deceased; Robert; Elsie; Lloyd; Leon and Russell.

C. H. SEMBOWER, president of the well-known firm of Orr & Sembower, boiler manufacturers, at Reading, Pa., is one of the city's prominent men, and is identified with a number of its important enterprises. Mr. Sembower was born at Altoona, Pa., Jan. 18, 1863, son of Rev. A. H. and Helena (Knowlton) Sembower.

The Rev. A. H. Sembower is a minister in the Baptist Church, now retired from active service, and hence the son, C. H., was educated in the schools at the points where the father was in charge. In 1872 the family was located at Reading, and our subject then entered the high school for which he was abundantly prepared, graduating in 1876 at the age of seventeen years. Prior to going out on the road in the interests of a shoe firm, he had served a short apprenticeship with B. W. Griest. In 1884 Mr. Sembower, in association with Harry Orr, started the present boiler manufacturing business, with C. H. Sembower as president, Harry Orr as treasurer, Jesse Orr as secretary and James O'Reilly, Esq., as solicitor.

When the business was started the plant was located at Pine and Mifflin street, where the first boiler was built in 1884. The plant consisted at that time of a building 60 x 80 feet in dimensions, and gave employment to five men. The full capacity of the plant was three engines a week. The company owned no foundry then, purchasing its castings at Myerstown, Lebanon county. No change was made in the location of the plant until 1890, when removal was made to Millmont where four and a half acres of land were secured from the Reading Land & Improvement Company. The company at once set to work breaking ground for its new machine and boiler shops. By 1892 these shops were completed and in 1894 the foundry was completed. At the date of this writing engines are built at this plant in seventy-five different styles and their line includes vertical, horizontal, marine and hoisting, and the boilers are vertical, horizontal and locomotive. The company gives constant employment to 250 skilled workmen and have a corps of seven office people. The pay roll is one of the largest in any of the city's industries of a like nature.

This plant in its equipment is one of the finest and most complete in the United States. It is operated by a battery of 750-horse power boilers. The drawings are kept in a fire-proof vault, and the pattern storage room is equipped with a system of water works, so that, in case of fire, there is not a point in the apartment but that can be reached by a stream of water. The trade territory extends all over the world where the excellence of the goods serve as their own advertisement.

On Jan. 29, 1884, Mr. Sembower was married to E. Lou Orr, daughter of Jesse Orr, and three children have been born to this union, viz: Cora L., Anna O. and Guy K. The family is prominent in the city's social life. They are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Sembower is prominent in Masonry, being a member of Chandler Lodge No. 227 F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter; Commandery at Philadelphia; Consistory, 32nd degree and Rajah Temple. He belongs also to the B. P. O. E., of Reading, and to Vigilance Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Reading, and also in the American Casualty Company.

MILTON J. H. SCHITLER, former huckster, sawmill operator, in Pricetown, Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, was born Oct. 1, 1839, in Montgomery county, Pa., son of Daniel H. and Alamanda (Heebner) Schitler.

Ludwig Schitler, the ancestor of the family of this name, is said to have been a redemptioner. He had an only son Hezekiah, whose son Hezekiah was the grandfather of Milton J. H. In the Federal census of 1790 Ludwig Schiller is recorded as the head of a family made up of himself and wife, one son Hezekiah over sixteen years of age, and two daughters.

Hezekiah Schitler, the grandfather, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county, Pa., and was almost ninety years old when he died. He is buried at Keeler's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was a foremost man of his district, and owned much land. His wife, Barbara Heilig, is buried at Swamp Church. Their children were: Jacob, unmarried who lived at home; John, who m. and lived at Perkasie, Pa.; Lewis, who lived in Reading; George, of Reading; Barbara, m. to George Moore; Elizabeth, m. to Harry Houck; Sarah, m. to Mr. Boyer; and Daniel H., who was three years of age when his mother died.

Daniel H. Schitler, son of Hezekiah and father of Milton J. H. was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county, in 1812, and died at Pricetown, in 1882, in the seventieth year of his age. In 1840 or 1841 he and his family came to Reading where they lived until 1857, when he moved to Ruscombmanor township, and operated a farm and grist mill. In his earlier life Mr. Schitler had been one of the first employes of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, and was on the road as an engineer twenty-seven years, first running a coal and later a freight train between Pottsville and Philadelphia. He married Alamanda Heebner, and both are buried at Keeler's Church in Montgomery county. They had eight children, four of whom are deceased. The living are: Milton J. H.; Nathaniel, of Holton, Kans.; Barbara Anna, m. to Rev. Daniel Stettler, of Trevortown, Pa.; Daniel A., of Missouri, having his home but sixty miles from his brother Nathaniel.

Milton J. H. Schitler was educated in the public schools of Reading, to which city his parents came when he was little over one year old. He began clerking in his father's feed, grocery and queensware store, located at Ninth and Franklin streets, and he continued clerking in different stores in Reading until he was nearly seventeen years old, when he became a salesman in Philadelphia for Birch & Weldy—wholesale notion dealers, remaining a short time. Later he was salesman for Philip Ford, in his boot and shoe store, remaining in Philadelphia a little over one year. Returning to Reading, he learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1857, when his father moved to Wanner's Mill, in Ruscombmanor township, he accompanied him and by assisting his father learned the milling trade. He was licensed to teach in the public schools by Prof. William Good, and taught six years in Ruscombmanor and two years in Pike township.

On May 22, 1860, Mr. Schitler was married to Sarah M. Heebner, daughter of William Heebner, of Friedensburg, Berks county, and they began house-keeping at the homestead of William D. Haines, where they have lived ever since. Mr. Schitler is one of the foremost men of his township, and is a large real estate owner. He operates a saw mill and cidermill on what was the old Buck estate. An old glue factory, once operated by Michael Buck, a native of Germany, was located on this tract; and the old stone building, a land mark of the district was erected about 1830, and is located along the Pricetown Road, east of Pricetown. Mr. Schitler is also engaged in huckstering, attending the wholesale and retail street markets in Reading. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. Knoderer, and came home under Colonel Davis, the former colonel having died on the field of battle. Mr. Schitler was in the army nine months, and participated among others, in the fight at Deserted Farm. He is active in Church life, and has been interested in Sunday-school work from his youth up. He is connected with both Pricetown Zion and Pricetown Salem Sunday-schools, being honorary Sunday-school superintendent of Zion, and Bible Class teacher of adult scholars in both schools. He was Sunday-school superintendent of both schools for many years, and he is a leader in all religious and moral movements.

The following children were born to Mr. Schitler's marriage with Sarah M. Heebner. William H., deceased; Miss Eva, of Philadelphia; Charles, of Pricetown; Mary, m. to William Diehl, of Pricetown; and Harry H., of Ruscombmanor. Mr. Schitler was m. (second) to Emma K. Bertolet, daughter of John K. Bertolett, of Friedensburg, and their son, John Bertolett Schitler lives in Pricetown. He m. (third) Sarah Keller, widow of Levi Fry, son of Charles. No children have been born of this union.

HARRY BECHTEL WEAND, of Reading, is at present engaged as Secretary and Treasurer for the Reading (Fire) Underwriters Association. He is a son of Edward D. and Valeria Coller (nee Bechtel) Weand, the former of whom, a native of Reading, where he was a salesman for a leading house for twenty-five years, died Sept. 9, 1905, aged fifty-four years. Mrs. Weand was a daughter of Francis K. Bechtel, who for many years served the County of Berks in various capacities. Our subject has one sister, Alice Nordwald, the wife of John Yocum, of the Consolidated Knitting & Spinning Mills.

Harry Bechtel Weand was born in Reading, December 27, 1885, and received his education in the public schools. Graduating from the high school in 1903, he began his business career as a reporter for the Reading *Herald,* from which paper he went to the Reading *Telegram.* In November, 1903, he gave up newspaper work, and became identified with the Reading Underwriters Association, as assistant to the Secretary. He remained in this position until September, 1905, when he was appointed Secretary to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of his superior. He was also made District Secretary and Inspector for the Underwriters Association of the Middle Department (Philadelphia), with offices in the Baer Building, Reading.

Mr. Weand, since his graduation, has taken an active part in the affairs of the Alumni Association of the Reading High Schools, having served as its President for one term. He has also served on various committees, and is at this writing fulfilling the office of Treasurer. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, the Kappa Sigma Society of the Class of 1903, R. H. S., Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Luther League. In politics he is a Republican.

REV. ELI E. HIESTER, a retired minister of Strausstown, Berks county, Pa., was born near Belleman's Church, in Centre township, January 14, 1830. He is a son of Thomas and a grandson of Daniel Hiester. The latter, who was born November 5, 1761, died April 16, 1827, at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried at Zion's Blue Mountain Church. His occupation was that of farming, and for many years he resided in Upper Tulpehocken township, where the name is well known and highly respected. Three times he was married, his last wife being Susanne Ammon, whose birth occurred May 4, 1782. She died October 17, 1862, at the advanced age of eighty.

Thomas Hiester, the father of Eli, was born July 10, 1803. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and besides acquiring the usual knowledge of farm work, he learned the trade of wheelwright, which he followed during his long residence near Strausstown, in Upper Tulpehocken township. He married Christiana Ebling, the daughter of Jacob Ebling. She was born at Upper Tulpehocken township, July 5, 1802, and died January 13, 1878, at the age of seventy-five years, five months, and eight days. On June 19, 1882, the

husband, having lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight, was laid to rest beside his wife in the old cemetery at Zion's Blue Mountain Church. Their children were: Jonathan, who became a minister of the Reformed Church, and whose death occurred in Lebanon county, Pa., in 1900; Jacob, born in 1827, died in 1874 (he married Susanne Snyder, who was born in 1823, and died in 1875); Sarah, born in 1828, married Michael Klahr, her death occurring in 1861; and Eli E.

Eli E. Hiester, being the youngest son, was privileged to receive greater educational advantages than his older brothers, in the pay schools of Upper Tulpehocken township, and the Boyertown Mount Pleasant Seminary, both of which he attended. After that he studied with his brother Rev. Jonathan to prepare for Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster which he entered in 1855, graduating in 1859. After graduating he went to the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, Pa., to study Theology. He was ordained in 1865 at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county. He began his work in the ministry at Grantville, afterwards taking charge of a church at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, where he remained six years. Later he came to Strausstown, Pa., where he has since resided. His ministerial career covered a period of fifteen years and though retired from active work, he occasionally fills the pulpit of the local church.

A trade acquired in his younger days, that of watch and clock repairing, supplies occupation for many, otherwise unemployed, hours. This, together with a half interest held in a fine farm of seventy-three acres, near Strausstown, brings a good income, which, at his age, is something unusual for one who has given his best efforts in the service of the church.

Rev. Hiester never married, finding the religious life all-sufficient for his happiness. He is one of the oldest residents of Strausstown, and held in the highest regards, not only by his fellow-citizens, but by all who have the privilege of knowing him.

G. FRED MERTZ, a builder and prominent business man of Reading, Pa., was born in Rommelshausen, Wurtemberg, Germany and came to America in 1868 settling in Philadelphia for a short time, after which he located in Reading.

On locating in this city, Mr. Mertz found employment at baking in a bakery owned and conducted by Catharine Gretzinger, and he remained in her employ for four years and six months, when he purchased the establishment and operated it on his own account for about twenty-five years. After being in business at 619 Chestnut for twelve years, he found his bakery too small, and erected a modern bakery at 623-625 Chestnut Street. He installed the first continuous bake-oven in Reading. Wishing to direct his attentions in other channels, Mr. Mertz sold his bakery to his son, Albert, who still conducts it, and engaged in the ice and cold storage business at Eleventh and Bern streets, but after one year here, he found that the demands were so great that he had to have a larger plant, and he founded the Keystone Ice and Cold Storage Co., of which he became president. He remained at the head of this company for five years, after which he retired and spent one year traveling in Europe, and on returning to this country, engaged in building operations, becoming very successful in that line. In company with his son-in-law J. F. Christman, in 1905, Mr. Mertz built fifty houses, with all modern conveniences, ranging in price from $2,000 up.

Mr. Mertz is deeply interested in the growth and development of Reading, and any movement that tends to elevate its moral and social tone is stanchly supported by him. In politics he is independent. He is connected with Teutonia Lodge, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, Reading Commandery and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Mr. Mertz married in 1873, Miss Joanna H. Fischer, a native of Pennsylvania, and three children have been born to this union: Caroline, who married J. F. Christman; Elizabeth, who married P. H. Fisher; and Albert, a baker. In religious belief, Mr. Mertz is a Lutheran, as are all the members of his family.

WILLIAM MOYER, of Reading, Pa., engaged in the baking business at Nos. 530-532 Spruce street, was born in Bernville, Berks county, April 6, 1875, son of John L. and Mary (Gossert) Moyer, natives of Berks county. John L. Moyer, who was a contractor and builder, died Jan. 25, 1906, aged seventy-six years, and his wife passed away in 1888, aged fifty-four years. Ten children were born to them: John, Levi, Michael; Mary A.; Susan; Emma; Isabella; Rebecca; William and Anna.

William Moyer received his education in the schools of Bernville, Pa. and until seventeen years of age was employed upon the farm. He was then apprenticed to the baker's trade, which he completed March 29, 1896, and at this time succeeded George W. Bollman at Fifth and Laurel streets, where he remained about one year. In 1897 Mr. Moyer moved to his present place of business. He employs fourteen bakers, and operates four delivery wagons. His plant, which is 44½x117½, is equipped with the latest machinery.

In 1893 Mr. Moyer was married to Mary Spatz, daughter of Peter Spatz of Shartlesville, and four children have been born to this union: Ruth, Esther, Josephine and Forrest. The family are members of the First Reformed Church. Mr. Moyer votes independently in political matters.

NATHAN R. YODER, of Pike township, Berks county, is a representative of a family long prominent in this part of Pennsylvania. He was born in the township in which he now lives May 3, 1848, son of Nathan Y. and Esther (Rohrbach) Yoder.

George Yoder, great-grandfather of Nathan B., was a native of Oley, where he died on his farm, which is now owned by Catharine Schaeffer. He was buried in a private burial ground on what is now the Schaeffer farm, and later was re-interred at the Oley Churches. He was a farmer all his life. He had sons: William and Abraham, and several daughters.

Abraham Yoder, son of George, was born in Oley township, Oct. 12, 1785, and died in the same township April 5, 1860, and was buried beside his wife at Hill Church. In early life he went to Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he bought a tract of 500 acres of land (of which but three acres had been cleared), for $500. On this tract there was a log house, a log barn, and a log gristmill. In time these buildings were all replaced by Mr. Yoder, who operated the gristmill in addition to clearing enough land for a large farm. Here he lived for a time, and here some of his children were born. However, his father-in-law, Solomon Yerger, of Pike township, asked him to move upon his farm in Pike township. This Mr. Yoder did, and later became the owner of this 181-acre farm, a tract which is still in the Yoder name, and is now owned by Nathan R. Yoder, and is cultivated by his son-in-law, Morris R. Moyer. The stone house was built by Mr. Yerger in 1803.

On May 21, 1809, Mr. Yoder married Elizabeth Yerger, born April 27, 1790, died Sept. 8, 1875, daughter of Solomon and Susanna Yerger. To Mr. and Mrs. Yoder were born: Susanna m. Charles Renninger; Maricha m. Benjamin Rohrbach; Nathan Y.; Solomon, who lived in Pike township, m. Elizabeth Keim, and had children: Franklin, Manias, William, Augustus, Irwin and Elmira; Benneville, who lived in Pike township, m. Fianna Bower, and they had one child who died young; George, who also lived in Pike township, m. (first) Miss Weller, had two children—Adam and Eve—m. (second) Emeline Frain, and had children—James, George, Emma, and Amos; Abraham (1827-1895) m. Mary Yorkey, and is mentioned further on; Eliza m. Jacob Reider, and lived in Pike township; Sophia m. Nathan Landis, a merchant in Pike town-

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ship; Catharine was a dwarf; and a daughter died young.

Abraham Yoder, son of Abraham and Elizabeth, was a prominent farmer of Pike township. The latter years of his life he lived retired at Pikeville. He was active in local and county politics, and was school director and auditor of his township many years, and treasurer of Berks county from 1871-73. In 1883 he became one of the organizers of the Farmers National Bank, Boyertown, and served it as a director until his death, being succeeded on the board by his only son Ellis Y. By his wife Mary Yorgey he had children: Fietta who died young; and Ellis Y., born 1858, a miller in Pike, who m. Kate Griesemer in 1883, and has children—Amandus, Jacob, Charles, Deborah, and John.

Nathan Y. Yoder, son of Abraham and Elizabeth, was born, it is supposed, in Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, where his father owned and operated a grist mill, Jan. 1, 1816, and died Oct. 2, 1892, and both he and his wife are buried at St. Paul's Church, known locally as Lobachsville Church. Nathan Yoder was a life long farmer and owned the 181-acre farm acquired from his maternal grandfather. He retired to the tract of twenty-five acres where his son Nathan R. now lives, and there he died. He was a prominent man of Pike township and was influential in public affairs. He married Esther Rohrbach, born June 10, 1815, daughter of Daniel Rohrbach. She died July 21, 1901. Their children were: Hannah, m. to Samuel Weidner; Emeline, m. to William Harner; Mathias, who died young; Catharine, who died unmarried; Esther, m. to Edwin Brown; Nathan R.; Rachel, who died young; Amelia, m. to Jeremiah Guldin; and Ida, m. to Henry Yerger.

Nathan R. Yoder obtained his education in the common schools and in Fairview Academy, at Boyertown. He was licensed to teach by Prof. James N. Ermentrout, who was an assistant to his brother then the county superintendent. He taught his first term in 1868, in Pike township, then one term in Washington township. He began farming in the spring of 1870, in Pike township on the farm now operated by Morris R. Moyer, a son-in-law. After living there thirty-one years, he came in 1901 to his present place, a farm of twenty-five acres.

Mr. Yoder is a Democrat, and was a school director and auditor for a number of years, and also served as delegate to a number of county conventions. He and his family are Lutherans, and belong to St. Paul's Union Church of Pike township. He was deacon at Hill Church before he became identified with St. Paul's.

On Feb. 1, 1867, Mr. Yoder married Emma A. Guldin, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Althouse) Guldin, of Maiden-creek township, but later of Oley. Their children were: (1) Kate m. Milton Stauffer, and lives at Topton. (2) Guldin, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, Class of 1898, taught school seventeen terms, and now lives at Uwchland, Chester Co., Pa. He m. Mary, daughter of James Bechtel, and has children—Webster, Edna, Roger, and Lloyd. (3) Sallie m. Morris R. Moyer, the farmer on the homestead in Pike township, and they have —Ivy, Norman, Winnie, Minerva and Wayne. (4) Curvous G. m. Lizzie Drumheller, has a son, Chauncey, and they live at Reading. (5) Rachel is single and at home. (6) Daniel G. attended the township schools, graduated from the Perkiomen Seminary the Class of 1902, and continued his studies at Princeton University, later taking a business course at Schissler's Business College, Norristown, graduating in 1905. He taught at Mercersburg Academy one term, when he was elected the head of the Commercial Department in the Irvington high school, which position he has held since 1907. He began teaching in the local schools when he was but seventeen years old, teaching there successfully four terms. He is a member of Franklin Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M.

PROFESSOR ROBERT SMITH BIRCH was born in Reading, Pa., July 17, 1877. His father, for a quarter of a century proprietor of the "American House," the well-known hostelry situated at the corner of Fourth and Penn streets, is of Scotch descent, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Kissinger, of German birth.

Robert S. Birch attended the public schools of Reading until the age of seventeen years, when he graduated from the Boys' High School with highest distinction, and at the commencement exercises of that year delivered the class oration. In September of the same year he entered Princeton College, where for four consecutive years he pursued the academic course, and in June, 1898, received the degree of A. B., graduating *magna cum laude*, with high honors in classics. He was a member of the Cliosophic Literary Society and at graduation was elected into the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. In June, 1898, he accepted a position in the Boys' High School of his native city, to teach classics and history, which position he filled with a great measure of success until June, 1902, when he was elected principal of this school to succeed Charles S. Foos, the latter gentleman having been elected superintendent of schools of the city of Reading. Since that time Professor Birch has been in charge of the school, which has an enrollment of nearly 500 pupils, and a teaching force of twelve. The school has progressed favorably under his administration. Many of its graduates go to college, being admitted on certificate. In September, 1906, the school was removed to the new building recently erected by the Board of Education at a cost of nearly $400,000. Here, with better facilities and more modern equipment, the school should reach a very high standard of efficiency and compare favorably with other and even larger high schools of the country.

In August, 1904, Professor Robert Smith Birch and Miss Edith A. White were united in marriage, and to this union has been born one child, Robert White Birch. Mr. and Mrs. Birch make their home at No. 318 Windsor street, Reading.

BENJAMIN F. HOLLENBACH, senior member of the firm of Hollenbach, Dietrich & Company, wholesale dealers in wines and liquors, No. 805 Penn street, Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 31, 1871, at Slatington, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hollenbach received his education in the public schools of the place of his nativity, and on Oct. 23, 1888, came to Reading, being employed as a driver by George W. Hughes, then proprietor of the business now owned by our subject and partners, it having been established in 1869 by Hughes & Rhode. Mr. Hughes took charge of it in May, 1877, and continued until his death in 1890, when his son-in-law R. H. Jones took over the business. Mr. Jones died shortly afterward and his widow continued it, with Mr. Hollenbach in charge of affairs, from April 1, 1896, to June 10, 1900, when the present owners bought her out. The firm of Hollenbach, Dietrich & Co. do a large business, handling nothing but the finest of wines and whiskies, and they are the sole proprietors of the well known "Social Rye" handled by the trade all over the country.

Mr. Hollenbach married Carrie Sieger, of Shoemakersville, Berks county, and one daughter, Florence M., has been born to them. Mr. Hollenbach has a comfortable residence at No. 125 South Eighth street. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a member of Reading Lodge No. 115, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Sons of Veterans, the Eagles (F. O. E.), the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Malta. He is well known in business and social circles.

SAMUEL J. HILL, of Pricetown, Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, is a native son of that

township, born Aug. 6, 1850, son of Abraham D. and Margaret (Strunk) Hill.

Samuel K. Hill, his grandfather, was born in Oley township, Berks county, Dec. 27, 1798, and died June 5, 1831, and is buried in a private-burial ground on his farm in Ruscombmanor township. He came early to Ruscombmanor, and became the owner of several tracts of land, the one on which he lived being near the Dunkard Meeting-house. He was very successful in his undertakings. He married Hannah DeTurck, daughter of Abraham DeTurck. She was born March 31, 1796, and died Feb. 25, 1839. Their children were: Abraham D.; Mary, m. to D. C. Westen; Elizabeth, m. to J. Lehman Heebner, of Reading; and Hannah, m. to H. H. Bernhard.

Samuel K. Hill had a brother Jacob, who lived in or about Oley, and who had sons—Jacob, David, and Benjamin. Tradition states that Samuel K. and Jacob Hill were grandsons of Jacob Hill, who died in 1770, advanced in years, in the Western District of Berks. He made his will in 1767, and in it mentions children: John, Jacob, Catharine, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Susanna.

Abraham D. Hill, son of Samuel K. and father of Samuel J., was born in Ruscombmanor township Feb. 14, 1828. He lived there until he was seven years old, when his father died, and he went to live with his uncle Jacob Hill, at Birdsboro, remaining there until he was twenty-three years old. He then returned to Ruscombmanor where he owned a farm of 133 acres, formerly belonging to his father. This he cultivated until he was sixty-four years old, when he retired and moved to Reading, and there he died April 16, 1903. He is buried at Pricetown, of which church he was a Reformed member. He was one of the founders and organizers of this church in 1842, and was an elder many years. He married Margaret Strunk, daughter of Jacob Strunk, of Amity township. She was born Feb. 11, 1828, and died June 6, 1866. Their children were: Samuel J.; Annie, m. to Peter L. Glase, of Oley; Mary m. and living at Phoenixville; Louisa, m. to Jacob Hoch, deceased; Charles S., of Philadelphia; John C., who farms the homestead; Lizzie, m. to Oscar Bush, of Reading; Clara, m. and living in Philadelphia; and George, of Reading.

Samuel J. Hill was educated in the township schools, and in the Oley Academy. He was licensed to teach in the public schools when seventeen years old by the late James N. Ermentrout, who was deputy county superintendent under his brother, Prof. John S. Ermentrout. He taught his first term in Ludwig's school, and taught fourteen consecutive terms in his native township. When he was twenty-one years old, he was elected in 1872 justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor township, and efficiently served in that office for thirty-five years, or seven successive terms, at the end of that time refusing re-election. Mr. Hill is a Democrat, and is a man of influence in his district. He was auditor of the district nine years, and was school director six years after he abandoned the teaching profession. In the spring of 1909 he was again elected to the school board. He has also clerked at a number of sales. He has resided at Pricetown since 1904, prior to this time he had lived on the Hill homestead in Ruscombmanor for twenty-five years, actively following farming. He is an interested member of the Berks County Agricultural Society, and is well posted on the latest and most scientific methods of farming. Mr. Hill and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of St. John's Church at Pricetown, of which he was deacon, treasurer, and trustee for many years. He became connected with the Pricetown Sunday-school in his youth, and held the various offices of the Sunday-school—was secretary many years, and for twenty-three years was its superintendent.

Mr. Hill has been twice married. In 1872 he m. Caroline Heffner, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Buskirk) Heffner, of Rockland. To this union were born six children, three of whom died young. Those surviving childhood were: Clarence A.; Lewis H.; and John P., who was killed in a railroad wreck near Harrisburg, Pa., in 1905, while fireman on pay train. Mrs. Hill died March 24, 1897, aged fifty-four years, two months and eleven days. On Feb. 26, 1899, he m. (second) Catharine Weidner, the widow of the late Almond C. Westen. No children have been born of this marriage.

S. Y. REIGNER, the treasurer of the Reading Hardware Company, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, born Aug. 11, 1859, in Boyertown. He obtained a good, practical education, and chose bookkeeping as his occupation. He was engaged in Philadelphia and Reading until 1894, in which year he first entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Company, in the capacity of bookkeeper. As such he continued till 1901, when he was promoted to the position of assistant treasurer. Three years later he was made treasurer and has proved himself a most efficient one, his services being highly appreciated by the Company.

On Oct. 3, 1888, Mr. Reigner married Miss Etta Nunnemaker, a native of Pottsville, Pa., and two children have been born to them, Blanche and Herbert. Both Mr. Reigner and his wife are members of Calvary Reformed Church and in both church circles and the city generally they have many friends. Politically Mr. Reigner is ranked among the Republicans.

JOHN C. ANTHONY, who for a number of years was employed at railroading with the Philadelphia & Reading Co., was born in Reading, in December, 1830, and died Feb. 9, 1881, son of John Anthony, who was for a long time employed in the warehouse of the same company. John Anthony and his wife, Henrietta (Schwartz) had these children: George; William; Charles; Luther; Cyrus; Emma; John C.; Daniel; Thomas; James, and Henry.

John C. Anthony attended the public schools of Reading, where he learned the brush-making trade, a business which he followed for a few years in that city. He then went to Pottsville, where he was employed in the Philadelphia & Reading warehouse, and then returned to Reading, becoming a brakeman for the company on the Lebanon Valley branch. In this capacity he served on the first train to run over the Lebanon Valley bridge from Reading to Lebanon. He served in the company's employ for a period of thirty-one years, later running to Harrisburg, and met his death in an accident at the Reading yards, by being caught between two cars. He died seven weeks after the accident, Feb. 9, 1881, aged fifty-one years.

Mr. Anthony was married Jan. 13, 1856, to Miss Mary Ann Britton, daughter of John and Esther (Leitzel) Britton of Pottsville, Pa., and to this union there were born children as follows: Emma J., deceased, who was the wife of Michael K. Boyer, had one son, Frank, who is a skilled sign-painter, and resides with his grandmother at No. 232 North Ninth street Reading, and who married Lydia Heckman; Albert, who married Mary Swearer; and William, connected with the U. S. Army.

John Britton, the father of Mrs. Anthony, was a stonemason by trade, and later engaged in stone quarrying near Pottsville. He died at the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife attained the advanced age of ninety-three years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Britton were: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Burkhart; William, of New York City; Mary Ann, widow of John C. Anthony; Susan, deceased, wife of Charles Van Horn, of Philadelphia; John, deceased; Emma, wife of Lewis Smith, of Reading; and George, of New York City.

JOHN WILGEROTH, who for twenty-four years until 1907 held the contract for the hauling of the mail from the Reading station to the post office, is a native

of Germany, born in 1836. He was son of Conrad Wilgeroth, who was engaged in hauling and draying in the old country, where his death occurred.

John Wilgeroth came to America when a lad of fourteen years and landed in New York City, where, however, he remained but two days. Making his way to Hackensack, N. J., he was there employed for a period of seven months, and at the end of that time came to Reading. His first employment in this city was with George Gretzinger, selling pretzels, and this occupation he followed for one year. Mr. Wilgeroth was then appointed to carry the mail on horse-back from Reading to the Blue Mountains, a distance of thirty miles, making one trip each day for a period of four years. He then went to make his home with Dr. Tyson of Reading, and while there learned the hatting trade with William A. Arnold, following that business for fifteen years. He was then elected constable of the Ninth ward of Reading, an office which he ably filled for three years, at the end of which time he made application for his present position. In 1883 he was granted the contract to do all of the hauling of mail between the Reading Railroad Company and the post-office, and he has held the position till May, 1907, utilizing three horses and as many wagons.

Mr. Wilgeroth was twice married, first to Mary Hillegass, and they had two children: Amanda, who married Nicholas Baisch, and Katie who married David Runk. Ellen Loewen, to whom he was married forty-three years ago, was the daughter of Doctor and Kidelia Loewen of Pricetown. This union was blessed with four children: Emma, wife of Edward Muntz, of Philadelphia; Ida, wife of Frank Walks, Reading; Charles, who married Sarah Boyer, of Birdsboro and has three children: John, Louis W. and Ellen; and Minnie, who married Javan Reber, son of Joel and Catherine Reber.

In June, 1906 Mr. Wilgeroth returned to his old home in Germany, where a joyful meeting took place with his brother whom he had not seen for fifty-seven years. During his absence of five weeks his son and son-in-law attended to his affairs. Two years ago ill health forced him to retire, and he sold out to Will Hains, who is now hauling the mail. Last summer and autumn up to October, Mr. Wilgeroth was able to be about, and he hauled the *Reading Eagle* twice a day with his old horse "Barney," an animal of which he is very fond. He is the owner of considerable real estate including six houses and a farm.

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ISAAC F. HEYDT, who is engaged in the cultivation of a small tract of land in Pike township, Berks county, was born in Greenwich township, Oct. 12, 1848, son of David and Betzy (Fry) Heydt.

Mr. Heydt attended the old pay schools until he was about twenty years old. The teacher received two cents a day per head, and the school term was one and two months per year. Mr. Heydt spent his youth under the parental roof, and for three years he lived out among farmers. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and this he followed twenty years, in Washington township, Berks county, two years in Macungie township, Lehigh county, and in 1876 he came to Pike township, Berks county, where he has lived ever since. He has thirty acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. Since 1876 he has lived here continuously with the exception of six years when he lived on his farm of 100 acres in District township. He owns a tract of nineteen acres of pasture land near Hill Church, besides another small tract of six acres on which are good buildings. This latter tract belonged to our subject's father, and there his son Horace now lives. Mr. Heydt is one of the heaviest tax payers of the township.

Politically Mr. Heydt is a Democrat. He and his family are Lutherans, and belong to Hill Church. He is regular in his church worship, and is very liberal in his contributions to all worthy causes.

On June 1, 1878, Mr. Heydt was married to Mary Grassley, born Sept. 2, 1860, daughter of Lenius and Mary (Hoffner) Grassley, of Rockland township. She died April 18, 1909, and was buried at Hill Church, where a monument marks the Heydt family lot. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heydt: Horace, living in Washington township, m. Emma Conrath, and has children—Mary and Lydia; William, of Reading, m. Alice Weller, and has had children—Clyde, Hettie, Olivia, Pearl (deceased), and two others died small; Harvey was born May 12, 1895; Henry was born March 13, 1898.

David Heydt, father of Isaac F., was born Oct. 8, 1820, in Washington township, Berks county, and died June 1, 1906, in District township near Landis Store. He was a forge man earlier in life, beginning when fifteen years old, and following that occupation twenty-three years in Lower Berks, in Richmond township and at Spring Forge, in Earl township. He was a member of Hill Church, where he is buried. His wife was Betzy Fry, daughter of John and Sally (Derr) Fry, who died in District township. Mrs. Heydt died April 25, 1888, aged sixty-six years, seven months. David and Betzy (Fry) Heydt had seventeen children: John, Sarah, Jacob, David, Percivil, Isaac, Priscilla, Hiram, Joseph, Elizabeth, Henry, Peter, Helena, Oliver, Maria and two died small.

Jacob Heydt was the father of David and grandfather of Isaac F.

JOHN HEISLER, whose death occurred at his home in Reading, Aug. 25, 1878, aged sixty-five years, was for many years engaged in shoemaking in this city. Mr. Heisler was born in Bavaria, Germany, Oct. 11, 1812.

When a young man Mr. Heisler came to America, about 1836, and settling in Reading, first located at "Cross Key Hotel" with Samuel Mengel then engaged in the shoemaking business, which trade he had learned in his native country, in Strassburg. He was enterprising and capable and soon made a success of his business. Mr. Heisler married Elizabeth Felix, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Smith) Felix, of Reading, and to this union there were born children as follows: Mary; Caspar, born Sept. 20, 1848, who married Mary Greth, and has these children,—John, Helen, Mary, Bernard, Cecelia, Annie, Amelia, Elizabeth and Laura; John; Francis; Annie; Alice; Hilda; Joseph, of Pottstown, Pa., who married Susan Ganter, of Reading, and has these children,—Gertrude, Edward, Eugene, Joseph and Marie (twins), Helen, Paul and Alice; Charles, who resides in Philadelphia, and Elizabeth, deceased. Mr. Heisler's daughters, Mary, Alice and Hilda live together in a comfortable home at No. 912 Washington street.

Mr. Heisler was a faithful member of the St. Paul's Catholic Church, and took an active part in church and charitable work. He was considered one of Reading's good, reliable citizens, and his death was a loss, not only to his family and intimate friends, but to the community at large.

HOWARD E. AHRENS. Among the native sons of Berks county, who have risen to prominence in connection with industrial affairs, and who stand exemplar of the best order of citizenship, is numbered Mr. Howard E. Ahrens, who is president of the Allentown & Reading Electric Railway Company, and who is also one of the representative contractors of this section of the State. Mr. Ahrens was born in Muhlenberg township, this county, May 13, 1853, son of Bennewell K. and Susanna (Gearhard) Ahrens, and grandson of Jacob Ahrens.

Heinrich Ahrens, the ancestor in America of the Ahrens family in question, had a very interesting career. He was born about 1759, in Bremerhaven, Germany, of parents in good social standing in that city. When but twelve years of age he played truant from school for a week. A neighbor, seeing him about the streets of the town asked his father the next Sunday in Church, why the boy

had not been attending school instead of roaming the streets. The father shaking his finger at Heinrich frightened him so, that, securing money from his mother, he left home, intending to return in a few days when his father's anger would have subsided. He wandered down to the wharf, where he was noticed by the captain of a Dutch vessel, who was much impressed by his appearance. The Captain talked with Heinrich, and, taking a fancy to the boy, asked him to go with him to Holland, promising to return him to his parents in a short time. Heinrich sailed with him, but the good captain died off the shores of Holland, and Heinrich was left alone in a strange land. As the lad was wandering about the shore another captain bound for America, kidnapped him and forced him to go with him. Landing on the New England coast, probably at Boston, the boy was turned over to a rich man, who manifested a liking for him, but before letting him go, the captain cut all the bright buttons from his coat saying he wished to have them as a memento. He had been sold as a redemptioner to the rich man, who became so fond of the lad that he decided to educate him. At the time he was building a mill in his place, and noting the boy's liking for the tools of the wheelwrights and his keen interest in everything the men did, he offered to let young Heinrich learn the trade. This he did and followed it for nine years in New England. At the end of that time he started for Pennsylvania on foot and walked all the way to Berks county. He was then aged twenty-two years. He followed his trade in Bern township for a time and there he met Catharine Leppert, who afterward became his wife. He was considered an excellent mechanic. He erected many of the mills along the Tulpehocken and at Wernersville, as well as in different districts in the lower end of Berks county. He and his wife moved to Friedensburg, in Oley township, where she had relatives living, and there he built a home and passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-one years. He was buried in the graveyard at Spies's Church. He and his wife had four children as follows: Henry, who was a wheelwright and carpenter by trade, owned and conducted a farm at the "Half Way House" in Maiden-creek township; Jacob is mentioned below; Hannah married Jacob Miller; John, born in 1794, died in 1883. John learned the carpenter and wheelwright's trade, commencing when but twelve years of age, and this he followed all his life. He served in the war of 1812 in the Berks county militia and in 1814 went with it to Baltimore. He married Christiana Reber, daughter of Johannes Reber, and they had the following children: Louisa; Anna; Catharine; Maria and Henry. All were members of the Bern Church.

Jacob Ahrens, son of Heinrich, was a successful carpenter and builder of Berks county, and devoted special attention to the building of bridges. After the memorable flood of 1850 he erected some of the best bridges in this section, including those at Kissingers, Leesport, Shoemakersville, Mohnsville and Hamburg. The maiden name of his wife was Barbara Koenig, and concerning their children we have the following data: William married Miss Kate Potteiger; Jacob died when a young man; Henry married Rebecca Gring, and they reside at No. 913 Franklin street, Reading; Rebecca became the wife of George F. Wummer, and both are deceased; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Potteiger; Johanna, wife of Reuben Wanner, is deceased; Adeline is the wife of Tiras Gerhard; Caroline is the wife of Levi Rickenbach; Bennewell K., was the father of Howard E.

Bennewell K. Ahrens was reared to maturity in Berks county, and learned the blacksmith's and carpenter's trades, to which he devoted his attention throughout his active business career. He manufactured farming implements, and for some time was identified with agricultural pursuits. He died in 1870, at the age of forty-four years, and his wife is still living. She is a zealous member of the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Ahrens also belonged. Of their five children the subject of this sketch is the eldest; James S. married Rosa Leinbach and is a resident of Reading; John married Mary Reis, and they reside in Reading; Clara was the wife of Solomon A. Althouse, of Reading, now deceased; Annie is the wife of William Gearhard, of Reading.

Howard E. Ahrens is indebted to the public schools of Muhlenberg township and the city of Reading for his early educational training, but he soon assumed practical responsibilities in connection with his school work. At the age of thirteen years he secured employment as tool and water boy for Harry Hawman, contractor and builder at the Reading round house, and later he became clerk in a hotel which his father was conducting in Reading. Finally he initiated his independent business career by engaging in the coal and feed business in Reading, later becoming operator of a stone quarry. In 1884 he engaged in general contracting and building, putting up nineteen buildings, and thereafter giving his attention more largely to other lines of contract work. His initial contract in the installation of water works was at Kutztown, Pa., and afterward he had similar contracts at Hamburg, Mifflin, Bridgeport, Patterson, Steelton, Newville, Newport, West Conshohocken, Northumberland, Reedsville, Pa., Delaware City and Harrington, Del., Pleasantville, N. J., as well as the electric light and water plants at Newcastle, Del. The firm of H. E. Ahrens & Bro., in which he associated with himself his brother, James S. Ahrens, has constructed a number of trolley lines in eastern Pennsylvania—notably the lines from Reading to Boyertown and from Reading to Allentown—and also an interurban line in Texas. They have had contracts with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for grading, masonry and stations and passenger tunnels all over the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ahrens still continues his contracting business which has become one of wide scope. The firm name is now H. E. Ahrens Company, and his partner is a son instead of his brother, as formerly. He has been identified with the Allentown & Reading Traction Company almost from the time of its organization, and was formerly its treasurer, having retained this office until March 1, 1903, when he was elected president of the company, of which position he has since continued incumbent.

Mr. Ahrens is distinctively the artificer of his own fortune, having worked forward from small beginnings and having turned the tide of success through his own well directed efforts. His reputation as a business man and as a citizen is unassailable, and his standing in the community is indicated by the unqualified esteem and confidence accorded him by the people of his native county. He is essentially public spirited in his attitude and all that touches the well being of his home city is a matter of definite interest to him. In politics he pays allegiance to the Republican party, and he has attained to the Thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. He is past-master of Chandler Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, of Reading; a past high priest, Excelsior Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Reading Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Harrisburg Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons at Harrisburg. He is also identified with Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Reading, and takes a deep interest in all departments of the time honored fraternity, in which he has gained such exalted rank. He has been a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, since 1870. He and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran and Reformed Churches respectively.

In 1878 Mr. Ahrens was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Snyder, daughter of the late William H. Snyder, of Reading, who served for many years as justice of the peace and who was an honored and influential citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens have six children, namely: Gertrude, William, Elizabeth, Hannah, Helen and Eva.

WILLIAM BROUGHALL, who since 1890 has been living retired in Reading, was for many years a coal operator in various sections of Pennsylvania, and is an honored survivor of the Civil war, was born Feb. 29, 1836, in Lancashire, England, son of Thomas and

Mary (Adams) Broughall, both of whom died in the old country.

William Broughall left his native country when sixteen years of age, making the trip to America in the ship "Edinburgh," and landed at Castle Garden, N. Y., from whence he went to Columbiana, Ohio, and remained there for a short time. He then located in Minersville, Pa., and worked in the coal mines for some time, then going to St. Clair, from which place he enlisted in 1861 in Company H, 129th Pa. V. I. for nine months, after which he enlisted in the State Militia becoming second lieutenant. After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Broughall returned to St. Clair, where he remained several years, then went to Tuscarora and later to Mahanoy City, working at Lanigan's Patch. He was superintendent of the Reading Company's mines in the Ellengowan district for thirty years and in all was engaged in the business for about forty years. Since 1896 Mr. Broughall has lived in Reading, retired. He is a member of Keim's Post, G. A. R., of Mahanoy City Lodge No. 357, F. & A. M.; Mahanoy City Chapter, Ashland Commandery and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., being also connected with the Knights of Pythias.

On Dec. 9, 1864, Mr. Broughall married Gueny Templin, and to them were born two children: Thomas J. and G. Elizabeth (who married William Edmunds). Mr. and Mrs. Broughall are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

During the Molly Maguire troubles Mr. Broughall had many exciting experiences, and at one time his life was threatened and his house broken into, but he escaped serious injury by being well armed. The Molly Maguires were formed in Ireland in 1843, comprising a secret organization to intimidate bailiffs, or process servers, distraining for rent. The members of the association were young men dressed up in female attire, with their faces blackened. This society was revived in 1877 in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, and the members sought to effect their purpose by intimidation, carried in some cases to murder. Several were arrested, tried and executed.

Thomas J. Broughall, son of William, is now located at Wilmington, Del., where he is employed as a bookkeeper. He married Adella Sheaffer, and has two children, John P. and William T. He is past master of Shenandoah Lodge, F. & A. M.

HARVEY H. SHOMO, secretary and treasurer of the American Casualty Co., was born at Hamburg, October 17, 1862, and when a youth moved with his parents to Reading, where he attended the local schools and took a business course. He then entered the jewelry store of Jonathan P. Mengel and learned the business, serving a regular apprenticeship. After Mr. Mengel's death, Mr. Shomo formed a co-partnership with Mr. Mengel's father, Matthias Mengel Esq., to continue the well-established business and as such they continued until 1892, when he sold his interest. Shortly afterward he became interested in the National Brass & Iron Works and being elected secretary and treasurer of the company he filled these positions until 1899 when he resigned. In 1903, he assisted in organizing the American Casualty Company at Reading, and became its treasurer, which position he has filled until the present time. Since January, 1909, he has also served as secretary. When he became of age, he identified himself with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and since 1886, has served as treasurer of the Washington Camp No. 89. He has also taken much interest in the First Reformed Church of Reading, serving as a trustee since 1888.

In 1885, Mr. Shomo was married to Mary L. Fueller, and they have a daughter Katharine. Mrs. Shomo's father was Randolph Fueller, who followed a seafaring life for eighteen years, and was on one of the American ships when trading relations were first opened with Japan. Upon his return home, he enlisted in the Civil War on the battle-ship "Niagara," and served until its close, when he returned to Reading. Some time afterward, his health failed owing to the severe trials of the naval service, and he died in 1867. He was in the United States Navy six years.

Mr. Shomo's father was William D. Shomo, of Hamburg, where he was born in 1823, and where he successfully carried on a general mercantile business until 1869, when he removed to Reading, and there lived practically a retired life. While at Hamburg he was interested in various local industries, and served as a trustee of the Union Church for many years. He was accidentally killed September 19, 1881, in the Shoemakersville wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He was married to Catharine Deisher, daughter of David Deisher, of Maxatawny township, and they had two children: Evan L. and Harvey H. Mr. Shomo's grandfather was Joseph Shomo also of Hamburg, where he carried on a hotel and general store business for many years. [For antecedents, see sketch of Joseph N. Shomo, in this publication.]

JEROME IMBODY KLINE, junior partner of Schrader & Kline, dealers in furniture and carpets at Reading since 1871, was born December 21, 1843, in Amity township, Berks county, near Monocacy Station, and when five years old his parents moved to Oley township on a farm, near the Manatawny creek, about two miles north of the Yellow House. He attended the common schools and worked on his father's farm until 1861, when he went to Pottstown and learned the cabinet-making and furniture business under his uncle Samuel Kline, and he remained there two years. He then went to Reading and after working several months at his trade in the shop of Benjamin Bertolet on North Fifth street, entered the furniture ware-room of Joseph Schmucker at Nos. 648-650 Penn street, and continued with him ten years, when Mr. Schmucker retired. Mr. Kline then formed a co-partnership with Charles E. Schrader and Anthony A. Felix, trading under the name of Schrader, Felix & Kline. In 1882, Mr. Felix sold his interest in the business to his co-partners and they then began to trade under the name of Schrader & Kline, and they have continued to do so until the present time in the same place, a period covering altogether over thirty years. They erected their fine establishment which is well stocked with all kinds of furniture and carpets, and they have in this time manufactured extensively special designs of furniture and large parlor mantels. Having been especially devoted to his business, he did not care to fill any public offices though always manifesting an active interest in municipal affairs and public improvements. He served as a deacon and elder of Trinity Lutheran Church for upwards of thirty years.

Mr. Kline was married to Louisa S. Mease, daughter of Levi Mease, of Womelsdorf, and they have four children; Charles M. (married to Emily Wagner); Anna M. (married to George Creager); Gertrude S. (married to James Wolfersberger); and J. Clarence (married to Anna Heilig).

Mr. Kline's father was Daniel Kline, who was born at Baumstown, Exeter township, in 1808, and learning the trade of making spinning-wheels and grain cradles carried on the business extensively, together with farming, for fifty years. He died in 1883. He was married to Mary Imbody, a representative of an old family in Montgomery county, and by her he had twelve children: Jerome I.; Debora (married to Hiram Mathias, who died in 1883); Emma (married to Daniel Herbine); Hannah (married to Zenas Savage); Rosetta (married to Elhanan Bertolet); Irvin (married to Rosell Cleaver); Daniel (married to Mary Nein); Aaron (married to Sallie Fies); and four, Sarah, Hiram, Mary and Rebecca, who died young. The mother died in 1899, aged eighty-one years.

Mr. Kline's grandfather was David Kline, farmer of Amity township, and also manufacturer of spinning-

wheels and grain cradles. He died in 1846, at the age of seventy-two years. He was married to Sarah Byler, of Exeter township, and by her he had nine children: John; David; Jacob; Daniel; Catharine; Elizabeth; Sarah; Samuel; and Enoch.

Mr. Kline is a lineal descendant of the Elder Georg Klein, who was the first ancestor of the family in America, having been born at Zweibrucken, in Rhenish Bavaria, South Germany, October 9, 1715, and emigrated to America in 1738 with 384 other passengers. After landing at Philadelphia, he proceeded to New Jersey, and settled at a place called Amwell, where he soon became acquainted with members of the Dunkard denomination, commonly known as the German Baptist Church. He was baptized in the faith in the year 1739, and having been a man of more than ordinary literary attainments, he was chosen by the brethren as assistant minister.

In 1750, Elder Kline moved to the North-kill on a farm situated within two miles north-west of Bernville, Berks county, where he took charge of a congregation which was called "The Little North-kill Meeting House." After preaching seven years in this meeting-house, he was ordained as a full minister by two prominent Elders, Michael Pfautz and Martin Werner. He continued to preach here for twenty years until the congregation became too weak to support him as a minister. He was regarded by this particular denomination as a very influential minister. He was married to Dorothy Rebman, and by her had seven children; and several of the grandsons became worthy elders of the denomination. "After a long and useful career in the ministry, he was gathered home into the garner of the Lord. On a little hillside on his farm, on a family plot, now owned by Percival Troutman, lie buried the remains of our first ancestor, Elder Georg Klein, together with his faithful wife, Dorothy, and many of his descendants—pioneers, evangelists and missionary workers."

The descendants of Elder Kline comprise a large family. A number of them assembled at the residence of Mr. Jerome I. Kline, No. 435 Woodward street, Reading, on May 2, 1904, and organized an association which they named the "Elder Georg Kline Association." Since then a special committee has been tabulating the names of the descendants for the purpose of publishing them in book form for private distribution.

HOYER. The early home of the Hoyer (or as the name was then spelled—Hyer and Heyer) family was in Germany, whence in Revolutionary times there emigrated to this country three brothers, (I) Adam, (Ia) John and one whose name was probably George, who in 1780, owned land in York county, Pennsylvania.

(I) Adam Hoyer early became a man of some property, and in 1780 was assessed two pounds, and is of record as owning a cow. His location is given as Maiden-creek township, Berks county. In 1808 he purchased land, and the record of the deed may be found in Deed Book, No. 22, page 485. He was a tailor by trade. His children were: Elizabeth McNeal; Daniel; and Jacob, who died in 1834, leaving three sons, Jacob, John and Daniel, the latter one of the executors of his father's will.

(II) Daniel Hoyer, son of Adam, was born March 23, 1775, and he died May 3, 1848, and was buried at Allegheny Church, in Brecknock township. The greater part of his life was passed in Birdsboro, Pa., where he followed his trade of shoemaker and cobbler. At one time he served as constable in Reading, of which city he was a resident for some years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. By his wife, Katharine Bridenstein, he became the father of the following children: Charles, whose children were—Aaron, Harrison, Leah, Hannah, Harriet, Mary, Susan, Daniel, Charles and William; Daniel (1802-1839), who had a daughter—Mary Ann (m. to a Haws); Adam, of Birdsboro, who had two children—Adam and Isaiah W.; Isaac, of Birdsboro, who had children—Elhannon, Joshua, Isaac, Sarah (Stanley), Tamson and Hannah Comver; Benjamin; Samuel, who died single; Hannah, who m. Aaron Houck; Mary, who m. a Snyder, and had a daughter, Kathrine (m. to a Scull); Annie, who m. a Lloyd, and had two children, Sarah and Isaac; and Kathrine, who m. an Adams, and had two children, Alva and Ferdinando.

(III) Benjamin Hoyer, son of Daniel, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, and he died March 4, 1848, and was buried in St. John's cemetery, below Gibraltar, in the vicinity of which town the years of his life had been passed. In his early days he worked upon the farm, but later became a boatman on the Union canal. When he became twenty he entered the ranks of the teacher's profession, and for many terms was successfully engaged as a teacher in the public schools. He was a good singer, and was a singing master, holding singing schools in school-houses or private homes in the evenings, and was a very popular and highly respected man. He married Susanna Ruffner, of Brecknock township, who was born in 1802, and who died March 29, 1883, and was laid to rest beside her husband in St. John's cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom two daughters died young, the others being: Edward, Amos, Hannah, Reuben (1833-1904), Henry, Samuel, Harriet, Sarah and Rebecca.

(IV) Henry Hoyer, son of Benjamin, and now a venerable esteemed citizen of Reading, was born in Cumru township, near Yocum's Forge, Dec. 27, 1836. He obtained a limited education in the public school, known as Westley school in the Morgantown road in Robeson township, but the early death of his father necessitated his devoting his time to the farm. He worked on the home farm, and as a hired man to the neighboring farmers until he was eighteen, and then became a mule driver on the Schuylkill tow-path, this engrossing his attention for four summers. Later he became a boatman, and followed that calling for twenty-seven seasons, running a boat for many years for the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and later for the Reading Railroad Company. During the earlier years that he followed boating he lived at Gibraltar, but in 1862 he moved to Reading, and there he has since made home. When he gave up his work on the canal he worked at the blast furnace for eleven years, and then for three years was employed at the pipe mill. On Aug. 20, 1892, he entered the service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Reading, as an agent, and he has since worked for this company. During the first twelve years he did not lose by sickness or other cause over one week's time, but in the fall of 1906 he fell upon the pavement, and this disabled him for several weeks. Three times he has been offered the assistant superintendency, but he has steadfastly refused to accept it. When he entered the company's service in 1892, they had twenty-seven agents, and four assistants. At the present time they employ forty-six agents and six assistants. Mr. Hoyer built up a $300 debit in industrial business, besides writing a large amount of ordinary insurance. He has had the honor of leading the agents in Reading for six consecutive years, and for three years was second best, while as late as 1905 he was third best man in the office. He won a number of medals and pins, as well as service badges and other mementoes from the company for efficient and faithful service.

Mr. Hoyer is a member of the First Christian Church, while Mrs. Hoyer belongs to the Evangelical faith. He owns a residence at No. 630 Birch street, and for many years lived in the Tenth ward, but since 1893 he has lived north of Penn street.

Mr. Hoyer has been married three times. His first wife, Mary Killian, died in 1869, the mother of two sons: John Lincoln, of Seyfert, Pa.; and Millard, who was accidentally shot while out hunting, when he was but sixteen years of age; Mr. Hoyer m. (second)

Emily Winings, who died in 1889, the age of forty-four years. No children were born of this union. In 1891 Mr. Hoyer m. (third) Mrs. Annie E. (Holloway) Wilkinson, widow of John H. Wilkinson, and they have one daughter, Elsie K. Mrs. Hoyer's parents are William A. and Mary (Womsher) Holloway, of Amityville, the former a tailor by trade. Their three children are: Douglass, Annie E., and Clara.

(Ia) John Hoyer, one of the three emigrant brothers, died near Reading, and was buried at the First Reformed Church burying ground on North Sixth street, his remains afterward being removed with others from the same cemetery, to the Charles Evans cemetery. His children were: John, a resident of Reading, where he died the father of two sons—Mahlon and Aaron, the latter of Iowa; Peter, who lived in Spring township; Daniel, who died at Poplar Neck Bridge, where he was toll-keeper, leaving no children; Samuel; Jacob; Hannah; and Mrs. Henry Miller.

(IIa) Samuel Hoyer, son of John the emigrant and father of the Hon. Joseph S. and John, was born in Berks county, April 2, 1796, and he died in Robeson township, May 15, 1849, at the age of fifty-three years, one month, thirteen days. He was a stone mason by trade, and followed this calling until he began farming. He owned 100 acres of land in Robeson township, near the White Bear, at the old Quaker Meeting House—one of the old landmarks. He continued work at his trade at times until within fifteen years of his death. He married Susanna, daughter of Jacob Seyfrit, who died at the age of sixty-three years, and was buried beside her husband in the churchyard of the Robeson, generally known as Plough, Church. Samuel Hoyer in politics was a Democrat. His children were: Joseph S.; Elizabeth m. James Geiger; Susanna m. Henry Miller; John; Hannah m. Elisha Wells; Samuel died aged sixteen years; Sarah m. George Schaeffer; Isaac S., of Robeson township, m. Mary Fry, and had two sons and two daughters—Sallie (m. to Jacob Kurtz), Hannah (m. to John Spatz), John F. (m. to Katie Kramer) and one son died in infancy; and Isaiah.

(IIIa) Joseph S. Hoyer, son of Samuel and Susanna, was born in Robeson township, Sept. 10, 1817, and was educated at Myerstown, Lebanon county, and then taught school for a number of years in addition to his duties as a farmer. Removing to Reading in 1857 or 1858 he there conducted a general store for some time, and was a very active and public-spirited citizen, holding a number of offices of public trust, and discharging his duties with a fidelity that won for him the esteem of all men. From 1863 to 1865 he was mayor of Reading, and afterward for a number of years served as clerk in the prothonotary's office of this county. He died in Reading June 16, 1880. He married Sarah Longenecker, of Myerstown, and they had seven children, of whom two sons and one daughter died in childhood, those surviving to mature years being: Thaddeus A., George, Edward and Clara, the latter dying in 1876, at the age of sixteen years.

(IVa) Thaddeus A. Hoyer, son of Joseph S., was born in Reading Oct. 11, 1850. As a young man he clerked in his father's grocery store, which was located at the corner of Eighth and Washington streets. For several years then he was a clerk in various attorney's offices, and in 1866 he learned the barber's trade from Amos Gable, of Reading, who then conducted a shop at the corner of Sixth and Penn streets. He was also a painter of portraits, and his brush gained him no little fame. Since 1868 Mr. Hoyer has had his place of business at No. 5 North Seventh street. In politics he is a Democrat, and for four years he represented the Eighth ward on the school board. He is a member of Mystic Star Commandery, No. 47, and for a number of years served as its recorder; and of Mt. Penn Castle, No. 51, K. G. E. He and his family are members of the First Reformed Church. In October, 1876, Mr. Hoyer was married to Emma Koch, daughter of Samuel Koch, of Reading, and they have had five children: Catharine, wife of Charles E. Matz; Anna, who married Jay Kutz; Florence; and William and Joseph, who both died in childhood.

(IIIa) John Hoyer, son of Samuel and Susanna, born in Robeson township, in 1824, died at his home in Reading, No. 140 North Eighth street, July 9, 1896, in the seventy-third year of his age. In his early life he learned the blacksmith's trade as well as the carpenter's trade, and these he followed for some years in Reading. He was a tipstaff at the courthouse for many years, and he was well and favorably known to the judges and officials. For a long time he was tax collector in his ward, and he was an active worker in the Democratic party. He and his family were active members of the First Reformed Church, of Reading, and he was long an official in both church and Sunday-school. The children all called him "Uncle John." He sang in the choir of the First Reformed Church until the time of his death, and he retained the sweetness of tone that had marked the singing of his earlier years to the very last. He is buried in Aulenbach cemetery. His wife, Mary A. Dunkle, died Oct. 30, 1896, when she was aged sixty-five years, three deaths having occurred in this family within the one year, the first being the daughter, Geneva L., who passed away Jan. 3, 1896, aged thirty years; she had been a school teacher in Reading for about twelve years. The only living member of the family is Miss Helen A., a refined and respected lady, interested in church, Sunday-school and philanthropic work, who resides at No. 140 North Eighth street. Mrs. Mary A. (Dunkle) Hoyer was a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Althouse) Dunkle, farming people of Maiden-creek township, and an early settled family in that section.

(IIIa) Isaiah Hoyer, son of Samuel and Susanna, was born Sept. 16, 1839, in Robeson township. The public schools afforded him a good common-school education, and on leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1866 he came to Reading, and worked continuously at his trade until 1884, and then embarked in a grocery business which he carried on for over eleven years, the first five being located at the corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, and the remainder of the time at Ninth and Elm streets. After closing out his grocery interests he resumed work at his trade, until he was appointed tax collector of the Ninth and Eleventh wards, and he served as such during 1904-05-06. He represented the Tenth ward in the common council in 1879-80. He is at present living retired.

Mr. Hoyer was married (first) to Elizabeth Westley, who died in 1868, leaving three children: William W., deceased, m. Mary A. Lewis, and had one son, Howard Ellsworth (m. Bertha Seifrit, and has a son William); Susan m. James D. Bechtel; and Samuel M. m. Louisa Marks. Mr. Hoyer m. (second) Kate R. Schaeffer, who died Oct. 1, 1900, leaving one daughter, Emma, now the widow of Alfred McMichael, of Reading. He m. (third) Susan Hoch, daughter of Benneville and Susan (Rothermel) Hoch, and they reside in a pleasant home at No. 1030 Oley street.

In November, 1864, Mr. Hoyer joined Reading Lodge, No. 348, I. O. O. F., and in 1884 withdrew and helped to organize Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., and is now a veteran, belongir : also to Reading Encampment, No. 43, I. O. O. F., and Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, being past grand and past chief patriarch. He was admitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., in 1895. In 1868 he joined Friendship Lodge, No. 5, K. P., of which he is past chancellor; and he is a past president of

Camp No. 552, P. O. S. of A. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and during the erection of the present fine edifice in 1888 was foreman of the building committee. Mrs. Hoyer is active in the work of the Evangelical Association. Mr. Hoyer is a Democrat, and is a well known and highly respected citizen.

HERBEIN. The Herbein (or Harbein) family is one of the old and honored families of Berks county, and has its seat in Oley township. The first of this name here was (I) Peter Harbyn (also spelled Harpine), whose wife's name was Margaret. They emigrated on the ship "Pink," landing at Philadelphia Oct. 17, 1732. It is probable that soon after coming to America they settled in Oley township, which was the first settled district of Berks county. In 1754 the Harbine women appear as communicants of the Hill Church. When the county was organized in 1752 Peter Harbine was a taxable in Oley township, where he owned a large tract of land. He had a brother in Berks county by the name of Jacob Harbein, who witnessed his (Peter's) will, made March 15, 1795, and probated April 4, 1795. The other witnesses were Samuel High and Benjamin Spyker. When Peter died he was a yeoman of Oley township. His first wife, Margaret, who had accompanied him across the ocean, had apparently died, as his will mentions his wife, Elizabeth, probably his second wife. His children were: Peter, who obtained the homestead; Samuel; David; Maria; Esther, who married Benjamin Schneider; Sabra, who married Christian Kinsey; and Susanna, who married Peter Knabb. Of these, Peter and Samuel were the executors of their father's will. Elizabeth Harbein, widow of Peter, Sr., died in 1802. Her will is on record in Will Book A, page 461. Her sons Peter and Samuel were the executors.

(II) David Herbein, son of Peter the emigrant, died in the spring of 1790, leaving a large estate. His will, which was witnessed by one Johannes Herbein, who it is believed was a grandson, is one of the grandest documents on record in Berks county, and would serve as a model for fathers of later days. He was survived by his wife Catharine, and three sons: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

(III) Abraham Herbein, son of David, obtained the Oley plantation of 140 acres. He died in 1826. His wife's name was Susan, and the children who survived him were: Daniel, Abraham, Lydia and Levi.

(III) Isaac Herbein, son of David, was given another plantation in Oley, this one containing 101 acres.

(III) Jacob Herbein, son of David, was less than twenty-one when his father died. He received his father's personal estate. He settled in Exeter township. His children were: Mrs. Susan Rothermel; Mrs. Gideon Snyder; Mrs. Daniel Snyder; and John (1804-1868), who married Sarah Gernand, and had children, Jacob, Mary Ann, George, Charles and Abner (who had Mary, Effinger and Ella).

(IV) Johannes Herbein, supposed to be a grandson of David, settled in Richmond township about 1798, in which year he purchased land there. In 1790 he built upon it a house which is still standing. Near it is a never failing spring of pure, clear water. He devoted his life to agriculture, and attained advanced years. His remains are buried in a private ground on the old Herbein property in Richmond township. He married Barbara Fies, and they had three children: John; Jonathan, who married Kate Schlegel, and had one son, William; and Sallie, who became the wife of Samuel L. Hoch.

Abraham Herbein, grandfather of James B. was a native of Oley township. He died in 1842, and is buried on the Herbein homestead in a private burying ground near the Oley Line, in Oley township. He was the owner of a large farm, and was a man of influence. He married Susanna Hoch, and their children were: Daniel, Lydia, Levi (of Oley) and Abraham, all now deceased.

Abraham Herbein, son of Abraham and Susanna, was born on the Herbein homestead Jan. 25, 1810, and he died Aug. 9, 1863. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned a farm of 102 acres besides other tracts. He was a man of great intelligence and possessed a remarkable memory. In appearance he was tall and commanding. He married Eliza Brumbach, who was born Nov. 6, 1825, daughter of David and Deborah (De Turk) Brumbach, and she died Oct. 6, 1879, aged fifty-three years, eleven months. Both she and her husband are buried at Oley Church. They had children as follows: Deborah, born March 6, 1850, married Solomon Schollenberger, of Pleasantville, Pa.; Hetty Ann, born Nov. 25, 1851, married Jacob Holder, of No. 28 South Eleventh street, Reading; Eliza A., born May 1, 1853, died young; Emma R., born July 13, 1854, married Ezra Holder, of Greenlane, Pa.; Amanda, born Feb. 14, 1856, died young; Mary A. G. and James B., twins, were born April 14, 1857, Mary A. G. dying young; Henrietta E., born May 9, 1859, died young; Olivia, born Oct. 26, 1861, married D. D. Fisher, of Oley, Pa.; and to his duties as a farmer. Removing to Reading in Oley.

James B. Herbein, son of Abraham and Eliza, born April 14, 1857, obtained his education in the public schools and in Oley Academy, under the instruction of Prof. S. A. Baer, Ph. D., later county superintendent of schools. He was licensed to teach in 1876, Centennial year, by Prof. Baer, and taught his first term at Reiff's school, in his native district. He taught two terms at this school and then for a like period was engaged at the Guldin school. In 1880 he began farming on the place that has since been his home. He has a valuable farm of 105 acres, and has good pasture land, making a specialty of dairying, and having a regular trade for his butter. He has a great deal of fruit on his place, and he attends the Reading market three times a week. His buildings are fine and up-to-date, and with the neat lawn and cement walks his home presents a most attractive appearance. In his yard is a never failing spring.

In politics Mr. Herbein is a stanch Democrat, and he has served his township as constable and school director, serving in the latter office six years, four of which he was secretary and one president. He and his family are members of Frieden's Reformed Church, which for a number of years he served as deacon, and is now elder. For twenty years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. During the first ten years of his administration the Sunday-school was Union, but the growth of both congregations necessitated a change and they were obliged to hold their Sunday-schools separately. He was president of the Ninth District Sunday-school Association of Berks county for eight years, this district comprising Oley, Earl and Alsace. He was obliged to resign these positions, however, on account of defective hearing. Mr. Herbein belongs to Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E., of which he is a charter member.

Mr. Herbein was married, Sept. 30, 1879, to Sallie Reider, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Melot) Reider, of Oley, and they have two sons and two daughters: Grace, who married Moses Enoch, of Reading; Lloyd, who married Amelia Bower, and lives at Friedensburg; Florence, at home; and Elliott, a school teacher in Oley township, who graduated from a business college in 1908. In 1888 Mr. Herbein built a fine brick residence on his farm which has since been the family home.

John Herbein, grandfather of Daniel M., was born on the old homestead in Richmond township, about one-half mile east of Fleetwood, Pa., in 1803, and died in 1859, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. His wife was Susan Heffner, daughter of John Heffner, and they had issue: Benneville, Samuel and John.

Samuel Herbein, son of John, was born Feb. 8, 1829, on the Herbein homestead, which, on coming of age, he purchased, tilling its soil for many years. He was a lifelong resident of Richmond township, and died in 1907. He was an active Democrat, and well and favorably known, and for many years was supervisor of Richmond township. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, belonging to Mertz's Church in Rockland township. In 1849 he married (first) Rachel Dry, who bore him two daughters, Susan and

Mary. He married (second) Sarah Ann Minker, daughter of Jacob and Judith (Adolph) Minker, in November, 1855, and this union was blessed with the following children: Amanda, who married John Hoch; Daniel M.; Oscar, who died in youth; Samuel, of Bowers, Pa.; Albert, at home; and Katie, also at home.

Daniel M. Herbein, son of Samuel, was born March 17, 1858, in Richmond township. He acquired his education in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal School, which he attended one term. His boyhood days were passed on his father's farm, on which he worked for sixteen years. In the spring of 1902 he sold his farm stock and removed to Reading, where he lived until the spring of 1904, then removing to Fleetwood to become the proprietor of the "Fleetwood House," which he has conducted with much success to the present time. He has the faculty of making friends and keeping them, and his good table has won for him and his wife a reputation far and wide. The traveling public especially patronize his house. In politics Mr. Herbein is a strong Democrat, and has been a delegate to many county conventions. In November, 1897, he was elected poor director for Berks county, a position in which he served with credit until 1900.

On Oct. 5, 1878, Mr. Herbein was married to Mary A. Conrath, daughter of Israel and Catherine (Angstadt) Conrath, of Rockland, and to them have been born these children: Susan, who married William Kline, of Fleetwood, and has one daughter, Minerva; Howard J.; Walter J.; and Warren D.

Daniel Herbein, born Feb. 12, 1780, died May 20, 1842, was probably a son of Abraham Herbein, of Oley township. He married Elizabeth Reber (1783-1857), and they lived at Clear Spring, Md., for some years before they died there. They had six children: John (1804-1873), of Alpha, Greene Co., Ohio, married Hetty Herr; Catharine (1809-1866) married (first) David Ridenour and (second) Samuel Boyd; Susan (1811-1890) married Dr. W. H. Grimes, of Atchison, Kans.; Mary (1817-1880) married Joseph E. Gest, of Greene county, Ohio; Col. Thomas (Dec. 15, 1820), of Tacoma, Wash., married Catharine A. Smith, who died in 1864, the mother of six children; and Eliza Jane (1824-1895) married Rev. S. N. Calender, D. D. (Reformed), of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

John Herbein (or Herbine), born in Oley township, later moved to Bern, where he owned land on which he died. He married (first) Maria Shearer, and they had four children: Dr. Jonathan S., born March 29, 1833, who married, in 1854, Elizabeth Winters, and died possessed of considerable wealth Sept. 14, 1900, the father of Wellington, Dr. Milton, Clara, Howard, Isaac, George, Mary and John; David and Dr. Isaac, twins, born Dec. 24, 1835, of whom the latter has a son, Oscar B.; and Gideon. Mr. Herbein married (second) a Miss Rhein, and had four children by this union, namely; William, Daniel, Adam and Henry.

S. S. SCHWERINER. Among the enterprising business men of Reading, Pa., who have built up a large and thriving industry from the humble walks of life, may be mentioned S. S. Schweriner, one of Reading's leading shoe dealers, who is a native of the northern part of Germany.

Mr. Schweriner received his educational training in the schools of his native country, where he remained until 1870, there learning his trade. In the year mentioned he arrived in New York and traveled throughout the United States, finally choosing Reading as his place of residence, establishing himself in business at No. 432 Penn Square, where he has continued to the present time. Mr. Schweriner's start in business life was in a small way, but his natural executive ability, in connection with his energy and enterprise, soon caused his venture to prosper, and the business has gradually increased in size, until he now employs thirty-seven skilled salespeople and custom workers. His footwear is of the finest quality and workmanship, and finds a ready market all over the surrounding country, and Mr. Schweriner has built up a reputation for honest representation and fair dealing.

Mr. Schweriner is very fond of travel and has made two trips to Europe, the first one in 1890 and the second in 1906, when he visited his old home in Germany, and many points of interest in the old country. He is a public-spirited citizen, recognized in the different charitable and other institutions, and he has won the esteem of all who know him well.

WILLIAM HENRY NOLL, a teacher residing in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, was born July 18, 1874, son of David K. and Elizabeth (Keller) Noll.

Peter Noll, Sr., the great-great-grandfather of W. Henry, was, according to the Federal census of 1790, a resident of Exeter township, where he is recorded as having a son at home above sixteen years of age, and two daughters. Tradition states he had a large family, some of the children having been previously married and having families of their own. Another son of Peter Noll, Sr., besides Peter, was Valentine, who in 1790 lived in Alsace township.

Peter Noll, son of Peter, Sr., and also mentioned in the Federal census of 1790, was a farmer, and lived in Alsace township. He married Magdalena Keller, and they had children as follows: John, Peter, Henry, Samuel, Jacob, Molly (m. John Heckman), and Hettie (m. Daniel Heckman). Peter Noll is buried at Spies's Church.

Henry Noll, son of Peter and Magdalena, was born in Alsace township, May 3, 1798, and died Nov. 25, 1883, in Ruscombmanor township, on the farm now owned by the estate of his son, David K., and operated by his grandson Gideon. He was a farmer, and built the present set of buildings on his farm, the barn in 1840 and the house in 1842. He m. Catharine Keller, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Specht) Keller, of Rockland township. She was born June 5, 1803, and died aged eighty-three years. Both are buried at Shalters Church. They became the parents of ten children, namely: Sarah m. John Steihl; Nicodemus lived in Richmond township; Jacob lived in Union county, Pa.; Henry K. lived in Ruscombmanor township; Catharine m. Simon Kline, of Reading; Elizabeth m. (first) Reuben Gring, and (second) John Weitzel; Hannah m. Daniel Merkel; David K.; Mary m. William Merkel; Magdalena m. Reuben Delp; and Martha m. (first) Martin Haas, and (second) Cleophas Dreibelbis.

David K. Noll, son of Henry and Catharine, and father of W. Henry, born in Ruscombmanor township, Oct. 13, 1813, and died on his farm, Oct. 26, 1907. He had lived all his life in Ruscombmanor township, with the exception of four years when he farmed in Alsace township. He owned a farm of eighty-four acres in Ruscombmanor, which he cultivated, and on which he lived and died. He also owned the Noll homestead in Ruscombmanor township, which has been in the family name for over 100 years. That tract consists of sixty-two acres, and is now rented to Mr. Noll's son, Gideon. Mr. Noll built the present house in 1893, and there his widow now lives, superintending the cultivation of the farm. He was a Democrat, and served as school director for a number of years, and was a delegate to a number of county conventions. Mr. Noll was a self made man. In his early life he learned the blacksmith's trade from Jonas Rothermel, at Fleetwood, after which was hired on the farm in Muhlenberg two years. He then from there came to Reading, where he assisted his brother-in-law, Simon Kline, in the manufacturing of brick for about four years. He then returned home and helped his father upon the farm two years, next returning to Reading and working for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as a blacksmith, becoming the foreman of the blacksmith department.

In 1874 he began farming in Ruscombmanor township, on his father's farm as a tenant, remaining there four years, when he moved to the farm of his father-in-law, Gideon Keller, who died in 1878. The Keller farm became the property of Mrs. Noll by inheritance. After ten years on the Keller farm they returned to the old Noll homestead and lived there six years. On March 24, 1894, they came to the present place.

Mr. Noll and his family were Reformed members of Shalter's Union Church, while Mrs. Noll worships in the Lutheran faith at the same church. David K. Noll was married Nov. 24, 1868, to Elizabeth, daughter of Gideon and Sarah (Schmeck) Keller. Their children were: Gideon, born 1869, and now a farmer and justice of the peace in Ruscombmanor township, m. Sarah E. Welder, and has children—Katie E., Annie M., Maria S., and David J.; Maria Catharine, born 1871, died 1872; William Henry; Peter Nic., born 1879, is single and lives with his mother; and John Jacob, born 1883, died 1884.

William Henry Noll was reared upon the farm, and obtained his early education in the public schools of the township, and later attending the Keystone State Normal school, at Kutztown. He was licensed to teach in the public schools by Prof. W. M. Zechman, in the fall of 1894, and taught his first term and the ten succeeding terms at Sand Hill school in Ruscombmanor. In the fall of 1906 he began teaching Frey's school in the same township. He also owns and cultivates a tract of thirteen acres, where he lives, in Ruscombmanor, on the road leading from Pricetown to Fleetwood, known as the Friedensburg Road.

Mr. Noll is a good musician, at an early age showing considerable talent. When a boy of eight years he could play difficult music, and at fifteen began playing the Sunday-school organ for the St. John's Sunday-school at Pricetown. In 1895 he was elected organist of the St. John's Union Church at Pricetown, and has been the organist and choirmaster ever since. He was also the organist at Shalters Church, in Alsace township for a period of five years. For some years he taught music.

Mr. Noll is an influential Democrat, and for seven years was a member of the County Standing Committee. He was active in the welfare of his party before he was of age. In the spring of 1905 he was elected the assessor of the township, and after serving one term of three years was re-elected by a unanimous vote. He was delegate to the State Convention in 1903, and has rendered valuable services to his party in various capacities. He and his family are members of Shalters Reformed Church.

On March 26, 1898, Mr. Noll married Mary, daughter of Franklin and Susan (Weidner) Hafer, of Oley township. To this union have been born three children, viz.: Elda Erma, David Walter and Elmer Franklin.

GEORGE A. WEIDNER, now living retired from active life at his comfortable home in Pike township, Berks county, was born in Oley township, Oct. 17, 1871, son of John and Sarah (Angstadt) Weidner.

Mr. Weidner is a direct descendant of Adam Weidner, who emigrated from the Old World home of the family and settled in Pennsylvania. His children were: Lazarus, Tichicus, David, Jacob, and several daughters.

Tichicus Weidner, son of Adam, was born in April, 1721, and died July 9, 1799. His wife Anna Maria was born Feb. 24, 1732, and died April 30, 1791.

Johannes Weidner, son of Tichicus and Anna Maria, was born Jan. 17, 1756, and died Aug. 2, 1836. On Jan. 30, 1793, he married Catharine Borgert, born April 15, 1753, died Aug. 8, 1826. They were married thirty-three years, and were the parents of two sons and one daughter.

Jacob Weidner, son of Johannes and Catharine, was born Nov. 20, 1793, and died Nov. 14, 1860, and is buried in the Weidner private burial ground. He was a farmer and owned a large tract of land which later belonged to his son John. On July 30, 1820, he married Veronica Barto, born June 8, 1793, died May 8, 1865. Their married life covered forty years. Their children were: Catharine, widow of Isaac Reiff, lives in Friedensburg; Caroline m. Jacob Keim; and John B.

John B. Weidner, son of Jacob and father of George A., was born in Oley township, Oct. 19, 1825, and died May 13, 1892, and is buried in the family burial ground near Pleasantville. He was a lifelong farmer and owned the farm near Lobachsville now the property of Jacob Moyer. He was a school director and was deacon of Lobachsville Church a number of years. His wife, Sarah Angstadt, was a daughter of Gideon Angstadt, who is buried at New Jerusalem Church. She was born July 4, 1833, and died Nov. 7, 1891, and is buried in the Weidner family cemetery. Their children were: Albert; Samuel, who has his home with his brother George A.; Ellen and George A.

George A. Weidner received his education in the public schools of Oley township, and grew to manhood on the home farm. He began farming in the spring of 1896 at Lobachsville, to which place he moved at that time. Here he continued until the spring of 1903, when he retired, and rented the farm. Mr. Weidner's land at Lobachsville consists of 104 acres, and he also owns the hotel and store. In addition he owns the creamery at Lobachsville. He is a substantial citizen, and is favorably known in his district. In politics he is a Democrat. The family attend St. Paul's Union Church, Mrs. Weidner being a Lutheran, and Mr. Weidner is a Reformed member.

On June 2, 1894, Mr. Weidner married Maggie Rohrbach, daughter of Augustus and Mary (Grim) Rohrbach. Three children came to bless this union, but one, Ellen, died aged two years. The two surviving children are: Minnie R. and George R.

HARRY E. LEVAN (deceased), who for a number of years was employed as a machinist at the Reading Hardware Company, and in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death, July 18, 1899, was born Aug 1, 1866, in Reading.

Mr. Levan received his educational training in the schools of his native city, after leaving which he learned the trade of machinist. He soon secured a position with the Reading Hardware Company, and remained with this firm all of his active period. His services were highly valued by the officers of the company, who knew him to be a skilled mechanic and faithful workman, and among his fellow employees he was very popular. In religious belief he was a member of the Second Reformed Church, while his widow attends the church of the Lutheran denomination. In political belief he was a Republican, and his fraternal connections were with the Rainbow Fire Company.

In 1886 Mr. Levan was married to Mary E. Ruth, the estimable daughter of Daniel H. Ruth, and to them were born five children, as follows: John Y.; Florence E.; Daniel H.; Ruth M. and Harry E., Jr. In April, 1904, Mrs. Levan removed from her home in Oakbrook, to her present residence in Reading, that she might better care for her interests in this city. She owns her residence at No. 505 Oley street, as well as six residence properties at Thirteenth and Kenney streets.

HENRY ACHENBACH, who was for a half century employed as an engineer by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad., and who died at his home in Reading, March 31, 1909, was born Aug. 1, 1831, in Hesse Cassel, Germany, son of John and Catherine (Herner) Achenbach, farming people of Germany who never came to this country.

Henry Achenbach received his education in the schools of Germany, and in 1851 came to America, locating at once in Reading, where he engaged at the old Eckert furnace remaining three years. On April 1, 1854, he accepted a position with the Phila-

delphia & Reading Railroad, in whose employ he continued until he was retired on a pension, having been connected with this road for fifty years. In 1856 Mr. Achenbach was married to Catherine Miller, also of Germany, and two children were born to this union: Christina, who married David Faust; and Mary, who married Francis Homan. In 1878 Mr. Achenbach was married (second) to Louisa C. Gass, born in the Fatherland, and there were four children born to this union: Harry C., who married Carrie Shaffer; Charles A.; Theresa L., and one child deceased. Since 1888 Mr. Achenbach had lived, where his widow still resides, at No. 634 North Eleventh street.

In religious belief Mr. Achenbach was a Lutheran, and in political matters a Democrat. He was a member of Germania Lodge, No. 158, I. O. O. F., of the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association, and of several other societies. He is buried in Charles Evans cemetery.

H. F. GEISEWITE, engaged in the grocery business in Reading, Pa., for some years, was born in Bern township, Berks county, Jan. 27, 1850, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Faust) Geisewite.

H. F. Geisewite remained on the home farm until twenty-five years of age, receiving for his first year's work $1.50 per month, $3.00 for the second year, and $5.00 per month for the third year, then hiring out at $10.00 per month for one year. Mr. Geisewite then spent three years with Henry R. Tobias at $10.00 per month, leaving to engage in work on the Union Canal, and later on the Schuylkill Canal, his boating operations including in all two years. He then spent one year at the Henry Van Reed paper mill, was for five years with John C. Hepler in his greenhouse, was one year at Bushong's furnace, a like period in the Reading paper mills, and then operated the Bushong farm for three years. He then commenced work in his brother's grocery store on Canal street, but later engaged at Sternbergh's rolling mill, where he continued one year. After spending one year in the wholesale grocery of Daniel S. Esterly, he engaged with George Gehman, No. 34 North Eighth street, a wholesale produce merchant. In 1889 he entered the grocery business on his own account at Tenth and Washington streets, where he remained three years. In 1891 Mr. Geisewite came to his present store, where he has since continued with much success.

Mr. Geisewite married Emma Moyer, daughter of Israel Moyer, a native of Spring township. They have no children. They attend Epler's Reformed Church. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, and in political matters is a Democrat.

HENRY R. HOCH, an enterprising business man of Reading, Pa., where he has been engaged in slate cutting since January, 1905, was born March 19, 1872, in Richmond township, Berks county, Pa., son of Bennewell and Susan (Rothermel) Hoch, and grandson of Samuel Hoch.

Mr. Hoch received his education in the schools of his native township, after leaving which he spent nine years at harness making at Fleetwood, Pa. He then engaged in slate cutting with his brother, M. R. Hoch, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, and the brothers have continued together to the present time.

The marriage of Mr. Hoch occurred Feb. 18, 1905, to Clara Schlegel, daughter of Reuben and Katie (Kutz) Schlegel, and they reside at No. 626 Moss street, being well known in their community. They have two children, Ida and Anna. Mr. Hoch is a member of Fleetwood Camp, No. 103, P. O. S. of A., and the Knights of Malta, No. 277, Reading. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Hoch are Reformed. In their pleasant home is an interesting curio which belonged to Mr. Hoch's grandfather, a "grandfather's clock," bearing the name of Jacob Diehl as maker, and showing the moon's phases and date. This old and valued time-piece is greatly prized by Mr. Hoch, and would make a valued addition to any historical collection.

GEORGE A. MARKERT, proprietor of Markert's café, which is located at Nos. 645-647 Walnut street, Reading, was born in this city, April 12, 1873, a son of George Adam and Mary (Peiffer) Markert.

Great-grandfather Markert, who was a native of Glostenhaus, Bavaria, Germany, never came to America, and he lost his life by accidentally falling into a stream of water. Four of his sons, however, came to the United States, George Adam settling in Elk county, Pa., and Nicholas settling at Reading.

George Adam Markert, the grandfather of George A. Markert, was born May 24, 1811, at Glostenhaus, Bavaria, and came to America about 1839 or 1840. He was married at Gettysburg, in Adams county, Pa., in the latter year, to Susan Baugner, daughter of Michael Baugner. She was born Jan. 19, 1819, and died in Wisconsin, in 1887. They had four sons and three daughters, as follows: Joseph, who is an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, served in the Civil war; Grace, who married Jacob Snyder, who was a soldier in the Civil war; George Adam; John, who was accidentally killed at St. Paul, Minn.; Francis, who died at Lancaster, Grant county, Wis.; and Mary, who is the wife of John Bucher, of Lancaster county, Pa.; and Susan, married, who resides at Lancaster, Wis.

George Adam Markert, father of George A., was born Dec. 9, 1847, at Reading. When twenty years old he accepted employment on the Reading Railroad and is still identified with that corporation, on March 24, 1908, completing a period of forty years with the road, the most cordial relations between employers and employe having existed all these years. He is a member of the Junior Fire Company, of Reading, with which he became connected in 1869, and belongs to the Veteran Fire Association. Mr. Markert resides in his own home, a very comfortable one, at No. 640 Walnut street. On Jan. 23, 1870, he married Mary Peiffer, a daughter of Jacob Peiffer of Reading, and they had two children: George A. and Mame. The latter died June 1, 1905, aged twenty-six years. She is survived by her husband, Scott Brocher, and their children: Catherine, Dorothy and Viola.

George A. Markert obtained his education in the public schools of Reading and when fifteen years old he commenced to learn the molding trade. On Dec. 9, 1889, he met with a serious accident by which he lost his left eye. He was thus forced to give up the lucrative trade which he had learned and turn his attention to something else, which proved to be the machinist's trade, serving his apprenticeship with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at which work he continued until he was twenty-five years of age. Mr. Markert then learned the barber trade and followed that occupation for about five years. On Sept. 12, 1904, he embarked in a hotel and restaurant business at his present address, and through his close attention to its details, his uniform courtesy to guests and the excellence of his cuisine, he has met with deserved success. His place is favorably known all over the city.

With his family, Mr. Markert attends Christ Cathedral, on North Fifth street, where he was married on Sunday morning, Jan. 22, 1898, to Miss Bertha Reasner, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Reasner, of Bellefonte, Center county, Pa.

Mr. Markert is a member of Emblematic Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F.; Fraternal order of Eagles, No. 66; Twentieth Century Quakers, No. 2; Junior Fire Company; Humane Association; a contributing member of the Philharmonic Band; Electric Wheelmen; East Penn Social Club; and the Harmonie Maennerchor.

JOHN B. KURTZ, proprietor of the "Kurtz House" in Cumru township, Berks county, was born on the Kurtz homestead July 15, 1875, son of Henry and Amanda (Swartz) Kurtz.

Abraham Kurtz, his great-grandfather, was born July 5, 1753, and died Sept. 21, 1831, aged seventy-eight years, two months, sixteen days. He owned the old Kurtz homestead in Cumru township, on which he was buried, as was his wife, Barbara, born in 1750, who died Oct.

11, 1823, aged seventy-three years, nine months. Their children were: Mary, born Jan. 9, 1775; Abraham, born Dec. 4, 1779, who removed to Centerville, Cumberland county, Pa., where he reared a large family; Susan, born Feb. 19, 1782; John, born July 14, 1784; Elizabeth, born Feb. 13, 1788; and Catherine, born April 30, 1791. Two of the daughters married cousins, both of whose names were Jacob Yoder, and both of whom settled in Holmes county, Ohio.

John Kurtz, born July 14, 1784, died May 5, 1849. He was a farmer, and owned 190 acres of fine land in Cumru township, in 1847 building the house thereon, and later the barn; these buildings stand near the Kurtz House, and are still excellent in condition. He was well to do, owning in addition to this property three fine farms in Lancaster county, giving one each to his sons, Abraham, Jacob and John. John Kurtz married Anna Kurtz, born Aug. 9, 1782, who died Aug. 5, 1852, the mother of these children: Samuel, born in 1814, lived on the old home; Abraham, born in 1815, Jacob in 1817, and John in 1820, all settled in Lancaster county; Joseph, born Oct. 2, 1822, died Sept. 21, 1827; Barbara, born June 19, 1824, died March 30, 1857; Henry; Annie, born in 1831, married Joshua Huyett; and Amos, born March 21, 1834, on the homestead in Cumru township, married Catherine Eberly, daughter of David and Cassandra (Ream) Eberly. He was a farmer until 1873 when he came to Shillington, and in 1878 built a double brick house on Lancaster avenue, in 1879 building the brick house in which he has lived retired ever since. In 1877-78 he was elected supervisor of Cumru township by the Republican party, was an elder of Emanuel Reformed Church of Shillington, and a prominent and substantial citizen.

Henry Kurtz was born on the old homestead, July 15, 1828, and died April 18, 1901. He owned the Kurtz farm, which then consisted of about 100 acres of the best land in Berks county, and in 1871 erected the "Kurtz House," a large three-story brick building which has twenty-five large rooms. Although an agriculturist up to that time, the next six years were given entirely to the hotel business, and in 1885 he retired altogether from active life. In 1884 he erected the fine large brick residence across the meadow from the "Kurtz House," an elevated wooden bridge connecting this residence with the Lancaster turnpike. Here the remainder of his life was spent in retirement. He was a well to do man, and at his death left a large estate to his children. Mr. Kurtz was married to Amanda Swartz, born Jan. 7, 1834, who died Oct. 5, 1889, and they had these children: Mary, who married William Shalter; Ellen, who married John Hain, deceased; Amanda, who married William High; Annie, who married George Hoffman; James, who married Laura Schaeffer; and John B., who married Deborah Yerger.

John B. Kurtz obtained his education in the Kurtz school, so named after his grandfather, and was reared on his father's farm. In the spring of 1902 he became the proprietor of the "Kurtz House," which he has successfully conducted to the present time. He is a genial courteous gentleman, a pleasing conversationalist, and has the faculty of making friends. He does an extensive business, the "Kurtz House" now being one of the largest hostelries in Berks county, outside of Reading; it is equipped with every modern convenience. He is also the owner of the "Green Tree," which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1906, having been a hotel for all of this period, and which property he acquired in 1901 by purchase. Seventy-four acres of good land belong to this famous hostelry, and a spring of the purest water in Berks county flows through a large trough in front of the place. Mr. Kurtz is a great lover of horses, and owns the famous thoroughbred, "Dolcy M.," which was foaled June 15, 1903, and which has made a great record, and he also owns the famous stallion, "Simeon Larabie." He is connected with the Eagles of Reading, and is a member and treasurer of the Oakbrook Gunning Club. In political matters he is a Republican. He and his family are members of Yocom's Union Church, and adhere to the Reformed faith.

On Feb. 11, 1902, Mr. Kurtz was married to Deborah Yerger, daughter of John and Ellen (Wanner) Yerger, and granddaughter of John and Rebecca (Medler) Yerger, and to this union have been born: Mary; John H. and James Y., the latter two of whom were twins, and died in infancy, and Helen Elizabeth, born April 10, 1909.

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FRANKLIN SEIDEL, one of the leading residents of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, who has been prominent in agricultural and public matters all his life, was born July 11, 1833, in that township, son of Henry and Lydia (Guldin) Seidel.

Henry Seidel, the great-grandfather of Franklin, was born in 1732 in Strasburg, Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States when nineteen years of age, being sold to pay his passage, a custom which was quite common in those days. On obtaining his freedom in 1752, he came to Reading, Berks county, and later participated in the Indian war under Captain Hiester. He also took part in the war of the Revolution, his wife and children conducting the farm during the period of his service. About 1760 he married Elizabeth Rathmacher. He purchased land in Bern township. In 1786 he returned to Germany, and, being engaged in the mercantile business, he brought back merchandise which he sold. He became the owner of 400 acres of land in Maiden-creek township, and there for many years he was a prosperous farmer and merchant. He died in 1801, and is buried at Perry Church, in Windsor township, Berks county, Pa. The following were his children: Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip, Jacob, Mary and Margaret.

Henry Seidel, son of the emigrant, born Nov. 12, 1765, died Aug. 7, 1847. In 1791 he settled on the homestead, and he married Elizabeth Reber, of Windsor township, Berks county. They became the parents of fourteen children, of whom the following reached mature years: Daniel, Henry, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Catharine, Mary, Hannah, Susannah and Rebecca.

Henry Seidel, father of Franklin, and eleventh in order of birth in the above family, was born in Maiden-creek township June 9, 1809, and died Nov. 6, 1892. He engaged in farming until his retirement in 1857, at which time he removed to Reading. Mr. Seidel married Nov. 4, 1832, Lydia Weaver Guldin, daughter of Frederick Guldin, of the same township, and they had two children, Franklin and Sarah A. The latter, born Feb. 13, 1836, married Henry Throm, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Franklin Seidel was educated in the common schools of his native locality, and later attended a boarding school in Amity township conducted by Samuel L. Rhoads. Returning to the farm, he assisted his father in various ways until his marriage, June 3, 1856, to Susannah, daughter of George Weidenhammer, of the same township. They have had children as follows: George Henry, born Jan. 3, 1858, died July 8, 1877; Sarah Amanda, born May 19, 1866, died Aug. 26, 1868; Lydia Cora, born April 5, 1870, married Dec. 4, 1894, Charles H. Dunkel and has two children, S. Franklin Seidel and Sarah Susannah. Mrs. Seidel's great-grandfather came from Germany, and her grandparents were John Adam and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Weidenhammer.

Mr. Seidel has spent all of his life in Berks county except eleven years—1857 to 1868—during which time he lived in East Nantmeal township, Chester Co., Pa. He has devoted his life to farming. He is a member of the Berks County Agricultural Society, in which he manifests an active interest, and is known as one of the good, practical farmers of Maiden-creek township. Since 1887 Mr. Seidel has taken an interest in political matters, and in 1890, during the Pattison campaign, he was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of county commissioner, being subsequently elected. He served in this office from 1891 to 1894, and in this short time the Cross Keys bridge was built; general repairs were made on the court-house, it being made fire-proof, dur-

Franklin Seidel

ing the second year of his term, in spite of great opposition; the Kissinger bridge, having fallen into the Schuylkill river and canal, was rebuilt by the county commissioners at a cost of $58,000; an emergency hospital for the care of contagious diseases was erected at the poor-house at a cost of $3,300; and the Exeter township bridge at a cost of $29,000. Mr. Seidel always tried to work for the welfare of his constituents and the benefit of the county taxpayers. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Blandon. Mr. Seidel is one of the largest landowners in Berks county. He has seven farms in Maiden-creek township, which contain about 850 acres, and owns other lands in Ruscombmanor and Muhlenberg townships, having in all about eleven hundred acres. He is one of the most prominent men in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

HENRY RHOADS, a member of one of the early families of Pennsylvania, was born in Amity township, Berks county, June 2, 1802, son of Daniel Rhoads, registrar of wills for Berks county, from 1818 to 1820, and from 1824 to 1829. He was but a young man when he came to Reading, and for several years served as a clerk in the office of the prothonotary, where he acquired a taste for the legal profession. He began the study of law in the office of Samuel Baird, and was admitted to the Bar April 3, 1832. From 1836 to 1838 he served as clerk of the Orphans' court, under appointment from Governor Ritner. During the administration of President Taylor he was the very efficient postmaster of Reading, but the profession for which he was so ably fitted called him, and he resumed practice. From Aug. 3, 1870, to Dec. 4, 1871, he was associate judge of Berks county, having been appointed by Governor Geary, to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. David Kutz, deceased. While at the Bar his Orphans' court practice was exceptionally large. In politics he was an old-line Whig, and became an ardent adherent of Republican principles from the very formation of that party. In 1838 he was a partner of John S. Richards in the publication of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*. The public schools found in him a warm friend, and he was one of the first directors of Reading under the common-school system. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and from 1833 to 1838 superintendent of its Sunday-school, and for a long period he was a vestryman. He died Feb. 15, 1881, when nearly four-score years of age. He married Sarah Bouchat, daughter of Charles and Esther (Merckel) Bouchat (or Bouchart), the latter a daughter of Peter Merckel, of Richmond township. The Bouchart or Bouchat family had its origin in Samuel Bochart (1599-1667), pastor of Caen, and a profound scholar, whose historical works are of enduring merit. They were French Huguenots, as were also the Merkels or Merckels, whose earliest known ancestor was John Christian Merklen, who died in 1766, leaving children: Peter; George; Christian; Casper; Catharine Stover; Frankina Rough; Mary Hill; Anna Maria Kramer and Anna Lena. To Henry and Sarah (Bouchat) Rhoads were born six children, namely: Charles B., deceased; John H.; George B.; Louisa B.; Charles B.; and Daniel P.

Capt. George B. Rhoads, son of Henry and Sarah, was born in Reading in 1840. He received his education in the city schools, but left high school to join the army. He was, however, rejected, as he was under-size. Through the intercession of Col. Charles McKnight, he was finally accepted as a private, and at Washington was promoted to corporal in the Ringgold Light Artillery, in which he had enlisted in April, 1861, for three months. At the expiration of his first term, he re-enlisted in the three years' service in the 88 Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned second lieutenant of Company B. For good conduct and for marked bravery in the field he was appointed captain of Company F, of the same regiment, and while at White Oak Swamp, Va., was killed by the explosion of a shell, June 13, 1864, at the age of twenty-four years.

WILLIAM H. ROMICH. The gentleman who bears the name with which this sketch is introduced is possibly the best known man in Berks county, his business as professional auctioneer having carried him throughout its entire bounds. He is a successful auctioneer and farmer. The family to which he belongs was an early one in the county, some of its representatives spelling the name as above, others changing the "ch" to "g," making it "Romig."

John Romich, the ancestor of this branch of the family, came to Berks county in the latter part of the 18th century from Conestoga township, Lancaster county. He settled in Earl township, where he was the owner of much land and a man of influence in his community until his demise in 1804. Part of the estate reached over into Douglass township, but the portion on which he lived and died was situated in Earl township, near Worman. The will distributing his estate is on record in Will Book IV, page 244, his son John, and his friend Jacob Keely, Sr., being the executors. His wife's first name was Anna Maria, and they had children: John, who obtained a farm of 180 acres, partly in Earl and partly in Douglass townships; George; Christian; Jacob, and Henry.

John (2), eldest of the family was the next in descent. He passed his entire life in Earl township, and was a man of large influence and property. He died in 1835, bequesting a farm of 160 acres, located in Ohio, to his son Andrew. He and his wife, Mary, had other children besides Andrew and Jacob, the latter being the grandfather of William H., but said children do not appear in the will. Jacob Romich and Jacob Weisner signed the will as witnesses.

George Romig, second son of the ancestor, was born Jan. 9, 1765, and died April 2, 1850, his age being eighty-five years, two months and twenty-three days. He married Sophia Fritz (1773-1828), and to her were born seven sons and four daughters.

Christian Romig, third son of John, the ancestor, was born January 13, 1766, and living seventy-eight years, one month and twenty-two days, died on the 5th of March, 1844. Catharine Seitel, his wife, was born in 1767, and died in 1844, after a married life of fifty-six years. There were four sons and one daughter. He and his wife, together with George and his wife, are buried in the Fritz burial ground, Douglass township.

Jacob Romich, fourth son of the ancestor, and grandfather of William H., was a farmer in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, for a few years, thence coming to Worman, in Douglass townhsip. He cultivated a farm of 128 acres at that place for nearly a half-century, and this property is at present owned by William H.

The house which is now used by our subject was partly built by Jacob Romich, who was born there January 10, 1793, and died February 3, 1879, aged eighty-six years and twenty-three days. He married his cousin, Elizabeth Romich, who was a daughter of John Romich of Montgomery county, the latter coming to Amity township later in life. The wife was born February 27, 1800, and lived to be seventy-eight years, eleven months and four days old, her death occurring February 1, 1879. Jacob and his wife lie at rest in Boyertown cemetery. Their children were as follows: John; George; Sophia, who married John Davidheiser; Ephraim (1826-1901); Zephaniah; Henry; Jacob; Harriet Fisher; Mary M., who married, first, Jeremiah Reifsnyder, and, second, John Berg.

George Romich, of the above family, was born near Worman in Douglass township in 1827, and died in 1900, aged seventy-three years. His occupation was that of shoemaker. His home was above Gabelsville, where he owned a small tract of land, now in the possession of his son, Llewellyn Romich. In religious matters he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Rohr-

bach. Their children were: Elizabeth, who died at the age of three years, and Jacob R., born in Earl, near the "Yellow House," June 16, 1856. The children by the second wife were: Calvin, Llewellyn, Katie and Frank.

When twenty-one, Jacob R., learned the shoemaking trade, which he has since followed. In 1888 he engaged in the shoe business in Boyertown at what is called the old "J. S. Case shoe-store." In 1878 he was married to Miss Sophia Nester, and they had one child, George A., born March 10, 1879, who is now organist of St. John's Lutheran Church, and teaches music to a number of pupils in Boyertown. His wife perished in the Boyertown Fire, January 13, 1908, when only thirty-one years of age.

John R. Romich, father of William H., was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Romich, and brother to George, mentioned above. He was born on the old homestead in Douglass township January 11, 1823, and died December 28, 1885, aged sixty-two years, eleven months and seventeen days. Boyertown cemetery holds his remains. During his lifetime he cultivated the homestead where he lived and died. He was a man of fine instincts and strong characteristics, and wielded an exemplary influence during life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church at Boyertown, which he served for many years as Deacon.

Catharine, daughter of Abraham Hoffman, became his wife. She was born April 12, 1831, and died July 2, 1901, having lived seventy years, two months and twenty days. Their children were: Jonathan, William, Emma, John, Ellen, George, Annie, who married William Levan; Katie, deceased; Ida, who married Joseph Helfrick.

William H. Romich, son of the above, was born August 7, 1853, on the old homestead, near Worman, where he now resides. He began farming for himself in the Centennial Year, in Colebrookdale township, where he lived but one year, when he moved to Upper Hanover township. Here he remained another year, when, in the spring of 1879, he returned to the old homestead in Douglass township, where he has since resided.

This old homestead of 128 acres, with its associated memories of father, grandfather and great-grandfather, came into the possession of the present owner after his father's death. The present dwelling was built by the grandfather, Jacob Romich, the older part having been erected by Jacob Romich's father. The barn is also a very old building, and has been standing more than a century. The farm originally comprised 500 acres, when it was homesteaded by the first Romich, and included what is now the "Israel Weisner" farm, the "Henry Romich" tracts, and other property.

William H. Romich was married June 26, 1875, to Amanda Wise, daughter of William and Rebecca (Levengood) Wise. They had children: Albert (deceased); Rebecca, married Samuel Moyer; Warren; Sallie, who married Oscar Gift; Dora, now the wife of Irwin Waid; Irwin; Wayne, who perished in the Boyertown Fire; Walter; Mabel; and Harry.

Mr. Romich and family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Boyertown, of which he has been a deacon and elder.

EDWIN FRITZ, of Reading, Pa., was born in Reading in 1872, son of Henry and Louisa (Mohler) Fritz.

Henry Fritz, grandfather of Edwin, was a native of Lancaster county, where he was engaged throughout his active life in farming and shoemaking. He married Ellen Keffer, who bore him these children: Michael, Elias, Henry and Sarah. The family are also connected, through great-grandmother Fritz, with the Spangs of Germany, the estate of whom, consisting of millions of dollars, is under litigation in the Fatherland.

Henry Fritz, the father of Edwin, was born in 1836, in Adamstown, Pa., and was educated in the schools of Reading, in which city he learned the machinist's trade. This he followed for two years, and then engaged as a locomotive engineer, and later as a stationary engineer, being employed with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for a period of forty-nine years, one month and seventeen days. In March, 1903, he retired, and since that time he has been living with his son, Edwin. Among the engines driven by Mr. Fritz during his long service with the road may be mentioned: the "California," "Tuscarora," manufactured by Gowan and Marks, Reading, "Vera Cruz," "Buena Vista," "Elmira," "Auburn," the last two of which were confiscated by the United States Government, "Blue Bird," and many others. In 1858 Mr. Fritz was married to Louisa Mohler, and to their marriage were born six children: Charles H.; Laura, deceased; George A.; Walter I.; Bessie, deceased; and Edwin. Mr. Fritz is a member of the Sr. O. U. A. M. In political matters he is a Democrat.

Edwin Fritz was educated in the schools of Reading, and as a young man entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, with which he remained nine years, learning the trade of pattern making. He then resigned to accept a position with the Smith Exhaust Pipe Co., was later employed by the E. & G. Brooke Company, of Birdsboro, and then engaged with the Chambersburg Engineering Company, of Chambersburg, Pa. Shortly afterward he returned to the employ of the E. & G. Brooke Company, but later associated himself with the Snell & Meharg Engine Company. Returning to Reading, Mr. Fritz engaged with Davis, Printz & Company, but in 1904 resigned his position to engage in the hotel business, opening in that year the "Third Ward Hotel," which he supplied with all modern conveniences, but sold out in 1908 and retired. He has, since that date, resided at No. 44 Maple street.

Mr. Fritz has always taken a keen interest in municipal affairs, supporting the principles of the Democratic party, and for a number of years filled the position of Ward assessor. In the spring of 1907 he was elected alderman from the Third ward to the common council, and took his seat in that body in April of that year. He is fraternally connected with the Mt. Penn Association, Friendship Fire Company, Combine Association, F. O. E. No. 66, 1900 Beneficial Association, Twentieth Century Quakers, P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 61, Red Men, Flaming Arrow, and Trinity Brotherhood Association, the latter being connected with Trinity Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Fritz is a member.

JERRY M. WESSNER is descended from Johannes Wessner, the emigrant of the Wessner family in Albany township, where he settled between 1760 and 1775. He was a native of Germany, arriving in Pennsylvania about 1752. Acquiring land he became a tiller of the soil, the Federal Census of 1790 recording him as a resident of Albany township, "having one son above sixteen years of age, a wife and one daughter." He was a man of religious temperament and convictions, being mentioned in the organization and government of Jerusalem Church in that township. The records show that he was born May 8, 1723, and died Aug. 23, 1794. He is buried near the old school-house in the graveyard at Wessnersville. Nothing is stated concerning his family except that his son was named Mathias or Mathes.

Mathias Wessner (according to the tombstone inscription, "Mathes Wessner") was born August 1, 1757, and died Dec. 26, 1821, aged sixty-four years, four months, twenty-five days. His occupation was farming, cultivating the farm owned by his descendant, Jacob D. Wessner. He married Catharine Schollenberger, who was born in 1773, and died in 1838, leaving, among other children whose names do not appear, a son Johannes.

Johannes Wessner also passed his life in Albany township. The dates of his birth and death do not appear to be on record. He was evidently a man of thrift and enterprise, for his farm was later divided into three properties, each considerably over 100 acres. Neither does the date of his marriage nor his wife's name appear, though his children are given as: Johan-

nes, Adam, Jacob, Jonathan (who was a mute) and William. He lies buried at Friedens Church, Wessnersville.

Samuel Wessner, son of Adam of the above family, built the first house and hotel stand in what is now Wessnersville, which town perpetuates the family name. One of the landmarks of that time is an old church, two squares to the east of the village, still used for church services, known as Friedens Church. It is a union church, both Lutheran and Reformed congregations using it for worship.

William, youngest son of Johannes, was born June 25, 1805, and died Oct. 29, 1873, aged sixty-eight years, four months, four days. He was a laborer of Albany township. He married Lydia Kunkel, and their children were: Judith, married David Jandwork; Catharine, m. Lewis Muntz; Caroline, m. William Herber; Polly, m. Willoughby Modd; Lydia, m. Francis Hein; William is deceased; Peter is mentioned below; Matthias, a farmer of Stony Run, had a family of fourteen children.

Peter Wessner, son of William (son of Johannes), was born July 4, 1836. In 1858 he began farming for himself, after having worked over eight years in Albany. Since 1894 he has lived at Fetherolfsville. He there owns a small farm of fourteen acres, with a fifty-acre property in another locality. In 1856 he married (first) Maria Grassly, who died March 3, 1872, aged forty years, leaving Ellen, James H., Ida A., Sarah F., and Emma. He married (second) in 1879, Mary Ann Henry, who has borne two children—Victor and Herbert.

Jacob Wessner, son of Johannes and grandfather of Jerry M., passed his life as a farmer on the old homestead. Born June 27, 1803, he died at the age of eighty-nine years, eleven months, twenty-one days, June 18, 1893. He was an upright, prosperous citizen and left a large estate. He married Mary (Polly) Dietrich, born July 3, 1803, died Dec. 31, 1883, aged eighty years, five months, twenty-eight days. Their children were: John born 1831, died 1883; Reuben, 1832-1847; Amos, 1834-1907; Jacob D., father of Jerry; and Malinda, unmarried.

Jacob D. Wessner, retired farmer of Wessnersville, and father of Jerry M., was born in Albany on the Wessner homestead, Oct. 27, 1839. He followed the vocation of his fathers until 1899, when he built his present residence in Wessnersville, and retired to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He is the present owner of the old Wessner homestead of 104 acres, this farm having been in the Wessner family over one hundred years. It was originally a large plantation, covering the tracts now owned by Jacob D. Wessner, Stephen Kistler and Jacob Krause. Mr. Wessner takes pride in voting the Democratic ticket on election day, and though he has never sought office, he has had sufficient public spirit to serve on the school board of Albany township and in other minor offices. He is a deacon and elder in the Lutheran congregation of the Wessnersville Union Church, his family also being members.

Mr. Wessner's marriage to Sarah Trexler, daughter of Nathan and Lydia (Bautsch) Trexler, of Albany, occurred in 1858. Mrs. Wessner died March 22, 1903, aged fifty-nine years, eight months, twenty-seven days. She was the mother of the following children: Rosa m. Francis Faust; Edwin is deceased; Susan m. Frank Snyder; Jerry M.; Alice m. Henry Weida; Minnie m. William Konig; Assie m. William Kistler.

Jerry M. Wessner is one of the progressive farmers of the township, and an experienced driller of artesian wells, living on the road from Kempton to Wessnersville. He was born Feb. 1, 1868, on the old homestead, remaining on the farm until after his majority. In the spring of 1892 he began farming on his own account on his father's farm, where he continued with success for eleven years. In the fall of 1905, he purchased the David Kunkel farm, and moving to it the following year has since made it his home. In the short period during which he has had it under his control he has made many improvements, remodeling the house, beautifying the yard, and in 1907, erecting the commodious 62 x 65 foot barn. The farm contains 100 acres, upon which is also a good fruit orchard. There still remains on the farm a landmark of Colonial times in the shape of a log house that was the home of some of the earliest pioneers of the district.

Mr. Wessner is a Democrat in politics. The religious affiliations of himself and family are with the Lutheran congregation of the Wessnersville Union Church, of which he has been a deacon. Socially, he is a charter member of Lodge No. 544, Independent Order of Americans, of Kempton, Pennsylvania.

On May 25, 1890, Mr. Wessner married Emma M., daughter of Noah and Mary (Fenstermacher) Zimmerman, of Albany, farming people on Stony Run Hill. Children were born to them as follows: Osville M., a student of the Normal School at Kutztown; Debbie H.; Florence D.; Edna B.; Clarence D.; Elwood C.; and Elton E.

LEWIS B. STOUDT, proprietor of the "Half-Way House," near Blandon, in Maiden-creek township, was born July 24, 1854, at Molltown, Pa., son of Benneville and Hettie (Bernt) Stoudt.

Jacob Stoudt, grandfather of Lewis B., who was a farmer near Calcium, in Maiden-creek township, married a Miss Reeser, and they had these children: Jacob m. a Miss Hill; Benneville; Daniel m. Elizabeth Forney; Joel m. Eliza Rickenbach; and Rebecca m. Isaac Huy.

Benneville Stoudt, who was also a farmer, carried on operations near Molltown, in Maiden-creek township. He married Hettie Bernt, and they had nine children, as follows: John, a resident of Alburtis, m. Emma Hawkins, and they have six children—Stanley, Benneville, John, Wilson, Victoria and Lizzie; William m. Emma Brown and has had seven childern—Alvin, David, Benneville, Oneida (deceased), Laura, Jennie and Carrie; Lewis B.; Edwin B.; George B.; Racy m. Abraham Heffner and has four children—Samuel, Mary, Sallie and Susan; Mary m. John Adams and has three children—John, Edgar and Hettie; Sallie m. Ezra High and has two children—Hettie and Lena; and Wilson died when nearly twenty-one years old.

Lewis B. Stoudt was reared and educated in his native township, and assisted his father upon the home farm until attaining his majority, at which time he engaged in farming on his own account. Subsequently, in 1890, he went to Fresno, Cal., where he remained for three years, and after his return he engaged in the hotel business at Molltown, later becoming proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel," at Kutztown, and still later of the "Fair Ground Hotel," at Reading. For the past nine years he has been conducting the well Known "Half-Way House," near Blandon, where he enjoys a large patronage.

Mr. Stoudt was married to Amanda Smith, daughter of Peter Adam Smith, and to this union there were born four children: Irvin, a farmer, m. Cora Frederick and has one child; Robert, unmarried, resides at home; Harvey, unmarried, is engaged in farming in Heidelberg township; and Lydema, also unmarried, is employed in a Reading store.

Mr. Stoudt and his family are members of the Reformed Church. In his political belief he is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office. He is fraternally connected with the Knights of the Mystic Chain, and he was formerly a member of the K. G. E., the P. O. S. of A. and the Berks County Liquor Dealers' Association.

EDWIN B. STOUDT, brother of Lewis B., and son of Benneville Stoudt, was born Jan. 18, 1860, on the old homestead in Maiden-creek township, which he now owns and operates. He received his education in the local schools, and spent one term at Reading. Most of his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, although for seven years he kept a hotel in Blandon. He now resides on a valuable farm in Maiden-creek township, and is known as one of the section's good, practical agriculturists and substantial men.

In 1880 Mr. Stoudt was married to Lucetta D. Koller, daughter of John and Kate (Dubson) Koller, and to this union four children have been born: Stella E., Howard W., Harry A. and John K. The children are all well educated, Howard and John being graduates of the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. Mr. Stoudt and his family belong to Becker's St. Peter's Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Stoudt has held various township offices, but has never aspired to higher positions. He is fraternally connected with Huguenot Lodge No. 377, F. & A. M., Kutztown; Camp No. 250, P. O. S. of A.; Rock Castle No. 80, K. G. E., and Blandon Lodge, I. O. O. F.

George B. Stoudt, brother of Lewis B. and Edwin B., and son of Benneville Stoudt, was born on the old homestead, June 27, 1864, and received his education in the common schools of his native locality. He first engaged in farming; and later became the owner of the "Six-Mile House," which he conducted for eight years, subsequently purchasing a farm in Maiden-creek township, where he is now successfully engaged in cultivating the soil.

Mr. Stoudt was married March 22, 1884, to Josephine M. Oswaldt, daughter of John and Sarah (Snyder) Oswaldt. Four children have been born to this union: Lottie M., born Dec. 15, 1884, m. Willington Lerch, a painter, and has one child, Josephine Caroline; Warren O., born Dec. 18, 1887; George B., Nov. 20, 1897; and Sallie Ella, Feb. 25, 1900. The family are members of Becker's St. Peter's Reformed Church. Mr. Stoudt is a member of Blandon Lodge No. 1087, I. O. O. F., and the I. O. R. M., Fleetwood. In politics Mr. Stoudt is a Democrat, and has served as school director.

EPHRAIM VAN BUSKIRK, in his lifetime a prosperous farmer and shoemaker in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, was born July 29, 1840, and died at Pricetown, Feb. 22, 1907.

The Van Buskirks were of Holland ancestry. Marmaduke Van Buskirk, great-grandfather of Ephraim, lived in New York. He served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. His three sons were: John, Jacob and Joseph.

Jacob Van Buskirk, son of Marmaduke, was born in New York City July 4, 1783, and came to Berks county in his young manhood. He died at Pricetown, Berks county, Aug. 17, 1876, aged ninety-three years, one month, thirteen days. He was a farmer, and owned the farm later the property of his grandson Ephraim. He also owned the farm in Ruscombmanor, now owned by Benneville Young, and there he lived some years. He married Catharine Koch, who was born Nov. 27, 1780, died Oct. 15, 1862, and they are both buried in the graveyard at Pricetown. Catharine (Koch) Van Buskirk was a daughter of Sebastian Koch (a Revolutionary soldier) and his wife Elizabeth. To Jacob and Catharine Van Buskirk were born children as follows: John, Jacob, Judge Daniel, Mary (m. to Peter Heffner) and Catharine (m. to Joseph Scheidt).

Daniel Van Buskirk, son of Jacob, was an Associate Judge of Berks county. He was born Jan. 13, 1816, in Colebrookdale township, and the greater part of his life was passed at Pricetown. He learned the molding trade at the Oley Furnace in his youth, following it for seven years. In 1841 he was elected a justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor township, and served until 1855, in which year he was elected Register of Wills of Berks county. In 1858 he was again elected justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor, and served until 1871, when he was elected an Associate Judge of the Courts of this county. In this office he served with honor and fame for five years. In 1877 he was again elected a justice of the peace, which office he filled until his death. In all the many years that Judge Van Buskirk was justice of the peace he never drew $75 in fees or costs from the county. He was a stanch Democrat, and a man of the highest honor and standing. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of Pricetown Church, in which he was at different times trustee, deacon and elder. In 1838 he married Rebecca Keller, daughter of Jacob S. Keller, of Ruscombmanor township. She was born Oct. 24, 1808, and died Aug. 28, 1881. The children born of this union were: William, Hiram, Daniel, Ephraim, Jacob (died young), James and Rebecca (died young). Judge Van Buskirk m. (second), in 1887, Catharine Hartman, widow of Peter Hill. She died about five years after her distinguished husband. Judge Van Buskirk died Dec. 17, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, eleven months, four days.

Ephraim Van Buskirk was a shoemaker, and followed that trade some years. In 1863 he began farming, an occupation that occupied his time and attention 39 years. He owned a farm which had belonged to his father, consisting of forty-nine acres. Upon his retirement he went to Pricetown, where he lived until his death. Here he did some work repairing shoes.

In politics Mr. Van Buskirk was a Democrat, and always interested in public affairs. He was a school director for twenty-one years, and was delegate to many county conventions. He and his children were Lutheran members of Pricetown Union Church, of which he was deacon many years, and was an elder at the time of his death. His wife was a Reformed member of the same church.

Mr. Van Buskirk was married Jan. 24, 1863, to Elmira Schlottman, born Sept. 3, 1842, daughter of George and Susanna (Bernhart) Schlottman, of Alsace township. Mrs. Van Buskirk resides at Pricetown. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk were born ten children: Susan I., m. to Frank Weiss, of Philadelphia; Charles, who died young; George, of Reading; Henry, who died young; Samuel, of Reading; Emma, m. to Charles Houck, of Reading; Annie, m. to Charles Cronrath, of Ruscombmanor township; Daniel, of Pricetown; and Marks and Alexander, of Reading.

CHARLES HAMM. One of the many citizens of Albany township who have successfully developed but one or two sides of the farming business, is Charles Hamm, poultryman and potato-raiser. He is the owner of over one thousand fine specimens of Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns, Black Minorcas, and Blue Andalusians.

The ancestry of the Hamm family is Swiss, the first American immigrant being Daniel Hamm, great-great-grandfather of our subject. Said Daniel was landed at Philadelphia, September 7, 1748, from the good ship "Hampshire." He was but twenty years of age at that time, having been born about 1727 or 1728, and lived to a ripe old age in Lynn township, Lehigh county. His full name as given in the Hampshire's list of passengers and a deed of gift executed about 1761, was John Daniel Hamm. John Daniel Hamm and good wife Maria Hamm, reared a large family, among their sons being Andrew (or Andraes) and Daniel (2). The latter is known to have resided, and raised a large family, in Lynn township, about 1790.

Among the many good deeds done by this member of the family was the gift of a location to his church. The deed reads as follows: "d. des Evangelische Reformirten Kirche (gannant als Jacobs Kirche) soll zwei Acker sein, und solche zwei Acker verschreib ich Frank und Frei, ohne einigen austand," etc. . . . "Auch gebe ich das Recht an die Spring zu gehen um zu trinken. Dieses land das ich Geschenkt habe ist gelegen an der Konigstrasze, eine halben meile von des Abraham Laugen Haus. . . ." This last phrase translated reads: "This land which I have presented lies on the King street, a half mile from the Abraham Laugen House."

The next member to be taken up is Andrew, or Andraes Hamm, son of John Daniel, and great-grandfather of Charles. Not much can be secured concerning this generation outside of the Pennsylvania Arch-

ives and the First Federal Census (1790). It is known, however, that he resided in the vicinity of Lynnport, and was a land owner. The Archives mention him as a "Ranger of the Frontier," from Northampton county, (now Lehigh), serving during the five years of the Revolution between 1778-83. The First Federal Census (1790), records him as a resident of Lynn township and head of a family consisting of himself and wife, three sons under sixteen, and one daughter. It is evident however, that there was a larger family, for Johannes, grandfather of Charles, was born in 1796.

Johannes Hamm, shoemaker and farmer, the grandfather of Charles, was born July 17, 1796. He owned the tract of land in Albany township now in the possession of Monroe Snyder. These acres he cultivated, and also followed the shoemaking trade. He and his family were members of the Reformed Congregation of New Bethel Church. His wife was Esther Wanamaker. She was born June 19, 1800, and died April 10, 1863, aged sixty-two years, nine months, and twenty-one days. Johannes and Esther Hamm had the following children: Leah married Daniel Snyder; John, referred to later; Jacob married and lived at Pine Dale, Schuylkill county—no children; Benjamin died in young manhood; Catharine married Charles Mengel; Emeline, second wife of Charles Mengel; Lucy became the wife of Griffith Bachman; and Eliza, who is unmarried. After a long and useful life, Johannes Hamm died December 11, 1871, aged seventy-five years, four months and twenty-four days, and was laid to rest with his wife in the cemetery of New Bethel Church, and the name of the family was spelled on the tombstone "Ham."

John M. Hamm, father of our subject, was born in Albany township November 28, 1826. He was a shoemaker by trade, and a farmer by inclination, the shoemaking preceding the farming in date. His son Samuel now owns the homestead whereon he resided. John M. also owned a small tract of some twenty acres, now in the possession of William Schroeder, and located near New Bethel Church. The homestead consists of 160 acres, some of which is woodland. Here he resided until twenty years before his death, which occurred on the smaller property April 5, 1903, at the age of seventy-six years, four months, and seventeen days. He was a Democrat in politics, and sufficiently interested in public affairs to become Supervisor. He and his family were members of New Bethel Church, Reformed Congregation, of which he was Deacon and Elder. John Hamm married Kate, daughter of Christian and Mary (Lutz) Knepper. She was born November 28, 1827, and died December 25, 1887, aged sixty years and twenty-seven days, and is buried with her husband in New Bethel graveyard. John and Kate Hamm were the parents of eight children, all living and named as follows: Benjamin, of Allentown, Pa.; James, in Carbon county; John, also of Carbon county; Charles, our subject; Samuel, of Albany township; Mary, the wife of Walter Keller; Sarah, married Allen Lutz; and Kate, unmarried.

Charles Hamm, of this family, was born in Albany township April 7, 1861. He received his education in the schools of the township, and worked on the farm where he was reared until he was of age. He began farming for himself on his father's property in 1888. He remained there as tenant four years, adding another year on the "Sarah Braucher" farm. Then he bought his present property, the "Moses Yeaser" farm, in 1894, located along Pine Creek, two miles west of Albany. The land owned by Mr. Hamm comprises 133 acres, the house being built by Moses Yenser, and the barn by a Hoch. Twelve acres of potatoes a year is the average of the present owner, besides his large poultry business.

Mr. Hamm is well-known in Democratic circles, and, being active in public affairs, was elected a member of the township school board in 1907, at present being treasurer. He has also held office as district supervisor. He and his children are members of New Bethel Church, Reformed Congregation, and Mrs. Hamm of the Lutheran division.

Mr. Hamm has been twice married, the first to become his wife being Emma L., daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Reinhart) Braucher, of Albany. She was born May 1, 1869, and died April 6, 1902, aged thirty-three years, eleven months and four days, and is buried in New Bethel Cemetery. Seven children came of this first marriage; Mattie F., Minnie T., Hattie L., George D., Libbie G., Elsie K., Clarence R. On December 5, 1902, Mrs. Amanda (Frey) Graff, widow of Edward Graff, became his second wife. Mrs. Hamm had a family of four children, Llewellyn S.; Salena F.; Warren F.; and Mabel S. (deceased). Mr. Graff died January 28, 1897, at the age of thirty-one years, seven months, and fourteen days, and is buried at Wessnersville. Mr. and Mrs. Hamm have had five children: Herman C. (deceased), Annie M., Anson M., Abner H., and Esther A.

HARVEY H. WELLER, who succeeded his father-in-law, John Dotterrer, as proprietor of the store and hotel stand at Hill Church, in Pike township, was born in District township, Berks county, April 26, 1881, son of Israel and Mary (Heydt) Weller. His education was acquired in the common schools of District township, and his practical training for life's responsibilities was gained on the home farm.

In 1902 he came to Hill Church, where he worked one year for John Dotterrer in the store, hotel and on the farm. He began farming in the spring of 1904 for himself, on his father-in-law's farm east of Hill Church. This was a ninety-acre tract and he cultivated it for three years. Mr. Dotterrer died at the end of that time, and Mr. Weller became the proprietor of the store and the hotel the following year, 1908. He carries a full line of general merchandise and is also the postmaster of Hill Church post-office. He operates the farm of fifty-three acres, connected with the store and hotel property. The Hill Church store and hotel building is an old landmark. The house is over 100 years old, but it was remodeled by Mr. Weller in the summer of 1909.

In political principle, Mr. Weller is a Republican. He has served as treasurer of the supervisors of the township. He and his wife are Reformed members of Hill Church.

Mr. Weller was married Feb. 22, 1902, to Hettie Dotterrer, daughter of John Dotterrer (See sketch elsewhere). To Mr. and Mrs. Weller have been born two children: Edna and Herbert.

Israel Weller, father of Harvey H., was born in District township, where he still lives. He is a farmer, in partnership with his brother Isaac owning three farms, comprising 283 acres. He is connected with Hill Church, being a member of the Reformed congregation. He married Mary Heydt, daughter of Benjamin Heydt, of Washington township, and they have two children: Ammon, who lives on one of Israel Weller's farms, married Minerva Hoffman, and has three children, Allen, Cora and Leroy; and Harvey H.

George Weller, father of Israel and grandfather of Harvey H., was born Jan. 2, 1791, and died May 19, 1867, and is buried at Hill Church. He was a resident of District township, where he lived on the Weller homestead, and carried on farming. His first wife was Elizabeth Johnson, who was born March 20, 1798, and died Jan. 12, 1875, and is buried in the graveyard at Hill Church. He m. (second) a Houck. His children were: Israel, Joseph, Isaac, Adam, David, George and Caroline m. Reuben Snyder and lived in District township.

ELI B. GRIESEMER, manager of the Pleasantville Creamery, was born in Oley township, Berks county, Aug. 24, 1874, son of Peter K. Griesemer, hospital steward of the Berks County Almshouse.

Casper Griesemer, who died in 1794, lived in Oley township. His will, to which John Pott, Jr., and Joshua Boone were witnesses, was made June 23, 1791. In this he gives to his wife, Rebecca, the household and kitchen furniture, bedding, linens, all ready money, bonds, notes, book debts, etc. To each of his five daughters was given 500 pounds in gold and silver. These daughters were: Elizabeth Guldin, Anna Maria Graeff, Anna Margaret Reiter, Susanna Griesemer and Eva Ludwig. His sons living at that time were: John, Peter and Jacob. Other items in the will were: To "My grandson Abraham (son of my deceased son Valentine), 250 pounds." To "My granddaughter Catharine (daughter of my deceased son Abraham) 250 pounds."

Peter Griesemer, son of Casper, was married to a Hoch, and they had a son, Abraham, who died in 1847. Abraham m. Catharine Ritter, and their children were: David died 1847; Samuel; Sarah m. David Kline; Esther m. David Kline; Joseph died in California; Reuben, born Jan. 2, 1826, m. Polly Nein, Nov. 18, 1847, had one child still-born 1849, and both are living in Amity township since their retirement from farming.

Jacob Griesemer, great-grandfather of Eli B., was a lifelong resident of Oley township, also owning the old home farm and also the old Griesemer mill. The original mill was destroyed by fire prior to 1850. Jacob Griesemer was tall, weighed over 300 pounds, and was exceedingly strong. He married Elizabeth Lorah and they had three sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel, who lived on a part of the homestead; Sally, m. to John Deysher; Elizabeth, m. to John Deysher; Susan, m. to William Carragan; Jacob L.; Mary, m. to Jacob Hertzog; and a son who was drowned in boyhood.

Jacob L. Griesemer, son of Jacob, was born in 1812, and lived all his life in Oley township, where he owned the Griesemer homestead of about 200 acres. He was a useful and respected man in his district. He died in March, 1885. His wife, Cordelia Knabb, was a daughter of John D. and Hannah (Schaeffer) Knabb. Their children were: John and Jacob died young; a son died in infancy; Cordelia died young; Deborah K. m. Milt. Althouse; Peter K.; Ammon K.; Mary Ann died unmarried; William K.; Hannah K. m. Darius Y. Hill, and both are deceased; Kate K. m. Ellis Yoder.

Peter K. Griesemer, son of Jacob L. and father of Eli B., was born at Griesemer's Mill, in Oley township, March 30, 1844. He was reared on his father's farm on which he lived, engaged in farming, until his sixty-third year, when he became hospital steward of the almshouse. He owns the old homestead, which belonged to the emigrant ancestor of the name.

Politically Mr. Griesemer is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in the success of his party. He was township auditor and supervisor for nine years. On New Year's day, 1907, he was appointed to his present position at the Almshouse. He has been a director of the Oley Turnpike Company since 1887, and one of the influential men of Oley township. He is a member of Council No. 18, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Oley; Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E., of Oley; and Lodge No. 1109, I. O. O. F., of Griesemersville.

He and his family are Reformed members of Oley Church, of which he was deacon for five years and trustee for many years. His children were: Ida, m. to George A. Kieffer; Eli B.; Elmer; John; George; Charles; Oscar, who died when one year old; Howard; Mary; Chester, and Peter.

Eli B. Griesemer was educated in the township schools, Oley Academy, and the Normal School at Kutztown. He was licensed to teach in the public schools of Berks county by Prof. William M. Zechman, and taught his first term in the fall of 1893, in his native township, after which he taught at Brumbach's school four terms. In the spring of 1898 he became the manager of the Pleasantville creamery for Frank F. Cleaver, and operated it for him two years, when Mr. Cleaver died and was succeeded by his son, its present owner. This creamery averages 9,000 pounds of milk daily, and has been a very successful enterprise. Mr. Griesemer thoroughly understands the business, and his efficient work has been an important factor in its success.

Fraternally he is a member of Oley Castle No. 119, K. G. E.; Camp No. 121, P. O. S. of A., of Oley Line; and Griesemersville Lodge No. 1109, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Democrat, and was school director of the only independent school district in Berks county, called Pleasantville Independent District. He and his wife belong to the Oley Church.

Mr. Griesemer married Annie P. Stapleton, daughter of Samuel and Cassie (Pyle) Stapleton, late of Oley. They have had six children, namely: Florence E. (died in infancy), Lottie M., Ida C., Eva A., Amy O. and Annie L.

WILLIAM B. STAUDT, implement and cattle dealer at Pricetown, was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, Nov. 16, 1847, son of Benneville and Hettie (Berndt) Staudt.

Jacob Staudt, his grandfather, was a farmer in Maiden-creek township, where he owned a large farm, now the property of Mrs. John K. Rothermel. He was a life-long farmer and died advanced in years, and is buried at Becker's St. Peter's Church. His wife died quite young. Their children were: Joel, who had Cyrus, Ira, Daniel, Mrs. George and Mrs. Amos Weidenhammer and Mrs. Frank Rothermel; George, who had Simarias and Solomon; Daniel, who had a son, Silas; Benneville; and Peggy Huey.

Benneville Staudt, son of Jacob, was a native of Maiden-creek township. He died in 1897, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at Becker's St. Peter's Church. He was a life-long farmer, owning a farm in Maiden-creek township of nearly 100 acres. This farm is now owned by his son Edwin Staudt. His wife, Hettie Berndt, born Aug. 11, 1822, was a daughter of John Berndt, and lives at Evansville. Their children were: John, of Alburtis, Pa.; Racy, m. to Abraham Heffner; William B.; Mary, m. to John Adams; Louis, of Maiden-creek township; Edwin, on the homestead; George, of Kirbyville; and Sallie, m. to Ezra Hoch.

William B. Staudt was reared to farm life, and in the spring of 1871 he began farming at Evansville, in Maiden-creek township, where he remained three years. He then conducted the hotel stand at Kirbyville, where he lived twenty-six years. In the spring of 1904 he moved from Kirbyville to Blandon, and after a year there located, in 1905, at Pricetown, where he has a comfortable home. Here Mr. Staudt lives a semi-retired life and deals in farm implements and cattle. He is a director of the Pricetown Rural Telephone Company. He is a Democrat in politics, and was school director and auditor and delegate to various county conventions from Richmond township.

He and his family are members of Becker's St. Peter's Church of Richmond township, in which he was a deacon and an elder many years.

On May 28, 1870, Mr. Staudt married Emma Brown, daughter of David and Susanna (Wahl) Brown; the former was a farmer of Ruscombmanor township. To Mr. and Mrs. Staudt have been born children as follows: Laura, m. to George Dieffenbach, of Reading; Alvin, a merchant in Reading; David, a letter carrier in Philadelphia; Elmer, a clerk for a railway company at Hummelstown, Pa.; Carrie, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1909, now a dressmaker and living at home; Jennie, a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1909, now a teacher in Ruscombmanor township; and Benneville, a graduate of Stoner's Business College, now engaged as a bookkeeper.

JOHN F. ROHRBACH, of Reading, Pa., is a native of Pike township, Berks county, born Nov. 5, 1881, the youngest in a family of ten children. He worked upon the home farm until he was nineteen years old. His early intellectual training was obtained in the public schools of his native township, which he attended

until he left the farm. In the fall of 1900 he came to Reading and entered the Inter-State Commercial College. In order that he might pursue his studies, he employed a man to take his place upon his mother's farm, his father having died when our subject had just passed his sixteenth birthday. The money to pay this man who worked on the farm and his own tuition as well, Mr. Rohrbach borrowed from his good mother, and paid it back on the installment plan of five and ten dollars at a time, after he had finished school and gone to work. He squared his account in 1905. On April 8, 1901, he completed his business course with an average of 93 per cent. He returned home and remained until the fall of that year when he entered the Reading College of Shorthand and Typewriting, Elmer W. Deck, principal. Here he completed his course in May, 1902. He secured a position with Attorney A. K. Stauffer, as stenographer and typewriter, but in a short time he was offered a more remunerative position at Riddlesburg, Bedford county, Pa. This was in a soft coal region and as he did not like the locality, he left for Philadelphia, where he secured a position with the Frankford Iron Foundry Company, as bookkeeper. This corporation closed its business in June, 1903, and Mr. Rohrbach found employment with Alexander, Mitchell & Co., iron manufacturers. They suspended business in August, 1904. After attending the St. Louis Exposition, Mr. Rohrbach returned to the home farm in Pike township, where he remained until April, 1905, when he took a position as stenographer with Charles F. Felin & Co., the largest retail lumber dealers in Philadelphia. After being in the employ of this company a few months, he was given charge of the shipping department, where he continued nearly two years, resigning to accept a position as traveling salesman with Robert G. Kay, wholesale lumber merchant. His territory includes Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. He has established a most lucrative business among retailers in these states and is said to be one of the most successful men in his line in the East.

Mr. Rohrbach was married Oct. 1, 1908, to Sallie H. Brown, daughter of Seth and Savannah (Haas) Brown, of Reading, but formerly of Pike township. Mr. Rohrbach is a member of the Commercial Travelers Mutual Accident Association of Utica, N. Y. He and his wife are Lutheran members of Hill Church, in Pike township. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Rohrbach owns the old home farm of 135 acres, in Pike township, which belonged to his grandfather, Benjamin Rohrbach, then to his father, Lewis Y. Rohrbach, and he himself is of the third generation to own it. He has the farm rented. On this land is found a high grade of magnetic ore, which is analyzed as follows:

Silica	0.30
Phosphorous pentoxid	0.03
Sulphur trioxide	0.85
Iron reposit	78.65
Iron metallic	55.10
Titanium oxide	13.80

This mine will be put in operation in the fall of 1909.

YODER. The Yoder family, so well known throughout Berks county, is represented in Ruscombmanor township by Amos S. and John S. Yoder, brothers, both engaged successfully in farming.

John Yoder, the great-grandfather of the brothers, is said to have come from Oley township, the original American home of the family, who were French Huguenots.

John Yoder, grandfather of Amos S. and John S., was a farmer in Richmond township, where he died. He married Magdalena Breyfogel, who, when one week old, was so small that she was placed in a quart measure, and a saucer placed over the top. She lived to be sixty-two years old, and at her death weighed about 155 pounds. To John and Magdalena (Breyfogel) Yoder were born ten children, as follows: John B.; Solomon; George; Seneca; Obediah; Catharine, who died young; Elizabeth, m. to David Sitler; Charlotte, m. to James Gass; Hannah, m. to John Swope; and Hettie, m. to Amos Weidenhammer. All are deceased except Charlotte, who is nearly eighty years old.

John B. Yoder, son of John, was born in Richmond township Feb. 8, 1833, and died at Lyons, Pa., Oct. 14, 1905, aged seventy-two years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church in Richmond township, of which he was a Reformed member. He was a farmer and owned a farm of twenty-five acres in Richmond township, on which he lived. He also had a farm in Maiden-creek township of fifty-one acres. For twelve years before his death he lived retired. He served three years as a school director in Maiden-creek township. His wife, Sarah Ann Sitler, was a daughter of Conrad and Catharine (Mertz) Sitler. Their children were: William, who died young; Amos S., of Ruscombmanor township; Jacob, who died young; John S.; Solomon, who died aged fourteen years; and Sallie, m. to Franklin Keyser of Topton, Pennsylvania.

Amos S. Yoder, son of John, is a farmer in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county. He was born Nov. 19, 1857, and was educated in the common schools of Maiden-creek township. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach by Prof. S. A. Baer, and taught his first term at Leitheiser's School in Muhlenberg township. He taught in all nine terms in that township; three terms in Maiden-creek, and three terms in Richmond township, and was one of the successful teachers of the county. He worked on the farm during the summer months. In 1891 he became an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as trackman, which position he filled three years, and then for nine years he worked in the freight station, and for a number of years had charge of the track scales. He was in the continuous service of the company twelve years, and was one of the efficient and trusted employes. From 1903 to 1906 he was in the employ of the United Traction Company as conductor on the Womelsdorf Division. In 1906 he came to Ruscombmanor township, where he owns a farm of fifty-eight acres in the southeastern section of the township, near the Oley township line. Mr. Yoder is a truck farmer, and is very successful. He attends the Reading street market once a week.

Mr. Yoder is a Democrat and takes an active interest in his party's welfare. He was registry assessor in Muhlenberg for six years and he is the secretary of the road commissioners of Ruscombmanor township. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at Friedensburg Church. His daughter Joyce (Mrs. Daniel R. Hoch), is the leading soprano in the Friedens Reformed Church choir and has an excellent voice.

On Jan. 29, 1891, Mr. Yoder was married to Sallie H. Dubson, daughter of Martin and Hettie (Haines) Dubson, of Maiden-creek township. They have had four children: Gertrude Esther, a musician of talent, m. Robert Ganter, of Oley, Pa.; S. Joyce m. Daniel R. Hoch, and lives in Ruscombmanor township; Miss Florence I., is at home; and John M.

John S. Yoder, son of John and brother of Amos S., is the most extensive farmer in Ruscombmanor township. He was born in Richmond township, March 20, 1861, son of John B. and Sarah A. (Sitler) Yoder. He received his education in the common schools, and when seventeen years old was licensed to teach in the public schools of Berks county, by Prof. S. A. Baer, then county superintendent, in 1878, and taught his first term at Kirbyville. He taught four terms in Richmond township; nine terms in Maiden-creek township; two terms in Muhlenberg township; one term in Ontelaunee township and three terms in Ruscombmanor township, a total of nineteen terms. He was reared to farm life, and during the summer months worked on the farm, with the exception of several summers, when he attended the subscription schools.

He began farming in the spring of 1892, in Maidencreek township, where he continued four years, and in 1896 he came to Ruscombmanor to what is known as the Snyder homestead. The farm is located near Snyder's Hotel, in the western part of the township, and consists of some sixty acres. In 1903 he purchased the farm on which he now lives. This tract is the old Schmehl homestead, and consists of 130 acres of land. The house on this property is one of the landmarks of this section, having been built during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Yoder is a successful farmer, and is modern in his methods. He does trucking and attends the Reading markets once a week.

Mr. Yoder is an influential citizen, and is a Democrat in politics. He is one of the school directors of the township, and has served the board as its secretary since 1905, in which year he became a member of the board. He has also been delegate to county conventions. He is a member of the Reformed denomination, while his wife is a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Blandon, in which he has been a deacon.

On Dec. 24, 1883, Mr. Yoder married Andore L. R. Schmeck, daughter of Valentine and Louisa (Rothermel) Schmeck. They have four children: Irene L., Ira, Nelson and Wayne J. V.

ALBERT C. BRAUCHER. Christian Braucher, the ancestor of the Brauchers in Berks and Lehigh counties, settled in Berks about the time of the founding of the county, in 1752. The records have it that he was assessed as "a poor man," which meant that he paid but three shillings tax. Information concerning the filing of his will indicates that by thrift and economy he changed conditions somewhat during his life. On the date of making his will, June 13, 1792, he disposed of a large estate, among other items bequeathing to his wife Margaret, bonds and a hotel, "as long as she remains a widow." The will was signed in legible German, "Stoffel Braucher," and was witnessed by George Poh and George Braucher, the latter a brother of the testator. He and his wife are buried in the New Bethel churchyard, two sandstones, with almost illegible inscriptions, marking their graves. It appears he was born in 1729 and died in 1793, while his wife's birth is noted as December 22, 1732, and her death 1797, aged sixty-five years. Their children numbered thirteen, as follows: Christian; Jacob; John; Peter; Conrad; Michael; Anna Maria, who married Michael Albright; Barbara, who married George Kessler; Catherine (left an heir Jacob Ditzius); Anna Elizabeth; Anna Magdalena, who married Jacob Zimmerman; Christina; and Frederick.

Christian Braucher, next in line, date of birth not given, died in 1804, his will being on record in Book A, page 486. He bequeathed to his wife the plantation on which they lived. Peter Braucher and Frederick Leiby were the executors, and the witnesses were Conrad Braucher and Conrad Spohn. The children were named as follows: Catharine, married Peter Zimmerman; Johannes; Christine, married Jacob Wildtraut; Jacob; Magdalene; Peter; Daniel; and Conrad.

Peter Braucher, grandson of the pioneer, and great-grandfather of Albert C. Braucher, was born and died in Albany, buying in 1815, and through life cultivating, the farm on which his great-grandson now resides. This farm passed from Peter to his son Christian in 1838, then to his son Daniel in 1864. In 1886 Albert C. bought it from his father. Peter Braucher's wife's first name was Maria, and their issue was as follows: Mary, married Wm. Seaman, and lived at Milton, Pa.; Annie Bartholomew; Christian; Abraham (1796-1828), died in Albany from small-pox. (His children were—Jacob, of Philadelphia, Michael, of Lockport, N. Y., and William, of Philadelphia); Reuben, settled near Moselem, Pa., where his descendants and those of his son, Peter, still reside.

Christian Braucher's Bible record reads: "Born November 27, 1800, died October 31, 1874, aged seventy-three years, eleven months, and four days." He tilled the old homestead, and was a man of parts in his time, was a Democrat, and held local township and school offices. He and his family were Lutherans, with membership at New Bethel Church. His wife was Catherine Kremer, daughter of Henry, her record showing that she was born April 15, 1804, and died March 5, 1875, aged seventy years, ten months, and twenty days. There were but three children: Matilda, who married Benneville Dietrich; Priscilla, married Benneville Smith; and Daniel.

Daniel Braucher, father of Albert C., passed his life of seventy-nine years on the old homestead, having been born April 7, 1829, and died January 24, 1909. He was twice married. His widow, who was Mrs. Sarah (Reinhart) Schwoyer, now resides near New Bethel Church. Mr. Braucher's first wife was Maria Magdalena Lutz. She was born October 26, 1828, and died November 7, 1871, and to her were born nine children: Cordelia married Charles Ernst; Mary married William Greenawald; James, of Wanamaker, Pa.; Sarah married Daniel Schlenker; Amanda married William Baer; William, of Kutztown; Albert C.; Kate married George Zettelmoyer; Emma (deceased) married Chas. Hamm.

Albert C. Braucher, the representative of the family holding the old homestead, was born July 7, 1862. He was reared on the farm of his father, and came into its possession in 1886, since which time he has continued its cultivation. The old homestead, familiarly referred to as "Braucher's Dale," consists of 111 acres of land near New Bethel Church in Albany township. The present house was built in 1808 by Peter Braucher. It was of the substantial "loghouse" variety, built to withstand the elements, and did service without change until Daniel's time. That member of the family remodeled it, making it a two-story house. Since Albert C.'s incumbency it has been again remodeled. A large Swiss barn was built in 1877, and other improvements have been made until the old place presents an appearance of thrift and neatness.

Mrs. Braucher, prior to their marriage, April 22, 1882, was Miss Jane L., daughter of Joel and Maria Magdalena (Lutz) Sechler. To her were born five children, four of whom died in infancy.

Harvey M. Braucher, the son, born August 27, 1883, graduated from the township schools at thirteen years of age. Entering the Keystone State Normal School some time later, he was graduated at nineteen, having won class and society honors during that period. He then taught the home school acceptably for two years, studying meantime, and in 1904, was awarded "Master's Diploma." In the fall of 1904 he entered Pennsylvania State College, where for four years he pursued the course in electrical engineering, taking his degree of B. S. in E. E. in 1908. Here especially distinguishing himself in public speaking and debate, he there became a Phi Kappa Phi man, a great honor in itself. In 1905 he married Miss Gertrude Hattie Faust. They have a daughter, Pela Fay. Harvey M. Braucher is now assistant principal of the Boyertown, Pa., schools and lives in Boyertown.

DAVID M. REINERT, a miller on Pine Creek, in Pike township, Berks county, was born in District township, Aug. 25, 1853, son of Samuel and Caroline (Meck) Reinert.

Peter Reinert, grandfather of David M., lived in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, where he was engaged in farming. He married Maria Bortz, and they had twelve children, namely: Elizabeth, born 1800; George, 1802; Johannes, 1804; Jacob, 1806; Peter, 1807; Sarah, 1810; Charles, 1811; Andraes, 1814; Daniel, 1816; Henry, 1818; Samuel, 1821; and Esther, 1827.

Samuel Reinert, father of David M., was born March 11, 1821, in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, Pa. He came in his young manhood to Berks county, where he followed the trade of a stone mason in connection with farming. He died in District township, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at Huff's Church. His first wife, Caroline Meck, was a daughter of Samuel Meck, a native

of Ireland. She died in her thirty-eighth year, the mother of three daughters and three sons, namely: David M.; Amanda, m. to William Youse; Ananias, who lived in Rockland township; Simon, who lived in Pike township; Catharine, m. to E. Y. Shade; and Sarah, m. to Oliver Frederick. All except Catharine are living.

David M. Reinert received his education in the township schools. At first he attended the pay schools in District township, the last township in the county to adopt the public school system. He was reared to farming, and when seventeen years old learned the milling trade from William D. Lesher, who then conducted the Adam Mensch mill in Hereford township. He has ever since followed the milling business. In 1875 he came to his present place, and two years later bought the mill and the twenty-four acres of land at sheriff's sale. This has been a mill property for many years, being the first mill in this locality. It is said to have been originally the mill of Peter Lobach (who had two sons, Peter and Charles). The present mill was built by David M. Reinert in 1887, replacing a large, 85-foot long, stone building which served both as a dwelling and mill. On a post in the mill was the date 1765, and a letter "P," which is said to have stood for "Patt," the name of the man who owned it after the Lobachs. Mr. Reinert does a general milling business. He abandoned the making of flour in 1903, and now only makes chops, etc. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his family are Lutherans. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of Friendship.

Mr. Reinert has been married twice. On Jan. 31, 1875, he m. Miss Dianah Geisinger, of Douglass township, Montgomery county, born Feb. 15, 1853, daughter of William Geisinger. She was burned to death Jan. 11, 1906, and is buried at Niantic, Montgomery county. On May 8, 1906, Mr. Reinert m. (second) Lillie L. Rohrbach, daughter of Henry and Mary (Nein) Rohrbach, natives of Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. When Mr. Rohrbach was fourteen years old in 1848, he came to Reading, where he lived until his death. Mr. Reinert has a German Bible that bears date 1736, and was printed at Nuremberg, Germany. It is printed in two parts, has 1,300 pages, is illustrated, and is in good condition.

BROWN. The Brown family, now represented at Pricetown by George Webster Brown, is descended from Jacob Brown, who in 1759 was already a taxable of Ruscombmanor township. Jacob Brown is said to have had a large family—some of his sons locating in different localities. One of his sons, George, remained about Pricetown where he died and is buried. The inscription on his tombstone in the cemetery of the Pricetown Church, standing only a few feet from the northeast corner of the church, bears the following:

"GEORGE BRAUN
DEC. 14, 1764
MCH. 9, 1845
80-2-25
WIFE CATHARINE nee EISENHAUR
APR. 11, 1781
JULY 1, 1843
62-2-20."

Nearly all the Browns now living about Pricetown are descended from this pioneer. The names John, Daniel and David are common family names, and nearly every family had at least one of these names given to some one of its members, thus making it difficult accurately to trace the family genealogy. One Daniel Brown, born Sept. 20, 1785, died March 18, 1874. He always lived about Pricetown. His wife Hannah (1786-1867) bore him children as follows: Jacob (1811-1893); David; Lydia (m. Jeremiah Rothermel); Catharine (m. John Haas); and Mrs. Hiester. David Brown (son of Daniel), born 1826, died 1904, was a farmer and lived near Pricetown; his wife Susana Wahl (1822-1896), bore him these children: Solomon, Jacob, David, Daniel, Harrison, Frank, Emma and Mary.

Another Daniel Brown, who always lived about Pricetown where he died and was buried, was born July 23, 1803, died Dec. 8, 1881; his wife was Julian Busch (1806-1879).

Johannes Brown, Sr., grandfather of G. Webster, was born in Ruscombmanor township, April 28, 1801, and died Jan. 25, 1871, and is buried at the Evangelical Church, of which he was a member. He was a laborer. He married (first) Rebecca Busch, born April 26, 1801, died Nov. 30, 1850. His second wife was Susanna Spang who survived him some years. No children were born of the second marriage, but by his first wife he had: Amos, Elijah, Augustus, Benneville, James, Daniel, John, George and Mary (who is unmarried at Allentown).

John Brown, son of John, Sr., and father of George Webster, was born in Pricetown in 1837, and died in March, 1900. He was a shoemaker in early life, but later became a farmer and lived at Pricetown, where he owned a seventy-acre farm. He was a school-director and was delegate to some of the county conventions. He married Amelia Levan, daughter of Charles Levan, of Pricetown. She died in 1907, aged seventy-one years. Their children were: Rassels, who died small; Eve, who died aged twenty-three years, unmarried; Wellington, who died aged ten years; and George Webster.

GEORGE WEBSTER BROWN, of Pricetown, Pa., was born in Ruscombmanor township, Nov. 16, 1869, son of John and Amelia (Levan) Brown. He was educated in the township schools, which he attended until he was nineteen years old, and was reared to farm life. He began farming in the spring of 1893, on his father's farm, and has so continued, cultivating a tract of seventy acres. He lays stress upon dairying and has a fine herd of Jersey cattle. It is said that he has the best dairy in his district. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been a school director. At the present time he is the treasurer of the Road Board. He is also the treasurer of the Pricetown Telephone Company. Mr. Brown and his family are Reformed members of St. John's Church at Pricetown.

On July 14, 1892, Mr. Brown married Ida I. Hoch, daughter of Rudolph and Catharine (Merkel) Hoch, of Richmond township. They have had three children: Helen, who died aged two years; Nevin L., and Eva C.

SAMUEL H. FULMER, banker and manufacturer at Reading for twenty-six years, was born near Amityville, Berks county, Aug. 27, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Amity township, Millersville State Normal School, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Philadelphia. After serving as a clerk in the Penn Iron Works at Danville, Pa., he engaged in the mercantile business for himself at Amityville, which he carried on successfully for ten years, from 1869 to 1879, after which he followed farming for four years.

On March 14, 1883, Mr. Fulmer assisted in establishing the Penn National Bank at Reading, and in the organization of the board of directors he was selected as the teller of the bank, which position he has filled in a most admirable manner until the present time. He also became interested in various enterprises and building operations with Daniel F. Printz, more especially the Reading Wood Pulley Company, the Reading Saddle Manufacturing Company, the Penn Shoe Manufacturing Company, at Reading, and the Prince Furniture Company at Allentown, serving all these companies as treasurer. In politics he is a Republican, and as such he has represented the Sixteenth ward as a school controller.

In 1871, Mr. Fulmer was married to Irene P. Ludwig, and by her he had three sons: William, engaged in the poultry business at Douglassville (m. Anna Cameron); Edgar, an accomplished musician now serving as the organist of St. Andrew's Church in New York City; and John J. The latter served in the Spanish-American War as a volunteer soldier, having been engaged in Porto Rico. Subsequently he became a grad-

uate of the United States Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth and entered the regular service, serving now as first lieutenant of Company G, and assistant adjutant, in the 7th Regiment U. S. Infantry, which was ordered to the Philippine Islands in April, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Fulmer have been members of Grace Lutheran Church since they moved to Reading in 1883, and have taken great interest in the welfare of the congregation and the Sunday-school.

Mr. Fulmer's father was Joshua Fulmer, who was born in Lebanon county, Pa., in 1815. While but a boy of six years, upon the decease of his father, he accompanied his mother to Amity township, Berks county. After attending the local schools, he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for forty years. During this time he purchased a farm in the vicinity of Amityville and carried on farming in connection with his trade. He married Harriet Holloway (daughter of Joseph Holloway, of the same township) and by her had four children: Margaret and Levi, who died in infancy, William, who died when a young man; and Samuel H. He died in 1882, aged sixty-seven years; and his wife died in 1887, aged seventy-three years. They had been members of the Lutheran Church at Amityville for many years. In the erection of the new church at Amityville in 1872, he was one of the building committee and he also served the congregation for many years as treasurer.

The grandfather of Mr. Fulmer was also named Joshua. He was a well-known farmer in Lebanon county, having cultivated a farm in the vicinity of Swatara. He was married to Mollie Moyer, and they had three children: Joshua, Hannah (m. to John Bridenbaugh), and Molly (m. to John Good).

Mrs. Fulmer's father was Augustus Ludwig, farmer of Amity township, born in 1818, and died in 1905. He was married to Carolina Pott, daughter of John Pott, of Amity township, Berks county, by whom he had five children: Nathaniel; Oliver; Amanda (m. Samuel L. Bowers); Irene (Mrs. Fulmer); and Jane, who died young. He retired in 1900 when he removed to Reading to reside with Mrs. Fulmer and he continued with her until his decease Sept. 1, 1905, aged eighty-seven years. His wife also resided with Mrs. Fulmer and died in Aug., 1891. And her grand-father was Abraham Ludwig, also a farmer of the same township. He died in 1863, aged seventy-four years. He was married to Sarah Miller, who died in 1878, aged ninety-two years. They had eight children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Harriet, Mary, Mahlon, Lewis, Elam and Augustus.

EUGENE S. REESER, portrait painter and landscape artist of Reading, Pa., whose studio and art store are located at No. 415 Schuylkill avenue, was born Jan. 23, 1862, in Leesport, Pa., son of William P. and Catherine (Keener) Reeser.

Mr. Reeser received his elementary education in the public schools of Leesport, and when a mere boy evidenced his artistic taste to a marked degree. At the early age of six years he finished pictures, which he still has. He has made the development of his talent his life work, and his productions are well liked and are fine specimens of art. Mr. Reeser's specialty is portrait work, and in this connection he combines the enlargement of photographs, working in oil, crayon, India ink, and water color. In his studio may be seen three or four hundred fine art specimens, among his masterpieces being "Washington In Prayer," "Feeding the Doves," "A Great Feeding," etc. Mr. Reeser's work finds a ready market in the surrounding country, and especially is his work in demand in the Southern states.

On June 14, 1886, Mr. Reeser was married to Miss Anna S. Mull, and they reside at No. 415 Schuylkill avenue, Reading. They are members of St. Mark's Reformed Church. Mr. Reeser is independent in politics, voting for the man best fitted for the office.

FREDERICK S. FOX, editor of the *Reading Telegram*, was born in Reading, Oct. 23, 1875, and has been associated with newspapers in this city and Philadelphia for fifteen years. He was married in 1898 to Alma C. Mingle, daughter of Dr. I. Leo Mingle, of Reading, deceased. Three daughters have been born to them.

SAMUEL LANDIS, a member of an old Mennonite family of Pennsylvania which located in upper Montgomery county about 1730, was the first by that name to settle in District township, Berks county. He owned a 200-acre farm (later owned by his son Martin, now the property of Daniel Haag), one mile north of Landis store. He is buried all alone on this farm. He was a Reformed member of Huff's Church, where his wife is buried. Among their children were: Martin; Samuel; Polly, m. to Jacob Weidner; a son who was accidentally killed by a wagon passing over him; and at least two others, whose names are not recorded.

Samuel Landis, son of Samuel, was a carpenter by trade, and later followed farming. He started the store business, at what is now known as Landis Store, named after him. This is the business center of the township. He built all the present set of buildings except the large stone farm house. He established Landis Store P. O., and his oldest son Nathan became the first postmaster, and John H. Landis became the second, serving thirty years, and being succeeded by Harvey W. Kemp, the present incumbent. Samuel Landis served as township assessor, auditor and school director. He was a Reformed member of Huff's Church, where he and his wife are buried. He married Kate Hertzog, and they had seven children, namely: Nathan, Elizabeth, Martin, Lydia, John H., Katie and Maria (died young).

JOHN H. LANDIS, son of Samuel and Kate, was born in District township, Feb. 28, 1842, and for many years, was the merchant and landlord at Landis Store, being succeeded after forty years of active business life by his son Henry B. who was in business four and one-half years. In 1903 Harvey W. Kemp became the proprietor, and in 1909 purchased the stand and farm from John H. Landis for $9,500. Mr. Landis is a Republican, and was the committeeman of his township for a number of years. In 1865 he married Emma Bittenbender, of Hereford township, and their children were: Henry B., of Reading; Frank B., a shoe merchant at Kutztown; and Oscar, who died in infancy.

EDWIN L. BRICKER, of Reading, Pa., proprietor of the "Excelsior Hotel," located at the corner of Tenth and Perry streets, was born in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, Nov. 18, 1860, son of Frederick S. and Hannah (Becker) Bricker.

Jacob Bricker, the grandfather, was a native of Pottsville, where he carried on carpentering until his death in young manhood. He married Harriet Seitzinger, and they had the following children: Albert, who lived at Fleetwood; Henry, who died at Reading; and Frederick S. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Bricker m. (second) Henry Moll, of Berkley, and they had two children: John; and Sallie, who married Henry McKentley.

Frederick S. Bricker was born July 24, 1830, and died March 23, 1897. As a young man he removed from Pottsville to Alsace township, where for sixteen years he was engaged in railroading and assisted in the construction of the East Penn Railroad in 1857. He owned a tract of forty-seven acres in Alsace township, but this he sold in later years and came to Reading, where he worked in the car shops until his death. He was a Lutheran member of Alsace Church, and was buried at Shalters Church. Mr. Bricker was married to Hannah Becker, who was born Jan. 1, 1833, in Alsace township, daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Schmehl) Becker. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Kissinger, on North Ninth street, Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Bricker the following children were born: Emma, widow of Amos Kercheff; Rebecca, m. to Washing

Shalter; William, of Reading; Edwin L.: Irvin, John and Charles of Reading; Alice, m. to Samuel Baker, deceased; Annie, m. to Amos Kissinger; Katie, m. to William Butz; Howard, a resident of Reading; and Laura, who died in infancy.

Edwin L. Bricker was reared in Alsace township, where he attended the public schools. After leaving school he commenced working for Clymer & Co., at the Mount Laurel furnace, following the iron business until 1898. He then became proprietor of the "Excelsior Hotel," which he has conducted to the present time. His house has seventeen large rooms, and he has made a success of the business, possessing his share of the patronage of the traveling public.

Mr. Bricker is a member of Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; Muhlenberg Lodge, No. 1085, I. O. O. F.; Berks County Liquor Dealers Association, and the Eagles' Mountain Home Association. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Bricker and his family are connected with Shalters Lutheran Church of Alsace township.

On Dec. 23, 1882, Mr. Bricker was married to Debora Homan, daughter of John and Lydia (Swavely) Homan, of Muhlenberg township, and granddaughter of Matthias Swavely. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bricker, as follows: Harry, born Oct. 14, 1883 (m. Herma Miller, and has one daughter, Pearl I.); Edwin Weston; Edna; Clayton, who died young; Elma; Eva, and Lida.

JOHN SCHEIFLEY, well known to the residents of Reading, Pa., as a faithful employe of the U. S. post-office, and an honored veteran of the great Civil war, was born in 1836, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Jacob and Mary (Seigel) Scheifley.

The parents of Mr. Scheifley emigrated to America in 1848, landing at New York, whence they came to Reading. In the Fatherland Jacob Scheifley had been a weaver, but in this country was engaged in work at the Reading Iron Company's plant until 1861. In 1862 he enlisted in the 59th Pa. V. I., with which regiment he was serving in an engagement before Petersburg, where he lost his left leg. He was taken to New York, but died at the military hospital at Davids Island, aged forty-five years. His wife survived him until 1890, when she died, aged seventy-three years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Scheifley had also been a member. Two children were born to this good couple: John; and Mary, who married George Blessing, now deceased, and had five children—Mary, Annie, Dorothy, George and John.

John Scheifley received his education in the schools of Reading, and worked in Brumbach's woolen mill until the outbreak of the Civil war. The following is an account, written by Mr. Scheifley to a minister of Philadelphia at the latter's request, of Mr. Scheifley's war record.

"Dear Sir—Not knowing you personally, but seeing that we are one in the Lord, may God bless you and make you a blessing in saving souls. I see in your letter that you want to have an account of my past life and army record. I will give it to you cheerfully and briefly as far as I am able. When President Lincoln called for 300,000 men to enlist for three years or during the war, I enlisted in Co. D, 3rd Reg., Pa. Reserves, and left a family of wife and two children. One of these children is the pastor of an U. E. Church of your city.

"I was engaged in the following battles, viz: Drainsville, second battle of Bull Run, the Seven Days Fight in front of Richmond, Antietam and Fredericksburg. The battle of Fredericksburg occurred on the 13th day of December, 1862. It was in this battle that I received my wound which resulted in the loss of my right leg. And right here, four brave men out of my company took their muskets in one hand and their lives in the other and tried to carry me off the battle-field. They held on to me, and the Rebels commanded them to surrender. One of the men was captured and another wounded. I told them to drop me, and to write home what had become of me, and here is where my suffering commenced. I was lying on that field of battle for five days and five nights, with snow on the ground at the same time, and captured. By the aid of the Rebel friend of whom you have already heard and who interceded for me with Stonewall Jackson, I was taken back into a rifle-pit, out of the reach of the bullets, and from there I was taken to Libby Prison. I was there six weeks, and after being paroled I was brought back to Annapolis, Md., a skeleton. After seeing me, the doctors gave me but three days to live, but by the grace of God I am here to tell the tale of my sufferings.

"Up to Dec. 13, 1862, I saw thousands of men sacrificed on the altar of their country, but through all that, 'there was peace in my soul that passeth all understanding.' No wonder General Sherman expressed himself correctly when he said: 'War is Hell.' In the battle of Fredericksburg, forty-two men were shot down out of the three Reading companies, and only two survived, another Reading man and I.

"Before closing, I must tell you of an incident that happened while I was lying on the battle-field. A man from your city died right aside of me. He professed to be an infidel and lived like one, but the first night while lying on the battle-field, when he saw there was no hope for him, he commenced to pray until his tongue was stiff in death. From this you can plainly see what infidelity is. When I look back over my past life I must call out with the poet, 'Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me.'"

After the war Mr. Scheifley returned to Reading, and for some time was employed at various occupations, until 1863 when he was appointed clerk by Postmaster George Whitner, brother of C. K. Whitner, and he remained in that position for four years. A Democratic administration at this time compelled him to resign, but he was later appointed under Postmaster Casper Stetson, and he has continued faithfully in the service since that time, a period of twenty-one years, six months. Courteous and obliging, cheerful and affable, Mr. Scheifley is one of the most popular employes that the service has ever had. He has charge of the stamp department.

Mr. Scheifley was married, in 1859, to Miss Catherine Bobst, daughter of Charles Bobst, and to this union there were born the following named children: Rev. J. William, of Philadelphia, Pa., was educated in the Reading schools, and is a minister of the United Evangelical faith; Annie m. Fred Will, who is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad; Catherine m. Charles Chubb, a resident of Reading; Carrie, deceased, m. Rev. George Knerr; one died in infancy; John; and Naomi. The mother of these children passed away Sept. 18, 1886, and Mr. Scheifley was married (second) March 7, 1889, to Mrs. Helena H. Thuderoh, the widow of Jacob Thuderoh, who was a well known artist of Reading. There have been no children born to this second union.

In his religious belief, Mr. Scheifley is identified with the Evangelical Church, of which he has ever been a consistent attendant. In his political views he is a stanch Republican. As a veteran of the Civil war, he is one of the popular members of McLean Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic.

ISAAC MATZ, for some years one of Reading's leading contractors and builders, was a native of Berks county, and died in Reading, in 1881.

Mr. Matz's educational advantages were secured in the common schools of his native county, and at an early age he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a short time before engaging in contracting for himself. He was an able business man, and was connected with various enterprises. Mr. Matz was married to Sarah Snyder, daughter of John Snyder. She died Jan. 27, 1904. To this union were born the following children: Mary m. William Hinckel, and has two children; Frank died at the age of thirty years; Kate m. John Schaeffer, and had seven children; Maggie m. Mabury Slater, and had two children; Charles

died at the age of two years; Rebecca m. William Albright, a cigar maker, and had two children, one now deceased; Lillian m. Thomas M. Curry, and had two children, Thomas Wilfred (deceased), and Angela; Thomas m. Ella Smith, and had two children, Mary (deceased), and Harold; Sally m. (first) Jefferson Staufer (by whom she had five children), (second) George Waltman, and (third) Daniel Kerling; Isabella died young; J. Jefferson m. Laura Clowry, and has two children, a daughter Arline, and a son.

In religious belief the family were connected with the Reformed Church. Mr. Matz was a Democrat in politics, but never cared for public office.

MOTZ-MATZ. The first reunion of the Motz family (originally spelled Matz) was held at the old homestead, about one mile southeast of the Brice (now the cozy home of Mr. Solomon Motz, the youngest of the family of nine children), on Friday, Sept. 7th. It was an ideal fall day, and about one hundred and twenty-five persons, including neighbors who had been invited, were present.

"Family history is always interesting and the history of the Motz family in America dates from the year 1735. It was on the 29th of May of that year that Lorenz Matz, then a lad of only sixteen years, sailed, with 185 others, from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship Mercury, bound for America. The voyage required thirty-seven days, and on his arrival in this country young Lorenz settled near Mohnsville, Berks county, Pa. Here he married and reared a family of ten children, nine boys and one daughter. One of these sons, whose name was Daniel, was the great-grandfather of the present generation, who, with their descendants, joined in the reunion last Friday. Unfortunately little is known of his history, or that of his son, Grandfather Motz, whose name also was Daniel. Grandfather Motz, however, was the father of seven children, six sons and one daughter.

"One of his sons, Daniel, married Henrietta Warner. To them were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. The family lived successively in Berks, Lancaster and Franklin counties, Pa., and in the spring of 1855 the father, mother and the ten children then living came to Ohio and located in Franklin county, on the farm now owned by the youngest son, Solomon, where the reunion was held. The names of the children, ten of whom came to Ohio with their parents, are as follows: Benville Motz, aged seventy-five, lives in Truro township, near Brice. He is the father of nine children, two sons and seven daughters; two of the daughters are deceased. Daniel Motz, who died at Akron, Ohio, in 1904, aged seventy-one, was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters. Hannah Motz (Mrs. Henry Will), of Canal Winchester, aged seventy-one, is the mother of seven children, three sons and four daughters; a son and daughter are deceased. Levi Motz, aged seventy, of Granite City, Ill., is the father of three children, two sons and one daughter; the mother and sons are deceased. Henrietta Motz died in Pennsylvania in 1851, at the age of twelve. Henry Motz, aged sixty-six, who resides in Madison township, Franklin county, Ohio, is the only bachelor in the family. Mary (Mrs. David Yost), of Shelby county, Ill., aged sixty-four, is the mother of eleven children, ten of whom are living. Reuben Motz, aged sixty-two, of Oakland, Cal., is the father of three children, two sons and a daughter. John Motz, aged fifty-nine, of Columbus, Ohio, is the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Susan (Mrs. Samuel Bowman) of Canal Winchester, aged fifty-seven, is the mother of four children, three sons and one daughter. Solomon Motz, aged fifty-four, and living on the home place near Brice, is the father of one son. The combined ages of the nine children living foot up 578 years, an average of over sixty-four years.

"Those present at the reunion representing the above families were: Benville Motz and wife, of Brice, and their children, as follows: John Motz, wife and four children, of Brice; Mrs. George Ford and four children, of Brice; W. B. Motz, of Truro township; Mrs. Sarah Powell and two children, of Vigo, Ross county; Mrs. Henry Fancher and one child, and Mrs. Rebecca Wright and one child, of Brice; Mrs. Maude Mason of Madison township.

"Sidney Motz of Wooster, Orlando Motz of Toledo, and Ella Lonsbury of Akron, children of Daniel Motz, deceased.

"Henry Will, of Canal Winchester, wife and children as follows: John Will and wife, of Canal Winchester; George Will, wife and four children, of Brice; William Huntwork, wife and two children, of Basil; William Codner, wife and two children, and Miss Jessie Will, of Canal Winchester.

"Levi Motz, of Granite City, Illinois.

"Henry Motz, of Brice.

"(None of the members of David Yost's family, of Shelby county, Ill., or of Reuben Motz's family, of Oakland, Cal., could be present, but they sent letters feelingly expressing their regrets and hoping for a pleasant reunion.)

"John Motz, wife and children, as follows: Rose C. Daniels and two children; Gertrude, Sarah and Henrietta Motz, all of Columbus, Ohio.

"Samuel Bowman, wife and children; John C. and wife, Howard and wife, and grandchildren, Catharine and Earl Smith, all of Canal Winchester.

"Solomon Motz and wife, and their son George, his wife and son, all of near Brice.

"On the Warner side of the house the only representatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Warner, of St. Paul, Ohio.

"Representatives of other branches of the Motz family (being cousins in various degrees) were the following:

"Misses Arda and Stella Matz, and Mrs. Dr. Good, of Bellevue, Ohio; Mrs. Mary A. Mowrer, of Catawba Island, Ohio.

"Mrs. A. W. Matz and daughter Miss Ida, Jacob Matz, daughter Hulda and two grandchildren, and Mr. Wellington Matz, all of Wooster, Ohio. The latter is connected with the *Wooster Daily News* and the *Wayne County Democrat,* and is one of those jolly good fellows who knows how to keep everything running in a pleasant vein at any kind of gathering.

"Louie Matz and wife, of Cleveland, Ohio.

"The following neighbors and friends were also present to enjoy the day: Mrs. Jonathan Ruse, daughter Myrtle and son Harry. James Wingert and wife. George Francisco, Albert Francisco, and Miss Jennie Francisco. George Vandemark, wife, daughter Grace and sons Homer and Clark. Perry Smith, wife and child. Berril Shride and wife. George Lee, wife and daughter Luda. Pierce McCracken. Tullie King and Miss Lou King. F. L. Allgire and wife. George Groves and wife. Wesley O'Roark. William Alspaugh, wife and daughter Gatha. Mrs. Thurman Tussing and daughter Mabel. Vernon Miller, who was the official photographer. Mrs. Noah Looker, Ralph Guisinger, Charley Ford. George Thomas and wife of Columbus. Joseph Milnor, wife and son Willie of Pickerington. Rev. Hughes and wife, of Canal Winchester, and B. F. Gayman representing *The Times* and *The Buckeye News.*

"The forenoon hours were spent by the members and friends of the Motz family in reviewing the family history and in social chat, and at noon dinner was announced. After the tables had been removed from the lawn and a group picture had been taken of all present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. John Motz, of Brice, who stated that is was the purpose to form a permanent organization of the Motz family, but before doing so he would call upon some of those present for short addresses. The following responded in the order named: Rev. G. F. Hughes and B. F. Gayman, of Canal Win-

chester; Wellington Matz, of Wooster; Elisha Warner, of St. Paul; Henry Will, of Canal Winchester.

On motion of Wellington Matz, John Motz, of Brice, was elected president, and Mrs. Alice Codner, of Canal Winchester, secretary-treasurer. A collection, amounting to $4.62, was lifted to defray the expense for postage and other incidentals attending the next reunion. The chair then appointed the secretary, Mr. Wellington Matz, of Wooster, and Mr. Henry Motz, of Brice, a committee to select the time and place for the next reunion. The secretary was requested to keep a record of the births and deaths on the different branches of the family, and then, following the adjournment, well-wishes were said and the first pleasant reunion of the Motz family was at an end."

A. G. CHRISTMAN, of Reading, who was engaged in dealing in laundry supplies at No. 347 Penn street, was born in 1836, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of Michael and Kate (Christ) Christman, and died July 3, 1908, aged seventy-one years and eleven months.

Michael Christman, father of A. G., was a tailor by trade, but in middle life engaged in farming in Jefferson township, where his death occurred in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Kate Christ, died in 1878, when sixty-seven years of age, the mother of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Esther M., Elizabeth, B. Franklin, A. G., James M., Catherine, Daniel, Sarah, Charles and Aquilla. In religious belief Mr. Christman was Reformed, while his wife belonged to the Lutheran denomination. He was a Democrat in politics.

A. G. Christman was educated in the schools of Richmond and Jefferson townships, and the Millersville Normal school, after which he taught school for eight terms, and then spent some time on the home farm. He first engaged in the general merchandise business as a clerk, but later operated a store at New Shaefferstown, where he continued in business for four years. His next venture was in the lumber business at Powell's Creek, where he remained for four years, after which he removed to Sheridan, Lebanon county, and carried on the coal and lumber business for another four years. Subsequently Mr. Christman removed to Lititz, Lancaster county, and spent four years in superintending his inventions in an agricultural implement factory. In 1884 he located in Reading and entered upon the manufacture of agricultural implements, which he continued to engage in until 1892. In that year he invented the "Star" washing machine, which with others associated with him, he started to manufacture. Shortly thereafter he invented the "Daisy" washer, and in 1895, the "Royal" washing machine, the premier machine on the market today, all others being offshoots from the original "Star" and "Daisy" machines. Mr. Christman was very successful in the sale of his "Royal" and "Success" machines, and there are more than 25,000 of them in use at this time. In 1901 his son, H. Herbert Christman, became manager of this large business.

In 1867 Mr. Christman married Ellen R. Althouse, daughter of Adam Althouse, and three children have been born to this union: H. Herbert (who has a son, H. Stanley, by his first marriage, and by his marriage with Anna Eisenbise, has had two children—Irwin Adam, deceased at three months; and John Kenneth); one that died in infancy; and G. Linton, an electrician of Pittsburg (m. to Mary Bristol, and father of one child).

In religious belief Mr. Christman is Reformed. Politically he holds the views of the Democratic party.

HARRY R. GRING, cigar manufacturer of Fritztown, Berks county, belongs to one of the old families of the county, being a son of Franklin H. Gring and a descendant of Johannes Gring.

Johannes Gring, the founder of this family in America, crossed the ocean on the ship "Lydia," from Rotterdam, which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 20, 1743. His son Samuel, who was a lad when his parents emigrated, settled in Cumru, some time after 1760. Here he acquired land and prospered, dying a wealthy man, and occupies an unknown grave in the vicinity of Sinking Spring.

David Gring, the great-grandfather of Harry R. Gring, was born Feb. 9, 1760, in Cumru township, Berks county. In early life he located at Tulpehocken Creek, where he took up a tract of land, built several gristmills and, like his father, became prosperous. He died Feb. 1, 1848, aged eighty-eight years less eight days. David Gring was married (first) Dec. 7, 1790, to Martha Waldschmidt, of the Fatherland, whose parents came to America with Samuel Gring. Tradition has it that the Grings and Waldschmidts were neighbors before coming to this country. Martha (Waldschmidt) Gring was born Aug. 3, 1767, and passed to her reward April 20, 1818. She and her husband had the following children: John, a minister of the Reformed Church; William, a miller on Tulpehocken creek; David; Daniel, a minister of the Reformed Church, born July 9, 1798, died Sept. 5, 1862 (his wife, Esther, born March 8, 1799, died Dec. 3, 1861, aged sixty-two years, eight months, twenty-five days); Susan, who died unmarried; a daughter, who married a Mr. Lichty; and one who married a Mr. Troxel. Mr. Gring's second wife was Gertrude Stamm, born July 12, 1772, who died March 31, 1857, aged eighty-four years, eight months, nineteen days.

David Gring, grandfather of Harry R. Gring, was born March 9, 1806, and died Jan. 26, 1890, aged eighty-three years, ten months, seventeen days. He was married June 25, 1826, to Maria Hill, born Oct. 6, 1803, died May 18, 1885, aged eighty-one years, seven months, twelve days. Their union was blessed with these children: David, born Jan. 11, 1829, a miller; Daniel, born July 27, 1830, a farmer; Samuel, born Oct. 7, 1832, who is still living, a prominent lumber dealer of Reading; Ann, born Feb. 22, 1834, widow of George Zerr; Mary, born Nov. 22, 1836, who married Joshua Grill; John, born March 27, 1838, a miller and tanner; Charles H., born Feb. 18, 1840; Lewis, who died aged fifteen years, one day; Franklin H., born July 14, 1844; and Levi, born Nov. 30, 1847, died Dec. 1, 1862.

The father of this family followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, and at the time of his death was the owner of several farms and a good gristmill. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and was prominent in the public matters of his day and generation. Mr. Gring served as captain, and later as major, in the State militia, occupying the latter rank for eleven years.

Franklin H. Gring was born on the old stand across the line in Spring township July 15 (14), 1844, and was reared upon the farm. Until twenty-six years of age he worked for his parents, at which time he set out for himself, and in 1871 began farming the home property, where he lived for three years. The next location of Mr. Gring was Denver, Lancaster county, but subsequently, in 1876, he purchased the old Alexander Fisher farm, at Fritztown, a tract of thirty-two acres of fertile land, and here he has since lived. He has a fine little place, which he has greatly improved. It is located along the Lancaster road and the road running from Fritztown to Wernersville, at the foot of Cushion Hill, and is supplied with some of the finest water in the world. On the property are many fruit trees and it is in an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Gring is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring.

On Jan. 14, 1871, Franklin H. Gring married Mary Fisher, born Sept. 14, 1851, daughter of Alexander and Kate (Walters) Fisher, and granddaughter of John Fisher, who owned many acres of land around the Keener's mill. Mr. and Mrs. Gring have had eight children: Harry R. is mentioned further on; Katie V. died in infancy; Alva G. m. Charles Gaul, of Wernersville, and has two sons, Robert and Har-

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vey; Edwin F., of Lancaster, Pa., m. Alice Gensemer, and has one son, Elwood; Millie E. m. H. C. Oberly, of Lancaster county; David A. was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting in Lebanon county, dying Nov. 12, 1902, aged eighteen years, six months, eighteen days; Mary A. m. Oscar Fleischer, born Oct. 7, 1885, an employe of the State Asylum at Wernersville; and William F. was born July 10, 1890.

Harry R. Gring, eldest of the family of Franklin H. Gring, was born in 1871 in the building at Fritztown where his cigar factory is now located. He attended the public schools of Lower Heidelberg township, and as well a summer school, and by the time he was seventeen was prepared to teach school, beginning at the Spohn school in Spring township. Before he began teaching he was in the lumber business in Bedford county, Pa., for a year. After teaching three terms he went into the service of the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad Company, remaining in that employ for two years. He was next engaged by the Montello Brick Company for two and a half years, after which he commenced in his present line, as foreman for his brother-in-law, P. K. Steffy, who was then in the cigar manufacturing business at Fritztown. In 1899 he embarked in the business on his own account. He had been foreman for his brother-in-law for two years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of cigar manufacturing, in which he has made a decided success. His factory is No. 43. Mr. Gring employs as many as twenty-seven hands in his establishment, and the product is sold mainly in Philadelphia and the West.

On Nov. 23, 1889, Mr. Gring was married to Mary V. Steffy, daughter of Isaac L. and Margaret (Kline) Steffy. One child has been born to them, Stephen E. Mr. Gring is a member of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring. He is a member of the K. of P. lodge at that place, of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 835, at Wernersville and of Reading Tent, K. O. T. M. He is a Republican in politics and interested in local public affairs, having served three years as school director of Lower Heidelberg township.

JAMES W. SPONAGLE, who has recently retired from active business cares and settled down in the borough of Birdsboro, has been for many years one of the best known citizens of Berks county. He was successfully engaged for a number of years in the contracting business, has filled several important public offices, and has in various other ways participated in local activities affecting the prosperity and good government of this region. He has always been regarded as a man of notable intelligence and honesty of purpose, and his influence has been used toward the most worthy ends.

Mr. Sponagle was born Feb. 12, 1843, in Chester county, Pa., whither his grandfather, John Sponagle, moved from Berks county (formerly from Huntingdon county), this State. John Sponagle was of German extraction. His family consisted of four children, George, John, Samuel and Mary, the latter marrying Albert Bell, of Robeson township. This family united with the Reformed Church.

George Sponagle was born near Gibraltar, in Berks county, but lived in Chester county for several years. In early manhood he learned the plasterer's trade, which he followed for about forty years. On returning to his native county he settled in Robeson township, where he made his home for fifty years, finally removing to Union township, where he died in 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Mr. Sponagle was an industrious and respected man, was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was frequently honored by his fellow citizens with election to local offices. He cast his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and was always a stanch Democrat. He was an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Morgantown. George Sponagle married Margaret Wilson, daughter of Andrew and Ann Wilson, the former of whom was of Irish descent, and a miller by trade. Mr. Wilson passed most of his life in the southern part of Berks county, and the northern part of Chester county. To Mr. and Mrs. Sponagle were born nine children, six of whom survive, viz.: Susan Jane married Henry Umstead, and both are now deceased; Samuel, deceased, was a resident of Reading; Ann married Jacob Geiger, and lives at the old Geiger homestead in Union township; John, who formerly lived in Robeson township, is now engaged as a plasterer in Reading; James W. is mentioned below; Joseph, a plasterer, is a citizen of Geigertown; Mary Elizabeth is the widow of A. Jackson Westley, of Pottstown; George Howard died when about twenty-four years old; Harry B., a plasterer, is a resident of Birdsboro.

James W. Sponagle was only a small boy when his father removed from Chester to Berks county, and he received his early education in the public schools of Robeson township. His health was so poor, however, during his childhood, that he was not able to go to school until he was twelve years old, and he had not even been strong enough to indulge in boyish sports and pastimes, or to perform the work ordinarily expected of a boy at that time. But he made up for lost time by close application, and after attending school for six terms of four months each he was considered competent to teach—a fact which proves his aptitude and diligence. He was given his first position as a teacher when only nineteen years old, and continued to follow that profession for many years, teaching in all fifteen winter terms, in Robeson and Union townships. Meantime he had also learned the plasterer's trade, under his father, and was employed at such work during the summer season, finally engaging in that business with his father. They worked together until 1864, when Mr. George Sponagle retired, leaving the business to his sons, John, James W. and Joseph, who carried it on under the firm name of Sponagle Brothers. Their headquarters were at Geigers Mills. James W. Sponagle managed the business for several years, until 1895, when he withdrew from the firm to enter upon his duties as county recorder. On resuming business life (which he had given up while serving as recorder) he engaged in general contracting, and followed that line until his retirement in 1907. He settled in Birdsboro in 1903.

In spite of early handicaps Mr. Sponagle has led a most active and useful life. The greater part of his early training was eminently practical. He did not attend school long, but having entered upon his studies at an age when he could realize something of their value, he made the most of his advantages. Outside of his public school work he had a course in the People's Business College of Reading. The rest of his knowledge, both of books and of the world, was gained in the school of experience, which has proved a sufficient training ground for those who do not lack ambition. It fitted him for years of successful work as a teacher and in business, in which he displayed such sterling qualities that his fellow citizens have on several occasions chosen him for public honors. He has been prominent in politics as a member of the Democratic party, and has run on that ticket as a candidate for several offices. For eight years he served as justice of the peace in his township, resigning in 1882, when elected representative to the State legislature. He represented Berks county in that body from 1883 to 1887, after which he gave all of his time to the management of the business of Sponagle Brothers until elected recorder of deeds, in 1894. He held that office from January, 1895, to January, 1898, when his term expired, after which, as previously stated, he was in business again until his retirement. Mr. Sponagle was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Birdsboro, and is still a director in that institution.

Mr. Sponagle has a social disposition and is very companionable, and he has enjoyed membership in various fraternal orders, at present, however, belonging only to Neversink Lodge, No. 514, I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro. He was formerly affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Brotherhood of the Union. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was active in the congregation at Geigers Mills, where he lived for thirty-two years.

On Nov. 14, 1867, Mr. Sponagle married Harriet U. Geiger, and they have one child, John H., born April 6, 1870. John H. Sponagle married Joan Wagner, and they have had two children, Matilda and Alvin.

HARRY E. NEWKIRK, baggagemaster on the Pennsylvania Railroad, making a daily run between Reading and Philadelphia, was born at the family home in Reading, the eldest child of Samuel and Mary (Shaneman) Newkirk.

The Newkirk family originated in Scotland and from that land came Jacob Newkirk, the great-grandfather of Harry E., who settled in Berks county, where he died on his farm in Maxatawny township at the age of sixty-two. He married Mary Reinhart, who died aged about sixty-eight years. They had the following children: Jacob, Charles, John, Sarah (who married Jacob Disher, of Oley township) and Mrs. David Fry.

Jacob Newkirk, grandfather of Harry E., was born in Maxatawny township and in young manhood learned the carpenter trade and assisted in the building of the Lebanon Valley bridge. Later he worked as a wheelwright; he then came to Reading and for eight years was employed at the car shops of the Pennsylvania road. Still later he engaged in a contracting business which he followed for a number of years and then bought land in Cumru township, near Yocom's Church. He was a good business man and made a success of raising cattle and hogs. He also built canal boats while living in Berks county. He later moved to Schuylkill county, where the remainder of his life was spent in teaming and farming. He died at the age of eighty-four years. He married Mary Burkey, now deceased, and they had four children: Samuel, John, Almina, who married Henry Lesher, and Jacob.

Samuel Newkirk, father of Harry E., was born Sept. 21, 1840, in Upper Bern township, and his parents brought him to Reading when one year of age. He learned the blacksmith trade in boyhood and March 9, 1869, was engaged as a brakeman for the P. & R. R. R. Co., working in that capacity for three years; for four years was freight conductor, then went to the main line as traveling dispatcher, a position he filled for sixteen years, when he was appointed train-master for the main line of this company. After seven years of service in the above position, he was appointed yard-master. He owns a comfortable home at No. 609 N. Ninth street.

In 1861, Samuel Newkirk was married to Mary Shaneman, daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Miller) Shaneman, and they had the following children: Harry E.; Walter died young; A. Irene m. Dr. D. Z. Bowman, now deceased; Harriet S. m. Dr. J. C. Knauer, of Reading; Isaac died young; Elizabeth; John died young; George A., a postal railway clerk, m. Laura Wesley; Frank C., a clerk at the P. & R. freight depot, m. Sarah Amole; Maude died young; Marion is at home; Samuel Jr., is a machinist. Samuel Newkirk is independent as to politics. Formerly he was a member of the Reformed Church, but now belongs to the Washington street Mission.

Harry E. Newkirk was mainly educated in the schools of Reading and Mahanoy City; then went to Philadelphia and worked for his uncle, John B. Newkirk, of the firm of Eaton & Newkirk, manufacturers of sash and doors, but returned to Reading one year later and became a machinist apprentice with the P. & R. R. R. Co., and after serving his full term, served eight months as a journeyman. Before going to Philadelphia he had earned his first money as a newsboy for the old Reading *Eagle*, first under Reuben Huttensbein and later under Charles Frank.

On May 10, 1885, Mr. Newkirk engaged with the Pennsylvania R. R., first as fireman, later as car inspector and still later as fireman again, and then was freight brakeman for three months, and served as extra brakeman on a passenger train, following this until 1899, when he was appointed to his present position, which he is filling until a vacancy occurs as passenger conductor; his name heads the list of eligibles.

Mr. Newkirk married Lillie A. Porr, born at Shoemakersville, Berks county, a daughter of Jonathan Porr. They have had three children, namely: Ralph W., a stenographer, who fills a position as private secretary; Roy H., died aged four years; and H. Earl, at school.

Like his father, Mr. Newkirk votes independently, generally deciding for himself as to the merits of the various candidates seeking office. In religious belief, both Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk belong to the Lutheran Church. He is affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations in his line of work, being a member of Reading Council, P. O. S. of A., of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (No. 511), of Philadelphia, and of the Pennsylvania R. R. Relief Association.

CHARLES F. GRAUL, who carries on a copper, tin and sheet metal working business, making a specialty of tin roofing, metal work, roof painting and roof repairing, with place of business at No. 905 North Ninth street, is one of Reading's enterprising young men. He was born April 20, 1879, at Reading, Pa., son of George Frank and Catherine (Stark) Graul.

Capt. Jacob Graul, the great-great-grandfather of Charles F. Graul, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was a prisoner in 1776 and was exchanged in December of that year.

John Graul, the great-grandfather of Charles F., was born about 1783 and died at Reading, in 1858. He was buried in the Reformed cemetery but his remains were later transferred to the Charles Evans cemetery. His wife, Mary Byerle, was born in Europe and came with her parents to America, when twelve years of age. John and Mary Graul had the following children: John died unmarried; Henry m. Abigail Rush, and had one son, John, and one daughter, Joanna (m. William Behm, for many years was proprietor of the "Mineral Spring Hotel"); Samuel B.; and Elizabeth M. m. William Fricker, residing at Reading.

Samuel B. Graul, grandfather of Charles F., was born at Reading, Pa., June 27, 1801, and died in the same city, in 1880. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and for many years kept a hotel at Eighth and Washington streets, owning considerable property in that vicinity. He lived in what was called in those days the "Hounds Ward" and he kept many dogs himself and with them attended fox chases, a general sport of the time. He was very strict as to the morality of his public house and when the hour of nine came in the evening, it was his custom to say "Boys it is time to go home. I must close my place." He was a man of fine personal appearance and when but a boy served with General Keim, during the War of 1812, and later received a pension in acknowledgment of his services. He was a member of the Reformed Church. In political sentiment, he was a strong Democrat and his last vote was cast for Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, for President of the United States.

Samuel B. Graul married Sarah Maltzberger, born May 23, 1801, and died June 27, 1872. She was a daughter of John Maltzberger. They had nine children, as follows: William M., residing at Reading; Margaret, wife of Francis Melon; Peter, residing at Reading; Mary Ann, wife of William Sailor; Elizabeth, wife of Abraham V. R. Hill; Sarah, wife of Daniel S. Leeds; Emma, wife of John Hensel; Amanda, wife of John P. Dauth; and George F., who resided at Reading, until his death, Feb. 21, 1894.

George F. Graul was born at Reading, Nov. 21, 1845, and at the time of his death was aged forty-nine years, three months. After he left school he worked in the rolling mill until he was twenty-one years of age and then learned the tin and sheet metal trade and engaged in the same, employing eight or nine men in his shops. He married Catherine Stark, whose father and mother were born in Germany, and to them were born the following children: Samuel; Annie, who married John Nevin, of Reading; Catherine, residing in New York; Charles F. and Howard, both residents of Reading.

Charles F. Graul obtained his education in the public schools of Reading and was only eight years old when he became a newspaper boy and worked as such until he was ten years old, when he commenced to learn the tin and sheet metal trade with his father, whom he succeeded in business. Mr. Graul has successfully conducted a mechanical and mercantile business and assumed the care of his widowed mother and family from his fifteenth year to the present day. Mr. Graul now carries on a large business and keeps from five to seven men constantly employed. He carries a good line of stock including hot air furnaces. He has attained his success by hard work and attending strictly to business. He owns his own home and his place of business is one entirely adequate to his needs. He is a member of the Board of Trade.

For two and a half years Mr. Graul promoted physical culture work in the city of Reading. In the winter of 1905-06 he had a class of eighty men and boys to whom he gave army drill and gymnastic exercises. He has always been interested in the advancement of social and athletic teachings and a past master at waltzing, having captured first prize in all contests he entered from the year 1896.

Mr. Graul is married to Carrie, daughter of Joseph and Helen (Isele) Beil, of Germany. One daughter has been born to this union, Helen Marie, born Jan. 31, 1909. Mr. Graul is temperate in his habits and is of an aggressive disposition and has been so ever since he has attained his manhood. He has always been an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party. He is connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 66, Northeastern Democratic Association, the Reading Physical Culture Club of which he is president, Philharmonic Band Association and Excelsior Club.

SAMUEL M. GUSS, master mechanic of the Oley Street Mills of the Reading Iron Company, and an inventor of international reputation, is a well-known man in manufacturing circles in Berks county, Pa. He was born in 1840, in Chester county, Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Keiter) Guss.

Charles Guss, great-grandfather of Samuel M. Guss, and a celebrated mathematician of Germany, came to America in middle life, and settled near Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. He married Mary Shunk, a first cousin of Gov. Francis R. Shunk, of Pennsylvania, and both died in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Their sixth child, Simeon Guss, grandfather of Samuel M. Guss, married Barbara Knerr. The seventh child of this union, Jacob Guss, was the father of Samuel M. Guss.

Jacob Guss was a shoemaker and farmer all of his life, also serving as justice of the peace and surveyor. He died in 1883, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife in 1893, when eighty-nine years of age. Ten children were born to Jacob and Sarah (Keiter) Guss, nine of whom lived to maturity: Mary A.; George W.; Catherine A.; Barbara A.; Frederick R.; Samuel M.; Henry F.; William E.; Jacob A.; and William, the first-born, who died in infancy.

Samuel M. Guss was educated in the schools of Chester county, and the Pughtown Academy, instituted by David Phillips, from which were graduated many prominent men. His first work was at farming, but later he learned the machinist's trade at Pottsville, and entered the employ of the Colliery Iron Works, of which George W. Snyder was at that time proprietor. He helped in the erection of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company's rolling-mills in October, 1868, and for seventeen years was in the employ of that company. He had charge of the P. & R. rolling-mill for fourteen years, and in 1895 was made general foreman in the erection of the Oley street rolling-mill, then took charge as master mechanic, and is at the present time foreman of the plate mill and master mechanic of the entire plant. Mr. Guss has the reputation of being a pioneer in the universal rolling-mill business, having erected several universal rolling-mills, including the Central Iron and Steel Company's mill at Harrisburg; and many of his inventions in this line are used extensively in America and Europe.

In 1869 Mr. Guss married Florence E. Grove, born in Franklin county, Pa., daughter of John and Rebecca (Hershberger) Grove. Nine children were born to this union: William E. C. C.; Laura R.; Charles S.; Florence E.; Carrie V. N. (m. Rev. William F. Klein); Lucretia M.; Herbert S.; Marion H.; and Samuel M., Jr. In religious belief, the family belongs to the Evangelical Association. Mr. Guss is a Republican in politics. He was a member of the International Centennial Association in 1876. In 1891 he erected his present comfortable home at No. 606 North Tenth street, Reading.

OSCAR L. WOERNER, of Reading, manufacturer of frames and dealer in art goods, has given about forty-two years of his life to Art, visiting the principal cities of Europe several times, and perfecting by education a natural taste that he might the more readily meet the requirements of the business founded by his father. He was born in New York City on Christie street, near Canal, at that time in the heart of the city, April 6, 1853, son of Francis and Louisa (Hofferberth) Woerner.

Francis Woerner was a native of Carlsruhe, Baden, Germany, where his early education was obtained, and where he learned the gilder's trade. He emigrated from Germany in 1848, and located in New York City, where he began the manufacture of gilt picture molding. He carried on the business there extensively until 1871, and traveled throughout all parts of the United States, making one trip to the Pacific coast via Cape Horn. He also did a considerable business in the City of Mexico. His factory was located on Williams street, where are now the abutments of the East River Bridge. He had three places of business—a factory at No. 98 Chatham street, and two retail stores at No. 277 Hudson street and No. 112 Duane street—at the same time. During the fifties and sixties he was one of the most extensive art dealers and manufacturers of molding in New York City. In 1871 he came to Reading, and he died Sept. 20, 1903.

Oscar L. Woerner was educated in the public schools of New York City and Jersey City, afterward taking a course in bookkeeping. He entered the employ of a large mercantile establishment in New York City, and there secured his first practical training in the business world. Entering his father's employ he learned every detail of frame manufacturing and gilding, and with him continued until 1871, when father and son came to Reading and began the making of frames and moldings at No. 637 Penn street, where George Graeff had formerly conducted a like business. They remained there until 1873, when Mr. Oscar L. Woerner went to Pittsburg, being one of the force of S. Boyd & Co., leading art dealers. This connection lasted seven months, when he went down the Ohio to Cincinnati, and accepted a position with the Exposition proprietors. After the close of the Exposition he spent a short time in Indianapolis. In 1874 he returned to Reading and formed a partnership with his father, and in 1875 he went to Easton, Pa., to open a branch, which was the first and only place of the kind there. Another branch was opened at Bethlehem, Pa., and these were all continued until 1881. In 1878 he met with the misfortune of having his factory burned (with no insurance), and after it

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had been completed only one month. On April 28, 1881, he sold out to A. A. Anthony, of Easton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Woerner called upon Dr. Cattell, then president of Lafayette College, for a commission that he might be enabled to visit Europe. The Doctor had nothing, but told him to see Mr. John I. Blair. He did so and took his order for five three-quarter length paintings, at $1,000 each, to be painted by Angelo Woodward, of New York, in Paris. Sailing from New York April 28, 1880, on the steamship "England," with letters of introduction from Governor Hoffman, of New York, to various influential personages in Europe, he reached the other side, spent three weeks in London, afterward going to Paris, where he sojourned among artists for nine weeks, and then traveled on to Switzerland and Germany. At Geneva, in company with a member of a noble family, he purchased a knapsack and alpenstock and traveled by diligence and on foot over the Alps. In Germany he visited his father's old home in Carlsruhe. Returning to France, he made the trip down the picturesque and historic Rhine, and visited his mother's old home at Mayence. Upon reaching Paris he remained there but a short time, and then sailed for New York. He delivered the portraits to Mr. Blair, and made presentation speeches at Lafayette and Princeton Colleges, the guest of Dr. Cattell at Lafayette and of Dr. McCosh at Princeton.

Mr. Woerner went to Plattsburg, N. Y., and called upon Smith M. Weed, and received a commission to paint a portrait of the latter's daughter. He then went to Canada with letters to Sir John A. MacDonald and to Princess Louise, wife of the Marquis of Lorne. The latter was on the same vessel when Mr. Woerner left Kingston, as was also Prince George. The boat passed through the Lachine Rapids, at dusk, probably as late as any steamer has ever passed through. In Ottawa Mr. Woerner decorated the capitol library with reproductions of famous paintings, sculpture, etc. He also executed commissions for the Ottawa Conservatory. Going to Montreal he found patrons there. His letters to Sir John A. MacDonald brought about an introduction to many important persons. Among the places he visited may be mentioned Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Nova Scotia; and on crossing into this country he went to Boston, Mass., and thence to New York City, where he entered the employ of Herman Wunderlich & Co., where, in his own words, he "received his first and most profitable training in the art business." In 1884 he signed a contract with C. Klackner, one of the leading publishers of etchings and engravings, and for several years he traveled over the United States as "gentleman manager," giving exhibitions in San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles, and throughout the entire West. In 1888 he went to Europe and established the C. Klackner branch in London, England, traveling extensively through England, Scotland and Wales for about four months. While there he met personally many of the most noted painters of the world, and dined with Charles Sprague Pierce, Rosa Bonheur, Jules Breton and others; and met many distinguished in other walks of life, among them Levi P. Morton, then United States minister to France. Returning to New York he remained with Mr. Klackner until 1891. In that year, under contract with Mr. W. Scott Thurber, of Chicago, he made a third trip abroad, this time in the capacity of interpreter and professional assistant, with Paris as a prospective center, and they visited Belgium and Holland.

After his return Mr. Woerner came to Reading, and purchased his present property, remaining a year. He entered into a contract with Braun, Clement & Co., of Paris, known as Maison Braun & Co., and pioneered for them throughout the United States, and then performed a similar service for the Berlin Photographic Company. For two years he was employed by Franz Hanfstaengl, of Munich. In 1897 he again went to Europe, having been commissioned to open up the foreign market for the White, Potter, Paige Manufacturing Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the largest manufacturers of moldings and frames in the world. Before entering upon his duties he went to Spain, Algiers, Tunis, Tripoli, Sicily, spent two months in Rome, and visited Florence, Venice, Milan, Munich, Vienna, Berlin, Dresden, and in fact, all the large cities in Europe. In London he opened an office in the Masonic Temple, Farrington street, Ludgate Circus, Strand, and did an extensive business. A year later he was called home by the serious illness of his father.

Later Mr. Woerner formed a contract with Elson & Co., of Boston, and was the manager of their New York office for four years. During this time he decorated the high schools of St. Louis, Mo., Omaha, Nebr., St. Paul, Minn., and many others. He decorated three New York high schools at $1,000 each, the New York Teachers' Training School, the Horace Mann School of Columbia University and the Teachers' College. He also traveled with Prof. William G. Ward, of the Emerson School of Oratory, who lectured on Art for the schools under the regents of the State University of New York.

In 1901 Mr. Woerner settled in Reading and established his present business, which had really been opened up by his father, and he has shown himself worthy of being classed among the foremost citizens of Reading. He is a member of the Board of Trade. In his social relations he has made many friends. While in St. Louis he joined the Royal Arcanum, and has since transferred to Mt. Penn Lodge, Reading. He is a member of Teutonia Lodge, No. 367, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, R. A. M.; Lodge of Perfection, Reading; Reading Commandery, Knights Templar; Mystic Shrine; Reading Turn Verein; Philharmonic Band. He formerly belonged to the I. O. O. F and the K. of P. His religious connection is with St. James Lutheran Church.

In New York City, in Calvary Episcopal Church, Mr. Woerner was married to Miss Felicia Dypuis, a native of Ottawa, Canada. Mrs. Woerner is an artist of rare talent—a talent that was untrained and of which she was wholly unaware until her husband returned with her to Reading, and after regarding the works of others, especially amateurs, she determined to devote some time to art herself without any lessons. In a short time she produced very fine water colors and oil on canvas, and was offered good salaries by New York and Chicago parties. She has twice accompanied her husband to the Old World, visiting Algiers and Tunis, in Africa, Sicily, Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, and many other art centers. At Munich they met the painter Lenbach, then executing a portrait of Emperor Wilhelm, and had commissions from Jules Breton, the famous genre painter, and Mrs. Woerner acted as interpreter in the sale of the latter's reproductions after having met him in Vichy, France. At St. Peter's Catholic Church bazaar in 1904 she received first honorable mention for the best original pen and ink sketch. She has colored some of the famous paintings of the day, and possesses a peculiar ability in reproducing delicate colors of landscape and natural flesh tints. She is a member of the Reading Art Society.

While abroad Mr. and Mrs. Woerner learned a secret method of cleaning old paintings and restoring them to their original appearance, and also of cleaning marble statuettes. Mrs. Woerner has proved of the greatest assistance to her husband in his Art Gallery. French is her mother tongue, but since her residence in Reading she has learned to speak English fluently.

From an article "True Merit Its Own Reward," prepared by Mr. Woerner, we quote the following facts concerning his most interesting career: "For thirty-three years I have devoted my time to Art here and elsewhere. Eleven years ago I conceived the

idea of having an Art Exhibit in this city, to which amateur artists were invited to contribute their work, as exhibitors, offering prizes for the most meritorious specimens in various branches. The project found favor with many of our art lovers and was seconded by our local artists and others. . . . Several weeks ago one of our large churches concluded to have an International Bazaar for the purpose of liquidating the debt remaining on the church property. I suggested an Art Museum in connection with their various features of attraction. I shouldered the work, pushed ahead, and made it a success—for them. Prizes were awarded for best work exhibited, in deciding which Mr. Peter Moran, of Philadelphia, a well known artist and art critic of almost national reputation, kindly consented to visit us and act as one of the judges, in conjunction with artist Christopher Shearer and Mrs. Prizer. Mr. Moran was greatly pleased with the result of our work, and during his stay as my guest made many friends here. . . . .

"In 1888 I made my second trip to Europe on 'business bent.' By the way I had the honor of being the first man who dared to invade England and Scotland in company with an elephantine engraving trunk. . . . After visiting the principal cities of England, Scotland and Ireland, and while stopping in London, I received a telegram from San Francisco, 6,000 miles away, to establish an agency there. Surely that was the longest distance order I ever received. I carried out their design and saw it fairly started. In 1892 I joined the firm of the Berlin Photo Company, the pioneer company of the United States. In 1893 I returned to Reading and took possession of the place I now own and occupy. . . .

"In 1891 I made my third trip to Europe. I had then made an arrangement with W. Scott Thurber, the leading art dealer in the city of Chicago, in the capacity of interpreter and professional assistant with Paris as our prospective center. In our objective mission to see and, if possible, benefit by examining and studying the various styles of painting, we naturally drifted to Belgium and Holland, in order to become more familiar with the Dutch painters and their distinguishing features. During our perambulations we were naturally attracted to Larned, the noted rendezvous of Dutch painters. We . . . soon made the acquaintance of the then noted Offerman, Keever, Israels, Nuyhouse and others. . . .

"In 1897 I made my last trip to Europe, and my fourth. I wanted to become acquainted, not only with the topographical and historical features of the Continent, but to become more intimately familiar with the old, as well as with the modernized features of classical art, in what is generally considered its home. . . . . I extended my field of research and study into Africa. I tarried for a season at Algiers, Constantinople, Tunis, Tripoli and the Sicilian Island; gathered valuable information from all, and filled up my bouquet at Naples, Rome, Venice and Florence, which gave me many subjects of interest to write upon at some other time."

OLIVER L. NORTHEIMER, a contractor for stone work in Reading, is one of the well-known men in his line, and has done much important construction work in the city. He was born in Centre county, Pa., in 1866.

Jacob Northeimer, paternal grandfather, was in his earlier life a farmer in Chester county, but later moved to Lancaster county, and there died at the age of ninety-two years. By his wife, Barbara Garman, who died in Reading, aged seventy-nine, he had a family of whom are living, Andrew, of Lancaster county; and Nicholas J.

Nicholas J. Northeimer was born in Chester county, Aug. 17, 1830, and attended school both there and in Lancaster county. He then worked at farming a few years, and finally at the age of twenty-four, began to learn the stone mason's trade in Chester county. On Jan. 15, 1864, he located in Reading and was in business there till 1904, when he and his son Oliver L., worked for James W., another son. In 1870 he worked on the steeple of the church at Fifth and Court streets, the oldest and largest in the city. In the year mentioned he started for himself, and began his prosperous career of thirty-four years as a stone contractor. Among the many important structures on which he worked may be mentioned the tower on the Germantown M. E. church.

Mr. Northeimer was married in 1858 to Louise L., born March 9, 1833, daughter of William and Emma Jones, of Chester county. Their home is in Exeter township. Their children were: James W., in the stone contracting business, residing at No. 547 Weiser street; Mary L. S., the wife of Wilson Gehret; Annie M., deceased; John E.; Oliver L.; Clara A.; Emma B.; Mrs. Harry Wablin, of Mullins, S. C.; and Eva A., wife of James P. Althouse. Mr. Northeimer is a Democrat in politics, is a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and belongs to the Masons' Union.

Oliver L. Northeimer has lived in Reading from the age of two years, and was there educated. On leaving school he at first learned the barber's trade and followed it a few years, but at the age of nineteen he began working under his father, and continued so until he started to work for his brother, James W., in whose employ he still is.

On Oct. 17, 1900, Oliver L. Northeimer and Miss Emma B. Behm were united in marriage. Both are members of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Northeimer was a daughter of Jacob Behm, of Friedensburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN E. NORTHEIMER, of the firm of Northeimer & Albrecht, practical plasterers, is a son of Nicholas J. Northeimer. He was born Jan. 15, 1865, at Bald Eagle, Centre county, and was only four years old when his father settled in Reading. He attended school in the Ninth and Laurel street school building and on leaving it took up the trade of plastering. He began in Reading but finished in Philadelphia, where he worked two years. Returning home he was employed as a journeyman for a time, and then in 1896 became one of the firm of G. H. Pearson & Co., a partnership which continued four years. For another four he worked again as a journeyman for Lambert & Rehr, after which, in 1901, he went into business for himself once more, with George Albrecht as a partner. They do a very large business, being among the leading men of the city in their line of work, and have handled such contracts as the large hotel, at Ninth and Penn streets, Clouser's Hotel, St. Paul's Memorial School, Grace Evangelical Church and St. Joseph's Hospital, besides doing all the work for the well-known builder, W. A. Sharp. In the last three years they have plastered 200 houses for him alone. The firm employs regularly from fifteen to twenty skilled men.

John E. Northeimer married Miss Mary Ann Krick, daughter of Henry and Matilda (Hetrick) Krick. Four children have been born to them, Charles Walter, James Clinton, Florence May, and Alva Frances. The family resides at No. 32 North Tenth street. Mr. Northeimer has been quite active in politics for the Democratic party, was assessor of the Eighth ward for three years and also served on the board. He is a member of the First Reformed Church. His name is on the membership roll of four fraternal orders, the Red Men, the Eagles, Sons of America and the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Northeimer is a fine business man and stands well among his associates and his many friends.

J. WALLACE R. McGOWAN, of the firm of John G. McGowan Company, who for a number of years was an officer in the Marine Service, was born in Reading, Pa., July 13, 1878, son of William G. and Catherine McGowan.

William G. McGowan, who died in 1887, aged fifty-four years, was for a long period one of Reading's

well-known business men, being engaged in the hardware business both wholesale and retail. At one time he was a member of the Stichter Hardware Company, and later, with a Mr. Miltimore, founded the firm of Mc Gowan & Miltimore. Mr. McGowan and his wife, who died aged sixty-five years, were the parents of eight children, four of whom grew to maturity: Lizzie, a teacher in the public schools of Reading; Edwin, a clerk in the employ of the John G. McGowan Company; J. Wallace; and John G., deceased.

John G. McGowan was born in 1858 in Reading, and attended the public schools and later the high school, from which he was graduated. He was a member of the High School Alumni Association, and served on many committees. In 1885 he entered into a partnership with N. N. Sprecher at No. 537 Penn street, this being the nucleus of the present firm of John G. McGowan Company. A few years later he purchased his partner's interest and removed to No. 530 Penn street, and in 1899 into the Y. M. C. A. building. He was one of Reading's best known business men. He was a vocalist of more than local reputation and was a member of the Reading Choral Society, of which he was treasurer. He was elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, also superintendent of the Sunday-school, to which latter position he had been re-elected just previous to his death. He was a member of the Reading Sabbath School Superintendents Association and the Berks County Sunday School Association; and for twenty-one years was a member of the board of managers of the Y. M. C. A. No man has ever been held in higher esteem by his fellow townsmen than he, and his death caused sorrow among a wide circle of friends.

J. Wallace R. McGowan graduated from the Reading high school in 1895, immediately after which he received an appointment to the Merchant Marine and United States Navy. He went aboard the Pennsylvania Nautical School Ship (manned by Naval officers) "Saratoga," discharging his duties for two years. Although Mr. McGowan did not graduate from the school-ship at this time, which was owing to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he received a discharge in lieu of a diploma, given each student of an equal rank. However, not satisfied with his diploma, he at the close of the war went back to the school-ship and took up a post-graduate course, completing his work second in the class.

While the Spanish-American war was in progress, Mr. McGowan served under Admiral Sigsbee, then captain of the "St. Paul." Later, Mr. McGowan entered the employ of the Red Star Line, between New York and Antwerp; was also with the Quebec Steamship Company and several other Trans-Atlantic liners. In January, 1904, he accepted the rank of second officer on the Pacific mail liner "Mongolia," then the largest ship under the American flag in the world. He joined at the Camden shipbuilding yards, N. J., taking her on her first voyage, via the West Indies and Strait of Magellan, to San Francisco. On his arrival at San Francisco he received a commission on the Pacific Mail steamer lines. Having discharged his duties successfully on the "Mongolia," he joined the "Manchuria." On this steamship he made numerous voyages along the Western coast, frequently anchoring at Mexican and Central American ports, among which were: Guatemala, Honduras, San Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

While the "Manchuria" was making her trips to China, Mr. McGowan, on one of these, became acquainted with the Taft party. Taking them aboard this vessel, he transported them to port at Honolulu and Japan, stopping at Yokahoma, Kobe, Nagasaki, thence to Manila. While in Panama at the time of the celebration of the Panama Liberty, Mr. McGowan again met Secretary Taft, Colonel Edwards, head of the Philippine commission, and Governor Shontz, who had then control over the canal zone.

The home port during his entire career on the Pacific Coast, was San Francisco. Had Mr. McGowan reported back for duty at the end of his furlough, he would have been in the midst of the great earthquake and conflagration there, being scarcely a month away from that city. On his return, via the Southern Pacific, he passed through many of the districts damaged by the earthquake, stopping at San Jose, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. From these towns he traveled through the fruitful vineyards of southern California; thence across the desert-like sands of Arizona, arriving at Tucson. A few days later he reached El Paso, a town near the Mexican border noted for its variety of architecture, and then passing through San Antonio, Tex., he came to the lowlands of Louisiana, and then on to Reading.

Since locating in this city Mr. McGowan has been connected with the John G. McGowan Company. Mr. McGowan is a member of the Reading Board of Trade, the Washington Library Club, Brotherhood of the Union, the Alumni of the Pennsylvania Nautical School, and of the Masters and Pilots Association of San Francisco.

NATHANIEL HEILIG, for twenty-five years one of the trusted employes in the Philadelphia & Reading blacksmith shops, whose death occurred in Reading Jan. 16, 1906, was born in Berks county, Pa., Oct. 30, 1838, son of Francis Heilig, a native of Pike township. Francis Heilig had a forge in his native township, where he lived for many years, but late in life came to Reading, where he died. He was the father of eight children,—three girls and five boys.

Nathaniel Heilig received his education in the public schools, and at an early age worked for his father at the forge. In 1870 he came to Reading, engaging at the blacksmith trade in the P. & R. shops, where he was employed for twenty-five years, being at the time of his retirement one of the oldest employes of his department. After retiring Mr. Heilig spent his remaining years in quiet at his home. He was buried at Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. Heilig married Caroline Rohrbach, daughter of George Rohrbach of Berks county, and she survives him and resides in Reading. Their children were: Priscilla, wife of Frank J. Boyer, the well-known publisher of Reading, who is also extensively interested in mining ventures, resides in Reading, and has had children—Ellen P., Howard, James H., Irvin, Florence, Harry, William, Edward and Charles (who died in infancy); Francis, a machinist employed by the P. & R. Co., resides at No. 1049 North Eleventh street, and married Katie Angstadt; and Elmer, who is also a machinist at the P. & R. shops, (married) resides at No. 1036 North Eleventh street, Reading.

Mr. Nathaniel Heilig was very well known in his community, and his death was a severe loss not only to his family, but to a large circle of warm friends. He was a member of the Ebenezer Evangelical Church.

REUBEN DREXEL (deceased), for many years an esteemed resident of Reading, Pa., and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born at Boyertown, Berks county. His parents were natives of Germany, and for a time resided in England. Reuben's father was a brick-layer by trade, and on coming to Reading located at Ninth and Chestnut streets, where his death occurred. His mother also died in this city, and both were buried in the Lutheran cemetery. Five children were born to this couple, the only daughter dying in England, while the others, who all died in this country, were: John, William, Jacob and Reuben.

Reuben Drexel attended the public schools of Reading, having come to that city when a boy. After leaving school he became an apprentice to the bricklayer's trade, which he followed throughout life, dying in Reading in 1890; he is buried in the Lutheran cemetery. Mr. Drexel married Anna A. Swartz, daughter of Owen S. and Julian Collins Swartz, the former a well-known contractor in brick in Reading, where he died. Mrs.

Swartz died in Churchville, Berks county. To Mr. and Mrs. Drexel were born these children: George W., a hatter by trade, married (first) Lulu Brubaker, and (second) Stella Herr, resides in Reading; and Julian, single, resides at home.

Mr. Drexel was a veteran of the Civil war. Enlisting first in the three months' service, he was honorably discharged and veteranized in Co. H, 88th P. V. I., serving in every engagement in which that company participated. He was a gallant soldier, was wounded in the neck (from which he always bore a scar), served his country faithfully, and had a war record of which any man might feel proud. His death was a distinct loss to the community in which he resided.

GEORGE K. SHOUP, of Reading, engaged in conducting a grocery and notion store, was born in Lebanon Co., Pa., Jan. 28, 1852, son of Samuel and Anna (Krick) Shoup, and a grandson of John Shoup.

John Shoup settled in Spring township, Berks county, where he followed farming all of his life. He married Elizabeth Huyett, also a member of one of Berks county's old families, and they became the parents of Daniel; John; Abraham; Richard; Mary, who married Samuel Graul; and Samuel. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Shoup were connected with the Reformed denomination. He was a Democrat. Mr. Shoup died at the age of ninety years; he and his wife are interred at the old Sinking Spring cemetery.

Samuel Shoup was reared upon his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of Berks county. After marriage he removed to Lebanon county, where he purchased a farm, and there continued all of his active life, locating in Sheridan after his retirement, twenty years prior to his death in 1880 in his sixty-seventh year. His wife died July 3, 1893, aged seventy years, in the faith of the Reformed Church, of which he was also a member. Prior to the Civil war Mr. Shoup was a Democrat, but after that struggle became a Republican. He and his wife were the parents of these children: Frank, retired, of Reading; John, deceased, was a farmer and general merchant at Sheridan; and George K.

George K. Shoup was educated in the common schools and until he was eighteen years of age worked on a farm. In 1877 he came to Reading, and engaged with E. W. Landis on Sixth street, with whom he remained about four and one-half years, at the end of which time he returned home. The following spring he opened a grocery at the corner of Fifth and Laurel streets, and since that time has been located here. His long residence in this locality, and his straightforward manner of doing business, as well as his well known honesty and integrity, have served to gain for him the confidence of the community, and to insure him a good, steady trade. Mr. Shoup was married (first) in 1882, to Miss Alice Seltzer, who died in 1883. Mr. Shoup's second marriage was in 1893 to Clementine Geiger, and one son, George Stanley, was born to this union.

Mr. Shoup is a member of the First Reformed Church, while his wife attends St. Peter's M. E. Church. Politically he is a Republican.

HUGO EICHLER, brewmaster for the well-known brewing house of P. Barbey & Son, Reading, Pa. is a native of Dresden, Germany, born Sept. 29, 1853, son of August and Mary (Lenhart) Eichler, the former of whom, a prosperous tanner and currier of the old country, died there in 1894, aged sixty-six years. Of the nine children of August and Mary Eichler, three came to America, Hugo, Richard and Helen. The family are Lutherans.

Hugo Eichler received his education in Germany, and in 1869 was employed in a brewery in that country as an apprentice to the brewmaster, remaining there until he had mastered the art of brewing. In 1881 he came to America, and from New York City, where he had landed, he proceeded at once to Cincinnati, O., accepting a position with one of the largest breweries of that section, remaining there six years. On his return to New York City he was employed as brewmaster by a large house there until 1900, in which year he came to this city, accepting his present position with the above named firm. Mr. Eichler is an expert in his line of business, and he has few superiors in the brewing of ales, lager and porter.

Mr. Eichler was married in Germany to Bertha Werdorf, and two children have been born to this union: Freda and Elizabeth.

Mr. Eichler and his family are connected with the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Democrat. He is very popular in fraternal circles, and is connected with Teutonia Lodge, F. & A. M.

CHARLES A. HARBACH, jeweler, of Reading, was born in this city, March 8, 1869, a son of Reuben M. and Lydia R. (Kantner) Harbach, a grandson of Jacob and a great-grandson of George Harbach, who came from Germany to America and settled in Berks county at a very early day. Since that time the Harbach family has been closely identified with Berks county affairs. He married Margaret Weinbigler, and they had four sons, namely: Jacob, John, Peter and another whose name is not known.

Jacob Harbach, the grandfather of Charles A., was one of the extensive farmers in the vicinity of Leisz' Bridge, Berks county. He married Sarah Moyer, of Myerstown, by whom he had the following children: Matilda; Daniel; Florian, now living in Virginia, a soldier in the Civil war; Frank; and Reuben, father of our subject, Wellington being the youngest member of a family which has all passed away with the exception of Florian.

Reuben M. Harbach was born Jan. 6, 1843, at Reading and was educated in the best schools of the city at that day. When he was deemed old enough he was sent to live with a Mr. Madeira, a farmer in Tulpehocken township, where he remained until eighteen years old. Then he returned to Reading and apprenticed himself to the painting and paper-hanging trade, with John Hollenbach, whose establishment stood on the present site of the "Farmers Hotel." After completing his trade he was anxious to enter into business for himself although he had but little capital. Finally he associated with H. K. Gittelman and they opened a shop in the basement of the Reading Trust Co. building, on the corner of 5th and Court streets, where they remained five years. By that time the business had outgrown the quarters and they removed to No. 32 North 5th street, where they operated the largest store in that line in Reading. Mr. Harbach was in the business up to the time of death. From an almost humble beginning he had built up a large and important business house and had acquired a substantial fortune. The firm of Gittelman & Harbach became widely known.

The death of Reuben M. Harbach took place Feb. 1, 1902. His wife died Feb. 23, 1901, aged fifty-four years, ten months and twenty-eight days. They had issue as follows: William H., deceased, m. Maggie Stieff and they had one son, Robert; Darius died in infancy; Charles A., of this sketch; Edward J., a druggist doing business at Schuylkill avenue and Oley street, m. Lillie Strauss and they have two children, Marguerite and Adelaide; Sarah, deceased; Carrie G., deceased, m. Paul McKnight and they had one daughter, Grace; Irvin, in the employ of the D., P. & L. Ry.; and Sadie m. Bayard Dunckel, has one child, May.

Reuben M. Harbach was a prominent member of the various branches of Masonry, belonging to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, No. 52; De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; and the A. A. O. N. M. S. of Reading. He belonged also to Emblematic Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F., and Reading Encampment No. 43, I. O. O. F. and to the Reading Hose Fire Co. Politically Mr. Harbach was a stanch Republican. He belonged to the First Reformed Church at Reading.

Charles A. Harbach was educated entirely in the schools of his native city and after his education was completed and he was ready to begin his business life, he entered the woolen mill of J. G. Leinbach, going then to the Harbster Hardware Works, and then entered the employ of J. C. Luden, jeweler. He was then located on North 5th street and with him Mr. Harbach served out the usual apprenticeship, deciding to make this his line of work. He then went to Philadelphia where he remained for three years and on returning to Reading, was connected for a year and a half with E. B. Schlecter and subsequently with J. M. Burkhart. Since Mr. Burkhart sold his jewelry business to I. A. Deisher, he has continued with the latter. He is a careful, experienced workman and has ample patronage.

In November, 1892, Mr. Harbach was united in marriage with Ida M. Kepner, who is a daughter of David and Emma Kepner, old residents likewise of Reading. To this union one child has been born, Paul E., a student in the Reading schools.

Like all the members of his family, far back, Mr. Harbach is a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Reformed Church, his attendance being with the congregation of the First Reformed Church at Reading. He is a member of Emblematic Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Reading.

JOHN WEIDNER, a retired citizen of Reading, Pa., living at No. 114 Walnut street, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, Nov. 30, 1838, son of John and Sarah (Mowrey) Weidner.

John Weidner, the father, was a farmer in Exeter township, and was a well-known and much respected citizen. He married Mrs. Sarah Kline, a widow, who had had by her first marriage three children: Mary, who married Solomon Stoudt; Amanda, m. to Dr. John Marshall, and Al., who lost his life in an accident in Iowa, having been a locomotive engineer. To Mr. and Mrs. Weidner were born three children: John; Sarah, second wife of Solomon Stoudt; and Elizabeth m. Frederick Fritz. In religious belief the family were Lutherans, while Mr. Weidner was politically a stanch Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner are both deceased.

John Weidner received a common school education, and left the home farm to work for William Brumbach, in his woolen mill. Later he came to Reading and engaged in work at the J. G. Leinbach woolen mill, where he learned weaving, carding and spinning. He was there over twenty-five years, and earned the respect and confidence of his employer, having a clean, honest record.

Mr. Weidner was married to Mrs. Angeline Everet, the widow of William Everet, who had one child, Nora, residing at home.

In 1861 Mr. Weidner enlisted in Captain Schraeder's Company C, 7th P. V. I., for three months service and served faithfully. He has been a member of the Rainbow Fire Company for many years, and is also connected with the Veteran Firemen's Association and Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R.

JOHN P. GERHART, of Reading, assistant engineer of the Reading Paper Mills, was born Nov. 18, 1857, in North Heidelberg township, Berks county. He is a grandson of John Gerhart, also a native of North Heidelberg township, who lived and died there, and is buried at Hain's Church. He married Catharine Brossman, and they had these children: John, Daniel, Peter, Elogius, and Mrs. Adam Lerch. John Gerhart made his will Dec. 3, 1872.

Elogius Gerhart, father of John P. Gerhart, was born at the old homestead in North Heidelberg township, and in time became the owner of that place, which comprised eighty-six acres of good land. He followed farming all his life. He died in 1872, aged fifty-three years, and is buried at Hain's Church, with which he had been identified as a Reformed member, serving as deacon and elder of the congregation. He married Annie Heck, daughter of John Heck, and she died in 1862, at the age of forty years. They were the parents of two children, Sarah (widow of Francis Ruth, living near Robesonia) and John P.

John P. Gerhart attended the Lengel school during his boyhood and early began to do farm work, which he followed until his removal to Reading. For a period of twenty years he was thus engaged in North Heidelberg township, where he still owns the farm which was formerly the property of his grandfather and father, in turn, the tract of eighty-six acres previously mentioned. In his possession are some very old and valuable deeds relating to the ownership of this farm, one of which, dated March 18, 1737, conveyed a certain tract of land in the county of Lancaster, Heidelberg township (now Berks county), from Thomas and Richard Penn to Thomas Davis. Another, dated April 28, 1770, records its transfer in the township of Lebanon and county of Lancaster from Henry Stohr and his wife Rebecca to John Brossman; and one of March 13, 1822, from Joseph Obold and wife to John Gerhart. John P. Gerhart came into possession of the place in 1880.

In 1903 Mr. Gerhart moved to Reading, and he has since rented out his farm. During his residence in the city he has been employed at the Reading Paper Mills.

Mr. Gerhart married Arabella Deisher, daughter of William and Sarah (Stoyer) Deisher, and four children have been born to this union: Esther married Mathias Deck and lives in Reading; Florence is unmarried; Leon is attending school; a son died in infancy. The family reside at No. 123½ South Sixth street, where Mr. Gerhart owns his own home. He is a member of the Hains Church with which so many of his family have been identified, and in politics is a Democrat.

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G. WILSON MILLER, the proprietor of the "Hotel Miller," located at the corner of Seventeenth and Cotton streets, Reading, Pa., was born Sept. 11, 1871, near Trexlertown, Lehigh county, Pa., son of John and Elizabeth (Moyer) Miller, the former a native of Lehigh county, and the latter of Reading and a daughter of the late Philip Moyer of Berks county.

G. Wilson Miller attended the public schools of his native county, and later came to Berks county, locating at Reading, where he completed his education. He commenced working when but nine years of age, driving a horse and cart at an ore mine in Lehigh county during the summer months, and after leaving school he worked for a few months at printing. At the age of eighteen years he learned the stove moulding trade at the Mt. Penn Stove Works, Reading, in the employ of which company he continued until 1902, as a journeyman. In September, 1904, Mr. Miller became the proprietor of the "Hotel Miller," which he has conducted to the present time, with much success. Since coming to Reading from Lehigh county, Mr. Miller has been a resident of Cotton street, and he is very well known and exceedingly popular. He is a member of Union Fire Company No. 13, of Reading, of the Association, and of the Uniform Bank, and is also identified with Friendship Commandery No. 247, Knights of Malta. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

On April 15, 1893, Mr. Miller was married to Emma Spatz, and they have these three children: Edna E. and Sarah S., twins, and Helen M. Mrs. Spatz is a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Tobias) Spatz, of Exeter township, and granddaughter of Abraham and Catherine (Lorah) Spatz, who lived above Jacksonwald, in Exeter township. There the grandfather died in 1879, aged eighty-four years less one day. He and his wife had three children, namely: Sarah, who is single; Ephraim (died in 1908) and Jacob, both of Exeter township.

The Spatz ancestors were Revolutionary war patriots and performed noble service for the freedom of their country. John and DeWatt Spatz, brothers, were both captured by the British in the Revolutionary war, and family tradition has it that one of them gave the silver

buckles on his shoes for bread, when he was nearly starving as a prisoner.

HOWARD F. BALTHASER, a butcher at Reading, was born in Upper Bern township, Aug. 3, 1860, son of Jacob Balthaser (3), grandson of Jacob (2), and great-grandson of Jacob Balthaser (1).

Jacob Balthaser (1) was an extensive farmer in Upper Bern township, owning some four hundred acres of fine land, and he was very well known throughout that section both for his handsome appearance and for his habit of driving in a very high wheeled, high-seated buggy, often taking his wife to church in that vehicle. He is buried at St. Michael's Church in Tilden township. He married Molly Greth, daughter of Nicholas Greth, of Windsor, and they had children as follows: Sarah, who married Jacob Boyer; Hannah, who married Jacob Renno; Jacob; John, born in 1814, who died in Windsor township; Mary, who married Benjamin Sunday; George, born in 1824, who died in 1899; William, who settled in Ontelaunee township; Isaac, who was drowned in boyhood; Elizabeth, who married John Baer; Susanna, who married Edwin Kauffman; Jeremiah, who remained in Upper Bern township; Samuel; and Benjamin, who lived on the homestead.

Jacob Balthaser (2), son of Jacob, was born in Upper Bern township, and died in Lower Heidelberg, being buried at Bern church, of which he was a member (Lutheran). He removed from Upper Bern to Penn, thence to Lower Heidelberg in 1858, and there at the time of his death he owned a farm of 112 acres. He married Sarah Kauffman, who bore him thirteen children, as follows: Cornelius, of Bern township; Caroline, who died aged fifty-six years; Jacob, of Bern township; Sarah, who died unmarried aged twenty-one years; Henry, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Charles, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Bern township; Lovina, who died aged fourteen years; George, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg; Emanuel, who resides in Reading; Moses K., now living retired in Reading; Louisa, who married Adam Heck; and Elizabeth and Rosabella, twins, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Jacob Balthaser (3), son of Jacob (2), and father of Howard F., was born in Upper Tulpehocken in 1843, and he died Nov. 4, 1905, at the age of sixty-two years. His interment took place in Bern township cemetery. He owned a farm of sixty-eight acres in Bern township, to which he devoted his active years, until his removal to Reading to engage in the butchering business; this latter he carried on some fifteen years. He returned to his farm in Bern township before his death. He married Lena Faust, who now resides in West Reading. Their children were: Howard F.; John; Thomas; Sallie, who married Alvin Becker; Jacob; Emma, who married Howard Noecker; Franklin, deceased; William; and one that died in infancy.

Howard F. Balthaser was educated in the public schools of Reading. At the age of nine he began driving for the United Traction Company, remaining with them two years. He then when twelve years old began to learn the butcher business with Henry Hoover (now deceased), and is still in the employ of Hoover & Son, a brother-in-law of the original head of the firm conducting the business. Mr. Balthaser resides at No. 1150 Chestnut street, in his own home. He married Miss Norma Rambo, daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Young) Rambo. They have no children. Both Mr. Balthaser and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He is connected, fraternally, with the P. O. S. of A., No. 89, and K. G. E., No. 51, both of Reading.

JOHN A. BEHNEY, foreman of the gas furnaces and gas processes of the Carpenter Steel Company at Reading, was born Oct. 15, 1858, at Monroe, Lebanon Co., Pa., a son of John and grandson of Michael.

(I) Michael Behney was a cooper by trade and owned a fine farm which he cultivated. On it were two houses. His death occurred about 1868, and was occasioned by his falling from the barn, when he was nearly eighty years old. He is buried at Fredericksburg, in Lebanon county. His wife was Sarah Bashore, who died after the Civil war, an old lady. Their children were: John; Lydia who married John Hoch; Sallie who married Augustus Belleman; Ephraim of Lebanon; Emanuel of Elwood; Lewis of Johnstown; Jeremiah who was a soldier in the Civil war, and met his death through starvation in Libby prison three days before the wretched prisoners were released.

(II) John Behney, son of Michael and father of John A., died Aug. 13, 1894, aged sixty-five years, his birth having occurred in Lebanon county about 1829. He was an iron worker and was employed in a forge owned by the Weidman family for about forty years. He resided in the neighborhood of Orion, now Lickdale, in Lebanon county. Religiously he was a Lutheran and is buried at Pottstown, where he spent the last dozen years of his life, and where he died. His wife was Kate Anspach, born June 7, 1835, daughter of the late Henry and Sallie (Leininger) Anspach of Monroe, and granddaughter of Leonard Anspach. Mrs. John Behney has a family picture of herself surrounded by her nine grown sons, which is prized very highly by them all. She now resides at No. 332 Hollenbach street, Reading, and is much beloved.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Behney were: Henry, an iron worker of Reading; Mary, who married Samuel Simon Hoch of Jonestown; Sallie married Dr. Harry Miley of Mount Nebo; John A.; George of Pottstown; Richard of Reading, an iron heater; Charles of Reading who lives with his mother; William of No. 335 Hollenbach street, Reading; Harper L. of Norristown; Joseph at Norristown; and James A. G. at Pottstown.

(III) John A. Behney was reared at Lickdale and Monroe and learned iron working. When he was sixteen he commenced working in the iron works, and has never changed his occupation. In 1895 he came to Reading from Harrisburg and after working at the Carpenter Steel Plant for five years he was made superintendent of the department. At Harrisburg he was in the employ of Charles L. Bailey as a heater in his iron industry. In April, 1903, Mr. Behney purchased his present cozy and pleasant home at No. 636 Schuylkill avenue, where he resides. In politics he is a Republican; fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 212 of Reading. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Reformed church of Reading.

In 1879 Mr. Behney married Mary Ellen Gonder, of Dauphin county, a daughter of John and Mary Gonder, also of Dauphin county. Mr. and Mrs. Behney had one daughter, Minnie, who died at the age of sixteen years.

WILLIAM KAUCHER, of Reading, Pa., who has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for more than a quarter of a century, was born in 1847, in Centre township, Berks county, son of Leonard and Mary (Freeman) Kaucher.

John Kaucher, the grandfather of William, was born in Germany, and on coming to this country settled in Bern township, where the rest of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife, whose name is not known, were the parents of these children: William, Mrs. Sarah Stump, Mrs. Mary Spatz, Mrs. Betzy Steele, and Leonard. Leonard Kaucher was born in Bern township and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed all of his active period, his death occurring in 1864, in his fortieth year. He was a member of the National Guards at one time. John Kaucher married Mary Freeman, and to them there were born ten children: William; Eliza, who married Daniel C. Tobias; Sarah, who married John Bowman; Charles, who married Emma Keller; Samuel, of Reading, who married Amanda Lutz; Leonard, and four who died in infancy. In religious belief the family were Reformed.

Tobias Keller

William Kaucher was reared in Bern and Centre townships, where his education was obtained, and until 1880 worked in the ore mines of his community. In 1881 he came to Reading and accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, which position he has held to the present time. Mr. Kaucher is a faithful workman and has earned the esteem and respect of his employers as well as his fellow-workmen.

In 1871 Mr. Kaucher was married to Sarah Ann Clay, a native of Centre township, and to them there have been born ten children: John A., Franklin W., George W., Jacob H., James L., Elmer M., Calvin M., Debbie A., Mary S. and Nora A. In religious belief the family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Kaucher is a member of the P. & R. Relief Association, and a Democrat in politics.

S. EDWARD LANDIS, whose plumbing establishment and place of residence are located at No. 605 North Ninth street, Reading, is a well-known business man of this city, where he was born June 14, 1877. His parents were Samuel W. and Maggie V. (Ramsay) Landis. The father was also born in Reading and he resides at No. 625 North Eleventh street.

S. Edward Landis obtained his education in the public schools of his native city, and then entered upon an apprenticeship with Frank Miller, at the plumbing trade, working for him for four years. In 1898, Mr. Landis opened a shop of his own, utilizing a part of the cellar of his father's residence. He easily proved to customers that he was a quick and reliable workman which resulted in an increase of trade that necessitated larger quarters. He first moved to No. 608 North Ninth street but later removed to his present place of business. Here he has a fine location and a well equipped shop, where he carries a large line of gas fixtures and plumbers' supplies. He is enjoying a large amount of profitable business.

In 1902 Mr. Landis was married to Emma M. Bell, daughter of Samuel Bell, a prominent citizen, and they have one child, Ruth B. Both he and his wife are members of the First United Evangelical Church.

Politically Mr. Landis is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Malta and is a past commander of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, and belongs also to the order of Maccabees. Along business lines he is united with the Master Plumbers' Association.

WILLIAM M. HIGH (HOCH), one of the highly respected citizens of the Eleventh ward, Reading, is a veteran of the Civil war, and for thirty-nine years has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, as carpenter. Mr. High was born April 4, 1837, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of Daniel Hoch.

Philip Hoch, grandfather of William M., was born in Oley township, son of Casper Hoch, and followed farming in Richmond township, where he had 400 acres of land. He married (first) a Miss Luckenbill, by whom he had two children: Samuel and Daniel. To Mr. Hoch and his second wife there were born children as follows: Joel; Hannah, who married Tyson Stitzel, brother of the late Judge Stitzel; Mrs. Samuel Barnt; Mrs. Samuel Merkel, whose husband was at one time county treasurer of Berks; and Mrs. Daniel Kaufman.

Daniel Hoch was born in Richmond township, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in his fifty-ninth year. He married Miss Catherine Merkel, who died when fifty-two years old, and to them were born seven children as follows: John M., Hettie, Catherine, William M., Susan, Solomon, who died at the age of twenty-seven years, and an infant daughter.

William M. High (Hoch) attended school in Richmond township, and until sixteen years of age worked on a farm, then learning the carpenter trade, which he followed at Fleetwood for three years as an apprentice. He traveled for two years in the Eastern States and then went West, returning home, however, in December, 1860, and remaining until the following spring, when he enlisted in Company D, 12th Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, remaining with this company three years. He then went to Washington, D. C., and was employed in the Navy yards for nine months, then re-enlisting in Company K, 2d Regiment, Hancock's Reserve Corps, in which he served one year. He had many experiences while in the service of his country, being wounded Sept. 17, 1862, at the battle of Antietam. He was also at Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Gettysburg and many other big battles of the war, being in thirty-two engagements, and his record is that of a faithful, cheerful and gallant soldier.

In 1871 Mr. High returned to Reading, Pa., and engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, being for seventeen years foreman of bridge-building for that company, a concern with which he has since been connected. In 1880 Mr. High built his comfortable residence in the Eleventh ward, where he is well known and highly esteemed. He is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 16 and the P. & R. Relief Association, and in his political views is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Tenth and Windsor streets, where for six years he served as vestryman.

Mr. High was married (first) to Mary Catherine Beard, daughter of Henry Beard, and she died Oct. 31, 1901, aged sixty-nine years, without issue. Mr. High's second marriage was to Maggie Wickline, daughter of Samuel and Mary E. (Fry), whose death occurred June 17, 1906, also without issue.

SOLOMON R. YODER, of No. 1352 North Tenth street, Reading, Pa., who has been an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for over twenty years, was born in 1865, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, son of Solomon and Mary (Rothermel) Yoder.

Solomon Yoder, father of Solomon R., was a farmer all of his active life in Muhlenberg township, and his death occurred in 1891, in his sixty-third year, his wife passing away in September, 1871, when in the forty-second year of her age. They were the parents of seven children; Sarah, who married Adam Schmeck; Mary, who married Samuel Heist; Hannah; John, m. to Hannah Medler, daughter of Edward Medler; Daniel m. Susan Borrel, daughter of Daniel Borrel; Solomon R.; William m. Emma Ruth, daughter of Henry Ruth.

Solomon R. Yoder was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and until twenty-two years of age worked on his father's farm. In 1887 he came to Reading and accepted a position as boilermaker with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, in whose employ he has continued to the present time. Mr. Yoder is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A., and the P. & R. Relief Association. On July 31, 1887, Mr. Yoder was united in marriage with Miss Ida V. Wertz, daughter of Franklin and Magdalena (Becker) Wertz, and to this union there have been born two children; Ella, who died in July, 1906, at the age of eighteen years; and Carrie, at home. Mr. Yoder is a member of the Reformed faith, while his wife is a Lutheran.

AUGUST ABRAHAM, who has lived retired from active business life since 1904, was for many years employed with large business concerns of Reading. Mr. Abraham was born Sept. 20, 1840, in the Province of Preussen, Belyard, Germany, son of Christoph Abraham.

Christoph Abraham was born in 1803, in Grünawald, Preussen, Germany, and died in 1870, at Warnen. He had two daughters who died young, and five sons, namely: Carl, Herman and Heinrich of Germany; August of Reading; and Ludwig of Milwaukee, Wis.

August Abraham attended the schools of his native locality from six to fourteen years of age, when he commenced working on farms at various points. He left Hamburg May 1, 1872, for America, locating at New York June 5th of that year. He then came to Reading and found employment in the pipe mill, where he worked for thirty-two and one-half years, but since 1904 has lived retired. In political matters Mr. Abraham is a Democrat. He and his family are members of St. John's German Lutheran Church of Reading, and the children were educated in the parochial school. Since 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham have resided in their own home, No. 622 Maple street, and they also own the residence at No. 569 South Eleventh street, where their son, Augustus, lives.

On Nov. 18, 1865, Mr. Abraham was married to Wilhelmina Zick, born Oct. 28, 1839, daughter of Johan and Louisa (Klabunda) Zick, farming people of Preussen, Germany, and to this union there were born seven children: Amelia m. John Einsel, of Reading; Bertha m. John Lutz, of Reading; Joanna m. Frank Collins, of Reading; Augustus m. Helen Ehrnst; Wilhelm died at the age of fourteen years; Johan died young; Albert died when three years of age.

PHILIP DEHART, of Reading, Pa., who for a number of years has been closely identified with the rolling mill business in this section, has been living retired since 1902. Mr. Dehart was born Dec. 28, 1843, in Alsace township, Berks county, Pa., son of Gilbert and Lydia Ann (Borgert) Dehart.

Jacob Dehart, the great-grandfather of Philip, married Susanna Knabb, daughter of Nicholas and Susannah. He was a farmer and land-owner in Oley, Alsace and Exeter townships, these farms having been originally owned by his father-in-law. He was at one time considered very wealthy and owned much real estate. His son, John, grandfather of Philip, married Polly Harner. John Dehart was a weaver and farmer, spending the latter years of his life in agricultural pursuits on a property now owned by his son, Amos, in Alsace township. Here he died in 1869, aged about 100 years, his wife passing away in 1860, when eighty-six years of age. They had the following children: William; Rachel; Jacob Briner; Abraham; Gilbert; David; Jeremiah; Jacob; Amos, living at the age of ninety-four years; Lydia, who married Joel Bechtel and lives in Birdsboro; Mary, who married John Babb; Annie, who married Samuel Trout, and John, all being deceased except Amos and Lydia. Mr. Dehart was a Whig in politics.

Gilbert Dehart was the proprietor of a paper mill at Stony Creek, and was also a millwright, following the latter occupation the greater part of his life. His last work was done on Dunkle's mill, and his death occurred in 1881, in his seventy-second year, his wife surviving until 1898, when she died, aged eighty-five. They had five children: John, Frederick, Philip; Susan, who married Frank Stautler, and Barbara, who married Samuel Jones. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Dehart was a Republican.

Philip Dehart received his education in the schools of Berks county, and for a time worked at distilling. He then secured employment in the Reading rolling mill, where he remained several years, then going to Hamburg, where the next two and one-half years were spent. Mr. Dehart's work was then continued at Sternbergh's mill, where he remained for a period of twenty-nine years, he retiring in 1902, since which time he has been engaged in looking after his real estate interests. Mr. Dehart owns seven houses, a good deal of city property, and a seventy-six acre farm.

In 1864 Mr. Dehart was married to Matilda Bridegam, daughter of William Bridegam, and they had three children, all of whom died in infancy. In politics Mr. Dehart is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. HENDRICKS, who has been engaged in the coal business in Reading, Pa., at Nos. 332-334 Canal street, since the spring of 1906, was born Sept. 30, 1853, in the city of Reading, son of Joseph and Sally (Kistner) Hendricks.

William H. Hendricks was educated in the schools of Reading, and as a boy was employed as a mule driver on the old Schuylkill Canal. From time to time he was promoted, finally becoming a captain of a canal boat, and later leased boats, doing a freighting business for several years from the coal mines to Reading. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Hendricks purchased his present coal yard, which is one of the finest in the city, and the capacity of which is 3,000 tons. Mr. Hendricks continues to lease canal boats, which bring his coal direct to his yards, he being the only dealer in the city who gets his coal direct from the anthracite fields.

On February 15, 1879, Mr. Hendricks was united in marriage with Miss Lillie A. Long, daughter of Charles Long, and to this union there have been born four children: Joseph and William, deceased; Harry, who is his father's assistant; and Sally, who became the wife of Samuel Loose. Mr. Hendricks has become well known in Reading where he bears a reputation for honesty and integrity. He is independent in his political views.

IRVIN E. HEPLER, of Reading, Pa., who conducts a grocery at the corner of Pear and Walnut streets, was born May 20, 1870, at Hepler, Schuylkill county, son of John K. and Harriet (Keller) Hepler.

John K. Hepler was born in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, Pa., and there received his education in the common schools. When a young man he engaged as a farm hand, and continued at that occupation until seventeen years of age, when he became clerk in a store. At the age of twenty-three years he engaged in a general merchandise business, continuing therein for two years, when he embarked in the cattle business, shipping from Chicago, and later from Buffalo. For four years he was extensively engaged in this line, and from that time on he was variously engaged. He died June 2, 1906, aged fifty-eight years, nine months. Mr. Hepler was married in 1869 to a daughter of Peter Keller, and eight children were born to this union, as follows: Irvin E.; Laura, deceased; Curtin H.; Winfield, deceased; Charles H.; Katy May, deceased, Martha, and one who died in infancy. In religion Mr. Hepler was a member of the Reformed Church. He was a Democrat politically, and a member of the Order of American Mechanics.

Irvin E. Hepler was educated in the schools of Ashland, Pa., and when a boy was employed in the coal mines, being engaged ten years as a breaker. He was then employed in W. H. Bright's lumber yard at Ashland for two years, when he went to Frackville and engaged with Seaman & Co. in a general store as clerk for eight years. In 1897 Mr. Hepler went to Ashland and engaged in the baking business, continuing therein for five and one-half years, and in 1903 removed to Reading, purchasing the D. K. Hoch store and stock at his present location. Mr. Hepler's business has been constantly on the increase. He carries a full line of meats and staple and fancy groceries, is agent for several leading bakeries and also engages in the buying and shipping of produce. He is possessed of much business ability, and has won the confidence and patronage of the community.

Mr. Hepler was married in 1895 to Bertha Beard of Frackville, and to this union there have been born five children: Blanche A., Marian E., Laura B., Ruth E. and Bertha E. In religious belief, Mr. Hepler is a member of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Charles Beard, Mrs. Hepler's father, was a native of Hamburg, Berks county, and a blacksmith by trade, and at the time of his death was living at Frackville. He married Emma Adams, also a native of Hamburg, and they became the parents of seven children: Elizabeth, who married Charles Maurer, has four children, Marian, Lillian, Walter and Douglas; Bertha, Mrs. Hep-

ler; Lillian G.; Estella; Emma, who married Elwood Gunther, who was killed in a railroad accident June 1, 1906, leaving her with three children, Gladys, Allen and Dorothy; Laura, who married Samuel Wingert, has one child, Ruth; and Lydia. In religious belief the family are members of the Evangelical Church.

ALBERT KEPPELMAN, a well-known resident of Reading, Pa., who is serving as assistant superintendent of P. Barbey & Son's Brewery, was born in this city Feb. 19, 1865, son of John and Christiana (Meyer) Keppelman.

Albert Keppelman received his education in the common schools of Reading, and when a young man entered his father's employ, the elder Keppelman operating a foundry and machine shop at that time. Learning the machinist's trade, young Keppelman followed it for some years, but in 1886 accepted a position with the firm by which he is now employed, as shipping clerk, a position which he held for some years, then being advanced to his present capacity. Besides attending to his regular business duties, Mr. Keppelman has found time to devote to music, of which he is a great lover, he being an exceptionally talented violin player. He assisted in the organization of the Germania Band and Orchestra, of which he is still a member, and when a boy he traveled for two years as musical director of Col. Hall's Pavilion Show. Mr. Keppelman is very fond of, and takes a great interest in, the children, and was the founder of the Juvenile Parade for the amusement of children on the Fourth of July. The older people as well as the children attend this parade largely, the former seeming to find as much amusement in the proceedings as the little ones. The children are all served ice cream and pretzels after the ceremonies are over, and cash prizes are given those who make a special effort at costuming.

Mr. Keppelman was married in 1889, to Miss Catherine F. Schrader, of Reading, daughter of Henry O. Schrader, and three children have been born to this union: Henry S., with the P. & R. Co.'s drafting department; Margaret H.; and Catherine C. Mr. Keppelman and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Democrat, and he is connected fraternally with the Royal Arcanum and the American Order of Steam Engineers.

A. B. MOORE, of Reading, engaged in the contracting business, was born in May, 1838, in Chester county, son of James and Mary (Knowles) Moore, and is a descendant of a long line of Scotch-Irish ancestors.

David Moore, grandfather of A. B., was an early settler of Chester county, where he engaged in farming and milling, accumulating considerable property. He married a Miss Kay, and they became the parents of three children: Caroline, Elizabeth and James. In religious matters the family were connected with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Moore was a Whig in politics, but is not known to have taken more than a good citizen's interest in public matters. James Moore, his son, was born in Chester county, and early in life took to agricultural pursuits, an occupation which he followed all of his active career. Very enterprising and progressive he became more than ordinarily successful, and at the time of his death, in 1864, was the owner of 1,100 acres of valuable land. James Moore and his wife were buried at the Presbyterian Church (of Fairview) cemetery, in Chester county, they having been members of that congregation.

After receiving his education in the schools of Chester county, and at West Chester Academy, A. B. Moore engaged in farming, and at this occupation he continued until 1869, in which year he located in Reading and was appointed to the position of officer on the city police force. He continued in this position for eight years, and at the end of this time engaged in contracting on public works and for corporations in the city, and has proven very successful in this line, at which he is at present engaged. Mr. Moore is politically an unswerving Republican, and is considered a strong man in his community by the party leaders. For four years he has served as a member of the Common Council from the First Ward. He is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. and K. G. E. Lodges, the I. O. R. M., Patriotic Sons of America, and the Reading Iron Company Beneficial Association. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Reading.

Mr. Moore was married in February, 1861, to Miss Priscilla Benner, a native of Chester Co., Pa., and three children have been born to them: Elmer E., engaged in the retail coal business in Reading; Edwin A., president of the United Coal, Coke and Gas Construction Co.; and May K., a saleslady at Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart's establishment in Reading.

JOSEPH I. McCULLOUGH, of Reading, was born in that city Aug. 23, 1876, a son of Michael McCullough.

Michael McCullough, born in 1834, was a welder by trade and was employed for a number of years in the Seyfert & McManus foundry. Later in life he went into the hotel business, locating at Nos. 542-544 South Seventh street, and was thus engaged till his death in 1899. He married Miss Margaret Clingaman, who died seven years before him, at the age of fifty-five. Of their nine children four died in infancy, and the others were as follows: Daniel F., deceased; Anna C.; Mary, deceased; Joseph I.; and John, deceased. The family belonged to St. Peter's Catholic Church. The elder Mr. McCullough was a prominent politician, of more than local importance. An active worker for the Democratic party, he had many warm friends in his ward and was sent as representative to both branches of the city council, serving at one time as its president. From 1872 to 1874 he sat in the State legislature, and made a good record there. Mr. McCullough was one who saw service during the Civil war, having enlisted in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three months.

As a member of a devout Catholic family, it was natural that Joseph I. McCullough should have received his education in the parochial school of St. Peter's parish. After his student days were over he went to work for the Reading Iron Company and was employed by that concern for three years. At that time his father had opened his hotel and the son became his clerk, working in that capacity till the death of his father. Thereafter he conducted the place himself for a few years, but May 1, 1902, sold out. He then filled a clerical position till 1905, when he went into business for himself once more. He carried on a cigar store and pool room, with two tables, located at No. 644 Bingaman street, and during the two years in which he managed it did a very good business.

In addition to the demands of his daily occupation Mr. McCullough has found time for considerable political work and is prominent in the Democratic ranks in Reading. In 1902 his services were recognized by election to the select branch of the city council, in which he was the youngest member ever sent to that body. He continued in that position four years, giving his constituents efficient service. Mr. McCullough is a member of the Liberty Fire Company, having joined that organization in 1898.

The union of Mr. McCullough in 1900 to Miss Rosa T. Albert, the daughter of George F. Albert, has been blessed with seven children, Paul M., Mildred R., Margaret E., Leonard J. and Gertrude A., surviving, and Gerald A. and Joseph I., Jr., deceased. Mr. McCullough has ever adhered to the faith in which he was brought up and he and his family are connected with St. Peter's Church.

AARON S. STUPP, of Reading, who has lived on Front street since 1901, was born Nov. 28, 1861, in Marion township, Berks county, son of William and Elizabeth (Lechner) Stupp.

Martin Stupp (Stup), the ancestor of this family, was one of the early Tulpehocken settlers, coming thither from the Schoharie, in New York. He died in the early part of 1755, and his will was probated March 18th of that year by Peter Stein and Samuel Weiser, on the oath of Conrad Weiser the great patriot and Indian interpreter. The executors of this will, which was a German document, were his wife Susanna Stupp, Abraham Laucks and Martin Battorff. A daughter, Magdalena Stup, was married according to the records of Christ's Church at Stouchsburg, Pa., Nov. 13, 1748, to Abraham Schneider, who was a son of George Daniel Schneider, the ancestor of that numerous family.

Leonard Stupp, the great-grandfather of Aaron S., died at his farm, and is buried at the Corner Church. He owned 300 acres of valuable land in Heidelberg township, where he spent all of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. His children were: Eva, who married Benjamin Hain; and Johannes.

John (Johannes) Stupp, the grandfather of Aaron S., died at the old farm, on which he had spent all his life in farming. He was buried at the Corner Church, of which he was a member. He married Sarah, daughter of John Eckert, and they had these children: John died single, aged eighty-three years; Ezra, of Myerstown, is eighty-two years old; Beckie m. Jacob Keller, and is eighty; William; James m. Hannah Hibshman; Mary m. Jesse Reinhold; Eliza m. Joseph Leiss; Susan m. Lewis Miller; and two children died young.

William Stupp, father of Aaron S., was born in 1834, and died Nov. 9, 1906, being buried at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, beside his wife. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the old homestead of ninety-three acres in Marion township. In earlier life Mr. Stupp was an official of the Corner Church, but later became a member of the Tulpehocken Church. He married Elizabeth Lechner, and they had two children: Morris J. and Aaron S.

Aaron S. Stupp was reared to agricultural pursuits, and worked for his parents until reaching his majority, when for three years he engaged in farming on his own account on the homestead in Marion township, and in 1887 went to Stouchsburg, where he engaged in the restaurant business and also conducted a saloon for one year. For three years he lived with his father in Marion township, and in 1901 he came to Reading, where he has since been employed in a cigar factory. He now resides in his own residence at No. 267 North Front street, which he purchased in the spring of 1907. Mr. Stupp is a Republican in politics. He and his family are members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Marion township, where the family have a nice burial lot and large monument. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of Good Fellows No. 42, and the P. O. S. of A. No. 237, both of Stouchsburg, and the Order of Progressive Americans No. 1, of Reading.

In 1881 Mr. Stupp married Sallie Peiffer, daughter of Edward and Caroline (Behney) Peiffer. Their children are: Carrie L. m. Albert B. Pleis, a painter of Reading; Howard F., a salesman of Reading; and Grant U., a barber of Reading.

ALBERT ROTH, school director and farmer of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., was born Dec. 2, 1867. He attended the township schools, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and has made that vocation his lifework. He owns a good farm of fifty acres in Bern township, and this is kept in a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Roth attends the Reading market once a week. For several years he was employed in the car shops at Reading. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Roth was elected a school director of Bern township on that ticket in 1908. In religion he is a member of Epler's Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon; and fraternally he is a member of Castle No. 503, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Leesport.

In 1887 Mr. Roth married Kate Reeser, daughter of Levi Reeser (mentioned elsewhere), and they had one daughter, Edna, who m. Peter Spayd and is the mother of one son, Norman.

EDWIN G. RUTH, county treasurer of Berks from 1903 to 1906, and a leading and representative citizen of Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 3, 1858, in East Cocalico township, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Francis and Magdalena (Gehret) Ruth.

Peter Ruth, the great-great-grandfather of Edwin G., was a farmer by occupation, and operated along the Cacoosing creek, in Heidelberg township. To him and his wife, Catherine, were born fourteen children: Michael, Jacob, Christian, Peter (1764-1819), George, John, Henry (Sept. 6, 1799-1855), Francis, Catherine, Mary, Barbara, Eve, Magdalena and Margaret. The father of these children died in September, 1771. His son Francis Ruth, who died in 1809, married a lady whose first name was Elizabeth, and they had eleven children: Elizabeth; John; Henry; Christian; Catherine; Magdalena; Isaac; Mary; Jacob; Peter; Elizabeth and Rebecca. Of this family, Christian was born April 20, 1781, in Berks county, and when a young man removed to Lancaster county, in the vicinity of Denver, where he carried on farming. His first wife was a Kurtz, and by her he had six children: Peter; Mary; Henry; Elizabeth; Francis and Caroline. He married (second) Susanna Ludwig, and to them were born four children: Nathan; John; Jacob and Catherine. Christian Ruth died in 1847.

Francis Ruth, father of Edwin G., was born in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in 1815, and was there reared to farming. About 1860 he removed to Berks county, where he died in 1899, his wife also being eighty-four years old at the time of her death in 1903. He married Magdalena Gehret, and to them were born children as follows: Isaac, who married Mary Holl; Elizabeth, who married John Dundore; Harriet, who married John Baer; Susanna, who mar- Adam Emich; Magdalena, who married Aaron Gaul; Peter, who married Annie Ebling; John, who married Anna Zerr; Amanda, who married John E. Moyer; Francis, who married Sarah Gehret; Jacob, who married Hannah Hain; Sarah, who married Lewis E. Spohn; Edwin G.; Carolina, who married James Shoup; and three who died young.

During Edwin G. Ruth's infancy his parents removed to Berks county, locating in the eastern section of Heidelberg township, near Hain's Hill. He was educated in the local schools and in the Womelsdorf Academy, and was reared to farming on his father's place, where he remained until he became of age in 1879. He then engaged at farming for himself and continued until his election to the office of county treasurer, when he gave his entire attention to his official duties from 1903 to 1906. Previously he officiated as a school director of Lower Heidelberg township for nine years, in which time he assisted in erecting nine township school buildings. He has taken an active interest in Hain's Church for many years, serving as deacon and as elder. He assisted in organizing the Wernersville National Bank and became one of the directors on the board.

Mr. Ruth was married to Emma Moyer, daughter of John and Mary (Degler) Moyer of Heidelberg township, and to this union there have been born five children: Tillie Emma, who married Dr. Conrad S. Reber; Edna; Katie; Laura, and one child which died young. Tillie and Edna were graduated from the Keystone State Normal school, the latter being a teacher of the public school in Spring township; and Katie took a special course in the Parisian school of

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tailoring and designing at Philadelphia, from which she was graduated with the highest honors.

JOHN WOOTTEN was a native of England, born Feb. 24, 1842, at Willenhall, Staffordshire. He was the son of Enoch Wootten, who was born in 1814, and emigrated to America in 1847, making the voyage in a sailing vessel, and located at Reading, where for many years he was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in their shops, and later was on the road between Reading and Pottsville. He died at Reading Oct. 7, 1898, aged eighty-four years. He was a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M. His wife was Elizabeth Appleby, daughter of John Appleby, of England. Of their children there are still living: Ann, of Willenhall, England; and Mrs. Samuel Russel, of Reading.

John Wootten was but a boy when the family came to this country, and he early learned his father's trade, that of a locksmith. Shortly after the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company A, 88th Pa. V. I., and served until September, 1864. His regiment was assigned to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. Among the engagements participated in by him may be mentioned: Cedar Mountain, Thoroughfare Gap, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethesda, White Oak Swamp, Ream's Station and Petersburg. During one of the battles he was captured by the enemy, but he escaped and rejoined his regiment; and toward the close of his term of enlistment he was wounded in the left hand. When Mr. Wootten returned home, upon his honorable discharge, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and for thirteen years worked on the East Penn branch as brakeman and fireman. He was of an industrious and economical disposition. In his religious belief he was of the Evangelical denomination. He was an active and highly respected member of McLean post, No. 16, G. A. R., and of the Union Veteran Legion, No. 43.

On Jan. 9, 1866, Mr. Wootten was married to Margaret A. Spotts, by whom he had twelve children: Annie, m. to Samuel Kalbach, of Reading; Elizabeth; Harriet, widow of James Binns; Mary, m. to Henry Palm; Helen at home; Margaret, m. to Harrison Koch; Harry E., at home; and five, who died young.

Michael Spotts, grandfather of Mrs. Wootten, was born near Leesport, Berks Co., Pa., and later in life went to Union county, where he died at the age of ninety years. His wife was Magdalena Robinson.

Reuben Spotts, son of Michael and the father of Mrs. Wootten, was born near Leesport, and accompanied his parents to Union county. He later moved to South Dakota, where he died. He married Amelia Hassenplug, daughter of Henry Hassenplug, of Mifflinsburg Union County, and his children were: Margaret A., Mrs. Wootten; Michael, who died in the army; Harriet, m. to Franklin Lusk, of South Dakota; and Charles, who died in Iowa.

WILLIAM M. SNYDER, of No. 151 West Oley street, Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the insurance business, was born in 1860, in Perry township, Berks county, son of Joel C. and Maria (Mervine) Snyder.

Isaac Snyder, grandfather of William M., was a representative agriculturist of Perry township, where his whole life was spent. He married Kate Graeff, and to them were born the following children: James G., William; Joel G.; Sophia, m. to Charles Steffy; and Katie, m. to Daniel Wiest. In religious belief he was a Lutheran.

Joel G. Snyder was born in Perry township, and there was engaged in farming until 1894, when he engaged in the huckstering business, his present residence being in Shoemakersville, Pa. Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Maria Mervine, and to them there were born children as follows: Irvin P.; Charles E.; William M.; Mabel A., deceased; and May. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Knights of Malta. He is independent in politics, and in his religious belief is identified with the United Brethren Church, attending Christ Church of that denomination.

William M. Snyder was educated in the schools of Perry township, after leaving which he engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, for two years. Mr. Snyder then learned cigar making, at which he was engaged for four years, when he sold out and purchased a pool room and cigar store at the corner of Schuylkill avenue and Oley street, which he successfully conducted until 1906, when he sold out to engage in the insurance business, which he has carried on to the present time.

On Oct. 28, 1899, Mr. Snyder was married to Sallie M. Baer, daughter of David and Sarah (Miller) Baer. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder attend the Reformed Church. In political matters he is a Democrat.

HARVEY D. KISSINGER, proprietor of the "Krick House," situated at No. 670 Schuylkill avenue, Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 13, 1868, in Bern township, Berks county, son of Adam and Sarah (Lengel) Kissinger.

Johan Kissinger, great-great-grandfather of Harvey D., was a native of Germany. He owned a farm in Alsace township, Berks county, Pa., above what was known as "Close's Hotel," the property now being owned by the Ebling estate. His two children were: John and Betsy. The latter did not like her adopted country, and suddenly disappeared, nothing being heard from her until after the death of her father, when she returned, after the estate had already been settled. Her share was paid her, however, although it almost caused the financial embarrassment of her only brother, John. Johan Kissinger was buried in the private burial ground in what is now Muhlenberg township, near Brooks Locks, or the Carpenter Steel Works.

John Kissinger, great-grandfather of Harvey D., lived in Alsace township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits, owning a tract of thirty acres of land. He was buried in the family burial ground. His children were: Abraham, Lydia, John, Jacob, Samuel, Solomon and David.

Abraham Kissinger, grandfather of Harvey D., was born in 1800, in Alsace township (now Muhlenberg), and died aged thirty-seven years, being buried in the private burial ground on his farm. He married Hannah Schmaltz, daughter of Christopher Schmaltz, and they had four children, as follows: Daniel and Henry, who both died aged one year; Hannah, m. to Amos Gaul; and Adam.

Adam Kissinger, father of Harvey D., was born July 31, 1833, in Alsace township, and was reared to farming, an occupation which he followed until twenty-one years of age, at which time he went to work in the brick yards and there continued for three years. For twelve summers he was employed in work on the Schuylkill canal, and from 1870 until 1904 tended the Kissinger Locks on the canal, coming to Reading in the latter year, since which time he has been living at No. 800 Schuylkill avenue, with his nephew, Morris Ruth, whom he reared from infancy. In 1854 Mr. Kissinger was married to Sarah Lengel, who died June 21, 1890, aged fifty-seven years. They had the following children: Emma, Rebecca, Henry, Harvey D., Jacob and Hannah (m. to William Hinnershitz).

Harvey D. Kissinger accompanied his parents to the Kissinger Locks when two years of age, and lived at home until his marriage in September, 1887. For seven years he was employed at the American Iron & Steel Company's plant, then known as Sternbergh's, and for five years he was in the employ of the Keystone Rolling Mills, after which he worked at brick-making until being engaged as bar clerk with P. Monroe Krick, his brother-in-law. In the spring of 1905, Mr. Kissinger succeeded Mr. Krick, who retired, and he has continued to conduct the "Krick House" to the present time with

much success. In addition to his hotel, Mr. Kissinger owns several houses in the Fifteenth ward. He is a popular member of the Schuylkill Fire Company and the Bar Tenders' Association.

Mr. Kissinger was married to Mary A. H. Krick, born Dec. 18, 1870, daughter of Levi J. R. and Mary (Hinnershitz) Krick, and she died April 27, 1904, aged thirty-three years, four months, nine days. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger, namely: Arthur L., born April 1, 1888; William H., July 28, 1901; and Mamie Catharine, May 3, 1898.

MORRIS P. BROWN, one of the successful manufacturers in the special line of artificial limbs, in particular the ventilated skeleton limbs, has been in business in Reading since 1904, at No. 412 Schuylkill avenue. He was born Feb. 29, 1856, in Hamlin, Lebanon county, son of William and Priscilla (Price) Brown.

William Brown was an extensive shoemaker and manufacturer in Lebanon county in his day, and was prominent in political matters, holding a number of township offices, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He and his wife were Lutherans in their religious belief. They had six children: John; Amanda, m. to Aaron Steiner, of Jacksonville, Lebanon county; Emma, m. to William M. Etris; Susan, m. to John Henninger, of Reading; Elizabeth, m. to Harry Miller, of Reading, and Morris P. William Brown died in 1899, aged seventy-one years, and his wife the same year, being aged seventy-two.

Morris P. Brown was educated in Lebanon county, and at the age of twelve years started to learn the shoemaker's trade with his father, completing his first pair of custom shoes at the age of thirteen years. He continued this work until 1886, when he turned his attention to railroading, becoming baggage agent at Phoenixville, Pa., continuing in the employ of the company for four years, when he entered the Phoenixville Machine shops, where he worked for several years. At the end of this time he removed to New York, where he worked in Mark's artificial limb factory for two years, then going to Philadelphia. At this city he continued in the same line for several years, but in 1892 came to Reading to engage in the manufacture of shoes. In 1902 Mr. Brown engaged in selling flour and feed, and continued at that line until 1904, when he began his present business—the manufacture of ventilated skeleton limbs. Mr. Brown is now considered one of the leaders in his line of work, his product comparing favorably with any on the market.

In 1876 Mr. Brown was married to Amanda J. Newcommet, and to this union there have been born six children: Paul N., Miles N., Esther N., Luther N., Harry N. and Hattie N. Mr. Brown is a member of the Foresters of America and the K. O. T. M. Politically he is a Democrat.

LEVI A. BROSSMAN, employed at the outer depot in the baggage department of the Reading Railway, has been a resident of Reading since 1886, and has occupied his present home, No. 517 Gordon street, Reading, since 1893. He was born in Lower Heidelberg township Oct. 14, 1855, and was brought up on his father's farm, where he continued until he was twenty-eight years of age. He was educated in the township schools and at Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy, Reading, and was licensed to teach in the public schools of Berks county by Prof. S. A. Baer. He taught his first school at Wernersville, in the Frey school. He then taught one term at Brownsville, in Lower Heidelberg township. In 1881 Mr. Brossman moved to Breiner's farm on the pike above Wernersville, where he lived one year, and then moved farther down to Levi Gaul's farm, where he lived two years. In 1884 he moved to the Blue Marsh where he conducted an eighteen-acre truck farm for two years. In 1886 he came to Reading, and he is now employed, as above stated, at the outer depot in the baggage department of the Reading railway. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 560, P. O. S. of A. He is a member of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church near Robesonia.

Mr. Brossman married Mary Dengler, daughter of John and Rebecca (Spangler) Dengler, and granddaughter of John Spangler, of Strausstown. They have had five children, of whom two, Ross Calvin and Winebert M., died in childhood. The survivors are: Jennie, Lem and Ralph. They are highly respected.

ELI FRITZ (deceased) was, for fifty years one of the best known residents of lower Berks county, having for that period operated what is known as "Fritz's Mill" in Douglass township, located on the Ironstone creek.

John Fritz (also spelled Fritts) is on record in Douglass township as being a taxable in 1759. He was the first ancestor of the family in this country.

John Fritz, Jr., died in 1843, leaving a wife and some children, the will mentioning only a son Ephraim, who was given the plantation in Douglass township.

John Fritz, grandfather of Eli, was a farmer of Douglass township during his lifetime. He owned and lived on the farm now owned by James Fisher. In his will, which is on record in Will Book 10, page 448, his wife Sarah was bequested the farm of 106 acres. Their family consisted of the following children: Samuel, David, Joseph, John, Catharine (m. Frederick Hallman) and Sally (m. Isaac Keiser). The father of this family lived to a very ripe old age, dying in 1858.

David Fritz, the next in line, was also a farmer in Douglass township owning and cultivating the old homestead now belonging to James Fisher. During his lifetime he erected "Fritz's Mill," which remained in the family until 1908, at which time it was sold to Jacob Yorgey, who now continues to operate it. David Fritz married Nellie E., daughter of Jacob Kaiser, and their children were as follow: Eli; Matilda, m. to Christian Yorgey; and Mahlon, residing on Fox Hill, Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Eli Fritz was born about Pottstown, Pa., Feb. 1, 1831. He was reared to farm life, and learned milling in his father's mill, over the operations of which he continued to preside for a full half-century, from about 1857 until his death, July 29, 1907. In this position he became known all over this section, and he was quite active in the public affairs of his locality serving in different township offices. He was a stanch Democrat in politics. He and his family were Lutheran members of Emanuel Church, otherwise known as Kutz's Church, of Pottsgrove township. The family burial plot is in the cemetery at Pottstown.

Mr. Fritz married (first) Catharine Riegner, who died young. In 1867 he married Lovina Y., daughter of Peter and Anna (Yoder) Levengood, of New Hanover township. Mrs. Fritz was born in the year 1839, and received her education in the old "pay" school, German only being taught. Since the death of her husband she has passed most of her time in Reading, with her daughter Ida T., Mrs. Henry B. Nuss. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fritz had also a son James L., who now resides in Reading.

Henry B. Nuss, son-in-law of Eli Fritz, was born Nov. 14, 1867, in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county, son of William and Emeline (Bortz) Nuss. William Nuss (son of John) came about 1877 to Longswamp township, Berks county, where he continues to reside. His wife died in 1908. They had children as follows: Hiram, Henry B., Ella, Mary, James, William, Charles (who perished in the Boyertown fire Jan. 13, 1908), Minnie and Elmer.

On Sept. 7, 1889, Henry B. Nuss married Ida T. Fritz, and they have had children: Henry W., Emma Z., George L. and Marion L.

CHARLES R. HARTMAN, of Perry township, Berks county, whose fine dairy farm is situated near Shoemakersville, was born across the township border in Windsor township, April 15, 1866, son of Jacob and Rufena (Reber) Hartman, and a descendant of John Hartman, for whom Hartman's Spring was named.

John Hartman was born in 1713, in an ancient farmhouse near the beautiful and historic city of Reutlingen, Wurtemberg. When a young man he married Magdalena Swartz, and they lived happily together on the old homestead for several years. Mr. Hartman had a maternal uncle, Frederick Schoener, who had gone to America and settled in Pennsylvania, and from whom the Hartmans had received letters. One of these letters, addressed to the young man's father, was as follows, and was read and re-read by the young married man: "Heidelberg, Berks Co., Pa., June 17, 1753. —To George Hartman, near Reutlinger, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany. Dear brother-in-law: This is to inform you that we are all well and well pleased with America. We live in a good land, where everything is plenty, and we have schools and churches. I hope you will come to this promised land. We live about four German miles from Reading. If you write, address as above. Yours in brotherly love, Frederick Schoener."

This letter made a lasting impression on John Hartman's mind, and he decided to go to America. After sixty-four days of tedious voyage, he and his family arrived at Philadelphia, June 20, 1754. Seeking for some weeks an advantageous location he decided to go to Reading, and thence to some point near the Blue mountains. He had four children, all born in Germany: George, Barbara, Regina and Christian. They left Philadelphia about the last of June, with a farmer who was to take them in his four-horse wagon to Heidelberg, Berks county, near where Conrad Weiser lived. On reaching their destination they learned that the persons whom they sought had crossed the Blue mountains, and Mr. Hartman was advised to do so also by an old soldier, and this he and his family accordingly did. For about twenty-seven pounds he purchased an old wagon and two horses, and in this they journeyed until they arrived at the spring where the crystal water poured in profusion, the site of Orwigsburg. Here in the solitude of the forest, which was at that time included in the county of Berks, this much forgotten pioneer family lived religiously happy. The only books that constituted their library were a Lutheran Catechism, a Bible and a German hymn book. An almost daily scene was the happy family seated by the hearthstone, reading the Bible and singing the old German hymn: "Allein, und doch nicht allein, bin ich," etc. In English:

"Alone, and not alone am I,
Though in this solitude so drear;
I feel my Savior always nigh;
He comes the weary hours to cheer;
I am with Him and He with me,
E'en here alone I cannot be."

This section of Pennsylvania was frequently overrun by the Indians, who had been incited to bloody deeds by the French after the loss of the Canadian territory. Hence, during the French and Indian war, the few scattering inhabitants contiguous to the Blue Mountains were often alarmed. At breakfast on the morning of Oct. 16, 1755, Mr. Hartman's wife said: "Well, John, you know the flour is all gone, and some one must go to the mill. You are seeding the last field, and suppose you let Christian go, I will go with him, for I have long since promised to go over and see Mrs. Swartz." She was permitted to go and George and his father finished seeding that day. Mrs. Hartman and her son started through the dense forest to the mill, the present site of Schuylkill Haven. Barbara, aged ten years, and Regina, aged nine, were left to take care of the household. While they were seated around the table their faithful dog, "Wasser," came running in. Hartman seized his rifle, but fifteen Indians entered the home, killed Hartman and his son George, while Barbara and Regina were made captives, and the house was laid in ashes.

It was never known what became of Barbara, but Regina was given to an old Indian woman, who sent her into the woods to hunt roots and herbs, and when she did not get enough she was beaten. In 1764, Col. Boquet conquered the Indians, and peace to them was granted on the condition that all the white prisoners should be given to him. More than 400 were brought to him, and among them was Regina, now about nineteen years old. The colonel took the children to Carlisle and had it printed in the newspapers that the parents of children who had been taken captive by the Indians, should come and see whether they were among them. Several thousand husbands and parents went hundreds of miles in hope of meeting lost wives or children. When Regina's sorrowing mother got to Carlisle she did not recognize her daughter, as she had grown up, looked, dressed and spoke like the Indians. The woman went up and down among the captives weeping and could not find her child. Col. Boquet asked her whether she recollected nothing by which her daughter might be discovered. She said she recollected nothing but a hymn she used to sing to her children, "Alone, Yet Not Alone Am I," etc. The colonel asked her to sing the hymn. Scarcely had she sung two lines of it, when poor Regina rushed from the crowd, began to sing it also and threw herself into her mother's arms. They both wept for joy, and Col. Boquet gave up the daughter to the mother. Tradition says that Regina is buried by the side of her mother in Christ Lutheran cemetery, near Stouchsburg.

Jacob Hartman, the great-grandfather of Charles R., tradition says was a son of Henry Hartman, a younger brother of John Hartman. The greater part of his life was passed in Windsor township, but he was buried at Zion's Union cemetery in Perry township. His wife was a Hoffman, and they had several children.

Benjamin Hartman, son of Jacob, spent his life in Windsor township, where he owned a small farm, and where he also engaged as a stone mason. His wife was Racey Bausher, of Albany township, and they had these children: Jacob; Daniel, who lived at Myerstown, Pa.; Benjamin, who lived and died in Philadelphia; and Katie, deceased, who in early life went to Michigan, with her uncle, Jacob Bausher, and was there married to a Mr. Sloate, by whom she had one daughter, Katie.

Jacob Hartman, father of Charles R., was born Dec. 14, 1842, in Windsor township, and at the age of twenty-five years began farming near Hamburg, on the railroad farm, on which he continued to reside until 1885. In this year he removed to Perry township, settling on the old Unger homestead, which he cultivated for fourteen years. Mr. Hartman, who is still carrying on operations in Perry township, is a good citizen, being active in educational and church work. He and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Union Church, of which he was a deacon for a number of years.

On Aug. 15, 1865, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Rufena Reber, born July 4, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Heinly) Reber, both of Windsor township. To this union were born children as follows: Charles R.; George R., who resides at home; Margarite m. J. J. Motes, of Reading; Katie m. Peter E. Naftzinger of Berne, Pa., who died in 1906; Lillie, who is unmarried at home; Mary m. J. L. Gundy, of Calcium; Emma m. Samuel L. Stetzler, of Shoemakersville; Louis M., also of Shoemakersville; and Thomas W., Adam D. and Eva J., who are all at home.

Charles R. Hartman spent his boyhood days with his parents, and his education was secured in the district schools of Hamburg and Perry township. He began farming for himself in 1881, purchasing his present farm of forty-four acres in 1889. This tract is in an excellent state of cultivation, Mr. Hartman being a progressive and enterprising man. He greatly improved his home by beautifying its surroundings. In

politics he supports the Democratic party, in whose behalf he is quite active, and he is popular in his township. He and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Union Church of Perry township, where since 1900 he has been a deacon.

On Aug. 25, 1888, Mr. Hartman was married to Mary Ehrens, born in Richmond township, daughter of Henry Ehrens. Among their children are: Elva M., Clara I., Nevin D., Clarence J. and Earl J.

HOWARD MILTON DIETRICH, proprietor of the "American House," at Bernville, who was born June 4, 1859, in Centre township, is a son of Levi F. and Louisa (Moser) Dietrich and grandson of Daniel and Salome (Fisher) Dietrich.

Levi F. and Louisa (Moser) Dietrich were the parents of the following children: Henrietta, m. to George B. Miller, of Hamburg; Salome, m. to William E. Gruber, of Mt. Pleasant; Howard Milton; Valeria, deceased in 1903, m. to James H. Hollenbach; Emma, m. to Jeremiah Heckman, of Shoemakersville; Levi H., of Centre township, m. to Ida Yoder; Nelson C., who is single and lives on the old homestead farm in Centre township; Wilson P., a farmer of Centre township, m. to Jennie Reeser; Irwin R., of Philadelphia, m. to Annie Smith; and Horace D., also of Philadelphia, m. to Laura Kalbach.

Howard Milton Dietrich attended the public schools of Centre township and worked for his father until twenty-five years of age when he began farming on his own account and for a period of twenty years carried on agricultural operations in Ontelaunee and Maidencreek townships. He then moved to Maiden Creek station, where he lived retired for a short time, and in 1904 engaged in the hotel business at Shoemakersville. Two years later he came to Bernville and became the proprietor of the "American House," which is well and favorably known to the traveling public.

Mr. Dietrich was married (first) Aug. 20, 1883, to Mary N. Bagenstose, daughter of William and Rebecca (Snyder) Bagenstose. She died Dec. 13, 1888, the mother of three sons: Warren, of the class of 1909, Lehigh University; Charles W., of the class of 1904, Perkiomen Seminary; and Paul B., who died when three months old. Mr. Dietrich was married (second) to Savannah Iowa Burkey, daughter of Sydehan Burkey. To this second union there were born seven children: Carrie, Lucy L., Mamie S. and Amy S. (twins), John H., Walter S. and Mary A.

In political matters Mr. Dietrich is a Democrat, and in 1903 he was appointed bridge inspector of Berks county. While a resident of Centre township he served for six years as school director, and in 1908 was elected a school director of Bernville. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

JACOB S. ADAM, of Perry township, was born in Windsor (now Perry) township, July 25, 1844, son of Jacob and Lovina (Smith) Adam.

Anthony Adam was the ancestor of the Adam family of upper Berks county. He was a French Huguenot and came to America on the ship "Snow Molly," which landed at Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1741, Mr. Adam being at this time twenty-five years of age. On this same ship came to the New World progenitors of other old families of Albany and Greenwich townships, whose descendants in many instances still reside on the land cleared from the wild bush by their forefathers. It is not known to whom Anthony Adam was married, but we have record of these sons; Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who settled in Schuylkill county; and Peter, who settled on a farm in Windsor township, now owned by Herman Adam, one of his descendants. In 1752, when the county was established, Anthony Adam was a taxable resident of Albany township. Without doubt he suffered during the French and Indian wars, and it is supposed that he witnessed such terrible depredations as the awful massacre of Jacob Gerhart's family, the killing of the wife of Balsar Neyfong and the shooting of David Howell. These must have been trying times. Surely this pioneer settler was often in communion with his God, praying for protection for himself and family from the cruel scalping knife and tomahawk.

Peter Adam, the great-grandfather of Jacob S., was born Oct. 1, 1765, and died July 1, 1849, aged eighty-three years, nine months. He was married March 11, 1788, to Catherine Hauseknecht, and to them were born ten children: Jacob; Anthony m. Miss Schappell; Peter; Abraham; John; William; George; Betsy m. Abraham Snyder; Hannah m. Benjamin Merkel; and Polly m. Daniel Schappell.

Jacob Adam, son of Peter, was born in Windsor township, Oct. 18, 1789, and died Dec. 22, 1866, aged seventy-seven years. His wife, Anna Maria Gordner, was born July 16, 1793, and died Aug. 7, 1874, aged eighty-one years. To them were born the following children: Hannah m. Daniel Bausher; William m. Betz Kramer; Heinrich m. Harriet Focht; Jacob, father of Jacob S.; Peter died single, aged twenty-one years; Benjamin m. (first) Esther Smith, and (second) Catherine Lengel; Isaac, born Nov. 12, 1820 (who in spite of his years is still hale and hearty and able to dance a lively hoe-down, which he does occasionally, to the great delight of his friends) m. (first) Louisa Hottenstein, and (second) Esther Adam, who also survives; Betsy m. John Gerhart; Polly m. Reuben Strasser; Lazarus died at the age of fifty-nine years; Simon died in 1867, when thirty-two years old; Catherine m. Samuel Schappell; and Lydia m. Jacob Kershner.

Jacob Adam, father of Jacob S., was born in Windsor township, Jan. 21, 1816, and died Aug. 10, 1894, in his seventy-ninth year. He obtained a good education in the pay schools of his day, and when a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed the greater part of his life. In 1852 he removed to Perry township, locating upon his farm of 137 acres, which he conducted with his children while still working at his trade. He was a school director, official of Zion's Union Church, of Perry township, and was a highly esteemed citizen. He married Lovina Smith, daughter of Michael Smith. She was born Sept. 29, 1822, and died Dec. 27, 1905. Their children were: Alfred S., a successful farmer of Perryville, whose land adjoins that of our subject; Jacob S.; Samuel, who died aged twenty-seven years; Michael, who died Jan. 24, 1905, aged fifty-five years, four months, nine days; and Mary S., deceased, m. to John Boyer.

Jacob S. Adam has spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits with the exception of five years when he was engaged at his trade of carpentering. He now owns a fine farm of 108 acres in the southern end of the township, near the Ontelaunee line, which is in the very best possible condition and one of the most valuable in Perry township. Excellent buildings adorn the property, a large well-kept lawn surrounds the house, good, fresh water is easily obtained from the troughs at the house and barn, and modern improvements are noticed throughout. Adjacent to this Mr. Adam owns a valuable little tract of fifteen acres, of very fertile land and with good buildings upon it, and this he has tenanted. He is also the owner of a store building at Molltown and has large industrial interests in the county. Mr. Adam is a prominent man. He is a stanch Democrat and a leader in the ranks of his party in this section, having been a delegate to many county conventions. He was auditor of his district and has likewise served for nine years as school director. He is a prominent member of the St. Peter's Reformed Church of Richmond township, in which he has held every office, is president of the building committee, and has recently been again elected elder, a position he has held for many years. He gives to the church with a liberal hand, helping members of the congregation in many ways as well, and when any movement whether for charitable, religious or educational purposes, is started, he is invariably chosen to be the one to lead the project.

He is known as a man of honor and integrity in the community in which he has lived for so many years, and many positions of honor and trust have been given him by his fellow-citizens who recognize and appreciate his sterling worth of character.

On Oct. 31, 1868, Mr. Jacob S. Adam was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth K. Rothermel, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Kohler) Rothermel, and to this union there were born the following children: Lillie, who died in infancy; Mamie, m. to William Dreibelbis, Maurice R., the well known dentist at No. 639 Penn street, Reading, who is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal school of Kutztown, class of 1898, taught school, clerked in a prothonotary's office, court house, graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1903, and now has a large and lucrative practice; Laura, m. to Wilson Mengel; Edith, who died in her second year; Robert R., who is a student at the Keystone State Normal School; and Jacob D., who died aged thirteen days.

JOHN G. STOCKER, a worthy and honored citizen and prominent business man of Reading, died at Carlsbad, Bohemia, July 19, 1903. Like many another of the representative citizens of the Keystone State, Mr. Stocker came of stanch German lineage, and was born in Baden, Germany, Aug. 5, 1850, son of John and Catherine (Werren) Stocker, both of whom were natives of the same section of the German empire.

John Stocker, the father, was a substantial farmer and a citizen. He and his wife came to America in October, 1873, and took up their residence in the home of their son John G. Mr. Stocker lived retired until his death, which occurred in the following year. The devoted mother remained with her son John G. also until she was summoned to the life eternal, Nov. 17, 1879. Both were zealous members of the Lutheran church, and exemplified their faith in their daily lives. They were the parents of six children, namely: George, a resident of Reading; Christian, who remains in Germany; Frederick, who came to America and who died in Danville, Pa.; Caroline, m. to Henry Daum; John G.; and Adam, deceased.

John G. Stocker was reared to manhood in his native land, and was afforded the advantages of the excellent schools there. In 1869, at the age of nineteen years, he emigrated to America and took up his residence in Reading, Pa., where he secured employment in the brewery of Peter Barbey. Later he identified himself with the operation of the brewery of Frederick Lauer, and after continuing in the employ of others for seventeen years he removed to Tremont, Schuylkill county, where he and his brother-in-law, John Roerich, rented a brewery, which they operated for the ensuing six years. Mr. Stocker then disposed of his interest in the enterprise and returned to Reading, where he built up a large and profitable business in the ownership and operation of what is known as the Stocker Brewery. He was thoroughly familiar with all details of the business, gave to his plant careful personal supervision and gained for the output a high standard of excellence. Mr. Stocker continued the executive head of the brewery until his death. His health became impaired, and in the hope of recuperating the same he went to Carlsbad, in Bohemia, where he died. His remains were brought back to Reading by his wife and daughter, who had accompanied him.

Mr. Stocker was survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Roerich, and by five children: Henry, J. George, Catherine (wife of Charles Deale), Adam (who was killed by the explosion of a beer vat, Oct. 20, 1905, at the age of twenty-six years, two months, eighteen days), and Caroline.

Mr. Stocker was a member of the Lutheran Church and contributed liberally to its support. In politics he was a Democrat and in a fraternal way he was identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. As a citizen he was progressive, loyal and public-spirited.

J. George Stocker, who was made executor of the estate by the terms of his father's will, and who was identified with the operation of the brewery from his youthful days until it was sold April 8, 1907, to August Schneider, was born in Reading, March 19, 1875. After completing the curriculum of the public schools he rounded out his discipline by a course in the Inter-State Business College, at Reading, where he graduated. He then became associated with the work of his father's brewery in Tremont, and later with the Stocker Brewery in Reading. In January, 1903, he was graduated in the American Brewery Academy in Chicago, Ill. In 1893 he was made brewmaster in his father's brewery, and in 1897 became general manager of the business. He is one of the representative and popular young business men of his native city, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Lutheran Church, and is identified with the Free & Accepted Masons, the Quakers, the Reading Liederkranz, and the Keystone Fire Company. On Sept. 1, 1904, Mr. Stocker married Miss Anna P. Watkins, who was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DAVID Y. SCHAEFFER, now engaged in the cultivation of his fifty-acre tract in Engelsville, Colebrookdale township, Berks county, was born on his grandfather Yoder's homestead near Pleasantville, in Oley township, June 10, 1870, son of Nathan and Catherine (Yoder) Schaeffer. He was but a lad of ten years when his father died, and he grew to manhood on the farm, assisting his mother until he was twenty-one years of age. He attended the public schools of Oley township, and later Friedensburg Seminary. For eight years after his marriage he farmed for his mother, and in the spring of 1901 he located at his present place, where he has made many improvements, including a fine addition to the house in 1905. Besides farming, Mr. Schaeffer goes out threshing in his district.

On Nov. 15, 1893, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Katie Dotterer, daughter of William Dotterer, and they have seven children, namely: Mabel, Ella, William, Edna, Minnie, Oscar and Florence.

JOHN H. LEWIS, of Reading, who is proprietor of the "Clinton House," at the corner of Front and Washington streets, was born Feb. 18, 1875, in Chester county, son of John P. and Mary E. (James) Lewis.

John P. Lewis was educated in the schools of Chester county, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1877, at this time removing to Reading and becoming employed as a teamster for Orr, Painter & Co. He later became shipping clerk and was holding this position at the time of his death, June 6, 1891. He and his wife were the parents of these children: Frank J., deceased, m. Pauline Albert; Lizzie m. Samuel Price, and had one child, Mary; Samuel P., deceased, m. Emma Gnau, and had three children, Florence, John and Russell; Charles M. m. Clara Miller, and had four children, Robert, Edmund, Grace and an infant, deceased; John H. m. Martha M. Yeager, and had two children, J. Frank and Marie; George O. m. Laura Gibbs. In religious belief Mr. Lewis was a Methodist. Politically his views were those of the Democratic party.

John H. Lewis was educated in the schools of Reading and learned the blacksmith's trade at the Keystone wagon works, where he worked for five years. He then clerked for five years in the hotel at Wood and Franklin streets, and in 1903 came to the "Clinton House," of which he has been proprietor to the present time. His house contains twenty rooms, being furnished with all modern conveniences, and he himself is well thought of in his community. He is a member of the Eagles, the P. O. S. of A. No. 678, Neversink Fire Co., a contributing member of the Schuylkill Fire Co., and member of the Independent

Gunning Club, West End Social Club, Harmony Social Club, Northwestern Beneficial Association, Wayside Club, Elm Leaf Gun Club, and the Eagle's Mountain Home. In political matters he is a Republican, and belongs to the Sixth Ward Republican Club. Mr. Lewis owns a comfortable residence at No. 118 West Greenwich street.

JOHN A. FAHRBACH, whose death occurred April 15, 1908, at his home, No. 32 South Eighth street, Reading, was a man well known, having been dancing-master in the city for many years.

John M. Fahrbach, father of John A. Fahrbach, was born in Germany in the year 1810. There he studied music and learned the trade of upholstering and coach trimming. He came to America in 1837, landing at New York City. He then became connected with a traveling show as leader of the orchestra, and finally settled in Reading, which at that time was a small town or borough. He was the organizer and leader of the first band in the city and also instructed bands in different parts of the country. Few men were better known in musical circles. At this time he also worked at his trade at the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company's shops, where he was employed for a period of fifteen years; then engaged in the hotel business, first on North Eighth street, afterward at Seventh and Franklin streets, in which business he continued until 1880, at which time he died at the age of seventy years.

Mr. Fahrbach married Mary E. Gerber, born in Germany, and they were the parents of ten children, four of whom lived to maturity as follows: Mary A. Block died June 2, 1908, at Orange, N. J.; John A. died April 15, 1908; Francis J. died Aug. 18, 1903; Amelia died Aug. 26, 1893.

John A. Fahrbach was born in the city of Reading Nov. 15, 1844, and lived there all his life. He became interested in music at the age of six years, and after a course of study at the Reading common and high schools took up the study of music under the capable instruction of his father. He learned the boiler-making trade and followed this for some six years, but gave it up to give his entire attention to music. The violin was his chief instrument, and he was a master performer on it. He played in orchestras for over forty years, gave instructions to many people, and at the time of his death was a member of the Philharmonic Band. He organized the Fahrbach orchestra in 1861. In the year 1871 he began giving instructions in dancing, having studied the art under Philadelphia instructors. He never kept an account of his pupils, but it is estimated that he taught upward of fifteen thousand people. Mr. Fahrbach was known far and wide as an excellent dancing-master, having taught men and women years ago who are now grandfathers and grandmothers, and whose children and grandchildren have also been his pupils. His public class was held at Academy Hall, and his private class at Sixth and Walnut streets, in the East Pennsylvania Railroad building.

Mr. Fahrbach had an enviable reputation for his strict honesty and genial nature. He was a private in the State militia and was one of the few members of that body who saw active service. Mr. Fahrbach was a member of the Second Reformed Church. Fraternally he was connected with the National American Association of Dancing Masters; American Federation of Musicians, Local No. 135; Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R.; Mt. Penn Castle, No. 51, Knights of the Golden Eagle; Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; Lexington Commandery, No. 2, and the Junior Fire Company.

Mr. Fahrbach married Emma Hummel, who died March 16, 1905. The following children survive: Harry E. is mentioned below; Annie E. is a fine musician, both vocal and instrumental; Christian E. has traveled very extensively, and is now located in Reading, being trap drummer in the Academy Orchestra; he is a member of Washington Camp, No. 89, P. O. S. of A.; Local No. 135, A. F. of M.; Reading Hose Fire Company, and Reading Hose Volunteer Association.

Prof. Harry E. Fahrbach, son of John A., was born June 8, 1871, and at the age of five years commenced the study of music under his grandfather, John M. Fahrbach, and finished his violin studies under Henry Lambert, at the New York College of Music; pipe-organ under Dr. Austin Pearce; theory of music under Dr. Austin Pearce and Theodore Kolb; piano under Albert Ritter; trombone under John W. Row. He is now director of the Academy of Music Orchestra. He is a member of the examining board of local No. 135, A. F. of M., and has served for the past six years as director of the Philharmonic Band. Mr Harry E. Fahrbach conducted the Opera House Orchestra for seventeen years, Temple Orchestra for one year, and was organist of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church for fourteen years. He is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; Reading Hose Fire Company, and Reading Hose Volunteer Association.

GEORGE J. SCHULER, of Reading, who is proprietor of the meat market at the corner of Sixteenth street and Perkiomen avenue, was born Oct. 22, 1862, in this city, son of John and Catherine (Tilger) Schuler.

The parents of George J. Schuler, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, came to America as young people and located in Reading, where Mr. Schuler engaged in butchering until his death in 1866, in his thirty-eighth year. He and his wife, who is still living, aged about seventy years, were the parents of four children, two of whom are now living: William A., and George J. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

George J. Schuler received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the butchering business, at which he was employed for others until 1882. In this year he established himself in business on Seventh street, below Bingaman, but in 1893 erected his present property and has been located at this place to the present time with much success. Mr. Schuler's trade, which is constantly increasing, is of the best in the city, his fair dealing and excellent goods winning the confidence and patronage of his customers, while personally he is genial and courteous. He manufactures all his own sausages, smoked meats, etc., and guarantees them to be of the finest quality.

Mr. Schuler was married to Emma Frentzal, daughter of Frederick Frentzal, and to this union there have been born two children: George H., who is in business with his father, married Mabel Cressman; and Gertrude, who died at the age of fourteen and one-half years. The family attend the Lutheran Church. In political matters Mr. Schuler is a Democrat, although he takes no active part in public matters. He is considered one of the representative citizens of his community, in which he is very popular.

WILLIAM K. BRIDEGAM, of Reading, Pa., whose plumbing establishment is situated at No. 552 North Front street, corner of Greenwich, was born Sept. 23, 1875, in Temple, Berks county, son of James and Isabella (Kerling) Bridegam, the former of whom, a retired locomotive engineer, has been living in Reading since 1881.

William K. Bridegam was educated in the grammar schools of Reading, from which he received his diploma in 1891. After leaving school he drove a bakery wagon for a few months for Charles Auer, and during this time learned telegraphy in the evenings. After eighteen months with Mr. Auer, Mr. Bridegam resigned and apprenticed himself to the plumber's trade with G. A. Hagy, with whom he continued for about five years, then engaging with S. E. Fritz and H. A. Lewis until 1901. In this year Mr. Bridegam engaged in business on his own account at No. 129 West Oley street, continuing there until October, 1905, since which time he has been at his present place of business, where

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he employes sixteen men, as well as office help. He carries the most complete line of samples in the city and does a large and profitable business, giving special attention to gas, steam and hot water fitting.

In October, 1898, Mr. Bridegam was married to Gertrude Schaeffer, daughter of the late William D. and Rebecca Schaeffer, and to this union have been born one child,—Warren J. In religious belief Mr. Bridegam is connected with the Reformed Church, and is financial secretary of the Sunday school. He is a member of the K. G. E., the K. of F., and the A. O. U. W. He votes independently.

ALBERT J. STROHECKER, of Reading, who is proprietor of the Pennsylvania Rubber Tire Company, with office and factory located at Nos. 42-43 Moss street, was born in Reading April 27, 1880, son of J. A. and Emma (Brumbach) Strohecker.

J. A. Strohecker, whose death occurred in Reading Feb. 27, 1909, was born in Spring township, Berks county, seventy-two years ago. When a young man he learned the butchering business, which he followed in Reading until his retirement in 1896. He was a Lutheran in religious belief; and was a Democrat politically being prominent in the ranks of that party, having served as councilman from the Eighth ward, where he was very well and favorably known. He was a member of the park board for ten years. He is survived by these children: Mary, wife of Robert Wetherhold, of Reading; Edward, an employe of the city engineer's office in Reading; Emma, wife of Dr. Schlegel, a dentist of the city; and Albert J.

Albert J. Strohecker attended the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he engaged in learning the carriage building business. Acquainting himself thoroughly in all the branches of this trade, in 1897 he opened up the first rubber tire works in Reading, or, in fact, in Berks county, and in this line he has continued very successfully to the present time. He builds both heavy and light express wagons, and the excellent quality of the work has won him the confidence and patronage of the community.

Mr. Strohecker was married in 1903 to Miss Millie Hoskins, daughter of the late George H. Hoskins, and to this union there has been born one son, Albert J., Jr. In political matters Mr. Strohecker is a Democrat, like his father, but so far has given all of his time and attention to his growing business. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He is connected with the Junior Fire Company.

GEORGE MILLER, who since April, 1908, has made his home in Maiden-creek, comes of Swiss stock. His great-grandfather, Christian Miller, came from Switzerland, bringing with him his family. There is record of his three sons, Jacob, George and Henry.

George Miller, son of Christian, was a farmer and landowner, and was born March 17, 1786. He died on his own farm Jan. 4, 1872. The handling of tools always afforded him great enjoyment, and he learned cabinet making, and became a carpenter and undertaker, making and finishing the coffins for his trade. He married Elizabeth Reisch, born Sept. 22, 1799, and died April 15, 1867. They had three children: Charles, mentioned below; Samuel, who married Miss Stoyer, and kept and owned the old Miller hostlery in Adamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa.; and Mary, who married (first) Charles Place, and (second) Charles Faust, who survives her and resides at Blandon.

Charles Miller, son of George, was born near Wily's mill. He, too, became a cabinet maker and undertaker, following those callings all his active life. He married Maria Schrack, and they had four children: Josiah, who died unmarried in Tucson, Ariz.; George; Mary E., who married Owen Fox, of Blandon, and has had children—Charles L. (deceased), Laura, Robert, Mayme, Warren, Mabel and Owen; and Charles Jacob, who married Adalina Hoffman, and has had children—Lloyd and Ralph, the latter dying young.

George Miller was born near Calcium, in Maidencreek township, Aug. 20, 1854, and was educated in the common schools of his district. He makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Owen Fox. He is prominent in fraternal organizations, being a member of Lodge No. 1084, I. O. O. F.; the I. O. R. M., of Fleetwood; Knights of the Mystic Chain, at Fleetwood; and the Sick and Accident Insurance Company of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Blandon Lutheran Church. Mr. Miller is unmarried.

SAMUEL B. KEPPEL, late of Sinking Spring, was prominent alike in business and legislative affairs, and one of the most genuinely respected men of his district; he was born in Honeybrook, Chester county, Pa., Dec, 10, 1846, son of John Keppel.

John Keppel, the father, was born and reared in Chester county, Pa. He was raised by a family of the name of Gordon. His death occurred at Honeybrook July 15, 1894, when he was aged seventy years. He married Barbara Weaver, who bore him the following family: George; Samuel B.; Clara, wife of James Peck; Elizabeth, who for a period of seventeen years taught the Boyertown school, and is now teaching at Honeybrook; Sallie, wife of Lewis Guiney, of Coatesville, Pa.; and Alice, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Samuel B. Keppel received a good education, studying in the district schools, Waynesboro Academy, and Millersville State Normal. For six years he engaged in teaching in Lancaster and Berks counties, and was quite popular with his pupils as well as with the other members of the profession. He next spent two years as a telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, leaving that Company to become clerk in the office and telegraph operator (special line) for the Moselem Iron Company, where he continued from 1872 to 1877. On April 1, 1877, he moved to Sinking Spring, and entered the coal, lumber and grain business, and to this he devoted twenty years with great success. In April, 1881, he opened a similar business at Robesonia, under the firm name of Keppel & Reber, and it was so carried on until April 1, 1886, when Mr. C. D. Reber retired. Mr. Keppel continued the business for some time alone, finally selling it to Mr. Leinbach. From that time until 1899 he gave his undivided attention to the business at Sinking Spring, but he was of too energetic a nature to be content with but one iron in the fire, and in April, 1892, he formed a stock company under the name of the Birdsboro Milling Company (Limited) of Birdsboro, Pa., and leased the mill of the Brooke Milling Company. This mill had a capacity of 150 barrels of flour per day. Mr. Keppel became secretary and treasurer of this company.

In spite of his extensive personal interests, Mr. Keppel took an active part in public affairs, as a representative of the Democratic party, and proved his popularity as a candidate by repeated elections to public office. In 1891 he was elected to the House of Representatives, receiving a majority of 7,034, and in 1893 was re-elected by a majority of 7,556, his increased plurality showing well the satisfaction his services had given in his district. He served on the following committees: Banks, Insurance and Manufacturing. At different times he was a delegate to State conventions, and he showed his interest in the cause of education by effective work as a school director. He was also engaged largely in the fire insurance business in connection with his other work, and was a director in the Manatawny Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company, organized in February, 1893. He also served as agent for the Mutual and Stock Fire Insurance Company. He was one of the best known men in the county—in fact he was widely known throughout the State.

Mr. Keppel was public spirited and progressive, and was ever at the front in any enterprise that tended

toward the advancement and development of his town. He was one of the organizers of the Sinking Spring Foundry Company, capitalized at $10,000. The Water Company had for its founders, Mr. Keppel, Daniel Bitner, D. J. Herbein and James Ruth, and Mr. Keppel became its secretary and treasurer. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank of Reading, from its organization in May, 1888, and when it consolidated with the Second National Bank, he became a director of that bank. He was one of the largest stockholders and a director in the Colonial Trust Company, of Reading; and was president of the Reading & Womelsdorf Electric Railway Company. In all these concerns he had more than a nominal interest, and he kept fully posted on the work and conditions of each.

Mr. Keppel was twice married. His first wife Susan Lerch, died leaving one daughter, Leah, now the wife of Prof. W. S. Delp, of Philadelphia. On June 27, 1889, Mr. Keppel married (second) Eva Mull, daughter of Henry and Theresa Steltz, of Montgomery county, Pa. On April 18, 1903, Samuel B. Keppel entered into rest, after an active and useful life, leaving many friends to mourn his loss. He was a Mason of high degree, belonging to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory 32°; and and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

Upon the death of Mr. Keppel the board of directors of the Reading & Womelsdorf Electric Railway Company, of which he was president from its beginning until his death, passed a resolution, signed by all officers, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Company sustained a loss that cannot be repaired. The Reading & Womelsdorf Electric Railway Company stands an enduring monument to his memory. He was one of the founders, and to his courage and perseverance the success of the undertaking was largely due."

Mr. Keppel was a member of St. John's Reformed Church and was serving as a member of the consistory at the time of his death, taking an active part.

WILLIAM A. REED of Reading, Pa., proprietor of the "East Reading Hotel," was born in Frackville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Jan. 2, 1880, son of Adam and Caroline (Roeder) Reed.

John William Reed, grandfather of William A., was born April 26, 1812, probably in Wayne township, where he died Jan. 24, 1878, aged sixty-six years. His wife was Mary Yoh, and they had a family of nine children, as follows: Adam, Jonathan, Levi, Solomon, John, Sallie, Esther, Marie and Katie. Of this family Adam, the father of William A., was born near Schuylkill Haven, Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., about 1850. He was a farmer and thresher in early life, but later became a carpenter at the Philadelphia & Reading shops at Mahanoy Plane, where he worked for about twenty years. In June, 1901, he removed with his family to Camden, N. J., where he is engaged as a ship carpenter in the employ of Heck, Rickenbach & Noecker. Adam Reed was married to Caroline Roeder, and to them have been born children as follows: Ella, Harvey, Dora, William A., Elmer, Emma, Sallie, Charles, Harry, Eva, Alva and Pearl.

William A. Reed spent his youth in Frackville, where he attended the common schools until ten years of age, at which time he commenced work as a breaker boy, picking slate, an occupation which he followed for four years. He then spent several years at driving mules on the rock banks at the coal mines, but subsequently entered employ of the Reading Railway Company, with which he continued until August, 1905, when he bought out the interest of Simon Behney, the proprietor of the "East Reading Hotel," located at No. 1830 Perikomen avenue. This hotel Mr. Reed has since conducted with much success, the ten rooms being almost continuously occupied by tenants. He is courteous and agreeable to all patrons, and has become one of the popular young men of the community. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 66, P. O. S. of A., of Frackville, and the Twentieth Century Quakers of Reading.

On July 18, 1901, Mr. Reed was married to Catharine Hepler, daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Mattern) Hepler, and granddaughter on the maternal side of Silas and Caroline (Kimmel) Mattern. Mr. Mattern is past his eighty-second year, and his wife is past eighty years old; she has been blind for the past forty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed have been born two children: Alma H. and Claud D. A.

SOLOMON E. LAUER, of Maiden-creek township, was born Feb. 8, 1866, in Spring township, son of William and Catherine (Saylor) Lauer.

Christian Lauer, the grandfather of Solomon E., was a farmer near Jonestown, in Lebanon county, where he died in middle life. He married a Miss Spohn, who bore him three children: William; Hannah, who married Isaac Huyett; and John, who died single, aged about twenty-one years.

William Lauer, father of Solomon E., was also a farmer by occupation, and made his home in Spring township. On Oct. 11, 1862, he was married to Catherine H. Saylor, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Hahn) Saylor, and this union was blessed by the following children: George McClellan S., born April 28, 1863, died aged about twenty-three years; Henry Milton, born Dec. 8, 1864, died May 5, 1867; Solomon Ellmore; John Howard, born April 9, 1867, died Oct. 6, 1867; Christian Ellis, born June 15, 1869, lost his life in a railroad accident in 1900; and Irwin Saylor, born Oct. 30, 1871, married Irene Guldin and resides at the Guldin homestead, at Blandon, Berks county. William Saylor Rothermel, a son born to Mrs. Lauer by a former marriage, was born June 15, 1859, and died in December, 1897.

Solomon Ellmore Lauer received his early training in Spring township, and later came to Maiden-creek township, where his education was completed. He has carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years, and has been very successful in his operations. On Sept. 1, 1888, Mr. Lauer married Maggie Hall, daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodwin) Hall, residents of Blandon. Three children have been born to this union: Elsie Catherine, June 16, 1889; William Earl, Dec. 27, 1895, deceased Dec. 23, 1898; and Sarah Marguerite, April 15, 1897. Mr. Lauer and his children are members of the Reformed Church, while Mrs. Lauer belongs to the Lutheran faith.

JOHN LICHTENWALLNER. The Lichtenwallner family of Longswamp township traces its ancestry back to Johannes Lichtenwallner, who with his wife and one year old son, arrived at Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 1733, on the ship "Samuel," of London, from the Palatinate or Rhine country. On his arrival in Philadelphia, he purchased a team, loaded his wagon with what few household effects he had and, with his wife Barbara and son, followed the immigration as far as Hanover, in Montgomery county. There he remained a brief time, following his trade of blacksmith, at which he was a past master, as his passport from the mother country proves. He was in search of vacant land, and his evident desire was to settle where he could build for himself a home and till his own soil. He therefore took advantage of the new road opened in 1733 from Goshenhoppen, Montgomery county, across the Lehigh mountains, to where Trexlertown is now located. In 1734 he landed in "Magungy," which then comprised nearly all of the west end of Lehigh county, then a part of Bucks county. He followed an old Indian trail from Trexler's tavern, now Trexlertown, across Macungie into what is now North Whitehall township, and there settled on 300 acres of vacant land along the Jordan creek, for which tract he secured a warrant from the Province of Pennsylvania in 1738. Just how long he remained on this

property is not definitely known, but the land being rough and hilly and the soil shallow and gravelly, he went back to Upper Macungie, and located on a tract one mile west of the present site of Fogelsville. He must have settled there about 1742, built himself a log dwelling (on the spot where now stand the farm buildings of the old John Lichtenwallner farm, at present owned by Peter R. Bear, Esq., of Fogelsville), and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had these children: the one year old son whom they brought from the old country; Margaretta, born Feb. 3, 1734; Maria Agatha, in 1736; Johann (2); Catherine, Oct. 2, 1742; Anna Christina, May 12, 1745; Johann Tobias, April 23, 1747; Catherina Margaretta, Oct. 30, 1749; and Abraham, July 12, 1753.

Johann Lichtenwallner (2), the common ancestor of the Pennsylvania family of that name, was born June 29, 1738, on the Lichtenwallner homestead. When twenty-five years of age, he married Catharina Stättler, daughter of Daniel Stättler, who was one of the pioneers of Weisenburg township. He resided during his whole life, in the stone house erected before his father's death in place of the original log house on the old homestead. He inherited 413¾ acres of land from his father, which lay in a body one mile west of Fogelsville. He evidently was a thrifty farmer, buying one tract after another until he owned, all told, 952 acres of good land in this section of the county. He died Oct. 30, 1794, aged fifty-six years, and was buried in Jordan Lutheran Church cemetery. His widow died eight years later, aged fifty-seven years, and was buried beside her husband. They had twelve children, of whom five sons and five daughters attained old age and left numerous descendants. The children were as follows: Johann (3); George (or "Yarrick"); Peter; Christopher (or "Stoffel"); Jacob; Catharina, m. to Matthias Leibensperger; Anna Maria, m. to George Shaffer; Barbara, m. to Philip Leibensperger; Margaret, m. to Henry Kline; Mary Magdalena, m. to Jacob Fogel; and two who died in infancy.

Johann Lichtenwallner (3) was born Dec. 1, 1766, or ten years before the Revolutionary war. He married Margaret Steininger, and they had ten children, namely: Jonathan, born Aug. 20, 1794, died unmarried, April 6, 1817; Lydia, born Oct. 16, 1796, died in infancy; Eliza, born Dec. 5, 1798, died young; Leah, who died in 1886, aged eighty-five years, m. John P. Smith: Rebecca, born Dec. 5, 1798, who died Dec. 16, 1889, m. John Miller; John was born June 1, 1803; Samuel was born Jan. 16, 1806; Judith, born Jan. 13, 1810, died June 20, 1887; Solomon died in 1824, aged seventeen years; and one child died in infancy.

Samuel Lichtenwallner, seventh child of Johann (3), and father of John, of Longswamp township, was born Jan. 16, 1806, on the old homestead near Fogelsville. His first wife was Maria Albright, and after her death in 1884, he married Eliza Folk, who died some years later. Mr. Lichtenwallner died on his farm near Mertztown, March 24, 1876, aged seventy years, and is buried in the Mertztown cemetery. He had ten children, as follows: Eliza, born Oct. 20, 1832, m. James Schmoyer; Lydia died young; John; Mary, born Sept. 5, 1839, m. Mathias Gernert; Aaron and Samuel died young; Sarah m. Israel Stettler; Hettie died young; Susan, born Oct. 28, 1850, m. (first) Adam Stettler, and (second) Jacob Schantz; and Lewis S., born Dec. 21, 1852, m. Lizzie Lichtenwallner.

John Lichtenwallner was born Aug. 5, 1836, in Longswamp township, where he was reared, and received his education in the local schools, later attending the advanced school at the Trappe, Montgomery county, under Henry Hunsicker. He was reared to the occupation of an agriculturist, and followed this as his life work until the spring of 1908, when seventy-three years of age he sold his stock, rented his farm and since that time has lived in well-earned retirement. He is unmarried and his sister, Eliza, widow of James Schmoyer, resides with him, being his housekeeper. Mrs. Schmoyer was left with five boys and four girls, as follows: Maleria; Lorah; Elias; Llewellyn; Uriah, who died in 1907; Erasmus; Harvey; Myra, who married Frank Meitzler; and Alice, who lives with her mother and uncle John, near Mertztown.

The family are active members of the Mertztown Lutheran Church. Mr. Lichtenwallner has been a lifelong Republican, but has never aspired to office.

CHARLES J. MILLER, postmaster, station agent and telegrapher at Calcium, where he is also engaged in an extensive flour, feed, grain and coal business, was born near Calcium, in Maiden-creek township, Sept. 23, 1862, son of Charles and Maria (Schrack) Miller.

George Miller, son of Christian and grandfather of Charles J., was born March 17, 1786, and died Jan. 4, 1872, having spent his life in Maiden-creek township, where he was engaged in carpentering and undertaking, and where he owned a tract of land. He was married to Elizabeth Bersch, who was born Sept. 22, 1790, and died April 15, 1867, and they had these children: Samuel m. Priscilla Stahlnecker and removed to Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he kept the well known hostelry, "Miller's Hotel"; Charles; and Mary m. Charles Place, a farmer near Shoemakersville.

Charles Miller, father of Charles J., also followed undertaking and the trade of carpenter, and resided in Maiden-creek township, where he owned the old homestead. He died about 1900, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Miller married Maria Schrack, daughter of Daniel Schrack, and they had four children: Josiah, who died single in Idaho; George, who is also single, a resident of Blandon, Pa.; Mary, m. to Owen Fox; and Charles J.

Charles J. Miller received his early education in the local schools of his native district, after leaving which he learned telegraphy, and subsequently became station agent and telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in whose employ he has been for twenty-five years, giving the utmost satisfaction. He is also postmaster of Calcium, where he has through energy and enterprise built up a large trade in coal, flour, feed and grain. It is generally conceded that Mr. Miller is one of Calcium's most public-spirited men, and as a citizen he stands high in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Miller was married to Adaline Hoffman, daughter of David and Catherine (Koller) Hoffman, and they have had two children: Lloyd, born Aug. 29, 1884, was reared and educated at Calcium, where he learned telegraphy and typewriting with his father, whose partner he now is in the firm of Miller & Son; and Andrew died young. Mr. Miller and his family are members of Blandon Lutheran Church, of which he is now serving as a deacon. He is fraternally connected with the F. & A. M., of Kutztown; Blandon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the American Protective Association.

JEREMIAH G. RITTER (deceased), a former resident of Reading, Pa., was born in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, Sept. 21, 1840, son of Daniel K. and Sarah (Guldin) Ritter.

John Ritter, the grandfather of Jeremiah G., was a farmer of Berks county, owning land near Colebrookdale, and was a representative citizen of his day. In politics he was a Democrat; and in religious belief he and his wife were Lutherans. To John Ritter and wife whose maiden name was that of Memmerer, were born the following children: John, George, Henry, Daniel K., Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. Rebecca Seller, Mrs. Shaner and Mrs. Schell.

Daniel K. Ritter was born and educated in the vicinity of Boyertown, Pa., and his entire life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a good, practical farmer and highly esteemed citizen. He and his first wife, Sarah Guldin, had two children: Jeremiah G. and Mary, who married Jacob Hartman and lives in Philadelphia. By a second marriage, to Mary Landis, Mr. Ritter had six children, namely: Henry, John, Catherine, Lydia, Ma-

tilda and Ella. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Ritter was a Democrat.

Jeremiah G. Ritter received his education in the schools of Colebrookdale, and worked on his father's farm until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. C, 3rd Pa. Cav., and served three years, being honorably discharged at Philadelphia, Aug. 24, 1864. He was never sick; was never taken prisoner; was never wounded; and was ever a faithful and gallant soldier. About ten months of his service were spent in the ranks while the remainder of the time he was in the quartermaster's department. After his service to his country was completed, Mr. Ritter returned to his home, and for a year engaged in farming, but at the end of this time removed to Philadelphia, where for six years he was engaged in driving horse cars. The next eight years he was engaged as a repair man in the repair department of the same company, and he then went to Pottstown, Pa., to take care of his wife's uncle George's farm. Here he continued until 1886, when he was compelled to give up active work on account of rheumatism contracted during the war, and from that time he lived practically retired to the end of his life. After October, 1903, he resided at No. 1530 Perkiomen avenue, Reading, where he had many friends. In politics he was a Democrat, but took no part in public affairs. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1867 Mr. Ritter was united in marriage with Miss Weisner, daughter of Daniel Weisner, and to this union were born two children: Harry W. and Ada, who resides at home.

SAMUEL B. KLINE, of Maiden-creek township, who is engaged in quarrying and lime-burning near Calcium, was born at the old Kline homestead in Richmond township, Dec. 28, 1853, son of John K. and Catherine (Burkert) Kline.

William Kline, grandfather of Samuel B., was a farmer of Richmond township, where he died at an advanced age. He and his wife Elizabeth had these children: Peter, Henry, John K., David, William, and Eliza, who went out West. John K. Kline was born on the old homestead in Richmond township, and was a farmer practically all of his life. He served during the Civil war as a soldier in the Union army, and during the latter years of his life drew a pension for his services. John K. Kline was married to Catherine Burkert, widow of Samuel Burkert, and to this union there were born the following children: James m. Catherine Rothermel, who is now deceased; Adam m. Annie Schaerer; Catherine m. the late Willoughby Miller; Isaac m. Emma Bush; Samuel B.; Sarah m. Cosmus Weidner; Hannah m. John Weidner; Mary m. Aaron Bloch; and two died in infancy.

Samuel B. Kline was reared and educated in his native locality, and for a time worked on the home farm. He subsequently, however, engaged in the quarrying and lime-burning business, which he is now following with much success, his plant being located in Maiden-creek township, near Calcium.

On March 1, 1884, Mr. Kline was married to Amanda Louisa Adams, daughter of Benneville and Lovina (Gruber) Adams, and one child was born to this union: Bessie Geneva, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kline attend Blandon Union Church, being of the Lutheran faith.

MOSES K. BALTHASER, who is now living retired at his home on Maple avenue, Wernersville, was for over twenty-one years engaged in the hotel business at Brownsville, Lower Heidelberg township. He was born Jan. 19, 1852, in Ontelaunee township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Kauffman) Balthaser.

Jacob Balthaser, grandfather of Moses K., is buried at St. Michael's Church in Tilden township. He was an extensive farmer in Upper Bern township, where he was the owner of over 400 acres of land, and was very well known throughout that section, both for his fine personal appearance, and for his habit of driving a very high-wheeled, high-seated buggy, in which vehicle he often drove his wife, who was an ardent Catholic, to church. He married Molly Greth, daughter of Nicholas Greth, of Windsor township, and their children were: Sarah m. Jacob Boyer; Hannah m. Jacob Renno; Jacob; John, born in 1814, died in Windsor township (where he owned land), m. in 1842, and became the father of Joel; Mary m. Benjamin Sunday; George (1824-1899) owned 261 acres of land lying along the pike south of Hamburg, and was the father of Mahlon A.; William settled in Ontelaunee township, where he was engaged in business, becoming a wealthy man; Isaac was drowned in boyhood; Elizabeth m. John Baer; Susanna m. Edwin Kauffman; Jeremiah remained in Upper Bern township; Samuel; and Benjamin was the father of David who lives on the homestead and has a large family.

Jacob Balthaser, father of Moses K., was born in Upper Bern township in 1812, and died in Lower Heidelberg township, Dec. 6, 1879, and was buried at Bern Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He removed from Upper Bern township to Penn township, and thence in 1858, to Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned a farm of 112 acres at the time of his death. Mr. Balthaser married Sarah Kauffman, born in 1814 in Upper Bern township. She died Nov. 2, 1887, the mother of thirteen children, as follows: Cornelius, of Bern township; Caroline, who died aged fifty-six years; Jacob, of Bern township; Sarah, who died unmarried aged twenty-one years; Henry, who died April 9, 1909, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Charles, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Bern township; Lovina, who died aged fourteen years; George, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Emanuel, who resides in Reading; Moses K.; Louisa, m. to Adam Heck; and Elizabeth and Rosabella, twins, the latter of whom died in infancy, while Elizabeth m. Wellington Richard.

Moses K. Balthaser was reared on the home farm and worked for his parents until nineteen years of age, when he hired out on the farm for three years. In 1874 he commenced operating his father's homestead in Lower Heidelberg township, where he tenanted for four years, and then spent seven months on another farm. In 1885 he engaged in the hotel business at Brownsville, where he conducted a successful hostelry for twenty-one years, putting up the present hotel, a two story frame building, 28 x 30 feet, containing twelve rooms. With this property there are seven acres of land. In addition Mr. Balthaser owns a farm of 107 acres of good land in Bern township, near "Leinbach's Hotel," which is tenanted. For some time Mr. Balthaser has been living a retired life in Wernersville, where he is a substantial citizen. He is a large stockholder in the Wernersville Bank. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never cared for office. He and his wife are members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he was a deacon for three years.

On Oct. 19, 1873, Mr. Balthaser married Elmira B. Brossman, born in 1850, in Heidelberg township, daughter of Adam L. and Elizabeth (Bender) Brossman, granddaughter of John Adam and Catharine (Leiss) Brossman and great-granddaughter of Francis Brossman. (For full history of the Brossmans see sketch of Brossman family elsewhere in this work.) Francis Brossman located in Berks county between 1723 and 1729, and was an inhabitant of Heidelberg township at the time of the erection of the county in 1752. Adam L. Brossman was born in 1804, and was a farmer all his life in his native county, where he died in 1883, and was buried at St. Daniel's Church. He was twice married. By his first wife, Elizabeth Bickel, he had two children: William, who is buried at Hain's Church; and Priscilla, late wife of Caton Knorr, buried at St. Daniel's Church in Heidelberg township. His second

wife was Elizabeth Bender. To this union there were born four sons and two daughters, as follows: Sarah B. m. Joseph W. Ernest, who died June 6, 1900, and is buried at St. Daniel's Church; Adam B. lives at Reading; John B., of Robesonia, m. Louisa Stricker, who is buried at St. Daniel's Church; Thomas is a farmer in Lower Heidelberg township; James is a contractor at Reading; and Elmira B. m. Moses K. Balthaser. Like all his family Adam L. Brossman was a Lutheran.

JACOB WANNER, of Maxatawny township, was born April 2, 1845, and is the fourth in direct line to bear the name of Jacob. The Wanner family came from the southwestern section of Germany, or from Switzerland, and family tradition, well corroborated by facts, says that they were of Jewish extraction. The first of the name to come to America was Michael Wanner, who settled in this locality in 1733, and was the progenitor of those bearing the name in Berks county.

The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Jacob Wanner, and his son, Jacob Wanner (2), made his home in the vicinity of Fleetwood, where he was engaged in farming. He married and became the father of the following children: Jacob (3); Lena, m. to Peter Kieffer; Daniel, who settled in Exeter township; Betzy, m. to a Mr. Helfrich; Hannah, m. to Henry Miller; Peter, of Rockland township.

Jacob Wanner (3) was born in Richmond township in 1810, and he died in August, 1872, aged sixty-two years. He is buried at St. Peter's Church in Richmond, of which he was an official member. In his earlier life he was a farmer, but later he engaged in the building business at Fleetwood, where he continued for five years. At the end of that time he again engaged in farming. He owned a farm of 140 acres near Moselem, and another near Virginville, in Perry township, of 140 acres. He was well known and at his death left an estate valued at $30,000. He married Barbara Schlegel, daughter of Henry Schlegel, of Richmond township. Their children were: John, of Perry township; Catharine, m. to Reuben Ressler, both deceased; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Lydia, m. to Lazarus Adam, both deceased; Esther and Peter, twins, of whom the former m. the late Jacob Kutz, and the latter resides in Kirbyville; Miss Sarah; Jacob (4); Daniel, of Richmond township; Amanda, deceased, m. to Urias Schucker, of Richmond township; William, who died young; Susan, who died unmarried; and Mary, deceased, m. to Jacob Stein.

Jacob Wanner (4) was reared to farming on his father's estate, and this calling he has followed all his life. He continued for his parents until he was twenty-one years old, and then farmed at home with his brother Daniel for four years. The next two years he served with his brother Peter on another farm. In 1879 he began farming near Crystal Cave on his father-in-law's farm, remaining two years. Then he purchased a farm from his father-in-law, Jacob Heffner, which contains 129 acres of good land near Kemp's Hotel in Maxatawny township. This has since been his home, and he has made of it not only one of the most profitable places in that vicinity but also one of the most attractive. He and his family attend St. John's Reformed Church at Kutztown.

On May 31, 1879, Mr. Wanner was married to Amanda S. Heffner, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Spohn) Heffner, of Richmond township. Six children have blessed their union, namely: Alice A., m. to Morris Spangler, of Kutztown; Jacob E.; Clara S., m. to John A. Reeser, of Kutztown; Solon H.; Ellen A., m. to Charles A. Berger, of Kuhnsville; and Ida V.

WILLIAM L. BOWER, a resident of Robeson township, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., March 23, 1863, son of Charles C. and Anna (Parks) Bower, and grandson of David Bower.

Charles C. Bower was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1828, and learned the business of potter at Geneva, in Crawford county, Pa. He located at Reading in 1869 and established a pottery plant at the foot of Washington street, which he operated for seven years. He was then connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for four years, and then was with the Boyd Directory Company for twenty years, when he retired. He married Anna Parks, of Geneva, a daughter of David Parks, and by her had seven children: Edward, who died unmarried; Charles F., who married a Miss Miller; William L.; Andrew P.; Edward; Anna; and one who died in infancy.

William L. Bower moved to Reading with his father when but six years old, and in that city he received his education, attending school until he was sixteen years of age. He then learned the trade of potter in his father's pottery, which then stood at the foot of Washington street, between the West Reading Rolling Mills and the sawmill of Foos & Bingaman. He served an apprenticeship of but two years, when he was sufficiently qualified to take charge of the Klahr Pottery at Bernville, and he managed the plant for two years.

Mr. Bower then turned his attention to bar-keeping, starting the "Eagle Hotel" in Bernville, and after remaining there two years went to Flying Hill Park, then a very popular resort along the Schuylkill river, several miles below Reading, to assist the proprietor during the summer season of 1885. He then took charge of the bar at the "Hotel Penn" in Reading, and here he continued for eight years. When the proprietor of the Sheetz saloon, on Penn street above Eighth, died, he purchased the place from the widow, but he carried it on less than a year when he sold out to remove to Pittsburg, to take charge of the Baily Café, opposite the postoffice, and recognized as the finest saloon in that prosperous city. He remained there two years, but preferring the eastern part of Pennsylvania, he returned to Berks county, and purchased the "Center House" at Grill, in Cumru township. He carried on this place for five years in a most successful manner, making it a very popular resort by first-class catering, and furnishing superior meals to many of the best people of Reading. The large and finely equipped "Lebanon Valley House" at Wernersville having then been offered for sale, he purchased it and took possession in 1901, and he operated this also in a very successful manner for five years, when he retired, after having been continually engaged in the business of catering to the public for upward of twenty years. He has recently removed to a large farm in Robeson township, which he purchased.

Mr. Bower has been twice married. His first wife was Rebecca Goodhart, of Adamstown, a daughter of John Goodhart, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and a prisoner at Libby Prison, where he was starved to death. After her decease, Mr. Bower married Ella Freeman, of Cumru township, a daughter of Peter R. Freeman and Dora Rathje, his wife, and they have a daughter, Anna.

JOSHUA ANGSTADT, residing near Kutztown, was born in Rockland township, one-half mile south of Stony Point, Dec. 15, 1850.

Rockland township has been for several generations the home of this branch of the family, and there Solomon Angstadt, grandfather of Joshua, was born. By occupation he was a wood-chopper. For some years he lived in Schuylkill county, but afterward returned to his native township to end his days. He died at the home of his son Abraham, near Pricetown. He married and became the father of ten children, as follows: Betsy, m. to John Haak; Benjamin, of Schuylkill Haven, who became the father of Helena, Mary and Kate; Judith, m. to Jeremiah Schappel; Daniel, of Lyons, who was the father of Henry, Mary and Oliver; Catharine, m. to a Mr. Hartman; Susanna, m. to David Levan; Peter; Abraham, of Rockland township; John, of Fleetwood, and later of Reading, who had children—Peter, Oscar, Solon, Frank and John; and Solomon.

Peter Angstadt, son of Solomon, was born in Rockland township, and there he died in January, 1883, aged sixty-two years, and is buried at Dryville. For many years he was engaged as a shoemaker, but

later turned his attention to farming. His wife, Helena Heffner, born April 18, 1824, was a daughter of Andraes Heffner, and they had eleven children: Samuel; Jairus; William, whose children were—Fred, Robert, Winfield, Carrie, Peter, Bertolet and Katie; Hannah, m. to Nathan Heist; Louisa, who died unmarried; Sarah, m. to Jonas Hill, of Richmond; Joshua; Frank, of Lyons, Pa.; Clinton, of Maxatawny; Peter, who died aged twenty-three years; and Edwin, who lives in Maxatawny near his brother Joshua.

Joshua Angstadt was reared to farming pursuits, and worked for his father until he attained his majority. He then learned the carpenter's trade under the guidance of Henry Schaeffer, now deceased, and this occupation he followed for fourteen years as a journeyman in Fleetwood, Kutztown, Leesport and surrounding districts. In 1880 he came to Maxatawny township, where he bought one of the most valuable farms in the district. This consists of fifty-two acres, and he has it well improved with up-to-date conveniences. His walks are of cement and the lawn around the comfortable residence is always in a neat well-kept condition, making a most attractive home. In politics Mr. Angstadt is a Democrat, and for six years served as school director, two years of which time he was secretary of the board. He and his family attend St. John's Lutheran Church, in which he has been an elder since 1907.

On June 8, 1878, Mr. Angstadt was married to Louisa Heffner, daughter of Charles and Hannah (Rothermel) Heffner, and granddaughter of Joseph Rothermel, of Union county. Four children have been born to them: Lizzie H., m. to Samuel Menard, of Reading; Solon, who died aged twenty-three years, eleven months, eleven days; Odella H., and Leroy.

MOSES BENNECOFF, of Maxatawny township, was born Sept. 4, 1851, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Spohn) Bennecoff.

Philip Benighoff was the ancestor of this family. He was born in the Old World, and came to America about the time of the Revolutionary war. In 1800 he was a taxpayer in Albany township, Berks county, his assessment being a county tax of twelve shillings. There is a record that in 1815 a William Benighoff paid a county tax of seven shillings in the same district. He was probably a son of Philip and brother of Peter.

Peter Bennecoff, grandfather of Moses, was a resident of Greenwich township. He married Polly Haring, and his immediate descendants were: Joel, who had Charles, Jeremiah and Austin; Levi, living at Allentown; William; Benjamin; Peter; and Abby, m. to Charles Eck.

There is another family record of about the same date. John Benighoff (1816-1886) and Lydia Benighoff (1830-1906) were brother and sister. Lydia married William Schick (1828-1890), and they owned a small farm in Millcreek, Maxatawny township. In 1889 they retired and moved to Monterey, where Mr. Schick died the following year. He had two brothers, Henry and Nathan.

Benjamin Bennecoff, father of Moses, was born Jan. 23, 1818, and died April 28, 1884. He was a farmer and also carried on carpet weaving. His farm of seventy acres was located near the Roth school house, in Greenwich township. He married Sarah Spohn, born July 25, 1822, who died April 16, 1892. They had nine children, as follows: Noah, who died Feb. 2, 1907, aged sixty-five years, was supervisor of Maxatawny township for twenty-one years; Mary m. Abraham Geist; Sarah m. Henry Derr; Benjamin lived in Claussville, Pa.; Moses; William is a farmer near Krumsville, Pa.; Emma died aged twenty-one years; and two died young.

Moses Bennecoff was reared on his father's farm and when eighteen years of age he learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed six years. In 1874 he began farming in Maxatawny township and after being a tenant for twelve years, he bought a farm of fifty acres, to which he has since added twelve acres. In 1900 he built a house on his farm, and in many ways has improved his property.

On Nov. 18, 1876, Mr. Bennecoff married Sarah Amelia Bausher, daughter of Jacob Bausher, of Windsor Castle, and they have had six children, namely: William, born in 1879, died in 1896; Charles, a farmer in Maxatawny township, m. Amy Krick; Edwin; James; Mamie, and Irwin. Mr. Bennecoff and family are Lutherans, and are members of Maxatawny Zion Church.

GEORGE P. ANGSTADT, proprietor of the "Pennsylvania House," at Kutztown, was born in that borough, Oct. 13, 1868, a member of an early settled Berks county family.

Samuel Angstadt, the great-grandfather, was a farmer of Rockland township. He married Catharine Herman, and their children were: Martin, Daniel, Peter, Dinah and Angelina.

Peter Angstadt, son of Samuel, was born July 4, 1808, and he died Jan. 29, 1890. He was long sexton of St. John's Union Church at Kutztown, and was a very highly esteemed man in his community. He married Eliza Fegely, and they had the following children: John, James, William, Sarah, Louisa, Samuel, George, Emma and Mary.

James Angstadt, son of Peter and father of George P., was born in August, 1841, and his death occurred Jan. 15, 1894, when he was aged fifty-three years. In his earlier life he was a brick manufacturer, but in his later life a butcher at Kutztown. His residence was on White Oak street. His widow, Mary (Herring) Angstadt, who still lives at the old home, was a daughter of John and Lydia Herring, of Greenwich township. Four children—two sons and two daughters—were born to James Angstadt and wife, namely: John H., of Kutztown; George P.; Lizzie (m. David James, of Kutztown); and Mamie (m. Alvin J. Hepner, of Kutztown).

George P. Angstadt received his education in the public schools and when eighteen years of age began to learn the carriage painter's trade from Charles Miller & Son, serving a full four years' apprenticeship. The effect of the paint on his health, however, was so injurious that he was obliged to abandon the trade. He then learned shoe making at the Keystone shoe factory, and there he worked for twelve years. On Jan. 3, 1900, he became proprietor of the "Pennsylvania House," which he has since conducted with great success. He is known all over the county for his turkey dinners and political feasts.

Mr. Angstadt's fraternal connections are with Castle No. 70, Knights of the Golden Eagles; Aerie No. 839, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and with the Sons of Veterans, of Allentown. He and his family belong to St. Paul's Reformed Church. Mr. Angstadt is an active political worker, and since 1906 he has been committeeman from the borough. He has frequently been a delegate to the county conventions, and has held a number of local offices. His influence is a valuable asset to any candidate for office in the county.

On May 23, 1890, Mr. Angstadt was married to Miss Alice Hilbert, daughter of John and Emma (Wessner) Hilbert, of Maxatawny township. Three children have blessed this union, namely: Ella M., a skilled musician, and a graduate of the Keystone State Normal, class of 1908; Anna, a graduate of the borough high school, class of 1908, and also a musician; and Marguerite J., a student in school.

SCHOEDLER. The Schoedler family, or as it was originally called von Schoedler, is of ancient date in the Rhine provinces in Germany, of free, that is noble, descent. From the Rhineland the family spread over large portions of Germany and Switzerland, where it originated various noble families, which are recorded partly in the Austrian, and partly in the Berner and

Basler lists of Knights. The lineage goes back so far that it is lost in the early centuries of the Christian era in Germany. In the time of King Dagobert (in the seventh century), one finds in his retinue of attendants, Hiram Schoedler, Knight, and private secretary to the King; and in the time of Charles the Great (in the eighth and early ninth centuries), there were spread over the Rhine country various highly respectable and settled families of the name, as, for example, the Knight Hector, surnamed der Schoedler, in Bingen-on-the-Rhine, who was for a time town magistrate of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) to which office he was appointed by the Emperor; and Hans der Schoedler, who was constituted Count of Fiefenbach by Charles the Great, in the year 805 A. D. During the same period the Knight Gotthard, surnamed der Schoedler, distinguished himself by his crusades against the then heathenish Frieslanders, of whom he frequently took many captives and brought them to Aachen, where they submitted to Christian baptism. He died in 820 as a monk of the cloister at Paderborn, where to this day his tomb may be seen in the cross-passages of the choir, with the Schoedler coat-of-arms cut into stone.

The aforementioned Hector Schoedler is considered the ancestor of the Schoedler family, and appears to have been the father of the Hans and Gotthard Schoedler, mentioned above. Among his descendants was George von Schoedler, a landed proprietor on the lower Rhine, who left two sons, Adolph and Bernhard, the former of whom founded the noble Schoedler family of Wiesenthal, in Austria, the Emperor Albrecht, having in the year 1305 invested him with this honor and the fief of Wiesenthal. This family became extinct in the seventeenth century.

Bernhard's family spread among the lesser nobility of the Rhineland, under the name of von Schoedler, and his descendants have lived in various portions of Germany and Switzerland. In the latter country, descendants of this branch are found among the Berner and Basler nobility as early as the fourteenth century, all of whom have preserved and continued the Rhinelandian coat-of-arms. In the year 1260 this coat-of-arms was confirmed and sealed by the Emperor Rudolph I, by letters patent to George von Schoedler, of the Rhineland, and his descendants, as their hereditary and proprietary coat-of-arms. In the middle of the seventeenth century the name of Schoedler disappears from the genealogical tables of the Austrian and Swiss nobility, probably because at this time the most important and respectable branches of the family had died out, and those remaining had abandoned the title of nobility. Rev. Dr. D. E. Schoedler, of Allentown, Pa., has a copy of the Geschlechts-Wappen, or coat-of-arms, of the Schoedler family, but says he cannot interpret it.

There are many Schoedlers living in Germany to this day. One of them is a prominent leader of the Catholic Center party of the German Reichstag, and of the Bavarian House of Commons; and there are a number of the name in Berlin, having immigrated thither from South Germany. Some of them are holding office under the German government. The Schoedlers have also been prominent in the educational affairs of Germany. Friedrich Schoedler, Ph. D., and formerly assistant in the chemical laboratory of Giessen, has published a book entitled "Das Buch der Natur," which has been translated into English by Prof. Henry Medlock, F. C. S., of London, England.

Thus far no connecting link between the Schoedlers in Germany and Switzerland with those in America has been found. The Schoedlers settled mainly in the townships of Longswamp, Maxatawny and Richmond, Berks county, Pa., but it has not yet been ascertained when the first immigrants of the family arrived. It is known, however, that they were all related to one another. They no doubt came to this country under the age at which German immigrants were obliged to swear allegiance to the British government, as the name is not found in any one of the lists that have been preserved. Moreover they must have come over quite early as the father of Henry, great-grandfather of the Rev. Dr. D. E. Schoedler, of Allentown, was born in this country.

(I) Henry Schoedler married a Hoffman, by whom he had a son named Henry.

(II) Henry Schoedler, Jr., was born in 1771, and he died Feb. 12, 1832. He married Elizabeth Jaeger, who was born in Reading, Pa., April 18, 1773, daughter of Henry Jaeger and his wife, whose maiden name was Bingaman. Their children were: Solomon was born Jan. 25, 1795, in Oley township; Hannah was born June 4, 1800, in Alsace township, m. David O'Niel, and their son George is the veteran shoemaker at Kutztown; Esther was born Dec. 27, 1802, in Longswamp township; Susanna was born April 11, 1806, in Macungie township, Lehigh (then Northampton) county; Fayette was born Feb. 14, 1809, in Upper Sancon township, Northampton county, and m. Sarah Esser; George was born March 7, 1812, in Macungie township, and m. Lucinda Evarts; Sallie was born July 20, 1818, in Maxatawny township, m. Augustus Sprenger, and their son Lewis lives at Independence, Iowa.

(III) Fayette Schoedler, son of Henry, Jr., born Feb. 14, 1809, in Upper Sancon township, Northampton county, married Sarah Esser, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Humbert) Esser, of Kutztown. Fayette Schoedler was well and favorably known throughout Berks county. He served for many years as elder in St. John's Reformed Church of Kutztown, often served on juries at court, and for one term was chief burgess of Kutztown. He was not re-elected because he believed that borough ordinances were made to be carried out. In the old militia days he was a drum major, serving under Capt. Daniel Bieber, who gave him the following testimonial:

"To all whome it may concern:

I do hereby certify that Mr. Fayette Schoedler, of the Borough of Kutztown, has served for seven successive years as a volunteer and drummer under my command, in a corps of Light Infantry, called Washington Guards, of the First Battalion, Second Brigade, Sixth Division, Pennsylvania Militia, and for his skill in military tactics and general conduct, I grant him this certificate.

(Signed) Daniel Bieber, Captain,

Kutztown, Jan. 3, 1839."

Of the children of Fayette and Sarah, the eldest son, Henry D., lived many years in Reading, served two terms as coroner of Berks county, and died in June, 1890; the Rev. Dr. D. E., is mentioned below; Mrs. Sarah Ann Gehret lives at Reading; and Mrs. Mary E. Miller, at South Allentown.

(IV) Rev. Dr. D. E. Schoedler, son of Fayette, was born at Kutztown, Feb. 6, 1840, was baptized March 15, 1840, by the Rev. Daniel Kohler, and confirmed March 22, 1856, by the Rev. C. G. Herman. He attended the public schools of Kutztown, for a time Kutztown Academy, and in 1857 the private school of the Hon. William S. Ermentrout, deceased. He entered Allentown Seminary, afterward Muhlenberg College, in 1858, and Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, in 1860, graduating from the latter with honors in 1863. He studied theology under private tutors, and in 1865 was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Classis, and in 1868 ordained at Bath, Pa. He taught school at Kutztown from 1863 to 1864; at Easton, 1864-65; and at Bethlehem, 1865-70. While teaching at Bethlehem, he assisted in starting the first newspaper published in South Bethlehem, and he edited it for two years. It was known as the *Weekly Progress,* and became very popular. Dr Schoedler has served the following pastoral charges: Brodheadsville; Oley; one in San Francisco, Cal.; Mt. Zion and Paradise, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Grace Church, South Allentown. From 1875 to 1884 he had charge of Oley Academy, during which time he prepared many young men and women

for the profession of teaching, and put a number of boys on the way to college who have since found their way into various walks of life, many of them prominent in official and professional circles.

On June 18, 1865, Dr. Schoedler was married to Miss Ellen L. Coppel, of Allentown. One son and six daughters were born to them, of whom the son and three daughters survive. The son, Frank A., is an eminent scholar and musician, being now professor of German and History in the high school at Spokane, Wash., and also director of the high school orchestra. Dr. Schoedler is Stated Clerk of Lehigh Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States; secretary of the board of trustees of Classis; secretary and treasurer of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folk's Home, Allentown. He has spent a busy and useful life in religious, educational and benevolent work.

(III) George Schoedler, son of Henry, Jr., born March 7, 1812, in Macungie, and was a laborer at Kutztown. He married Lucinda Evarts, and had five children: William; Mary, who died young; Hettie, who married William Gehret; Henry P.; and Lewis, of Allentown.

(IV) Henry P. Schoedler was born at Kutztown, Feb. 25, 1843, and is now the proprietor of the "Washington House" at Bowers. He was brought up in the vicinity of Kutztown, and when nineteen years old began to learn the carpenter's trade under David Dunkel, and this he followed seven years. In 1868 he engaged in the hotel business at Kutztown, where he remained two years. In 1877 he located in Bowers, where he has since had charge of the "Washington House," now a period of over thirty years. He conducts an up-to-date establishment, and is very well known to the traveling public, his entire nineteen rooms being generally well filled. Mr. Schoedler is a member of K. G. E., No. 70, of Kutztown. In 1865 he married Amanda Billman, daughter of Reuben Billman, and they have five children: Ellen; Annie; George P.; Kate, who married Charles Bieber, of Lyons, Pa.; and Harry, who assists his father in the hotel business.

(V) George P. Schoedler, son of Henry P., has followed in his father's footsteps, and is now the popular hotel proprietor of Lyons, where he is also engaged as a veterinary dentist. He was born at Kutztown, Jan. 8, 1869, and he passed his boyhood days in that borough. When he was eight years old his parents removed to Fleetwood, where they lived until the fall of 1877, when they went to Bowers. Mr. Schoedler received his earlier education in the public schools of Berks county and the Keystone State Normal School, and in 1892 entered the Toronto Veterinary Dental School, from which he was graduated in 1893. He then located at Bowers Station, and there built up a good practice. Since November, 1904, he has been the proprietor of the "American House," at Lyons, but this has not necessitated his giving up his practice, which is large and constantly growing. He has a large Reading practice, having an office at the corner of Court and Poplar streets, where he is to be found every Tuesday. He also deals in horses and hogs, and is meeting with great success. Fraternally he belongs to Adonai Castle, No. 72, K. G. E., of Kutztown.

Mr. Schoedler married Edith Heffley, daughter of William and Amanda (Gehret) Heffley, of Kutztown.

JOHN RADENBACH, deceased, was a lifelong resident of Jefferson township, Berks county, having been born upon the farm where he lived and died. His great-grandfather, George Radenbach, also lived in that township, making his home for part of his life on the place now occupied by Miss Rebecca Radenbach daughter of the late John Radenbach.

Mr. Radenbach was a son of John and grandson of John, and the family has long been known and respected in this section of Berks county. He was one of the large land owners of Jefferson township, owning two farms, one of 170 and one of sixty acres, all valuable land. He married Polly Leib, and both are buried in the Little Tulpehocken cemetery in Jefferson township. They had children as follows: William, John (who died in infancy), Daniel, Sallie, Rebecca and John, all of whom are deceased except Rebecca, who owns and lives upon the old homestead. She also owns the other farm mentioned. Miss Radenbach was born in 1829, and is at present the only representative of her family. The house in which she resides, though over two hundred years old is in fine condition, and is a typical old-style log house.

Miss Radenbach's farm is cultivated by William Long, who was born in Jefferson township in 1854, son of Adam and Maria (Wagner) Long and he has lived on this place since 1898. He married Katie Richard, daughter of David and Kate (Stoudt) Richard; they have no children of their own, but they are rearing a niece, Helen Irene, who is now attending school.

There is a remarkable grove of walnut trees on Miss Radenbach's farm, one of which she sold recently for the unusual price of $110. It was nearly five feet in diameter near the base, and three feet in diameter fifty feet above the ground, without a single branch up to that height. The tree was sent to Germany, where it will be cut up for furniture veneer. There are a number of other valuable trees in the grove, but none equal this giant of the forest, which had long been famous in the locality. Walnut

JOHN E. SCHAEFFER, on the Easton road in Maxatawny township, was born in Richmond township, Berks county, Aug. 2, 1867, son of George S. Schaeffer, and grandson of Daniel Schaeffer.

Daniel Schaeffer was a farmer on the original Schaeffer homestead until his retirement. He prospered in his endeavors, and became very well-to-do. His wife was a member of the Sell family. Their children were: John, George S., Daniel, Philip, Nathan, David, Mary and Caroline, the three last named all being deceased.

George S. Schaeffer, son of Daniel, was born on his father's farm in February, 1840. In his earlier life for several years he was a merchant in Fleetwood, and then began farming on the homestead, which he now owns. It consists of 102 acres of the best land in the county. In 1902 he retired from active work and located in Fleetwood, his son David L. now cultivating the farm. Mr. Schaeffer was school director for a number of years, and is much interested in educational affairs. He married Catharine Leibelsperger, sister of Joel Leibelsperger (mentioned elsewhere), and they had children as follows: Emma, who died aged twenty-one years; John E.; Hannah, who died young; Kate, m. to William Kieffer, of Richmond township; Hettie, m. to Charles Rahn, of Richmond township; Amanda, who died young; David, who farms the homestead; and Robert, a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

John E. Schaeffer received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native township, and then attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown for four terms. Under his father he learned all the duties pertaining to farming, and worked for him until he attained his majority. In 1888 he entered the general store of Joel Leibelsperger, at Moselem Springs, where he clerked for fourteen months, applying himself to learn the principles of commercialism. He then clerked for Kutz brothers at Fleetwood for two years. He was next associated with N. S. Schaeffer under the firm name of N. S. Schaeffer & Co., and this partnership continued successfully for two years. John Schaeffer then retired and returned to farming, being induced to seek open air employment by ill health. He cultivated the homestead farm for two years. In the spring of 1896 he purchased the Charles Rahn estate, the farm consisting of 102 acres of valuable land, and to this he has since devoted all his attention. He has five head of horses, and averages about eleven cows. His farm machinery is all of the latest and most approved style, and the entire place shows the

owner to be industrious and progressive. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held a number of local offices. He and his family attend St. Paul's Reformed Church at Kutztown.

On June 4, 1892, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Maria Rahn, daughter of Charles. Three children came to bless this union: George and Charles, twins; and Irwin, who died aged six months. Mr. Schaeffer is very highly respected, and has many friends in the county.

HENRY A. WILHELM, who is now living retired at Stouchsburg, Berks county, after many years spent in agricultural pursuits, is a worthy representative of one of Pennsylvania's highly respected families. He was born Jan. 22, 1841, near Host, Tulpehocken township, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Wagner) Wilhelm.

According to Rupp's "30,000 Names of Immigrants," there appears a Wilhelm (Christian name not given), over twenty-one years of age, who was among the emigrants who crossed the Atlantic to New York State in 1710, passed the winter of 1710 and summer of 1711 in Livingston Manor, N. Y., and who may have been among the number who in 1723 or subsequently came to Tulpehocken. Christian Wilhelm, a native of the Palatinate, was one of the pioneers of the Tulpehocken settlement, as is found on the Lindenmuth map of the Tulpehocken pioneer land-owners. He was a soldier in the Revolution, as was also Jacob Michael Wilhelm (probably a son), who paid a tax of three pounds in Tulpehocken in 1759, and who died July 8, 1834.

In Rev. John Caspar Stoever's Record of Marriages is recorded Jan. 19, 1741, the union of John Henry Wilhelm and Maria Haermaennin (probably Herman), of Swatara, and in the Record of Baptisms appear baptisms of children of Henry Wilhelm, as follows: Maria, born Dec. 4, 1741; and John Philip, Jan. 28, 1743.

The Wilhelms of Host and Marion are descended from John Adam Wilhelm, who was born May 25, 1751, and who died on his farm Aug. 31, 1831. He may have been a son of John Henry, mentioned above, or of Christian. Another theory is that John Adam was a son of Jacob Wilhelm, shown on the proprietary records of Berks county for 1767, 1768 and 1779, as of Tulpehocken township, being credited with 210 acres of land in the last year named. John Adam Wilhelm married Maria Christina Gruber, who was born Dec. 4, 1766, and who died Sept. 7, 1825 (daughter of John Adam Gruber (1735-1807), eldest son of Henry Gruber the emigrant). Both are buried at Host Church, of which they were faithful members, and where many of the family sleep their last sleep. The Wilhelms have always been of the German Reformed denomination in religious belief, and in political matters Democrats. John Adam Wilhelm was the original owner of the homestead, which has remained in the family name for over a century. To him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: (1) John (Johannes) is mentioned below. (2) Jacob, born Oct. 10, 1792, lived in Marion township, and died May 25, 1871. He married Barbara Boltz, born March 5, 1798, died Aug. 10, 1878, and had children: William, Edward, Mary (1823-1873, wife of Willoughby Scharff) and Mrs. Isaac Lebo. (3) Catharine, born 1789, died 1863, married John Henry Schmidt (1784-1848), and their son Henry Smith was the father of Henry K. Smith, of Mahanoy City, who now owns the old Smith home in Jefferson township and a farm near Bernville. (4) Maria, born 1796, died 1855, married Henry Christ, and had children: Jacob, John, Hannah (never married), Elizabeth (wife of John Henninger), and Mrs. Michael Hiester. (5) John Adam, born Aug. 19, 1799, died Sept. 10, 1837, married, in 1826, Magdalene Trautman (1804-1886), and had no children. (6) Elizabeth, born 1797, died 1875, married George Moyer (1810-1869), and both are buried at Strausstown. They had two sons and four daughters, of whom the two younger daughters died unmarried, and the other two became, respectively, the first and second wife of Jonathan Rauch. (7) Barbara married Paul Lengel, and had six children, among whom were Henry, Peter and Paul.

John (Johannes) Wilhelm, son of John Adam, was born May 27, 1785, and died May 22, 1872, aged eighty-seven years. His life was spent in agricultural pursuits on the farm at Host. He married Anna Maria Kurr, who was born April 29, 1786, and who died Feb. 19, 1870, aged eighty-three years. They became the parents of nine children, as follows: (1) Adam, born 1808, died 1858, married Elizabeth Kuhner (or Keener), and had children: Frank, Augustus, Fietta (wife of Elias Groff), and Sarah (wife of Lucian Potteiger). (2) Elizabeth, born 1809, died 1877, married John Himmelberger (1802-1871), and had seven children: Lydia (wife of John Wenrich, deceased, a tombstone cutter at Bernville), Rebecca (wife of Percival Lengel), Jared, Adam, Elizabeth (wife of Amos Anderson), Isabella (wife of Frank Forry) and Henry. (3) Isaac is mentioned below. (4) Jacob, born 1814, died 1883, married (first) Lovina (also given as Elweina) Keiser, and (second) and (third) two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth Miller. To the first marriage were born: John, James, Samuel, Rebecca (wife of Henry Snyder), Theresa (wife of William Miller), Sarah (wife of Samuel Deck), Mary and Elizabeth (first and second wife, respectively, of Nathaniel Allerd). To the second marriage were born: Jared, Jacob, Isaac, Amelia (wife of John Himmelberger), Lovina (who married a Mr. Shade) and Carrie (who married a Mr. Staudt). (5) A. Maria (Polly) married Henry Kuhner (also spelled Kiener and Keener), and had children: John, Adam, Henry, Joseph, Augustus, Sarah (wife of Adam Schmidt), Emma (wife of Isaac Schmidt, brother of Adam), and Amelia (wife of Henry Fidler, tobacconist of Womelsdorf. (6) Catharine married Jonathan Zeller, and had children: Reilly (of Stouchsburg), Mrs. Dr. Frank Kantner, and Mrs. Henry Kachel. (7) Joseph, born 1826, died 1902, married (first) Lovina Winter, and (second) Elizabeth Schaeffer. He had children: Amelia married (first) John Brossman and (second) Albert Behney, and Mary (wife of Henry Peiffer). (8) Augustus, born 1828, died 1903, married and had one child, Mary Amelia, who died in young womanhood. (9) John, born 1828, and living near Host, married and had children: Ezra, Mandon George, Henry, Hannah (wife of Frank Beidler), Maria (wife of Jacob Swope) and Katie (wife of Frank Frantz).

Isaac Wilhelm, father of Henry A., was born in 1812, at Host, on the old Wilhelm homestead, and he died in June, 1869, aged fifty-seven years. He was a life long farmer, and carried on operations on his 101-acre tract, situated near Millersburg. Mr. Wilhelm was buried at Salem cemetery, Millersburg. His wife was Rebecca Wagner, who was born in 1810, and died in 1885, daughter of Henry Wagner, and they had three children: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of James Spangler; Henry A.; and Rebecca, who died unmarried.

Henry A. Wilhelm was four years old when his father removed to Bethel township, and there he assisted the latter until twenty-three years old, at which time his father's death occurred, and Henry A. Wilhelm continued to cultivate the farm for two more years. After the death of his first wife he sold his farm stock and lived at Millersburg with his mother for one year, and in 1875 he married a second time. Three years later he removed with his family to Dunbar, Nebr., where he owned a quarter-section and an eighth-section of land, comprising 240 acres, which he cultivated with much success for upwards of twenty-five years, having on an average of fifty head of cattle and from twenty to sixty horses. After disposing of his property, person and real, he returned to Pennsylvania and settled at Stouchsburg, where he owns a fine farm of 105 acres, now tenanted, and he is also the owner of twenty-seven acres situated near the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf. Mr. Wil-

helm now lives retired, and is in comfortable circumstances, enjoying the fruits of industry, thrift and economy of his earlier life. He and his family are Reformed members of Tulpehocken (Leinbach's) Church. Mr. Wilhelm is fond of travel, and he and his wife visited the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876, and the Omaha Exposition in 1898.

Mr. Wilhelm was married (first) to Sarah A. Spang, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Daub) Spang, and granddaughter of Peter and Sarah (Deppen) Spang, farming people of North Heidelberg township. She died Oct. 2, 1871, aged twenty-six years, nine months, one day, leaving five children, as follows: Irwin S., who is engaged in farming in Nebraska; M. Alice, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Meyer; Sallie R., who married Oren Buchanan; Lizzie A., deceased, who married Charles Holliday; and Amelia M., who died unmarried aged thirty-one years.

In 1875 Mr. Wilhelm was married (second) to Mary A. Spang, sister of his first wife, and they have had four children: George I., Frank C. and Harry W., who are successful business men of Dunbar, Nebr.; and Miss Mabel A., a well known school teacher of Marion township.

STEPHEN SYLVESTER WISSER, a merchant in West Reading for upward of twenty years, was born at Ephrata, Lancaster county, Jan. 13, 1853. When three years old his parents moved to Reamstown, and they resided at that place until 1867, when they went to Denver. He attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old, and then learned tanning, in which business his father was engaged. After remaining in the tannery for three years, and not liking the vocation, he entered the general store of S. M. Brubaker as a clerk, and continued with him for eight years.

Mr. Wisser then learned cigar making and followed it for three years, when he moved to the village of Bird-in-Hand and engaged in the confectionery business, starting with a capital of less than $25. He carried on this business for three years and then determined to locate in a more promising place. He selected Reading and went there in 1882, locating at No. 240 Penn street, for the purpose of engaging again in the cigar business, but not realizing his expectations after conducting the store for two years, he removed to West Reading to engage in the grocery business. This was in 1884, and Mr. Wisser started with a limited capital at No. 26 West Penn street. In ten years he succeeded in developing a large trade, and this encouraged him to include dry goods and general merchandise in his stock in trade. By persevering and attending strictly to business he became more and more successful. Gradually enlarging his store, in 1902 he added another extensive department, that of household furniture. In the following four years he increased his trade to still larger proportions, and now he occupies three adjoining three-story brick buildings, altogether seventy-five feet wide by eighty feet deep, which evidences the extent of his great success from a small and well directed beginning.

In 1876 Mr. Wisser was married to Harriet Reinhold, daughter of Frederick and Susan (Sharp) Reinhold, of Reinholdsville, by whom he had six children: Daisy, Mrs. Walter Heckman; Bertha, Mrs. Nelson Boltz; Charles; Stephen; and two who died young. He and his family have been members of the First Baptist Church at Reading since removing from Lancaster county. He acted as one of the building committee in the erection of the superior building at Fifth and Franklin streets; and served as a trustee for several terms filling this position at the present time.

Mr. Wisser's father, Samuel Wisser, was born at Grimville, Berks county, and removed to Denver, Lancaster county, when sixteen years old. He there learned the tanning business, and carried this on for some years. He married Julia Ann Rhoads, daughter of Philip Rhoads, of Reamstown, by whom he had two children: Ann Eliza, who died young; and Stephen.

Philip Wisser, the grandfather, was of Reamstown, and by occupation was a cabinet-maker. He married Julia Ann Harding, and by her had children: Samuel, William, Elias, Frederick, Edward, Mary (Mrs. John Frecht) and Harriet (Mrs. Ephraim Carpenter).

EDWARD LAWRENCE, proprietor of the "White House Hotel," in the Neversink Mountains, near Reading, who is also engaged in bottling the famous White House mineral water, was born June 30, 1859, at the place where he now resides, and in this location secured his education.

As a young man Mr. Lawrence learned the hatting trade, which he followed for about four years, next being employed at the McHose brick-yard. He then spent a few years in the employ of the Reading Hardware Company, when he became clerk for his father, but later engaged at boiler-making, a trade he learned at the Union Boiler Works, continuing to be employed there for a period of sixteen years. Mr. Lawrence was then appointed a mail carrier in Reading, a position he held for five years, and he later held an official position at the Berks county prison. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent some time, but in 1904 returned to Reading to engage in his present business. Here is obtained the finest water in the county, a tunnel, 175 feet long, being cut through the rocks of the Neversink Mountain. Mr. Lawrence and his father daily operate four teams in the city of Reading and for many miles around, besides having a large trade in Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City, N. J. Edward Lawrence took charge of the hotel in 1906, and in this venture he has been very successful. He and his father also own twenty-eight acres of land adjoining the city of Reading, in Cumru township, along the Schuylkill river, from which property can be obtained a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Mr. Lawrence is a stanch Democrat in politics, and socially is connected with the F. O. E., and the Oley Valley and Commercial Clubs.

Mr. Lawrence married Emma Clark, daughter of Patrick Clark, and to this union have been born two children: Lewis J. and Helen E.

HENRY S. CLAUSER, justice of the peace and public school teacher at Sinking Spring, was born May 28, 1864, near St. Michael's Church, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks Co., Pa. He was brought up on his father's farm, and educated in the public schools. When sixteen years old he began teaching school and continued to do so for three terms. At the end of the school terms he attended the Keystone State Normal School to acquire greater proficiency in the profession of teaching, and in 1883, having been appointed as a teacher in Spring township, he located at Sinking Spring, and from that time until now he has been teaching in the public schools of the township, the last eighteen years as teacher of the grammar school with the exception of one year, at the beginning, when he taught in Lancaster county. Mr. Clauser has filled various township offices, and since 1903 has acted as local agent for five different fire insurance companies. In 1895 he was elected a justice of the peace, and he was re-elected twice, serving now in his third term; in 1905 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sinking Spring Water Company, and has been officiating until now. He is affiliated with several secret and social societies, serving as secretary of the Sons of America, and of the Odd Fellows, and as treasurer of the American Mechanics.

'Squire Clauser married Anna M. Hull, a daughter of Hiram R. Hull, a prosperous merchant of Sinking Spring for upwards of thirty years, and they have one child, Robert R. Clauser.

Harrison K. Clauser, father of the 'Squire, was a farmer of Upper Bern township. He died in 1904 at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Rebecca Snyder, daughter of William Snyder, of Centre township, near Belleman's Church, and they had seven children:

Elmira, Mrs. George Reinsel; Mary, Mrs. O. F. Berger; Harrison S., who married Emmaline Kauffman; Rebecca, Mrs. M. B. Seaman; Daniel S., who married Mary Haag; Henry; and one who died in infancy.

Wilhelm Clauser, the grandfather, was a farmer of Upper Bern township. He married Elizabeth Kauffman, by whom he had seven children: William, who married a Miss Sauser; Daniel, who married Catharine Lindenmuth; Simon, who married Mary Kline; Kate, Mrs. Joseph Savage; Harrison; Adam, who married a Miss Nunnemacher; and Jacob, who married Sarah Long.

LEVI BACHMAN, farmer and dairyman of Spring township, residing near Shillington, Berks county, is a son of Joseph Bachman and a member of an old pioneer family. Frederick Bachman, the ancestor of the family, was a pioneer of Ruscombmanor township, Berks county. He settled there sometime prior to 1759, and reared a large family. One of his sons, Henry, located in Rockland township, another settled in Lynn township, Lehigh county.

Nicholas (Nicholaus) Bachman, probably a grandson of Frederick, is said to have come to Lenhartsville from Lynn township, Lehigh county. He died a few years after his marriage to Elizabeth Benner, sister of Gideon and George Benner, and they had one son, Joseph (or Jost). The widow Bachman married for her second husband, Heinrich Reitz, and they lived on the first farm below Lenhartsville, on the Ontelaunee, having a farm of more than 100 acres. The only son of this union was Lewis. Mrs. Elizabeth Reitz, in about 1883, was burned to death when past seventy years of age, her clothing having caught fire from her pipe. Her remains rest in the cemetery at Dunkel's Church in Greenwich township.

Joseph (or Jost) Bachman, son of Nicholas, was born Jan. 1, 1826, in Lehigh county, Pa. He lived in Berks county, owning a small farm below Lenhartsville, along the Ontelaunee, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. He married Lovina Fenstermacher, who died in middle life, and they are buried side by side at Dunkel's Church, of which Mr. Bachman was at one time a member. He died March 4, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman had a family of six children, namely: Mary married Daniel Arndt, of Lenhartsville; James died young; Lovina married Eli Henry; Levi is mentioned below; Lizzie married James Jacoby, of Reading, and both are deceased; and Medina died young.

Levi Bachman was born Aug. 15, 1855, at Lenhartsville, Berks county, and he attended the common schools in that section for a few years. He was brought up on the farm, and during his young manhood hired out to various farmers, being thus engaged until he was nearly twenty years old. After the Civil war much ore was mined in this section, and for nine years Mr. Bachman drove an ore team in Oley township, at the end of that period going to Richmond township, where he was similarly engaged in the employ of John K. and James Rothermel, continuing with them for five years. In 1892 he commenced farming on his own account in Richmond township, on Widow Debbie Rothermel's farm, where he remained for two years. Then for four years he farmed a piece of property near "Six-Mile House," in Maiden-creek township, in 1900, moving to Cumru township, where he was a tenant on Benneville Yost's farm for two years. The following three years he was the tenant on the Bittner farm, in Spring township, and he has since occupied his present place in Spring township. It was formerly the Catharine Huyett farm, and consists of ninety-two acres of the best land in Lower Berks county, supplied with the best water in this section. Mr. Bachman purchased the farm in the fall of 1904. He is a thrifty farmer, and indications of his industry and good management are seen everywhere on his land and about his home. He has substantial buildings, all the most improved implements for carrying on his work, and keeps excellent live stock, including good horses and mules and from fourteen to twenty fine cows. He has made somewhat of a specialty of the dairy business, running a daily wagon to Reading, where he markets all his milk. His prosperity is well deserved, and he is highly respected in his community as a worthy man. Considerable iron ore has been found on his farm, adding to his revenue.

Mr. Bachman was married Feb. 13, 1873, to Miss Kate Schitz, daughter of John and Susanna (Welder) Schitz, of Rockland township, and six children have blessed this union: Lillie, wife of Mahlon Weider, of Spring township; William, who married and lives in Shillington; Glenson, married and lives at Oakbrook; Annie, who is married to Frank White, of No. 232 West Elm street, Reading; John, of Shillington; and Clarence, at home. Mr. Bachman and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

DAVID S. WENTZEL, who is engaged in cultivating the old Wentzel homestead in Oley township, was born May 27, 1842, on his present farm, son of William and Lydia (Seyler) Wentzel.

Lorentz Wentzel, the ancestor of this old Berks county family, lived in the vicinity of Spies's Church, where is a tombstone bearing the following inscription: "Lorentz Wentzel war geboren D 22 APril 1701 und starb 1780, 14 September—Alt 79 y. 4 monet 22." On the same tombstone, below that of her husband, is found the inscription of his wife, which reads as follows: "Catharina Wentzelin war gebohren 1708, 1 Jan. und starb d. 4 Februar 1793. Theres alter 85 yahre und etliche taga." Tradition has it that this couple had a large family. Baltzer Wentzel, of Douglass township, Berks county, a son of the ancestor, made a will, which is on record in Book A, page 38. This will, made June 14, 1781, and probated April 8, 1782, was executed by his wife, Catharine Wentzel, who survived him, and it mentioned "my son-in-law Henry Jorge." The children of Baltzer and Catharine Wentzel were: Johannes, Anna Maria and Catharine.

Daniel Wentzel, the great-grandfather of David S., and probably a grandson of the ancestor Lorentz, made his will May 23, 1811, and it was entered Dec. 22, 1812, the year of his death, being on record in Will Book A., page 602, his wife having preceded him in death. Their children were: Daniel, who had settled in Oley; John, of Alsace township; and Catharine, who married Matthias Balter.

Daniel Wentzel, grandfather of David S., was a native of Oley township, where he died in the fall of 1849, aged over seventy years. He was a farmer and tanner by occupation and bought the Wentzel farm from the Schwartz family prior to 1800, the tract then consisting of but eighty acres of land. He left a fair-sized estate in his will, which was made July 7, 1849, and entered Nov. 21, 1849, in Will Book 9, page 385, the executors being Abraham Wentzel and Daniel Buskirk. His wife, who was a Hoofnagel, bore him these children: Catharine, who married Solomon Hollenbush; Jacob and Abraham, of Ruscombmanor township; William; and Mary, who married George Bussler.

William Wentzel, father of David S., was born on his father's farm in Oley township, Sept. 25, 1797, and died July 27, 1870, being buried at Friedensburg. At the time of his father's death he obtained the home farm with $1,000 in money, and he followed the occupation of an agriculturist and tanner throughout his life. William Wentzel married Lydia Seyler, born Nov. 6, 1806, who died Jan. 26, 1883, and to them there were born five children: Maria, born in 1832, who died in 1844; Sarah, who died in infancy; Daniel, born in 1829, who died in 1830; Susanna, born in 1840, who died in 1844, and David S.

David S. Wentzel was reared to the work of an agriculturist, and also learned the trade of tanner at Wentzel's tannery. When about twenty-five years old he engaged in farming and for nearly a quarter of a century also carried on a tanning business, having a helper, and disposing of his product at Reading and Philadelphia. In

1897 he disposed of this enterprise to give his entire attention to his farming. The Wentzel tract, one of the fine farms of this locality, consists of 107 acres, the house thereon having been built by Mr. Wentzel in 1871, and the barn by his father and grandfather in 1837. In addition he owns four acres of woodland in Ruscombmanor township, and a tract of 106 acres there in partnership with Samuel Melot. He has been exceedingly successful in the various business enterprises in which he has been engaged, and enjoys the reputation of an honest and upright citizen. In political matters Mr. Wentzel is a Republican, and he has always had the interests of the community at heart, holding various local offices. He and his wife and children are faithful members of Friedensburg Reformed Church.

In 1868 Mr. Wentzel was united in marriage to Mary Ann Angstadt, daughter of Abraham Angstadt, and to this union there were born the following children: Clara, deceased, m. John Hinkle and had three children—Luella, Alvin and Charles; James, of Oley township, m. Alice Potteiger, and has had four children—Howard (deceased), Mary, Mabel and Eva; William, of Oley township, m. Sallie Hafer, and has one daughter—Clara; Wilson m. Katie DeLong and lives with his father; and Charles A., born Dec. 11, 1874, m. Lydia Angstadt, lives on the Wentzel homestead in Oley township and has these children: Emily and Alva (twins), Leroy, Maggie, Wilson, Floyd, Ira and Luella.

FENSTERMACHER. The Fenstermacher family of Longswamp township, Berks county, has its origin in (I) Matthias Fenstermacher, who was a native of the German Palatinate. He crossed the sea on the good ship "Glasgow," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1738. On the original list of passengers his age is given as sixty years, and he was born in 1678. He was accompanied to America by his two sons: Jacob, who was then twenty-nine years old, and Wilhelm, twenty-five years old. These three were preceded to the New World by a third son, Philip, who qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1737. He was then twenty years of age. He settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, and in 1759 he paid a federal tax of £10 in that district. His father and two brothers also lived in Longswamp township for some time. Tradition holds that one of the sons, probably Jacob, located near Philadelphia. The name is also spelled Fenstermaker.

(II) Philip Fenstermacher was a large property owner in Longswamp township and owned valuable land on which in later years was found iron ore in large quantities. Some of this land is still in possession of his progeny. He died in 1790, aged eighty-seven years. This is a long-lived family, a number living to be more than ninety years of age. His will was probated July 9, 1790, and of it his widow Elizabeth was the executor. The names of his sons John and Christopher were mentioned in his last will. He also had a son Philip, Jr., and one named Joseph. The latter was the great-grandfather of B. Henry, and great-great-grandfather of Edwin R.

(III) Joseph Fenstermacher was a native of Longswamp township, and is buried at the Longswamp Church. He was a large land owner, and left considerable property. His will is on record in Berks Courthouse in Vol. 4, page 363. It was made in 1805, and probated Aug. 4, 1806. His wife, Anna Margaret Hoak, bore him these children: Joseph; Rebecca (m. John Ran), Catherine, Magdalene (called Molly), John and Elizabeth.

(IV) John Fenstermacher, son of Joseph, was born in Longswamp township, near Topton. He was a farmer and owned several valuable pieces of farming property in that township. His remains were interred at Longswamp Church.

The wife of John Fenstermacher was Dorothy Fisher, daughter of Heinrich and Catherine (Bastius) Fisher. Dorothy Fenstermacher died in 1858, aged sixty-seven years. She and her husband had eight children: (1) Reuben. (2) Leon m. Sallie Knappenberger, and had these children, Emeline, Henry, James, Sarah and Elmira. (3) Hettie m. John Henning, and they had a daughter, Marie J. (4) Benjamin m. Sarah Conrath, and had these children, Elvina, Cecelia, Mary, Victoria, James, Henry, Maria and Mary. (5) Angelina m. William Hamscher. (6) John, of Ohio, had eight children. (7) Jacob m. Hannah Bortz and had these children, Oliver, Eliza, Chester, Milton, Kate, Agnes, Kate, Lillie and Jacob. (8) Sally Ann, born Dec. 5, 1832, m. Frank Fisher, deceased, and had a son, Garion.

(V) Reuben Fenstermacher, grandfather of Edwin R., was born in Longswamp township, Aug. 1, 1811, and died Feb. 27, 1870, aged fifty-eight years, four months and twenty-six days. He was a farmer, residing between Hancock and Mertztown in Longswamp township, where he owned a good farm of fifty acres. Iron ore was found upon this land and many thousands of tons were mined, while the mine is still in operation. He was a substantial citizen and his estate was appraised at $16,000 at the time of his death. As he was a man of prominence, well and favorably known, his death was mourned by many and his remains are now resting at Longswamp Church, of which he was an official member. His wife was Mary (known as Polly) Mensch, of Bath, Pa., and these children were born to them: Frank, of Topton; Eliza, who died young; Amelia, who died young; Amanda, m. to Jonas Trexler; Sarah, who died young; Mary, m. to Frank Conrath; Eliza, who died young; Angelina, m. to Tilghman De Long; B. Henry; Joseph, m. to Catherine Geist; Charles, who is unmarried and lives at Topton; George, who died young.

(VI) B. Henry Fenstermacher was born in Longswamp township, June 12, 1844, and he was reared to farm life. When sixteen years of age he commenced working in the ore mines at Topton, and followed this line for sixteen years.

On Feb. 6, 1875, Mr. Fenstermacher was married to Isabella Dietrich, daughter of Heinrich (Harry) Dietrich, of Maxatawny, and they had two children: Edwin R. and Bella J. After his marriage, about 1877, he came to Maxatawny township and there engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed with success until his death. In the seventies he purchased the Heinrich Dietrich farm from Kline & Wiess, which is located in the northeastern end of Maxatawny township, at Greenwich township line. It consists of 104 acres of good land. On this property he erected in 1894 a Swiss barn, 84x40 feet, and in 1901 a large pig sty. In that same year he bought an adjoining tract of forty-three acres, which was the Heinrich Dietrich homestead, and is recognized as being one of the best pieces of property in the State.

Mr. Fenstermacher was a Republican, as is his son, Edwin R., and was loyal to his party, although not an office-seeker. He and his wife early connected themselves with the Reformed congregation of Longswamp Church, the building of which was erected in 1773.

The demise of B. Henry Fenstermacher occurred June 23, 1907, at the age of sixty-three years and eleven days. As a gentleman he was honored and respected by all who met him. Possessing as he did those fine natural abilities and qualities which constitute the true man and valuable citizen, it was not difficult for him to win the esteem and admiration of those about him, and his memory is tenderly cherished by those who remain behind.

(VII) Edwin R. Fenstermacher, a prosperous young farmer of Maxatawny township, near the Greenwich township line, was born there June 30, 1875. After a course in the township schools, in 1891 he commenced attending the State Normal School at Kutztown, but when he was in the junior class he was obliged to leave, owing to the increased work upon the farm, which required his presence. Since 1897 he has devoted all of his time to farming and has made a success of his work. Like his father before him he is a stalwart Republican and has held a number of the

local offices. He and his sister are Reformed members of the Grimville Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1905. Miss Fenstermacher assists in church work and has been a member of the choir for some years, and both are much beloved not only in the church, but throughout the community.

Miss Bella J. Fenstermacher was born Oct. 3, 1876, in Maxatawny township. She obtained an excellent education in the public schools, and later attended the Normal school at Kutztown for four terms. Since her father's death she has assisted her brother in the management of their fine 148-acre farm and in extending the family hospitality to their many friends.

JOSEPH STOUDT, of Penn township, whose blacksmith establishment is situated at Obold postoffice, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., was born April 3, 1852, in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, son of William and Catherine (Kelchner) Stoudt.

Daniel Stoudt, the grandfather of Joseph, was a farmer of Wernersville, Pa., where his death occurred, he being buried at Hain's Church. His children were: Daniel died in Dauphin county; Henry lives in Michigan; William; Richard and Nathan live in Schuylkill county; James and David live in Wernersville; Sarah m. Mr. Kopp; Rebecca; Mary m. Henry Yoe; and Ann m. Jacob Spotts.

William Stoudt was born at Wernersville and there learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some time at Charming Forge, later engaging in business in Lower Heidelberg township, where he remained fifteen years, when he came to Obold and for five years worked for his son Joseph. He then went to live with his son George in Marion township until his retirement, when he went to the home of his son Conrad, in Reading, where he died in 1898, being buried at Hain's Church. He married Catherine Kelchner, daughter of Joseph Kelchner, who died in 1877, and they had these children: Richard lives in Dayton, Ohio; Ellen m. Edward Schell, of Dayton, Ohio; William is also a resident of Dayton; Joseph; Conrad lives at Third and Walnut streets, Reading; Lizzie m. Tyrer Schoener; Daniel died at the age of fifteen years; Sallie m. the late W. Shilling; Katie died young; and George lives in Womelsdorf.

Joseph Stoudt attended the public schools of Marion, Heidelberg and North Heidelberg townships, and when seventeen years of age learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he remained three years, then engaging in farming in North Heidelberg township for four years. Returning to his trade he formed a partnership with his father in Heidelberg township, but after four years this was dissolved and in 1881 Mr. Stoudt came to Obold where he purchased the business of Jacob Madeira, building a new house and shop. He has a flourishing business, which requires the help of one assistant.

Mr. Stoudt was married to Lizzie Mountz, daughter of William and Annie (Boyer) Mountz, and they have had one son: Irwin S., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He lives at East St. Louis, where he is a druggist and chemist. He married Margaret Musser. Joseph Stoudt is a member of Hain's Church. In political matters he is a Republican and he has served a number of times as a member of the election board.

CHRISTMAN. Among the old and highly honored families of Maxatawny township is that bearing the name of Christman. (I) Peter Christman was the first of the family to locate there, making his home southeast of Kutztown. He owned a large and valuable farm and became a very rich man of his day. He made his will Dec. 30, 1811, and it was entered for probate May 26, 1812. In it he mentions his wife Elizabeth Christman, stating that she is to have the cattle and sheep, and 800 pounds of lawful money of Pennsylvania. His son Peter obtained his share during the father's lifetime. The amounts bequeathed the others are as follows: Elizabeth, 300 pounds; Marie, 500 pounds; Leah, 500 pounds; Jonas, 1200 pounds; Jonathan 500 pounds; and Rachel, 500 pounds. Maria, Leah and Jonas were not of age when their father died, and Jonathan and Rachel (the will says) were "non compos mentis."

(II) Peter Christman was a farmer, located along the Sacony, between Bowers and Kutztown. He was buried in a private cemetery upon the homestead in Maxatawny. His wife was a member of the Barto family, and they had these children: Isaac; John B.; Elizabeth; Anna m. Daniel Dietrich; and Kate m. Charles Detweiler.

(III) Isaac Christman, who was born in 1817 and died in 1894, was a native of Maxatawny, and became a farmer, residing near "Kemps Hotel" in that township. He is buried in Fairview cemetery, Kutztown. His wife was Esther, a daughter of Peter Deisher, and she was born in 1822, and died in 1880. They had children as follows: William; Deisher, born Aug. 25, 1844; Tobias; Peter; Jerome; Louisa; Helena; Wilhemina; Esther and Caroline.

(III) John B. Christman, also a son of Peter Christman, was born on the homestead in Maxatawny township. He was a successful farmer and owned a good farm of 100 acres. During his last years he lived retired in Kutztown, and for six years served as school director. For many years he was an official member of St. John's Reformed church. He married Susanna Geary, a daughter of John and Catherine (Glasser) Geary, and their children were: Fianna; Jemima; Mary; John; Charles I. G., born Feb. 19, 1866, a merchant of Kutztown. In 1896 he married Lucy Scheirer, of Lehigh county, a daughter of David Scheirer. Their children are: Marion, John and Carl.

Michael Christman, grandfather of Charles H. Christman, belongs to one branch of this early family. He resided in Rockland township, and is buried at New Jerusalem church, of which he was a member. He was a farmer and at one time kept an inn. Among his children are these: Daniel; John; Philip; and Susanna, m. to Benjamin Mertz.

Daniel Christman, son of Michael and father of Charles H. Christman, was born in Falkner Swamp in 1815, and he died in the spring of 1883, aged sixty-six years, eleven months and twenty-two days. He is buried at New Jerusalem Church, of which he was a member and elder. By trade he was a stone mason. His wife was Elizabeth Gruber, daughter of Michael Gruber, of Maxatawny. She died Feb. 1, 1853, aged thirty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Christman had these children: Charles H.; Sarah m. Daniel Mayer; Cassie m. Willoughby Eck; Daniel S. died aged seven years; and Frank resides in Kutztown.

CHARLES H. CHRISTMAN residing at Topton, Pa., was born in Maxatawny, July 5, 1841. He was reared on the farm and when only nine years of age was hired out among the farmers in Maxatawny and Greenwich townships. This continued for fifteen years. He married in 1864 and one year later commenced farming for himself in Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, on a fifty-acre farm. Here he lived three years, and then removed to a farm of one hundred acres in the same township. For two years he worked hard upon his land and then removed to Maxatawny township, where he lived another two years. His next farm was in the upper part of Macungie township and consisted of 130 acres. This he cultivated for eight years, when he bought another farm in Maxatawny township, consisting of one hundred acres. After improving it, he located at Longswamp, near Hancock, and for four years lived retired. However, at the end of that time he once more engaged in farming in Longswamp and continued there for eleven years. In 1899 he removed to Topton where he has since made his home, employing himself by doing a little contracting and looking

after his lot of seven or eight acres. In addition to other interests, Mr. Christman owns real estate in Topton and is a man of substance, highly respected by a wide circle of friends and associates.

During the late Civil war Mr. Christman enlisted in October, 1862, as a private in Co. I, 167th P. V. I., Capt. J. M. Schollenberger commanding, under Col. Knoderer. The latter was shot Jan. 30, 1863, at Deserted Farm. Mr. Christman served nearly ten months, and was honorably discharged Aug. 12, 1863. In March, 1864, Mr. Christman again went to the front, this time as a citizen teamster for three months service.

Mr. Christman was married July 24, 1864, to Sarah A. Koch, a daughter of Charles and Maria (Clauser) Koch, and granddaughter of Carl Koch, who married a Miss Dottery. Mr. and Mrs. Christman have had these children: Mary E. m. Moses Newbold, of Topton; Daniel S. lives at Allentown; Henry E. who died at the age of six years; William A. resides in Maxatawny; Sallie E., deceased, m. Wallace Fry; Oscar E. died at the age of four years; and Charles H. resides in Topton.

Mr. Christman is a member of the Reformed Church of Maxatawny, while Mrs. Christman is a member of the Lutheran Church of the same place, the two congregations holding service in the Zion's Union Church. There two of their children are buried.

CHARLES C. REESER, of Bernville, whose baking establishment is situated in Penn township near the borough line of Bernville, was born in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, Oct. 27, 1879, son of Benneville and Mary (De Turck) Reeser, and grandson of William Reeser.

Benneville Reeser, who was born in 1841, died in Maiden-creek township in 1891, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. He married Mary De Turck, daughter of Charles De Turck, of Richmond township, by whom he had these children: Hettie m. David Schroeder, of Reading; James D. is the proprietor of the "Hotel Reeser"; Mary died unmarried, in 1907; Charles C.; Nora m. Albert Gibson, of Reading; Katie, who died in 1907, m. Orlando Moll; and John died aged ten years.

Charles C. Reeser attended the public schools of Molltown, and for a short time was engaged in farm work, but at the age of fifteen years went in with his brother James D. to learn the trade of baker, and continued in the latter's employ until 1901, when he purchased the business, known as the Bernville Bakery, from his brother and has since conducted it successfully. His trade demands the services of three employes and he runs two wagons through Leinbachs, Centreport, Strausstown and the surrounding country, supplying the best trade with bread, cakes and pretzels.

Mr. Reeser was married in 1900 to Miss Mary Stamm, daughter of Frank and Emma (Geiss) Stamm, well-known people of Bernville. To Mr. and Mrs. Reeser there have been born two children, Lester and Earl.

NATHANIEL P. STOUDT, who for more than twenty years has been engaged in supplying meat to the residents of Bernville, is one of the best known men in his line of business in Penn township. Mr. Stoudt was born Dec. 6, 1855, in Penn township, Berks county, Pa., son of Jared and Sophia (Obold) Stoudt.

Abraham Stoudt, the grandfather of Nathaniel P., was a farmer in Bern (now Penn) township, owning a tract of 150 acres about one mile south of Bernville. He married Barbara Schellhammer, and to them there were born two children: Jared; and Abraham, a saddler by trade who later engaged in the grocery business in Reading, where he died. Abraham Stoudt married a Miss Mosser, and to them there were born these children: Milton, lives in the West; Mary m. Harrison Reber; James m. a Miss Yoder and resides in Reading; and Elizabeth m. G. M. Britton, the well-known Reading merchant.

Jared Stoudt was born on the Stoudt family homestead in Penn township, March 18, 1826, and died there Feb. 19, 1862, being buried at the Union Cemetery at Bernville. His whole life was spent in agricultural pursuits. Jared Stoudt married Sophia Obold, born Aug. 9, 1827, a daughter of Philip Obold, and she died nine weeks before the death of her husband. They had these children: Emma, who resides in Bernville; Elias, who died at the age of eleven years; Nathaniel P.; Harrison A., deceased; and Mary S., also deceased.

Nathaniel P. Stoudt was accorded a fair public school education, but losing his parents when still a youth, he was forced to shift for himself, and at the age of eighteen years learned the trade of a butcher, engaging in business on his own account in 1886, since which time he has built up a large patronage, supplying the best trade in Bernville and engaging the use of three wagons and four employes. He has a comfortable residence on Main street, and is known as a reliable and public-spirited citizen. A Republican in politics, he has served the borough as school director and councilman and has shown himself to be a conscientious public official. With his family, he belongs to the Reformed Church.

Mr. Stoudt was married to Diana Potteiger, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Strause) Potteiger, the former of whom was a miller by trade, an occupation which he followed near Hamburg, Pa., for some years; subsequently he came to Bernville, where until his death he was engaged in the hotel business. Mr. and Mrs. Stoudt have had these children: Edwin; Bertha, m. to Milton Kline; Anna, m. to S. P. Wilhelm; Charles A.; William; Albert; Warren, John, who died at the age of seven years; an infant daughter, deceased; Sallie and Mary.

ALANDON J. GRUBER, of North Heidelberg township, was born Feb. 18, 1854, in that township, son of Israel S. and Rebecca (Ernst) Gruber.

Henry Gruber was one of the early settlers of Heidelberg township, and is very likely the Heinrich Gruber who came to this country from Germany on the ship "Dragon," and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1761. His will was admitted for probate June 17, 1777. His wife's given name was Maria Eva Rosina, but the name of her parentage is not known. Mr. Gruber was a Lutheran, and for many years was a member of the Little Tulpehocken Church, but in about 1750, when the St. Daniel's (Corner) Church was founded he became a member of it. About fifty of his descendants rest in the burial ground of that church. He owned about 300 acres of land, which has since been divided, the original tract, however, remaining in the Gruber name to this day. The first warrant was dated June 17, 1737. Mr. Gruber had these children: John Adam; Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1737; Maria Eva Rosina, Dec. 3, 1738; Christian, Feb. 18, 1740; Henry, Aug. 19, 1747; Christopher and Elizabeth, twins, Oct. 10, 1749.

John Adam Gruber, the great-great-grandfather of Alandon J., was born in 1735 and died in 1807, on the homestead, where he spent all of his life. He married (first) Elizabeth Shower, and (second) Sarah, whose family name is not known, and all three are buried at St. Daniel's Church. Eight sons and four daughters were born to the first marriage, of whom two sons died in childhood, the ten remaining being: Maria Elizabeth, born in 1762; John George, 1764, deceased 1841; Maria Christina, 1766-1825; John; John Jacob, 1771-1849; Henry, 1773; John Peter, 1775-1828; Catherine; Anna Maria; and Philip, who moved from Berks county between 1814 and 1820.

John Gruber, the great-grandfather of Alandon J., was born in 1769, and died in 1840. He owned the homestead from 1807 until his death, and at times other farms, but for twenty-seven years lived on Governor Joseph Hiester's farm near the "Blue Marsh," in Bern township. He married Anna Maria Lash, who is buried at Hain's Church, and they had six children: John, George, Daniel, Maria Barbara, Michael and William.

Daniel Gruber, grandfather of Alandon J., was born in 1795, and died in 1867, on the homestead, which he owned and cultivated from 1841 until his death. He was married (first) to Christina, daughter of Michael Seidel, and (second) to Sarah Fidler, all of whom are buried at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. Daniel Gruber had six children: Catherine, Israel S., Matilda, Elizabeth, Mary and Rebecca.

Israel S. Gruber was born July 9, 1827, on the old Gruber homestead, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, becoming later the owner of the property, which he farmed all of his life with the exception of two years when he lived in Marion township on the Major Seibert farm. His property consisted of 139 acres, and thereon he built in 1844 a substantial house, the barn not being erected until 1884. He was a prominent Democrat of his section, and held many offices, being a school director of the township for fifteen years and a supervisor for some time. He was well-known throughout this section of the county, and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Gruber was a deacon, elder and member of the cemetery board of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, in the faith of which Church he died Aug. 2, 1907. During the Civil war Israel S. Gruber served as a soldier in the Union army. He was a member of the Robesonia Grange.

On Jan. 12, 1853, Mr. Gruber was married to Rebecca Ernst, born Aug. 5, 1833, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wenrich) Ernst, and granddaughter of Johannes and Catherine (Boyer) Ernst, of Heidelberg township. To this union the following children were born: Alandon J.; Levi E., born Nov. 16, 1855, m. Vilanda Horn, lives near Wernersville, and has two children,—Charles and Robert; Joseph S., born Aug. 26, 1857, m. Amanda Potts, and lives in North Heidelberg township; Ebilia Sarah E., born Jan. 22, 1859, m. Isaac Horn, a farmer of Heidelberg township, and has two children,— Willie C. and Annie A.; Pierce M., born May 16, 1860, m. Mary Werner, a sister of Emma, who is the wife of Alandon J., and they live on the Ernst homestead in North Heidelberg township; Calvin J., born Nov. 17, 1861, m. Lillie Himmelberger, lives near Sinking Spring, and has two children,—Charles I. and Mabel; Arabella R., born May 9, 1864, m. Daniel Schneider, of Jefferson township, and has one son,—Clarence; Daniel H., born March 24, 1867, m. Ella Potteiger, lives in Centre township, and has two children,—Herbert W. and Esther; Lillia M., born April 24, 1869, m. Charles Speicher, lives at North Kill, and they have four children,—Calvin, Harry, Jennie and Florence; and Milton R., born Feb. 17, 1876, m. Annie Blatt, is farming in North Heidelberg township, and has these children, Laura, Alberta, Peter, Harry and Maggie.

Alandon J. Gruber obtained his education in the common schools of North Heidelberg and Marion townships, and until he reached the age of twenty-seven years worked for his parents. He was then married, and worked as a laborer for thirteen years, but in the spring of 1894 commenced farming on his own account on a tract of 102 acres, which he had purchased the year previous, the William Werner farm. Here has since resided, being engaged in general farming. His operations have proved successful, and he is now ranked among the substantial men of his community. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held several precinct offices. He and his family are members of St. Daniel's Lutheran (Corner) Church, of which he was a deacon for two years, elder since January, 1903, and since 1905 a member of the cemetery board.

On Nov. 13, 1880, Mr. Gruber was married to Emma C. Werner, born Jan. 19, 1861, daughter of William and Catherine (Miller) Werner, and granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Lamm) Werner, of North Heidelberg township. Her maternal grandfather was Matthias Miller. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gruber: Ellenora Rebecca, who married John Brown, of Robesonia, and has one daughter,—Laura Emma.

EPHRAIM M. LEH, a farmer in Colebrookdale township, near the Douglass township line, Berks county, was born Nov. 14, 1849, and is said to have descended from John Philip Leh, who came to America on the ship "Two Brothers" in 1745, and settled in Bucks county, Pa. Prior to 1779 George Leh had located in York county, Pa., and in 1802 John Leh was on record in that county. Many of the name are found today in York county.

According to the Pennsylvania archives Henry Leh, of Bucks county, in 1779, owned one hundred acres of land, two horses and four head of cattle. He was the father of Henry (2).

Henry Leh (2), son of Henry, was born in Bucks county Dec. 6, 1767, and is thought to have been of English extraction, and of a Quaker family. He came to Berks county, and engaged in farming and in millwrighting, following the latter trade four years. He owned the old Leh farm from about 1800 until his death. This consisted of some eighty acres when he purchased it. He married Catharine Muth, born March 11, 1774, daughter of Philip and Barbara Muth, and she died Dec. 29, 1850. Their children were: William, a clock maker at Pottstown; Daniel, who lived at Easton, Pa.; Samuel, who made his home in Bucks county, as also did John; Henry (3); Jacob, who lived in the vicinity of Hill Church, but died of smallpox at Reading; Sarah, who married (first) John Reinert and (second) Samuel Burden.

Henry Leh (3), son of Henry (2), was born on the old Leh homestead in Colebrookdale township, June 10, 1814. He was a tailor by trade and followed it a number of years, but in latter life he farmed the old homestead, where he died Oct. 14, 1892, and he was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery beside his wife. He was a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and he erected the present house and barn, the former in 1884, and the latter in 1868. He was an active worker in the Reformed congregation at Boyertown, and served as elder and member of the building committee. His wife, Mary Ann Maurer, born Oct. 27, 1818, was a daughter of Andrew Maurer, and she died March 20, 1857, in her thirty-ninth year. Their children were: Frank, who lived at Reading and died at the Soldiers' Home in 1908; Emma, who is the widow of Solomon Bush, and lives at Boyertown; Catharine, deceased wife of Ephraim Weider; Susan, who married John Ritter, of Boyertown; Ephraim M.; Henry, a painter at Pottstown; and Mary, who married Lewis Walters, of Pottstown.

Ephraim M. Leh, son of Henry (3), attended the public schools near his home until he was fifteen years old. He then learned the painting trade, which he followed for seven years. In 1871 he began farming on the old homestead, which consists of seventy-three acres. Of this he has been the owner since 1894, and he has a good outfit of machinery. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a believer in the faith of the Reformed Church, attending with his family the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On Feb. 11, 1870, Mr. Leh was married to Mary Houck, daughter of Amos and Hannah (Gabel) Houch, of Colebrookdale township, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Edgar E., who died in infancy; Warren, a cigar maker, who married Kate Lechner, daughter of Harrison Lechner; and Laura, who married Edwin Mowdey, of Reading.

GEORGE P. SCHELL, who owns and operates a fine farm of 190 acres in North Heidelberg township, is secretary of the township school board, and a member of one of Berks county's old and honored families. Mr. Schell was born June 23, 1862, in North Heidelberg township, son of Isaac and Sarah (Mounts) Schell.

The first of this family to locate in Berks county was Michael Schell, who settled in Hereford township at an early date, and died there between Oct. 18 and Nov. 10, 1783, the respective dates of making and of probating of his will, which is on record in Will Book B, page 84. The executor of the will was John Reder, probably a son-in-law. The ancestor and his wife Catherine had three sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Michael, settled in North Heidelberg township, where he died in middle age, his widow, Susanna Margaret, dying there in 1827. She made a will, which is recorded in Will Book 6, page 119, her grandson Henry being the executor of her estate. Items of the will were that her grandchildren Barbara, Peter and Henry were to have the bulk of the estate, and her children Adam, Henry and Maria (intermarried with Peter Leiss), should have nothing beyond five shillings each. Peter Schell, grandson of Michael of North Heidelberg, was the grandfather of George P.

Peter Schell was a farmer in North Heidelberg township, where he died when forty-three years of age, and was buried at Little Tulpehocken Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. His wife was Esther Reich, and their children were as follows: John; William; Isaac; Samuel; Amelia, m. to James McCalister; Rebecca, m. to Levi Fidler; Elias; Adam; Edward; Joshua; Alfred; Reuben; Levi; and Sarah, who went with James Wilhelm, her uncle, to Perry, Dallas Co., Iowa, and there married a Mr. Oliver.

Isaac Schell, father of George P., was born in North Heidelberg township in 1834, and died in 1899, aged sixty-five years. He was a shoemaker and farmer in North Heidelberg township, and lived and died on the old Schell homestead, near Klopp's store, a tract of forty acres. He was buried at Little Tulpehocken Church, of which he was a member. He married Sarah Mounts, daughter of George and Mary (Moyer) Mounts, who now lives with her son, J. Franklin Schell. Mr. and Mrs. Schell had these children: George P.; Samuel H.; J. Franklin, of North Heidelberg township; Sallie M., m. to William Lutz, a farmer of North Heidelberg township; Walter J., a successful farmer of Perry, Dallas Co., Iowa; and Clyde A., who is in the employ of his brother George P.

George P. Schell obtained his early education in the township schools, and later attended the Bernville Academy, taught by Prof. M. A. Gruber, and until twenty-one years of age worked for his parents. After his marriage he commenced farming on the John W. Fisher farm in North Heidelberg township, where he remained eight years, and at the end of that time removed to his present place, formerly the William D. Klopp homestead. This property, which is finely cultivated, consists of 190 acres, and is operated by Mr. Schell as a general farm. He is up-to-date in his methods, using the most modern machinery. He has thirteen horses, twenty-three head of cattle and fifty hogs. Mr. Schell is a Democrat in politics, and in 1886 was elected constable, an office which he held for twelve consecutive years. He was elected a school director in 1903, and re-elected to that office in 1904, now serving as secretary of the board. Fraternally he is connected with Bernville Lodge No. 113, P. O. S. of A. With his family he attends Christ (Little Tulpehocken) Lutheran Church, in which he has been deacon and elder.

On Nov. 13, 1886, Mr. Schell was married to Agnes Kintzer, daughter of Levi Kintzer, and they had one daughter: Miriam, who is attending school.

Samuel H. Schell is a brother of George P. Schell and is a highly esteemed citizen and progressive agriculturalist of North Heidelberg township, where he was born May 22, 1864. Until twenty-one years of age he worked for his parents, and then engaged in laboring until his thirty-second year, when he commenced operating the George Pflueger farm in North Heidelberg township. He continued there for four years and spent a like period on the John Filbert farm. In the spring of 1905 he removed to the John M. Kutz farm near Klopp's store, where he now resides. He has twelve horses, twenty-one head of cattle and thirty-five hogs, and his farm is conducted along modern lines. In politics Mr. Schell is a Democrat, and he succeeded his brother as constable, an office which he held for six years. He was elected a member of the board of school directors in the spring of 1905.

On Sept. 27, 1884, Mr. Schell was married to Celesta Blatt, daughter of Jacob Blatt, and they have three children, as follows: Thomas m. Alice Brecht, and has a daughter, Helen. Annie m. Calvin Dreibelbis, of Bernville, and has two daughters, Pearl and Mabel; and Willis assists his father on the home farm.

CHARLES T. HECKLER, late of Reading, was born June 29, 1872, in West Reading, son of William A. and Emma (Miller) Heckler, and grandson of Jacob Heckler.

Jacob Heckler was of Scottish descent. When a young man he came to Berks county from Chester county, Pa. He had learned the milling business, and upon locating in this locality he opened the old Schwartz mill, near the Pennsylvania bridge on the Schuylkill river. He operated the mill for several years, and later removed to Spring township, where he operated a farm for some time, dying in that township. His wife's maiden name was Adams. They were the parents of the following children: Charles, Augustus, William A., Henry, Anna, Thomas, and one that died in infancy. They were members of the Reformed Church.

William A. Heckler was born in West Reading, but received his education in the schools of Spring township. He followed farming practically all his life, although in young manhood he had learned the cigar-maker's trade. His farm was located where Wyomissing is now situated. Mr. Heckler now lives retired, looking after his valuable real estate interests. He and his wife became the parents of four children, as follows: Cora M., married to Charles High, a coal dealer at Reading; Charles T.; Laura; and Alice. Mrs. Heckler died in 1885, aged thirty-eight years. The family belonged to the Reformed Church. Mr. Heckler is a member of the K. G. E. In politics he is a Republican, and has held minor offices.

Charles T. Heckler was educated in the public schools of his native locality and of Spring township, and also attended Brunner's Business College and night school at Reading. He learned the machinist's trade with Elias Schmehl, and followed it for five years. On May 6, 1896, he began the bicycle business on Fourth street, near Penn, later removing to Penn near Seventh, and for seven years was at No. 222 Penn street, his late location. He was successful from the start, and besides bicycles sold motor cycles, phonographs, gas fixtures and mantles, and electrical goods. He handled the Reading, Pierce, Columbia, Iver Johnson and Packer bicycles.

On Oct. 13, 1898, Mr. Heckler married Miss Lizzie Masseno, daughter of William Masseno. Socially he was a well-known Mason, holding membership in Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Reading Lodge of Perfection; Reading Consistory; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought office. Mr. Heckler died Sept. 13, 1908, and was laid to rest in Charles Evans cemetery with Masonic rites.

FRANK G. LEIDY, of Boyertown, proprietor of Leidy's Livery Stable, was born in that borough Feb. 15, 1862, son of Daniel S. Leidy, grandson of Samuel Leidy and great-grandson of Philip Leidy.

Daniel S. Leidy was born in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and died at Boyertown, where he had been in business for a number of years. In early life he learned cigar-making, and followed that business as a manufacturer at Boyertown, but later he conducted Leidy's paper-mill at Bally for eight years, there employing from ten to fifteen hands. Coming again to Boyertown he engaged in the livery business in 1872, and was interested in same until his death. However, he carried on the business on

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a much smaller scale than his son, having only ten horses.

Mr. Leidy was married three times, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Stettler, had three children, Henry, Joseph and Chester. To his second union, with Rebecca Daub, no children were born. By his third wife, Hannah Gabel, he had four children: Frank G. is mentioned below; Annie is unmarried; Emma married L. P. G. Fegley, of Boyertown; Hannah, widow of Henry Graffen, lives at Reading. The father was a member of the Boyertown Reformed Church. He is buried in the family plot in Fairview cemetery, Boyertown.

Frank G. Leidy obtained his education in the public schools of his native borough and at Mount Pleasant Seminary, Boyertown. He then learned the jeweler's trade from J. S. East, of Boyertown, but in 1883, after he had learned his trade, he had to abandon it to take charge of his father's livery stable, his father having been stricken with paralysis. He has ever since remained in the business, which he has built up from a small concern to its present proportions, his stable being now the largest in Berks county. He keeps fifty regular livery horses, and has eight men constantly in his employ. His main stable is 103 by 70 feet in dimensions, and other buildings are needed besides. Mr. Leidy understands his business thoroughly, and his methods and enterprise are appreciated by his numerous patrons, among which are many traveling men. He is widely known all over the county. In addition to his interests in the livery business, Mr. Leidy is a director of the Union Manufacturing Company of Boyertown and a stockholder in the famous Boyertown Casket Company, which he helped to organize.

In 1884 Mr. Leidy married Katie Ellis, daughter of James Ellis, of Reading, and five children have been born to them, as follows: Charles E. assists his father; Ralph E. is employed in the casket factory; Bessie E., a graduate of the Boyertown high school, class of 1905, and of the West Chester Normal School, class of 1907, is now a public school teacher at Boyertown; Franklin E. was one of the victims who met death in the Boyertown Opera House fire Jan. 13, 1908, at the age of thirteen years; and Anna E.

Mr. Leidy and his family are members of the Boyertown Reformed Church. He is a Republican in politics and has served his borough as councilman. His fraternal connections are numerous, including membership in the Odd Fellows, I. O. R. M. (Podicon Tribe), P. O. S. of A., Knights of Friendship and Knights of the Golden Eagle, all at Boyertown.

JOHN YERGER, of Muhlenberg township, where he is the proprietor of a sausage factory, was born in Muhlenberg township in 1852, son of John and Rebecca (Medler) Yerger.

George Yerger, the grandfather of John, made his home at Tenth and Court streets, Reading, and there his death occurred. Mr. Yerger married Catherine Bechtel, and among their children were two sons, George and John. John Yerger was born in 1814, and became one of the leading butchers of his day. His death occurred Feb. 28, 1872, at which time he left a widow and six children: Emma m. Mahlon Gehris, and had six children,— John, Charles, Mahlon, William, Edwin and Elizabeth; John; Deborah m. John Bowman; George died single; William is single; Edwin m. Alice Hunnerbreich, and had eight children. The mother of John Yerger was married (second) in 1874, to Solomon Yoder, and still survives, living at Hyde Park.

John Yerger was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, and learned the butchering trade with his father, an occupation which he has followed ever since. In 1887 he established his present plant, where he manufactures all kinds of sausages, smoked meats, etc. His enterprise and business ability have built up a good trade, and his fair dealing in business matters have won for him a reputation for honesty and integrity. In politics Mr. Yerger is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Yerger was married in 1874, to Ellen Wanner, daughter of Reuben Wanner, and to this union there have been born four children: Deborah m. John Kurtz, proprietor of the "Kurtz House," and has one child,—Mary A.; John R. m. Sallie Snyder and has one child,—John A.; Jennie R. is unmarried; and Roy A.

DANIEL M. TROUT, who is engaged as a butcher at Boyertown, is a native of Earl township, Berks county, born Oct. 17, 1865. The early home of the Trout family was in England, whence came three brothers. Of these one, whose Christian name is a matter of dispute, some saying Samuel and some John, settled in Berks county, one in Germantown and one in Lancaster county. Tradition says all three served in the Continental army with Washington. The one who settled in Berks county was unable to speak any German at first, but he married a German woman by the name of Hartline, and his children all learned the German language, being unable to speak English at all. His children were John and Samuel.

John Trout was born in 1758, and he died in 1844, and was buried at Hillchurch. His children were: (1) George is buried at Reading. He had four children, Isaac, Sallie, Kate and George, Jr. (2) Samuel, who is buried at Hillchurch, had two children, Jeremiah and Mary Ann. The wife of Samuel attained the age of one hundred and one years. (3) Joseph is said to have died single. (4) Isaac became the father of eleven children—John, Isaac (2), George, Daniel, Samuel, Susanna, Polly, Lydia, Hannah, Peggy and Savannah. (5) John. (6) Elizabeth had ten children, Rachel, Mary, Sallie, Lillie, Elizabeth, Jacob, Hiram, James, William and Kate. (7) Kate (no record).

John Trout, son of John, died in 1870, at the age of seventy-five. He had seven children: David, still living at nearly four score years, moved to Philadelphia in 1863, and is the father of Nelson N. Trout, of Philadelphia; Lewis had fifteen children—Anna, John, Ephraim, Sallie, Elizabeth, Henry, William, Daniel, David, Mary, Edward, Charles, Warren, Kate and Amanda; John had thirteen children—Orlando, Horace, Kate, Mary Ann, Mahlon, Amanda, Henry, Emma, Sallie, Hettie, Triper, Malinda and William; Sarah had seven children—Henry, John, Emma, Amanda, Sarah, Catharine and Lizzie; and Henry, Elizabeth and Kate, who all died unmarried.

Samuel Trout, son of the emigrant, was born in 1772, and died in 1858. He was the father of nine children: William, who had two children, David (who was the father of William, Ephraim, David, Jr., May, Alvin and Sallie) and Esther (who had eleven children); Abraham, who had thirteen children; Reuben, who was the father of twelve children; Jacob, who had seven children; Samuel, who had nine children; John (two children); Christiana, who married, and became the mother of seven children; Lena, who married a Boyer, and had ten children; and Maria, who married a Dierolf, and had four children.

Jacob T. Trout, grandfather of Daniel M., was born in Earl township, Berks county, where he was a lath and rake maker. He made his home in the mountains near Shanesville, where he owned a tract of land. He is buried at Hillchurch, as are many others of the name. His children were: David, of Philadelphia; Sarah, who married Henry Henninger, of Sassamansville; Lewis; and John, of Earl township, who died in 1907, at the age of seventy-two years.

Lewis Trout, son of Jacob T., was born in Earl township, in 1822, and he died there Jan. 1, 1886. He carried on shoemaking at Worman. In religion he was Reformed, and is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown. He was twice married. His first wife, Kate Rhoads, became the mother of four children: John, Ephraim, Catharine and Anna. He married (second) Rebecca Boyer, who died in 1890, aged fifty-nine years. Ten children were born of this second marriage: Sally (Anderson); Elizabeth

(Mecherly); Henry, of Pottstown; William, deceased; Daniel M.; David, of New Berlinville; Mary (Mock); Amanda (Lea); and Edwin, Charles and Warren, deceased.

Daniel M. Trout attended the public schools, and his boyhood days were spent at Worman, but since he was fifteen years old his home has been at Boyertown. As a young man he worked at the mines and in the rolling mills of Berks and Montgomery counties. For but two months less than twenty years he followed the iron business. On March 18, 1908, he became the proprietor of the butcher shop and meat store at the corner of Railroad street and Philadelphia avenue (formerly the property of Harry Foreman, who with his wife, two children and sister perished in the Boyertown Opera House fire, Jan. 13, 1908). He has built up a good trade, having three teams on the road all the time, and employing three men. He kills from six to eight steers and from ten to fifteen calves per week.

In 1887 Mr. Trout was married to Lizzie Bryan, daughter of William and Mary (Wentzel) Bryan, of Boyertown, the former of whom kept the toll-gate for forty-six years. The Bryans are of the same family originally as William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska. To Mr. and Mrs. Trout was born a son, Lewis B., March 6, 1888. Mrs. Trout died Feb. 5, 1905, aged thirty-seven years, and was laid to rest at Boyertown. Mr. Trout belongs to the Red Men and the Jr., O. U. A. M. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and is active in its work.

FRANCIS ROTHENBERGER, foreman of the Mount Laurel Slag Crusher Company, and the owner of a fertile farm of forty-six acres in Muhlenberg township, was born in 1850 in Muhlenberg township, son of Samuel and Magdalena (Heckman) Rothenberger.

Samuel Rothenberger, who was a laborer, died when his son Francis was but an infant, leaving a widow and nine children, as follows: Sarah, who died unmarried; Samuel, Henry and Thomas, deceased; Emma, of Philadelphia; James, of Oley township, m. to Ellen Kauffman; an infant, deceased; Adam, deceased; and Francis. Mrs. Rothenberger died in 1854, in the faith of the Reformed Church, of which her husband had also been a member.

Francis Rothenberger was educated in the common schools of his native township, and until 1898 all of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits, he having acquired a property of forty-six acres in Muhlenberg township. In the year mentioned Mr. Rothenberger accepted a position with the Mount Laurel Slag Crusher Company, of which he has been foreman since 1901. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as school director and tax collector of the township. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. R. M., and the Temple Relief Association.

In 1880 Mr. Rothenberger was married to Catherine Barrell, daughter of Jacob Barrell, and ten children were born to this union, nine of whom are living: Emma, unmarried; Samuel; Ellen, who married Mr. Weik; Frederick; Thomas; Minnie, deceased; James; Katie; John; and Lillian. Mr. Rothenberger is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife adheres to the Reformed faith.

THOMAS R. LUCKENBILL, of Virginville, Richmond township, is engaged in the butcher business, and has a large trade in first-class meats among the residents of this section. Mr. Luckenbill was born in Perry township, son of Simon Luckenbill.

The great-grandfather of Thomas R. Luckenbill was Christian Luckenbill, one of the early settlers of Perry township, a farmer by occupation and the owner of some land. It is probable that he was one of the sons of Johan Ekel Luckenbill, who emigrated to this country from Germany, on the ship "Thistle," which landed at Philadelphia, Aug. 29, 1730. He had with him his brother Hendrick, and these two are the progenitors of the Luckenbill family in this country. Thomas Luckenbill, one of the sons of Christian, was a farmer and land owner of Perry township, and owned the 200-acre tract later belonging to Thomas, his son. He married a Miss Wink of Maxatawny township, and they had these children: Edwin; James; Thomas; Alfred; Simon; Jacob, who died at the age of forty-five years; Cyrus; and Sarah Ann, wife of Simon Adam, deceased.

Simon Luckenbill, father of Thomas R., owns a farm of ninety-six acres of good land in Perry township, about two and one-half miles west of Virginville. He stands high in his community and is a member of Zion's Reformed Church of Perry township. Although a stanch Democrat he has never had a desire to hold office. His children are as follows: Samuel, of Virginville; Thomas R.; Sarah Ann, m. to F. F. Dreibelbis, a grain, coal and lumber dealer of Virginville; Simon, who died at the age of six years; and Augustus, a clerk of Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Thomas R. Luckenbill was reared on his father's farm in Perry township, and worked for him until twenty years of age. He was equipped mentally by study in the common schools of his native township, and by personal application at home in leisure hours. After leaving his father he worked for three years in a creamery, and later, with F. F. Dreibelbis, formed the firm of Dreibelbis and Luckenbill, engaging in the manufacture of brick for three years, when the firm was dissolved by mutual consent. In 1886 Mr. Luckenbill engaged in butchering, and this he has continued successfully ever since. He owns a large brick house in Virginville, and seventeen acres of excellent farm land, on which he raises feed for his horses and cattle.

Mr. Luckenbill was married in 1891 to Louisa, daughter of David and Catherine (Adam) Bushy, of Richmond township, and to this union were born: Edna, Carrie, Curtis, Paul, Mabel and Thomas. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church of Virginville. In politics Mr. Luckenbill is a Democrat, but he is not a politician or an office seeker. He is a plain, practical business man. By honesty and fair dealing he has built up a paying business, is a good citizen, and is well thought of in his community by those who know him best. He is truly a representative citizen of Richmond township, Berks county.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PAINTER, foreman of the molding department of the Orr & Sembower Engine and Boiler works, at Millmont, Pa., was born April 18, 1860, at Bernville, Berks county, son of Rev. Joseph and Molly (Loose) Painter.

Jacob Painter, grandfather of George W., was a farmer and furnace worker in Chester county, Pa., later in life coming to Robesonia, Berks county, where his death occurred. Rev. Joseph Painter, his son, was born Dec. 3, 1822, in Chester county, but most of his life has been spent in Myerstown, where he has a fine residence on Main street. He was for many years engaged in the foundry business, in which he was very successful, and he is now living retired enjoying the fruits of his early labors. In politics Mr. Painter is a Republican, and he has served as county commissioner of Lebanon county, and school director of Jackson township in that county. In the United Evangelical Church of Myerstown he has held all the offices, was licensed a minister of the church, and has preached the Word in different sections of his own and surrounding counties.

Rev. Mr. Painter married Molly Loose, daughter of John Loose, of Lancaster county, and to them were born eleven children: John, who m. (first) Mary Spahn, and (second) a lady whose first name was Martha; Jacob, who m. (first) Fannie Spangler, (second) Beckie Rice, and (third) Agnes Miller; Stephen, of Beverly, Kans., who m. (first) Sallie Tice, and (second) Barbara Smith; Joseph, who m. Kate Dundore; Anna, who m. Milton Gockley; George W.; Mary, who m. John Spangler; Tillie, who m. John Shoemaker; Lizzie,

who married George Peiffer; Samuel, who married; and an infant son.

George W. Painter was taken to Myerstown by his parents when three years old, and at that place he secured his education in the public schools. When fifteen years old he left school, and commenced to learn the molding trade in Myerstown, and this he has followed ever since. In 1894 he took charge of the molding department of Orr & Sembower's plant at Millmont, where he also has charge of the pattern department, having in his employ forty-five men. He resides in his own home in Millmont, and is also the owner of two fine properties on McKnight street, Reading. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is connected with Camp No. 65, P. O. S. of A., Lebanon, Pa.; Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., of Reading; and Mount Penn Encampment, No. 252. Mr. and Mrs. Painter are members of the United Evangelical Church of Myerstown.

On June 18, 1879, Mr. Painter married Adeline Kunkelman, daughter of John and Catharine (Mertz) Kunkelman, and to this union there were born six children: Joseph, who died in infancy; Laura M., who m. S. F. Steltz, a teacher of Reading: Martha, unmarried at home; Paul and Arthur, who died in infancy: and Myron E., at home.

JEREMIAH W. ROYER, of Marion township, who is conducting the well-known Marion Mills, at Stouchsburg, on the Tulpehocken, was born July 13, 1852, in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Pa., son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (White) Royer.

The Royer family of Pennsylvania traces its ancestry back to 1720, when Sebastian Royer and his four sons came to America, the first settlement of this family being made on the bank of a fordable river in Montgomery county, where the town is named Royersford. Here two of the sons settled permanently, but the father, being of a more roving spirit, removed to what was Elizabeth township, in Lancaster county, on the site of the present village of Brickerville, where Sebastian Royer spent the rest of his life. His youngest son, Amos, settled in what was then Cocalico township, but now Ephrata. He had four sons of whom Philip, the second, also had four sons, namely: Abraham, Jonathan, Joseph and Benjamin. Abraham had a son, Jacob, who was a farmer in West Cocalico township, where he died when nearly seventy-seven years old. His wife was Elizabeth Stuber, and their six children were: William; Jacob; John; Henry S., who was born Sept. 25, 1829, married Margaret Weaver, and had three children,—Lizzie, George, (deceased), and Dr. Jacob of Terrehill, Lancaster county; Samuel, of Mount Joy; and Abraham, deceased.

Joseph Royer, the third son of Amos, settled in Manheim township, where his son, Joseph, Jr., was born in 1801 and died in 1843. Joseph Royer, Jr., was married to Catherine Royer, daughter of Joseph Royer of Clay township, and she died in 1876. They were Dunkards in religious belief. Their children were: Israel; Sarah; David; Joseph R., a leading confectioner of Manheim township, who was born March 5, 1835, married Annie Shuman, and had four children,—Minnie, Milton, Joseph C. and Clarence de Vaux; Frances and Martin, who are deceased; and Tobias, a veteran of the Civil war.

Samuel Royer, the oldest of Amos' sons, had a son Samuel, who died near Millway, March 22, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, ten months, twenty days, leaving an estate of upwards of $250,000.

Johannes Royer, brother of Amos (both sons of Sebastian the progenitor), settled in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Jackson township, Lebanon county, and is buried at the Tulpehocken Meeting House. He married and among other children had a son, Samuel, the grandfather of Jeremiah W.

Samuel Royer is buried at Tulpehocken Meeting House. He was a farmer all of his life in Jackson township, Lebanon county, where he became the owner of two large farms, and was in comfortable circumstances. He married Nancy Bollinger, a daughter of Christol Bollinger, and they had these children: John, who died young; Samuel and Joel, of Jackson township; Jonathan, who died young; Christian, of Jackson township; Benjamin; Catherine, m. to Christol Geip; Anna, m. to Henry Bollinger; Mary, m. to Jonathan Bollinger; and Daniel, of Richland, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Royer, father of Jeremiah W., was born in August, 1830, and died May 26, 1907, in his seventy-seventh year, being buried on Decoration Day, at the Millbach Dunkard's Meeting House. He was an agriculturist all of his life, and from 1859 until the time of his death he cultivated a twenty-five acre tract in Millcreek township. Mr. Royer was a Dunkard in religious belief, was a man of quiet demeanor, and was much respected in the community in which he spent so many years. He married Mary Ann White, daughter of Philip and Catherine (Walter) White, the former of whom was of English extraction and a resident of Stricklertown. Mrs. Royer was born in 1831, and died Jan. 15, 1907, aged seventy-six years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Royer were: Jeremiah W.; Cyrus, who resides at Tamaqua, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is unmarried; Jonathan, a farmer of Millbach; and Lucian, who operates the old homestead.

Jeremiah W. Royer was reared on the home farm, where he worked for his parents until his twentieth year, at which time he learned the milling business, an occupation which he followed for sixteen years at various mills in this section of the county. In 1887 he commenced business on his own account at Welker's Church in Jackson township, and subsequently, April 1, 1889, he came to his present property, which he purchased in 1894. Mr. Royer has been very successful in his milling operations, his "Boss Roller" brand having a large sale in the coal regions, and his "Just Right" brand enjoying an extensive local trade. Adjoining his mill property he owns fifty-eight acres of land, which is a very fertile tract, and on which his residence is situated. He is scrupulously honest, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen, who frequently see a sack upon his back as thick as the miller and quite as long. Like "Jerry the Miller" of old, "not one grain of over toll ever dropped into his bin to weigh upon his parting soul." He is hard-working and industrious, and what he has accumulated he has gotten through his own earnest, untiring efforts. Mr. Royer is extensively engaged in dealing in wheat, and during four months time in the summer and fall of 1907 he handled twenty-six carloads of the cereal.

On May 15, 1875, Mr. Royer was united in marriage with Polly North, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Reed) North, the former of whom was a well-known railroad engineer of Newmanstown, where he is buried. Mr. and Mrs. Royer have been the parents of these children: Herbert; Sallie, who died Nov. 15, 1896; Vesta; Maggie, who married Irwin Swope, a farmer of Marion township; Frederick; Milton; Emma and Sadie. All of the children live at home except Mrs. Swope.

Mr. Royer is an independent Republican in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of Good Fellows of Stouchsburg. He is liberal in his religious views, and is a willing contributor to worthy religious movements.

HARRY R. MILLER, who is carrying on agricultural operations on a fine farm situated on the road leading from Mount Aetna to Freystown, Pa., was born Sept. 20, 1868, at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of John Edward and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Miller.

John Frederick Miller, the great-grandfather of Harry R., was born in Herzogthum Saxe- (Saxony) Altenburg, Germany, where he died aged about seventy-five years, having for many years served in the office of recorder of that place. His son, Charles Frederick Miller, was also a native of Saxe-Altenburg, where he was born May 11, 1805, and where for some time he served in the capacity of lieutenant of police. In 1856 he emigrated to America landing at New York, from whence he came to Pennsylvania, and there he

died August 10, 1873, being buried at Tulpehocken Church. He was married and had a family of fourteen children, of whom nine died young, the other five being; William, assistant at courts; Carl, a cigar maker; Marie, who married Frederick Fritchie, a letter carrier; Richard, a tailor of New York City; and John Edward. The first three live in Germany.

John Edward Miller, the father of Harry R., was born Dec. 5, 1843, in Saxe-Altenburg, and came to America with his father in 1856. He was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of Co. B, 98th Reg. P. V. I., and after his term of service expired he engaged at his trade of cabinet making. For six years he was lock-tender on the old Union Canal, one mile above Myerstown, Lebanon county, and he also carried the tri-weekly mail between Mount Aetna and Wintersville, walking the distance, three miles, on foot for ten years. He is now living retired at Mount Aetna. Mr. Miller was married (first) to Elizabeth Ziegler, daughter of Daniel P. and Mary (Kline) Ziegler, who lived near Ziegler's Mill, Bethel township, and to this union were born the following children: (1) William died young. (2) Harry R. (3) John, a farmer of Limerick Square, Montgomery county, m. Bertha Hunsberger, and they have two children, —Leroy and Harry. (4) George, who resides near Mount Aetna, across the Berks line in Lebanon county, was reared in Bethel township by his uncle, Israel Ziegler, and by his first wife, Jennie Royer, had seven children,—Charles (deceased), Jonas, Lizzie, Daniel, Jessie, Stella and Esta; and by his second wife, Maggie Hibshman, of Lincoln, Lancaster county, he has a daughter, Margaret. (5) Francis died young. (6) Charles died aged eighteen years. (7) Frank died young. John Edward Miller was married (second) in 1882 to Lovina Long, but there were no children by this union.

Harry R. Miller accompanied his parents at an early age to Berks county and later to Lebanon county, but subsequently returned to Berks. At the age of seven years he went to work for his uncle, Jacob Ziegler, with whom he learned the trade of miller, and at the age of eighteen years he received his first wages and commenced to shift for himself. He spent three years on a farm in Montgomery county, but returned to Berks county, and since his marriage has been living on one of the old Crouse homesteads, on the road leading from Mount Aetna to Freystown. He is a Democrat in politics and has been active in his district, having served as school director for three terms. The family are members of the German Baptist Church.

On May 16, 1891, Mr. Miller was married to Elizabeth Crouse, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Keller) Crouse, and to them six children have been born: Lydia C., Mary C., Sallie C., Henry C., Ada C. and Ira C.

JONATHAN M. STROUSE, proprietor of the "Marion House," at Stouchsburg, is a native of Bethel township, Berks county, born Dec. 6, 1864, son of Joel and Elizabeth (Meck) Strouse.

Joel Strouse, the father, was also a native of Berks county, and he now rests from his earthly labors in the cemetery at Klopp's Church. He was a farmer, and became the owner of the farm to which he had come with his parents at the age of twelve years. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat. For many years he was an official of Klopp's church. He married Elizabeth Meck, daughter of Benjamin Meck, and they became the parents of ten children: Rebecca m. William Bensing; Benjamin m. Lydia Spannuth; Peter died aged twenty-one years; Willoughby died young; Jonathan M.; Alice m. Jacob Scholl; Jane m. Dr. William Holsburg; Charles m. Ida Smith; and Lizzie and Minnie both died young. The only ones now living are Benjamin, Jonathan M. and Charles.

Jonathan M. Strouse received such educational advantages as were afforded by the district school, and from his boyhood was familiar with the work of carrying on a farm. He remained at home until he was thirty-one years of age, and then moved to Reading, where for six years he was employed in the bolt and nut works. At the end of that time he returned to Bethel township, and became the proprietor of the "Black Bear Inn," a stand he conducted with great success for five years. In the spring of 1907 he assumed charge of the "Marion House" at Stouchsburg, which he had previously purchased. This contains sixteen rooms, all of which are newly furnished, and Mr. Strouse has twelve regular boarders, to say nothing of a good transient trade. He sets an excellent table, and is very popular with his guests.

Mr. Strouse is an ardent Democrat, and has been actively interested in the success of his party. He and his family are Reformed members of Klopp's Church, at Hamlin, Lebanon county.

Mr. Strouse married Kate Haas, daughter of J. P. T. Haas. To this union has been born one son, Robert P., a stenographer in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

Jonathan Haas, of Topton, grandfather of Mrs. Strouse, was a justice of the peace for many years, and was very favorably known all over the county.

J. P. T. Haas, the father of Mrs. Strouse, married Brigitta Kroninger, and their children were: Oliver, Orlando, Jonathan, Howard, Peter (deceased), Emma, Katie L., Annie, Maggie, and Ellenora (deceased).

CHARLES WINDBIGLER, of Ontelaunee township, Berks county, where he is engaged in carpentering, was born in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, Dec. 21, 1838, son of Daniel and Mary (Polly) (Boyer) Windbigler.

Philip Windbigler, grandfather of Charles, was married to a Miss Clauser, and they had four children: Sarah m. John Bower, resided in Oley township, and had four children,—John, Jared, Isaac and Daniel; Elizabeth m. Adam Kissinberth, of Baden, Germany, and had seven children; Mary (Polly) m. a Mr. Troudt, and had four children; and Daniel was the father of Charles. After the death of Philip Windbigler his widow was married again, and to this union there was born one child, a daughter.

Daniel Windbigler was a shoemaker of Alsace township, and was there married to Mary or Polly Boyer, daughter of Valentine and Catherine Boyer, and to them there was born one child, Charles.

Charles Windbigler was reared in the vicinity of his native place, and in his youth he learned the trade of carpenter, which he has followed to the present time. He was married to Margaret Amelia Rothermel, daughter of David and Barbara (Weiant) Rothermel, and four children were born to this union: Elizabeth Endora and Annie are unmarried and at home; Adam m. Daniel Everhart and has three children,—Elsie, Amelia and Elizabeth; and Katie Amelia m. Howard Kline, who is carrying on the old homestead. The family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Windbigler is a Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to public position.

WILLIAM WILSON LENGEL, of Stouchsburg, where he conducts a butchering establishment, was born Sept. 19, 1855, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, son of David M. and Catherine (Strouse) Lengel.

Paul Lengel, the progenitor of this numerous Berks county family, was a pioneer of Heidelberg township, where he was a taxable in 1759, paying £2. Among his sons were: Stephen, the great-grandfather of William W.; and John, who died in 1806. His will, which was made July 22, 1805, is on record in Will Book A, page 517, and states that he owned a plantation in Pine Grove township, "Bercks" county, and it also speaks of land in the mountains. It mentions these children; Catherine, who married Frederick Womelsdorf; and Conrad and Thomas, who were the executors.

Stephen Lengel, the great-grandfather of William W., who died in Heidelberg township, was a farmer, and owned a large tract of land in Heidelberg township. He is buried at the Little Tulpehocken Church, of which he was a member. Mr. Lengel married a Miss Wenrich, and they had these children: John Adam; George, who settled in the West; Matthew, who operated the homestead; Jacob, who lived in North Heidelberg township; Daniel and Elizabeth, who married John Brossman.

Daniel Lengel is buried at the Blue Mountain Church, of which he was an official member. He owned a twenty-four-acre tract of land in Jefferson township, and was a prominent Democrat of his day, serving as supervisor for a number of years. Mr. Lengel married Elizabeth Moyer, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wertz) Moyer, and they had a family of seven children: Rebecca m. Andrew Scharf; David; Adam lived in Richland, Pa.; Elizabeth m. Jonathan Ritzman; Malinda m. Philip Wilhelm; Daniel lived and died at Reading; and Amelia m. Oliver Hatt. Daniel Lengel was a man of fine physique, tall and strong.

David M. Lengel, father of William W., was born Jan. 13, 1833, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and until seventeen years of age was engaged in farming. At that age he learned the stone mason's trade, as well as that of plasterer, and he worked for many years as a boss mason and plasterer, having five men in his employ. He erected the foundations for many buildings in Tulpehocken and the surrounding townships, and for seven years in the sixties was engaged in farming in Upper Tulpehocken township, and for two years in Bethel township. Mr. Lengel was married (first) in 1852 to Catherine Strouse, who was born in July, 1833, and died Feb. 19, 1875, being buried at the Blue Mountain Church. She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Zerbe) Strouse, of near Strausstown, and became the mother of these children: Amelia died when fifteen years of age; Adam resided in Millersburg, Pa.; William W.; David died in infancy; Kate, twin of David, m. John Witman, of Reading; Emma m. Lewis Frederick, of Reading; Levi lived in Reading; Albert was a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; James died aged seven years; three sons died in infancy; and Allison lived in Reading. Mr. Lengel was married (second) to Kate Seamon, who was born in April, 1833, and died March 29, 1901.

William Wilson Lengel was reared upon the home farm, and his education was secured in the public schools of his native locality. In 1893 he came to Stouchsburg, where he established himself in the butchering business, which he has carried on with much success to the present time. During his first four years he was engaged somewhat extensively in shipping calves, squabs and poultry, but he now gives his attention wholly to the local trade. He has a well-kept, completely equipped shop, and has a large high-class trade, to supply which he kills 200 beeves, 300 hogs and many calves yearly, and which necessitates the use of two wagons. In addition to his business building, which is a valuable property, Mr. Lengel owns several dwellings in Stouchsburg, in one of which he resides, while the others he rents. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of Long's (Tulpehocken) Church, of which he was an elder for several years.

In 1876 Mr. Lengel was married to Diana Rebecca Knoll, daughter of Israel and Rebecca (Stupp) Knoll, and they have had four children: George R. died in infancy; Annie R. resides at home; Mary M., m. John A. Holtzman, of Stouchsburg, Pa., and has three children,—Lottie R., Ray and Laura R.; and Edwin C. m. Lillie Schoener and has two sons,—Lewis and Charles.

WILLIAM POTT, a retired citizen of Spring township, Berks county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a native of Berks county, born April 19, 1834, son of Jacob and Catherine (Miller) Pott.

John Pott (or Potts, as the name was then), who had settled in Amity township prior to 1754, was the great-grandfather of William Pott. In 1754 he paid a federal tax in Amity township, of fifteen pounds, which is evidence of the fact that he was a large land owner. At the same time John Potts' brother, Thomas Potts, lived in Colebrookdale township, where he paid a tax of forty-five pounds. It is traditional that these brothers emigrated together from Breisen (Preussen), Germany, but this is uncertain, as it is also claimed they are Welsh. One of the sons of these brothers in later years settled across the Blue Mountains, now Schuylkill county, and became the founder of Pottsville, the county seat and prominent mining town of the anthracite coal district. Pottstown, a flourishing city of Montgomery county, near Amity township, was also founded by a member of this family, who were prominent in Berks and surrounding counties during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Johannes Pott, the grandfather of William, was a native of Amity township, and died there, being buried at Amity Church. His wife was a Schroeder, and they had these children; Daniel, who was a bachelor, was drowned in the Tulpehocken, and buried at Sinking Spring; Jacob was the father of William.

Jacob Pott was born in Amity township, March 12, 1804, and died April 1, 1883, aged seventy-nine years, nineteen days. He is buried at Spies' Church. He married Catherine Miller, born Sept. 11, 1803, who died Nov. 23, 1873, daughter of John Adam Miller, and to them were born these children: (1) Jacob m. Amelia Wanner, by whom he had,—James, Jacob, George, Miranda, Valentine and Edward. (2) John, deceased, m. Elizabeth Heverling and had these children,—Sarah, Kate and Thomas, all deceased, and Lizzie. (3) Isaac, deceased, m. Priscilla Miller, of Spring township, and they had these children,—Charles, Rebecca and Kate. (4) Mary m. Henry Reimert, of Greenwich township. (5) Catherine m. Peter Good, of Alsace township. (6) William. (7) Charles M. m. Catherine Dentrich, of Alsace township, and resides in Reading. (8) Daniel m. Hannah Bingaman, and has these children,—George, Samuel, Daniel, Irvin, Charles and Sarah (deceased).

William Pott was reared upon the farm and as a youth learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for some years. Oct. 26, 1862, he enlisted from Berks county for nine months service in Capt. H. H. Miller's Co. E, 167th Regt., under command of Col. C. A. Knoderer and DePuy Davis. The command was assigned to the 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and proceeded to Suffolk, Va., engaging in guard duty on the fortifications, and in an expedition to the Black Water. They were also in action at Deserted House, Jan. 30, 1863; at the Siege of Suffolk, Va., from April 12, to May 4, 1863; and joined in pursuing Lee, retreating from Gettysburg to the Rappahannock. Comrade Pott shared the fortunes of the regiment in all of its movements and engagements and was honorably discharged Aug. 12, 1863, at Reading, Pa., by reason of expiration of his term. After the war he was incapacitated for several years because of sickness contracted in the war. In 1877 he purchased a tract of somewhat more than an acre of land, where he has since resided. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are Reformed members of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring.

Mr. Pott was married April 4, 1858, to Mary Seyfrit, born Oct. 22, 1837, daughter of John Seyfrit, of Spring township. Mrs. Pott died May 20, 1907, aged sixty-nine years, six months, twenty-eight days, the mother of these children: Albert m. Maria Potteiger; Adeline m. Allen Kittelman; Charles; Catherine m. John Hornberger; William died young; Mary m. George Grimes; Robert died young; Eddie is single and lives at home; Ella m. George Freeman, deceased; and four others died young.

FRANK K. WAGNER, a merchant at Garfield, in Centre township, Berks county, has been a resident of that place but a comparatively short time, but the business he conducts has been established there for a number of years, having formerly been owned by Moses Bender. Mr. Wagner was born Dec. 5, 1850, in Upper Bern town-

ship, this county, and he is a great-great-grandson of the founder of the family in this country, George Wagner, who came from Germany. He settled in Berks county, near the Blue Mountains, and in 1759 was one of the taxable citizens in Bern township, being assessed £3. His son George, Jr., paid £8 tax the same year.

George Wagner, Jr., was a farmer in Upper Bern township, where he died. His son, Benjamin Wagner, grandfather of Frank K. Wagner, lived in Upper Bern township, near Shartlesville, where he followed farming. But he was probably best known as a carpenter and builder, for he put up many of the houses and barns in Upper Berks county. He is buried at Shartlesville. He was twice married, his first wife being a Boyer and his second a Burky. His children were: William, George B., Benjamin, Levi, Joseph, Andrew, Augustus, Mary, Caroline and Rebecca.

George B. Wagner, son of Benjamin, was born Dec. 5, 1828, in Upper Bern township, and like his father became a carpenter as well as farmer, following farming most of the time during his active years. He is now retired, living with his son Frank K. He married Lydia Kauffman, daughter of George Kauffman, and they had four children: Frank K.; Samuel, living in Upper Bern township; Reuben, of Tulpehocken township; and Lydia, wife of Frank Miller. The mother of this family is dead.

Frank K. Wagner received his education in the public schools and farmed for a number of years. He spent a year and a half in Reading and the same length of time in Lebanon, in 1906 coming to Garfield, where he bought out Moses Bender and has since carried on the general store. He was also postmaster until the office was disbanded and the rural free delivery system was installed in this section. In connection with the store he operates a sawmill and a cider press, and he has plenty to do in every line in which he is engaged.

Mr. Wagner married Diana C. Miller, daughter of George and Kate (Clouser) Miller, and five children have been born to them, namely: Frank; Adam; Cora, married to Francis H. Ruth; Eva, married to H. B. Himmelberger; and Rosa, who is at home. Mr. Wagner is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon. He is a Republican in political matters.

LEVI G. JONES, of Spring township, who is engaged in carpentering in the borough of West Reading, Pa., was born in Honeybrook township, Chester county, Sept. 20, 1849, son of William and Susanna (Mumm) Jones.

William Jones, who was a well-to-do agriculturist of Chester county, followed that occupation all of his life, and died well advanced in years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Louisa m. Nicholas Northeimer; Annie m. John Mondy; Margaret, twin of Annie, m. Ephraim Stauffer; Lydia m. Peter Plank; Emma m. Henry Reifsnyder; Eliza m. John McCannen; Loretta m. Oliver Fry; Mary, Rebecca and John all died unmarried; Reuben resides in Chester county; and Levi G.

Levi G. Jones attended the schools of Chester county, and worked on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, at which time he engaged in work at a furnace, where he continued until his thirtieth year. He then began learning the carpenter trade in Reading, which he followed exclusively until 1901, and then went into a restaurant business at No. 418 Penn ave., West Reading, in connection with his trade. He makes his home at No. 408 Penn avenue. Mr. Jones is a Democrat in politics, and for one term served on the school board of Spring township. He and his family are members of St. James Reformed Church, where he is serving as deacon; and he is fraternally connected with the Knights of Friendship, and the P. O. S. of A., of which latter society he is financial secretary.

Mr. Jones was married to Mary Reiffsnyder, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Hartman) Reiffsnyder, and to this union there have been born children as follows: George m. Annie Gicker; Laura m. Henry Dundor; Levi m. Gussie Williams, of Philadelphia; and Charles died aged nine months.

JAMES TRATE (deceased). Among the substantial agriculturists of Berks county, Pa., who operated in Robeson township, may be mentioned James Trate, whose death occurred in 1885 in Robeson township, where he was born in 1830.

Mr. Trate received his educational advantages in the schools of his native township, and early in life took up agricultural pursuits, purchasing his first farm in 1859. Mr. Trate was a stanch Union man during the Civil war. In 1872 he sold his first farm, and purchased the property on which his widow now resides, known as the old Mohr farm, a tract of sixty acres. Here he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. Mr. Trate was married to Miss Sarah Seifert, and to them were born twelve children, as follows; Samuel, deceased; Mary E., who married Reuben Brady; Aaron, deceased; Nelson, of Reading, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married James Dice; Rosanna, deceased; Howard, at home; Susanna, who married John Hammerton; James; Reuben; Sarah, who married Daniel Elk; and Wilson.

In religious belief Mr. Trate was a Lutheran, to which faith Mrs. Trate also adheres. He was a stanch Republican in politics, but never aspired to public office.

AUGUSTUS D. MITCHELL, of Dauberville, Berks county, has been engaged as a mason contractor for over a quarter of a century, and is well known in that connection in the city of Reading and upper Berks county. He was born in Centre township Sept. 13, 1855, son of Michael Mitchell and grandson of Reuben Mitchell.

Reuben Mitchell lived in Centre township, near Belleman's Church, where he engaged in farming for the long period of forty-one years. He was married and was the father of the following children: Jacob, Rebecca, and Michael.

Michael Mitchell was born in Lower Heidelberg township, and lived in Centre township, where he was a well-known farmer citizen until his death, at the age of sixty-seven years. He married Elizabeth Dinkelberger, daughter of Peter Dinkelberger, of Centre township, and nine children were born to them: John, Mary, Daniel, Sarah, Kate, Elizabeth, Calvin, Augustus D. and Rebecca, the last named dying young.

Augustus D. Mitchell attended the schools of Centre township and remained at home assisting his father until twenty-two years old. He then went to learn the stonemason's trade with his uncle, Daniel Dinkelberger, and commenced contracting in that line on his own account in 1882. He has continued to follow this business very successfully to the present, and has a large patronage which extends throughout the upper part of the county, finding plenty of work. Among other contracts he has had seven houses in Dauberville, thirteen houses in Reading and seven county bridges.

Augustus D. Mitchell and his wife Lovina have had a family of four children: Herman, born Dec. 25, 1886; Lizzie, born May 4, 1888; Milton, born Oct. 26, 1890, who graduated from the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown in 1905, taught in Ontelaunee township, and is now teaching in his home township, Centre; and Amanda, born Aug. 29, 1892. This family has a fine home at Dauberville.

In political connection Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat, and quite prominent in his community. For a period of twenty-one years he served as constable of Centre township, finally refusing a re-election. He has also served as committeeman.

CHARLES O. MEGERLY, a machinist and plumber at Boyertown, is a native of Wittenberg, Germany,

born Sept. 14, 1854, son of Jacob and Ellenora (Ofner) Megerly.

Jacob Megerly, the father, was a farmer in Wittenberg, Germany, where he died about 1883. He was a man of honesty and industry, and was greatly respected in the community in which he spent his entire life. He married Ellenora Ofner, who died about 1900. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the five eldest came to America, namely: Jacob, who is a blacksmith at Boyertown; Charles O.; John, of Philadelphia; Caroline, who is married and living at Rock Island, Ill.; Kate, married and living in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Godleib, August, Louis and Louisa, who remained in their native land. John Ofner, brother of Mrs. Megerly, came to America and first located at Limerick Square, but later took to farming near Greenlane, Montgomery Co., Pa., where his children now live.

Charles O. Megerly attended the schools of his native land until he was fourteen, and then began to learn the blacksmith's trade. In the fall of 1869 he came to the United States, landing at Castle Garden, N. Y., whence he came at once to Boyertown, and finished his trade with his brother Jacob. For five years he worked on a farm near Boyertown, and then, having completed his apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, began at the machinist's business, and in the spring of 1906 he opened up business for himself at Boyertown. He has a shop on Washington street, at the corner of Fourth street, and here he and his son Thomas have a good trade, doing all kinds of repair work. Mr. Megerly worked twenty-five years for Daniel Schlegel, a machinist with an established trade at Boyertown. He has an excellent reputation for thorough workmanship, and always has more work than he can do.

In politics Mr. Megerly is a Democrat, and he has taken an active interest in public affairs, having been a member of the town council for several years from 1898, and serving as a member of the Water and Finance committees. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1878 Mr. Megerly was married to Miss Lizzie Trout, daughter of Lewis Trout, of Washington township, and they have three children: Flora, Ida and Thomas, the latter his father's able assistant.

ALBERT RENTSCHLER, now engaged in farming his father's farm in Centre township, comes of German stock. He was born in Centre township, son of Levi Rentschler, and grandson of Daniel Rentschler. Three brothers named Rentschler came to America at the close of the Revolution, one of whom settled in Philadelphia, one at Sunbury, Pa., and the other, John George, in what is now Upper Bern township, Berks county. The latter was born Oct. 11, 1756, and died March 24, 1827; his wife's name was Catharine, born Dec. 23, 1765, died June 2, 1847.

Daniel Rentschler and his brothers, Michael, William, John and Samuel, all became prominent in Berks county, and all were owners of large tracts of land. Daniel was born Aug. 29, 1799, and died May 19, 1866. His whole life was passed in farming pursuits in Upper Bern township, where he owned three hundred acres of valuable land, a part of which he sold before his death. He died on that farm, which is located about a mile above Centreport, and is buried in St. Michael's Church. He married Anna Maria Phillips, who was born March 2, 1801, and died Dec. 6, 1886, and their children were: John George, born Feb. 20, 1825, died in Centreport in 1898 (his daughter, Emma, married Cyrus Klopp); Maria, born Sept. 7, 1826, married Benjamin Klopp; Catharine, born March 30, 1828, lives in Columbia county, Pa.; Caroline, born April 10, 1830, married Reuben Hettinger; Levi, born Oct. 16, 1834; Daniel, born Sept. 27, 1837, married Sabilla Blatt, and lives in Centre township; and Sarah, born Feb. 1, 1840, married (first) John Winter, (second) Wm. Yeager, and lives in Columbia county.

Levi Rentschler, born Oct. 16, 1834, is now living retired on his farm near Mohrsville. He received a common school education, and from his youth up has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of the old homestead, and still owns 137 acres of valuable land. For three years after his marriage he farmed this land, and then went to Bern township, and near Leinbach's Hotel engaged in farming for three years. He then moved to the John Haag farm in Centre township, and the care of that place was his chief concern for seven years, when he bought the farm upon which he now resides from John Haag. This was in 1872, and the farm consists of seventy-six acres. In 1898 he retired from active work, and his son became the manager of the farm.

On Oct. 19, 1859, Mr. Levi Rentschler was married to Miss Sarah Untercofler, who was born May 8, 1836, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Untercofler. They have become the parents of eight children, as follows: Catherine A., who married Willoughby Naftzinger, and lives in Centre township; Albert; Franklin, born Feb. 18, 1863, and residing on the homestead, who married Sallie Noecker, and has children, James, Mahlon, Daniel, Sallie and Morris; Henry, born Nov. 8, 1864, who married Eva Schlappich, and has a daughter, Bertha; Elmira, who married Reuben Yoder, of Perry township; Emeline, who married (first) William Heffner, and (second) John Althouse; Lafayette, who married Kate Rothermel, and has two children, Ada and Pearl; and Sarah, at home.

Albert Rentschler grew to manhood on the old home farm, and when he left it to engage in the battle of life on his own account, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at Mohrsville, and remained there fifteen years. In 1898 when his father retired he returned home, and since then he has been engaged in farming.

Mr. Rentschler has been twice married. His first wife, Kate Wagner, was born Feb. 2, 1873, and died March 11, 1900. To this union were born two children: Laura, born Nov. 16, 1898, died April 20, 1899; and Franklin H., born Feb. 17, 1900, now in school. By his second wife, Kate Klopp, Mr. Rentschler has had no children. The family are members of Belleman's church (Lutheran), and Mr. Levi Rentschler was long a deacon therein. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as school director.

IRWIN G. REITNAUER, ice dealer and farmer at Boyertown, was born at Gablesville, Pa., Oct. 31, 1860. His education was received in the public schools of his native district, and in several terms' attendance at Prof. I. B. Hankey's private academy at Boyertown. He was reared in the family of Henry Gabel, where he lived until eighteen years of age, when he learned the miller's trade. Returning to Mr. Gabel's he lived there for seven more years. In 1885 he engaged in the ice business at Boyertown, and this in connection with farming has since occupied all of his attention. He has a valuable tract of thirty-eight acres, well equipped with substantial buildings. For three years he farmed at Clayton, these three years being the only break in his continuous work at the ice business since 1885. He has two teams that visit Boyertown daily, and he employs four men, and has ten head of horses. Mr. Reitnauer is a man of executive ability and clear business perception. He is a member of Boyertown Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Prospect Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Red Men, at Boyertown. With his family he attends St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown.

On Jan. 1, 1883, Mr. Reitnauer married Ellen Updegrove, daughter of Reuben and Caroline (Clauser) Updegrove. Mr. Updegrove was for sixteen years stage driver between Reading and Shanesville. To this union have been born: Maggie, wife of Clinton Stauffer, of Boyertown; Edwin, who married Sallie Lorah, and lives in Colebrookdale; Annie, who married

Reuben Wren, of Boyertown; and Miss Lizzie, at home.

In politics Mr. Reitnauer is a Republican, and has served as delegate to a number of county conventions. He was twice judge of election in Colebrookdale, and in the spring of 1908 was elected a school director in a district nominally Democratic. He has long been an active worker for his party, and he is well respected in his community.

MOSES M. HOFFERT, proprietor of the "Green Tree Hotel" in Cumru township, was born Aug. 15, 1868, in Brecknock township, son of Moses and Sarah (Mosser) Hoffert.

David Hoffert, the grandfather of Moses M., was a life-long farmer of Brecknock township, where he owned a tract of sixty-seven acres of excellent land. He married Elizabeth Hartz, who bore him the following children: John; Isaac, who died June 6, 1902, aged ninety-three years, three months, eleven days, married Elizabeth Eckenroth, and they had these children, Ephraim, who married Catherine Hymen, David, Rudley, Henry, Elizabeth, Augustus, Mary, Sarah, David and Isaac; William; Moses; Sarah, who married Isaac Brendel; Jesty, who married Henry Brendel; Lydia, who married John Showalter; Cyrus, born in 1824, died in 1893; Susan, who married Levi Kohl; and Elizabeth, who married Joseph Kohl.

Moses Hoffert was born and reared in Brecknock township, and there he has spent his whole life engaged in agricultural pursuits, his tract now consisting of 150 acres. He is a Democrat in his political belief and was township supervisor for five years. He attends Allegheny Union church, being a member of the Reformed congregation. Mr. Hoffert married Sarah Mosser, who bore him these children: Amanda, who married James Fritz; Nathan; Albert; Phoebe, who married Fred Miller; Herman; Moses M.; Hebner and Harvey.

Moses M. Hoffert was reared on his father's farm in Brecknock township, and as a young man learned the stonemason's trade, which he followed for fourteen years, then engaging in the restaurant business at Mohnton, where he continued for four years. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Hoffert became proprietor of the Green Tree Hotel, a popular resort of Cumru township, and since taking charge he has made many improvements, being thoroughly capable of conducting such an establishment. Fraternally Mr. Hoffert is connected with the Independent Order of Americans, and the P. O. S. of A., of Mohnton.

On Oct. 27, 1893, Mr. Hoffert was united in marriage with Miss Kate Moyer, daughter of John Moyer. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffert have no children.

SAMUEL B. WAGENER, a miller and farmer in Douglass township, Berks county, Pa., was born in Montgomery county, Pa., March 31, 1856, son of Michael W. Wagener and grandson of Jacob Wagener.

Jacob Wagener was born in Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, and was engaged in farming, shoemaking and cigar manufacturing. For many years he employed a number of people in his cigar factory in Lower Salford township. He is buried at the old Goshenhoppen Church. His wife, Rebecca Walt, bore him children as follows: Michael W.; Mary m. Jacob Bergey; Martin is living retired in New Hanover township, Montgomery county; Ellen m. Samuel Heebner, and lives at Mainland, Pa.; Sarah m. E. S. Brey, and lives at Perkiomenville; Jacob, a farmer, lives in New Hanover township, Montgomery county; and Rebecca is unmarried and lives with her brother Martin.

Michael W. Wagener, son of Jacob, was born in Montgomery county in 1832, and is now living retired at Fegleysville. He was a farmer and lived first in Lower Salford township, and afterward moved to New Hanover township. He married Anna Bertolet, daughter of Samuel Bertolet, a descendant of the Oley township Bertolets. She died in the seventy-second year of her age. Their children were: Samuel B.; Elizabeth is unmarried; Sarah Ann died young; Jacob lives at Fegleysville; and so also does Herbert.

Samuel B. Wagener received his education in the township schools and in Mount Pleasant Seminary, at Boyertown. He passed the years of his youth upon the farm, and in the mill. In 1875 he learned milling from E. S. Brey, of Perkiomenville, and one year later, in 1876, he engaged in business for himself at Grubb's Mill, Fegleysville, where he remained three years. In the spring of 1879 he located at his present place, purchasing what was at that time known as the Levengood Grist Mill. Mr. Wagener christened it the "Glendale Flour Mills." This mill is located on Iron Stone Creek, in the central part of the township. The flour is shipped to Pottstown and is sold in the surrounding districts. With the mill property are twelve acres of land which Mr. Wagener cultivates. In 1906 he purchased the William Levengood farm and mill property located on Iron Stone Creek, the farm containing sixty-five acres. This is an old land mark of the county, the mill having been erected in the early days of the nineteenth century. He is also interested in a flour and feed store at Pottstown which does a large business. The stone house in which he lives was built in 1852. Mr. Wagener is an intelligent and progressive citizen, and commands the respect of the people of the township.

In 1879 Mr. Wagener married Catharine Grubb, daughter of Harvey and Anna (Tyson) Grubb, the latter a daughter of Benjamin Tyson of England. They have five children: Edwin, Annie, Allan, Clement and Elizabeth. In politics Mr. Wagener is a Republican, and for three years held the office of school director. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

WILLIAM D. REDCAY, of Cumru township, proprietor of the "Five Mile House," was born July 30, 1866, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Charles Redcay.

Charles Redcay was born and reared in Exeter township, this county, and in his time was a well known horse jockey. He entered the Union army during the Civil war, and was discharged with an honorable war record, and became affiliated with Post No. 58, G. A. R., at Harrisburg. For many years he made his home in Philadelphia, but a few months before his death he came to the home of his son, William D., and there he died May 2, 1907. He is survived by his son, and by three brothers—Reuben, of Lorane; George, of Birdsboro; and John, of Reading.

William D. Redcay was educated in the common schools of his native township, which he attended until sixteen years of age, then becoming an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co., with which company he continued for six years. He next embarked in the dairy and farming business in Exeter township, being thus engaged for sixteen years, and in 1905 bought a farm of 100 acres in Stonersville, in Exeter township, which he still owns, although it is worked by a tenant. Mr. Redcay took charge of the "Five-Mile House" in April, 1906, and here he has built up a large business.

Mr. Redcay's wife, whose first name is Sallie, is from Exeter township. One son has been born to this union: Gordon R., who attends school and assists his father in the management of the hotel. Mr. Redcay is a Democrat in political matters, and is active in the ranks of his party. He and Mrs. Redcay attend the Lutheran church. For the past twenty years Mr. Redcay has been engaged in the horse and cattle business, and in this he has met with the same success that has attended his efforts in the hotel business.

GEORGE W. WEIDA, justice of the peace and surveyor in Greenwich township, Berks county, was born in that same township June 3, 1865, son of Joseph and Eva Elizabeth (Steiger) Weida.

Jonathan Weida, grandfather of George W., lived near Kutztown, where he died in 1867, and he is buried in

the cemetery adjoining St. John's Church. He married Mary Bucher, of Berks county, who survived him a few years, and is buried in the Grimville cemetery.

Joseph Weida, son of Jonathan and father of George W., purchased a farm of over one hundred acres in Greenwich township, and thereon made his home until his death Jan. 16, 1886. After his death his widow made her home with her children, until May 1, 1902, when she, too, fell asleep, having reached the age of seventy-one years, four months, eleven days. In her maidenhood she was Eva Elizabeth Steiger, and her parents, Jonathan and Mary A. (Dietrich) Steiger, are both buried at Dunkel's Church. To Joseph Weida and wife were born children as follows: Susan E., born Sept. 15, 1854, died Feb. 13, 1903; Katie A. married Frank Spohn, and died in April, 1902; Katura A., born July 5, 1862, married Washington Reinhart, and has two children—Lizzie F. and Selwyn G.; and George W.

George W. Weida owns a good farm of fifty-six acres on which he lives, and he also owns an adjoining tract of fifty-two acres, which is the home of his sister. In 1902 he was elected justice of the peace, of his native township, and this office he still holds. He is a man of excellent education, having supplemented the learning acquired in the public schools by a course in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and he has taught twenty-five terms of school, having a high reputation as an instructor and for scholarship. As a worker in the Democratic party he is well known, and for a number of years he held the office of township auditor, and he has been delegate to a number of county conventions. For some years he was committeeman from his district, and he was once the candidate of his party for county surveyor. He has an excellent business as surveyor, and he takes great pleasure in this work.

In his religious faith Mr. Weida is a Lutheran, attending Dunkel's Church, of which he is a trustee. He is a man widely known, and he enjoys the friendship of many people. He takes a leading part in any movement for the advancement of his town and county.

Mr. Weida married Katie C. Heffner, who was born in 1870. Two sons have blessed this union: George C., born Oct. 14, 1891, and Maximilian Joseph, born Nov. 7, 1895, both now (1908) students in the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown.

Mrs. Weida is a direct descendant of Heinrich and Eva (Kelchner) Haeffner, natives of Germany.

Hans Georg Haeffner, son of Heinrich and Eva, was born 1757-6-10, and died 1825-6-27. He married Maria Hummell, born 1759-10-16, died 1848-1-24. They had six children.

Jacob Haeffner, eldest son of Hans Georg and Maria, born 1781-6-29, died 1867-8-13. He married Anna M. Dietrich, born 1787, died 1838-7-14. They had ten children.

Jacob Haeffner, fifth child of Jacob and Anna M., was born Sept. 20, 1812, and died Oct. 13, 1880. He married Anna Spohn, born July 20, 1819, died April 24, 1889.

Jacob S. Heffner, born in 1839, married Elenora Schlenker, daughter of Reuben and Anna (Fisher) Schlenker, and sister of the Rev. Mr. Schlenker. She was born in 1838, and died in 1893, and is buried at Grimville.

HARRY E. HART, proprietor of the Birdsboro Job Printery, was born in Union township, Berks county, in 1869, son of William and Annie (Leighton) Hart. He was educated in the schools of Birdsboro, where he established a high reputation for studious habits and good conduct. At the age of seventeen he entered the printing establishment of Rapp & Ryan, where he served an apprenticeship for five years, thoroughly mastering every detail connected with the printer's trade—in fact thoroughness is one of his chief characteristics, and whatever he attempts one may be assured will be done well.

In 1891 Mr. Hart started out in business for himself, as editor of the Birdsboro *Review*, and this he continued until 1906, since which time he has devoted his attention exclusively to his job printing business. He is agent for several Philadelphia papers, and besides his four carriers he keeps three men constantly employed. His establishment is well stocked with a full line of books and stationery, and it caters to the best trade.

Mr. Hart was raised a Mason in Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of Birdsboro; and also belongs to Reading Lodge of Perfection; Washington Camp No. 417, P. O. S. of A. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been very active in the interests of his party, for ten years giving efficient service as a committeeman. For a short time he served as justice of the peace, and then in 1903 was appointed by Governor Samuel Pennypacker as notary public, his term expiring in 1909. Mr. Hart is a young man of much ability, and he has stood every test that he has faced. In his religious belief he is an Episcopalian, and he is now serving as a vestryman in St. Michael's Episcopal Church, also taking a keen interest in the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

BENNEVILLE G. MOSSER, who owns and operates a thirty-eight acre farm at Cedar Top, Cumru township, in connection with which he follows hat making, was born Nov. 14, 1865, in Cumru township, Berks county.

At the age of sixteen years Mr. Mosser learned the hatting trade in Mohnton, and this he has followed in connection with farming to the present time, having been employed by J. G. Mohn & Bros., of Reading, since 1887. He owns a farm of thirty-eight acres in Cumru township, as well as two dwellings and his own residence. Mr. Mosser is progressive and modern in his methods, and his success has been largely due to his integrity in business dealings. He and his family are Reformed members of Gouglersville Church. Mr. Mosser was married to Sallie M. Bickel, born April 5, 1867, daughter of Frank and Mary (Dunkelberger) Bickel, and to this union there have been born eight children, as follows: Robert B.; Elmer B., who died in 1900, aged fourteen years; Frank B., who married Bessie Reber, of Mohnton; Mabel B.; Alice B.; Floyd B.; an infant daughter; and Sallie Belle.

Robert B. Mosser, the eldest son of Benneville G., was born in Cumru township, Aug. 18, 1885, was educated in the township schools, Reading Academy and Business College, from which he was graduated in 1901, and the Reading Collegiate Institute, which is under the supervision of Rev. Dr. J. V. George, and in 1903 was licensed to teach school by Prof. E. M. Rapp. Since that time he has been engaged in teaching school in Cumru township, beginning at Eshelman's, where he continued for three successive terms, and since 1906 has been at Cedar Top. Mr. Mosser is a member of Maine Chamber, No. 46, K. of F., of Mohnton, and like his father is a Democrat in politics.

On June 23, 1906, Mr. Mosser was married to Katie R. Kohl, born Aug. 3, 1888, daughter of Nelson S. and Ellen (Remp) Kohl, and to them one son has been born, Robert Clayton.

ANDREW G. KRIEBEL, butcher at Hereford, Hereford township, was born Sept. 4, 1877, son of Henry Kriebel and a descendant of George Kriebel.

(I) George Kriebel came to Pennsylvania in 1734, a member of the little band of Schwenkfelders who emigrated hither from Silesia, Germany. On Nov. 25, 1740, he married Susanna Kriebel, daughter of Balthaser and Regina (Yeakel) Kriebel, and they had two sons: George, born July 11, 1744; and Andrew, born Sept. 17, 1748. George Kriebel died Sept. 2, 1778, and his wife, Susanna, Sept. 14, 1775.

(II) Andrew Kriebel, son of George, married May 6, 1771, Susanna, daughter of Abraham Yeakel. She died April 22, 1808, aged fifty-seven years, five months, fourteen days. He passed away April 17, 1830. They had nine children as follows: Rosanna, born 1773, mar-

ried, 1818, Daniel Diehl, and died 1836; Abraham, born Sept. 27, 1774; Samuel, born June 13, 1776; George, born Oct. 2, 1778, died May 20, 1779; Regina, born June 25, 1780; David, born July 19, 1783; Sophia, born Nov. 1, 1785; Salome, born Dec. 9, 1787; and Israel, born Sept. 14, 1790.

(III) Israel Kriebel, son of Andrew and Susanna, born Sept. 14, 1790, was a miller and lived near Chapel, in Hereford township, Berks county. He died June 14, 1860. On May 6, 1819, he married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Schultz, and she died in March, 1859. They had thirteen children: Christina, born Oct. 12, 1820, died Oct. 10, 1864; John, born Feb. 4, 1822; Samuel, born Nov. 11, 1823, died June 16, 1825; Susanna, born Jan. 8, 1825; Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1826; Henry, born March 25, 1828; Elias, born Oct. 13, 1829; Regina, born Oct. 7, 1831; Joseph, born in 1833 (died in 1858); Andrew, born Aug. 8, 1835; Anna, born in 1838 (died in 1845); Sarah, born in 1841 (died in 1845); and Mary, born July 14, 1846.

(IV) Henry Kriebel, son of Israel, born March 25, 1828, in Washington township, Berks county, came with his parents to what is now Kriebel's mill in Hereford when a small boy. He lived the remainder of his life there and died Nov. 10, 1893. As a young man he became a miller, and he conducted the oil-mill and grist-mill until his death, assuming charge of the mill when his father died. At that time 125 acres of good land were connected with the mill property, and this was divided into two tracts after the death of Henry Kriebel in 1893, the mill and twenty-five acres going to the son, Lewis G., and the rest to another son, Calvin G. Henry Kriebel manufactured much linseed oil, employing five or six persons. The flax was hauled from Upper Berks and Lehigh counties in large Conestoga wagons, with four horses. The oil was sold in the surrounding country and was used in the mixture of paints. The mill was operated by water-power, being located on the north branch of the Perkiomen creek, and it was the last oil-mill in the township. Mr. Kriebel was a member of the Schwenkfelder Church, and was buried at Washington meeting-house. He served the township as Republican committeeman for more than a quarter of a century. He was school director, assistant township assessor, auditor, and at one time was the candidate of his party for county treasurer. Mr. Kriebel was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Wiegner, he had three children, of whom two died in infancy, and the other, a son, Prof. Howard W., is now the publisher of "The Pennsylvania German," a widely circulated magazine published at East Greenville. Mr. Kriebel married (second) Elizabeth Griesemer, daughter of Gabriel Griesemer, and nine children were born of this union, namely: Dr. Elmer, located at Centre Point, Pa.; Lewis G., of Hereford township; Calvin G., who lives on a part of the homestead; Owen, who died in infancy; Regina, who married Horace Gery; Sallie, who married Adam Urffer; Andrew G.; Dr. Asher G., who married Bertha Heebner, and lives at Lynnville; and Henry G., of Alburtis.

(V) Andrew G. Kriebel received his education in the township schools, was reared upon the farm, and also worked in the mill for two years after his father's death. In the spring of 1898 he began as a butcher at Hereford on his own acount, and he now has a well-equipped establishment, modern and convenient, situated near his residence on property which formerly belonged to the Griesemer family. He engages two men to assist him, and keeps two teams constantly on the street. Mr. Kriebel buys and kills over 2,300 calves annually, shipping them to the Philadelphia market, besides hundreds of hogs, sheep and beeves. During his busy season he kills ten beeves every week. Mr. Kriebel is not only a first-class butcher but also an excellent mechanic, a fact which is evident in the machinery which he uses in his work, all of which is well chosen and in desirable condition, facilitating the work to an appreciable extent. He is respected for his industrious life, and has prospered well through the most honorable means.

On Oct. 25, 1897, Mr. Kriebel married Ellen C. Gery, daughter of James L. and Elizabeth (Waremkessel) Gery, and granddaughter of Ephraim Gery. Mr. and Mrs. Kriebel have had six children: Emmarine, Ira, Verna, Asher, Russell (died in infancy) and Lloyd. This family are true to the faith of their ancestors, belonging to the Schwenkfelder Church. Mr. Kriebel is a Republican in political sentiment, but he has given all his time to his business and never has taken any active interest in public affairs, even in his home locality. His home, a nice frame residence which he erected in 1904, is situated on an acre of ground which he bought from the homestead farm.

WORLEY. The first member of the Worley family to settle in that part of Cumru township which is now Mohnton was one Jesse Worley, who had previously lived in Nazareth, Northampton county, in Philadelphia and in Columbia, Lancaster county. At the time he came to Mohnton it was called Mohnsville, and he worked there for William Pennypacker, a gun-barrel manufacturer. Later on he bought a tract of land about a mile southwest of the village where he built a home. He then purchased in addition the farm now occupied by Frank Schnader, built a dam and was preparing to enter upon the manufacture of gun-barrels on his own account when he was suddenly stricken with illness and died in 1838, aged fifty years. He was buried in the Allegheny Church cemetery. A man of some means, Jesse Worley was well known in his locality where he was highly respected. By his wife, Mary, daughter of a Mr. Herring, he had children as follows: John, an ax and gun-barrel maker; Samuel, a stone mason; Caroline, who died unmarried when fifty-one years old; William, a carpenter, who like his two elder brothers, settled in Mifflin county, Pa.; Theophilus, a gun-barrel maker, working in different places; Henry, who carried on the homestead; and Elizabeth, wife of John Bitting.

Henry Worley was born in Cumru township, Feb. 21, 1833. Only five years old when his father died, his early years were rather hard ones, for he tried faithfully to help his mother and as soon as he was old enough, he worked out among the farmers that the family might be able to keep together. He learned the process of making gun-barrels from Henry Deeds, for whom he worked three years, and then in 1857, he started in that business for himself, on the site of the present Worley factory. He followed this line of industry twenty-one years, and became comfortably well off from it, but he finally gave it up and instead engaged in the manufacture of hats. His plant was opened Dec. 2, 1878, and on the nineteenth of the following March it was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Worley promptly rebuilt, however, and carried on the business most successfully until his death, employing on an average some twelve skilled workmen. He was a man of most upright character, exceptional business ability and genuine devotion to his family. His death occurred Aug. 30, 1890, in his fifty-eighth year.

The helpmate chosen by Henry Worley was Miss Isabella Mohn, to whom he was united Sept. 10, 1854. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Harriet (Deeds) Mohn, the former the founder of Mohnsville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Worley were members and active workers in the Evangelical Church, of which Mr. Worley at the time of his death had been a trustee for many years. There was a large family, five sons and five daughters, as follows: (1) Henry H.; (2) Mary, widow of William Weber; (3) Louisa, wife of John R. Regan, a hatter in Mohnton; (4) Wesley M., who married Alice, daughter of Charles Dietrich, of Reading, and who has three children, Edwin D., Nora D. and Harry D.; (5) William, who died in infancy; (6) Ellis M., who married Miss Kate Hertzog and has a son, D.

Elmer; (7) Carrie, born in 1868, who married Nelson W. Dickinson, a hatter of Mohnton; (8) Savilla, born in 1870, wife of James G. Ruth, a cigar-manufacturer in Mohnton; (9) Amanda, born in 1872, who married Charles F. Madeira, a teacher in Mohnton; and (10) Charles M., born March 30, 187 , who married Miss Maggie Trostle and has three children, Minerva, Stanley and Helen.

Henry H. Worley was born on the Cumru farm, Dec. 10, 1855. After finishing his education in the public schools, he went to work in his father's gunbarrel factory, and later in his hat factory, becoming thoroughly proficient in both lines. After his father's death with his brothers, Wesley M. and Ellis M., he formed the firm of Worley Brothers. They enlarged the plant, employed about forty people, turning out a product of 125 dozen a day, and continued the business very profitably till 1906, sending their goods all over the country. But this was only one of the interests of the firm. In 1901 they erected a factory for manufacturing seamless hosiery, where they now employ thirty-five hands, their products going not only all over this country and Canada, but also to Amsterdam, Holland. In the spring of 1904, Worley Brothers bought the good will and machinery of the Reading Cotton Batting Company, located above Mohnton, which they operated successfully till November, 1906, when the plant was entirely destroyed by fire. Undismayed, they then purchased the water power and the ground, rebuilt and in spite of heavy losses at first, carried the enterprise to a more than satisfactory condition.

Meantime, in 1905, the firm had bought out A. R. Kreider & Brother, of Columbia, Pa., hosiery manufacturers, and operated the plant from August, 1905, to July, 1906. They then dismantled it and used the material in erecting a new factory at Reamstown, which seemed to offer a more promising field. Their new building is 26x40 feet, two stories high, and the venture has proved to be most successful. The firm is also half owner of the Hope Hosiery Company, of Adamstown, which employs fifty hands.

Mr. Worley was joined in marriage April 24, 1880, to Miss Lydia S. Mosser, a daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Stafford) Mosser. They have two surviving children, Jennie and James E., the latter of whom was educated in the public schools and at Albright College, Myerstown, and is now teaching in Mohnton. A third child, Harrison, died in infancy. Mr. Worley and his family are consistent members of Zion United Evangelical Church of Mohnton, and the church work is one of the deepest interests of Mr. Worley's heart. Since 1883 he has been the assistant leader of Class No. 1, besides serving frequently as a delegate to the annual conferences of the denomination. His practical Christian life, apparent in every department of his activity, has made him a natural leader among his fellow members and has won him their warm regard.

In politics Mr. Worley, like his brothers, is a Republican, but one who can always be depended upon to support whatever candidate he believes best fitted to the place. For twenty years from 1885 to 1905, he served as justice of the peace for Cumru township, and during all that time was virtually the peacemaker of the community. Many trivial affairs between neighbors he settled informally, while never once has he drawn upon the county treasury because of discharged cases, believing such to be an injustice and imposition. Mr. Worley has also done much to promote the interests of the township educationally, and served from 1897 to 1900 as school director. Fraternally he is a member of the Senior O. U. A. M., No. 86, of Mohnton; of the K. of P., No. 485, of Mohnton; and of P. O. S. of A., No. 212, of Reading.

JACOB D. STEIN, of Richmond township, conducts the old Merkel grist mill located about one mile east of Moselem. The first mill at this place was built in 1749, and stood very near where the county bridge crosses the creek, midway between Moselem and Moselem Springs. That Mr. Stein's mill is an old one is seen from the fact that several stones in the front wall bear inscriptions, viz.: "C. M. B. M. 1796; Old Mill, B. 1749," and again "S. Merkel, His wife D. A. Merkel, 1854."

Daniel Stein, the grandfather of Jacob D., came from Lehigh county, and settled in Windsor township, near Hamburg, Pa. He was buried at Zion's church, in Perry township. Among his children was Jacob Stein, who became an agriculturalist and land owner of Windsor township. He married Elizabeth Dunkel, and they had children as follows: Lizzie Ann, wife of Aaron Miller, of Cressona, Schuylkill county; John, a farmer of Upper Bern township, Berks county; Benneville, who owns and operates the Stein homestead in Windsor township; Hettie, who married David Phillips of Mohrsville, both being deceased; Elizabeth, widow of John Shearer, who was a farmer of Windsor township; George, who died single, aged fifty-two years; Beckie, who married Samuel Phillips of Reading, Pa.; Jacob D.; William, of Ohio; and Sarah, who married James Strauss, deceased, of Reading.

Jacob D. Stein has been a miller for the past twenty-five years. Reared to hard work on the farm, his educational advantages were few, consisting of about four terms at free school. In 1884 Mr. Stein was married to Mary Wanner, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Schlegel) Wanner, of Richmond township, and Mr. Stein then purchased the old Wanner homestead for $14,000. Here he and his wife and children, Daniel, Charles, William, Alice and Irwin, have since resided.

In addition to following milling as an occupation Mr. Stein has engaged extensively in farming, and has become a prosperous and highly esteemed citizen. Politically like his ancestors, he supports the Democratic ticket, but his time and attention are demanded by his business interests, and he has never accepted public office. He and his family are attendants of the New St. Peter's Church, of the Lutheran denomination.

DANIEL Z. HARNER, of Amity township, Berks county, was born there Oct. 5, 1870, a member of a family long settled in Pennsylvania.

The Harner, or Herner, family had its early home in Exeter township, Berks county, where in 1752 at the erection of Berks county, lived Henry, Nicholas and Frederick Herner. On the Exeter tax list of 1759 Henry Herner is assessed eight pounds, Nicholas three pounds and Frederick as a single man. Henry Herner, it would appear from the records, was the oldest of the trio of pioneers. He made his last will and testament in 1782, and this was admitted to probate Aug. 23, 1785, soon after his death. It is recorded in Will Book B, page 133. He left a very large estate, and was a man of considerable prominence. At the time of his death he was living in Amity township. His eldest son Jacob obtained the old plantation, and was the executor of his father's will. Nicholas, Frederick and Mathias, sons, received 600 pounds each in lawful money of Pennsylvania. "Henry Herner, my grandson and son of my son Frederick, shall have the sum of five pounds because he bears my name." The daughters were: Magdalena Conrad, Catharine Sleich, Elizabeth Ritter, Margaret Cock and Judith Neil. This is probably the Henry Herner who served in the Revolution. Tradition says he was the progenitor of all of the name in the eastern and western ends of the county.

Frederick Herner, son of Henry, died in 1788, in Exeter township. His will, made Jan. 4, 1788, was probated on June 2d following. His wife Mary survived him. Their children, all daughters, were: Elizabeth, Susanna, Mary, Rachel, Eleanor and Mary. Jacob Herner, brother of Frederick, was the executor of the will, as recorded in Book B, page 218.

Nicholas Herner died intestate. In 1790 he lived in Exeter township, and had one son above sixteen years,

and two under, and two daughters. Tradition states that he and his family settled in the western part of Berks county about 1794. One John Harner, in 1825, died in Tulpehocken township, leaving his wife Barbara and two sons, Harrison and Benneville, over the latter of whom he, John Harner, appointed his brother George as guardian. In 1829 Daniel Harner died in Heidelberg township, leaving a wife Susanna and nine children to mourn his loss. Two of the sons were George and Frederick. It is said that this Daniel Harner was a brother of John and George, and that the three were sons of Nicholas, this branch having changed the spelling of the name from Herner to Harner. In 1879 Frederick Harner, son of Daniel, died at Millersburg, in western Berks County, and was survived by his widow Hannah, and three daughters —Loranna Sarah, Mary Casia and Emma Susan.

Jacob Harner, great-grandfather of Daniel Z., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and took part in the battle of Germantown. He also at one time during the war drove a provision team. After the term of his enlistment had expired he returned home and bought a farm on the eastern slope of Monocacy Hill, about one mile south of Amityville, on which his nephew Frank Harner now lives. This farm was paid for with Continental money received for his services in war. Others of the neighbors held their money and after the close of the war the money was valueless. After the war he married Elizabeth Baum, of Baumstown, for whose family the village was named. They had ten children, as follows: Daniel, of Amity, m. Susan Rhoads; Henry, of Amity, m. Elizabeth Kirling; Anna m. William Holloway; Susan m. William Reider; Mary m. Jacob Reider; Elizabeth m. Jacob Geiger; Lena m. Jacob Greiner; Nellie m. Jacob or Samuel Romig; Sallie never married; and John lived at Roaring Creek. Of these, the children born to Daniel and Susan (Rhoads) were: Charles, m. to Mary Miller; Frank, m. to a Rhoads; Nathaniel, m. to Anna Miller; Sarah, m. to Uriah Weis; and Delila, unmarried. To William and Anna (Harner) Holloway was born a son Jacob, whose sons are Rev. Clayton and Calvin, the latter in the Penn National Bank. To William and Susan (Harner) Reider was born a son Cyrus. To Jacob and Elizabeth (Harner) Geiger came Mahlon, John, Leah and Sarah.

Henry Harner, second son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Baum), made his home in Amity township. He married Elizabeth Kirling, and their children were: Benneville K.; Amos; Jeremiah m. Lucetta Happel; Jacob; Maberry; Sarah m. William Shirey, and is now (1909) in her ninety-seventh year, well preserved, bright and cheerful, and is living at her home on Monocacy Hill; Lucetta m. Isaac Levengood; and Catharine m. a Stoudt.

Benneville K. Harner, son of Henry and Elizabeth, was born on the Harner homestead in Amity township Jan. 21, 1820, and died Sept. 24, 1900. He was a wheelwright by trade and traveled with a carpenter crew through the lower end of Berks county assisting in the erection of many houses and barns, being in the employ of William B. Brunner. For one year he worked for the Reading Railway Company. He died on the old farm where he was born, on the north side of Monocacy Hill, a tract of fifty-one acres now owned by John Lange. In politics he was a Democrat, and was always interested in his party's success. He is buried at Amityville church, of which he was a Reformed member. He married Mary Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Henry Zimmerman of Amity township. She was born Feb. 16, 1833, and is now making her home with her son William Z., of Amity. To this union were born William Z.; Daniel Z., of Amity township; John Z., of Kutztown (born Aug. 4, 1872, m., April 2, 1898, Eva Katie M. Breitensteine, daughter of Martin, of Monocacy).

Daniel Z. Harner grew to manhood on his father's farm, obtaining his education in the township school and later in Amity Seminary under Prof. Calvin Holloway. He was licensed to teach by Prof. D. S. Keck, county superintendent, and taught eleven terms in the district—eight terms in the Mimby's schools, two in the Leopard school and one at Amityville. Since he gave up teaching he has devoted himself to farming, and since 1905 has been one of the roadmasters of the township. He resides in the western section of Amity, on the road from Baumstown to Weaverstown. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church at Amityville. In politics he is a Democrat, and for three years served as auditor.

On Sept. 28, 1901, Mr. Harner married Matilda H. Deeter, daughter of Amos R. and Mary (Herflicker) Deeter, of Exeter township.

MELANCHTON MENGEL. The family to which belongs Melanchton Mengel of Perry township has been represented in that district since a time considerably prior to the Revolution. The progenitor of the Berks county branch is supposed to have been one Adam Mengel, who was a resident of Maiden-creek township and is on record in 1759 as having paid a tax of $7.05. He was a farmer, owning land along the Ontelaunee and tradition has it that he was buried on his farm. He is also said to have had a brother Frederick who served in the Revolution, and there is documentary proof that a certain Frederick Mengel, who fought as a private in Capt. Jacob Baldy's company, was a resident of upper Berks county.

The family line, so far as proved, runs back to Jacob Mengel, great-grandfather of Melanchton, who was born in 1777 and died in his eighty-eighth year. By his wife, who was Elizabeth Reichert, he had children as follows: Anna, Mrs. Schappell; Solomon; Jacob; Jeremiah; Jonas; John; Joseph; Elizabeth; Martin; Susanna, Mrs. John De Turk; Thomas; and one who died in youth. Jacob Mengel worked as a stone-mason for many years, but finally gave that up to engage in farming, and bought a tract of sixty-five acres in Perry township, property now owned by his grandson, David G. Mengel.

Joseph Mengel lived on a farm of over 200 acres in Windsor township. A large tax-payer, he was prominent in that district and wielded considerable influence there. His wife's maiden name was Jacoby and their children were: Jacob; Polly, who lived in Schuylkill county, and died there in 1905, aged eighty-three; Jesse; Daniel; Jeremiah; Mary, who died at the age of fifty-six; Sally Ann; Elizabeth; Samuel; and Joseph.

Samuel Mengel spent his entire life in Windsor township. In early life a stone mason he followed that calling a few years, but after his marriage he gave his whole attention to farming and was very successful in his operations. About ten years before his death he retired. Besides attending to his own business he took an active interest in local affairs, and served as school director with marked efficiency. Like all the Mengels he was a strong Democrat and always supported that party. He married Mary, daughter of Peter Zettlemoyer whose wife was a Seidel, and had eight children, Malinda, Serena, Melanchton, Cornelius, Ida, Clara, Rosa and Samuel. Parents and children alike were Lutherans, and Samuel Mengel was for some years an official in Zion's Church in Perry township.

Melanchton Mengel, oldest son of Samuel, was born on his father's farm, June 12, 1859, and spent his youth there, attending the township schools. He is now engaged as a produce dealer, besides conducting a large country route shipping to New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Norristown, and cities in Schuylkill county. Conscientious and conservative, of upright and honest life, he is a model for the young men of the region and stands high among the good citizens of Perry township.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Melanchton Mengel was united in marriage to Polly, daughter of Alfred K. and Diana (Williams) Rentschler. The former, Windsor township's foremost citizen, served as county treasurer from 1899 to 1902. Only one child has been born to this union, a daughter named Mary May. Miss Mengel has

been given a most liberal education, attending several institutions of learning, among which one was the Irving Female College at Mechanicsburg. She has received a thorough musical training and is now a music teacher of note, with a large class of pupils. The family home in Shoemakersville, Perry township, is one of the finest residences in the district, most tasteful in design and handsomely furnished. The Mengels are alike prominent and popular and have many friends.

CALVIN A. UNGER, of Strausstown, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, teacher and justice of the peace, was born there June 15, 1876, a great-grandson of Michael Unger. The latter lived in Perry township, where he followed farming, and died upon his farm.

Benneville Unger, born Oct. 23, 1815, son of Michael, was the grandfather of Calvin A. Unger. He took the farm in Perry township, but moved to Jefferson township in the fifties and bought a tract of 126 acres; he also owned a farm of sixty-two acres in the same township, where he died Oct. 1, 1892. He married Catharine Mengel, born in 1813, died in 1883, and both are buried at the Blue Mountain Church at Strausstown. They had children as follows: Ira, deceased; Joshua, who died in the spring of 1908; Alfred; Amelia, unmarried; Ellen, deceased, who married Samuel Heimer; Amanda, who married Jacob Paulus; and Frank and Cornelius, twins, the former living at Reading, Pa., the latter deceased when young.

Alfred Unger, son of Benneville, born Dec. 17, 1842, in Perry township, moved with his father to Jefferson township in his seventeenth year, and remained at home until he was twenty-one. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for eight years, after which he took up farming on his father-in-law's farm in Upper Tulpehocken township. He remained there for twelve years, at the end of which time he went to Evans City, in Lehigh county, Pa., where for five years he followed his trade again. Returning to Strausstown, he has since lived there, and since 1893 has led a retired life. He owns the old Unger homestead in Jefferson township. Mr. Unger married Esther De Turk, daughter of Abraham and Esther (Unger) De Turk, and to them were born three children: Jacob J., of Cumberland county, N. J., superintendent of schools of Vineland and Landis township; Katie, who died when one year, eight months old; and Calvin A.

Calvin A. Unger attended the public schools of Upper Tulpehocken township and the high school at Evans City, Pa., from which he was graduated in April, 1892. After that he taught for three terms, the first term in Monroe county, and then two terms in Berks county, and then entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, graduating from that institution in 1896. He has ever since been engaged in teaching in the graded school at Strausstown, where his services have given him eminent satisfaction. In 1898 Mr. Unger was elected justice of the peace and has since held that office. He is a Democrat in political faith and has been active in the local workings of the party, having served as delegate to county conventions. He is an active Lutheran member of Zion's Blue Mountain Church, at Strausstown, of which he has been chorister since 1903, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school since 1898. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., belonging to Camp No. 664, and of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 77, and to Charlotte Rebekah Lodge, No. 289.

In February, 1897, Mr. Unger married Miss Alice D. Spengler, daughter of Peter F. and Sarah (Hiester) Spengler, and they have had a family of four children: Helen M., Carrie A., Earl A. and Grace S. (who died aged eight months, three days).

MAHLON A. BALTHASER, of Perry township, who is conducting agricultural operations along the Center turnpike, south of Hamburg, Berks county, was born June 30, 1865, on his father's farm, that adjoining the one he now owns, son of George and Mary (Miller) Balthaser.

Jacob Balthaser, grandfather of Mahlon A., was an extensive farmer in Upper Bern township, Berks county, possessing over 400 acres of land, and was well and favorably known. He was over six feet tall and well built. He married Maria (Molly) Greth, and she was a Catholic and member of the Church at Hamburg, toward the support and erection of which Church she contributed fifty dollars. She was a daughter of Nicholas Greth, and to her and her husband were born these children: Sarah, who married Jacob Boyer; Hannah, who married Jacob Renno; Jacob; John, the father of Joel Balthaser of Perry township, who was born Feb. 21, 1814, and who was married in 1842 (he located in Windsor township, where he owned considerable land); Mary, who married Benjamin Sunday; George, father of Mahlon A.; William, who settled in Ontelaunee, and was engaged in business there, becoming very wealthy; Isaac, who was drowned when a boy; Elizabeth, who married John Baer; Susannah, who married Edwin Kauffman; Jeremiah, who remained in his native township; Samuel; and Benjamin, father of David, living in Tilden township. David owns the old place and has a large family.

George Balthaser was born in Upper Bern township, April 4, 1824. He was an extensive farmer, owning three farms, a total of 261 acres of land lying along the pike south of Hamburg. He was well-to-do and a prominent Democrat of his day, serving as school director and assessor of his township for a number of years. He and his family were connected with Zion's Church of Perry township, as Lutheran members. On Nov. 27, 1852, Mr. Balthaser was united in marriage with Mary Miller, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Degler) Miller, and to them were born children as follows: Albert, who married Mary Hottenstein; Emanuel M., who married Sallie Hottenstein; Valeira, lost her life through burning when three years of age, her clothing catching fire while her parents were at work in the barn; and Mahlon A. George Balthaser died April 22, 1899, of paralysis, aged seventy-five years, eighteen days.

Mahlon A. Balthaser obtained his education in the local schools of his native district, and in a select school at Shoemakersville. He has spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits, and is considered one of the good practical farmers of the township, his land being well cultivated and improved with good substantial buildings and modern machinery. He is honored and esteemed in the community which has known him all his life. In political matters Mr. Balthaser is a Democrat, serving as school director for six years, four years of which time he was treasurer and one year secretary. He and his family are members of Zion's Union Church of Perry township, being Lutherans, and for some years he served as deacon therein.

On Nov. 30, 1889, Mahlon A. Balthaser was united in marriage with Lillie I. Miller, daughter of Alfred S. and Sarah (Stump) Miller, and there have been five children born to this union, namely: Milton, Mabel, Jennie, Edna and May.

SAMUEL T. CHRIST, who owns and conducts the "Central Hotel," at Strausstown, Berks county, has been engaged in the hotel business since 1903, and is a popular host of his locality. He has passed most of his life in Strausstown, but he is a native of Bethel township, this county, born Oct. 11, 1876. His grandfather, Jonathan Christ, was a farmer of Bethel township. He died at the age of ninety-three years, and is buried at Host.

John Christ, father of Samuel T., was born in Bethel township, June 29, 1834, and died April 20, 1887, aged fifty-two years, nine months, twenty-one days. He

followed farming in Bethel township until his death and is buried at Strausstown. He married Mary P. Zechman, who is still living at Strausstown, now (1909) aged seventy-three years. Of the nine children born to John and Mary P. (Zechman) Christ, only two are living, Samuel T. and Martha; the latter is the widow of Edwin M. Himmelberger, who was a teacher at Strausstown, and died in 1902. Mrs. Himmelberger makes her home in Strausstown.

Samuel T. Christ received his education in the public schools at Strausstown, where he was brought by his parents when six years old. He then learned the tinsmith's trade, which he followed for about twelve years, until he entered his present business in 1903. The "Central Hotel" has nineteen rooms, comfortably furnished and well cared for, and the house has the reputation of being the best conducted in the town, enjoying a steady patronage. Mr. Christ is interested in other business enterprises outside of his hotel, being known as one of the most progressive citizens of Strausstown, and he is a director of the Bell Local and Long Distance Telephone Company, to which office he was elected in 1908. He is well known in social organizations, belonging to Camp No. 66, P. O. S. of A., at Strausstown; the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 77, at Strausstown; the Loyal Protective Association; and other fraternal organizations. In church connection he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Christ has always ben an ardent devotee of outdoor sports, and is himself one of the best marksmen in the county, also holding the Schuylkill County championship. He deals in fine horses, and usually has several in his possession.

Mr. Christ married Miss Kate Shade, a daughter of Michael Shade, of Strausstown, and they have one son, Walter, who is attending school.

AMANDUS G. SCHADEL, of Perry township, Berks county, Pa., who is engaged in a flourishing wheelwright business, was born Aug. 10, 1864, in Greenwich township, near Dunkel's Church, son of Michael and Sarah (Gehringer) Schadel.

It is probable that the progenitor of this numerous family of Berks county was Johannes Schadel, who arrived in Philadelphia Sept. 30, 1754, although there were also a William Schadel, who landed in that city Oct. 2, 1753, and Johann Jacob Schadel, Nov. 15, 1803. Heinrich Schadel, son of the emigrant, was a small farmer in Greenwich township, where he lived to advanced age. He had these sons: Jacob; Samuel, who settled in the upper part of the State, has descendants in Tower City; David; and another, who died at a ripe old age.

Jacob Schadel, grandfather of Amandus G., was a weaver in Greenwich township, near Christ's schoolhouse. He married Elizabeth Pfeiffer, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Glasser) Pfeiffer, and to them were born five children: (1) Michael is mentioned below. (2) Abolinia, born Dec. 15, 1815, in Greenwich township, was baptized March 20, 1816, by Rev. Mr. Knoske, and was confirmed in her youth in the Lutheran faith by the Rev. Isaac Roeller, as she used to say, "with his first class of catechumens." She was eleven years of age when her parents died. She attended the German pay school, and on March 21, 1841, was married to Reuben Reinhard, of Friedensburg, by the Rev. Isaac Miese. She died at the home of her son, Owen, at Ruscombmanor, Sept. 6, 1907, aged ninety-one years, eight months and sixteen days, being very well preserved both in mind and body, up to a year before her death. Her children were: Owen, of near Pricetown, who married Ellen Moyer; Martin L. and Mahlon, of Cleveland, Ohio; Bertolette, of Tower City; Daniel and Valarius, of Kutztown; John; and Catherine, wife of Jeremiah Barto, of New Jerusalem. (3) Hannah married a Mr. Wertman. (4) Daniel died single. (5) Polly married Peter Koch.

Michael Schadel, father of Amandus G., was a miller by trade and worked in Greenwich township, where he followed his trade and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died of an attack of apoplexy, and was interred at Dunkel's Church, of which he was a faithful member. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Reitz, by whom he had—Ann, William, Jacob, Katie, Samuel, Daniel and another child. Mr. Schadel was married (second) to Sarah Gehringer, daughter of David Gehringer, and to this union came children as follows: Esther, who married Charles Kunkel; David; Charles, who was killed while working in a stone quarry at Lyons, Pa.; Joseph, who married Isabella Thompson; Augustus, of Williamsport, who married Jennie Gardner; Sarah, who married John Gardner; and Amandus G.

Amandus G. Schadel obtained his early education in his native township, and later in 1879, when his mother went to Muncy Valley, Lycoming Co., Pa., he worked on the farm in the summer months, attending the district school for three years in the winter seasons. Returning to Berks county he worked for a period of five years as a farm hand, but in the spring of 1882 began to learn the trade of wheelwright with Walter S. Loy, receiving a salary of $25 per annum. The following year he worked for David Meyers of Centreport, for a salary of forty-six dollars a year, and during this time also engaged in stripping tobacco, receiving two cents a pound for his labor. In the spring of 1885 he began business for himself in the village of Shoemakersville, where he soon built up a large trade, having been successfully engaged there to the present time, carrying on a general wheelwright business among the farmers. He resides in a large brick residence at the corner of Franklin and Grant streets, Shoemakersville, his home being an ideal one. He is a good citizen, takes a great interest in public matters, and is imbued with a progressive spirit. He is a man of honor and deep-rooted convictions of right and wrong. Since the fall of 1898 he has served Perry township as assessor, being elected to that office on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Schadel and his family are consistent members of Shoemakersville Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination, and he has been a deacon and trustee for many years, also having charge of the cemetery.

Mr. Schadel has been twice married. He was married (first) Dec. 27, 1884, to Elmira Madeira, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Becker) Madeira, and to this union was born one son, Amos Clayton, Aug. 27, 1886. Mrs. Schadel died of a complication of diseases, Aug. 20, 1895, and on Jan. 22, 1896, Mr. Schadel was married (second) to Hannah Reber, widow of Monroe Seidel, by whom she had two children: Bertha S. and Ida M. To Mr. Schadel and his second wife there were born two children, a son and a daughter, namely: Joseph Lee, born Oct. 2, 1897; and Clementine R., born March 28, 1902. Mr. Schadel has many warm friends in Shoemakersville, where he is highly respected as one of the self-made men of the community.

WILLIAM S. OHNMACHT, who resides on the old Ohnmacht homestead in Lower Heidelberg township, was born on his present property, Feb. 16, 1865, son of John Adam and Lizzie Ann (Strickert) Ohnmacht.

Frederick Ohnmacht, who settled in Oley township, in Berks, about the time of the Revolutionary war, and the ancestor of this old and honored family, was assessed in the federal tax register from 1779 to 1781 inclusive as a laborer in Oley township. Before 1791 he was a resident of Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died. His children were: George Frederick, who died in 1787; Johan Christoph; and Catherine, who died in 1805.

Johan Christoph Ohnmacht, the great-grandfather of William S., was born Oct. 16, 1756, and died on his farm Dec. 14, 1827, aged sixty-one years, one month,

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twenty-eight days. He was a farmer and owned a tract of land in Heidelberg (now Lower Heidelberg) township, near Hiester's Mill, the present property of John Riegel. Johan Christoph Ohnmacht was married to Magdalena Schneckin, who was born Sept. 22, 1775, and died Oct. 1, 1834, aged fifty-nine years, nine days, and their children were: Susanna, born Nov. 1, 1800; Johannes, born Sept. 19, 1801, died Oct. 12, 1834; William, born Oct. 19, 1802, died July 22, 1882; Catherine, born March 17, 1804, had two sons, Benjamin and David Himmelberger, and died in 1875; Valentine, born July 4, 1806, died Aug. 5, 1834; Benjamin, born March 31, 1808, died July 14, 1879; Sarah, born May 15, 1810, married (first) David Kemmerer and (second) a Ruth, and died Aug. 30, 1875; Helen, born Dec. 13, 1811; and Samuel. Benjamin Ohnmacht of the above family, was married (first) to Lydia Himmelberger, born in 1815, who died in 1846, leaving three children: William, John and Lydia. Benjamin Ohnmacht was married (second) to a lady whose first name was Elizabeth and who was born June 13, 1813, and still lives, making her home at Grantville, Lebanon county, with her nephew, Percival Ohnmacht, who was born Oct. 7, 1833, son of William and Hettie (Himmelberger) Ohnmacht. Percival is the owner of the old Family Bible, and is well-known and much respected in his community.

Samuel Ohnmacht, grandfather of William S., was born Nov. 2, 1814, in Lower Heidelberg township, and his death occurred on his farm Sept. 15, 1899, at the age of nearly eighty-five years. He was a farmer by occupation, and was the owner of the 119-acre farm now owned by his grandsons, William S. and Samuel S. spending all of his life in one community. He was a Lutheran member of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring, and is buried at Hain's Church. On May 16, 1884, the house on his farm was totally destroyed by fire, as were most of the contents thereof, including the Ohnmacht Family Bible, but in 1884 Mr. Ohnmacht replaced the former building with a large brick residence. Mr. Ohnmacht was married to Mary Gruber, daughter of John Gruber, and they had but one child, a son, John Adam.

John Adam Ohnmacht, father of William S., was born on the homestead in Lower Heidelberg township, April 7, 1842, and died Sept. 13, 1902. Like his father he was a farmer all of his life, and owned the farms now operated by his sons. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, and he was interred at Hain's Church. On Oct. 17, 1863, Mr. Ohnmacht was married to Lizzie Ann Strickert, who was born Nov. 8, 1844, and now lives with her son, William S. To this union there were born these children: William S.; Edwin, born Feb. 16, 1866, who died April 21, 1872; Samuel S.; Mary M., born May 18, 1868; and John Adam, born Sept. 25, 1872, who died Dec. 13, 1883.

William S. Ohnmacht received his early education in the public schools of his native district and later entered the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, where he remained one session. He remained at home and farmed for his parents until he was thirty-two years of age, at which time he commenced operating the Werner farm in Bern township, but in the fall of 1897 returned to the home place, which he has since continued to cultivate. Mr. Ohnmacht has an excellent property, which he operates with the most highly improved implements, and his fifteen head of cattle and seven horses are of the best stock to be found in the locality. The farm was purchased by Mr. Ohnmacht after his father's death, and consists of 119 acres, on which is situated the large brick residence built in 1884 by his father, and a substantial barn built many years ago by an Ohnmacht, to which an addition was built by Samuel Ohnmacht, his grandfather. He attends the Bingaman street market in Reading, where he has a stand. Mr. Ohnmacht is a stanch Democrat, was elected school director in 1900, and has since served with efficiency as a member of the school board and treasurer thereof. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Sinking Spring, where many of the family name are buried.

In 1877 Mr. Ohnmacht was married to Ellen Kline, daughter of Amos and Eliza (Hahn) Kline, of Reading, and they have had five children: Lizzie M.; William C.; Paul A., who died when nearly two years old; and Elsie E. and Leah.

Samuel S. Ohnmacht, son of John Adam, and brother of William S., was born on the old family homestead, June 28, 1867. He was reared on the home farm, and his education was secured in Faust's school in Lower Heidelberg township, which he attended until twenty-one years of age. Until his father's death Mr. Ohnmacht worked for his parents, but in the spring of 1898 he commenced operations on his present farm of forty-eight acres, located in Spring township, which formerly belonged to his father. Mr. Ohnmacht's property is a fertile one, and he raises good crops, which he disposes of at the Reading market. In politics Mr. Ohnmacht is a Democrat, and he has held the office of judge of election in his precinct. He and his family are members of Hain's Reformed Church.

Oct. 15, 1892, Mr. Ohnmacht was married to Mary Sarig, daughter of Valentine and Caroline (Mohn) Sarig, of Lenhartsville, and four children have been born to this union: Eva E., Katie L., Adam S. and Harvey C.

JAMES GOODMAN, a resident of Springmont, Berks county, engaged in the raising of poultry and squabs for the market, was born in Reading, Pa., Aug. 5, 1844, and lived in that city until he came to his present place of residence a few years ago. He received his education in the public schools of his native city.

In 1899 Mr. Goodman built the handsome Colonial residence at the northeast corner of Penn and Keppel streets, in Springmont, which he and his family have since occupied, and since settling in this place he has carried on the business of poultry and squab raising, which has proved a great success. His establishment is first-class and modern in every respect, and everything about the place is in irreproachable condition. The "Springmont Poultry Yard," as it is known, is commodious and well equipped, Mr. Goodman having his own chop and corn mills, and other appliances for conveniently dispatching the work. He has four large brooders, and his brooder house is lighted by electricity. His lot has a frontage of 100 feet on Penn avenue, and is 200 feet wide at the back, with a depth of 190 feet. Mr. Goodman raises from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred chickens and from two thousand to three thousand pigeons annually, all of which he markets in Reading.

Mr. Goodman is well known in Reading, where he belongs to Progressive Lodge, No. 470, I. O. O. F., and Mount Penn Encampment; he joined the Junior Fire Company in 1861, and is now a member of the Veteran Volunteer Fire Association. In political faith he is a Democrat. He is an upright and respected citizen, worthy of the esteem in which he is held.

On April 20, 1873, Mr. Goodman was married to Amanda Borkert, of Reading, and they have two children: William J., born Feb. 20, 1874, married Charlotte Maerz and has one daughter, Mary; Daniel R., born Jan. 14, 1876, married Mary Hartman, and has one daughter, Grace Marian. Mr. Goodman and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading.

Peter Goodman, father of James Goodman, was born in Reading in 1805 and there passed his life, following his trade of wheelwright at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets. In his later years he farmed a number of lots in and around Reading. He was a stanch Democrat in politics, and served as a member of the city council. He lived to the age of

sixty-five years, dying Aug. 20, 1870, and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. Goodman's wife, Anna Peifer, came from York, Pa., and died May 2, 1873. They had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Susan, who married Samuel Scull, of Reading; David J., a resident of Reading; Emma, wife of James Gehris, of Reading; James; and Edward, of Reading.

Jacob Goodman, father of Peter and grandfather of James, served a term as commissioner of Berks county. His father, also named Jacob Goodman, was according to tradition one of the most athletic men of his day, and a man of humane disposition. He did service during the war of the Revolution, being quartered at various points throughout the Colony of New Jersey, was at Germantown, and was in camp at Valley Forge during the severe winter of 1777.

The first ancestors of the Goodman family in America were natives of the Palatinate, whence they emigrated as far back as 1730. They settled in the lower section of Berks county, in the Oley Valley.

PROF. G. HAREL GUNDRY, proprietor of Gundry's Dancing Academies, No. 722 Washington street and Masonic Temple, Reading, Pa., was born in that city, Feb. 26, 1874, only child of William T. and Lina (Graul) Gundry.

Professor Gundry was educated in the public schools, after leaving which he learned the machinist's trade, and followed that occupation in the Philadelphia & Reading Railway shops for eighteen years. As a boy he evinced great cleverness in dancing, and received instruction from the leading instructors of Buffalo, New York City and Pittsburg. He established his first academy in 1901, in the Auditorium, on Fifth street, later locating at No. 40 North Sixth street. They are now situated on the entire second floor of Flatt Brothers' building, No. 722 Washington street, and the third floor in Masonic Temple, where the dimensions are 50x105 feet; and he also conducts dances Tuesdays and Saturdays at Rajah Temple, dimensions 60x75 feet. Several of the Professor's dances are becoming great favorites in the city and he conducts the only private school in the city which is open the whole year round.

Professor Gundry married Miss A. E. Kern, daughter of Israel R. Kern, of Reading, and one child, Lois Dorothy, has been born of this union. The Professor and his family reside at No. 216 Greenwich street. He is a Mason of considerable prominence, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Reading Lodge of Perfection; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Masonic Temple Club. He is also identified with Camp No. 212, Patriotic Order Sons of America, being a Past President thereof, and with Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum. Through his profession he is connected with the Professional Teachers of Dancing, of America, International Association Masters of Dancing, and is an honorary member of the United Kingdom Alliance of Great Britain, and in all these organizations he is very popular. Professor Gundry's classes are large, and he also gives instruction by private appointment, his methods in all cases being very effective and productive of the best results.

NATHANIEL G. ERB, baker at Bechtelsville borough, Berks county, was born April 15, 1844, in District township, this county. He is a great-grandson of the emigrant ancestor, Johan Casper Erb, who was a German, and who is buried at the Swamp Church. Among his sons were Johan Georg and Heinrich. The former was the ancestor of Nathaniel G. Erb, and is mentioned further on. Heinrich Erb was a farmer in Douglass township, Montgomery County. He is buried at the Swamp Church, where many Erbs have been interred. His family consisted of four sons and three daughters, viz.: David; Daniel; Henry; John, who died young; Catharine, who married Peter Yerger; Hannah, who married Henry Derr; and a daughter whose name is not remembered. Of this family,

David Erb was born in 1809 in Douglass township, Montgomery county, and died in 1885 at the age of seventy-six years; he is buried in the Fairview cemetery at Boyertown, at which place he died. He had moved to Boyertown in 1872, and was engaged in business as a shoe merchant. He married Julia Steltz, and their children were as follows: Mary, Hettie, Fayette, Solomon, Susan, Charles, David S. (a leading cigar manufacturer of Boyertown), Rev. Isaac (of Orwigsburg, Pa.) and Rev. Jesse (of Slatington, Pennsylvania).

Johan Georg (John George) Erb, son of Johan Casper and grandfather of Nathaniel G. Erb, was born at the Swamp, not far from Pottstown, where he had a large farm, which he sold in time to his son Jacob. Later he owned the mill and farm property known as the "Roof Bridge" place, from the fact that it was situated near a large covered bridge spanning the Perkiomen creek, in Upper Hanover township. He is buried at the Six Corner Church, in Montgomery county. John George Erb was married either two or three times, and by the mother of his son Jonas had children as follows: Jonas, Simon, Amos, Aaron and Lydia. His other children were: Philip, Jacob, John, William (whose death was caused by his accidentally cutting himself with a cradle, in the harvest field) and Mrs. John Christman.

Jonas Erb, son of John George Erb, was born in 1816 in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and died in July, 1898, at the home of his son Nathaniel at Bechtelsville, aged eighty-two years, two months, two days. In his earlier life he followed blacksmithing, but he was engaged at farming most of his active life. He lived for a time in District township, Berks county, moving thence in 1850 to Frederick township, Montgomery county, and after various removals returned to Frederick township. Coming to Dale, Berks county, in his young manhood, he married Elizabeth Geist, daughter of John Geist, of District township, and they rest from their labors at Keeler's Church, in Montgomery county. They were the parents of nine children: Nathaniel G., John, William (who died young), Milton, Louisa, Elizabeth, George, Solomon and Amos.

Nathaniel G. Erb, son of Jonas, attended the pay schools then in vogue, at Huff's Church, leaving school when he was fourteen years old. In 1861 he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, and he also followed farming for some years, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, and engaged in making cigars, first at Douglassville and later at Clayton, both places in Berks county, employing from five to seven people. He peddled his cigars himself. After one year's experience as proprietor of the "Clayton House" he moved to Boyertown and took the "Union House," which he conducted for five years. Following that he assisted his brother in the bottle business, at Pottstown, Pa., for some time. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Erb came to Bechtelsville, where the baking business has since engaged his attention. He employs nine hands and keeps three teams busy, his patronage covering an area which extends ten miles from the borough in every direction. His shop is equipped with the most improved machinery for baking and the manufacture of ice cream, which latter he carries on during the summer months. By hard work and careful management he has become very prosperous.

Mr. Erb was married in April, 1870, to Sophia Underkoffler, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Walt) Underkoffler, of Frederick township, Montgomery county, and granddaughter of John Underkoffler. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Erb: (1) J. Warren, of Bechtelsville, married Bessie Hartline, and they have one daughter, Florence. (2) Allen M., born Aug. 24, 1874, lives in Bechtelsville, where he is at present acting as school director and serving as secretary of the school board. He married Annie T. Ehst, and they have had six children, Leon F., Miriam, Naomi, Edith, Alma and Curtis. (3) Cora is unmar-

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ried. (4) Sallie married Charles Noll, of Bechtelsville, and they have one daughter, Erma.

Mr. Erb and his family are members of Keeler's Lutheran Church, in Montgomery county. He is a Democrat and at one time was quite active in the workings of his party. At present he is serving as a member of the town council.

ADAM A. OHNMACHT, of Bern township, Berks county, is a native of Lower Heidelberg township, born in September, 1867, son of John A. Ohnmacht.

John A. Ohnmacht was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Jan. 27, 1835, and he died March 12, 1906. He had eighty-eight acres of good land in that township, and he farmed all his life. This farm is now the property of his son-in-law, William Olinger. John A. Ohnmacht married Elenora N. Ahrens, born Aug. 30, 1831, daughter of John Ahrens, and she died July 19, 1904, and both she and her husband are buried in the new cemetery at Bern church. Their children were: Adam A.; and Kate, who married William Olinger.

Adam A. Ohnmacht attended school in Lower Heidelberg, and his first experience in practical farm work was in partnership with his father and brother-in-law. In 1902 he bought from his father a tract of sixty-six acres of good land and in 1907 he purchased the farm of Joseph Baer, containing 134 acres, and this latter he has rented.

Mr. Ohnmacht married Kate Balthaser, daughter of Henry Balthaser of Lower Heidelberg, and they have two children, Paul A. and John William. The family attend the Lutheran church at Bern.

JACOB F. GREISS, school teacher of Hereford township, Berks county, was born on his father's farm in Hereford Jan. 4, 1879, son of Jacob, grandson of George and great-grandson of Jacob Greiss.

Jacob Greiss, the great-grandfather, was a charcoal burner and laborer in Hereford township, living between Perryville (now Harlem) and the Devil's Hole. In his later years he moved to District township, where he died during the fifties. He and his wife are buried in unmarked graves at Huff's Church. Her maiden name was Rauch, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Peter lived in Hereford; his wife was a Fry, and they had children—David, Henry, Adam, Elizabeth, who married John Gangler, and Lucinda, who married Samuel Kehs. George is mentioned later. Philip, who married a Yeakel, was a laborer in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa. David lived in the Blue Mountains, where he was engaged as a charcoal burner. John (1817-1902) lived in District township, where he had his own home and worked as a laborer; he married Sallie Moyer (1820-1905) and they are buried at Huff's Church. Polly married a man named Fenstermacher, and lived in Longswamp township, where he kept a hotel known as "Grinders Hotel," near Topton. Peggy never married. Catharine married Abraham Gehris, and they lived in Hereford, where he was a laborer; they are buried at Huff's Church. Barbara (Bevvy) married Benjamin Sell and lived in Longswamp township. There was another daughter named Elizabeth (Betzy).

George Greiss, son of Jacob, was a weaver and wove all kinds of linens. He owned his own home and eight acres of land, on which property his shop was located. He married Sarah Gehris, and they lived in Longswamp township, but they are buried at Huff's Church, in Hereford township. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Jacob, who is mentioned later; Philip, who was a tailor at Womelsdorf, Berks county; George, who lived at Alburtis, Pa.; Peter, a blacksmith in Hereford, who married a Catholic woman and himself became a Catholic (he was the father of Jermanius and James, the latter of Pottstown); Daniel, who settled out West, and died there; Sarah, who married Henry Wend; and John, who lived in the State of Delaware and who married Mary Jane, daughter of Capt. J. and Sarah Evans (she is buried at Huff's Church).

Jacob Greiss, son of George, was born March 7, 1837, in Longswamp township, Berks county, and died in Hereford township Jan. 26, 1905, aged sixty-seven years, ten months, nineteen days. He and his wife are buried at Huff's Church. In his earlier years he worked at the ore mines around Siesholtzville, and later farmed in Hereford township for some years, after which he followed the carpenter's trade during the summer months and in winter did butchering among the farmers in his locality. For many years he lived near Sigmund, in Hereford township, where he owned a tract of forty-five acres which he cultivated in addition to his other work. He married Mary Rothenberger, daughter of Reuben Rothenberger, born June 13, 1842, died April 7, 1890, in her forty-eighth year. Their children were: Emma L., who married William L. Gery, of Siesholtzville; Lizzie J., who married Wilson Miller and died at the age of thirty-two years; and Jacob F. Mr. Greiss and his family were Reformed members of Huff's Church. He was a Democrat in politics.

Jacob F. Greiss spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and his early intellectual training was obtained in the public schools of his native township. In the spring of 1895 he began attending the State Normal School at Kutztown, and the following year took a course in the Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg, Pa. In the winter of 1897-98 he returned to the Normal School, where he continued his studies until he was graduated, with the class of 1900. In the fall of that year he began teaching in his home township, being engaged during the terms of 1900-01, 1901-02 and 1902-03 in the home school at Siesholtzville; the following two terms he was at the Traub school, and since the fall of 1906 he has been the teacher at Huff's Church, in Hereford township. In 1902 he was granted the State master diploma. His excellent work as an instructor is best evidenced in his long continuance in the one neighborhood, where he has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

In 1900, Mr. Greiss married Miss Lizzie Mensch, daughter of Adam Mensch, who has conducted the Mensch Mill in Hereford township for many years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Greiss: Lloyd A., Lila M. and Leon J. The family occupy a neat home in Siesholtzville which Mr. Greiss owns. They are members of the Reformed congregation of Huff's Union Church, and Mr. Greiss is active in the Sunday-school of that congregation. He was long a pupil in the Sunday-school, then teacher, and since 1906 has been serving as superintendent. In political faith he is a Democrat, and in the spring of 1906 he was elected to the office of township auditor, in which he is still serving.

HENRY U. SEIDEL, who is engaged in farming in Bern township, was born on his father's farm near Seidel's school-house, Feb. 14, 1852, son of Michael and Caroline (Unger) Seidel.

The first of the name to come to America was Johann Heinrich, who was born in Straussberg, Germany, in 1732. He crossed the Atlantic on the ship "Brothers," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 10, 1751. According to the custom of the time, he was sold for his passage, as he was too poor to pay his own way. He obtained his freedom the next year, and proceeded to Reading, Berks county, Pa., where in time he became a large land owner, having considerable property in Bern township, and 400 acres in Maiden-creek township. Farming became his occupation, and he became very well-to-do. In 1786 he returned to Germany and entered a mercantile business there. He was, however, chiefly identified with the farming interests of Maiden-creek township. In his early days in this

country he participated in the Indian wars under Capt. Hiester, and later he served in the Revolutionary war. During the latter struggle his wife and children carried on the farm. In 1760 Johann Heinrich Seidel married Anna Catharine Rodmacher, who was born Jan. 19, 1738, and who died Feb. 9, 1808. He died Aug. 21, 1801, and was laid to rest at Zion's Church, in Perry township, the spot being marked by a heavy marble stone. To Johann Heinrich and Anna Catharine (Rodmacher) Seidel were born six sons—Michael, Henry, Daniel, John, Philip and Jacob—and three daughters—Mary, Margaret and one whose name is not recorded (probably deceased in infancy).

Michael Seydel (as he spelled the name), son of Johann Heinrich the emigrant, was born in Bern township, Oct. 28, 1761, and he died there Feb. 24, 1837, after a life devoted to the tilling of the soil. He married Catharine Zunbrohin, born March 8, 1765, and died Nov. 29, 1830, and both are buried in the old cemetery at Bern Church. Among their children were: Daniel, born 1793, died 1877; Michael, who owned a farm in Upper Tulpehocken, on which he died, had a son Daniel, who lived at Strausstown; Elizabeth, born 1798, died 1883; Johannes, born 1800, died 1873; and two daughters, one of whom married Michael Gruber, and the other, his cousin, William Gruber.

Daniel Seidel, son of Michael, was born on his father's farm Aug. 22, 1793, and his death occurred March 4, 1877, his remains being interred at Bern church, of which he was an official Lutheran member. He was an extensive farmer in Bern township, owning three tracts, consisting in all of 500 acres. He was a man of wealth and prominence, and exerted great influence in the community. At his death each of his seven children received seven thousand ($7000) dollars. He married Martha Robinson, born Nov. 1, 1798, and died Oct. 11, 1873. Their children were: Benneville, born 1822, lived in Bern township, had fourteen children who all lived to maturity, and he died in 1888; Michael; Mary m. Abraham Becker, of Bern township; Eliza m. Daniel Gicker; Lavina m. John Snyder; Elias, born 1836, m. Caroline Faust, had two sons, Elias and Francis F. (the latter a prominent undertaker at Reading), and he died in 1862; and Lucy m. Jacob Strouse, of Penn township.

Michael Seidel, son of Daniel, was born on the family home in Bern township in 1824, and he died in August, 1886. He was a laborer, working for a number of years in the stone quarry. He owned a tract of twenty-eight acres near Seidel's school. He was a Lutheran member of Bern Church, and his remains rest in the cemetery there. He married Caroline Unger, daughter of Daniel Unger, and their seven children were: Henry U.; Amos, of near Strausstown, m. Caroline Fritterich, and has children—John, William, Harry and Stella; Isabella m. Jonathan Hettinger, of Kansas; Rosabella m. Frank Moyer, of Reading; Annabella m. Morgan Machmer, of Reading; Alicerabella m. George Manger (both deceased); Oliver lives in Kansas.

Henry U. Seidel received his education in the district schools and early became familiar with farming. He worked for his father until he attained his majority, and the next few years were passed at farm labor among farmers in Centre township. At the end of four years he married, and then found work in a lime stone quarry. In 1870 he began farming near his father's place, and he tenanted twelve years in Bern township, and two years in Centre township. In 1884 he bought his present farm of sixty-six acres, located in the upper end of Bern township, in the Seidel school district. He built the present barn, 36 x 55, feet in 1894, and the wagon shed, 24 x 28, the same year. He has three good horses and five head of cattle. In his political belief Mr. Seidel is a Democrat. With his family he attends Salem United Brethren Church in Tilden township.

In 1874 Mr. Seidel was married to Matilda Wert, daughter of Benjamin and Matilda (Loose) Wert, and granddaughter of Daniel Wert. Five children have come to bless their home, namely: Nora, died aged five years, less two days; Gertrude, died aged two years, nine months, three days; Tamey m. Frank Seyfrit, of Bern township; Jennie m. James Hull, of Bern township; and Ammon, at home.

JACOB G. KIRKHOFF is engaged in farming and sawmilling in Penn township, Berks county, where he owns two farms. He was born March 4, 1866, in Bern township, this county, son of Bishop Kirkhoff and grandson of John B. Kirkhoff.

Henry Kirchoff, his great-grandfather, was the first of this family to come to America. He was a native of Switzerland, where his father was a clockmaker, and he also learned that trade, which he continued to follow after his emigration to this country. He landed at Philadelphia in 1799, when sixteen years old, and a few years later settled in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. Many clocks still in existence in Berks county were made by him and testify to his skill as a mechanic. His grandson, William R. Kirkhoff, of Reading, has the first clock he made in America. He died in Exeter township. Henry Kirchoff was twice married, his first marriage being to Susan Bishop, and the children by that union were as follows: Susan married Jacob Minner and they died in Reading; Mary married a Mr. Troup and they died in Reading; Anna married Horatio Morris and they also died in Reading; a daughter died in infancy; John B. is mentioned later. For his second wife Henry Kirchoff married a Yocum, of Douglassville, this county, and they had one son, William, who lived at Douglassville.

John B. Kirkhoff, son of Henry, was born Oct. 4, 1804, at Philadelphia, and was but a small boy when his parents removed to Exeter township, Berks county, where he passed the rest of his life, dying there Aug. 19, 1880. He is buried in the Aulenbach cemetery, at Reading. By occupation he was a farmer. John B. Kirkhoff married Hannah Rapp, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Murphy) Rapp, and to them was born a family of eight children, as follows: Margaret, unmarried, lives in Reading; Catharine married Samuel Hauck and lives in Exeter township; Bishop was the father of Jacob G. Kirkhoff; Anna married John K. Sausen and lives in Reading; Susan married Thomas Lewis and lives at Neversink, Berks county; Emma married Michael Sausen and lives in Reading; Ida married Samuel Lewis, and both are deceased; William R., born Sept. 25, 1859, in Exeter township, followed farming for several years, in 1891 moving to Reading, where he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company and later of the Arrowsmith Electric Company. William R. Kirkhoff now resides at No. 1345 Muhlenberg street, Reading. He married Catharine Schwartz, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hiester) Schwartz, and they have had the following named children: Ida E., Susan E., James S., Catharine L., Robert E., Maria M. and William T.

Bishop Kirkhoff, son of John B., was born in Exeter township and died there when only twenty-seven years old. He is buried at the Aulenbach cemetery, Reading. Mr. Kirkhoff was a farmer by occupation. He married Jane Gicker, daughter of Jacob Gicker, and they had two children, Jacob G. and Emma, the latter the wife of James Reeser, of Penn township.

Jacob G. Kirkhoff attended the Snyder school in Penn township, where he was reared, having come to that township with his mother when eight years old. He worked upon the farm from youth, and in 1887 began farming in Centre township on his own account, farming there for ten years. He then bought the well-known James M. Christ farm in Penn township, near Garfield, consisting of ninety-one acres, and besides he owns and operates a farm of 118 acres

in Centre township. In 1905 he embarked in the sawmill business, and he has a large patronage in that line, in which he has made as great a success as he has in his agricultural work.

Mr. Kirkhoff married Ida Snyder, daughter of Jacob and Kate (Kramer) Snyder, and they have had three children, Albert, Harvey and James. Mr. Kirkhoff is a Reformed member of Belleman's Church and a prominent worker in that congregation, having served as deacon. He is a Democrat in politics, and while a resident of Centre township was elected to the office of school director.

JOHN W. RAHN, liveryman at West Leesport, was born in Ontelaunee township, near Leesport, Feb. 5, 1877, son of William Z. and Sarah A. (Rothermel) Rahn.

Jacob Rahn, his great-great-great-grandfather, was born Aug. 8, 1728, and his wife, Margaretha, was born Aug. 4, 1714. They had two sons, as follows: Jacob; and Adam, 1762-1842, who had a son Adam, born in 1809.

Jacob Rahn, son of Jacob and Margaretha, was born in Maiden-creek (now Ontelaunee) township, July 16, 1757, and died in 1823. He married Elizabeth Schneider, born Aug. 26, 1765, and both are buried at Gernand's Church. They had four sons and four daughters, among whom were: Philip; Adam, of Leesport; Jacob; Jonathan, of Maxatawny township; and Mrs. Conrad Herbst.

Jacob Rahn, third in direct line to bear the name, was born in 1790, and died in 1874, his remains being interred at Gernant's church in Ontelaunee township. He owned a wooded farm, now the property of Christian H. Luppold, of Reading, which Mr. Rahn cleared, and on which he erected a house and barn in 1840, both of which are still standing. Mr. Rahn was successful in his farming operations, and was ranked among the substantial men of his community. He married Magdalena Bernnart, and they had two children: William; and Fannie, who married George Merkel, a pioneer iron master in Upper Berks county.

William Rahn, son of Jacob Rahn (3), was born in Ontelaunee township in 1821, and died in July, 1898. He was a life long farmer, and owned a tract of 600 acres of land in Ontelaunee, and 200 acres in Upper Tulpehocken. One of the leading Democrats of his section, Mr. Rahn was long identified with public interests, and he served as county commissioner. He was buried at Gernant's Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and was trustee thereof in 1860, when the present church was erected. He married Susan Merkel, daughter of Jacob and granddaughter of Casper Merkel, one of the most prominent men in Berks county in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Rahn had children as follows: Fannie m. Joseph Seyfert; Jacob, unmarried; James, of Ontelaunee; Sallie m. Solomon Sailer; Merkel M., proprietor of the "Washington Hotel," at West Leesport; Catherine m. Rufus Dunkel; a daughter m. Albert H. Dunkel; William Z.; and Milton, died aged three years.

William Z. Rahn, son of William, was born in Ontelaunee township, May 20, 1852. He was a farmer, and then for five years engaged at the butcher's trade. He was also a stationary engineer. In 1885 he went to West Leesport, where he is a watchman at the cinder crusher at Leesport. He married Sarah A. Rothermel, daughter of John Rothermel, of Berks county. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Fannie E.; John W.; Estella A.; Llewellyn R., a machinist at Bethlehem, Pa.; Carrie, who died in infancy; Laura L.; Debbie H.; and Sallie S.

John W. Rahn acquired his education in the schools near his home, and was only a boy when he went to work. He spent four years at J. H. Sternbergh's nut and bolt works, and the next three years he passed in a brick yard at West Leesport. He then became engineer at the Leesport Furnace, remaining six years, and at the end of that time he became proprietor of the "Fairview Hotel" in Bern township. This he conducted for three years, and in 1907 bought out George B. Moser's livery business, having the only livery now in West Leesport. He also does a large business in heavy hauling. In his young manhood he traveled from coast to coast, through twenty-nine States, and he has had a large and varied experience. During the time he was at the "Fairview Hotel," he was appointed postmaster at Strause postoffice, the office being located in the hotel, and it was during his term of office that this station was abandoned. Mr. Rahn is a Democrat, and at present is election inspector of West Leesport borough. He is a member of the Reformed (Gernant's) Church.

Mr. Rahn married Maggie Mannard, daughter of August and granddaughter of Jacob Mannard, who came from France and located at Leesport, being there employed many years by the Canal company. Mr. and Mrs. Rahn have one daughter, Ida L., attending school.

DANIEL K. ZACHARIAS (deceased), who for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, was born in that section, Dec. 17, 1823, and passed away in 1870. He is buried at Epler's Church where many of the name rest from their labors.

Daniel Zacharias, grandfather of Daniel K., lived in Muhlenberg township, where he was an early settler, and owned the farm which in later years was owned by his son Daniel and grandson, Daniel K. His wife was a Miss Reiff, of Oley township, and they had these children: Daniel, Betsey, Susanna, John and Samuel.

Daniel Zacharias, father of Daniel K., was a lifelong farmer in Muhlenberg township, where he owned valuable land. He is buried at Epler's Church, as is his wife, Sarah Knabb, of Oley township, by whom he had these children: Daniel, Susanna, Eliza, Peter, Adam, Sarah, Rebecca, Catherine, Samuel and Ellen.

Daniel K. Zacharias was married to Sarah Huyett, born in Cumru (now Spring) township, Feb. 11, 1827, who from 1887 until her death, Aug. 5, 1909, resided in her own beautiful residence in Sinking Spring, her sister, Leah Huyett, living with her. Mrs. Zacharias was well known in Sinking Spring, where she owned much property, besides having a fine residence in Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Zacharias were born these children: Mary m. Daniel Kline; Emma died aged forty-five years; Eliza died aged twenty-two years; Charles, deceased, m. Eve Pennypacker; Willington is a butcher, of Fleetwood; Clara m. Adam Ruth; Katie m. Isaac Kintzer; Rebecca m. William Krick; Amanda m. Reuben Shalter; and Caroline m. Albert Swoyer.

Mrs. Daniel K. Zacharias was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hartman) Huyett. Her grandfather was Ludwig Huyett, who had two sons, both of whom are buried at Sinking Spring, namely: John, who had Garson, Mary, John, Charles, Daniel, James, Lewis, Leah, Eliza, Sarah and Ann; and George, who had John, Jacob, George, Polly and Eliza.

SOLOMON KULP (deceased), whose death occurred Jan. 20, 1898, in Cumru township, was engaged in the milling business in Bern township, where he conducted the Reber mill for nine years. Mr. Kulp was born Feb. 9, 1837, in Montgomery county, son of Henry and Rachel (Koch) Kulp.

Henry Kulp was born in 1800 in Montgomery county, where he spent his life, as a prosperous farmer and landowner, and died in his eighty-first year. He married Rachel Koch, of the Falkner Swamp, Montgomery county, and to them there were born nine children: Samuel, who lived and died in Montgomery county; Solomon; Susanna m. a Mr. Grimley; Henry, who settled in Texas; Aaron, who lived at Limerick, Pa.; Hannah m. a Mr.

Yorkey; William, who resides in the west; George, who lives on the homestead in Montgomery county; and Elizabeth m. William Heitelbidle.

Solomon Kulp was reared on his father's farm, and continued with him until he reached his majority, when he was married. Until 1863 he worked at various occupations, but in the year mentioned he engaged in the milling business, which he followed for the greater part of his life. After his retirement from that in 1896, Mr. Kulp began farming in Cumru township, and here his death occurred, interment being made at Kissinger's Reformed Church in Spring township, of which he was a member.

In 1858 Mr. Kulp was married to Miss Caroline Pfleiger, born July 31, 1839, daughter of John and Lydia (Snyder) Pfleiger, and to them were born ten children: John m. Harriet Harwick; Augustus died in childhood; Henry m. Sarah Schmehl; William m. Emma Hafer; Emma m. George Beecher, and lives in Millmont; Frances m. Sallie Lamb; Amanda m. Adam Zerr; Preston m. Millie Olinger; Milton, born March 5, 1879; and Edward, born April 28, 1881. After the death of her husband Mrs. Kulp removed to Millmont, and in 1895 erected a comfortable home, where she and her sons Milton and Edward now live.

FRANKLIN H. STAUDT. Tracing back the ancestors of the well known Staudt family of Berks county, Pa., it is discovered that from the English family of that name thirteen brothers came to Philadelphia in 1754, one of whom eventually settled in Berks county, becoming the founder of the Staudts of this section.

Beginning with the grandfather of Franklin H. Staudt, Jonathan Staudt, there is an authentic record of his life in Upper Bern township, where he was a farmer and distiller until his somewhat early death at the age of thirty-eight years. His remains are interred in Upper Bern township. By his marriage with a Miss Miller he had children as follows: David, who died at the old homestead, was twice married; Sarah died unmarried; Michael was the father of Franklin H.; Annie m. Bennewell Bagentose; Levina m. Albert Sausser; and Joel settled in Illinois, where he died.

Michael Staudt, father of Franklin H., first farmed on the homestead, but later purchased two farms near Leesport, where he died in 1887, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, three days. He was a Republican in politics, a true citizen, and an excellent neighbor. His religious affiliations were with the Reformed Church. Michael Staudt's wife bore the name of Salome Hiester, and her death occurred in her eightieth year. Their children were: Jared m. Louisa Bucks of Hyde Park; Elmira m. Aaron B. Blatt; Katie m. Daniel L. Althouse; Fayette m. Morris Spatz; Cerena m. Calvin Stoudt; Louisa m. Henry Saylor; Jonathan m. Isabella Bucks, of Centre township; William H. m. Caroline Reiger, of Jefferson township; Adam m. Sarah Weber, of Bern township; and Franklin H.

Franklin H. Staudt received a very thorough education, going from the schools of Centre township to the State Normal school in 1883, and in 1884 taking a course at the Reading Business College. After this, he taught school for a short time in Centre township, but took up the carpenter trade and followed it for five years. At this time he became interested in farming in Spring and Centre townships, and was thus employed for ten years. Returning then to his trade, he entered the employ of George W. Beard and Company, and has been with them since 1903. Since 1899 his place of residence has been in West Reading.

On May 4, 1889, Mr. Staudt was married to Mary R. Ruth, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fisher) Ruth, well known people of the community. To this union there have been born: Jennie N. and Emily M., graduates of the Sinking Spring High school; and Annie E. Mr. Staudt is a Republican, and while a resident of Cumru township, served on the school board during 1893, 1894 and 1895. In 1907 he was elected a member of the board of West Reading borough to serve for a term of two years. Mr. Staudt is largely interested in educational matters, and lends valuable aid to workers along this line. In religious matters, he is a member of St. James Reformed Church of West Reading, and takes part in the Sunday-school.

BENJAMIN LUFT, a venerable citizen of Wernersville and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born April 19, 1834, in Spring township, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Bensing) Luft.

Johannes Luft, the grandfather of Benjamin, was born Aug. 15, 1775, in Berks county, and died Aug. 17, 1864, being buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a member. He was a tailor by trade, and lived all his life in the mountains of Lower Heidelberg township, on the farm formerly owned by Daniel Gring, where Benjamin Luft was born. Mr. Luft was married to Magdaline Krick, who was born Sept. 23, 1777, and died Oct. 27, 1865, and they had thirteen children: Peter, John, Benjamin, Polly, Adam, Peggy, Susan, Elizabeth, George, and four who died in infancy. George, born Sept. 25, 1796, married Elizabeth Endrum (born June 22, 1798, died Nov. 12, 1881), lived in Spring township, where he died Oct. 9, 1869, and was buried at Sinking Spring Church.

Adam Luft, father of Benjamin, was born Feb. 3, 1812, died May 17, 1888, and was buried at Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was a carpet weaver and butcher by trade, lived in Sinking Spring in his own home, and during war times for five years kept a hotel opposite the Reformed Church. Mr. Luft was married to Elizabeth Bensing, who was born Jan. 4, 1811, and died Aug. 27, 1885, daughter of Peter and Catherine Bensing, the latter of whom was born in 1793 and died in 1861. Peter Bensing, who was born June 25, 1793, and died April 17, 1872, was the owner of the farm where Solomon Shearer now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Luft had eight children: Mary died young; Benjamin; Rebecca, who resides in Sinking Spring, m. (first) Moses Freeman and (second) William Godshall; Catherine died soon after her marriage to John T. Sell; Ann is unmarried and lives at Sinking Spring; Sarah became the second wife of John T. Sell and lives at Montello, Pa.; Miranda m. John Engelhart, of Reading; and Emma, deceased, m. Frank Rollman.

Benjamin Luft was nineteen years of age when he learned the trade of shoemaker, and this he has followed ever since, a period of more than fifty-four years. He learned his trade from John Dunkelberger, and lived opposite the Reformed Church in Sinking Spring in one house for thirty-eight years, working at shoemaking. In 1893 he sold that property and came to Wernersville, where he erected a double frame residence in which he now lives. Mr. Luft is a very skilled mechanic, and despite his years he is well preserved. He is a Democrat in politics, and has interested himself in the incorporation of his town into a borough. He and his family are Reformed members of Sinking Spring Church, of which he was a deacon for two years.

On Oct. 27, 1862, Mr. Luft enlisted from Berks county, being mustered in at Reading, in Co. E, 167th Reg., P. V. I., Capt. Hiram H. Miller, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac. They were engaged at Deserted House, Jan. 30, 1863; siege of Suffolk, April 12 to May 4, 1863, and joined in the pursuit of Lee's retreating army from Gettysburg. He received his honorable discharge Aug. 12, 1863, at the expiration of his term of service, having an excellent war record. For eight months, while at Suffolk, Va., Mr. Luft was cook of his company.

On Dec. 3, 1857, Mr. Luft was married to Catherine Bollman, born Oct. 16, 1840, deceased March 15, 1904, daughter of John and Mary (Fisher) Bollman, of Sinking Spring. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Luft: Franklin, born May 24, 1860, married Mary Reber and had two children, Milton and Helen; and Lizzie E.,

born March 13, 1861, married Adam Pennebecker, lives in Reading and has three children,—Mamie, Clarence and Luke.

JOHN C. ROTH, of Muhlenberg township, was born Oct. 15, 1848, at Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Hannah (Crouse) Roth.

The grandfather of John C. Roth was Daniel Rhoades (the form of the name which he used). By his wife, Mary, he had three children: Harry m. a Miss Reddich; Jacob; and Louisa m. a Mr. McNally, of Canada. Jacob Roth of this family was a cabinet maker by trade and until his death followed that line in connection with the undertaking business. He was married to Hannah Crouse, and to them the following children were born: Daniel, a carpenter and builder, who is now manager of the Northeastern Planing Mill, Reading, m. Frances Meckley, and they have two children, Mamie and Bessie; Henry m. Eva Krick, has one child, Herbert, and resides at Reamstown, Lancaster county, where he operates a small farm; William died when about seventeen years old; Adam died when about sixteen; John C.; Linnie m. Wilson Else, and resides in Reading; Lemon died single at Canton, O.; Mary m. Adam Gottschall, resides in Reading and has one child, Harry; and Sallie m. Emanuel Koser and died without issue.

John C. Roth was educated in the schools of his native district, and his father having died when he was about eight years old, he was put at the shoemaker trade by his guardian, and followed that business for some time. He was in business on his own account for a short period at Fairview, O., then removed west to Kansas, where he worked on a farm, and subsequently returned to Pennsylvania, where for six years he was engaged in the sand business at Reading. At the end of this time Mr. Roth purchased his present fine farm, on which he is making a specialty of fruit raising. He has planted between 400 and 500 apple trees, about 600 or 700 peach trees and sixty pear trees, in addition to plums, grapes, etc., and many of these are already bearing and bringing in handsome profits. Mr. Roth is acknowledged to be one of the good, practical fruit growers of this section of Berks county, and as a citizen he stands deservedly high. He is a Democrat in politics, and with his family attends the Ninth and Greenwich Street Reformed Church, Reading.

In February, 1882, Mr. Roth was married to Mary Stripe, daughter of George and Elizabeth Stripe, and the following children were born to this union: Clarence, a resident of Doniphan county, Kas.; Frank, who is single and resides at home; Frances, who married Irvin Homan, an employe at the Carpenter Steel Works, resides in Muhlenberg township and has one child, LeRoy; George; Elsie; Annie; Minnie; Daniel; John, deceased; and Pearl.

FREDERICK F. YODER, general farmer and dairyman, residing in Bern township, was born Oct. 23, 1868, in Upper Bern township, near Shartlesville, son of Jacob S. and Anna Maria (Fisher) Yoder.

Frederick Yoder, grandfather of Frederick F., was a native of Berks county, born in Oley, and he died in Centre township. From a tender age he was reared by his kinsman, Daniel Yoder, of near Pleasantville. His mother's name was Hill. Frederick Yoder became the owner of a farm near Belleman's Church, where he is buried, and at one time owned three farms. He was very active in church work and was a church official for many years. His wife was a member of the old Shartle family, and they had the following children: Amelia, who married Marcus Davis, both deceased; Alfred, residing in Centre township; Mary, who married Reuben Phillips; Jacob S.; Cyrus, residing in Ohio; Wellington, residing at Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa.; and Valeria, who married Nathaniel Leib, of West Reading.

Jacob S. Yoder, father of Frederick F., was born on his father's farm in Centre township, in 1841. He engaged in farming in Upper Bern township, later in Centre township, and he still retains two farms in the latter, one of seventy-five and the other of fifteen acres. He became interested in a canning factory at Shoemakersville, and at present is associated with James Wagner, doing business under the name of the Mohrsville Knitting Mills. He supports the Republican party, but has never been very active in politics, consenting to serve in office only as school director. He is a member of Salem United Brethren Church, of Tilden township, of which he was an official.

Jacob S. Yoder married Anna Maria Fisher, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Kline) Fisher, residents of Bern Station, and they have had the following children born to them: Ida m. Levi H. Dietrich, of Centre township; Annie died young; Frederick F.; Minnie m. Joseph Wagner, of Mohrsville; Calvin and William both died of scarlet fever, one week apart; Amy m. Joseph Blatt, of Mohrsville; Helen m. Berwin Lesher, of Bern township; Sarah is a trained nurse; Howard resides in Shoemakersville; Robert resides in Penn township.

Frederick F. Yoder attended the schools in Upper Bern, now Tilden township, and later took a course in the Lebanon Valley College, at Annville. In 1886 he received a teacher's certificate from Prof. D. S. Keck, and for three years he taught school in Centre township. In May, 1890, he made a trip to the West where he remained through one year, and then returned to Berks county. He was a private in Troop K, 7th U. S. Cavalry, and was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a short time. From there his troop was sent for a short time to Rosebud, N. Dak., and from there to Fort Worth, Texas. A few days after the arrival the cavalry was ordered to Fort Sill, Ind. Ty., and while there Mr. Yoder witnessed a sun dance at El Mingo, participated in by 10,000 Indians. After considerable maneuvering in this section, the cavalry was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, where it remained until Nov. 27th, when it was ordered to Pine Ridge, S. Dak. There it had a fight with the Big Foot Indians and Chief Big Foot was captured by Col. Summer of the 8th Cavalry and taken to camp. Mr. Yoder received a gun shot wound in the neck which put him into a hospital for six months and caused his final discharge from the service on account of disability. During his term of service he was in the midst of stirring events and his reminiscences of them are exceedingly interesting.

After his return to Berks county in 1891, Mr. Yoder worked on the farm of his father. In the spring of 1893 he came to Bern township, where he purchased the old Althouse farm of eight acres, which he has carefully cultivated ever since. In 1894 he entered into the milk business, purchasing from the surrounding farmers and he has a daily route in Reading, handling 170 quarts a day.

On Feb. 28, 1893, Mr. Yoder was married to Annie Kalbach, daughter of Harrison and Sarah (Gehart) Kalbach, and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Bohn) Kalbach, of Hamburg. They have two children: La Rue and Wayne H.

DANIEL T. REIDER, a retired citizen of Berks county, who resides near Blandon, was born at Molltown, Aug. 31, 1859, son of Henry and Theresa (Straub) Reider.

Henry Reider was a saddler by trade, but later engaged in the hotel business at Fleetwood. He died aged seventy-six years, his widow surviving him for a long period and being eighty years old at the time of her death. They had the following children: Mary, deceased, m. (first) George Dixon and (second) Frank Bobst; Lucinda m. Cyrus Sell; Charles died young; George m. Ada Hoffman; John m. Mary Meyers; Emma, deceased, m. Augustus Reber; William died young;

Clara, who died March 13, 1908, m. Harrison Lord; Sylvanus m. Savilla Herr; Daniel T.; Alice m. Irvin Bossler; and Samuel.

Daniel T. Reider resided at Molltown until nine years of age, at which time he removed with his parents to Reading, and attended the public schools there for three years, his education being completed in the school at Douglassville, which he attended one term. For a number of years Mr. Reider was engaged in work around the iron works, being principally employed at the Blandon Rolling Mills, but he now lives in retirement.

On Nov. 11, 1882, Mr. Reider married Susannah Henry (or Heinrich) daughter of William and Mary Fianna (Eck) Heinrich. One son, William, was born to this union, Aug. 7, 1883, who was educated in the local schools. He is regularly employed at the Blandon Rolling Mills. Nov. 22, 1902, he married Valeria Heller, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Rothermel) Heller, the latter of whom is now married to Adam Kemmerer. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William Reider: Anna Minerva, June 28, 1903; and Harry Daniel, June 30, 1905. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Blandon, and father and son are both Democrats.

HIRAM HERB, of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, near Leisz' Bridge, was born on the old Herb homestead in Muhlenberg township, near his present farm Dec. 27, 1856, son of Joshua and Maria (Rothenberger) Herb.

Abraham Herb, the great-grandfather of Hiram, was in class 2 and his brother Frederick in class 4, in Captain Miller's Company, from Hereford township, in 1783, during the Revolutionary war, but beyond that fact and that he and his wife, Caroline (Wieant) Herb, had a son John, little is definitely known of him.

John Herb was born March 9, 1786, and was baptized in the same year by Rev. Mr. Dellicker. He was married to Judith Newkirk, and they became the parents of eight children: Judith, who married Henry Seidel, resided in Alsace township, and survived her husband many years, dying at the age of eighty-nine years. Polly (Mary), who married David Delp, resided in Maiden-creek township, and there died aged eighty-four years. Benjamin was a miller of Alsace and Muhlenberg townships, from 1868 until 1880, later residing in Reading until his death, which occurred in his seventieth year; he married (first) Magdalena Rothenberger, and (second) Sarah Leitheiser. Joshua is the father of Hiram. Elias, a millwright, died aged about seventy-six years. Levi, who was a farmer and laborer of Muhlenberg township, where he owned a tract of land, was never married, and Jeremiah, who is also unmarried, resides in Reading, hale and hearty at the age of eighty-six years. Sarah, who married David Fulmer, died young, leaving three children—James, Daniel and Mary Ann.

Joshua Herb, father of Hiram, was born July 5, 1814, and early in life learned the carpenter trade, which he followed through nearly all of his active period, his latter days being spent on a small farm. He was married to Miss Maria Rothenberger, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Shalter) Rothenberger, and seven children were born to this union: (1) William, a carpenter of Muhlenberg township, m. Mary Balthaser, and they had two children, Henry and Jeremiah. (2) Peter, who died in Bern township, m. Hannah Betz, and they had four children, Mary (m. Jonas Albert), John (m. Kate Martin), Annie (m. John Fisher), and Wellington. (3) John, a retired blacksmith of Reading, m. (first) Ellen Thompson and (second) Mary Reber. (4) Josiah died aged two years. (5) Nathan m. Clara Goodhart and had five children, Musa (m. Charles Kasuga, who died and left her a son, Raymond), Charles, Edward, Robert (deceased), and one child which died quite young. (6) Susan m. Peter Hartman, and has six children, Lucetta (who is married and has two children), Harrison (m. Miss Angstadt, and has three children), Sallie (m. Jerre Schweitzer, and has one child), twins (who died in infancy) and Eugenie. (7) Hiram.

Hiram Herb was reared on the old homestead, and was educated in the common schools of his district. Except for a short time spent at the carpenter trade and also a period when he was engaged in driving an oil team, Mr. Herb has always engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he now owns an excellent tract of land near Leisz' Bridge in Muhlenberg township. Like all the rest of the family, Mr. Herb is a Democrat in politics, but he has never sought public preferment. The family are of the Reformed faith and with few exceptions attend Alsace Reformed Church.

On Oct. 21, 1882, Mr. Herb was married to Miss Kate C. Moyer, daughter of Xavier and Rachel (Clark) Moyer, and six children were born to this union, one of whom is deceased. The five living are: James, Nov. 7, 1884; Emma Rachel, March 7, 1887; Xavier M., Sept. 1, 1890; Katie M., July 30, 1895; and Edward Hiram, May 22, 1899. The children all reside at home with their parents.

SAMUEL FLOWER, of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, who has lived at Blandon all of his life, was born in the house in which he now resides, April 26, 1852, son of Nathan and Barbara (Williams) Flower.

Samuel Flower, the grandfather of Samuel, was married to Elizabeth Cassel, and they had five children, as follows: Nathan; John m. Rebecca Fox; Nellie m. Pierson Taylor (deceased), resides at Blandon and is seventy-four years old; Sarah m. Morgan Spangler; and Mary m. Isaac Winters.

Nathan Flower, father of Samuel, was born at Blandon, where in early life he followed the trade of cooper, but subsequently became interested in agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm, on which he died in 1900, aged about seventy years. Mr. Flower was married to Barbara Williams, who was a daughter of William Williams, who married a Miss Miller, and there were five children born to this union, namely: Elizabeth, who died young; Samuel; John, who died in youth; James, deceased, who married Mary Trout; and Charles, night puddle boss at the Blandon rolling mills, who married Hettie Dubson.

Samuel Flower received his education and was reared to manhood at Blandon, where he learned the trade of carpenter in his youth. This trade he continued to follow in his home locality with much success until several years ago.

Mr. Flower was married to Tryphena Gernant, and five children have been born to this union: Samuel R. m. Katie Hiller (deceased) and has two children, Raymond and Laurence; Clara, the widow of George Sehl, has had two children, Rosie (deceased) and Stephen; Ellen m. Lawrence Stocker; Harry A. is unmarried; and Robert W. m. Gertrude Koch and has two children,—Robert and Evelyn. The family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Flower is connected with the Carpenters' Union, and is a Democrat in politics.

WILLIAM K. ROTHENBERGER, a retired citizen of Muhlenberg township, who for many years was engaged in farming, milling and butchering, was born on the old family homestead in Centre township, Dec. 13, 1842, son of John D. and Mary (Kauffman) Rothenberger.

The great-grandfather of William K. Rothenberger was a resident of Alsace township and the father of these children: Peter; Hannah m. John Close; Polly (Mary) m. Josiah Herb; Molly m. Benjamin Herb.

Peter Rothenberger, the grandfather, was married to Polly Snyder, and they had these children: John D.; and Polly, m. to Elias Bickel.

John D. Rothenberger was a farmer in Alsace township, where he resided all of his life. He married (first) Mary Kauffman, and they had ten children: Cyrus K., deceased; William K.; John K., Peter K. and Levi K., all

deceased; Cornelius K., of North Reading; Milton K., deceased; Mary K., m. to Wellington Moser; Debora K., m. to Edward Schearer; and Thomas K., of San Francisco. He married (second) Matilda Kauffman, sister of his first wife, and they had seven children, namely: James, of Temple; Harry, who went out West; Morris, deceased; Kate, m. to Elmer Angstadt; Rose, m. to Edward Moore, of California; George, of Reading; and Sallie.

William K. Rothenberger was educated in the schools of Centre and Muhlenberg townships, and early in life learned the trade of miller and butcher, which, in connection with farming, he followed all his business life. He now lives practically retired. With his family he attends Alsace Reformed Church, and in politics is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office. Mr. Rothenberger has done much traveling, and in 1907 took a trip to Florida, remaining there from Christmas until May, 1908.

Mr. Rothenberger was married to Elizabeth Close, a daughter of John and Hannah (Rothenberger) Close, and they have three children: Magdalena m. Harry Bently; Elenora m. William A. Sharp; and Jennie m. John Ruth.

TOBIAS. One of the old and honored families of Berks county, members of which have been prominently identified with the agricultural and other interests of this section for many years, is that of Tobias, which is represented in Maiden-creek township by James R. Tobias, a well-known farmer, and his son Charles L. Tobias, a railroad man.

Christian Tobias, great-grandfather of Charles L., owned the farm opposite Leinbach's Tavern, in Bern township, where he died before his fortieth year. He had these children: Peter; Abraham, of Leesport; John, who died at Sunbury; and Elizabeth, who married Harry Gring. Peter Tobias the grandfather was also a farmer all of his life, and died on the farm between Alsace Church and the Rolling Mills, Reading. He was married to Sarah Rothenberger, daughter of Peter Rothenberger, and they had nine children: James R.; Daniel m. Annie Kemp, of Hyde Park; Sarah m. William Moser, of Cumru township; Elizabeth m. William Hemmig; Rebecca (deceased) m. George Fatzinger; Edward died young; Ellen m. John Savage, of Bern township; Catherine m. Allen Aulenbach; and Peter died when eighteen years of age.

James R. Tobias was born in Muhlenberg township, then Alsace, near Leisz' Bridge, and early in life learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some time. He also taught school during the winter months, having secured his education at West Chester, Trappe and Morgantown. He now owns and conducts a nice farm on the road between Temple and Blandon in Maiden-creek and Ontelaunee townships. Mr. Tobias was married to Esther C. Wilkinson, daughter of Isaiah and Julia (Coleman) Wilkinson, and they had three children, as follows: William, who died unmarried, aged twenty-eight years; Charles L.; and James S., who died aged three years.

Charles L. Tobias was born near Berkley, Ontelaunee township, July 23, 1858, and was reared and educated on the present homestead in Maiden-creek township, later attending Brunner's Academy at Reading. He is following railroading, and is now engaged as baggage master between Harrisburg and Allentown. Mr. Tobias was married to Ella H. Reber, daughter of Simplicius and Sarah (Herbein) Reber. They have no children.

Mr. Tobias is a member of Reading Castle, No. 51, K. G. E., of Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., and of Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M. He is also connected with the P. & R. Relief Association. With his wife he attends the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM PENROSE SCHADLER, of Kutztown, Pa., whose bakery, confectionery and ice cream factory are located on Main street, was born March 1, 1878, in Longswamp township, Berks county

Solomon Schoedler, grandfather of William P., was a cooper and potter, a native of Berks county, living for many years in the vicinity of Lenhartsville. Later he removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dankel, with whom he died in 1899, in his eighty-fifth year. He married a Miss Grosscup, and to them were born children as follows: Nicholas died young; William is mentioned below; Elizabeth m. Levi Schiffert, of Macungie; Rebecca m. Charles Moll, of Macungie, and Catherine m. Aaron Dankel, of Red Lion, Pa.

William Schoedler, the father of William P., was born in 1854, in Longswamp township. He is a stone mason of Alburtis, Lehigh county, having followed this trade all of his life with the exception of three years when he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Theresa Stauffer, daughter of Israel, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Annie died in her sixteenth year; Emma m. Oswin Moll; Robert m. Rosa Boger, deceased; Nicholas m. Annie Boyer; William P., is mentioned below; Gertrude and Lizzie are unmarried; Stella m. James Adams; Fred m. Lizzie Trexler.

William Penrose Schadler was educated in the local schools of his native township and learned the baker's trade with Wesley P. Miller, of Alburtis, Pa., in whose employ he remained for a period of five and one-third years. He then went to Womelsdorf, Berks county, and engaged in business there for six months before settling in Kutztown, where he has been very successful. He has a large trade, his bread, cakes, pies, pretzels, etc., being in general demand, while he is noted for the fine quality of his ice cream. Mr. Schadler and his wife worship at the Lehigh Union Church of Alburtis, being Lutheran members thereof. In politics Mr. Schadler is a Democrat. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of Alburtis, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Kutztown.

May 30, 1902, Mr. Schadler was married to Jennie Trexler, daughter of Alfred and Mary (Deisher) Trexler, and two children were born to this union: Edward and Mary, both of whom died in infancy.

DANIEL IRENEUS HARTMAN, of Maiden-creek township, was born Oct. 13, 1870, in Muhlenberg township, son of Mabery and Mary (Rothenberger) Hartman.

John Hartman, the great-grandfather of Daniel I., lived at Spies's Church, where he married a Miss Hassler. They had these children: Kate m. George Kinsey; Mary (Polly) m. John Noll; Elizabeth m. Daniel Schmeck; Judith m. Isaac Kinsey; Sally m. Daniel Spies; John; Daniel; Jacob; Samuel; and Benjamin.

Jacob Hartman, grandfather of Daniel I., was a farmer by occupation, and cultivated a large tract of land near Spies's Church. He was married to Helena Schmeck, and they became the parents of these children: Hiram m. Mary Miller; Jacob m. Sarah Hill; Mabery; Lydia m. Theodore Maurer; and Angelina m. Levi Kline.

Mabery Hartman, father of Daniel I., was reared in Alsace township, where he was married to Mary Rothenberger, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gerhart) Rothenberger. They had six children, as follows: Emma m. (first) George Spangler, and (second) William Dolch; Kate m. Howard Weaver, deceased; Daniel I.; Ida m. Wilson Rothermel; Urias m. Lizzie Dellicker; and Mary died young.

Daniel I. Hartman received his education in the common schools of his native district, and as a young man assisted in the work on his father's farm, after leaving which he learned the carpenter's trade. Mr. Hartman followed that occupation for thirteen years, and then purchased his present property in Maiden-creek township, which he has been operating with much success to the present time. He has brought his property to a high state of cultivation, has built good, substantial buildings, and is rated as one of the substantial farmers and good citizens of his community.

Oct. 13, 1900, Mr. Hartman was married to Miss Agnes Lesher, daughter of Reuben and Esther (Wanner) Lesher. It is a singular coincidence that both Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were born on the 13th of October, and that that was the date of their marriage. Two children have been born to them: a boy, who died in infancy; and Esther Mary, born Sept. 13, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are members of the Reformed faith, and attend Gernant's Church. Fraternally, he is connected with Camp No. 68, P. O. S. of A., Hyde Park, and Muhlenberg Castle, No. 372, K. G. E.

JOHN I. KRICK, of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, pleasantly located on an excellent farm, was born on his present property, June 4, 1862, son of William B. and Anna (Hain) Krick.

Jacob Krick, the grandfather of John I., was a son of Francis Krick, who married a Miss Kerlin, and was a farmer of Spring township. He married Catherine Bechtel, daughter of Richard Bechtel, of Cumru township, and they had eight children: William B.; Mary m. Daniel Seltzer; Jacob m. Sarah Seltzer; Richard m. Emma Bickel; Francis m. Elizabeth Fincher; Sarah; Hannah; and Susan m. Jacob Eckert.

William B. Krick, father of John I., was a farmer, brought up in Spring township, who moved to Lower Heidelberg township in 1860, locating on the farm now owned by his son, John I., where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his retirement in 1901. He died in 1906, at the age of seventy-six years. William B. Krick married Anna Hain, daughter of Daniel Hain, of Lower Heidelberg township, and to them were born three children: Daniel, m. to Rebecca Fritz; John I.; and Mary, m. to Frederick Gaul.

John I. Krick was educated in the township school, and was reared to the life of a farmer until he was twenty years of age, at which time he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and later the Lebanon Valley Railroad, where he continued for the next ten years. Returning to the home place, he assisted his father for three years, and then leased the farm. He carried it on under the lease until 1901, at which time he purchased it. He has since conducted it very successfully, and makes a specialty of dairy farming, supplying milk daily to numerous customers at Reading.

Mr. Krick was married to Mary E. Nunnemacher, daughter of Levi B. and Elizabeth (Fritz) Nunnemacher, and sister of John Nunnemacher, who married Sallie Yocom. Mr. and Mrs. Krick have had three sons: Harry, Clayton and Willie.

ANDREW BLANKINHORN, who is now living retired on his fine property of seventy-one acres in Cumru township, is a survivor of the Civil war, through which he served as a member of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Blankinhorn was born Aug. 19, 1839, in New York City, N. Y., son of John Blankinhorn, and grandson of Joseph Blankinhorn, who died in Wurtemberg, Germany, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits.

John Blankinhorn was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and after completing his education learned the blacksmith trade. In 1839 he came to America, landing at New York City, where he remained for about one year, then removing to Reading, Pa., where he secured employment in the old car shops, working at his trade until his retirement, seven years prior to his death at the age of eighty-eight years. John Blankinhorn's wife's first name was Elizabeth. She died in 1849 at the age of forty-five years, and to them were born three children: Andrew, John and Augustus.

Andrew Blankinhorn accompanied his father to Reading when a child, and in this city secured his education. After leaving school he worked in the cotton factory for one and one-half years, spent one year at the Brumbach factory, and then went to the Conestoga valley, Lancaster county, where he engaged in farming for five years. He enlisted in Co. G, 2d Pa. Vol. Inf., March 13, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and was discharged March 13, 1864, re-enlisting the following day as a member of Company B, 191st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years service, his final honorable discharge coming at the end of the war, June 28, 1865. His service was with the Army of the Potomac, and he participated in many bloody engagements, including Fredericksburg, Antietam, Gettysburg, Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, at which latter place he was taken prisoner and later confined in Libby Prison, and Belle Isle. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded in the fleshy part of the left leg, and this wound still gives him a great deal of trouble. Faithful and cheerful, he was ever an efficient and gallant soldier, and won the respect of his officers and the esteem and friendship of his comrades.

After the completion of his services to his country, Mr. Blankinhorn went to Highland township, Chester county, and was there engaged in farming for a period of thirty-seven years. In 1903 he purchased his present fine property of seventy-one acres, at Angelica, and this he has made into one of the best farms of the township, supplying it with the latest and most highly improved machinery, and erecting large, substantial buildings.

On April 27, 1869, Mr. Blankinhorn was married to Phoebe Harper, daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Dickinson) Harper, of Lancaster county, Pa., and to them have been born children as follows: Minnie, who married George Watson, of No. 1045 A North Tenth street, Reading; John, of Newtown Square, married Addie Gordon; Howard, of Chester Co., Pa., married Bertha Mellinger; Harry, of Chester county, married Elsie Mellinger; Levina, married Robert Riday, of Philadelphia; Roscoe, who operates his father's farm, married Lillian Conway; Charles, married Annie Lesher, of Cumru township; and Dora, married Percy Bailey, of Oakbrook.

In politics Mr. Blankinhorn is a Republican, and he is connected fraternally with G. A. R. Post No. 76, Reading. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Blankinhorn is a Presbyterian.

HEBER MAST, of Caernarvon township, Berks ccunty, who lives on the old Mast homestead, was born on this farm, April 27, 1856, son of Christian and Barbara Mast.

David Mast, grandfather of Heber, was born April 9, 1769, and died on the Mast homestead Feb. 18, 1849, while his wife, Mary Mast, born Nov. 18, 1775, passed away Feb. 8, 1845. Christian Mast, father of Heber, was born on the Mast homestead, Oct. 17, 1817, and died there Sept. 3, 1899. He married Barbara Mast, born Aug. 23, 1828, who survived him until Feb. 21, 1907, and to them were born these children: Margaret E., born May 3, 1848, living with her brother on the homestead; John D., born April 5, 1853, m. to Martha Yoder and living on a farm near the homestead; Heber; Sara A., born Feb. 25, 1858; Jacob K., Feb. 2, 1860; Samuel H., July 19, 1865; and Henry A., Feb. 23, 1870.

Heber Mast has spent his entire life on the old homestead, where he now lives with his two sisters. The home is one of the prettiest spots in the locality, the house being surrounded by a large and beautiful lawn. Mr. Mast is a stanch Republican in politics. He and his sisters are members of the United Brethren Church.

EDWARD LUIGARD, of Reading, Pa., who conducts a first-class livery and boarding stable at No. 419 Court street, was born in the city of Reading, in April, 1860, son of Simon and Louisa (Huber) Luigard.

Mr. Luigard received his education in the schools of Reading, and his first work was in his father's livery stable. No man in the city is better posted on horses than he, as he has made this line his life work. In 1886 he started in business on his own account at his present location, and with the exception of a few years has been here ever since. He has stable room for forty horses, and sometimes has as high as twenty-five horses boarding at his stable, this line being his

specialty. He keeps fifteen head of fine animals, and a large number of first-class vehicles, and caters to weddings, funerals, etc. Mr. Luigard is fraternally connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is very popular in that order. He is a stanch Republican and lives in the Sixth ward of the city. His wife is connected with the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Luigard was married (first) to Lillie Daniels, deceased, of Woodstown, N. J. His second marriage was to Rosie Geho. Mr. Luigard has no children.

JAMES EISENHOWER, a retired citizen and native of Reading, Pa., is a son of Nathan M. and Margaret (Mowrey) Eisenhower, and grandson of John and Margaret (Mohn) Eisenhower.

John Eisenhower was of German descent and was an early pump-maker of Reading, his place of business being on South Tenth street, Reading, where he died in 1839, aged about seventy-two years. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, and he and his wife were the parents of four children: Nathan; David; Angelina m. John Fink, and Polly m. Solomon Frill.

Nathan M. Eisenhower was born in the city of Reading in 1812, and received his education in the subscription schools of Reading, and when a young man apprenticed himself to the carpenter and joiner's trade, with a Mr. Henry, who was the builder of Trinity Lutheran Church. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked for some years as a journeyman, and then engaged in contracting and building, at one time being one of the leading men in his line of business in the city. A stanch Republican, he took quite an active part in political matters, and in 1864 was prevailed upon to run for the office of mayor, to which he was elected by a large majority, filling that office from 1865 to 1867. Many reforms were inaugurated during his administration, among them the organization of the first uniformed police squad in the city. Mr. Eisenhower's death occurred in 1877. He was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Chapter and K. T. Commandery No. 42. He was a captain in the State Militia, being in Colonel Knoderer's regiment, and was a member of the Reading Artillery in 1846, taking an active part in the military maneuvers until its disbandment. Mr. Eishenhower was a member of Montgomery Lodge of the I. O. O. F. The children born to Captain Eisenhower and his wife were: William, born Dec. 17, 1834; George, who went to California after the Rebellion and died there; Charles, who died at the Soldiers' Home in Erie, was a member of Co. B, 128th P. V. I.; Daniel, who was a member of the 46th P. V. I.; James; Nathan M., a carpenter of Reading; and Emma m. Joseph Green. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower were members of the Lutheran Church. She died in 1881, aged seventy-two years.

James Eisenhower received his education in the common schools of Reading, and as a boy apprenticed himself to Douglas & Connard, machinists, working with them until 1861, when he enlisted with the old Reading Heavy Artillery under Capt. George W. Alexander. Having served out his term of enlistment, he re-enlisted with Company B, 128th P. V. I., Aug. 14, 1862, under Capt. William McNall and Colonel Crosedale, the latter of whom was killed at Antietam, being succeeded by Colonel Matthews. Mr. Eisenhower entered the service as second sergeant, and was then promoted to ambulance sergeant, serving as such during his term of enlistment. Receiving his discharge June 19, 1863, he re-enlisted in 1864 in the 3d Heavy Artillery, serving in Hampton Roads and at Fortress Monroe until his discharge in 1865.

After his discharge Mr. Eisenhower returned to Reading and completed his trade with Douglas & Connard, remaining with them for a period of two years and then went to Corry, Pa., engaging with the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Company as machinist. Returning to his former employers he continued with them until his retirement.

Mr. Eisenhower married Miss Mary Fichthorn, daughter of William Fichthorn, and five children were born to this union. We have record of James; Paul, who was drowned; and two children who died in infancy. Mr. Eisenhower is a member of Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 65, K. P. In politics he is a Republican.

AARON ADAMS, deceased, who for many years was a resident of Reading, where he was engaged as a machinist, was born in 1828, in Amity township, Berks county, son of Henry and Mary (Bell) Adams, the former a native of New York State, who came to Berks county when a young man, working as an iron worker until his death in 1850. He and his wife had these children: Hiram, Aaron, Samuel, Harry, Sarah, Mary and Martha.

Aaron Adams received his education in the common schools of his native township, and later learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for some years, and then took up the trade of machinist which he followed in Reading until his death. Mr. Adams was married in 1852 to Esther Hart, daughter of John and Kate (Moyer) Hart, and to this union were born children as follows: Ida died in infancy; Mary E., deceased, m. Charles McCormick, and had one child, Winfield; Melvin E., a machinist, m. Ida Adams, and they had five children, Aaron W. (m. Cora Egolf and has two children, Stanley and Fred), Esther (m. Daniel Estley and has one child Mary), Sally, Melvin and Harry M., deceased; Kate, deceased, m. Charles Geiger and has one child, Carl; Amelia, deceased, m. Hale Robinson, and had two children, Eugene, deceased, and Albert. In religious belief, Mr. Adams was a member of the Reformed Church, and in that faith he died in 1881, his funeral being conducted by the I. O. O. F., of which he had been a member for many years, being connected with the Encampment. In political matters he was a Republican.

LAWRENCE M. KLUSEWITZ, who follows the carpenter's trade at Reading, was born Oct. 11, 1857, in Prussia, Germany, a son of Michael and Mary (Pluskieska) Klusewitz.

Michael Klusewitz was born Sept. 6, 1829, in Prussia, where he attended school until he was fourteen years of age and then engaged in farm work. In 1872, he came to America and located at Reading, which has been his home until the present, and is living with his son, John Klusewitz He was in the employ of the Reading Railway Co., for many years. He was married three times, (first) to Mary Pluskieska, (second) to Mary Bluskewitz, (third) to Annie Bliaskewisk. The children born to his first marriage were: John; Lawrence; Joseph, who has been on the Reading police force since 1902; and Julia. To his second union were born Annie and Frank, and to his third were born: Anthony, Thomas, Celia and Benjamin, the latter of whom is a soldier in the U. S. Army.

Lawrence M. Klusewitz was fifteen years of age when his parents came to America and settled at Reading, where he attended the public schools until he was eighteen. In 1876 he learned the carpenter trade with George M. Garst, of Reading, and his first work was on the present Junior Fire Company house on Walnut street. He has worked continuously as a journeyman, sometimes at Reading and through Berks, Schuylkill, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties.

In 1885, Mr. Klusewitz was married to Theresa Nurnburg, daughter of Peter and Gertrude (Kalmund) Nurnburg, of the Rhine Province. Mr. and Mrs. Klusewitz had eight children, namely: Mary, Joseph, Peter, Joseph (2) deceased, Leonard, Gertrude, Joseph (3) deceased, and Helena. Mr. Klusewitz was bereft of his wife, who died Aug. 17, 1901, aged thirty-nine years, she having been born July 19, 1862. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and of the Holy Cross

Association. He is identified with the Carpenters' Union. His comfortable home is located at No. 705 Dick street.

WILLIAM H. GIBSON, of Reading, who resides at No. 826 North Sixth street, was born April 27, 1855, at Schuylkill Haven, Berks Co., Pa., son of David and Catherine (Shearer) Gibson.

The great-grandfather of William H. Gibson came from Germany at an early day and settled in the State of Maine, where his son George, the grandfather of William H., spent his life. David Gibson came to Pennsylvania when a young man and settled at Schuylkill Haven, where for many years he was lock-tender of what was then and still is known as Gibson's Locks, located at the lower end of the town. He died in 1875. David Gibson married Catherine Shearer, daughter of Peter Shearer, who came from Pottsville and settled at Schuylkill Haven, where he was a carpenter and millwright. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibson these children were born: Samuel, Albert, George, Frank, William H., Emma, Mary J. and Lillie.

William H. Gibson attended the public schools of Ontelaunee township, Berks county, after leaving which he worked for two years in the mines, and then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, with which company he continued as brakeman and conductor for seventeen years. He then engaged with the well-known firm of Slocker & Roerich, and he has continued with Mr. Roerich, in the capacity of engineer, to the present time.

Mr. Gibson was married to Lucy Reppert, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Reppert, and they have these children: Mazie, Frank, Katie, Ida and Albert. One child, also named Mazie, died in infancy.

Mr. Gibson resides in his own home at No. 826 North Sixth street, and with his family attends the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the K. G. E. and the B. of R. F., the latter of which he helped to organize, serving for twelve years as secretary of this association.

WILLIAM H. WILHELM, deceased, for many years one of Reading's prominent manufacturers, was born in the State of New Jersey in 1826.

Only the latter part of Mr. Wilhelm's life was identified with Reading, as he had worked up to 1874 as a machinist in Easton, Pennsylvania. On coming to Reading he engaged in the manufacture of hat machinery, and was very successful in it. During a period of two years he removed to Hamburg, and in connection with several others became interested in the manufacture of bicycles, but he soon returned to Reading and he remained there until his death in 1896, at the age of seventy. Mr. Wilhelm was a strong Republican, but took no part in public affairs save in educational matters, in which he always manifested a deep interest, serving as a school director for seven years. Fraternally he was a Mason, a member of Easton Lodge, F. & A. M.

In 1854, Mr. Wilhelm was married to Miss Catherine Ruple, daughter of Joseph Ruple, and four of the children, born to this union, lived to maturity, namely: Elmira, Mrs. George Shenton, of Carlisle, Pa.; W. Irvin, of Bethlehem, Pa., who married Miss Mary Marshall; Clara, wife of the late Walter Kinzie; and Harry, who married Miss Sally Pyle, and died in February, 1904. In religious belief the family are Methodists.

WILLIAM AND CHARLES LEYMASTER, who, under the firm name of Leymaster & Bro., have been carrying on a business in painting and papering in Reading, since 1900, belong to the second generation of their name associated with that occupation.

The Leymaster family came from Muhlenberg township, where the grandfather, a well known farmer of his day, lived and died, and where his son, Samuel, was born. The latter became a skilled painter, and early established himself in Reading. His first partner was M. J. Serling, but later a Mr. Bricker was admitted to the firm, and the name became Leymaster, Serling & Company. Their first location was at No. 15 North Sixth street, the next at No. 45 North Sixth street, and then for twelve years the firm was at No. 105 North Sixth street. The final location, where the sons still continue the business, was No. 16 North Sixth street, and there Mr. Leymaster remained in active control until his death in December, 1893, over twenty-eight years from the time he established his business in Reading.

Samuel Leymaster was twice married; by his first wife, who was Miss Catherine Stoltz, he had five children, William, Ellen, Elizabeth, Charles and Catherine (who died young). By the second wife, Rebecca Nagle, there were three daughters, Annie, Mary and Sallie. Mr. Leymaster was perhaps as well known as a musician as a business man, for he had played with a number of the local bands, belonging at different times to the old City, the old Rifle, the Keystone and Ringgold bands.

WILLIAM LEYMASTER, eldest son of Samuel and senior member of the present firm, was born in Reading. He took up his father's trade and followed it until 1880, in that year entering the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. He left that to go into the cigar business, and for thirteen years was successfully engaged in that line at No. 28 North Sixth street. In 1900 he and his brother together bought the other interests in the business founded by their father, and have since then been conducting it on their own account.

CHARLES LEYMASTER, also born in Reading, is younger than his brother. He also learned papering and painting under his father, and has always been engaged in that line. At the time of his father's death he acquired an interest in the business, and later, in 1900, he and his brother, as stated above, acquired the entire control of the business. They have an established trade in both departments, carry complete lines, and as they employ skilled workers have a reputation for satisfactory work.

Charles Leymaster was married to Miss Emma L. Otto, a daughter of the late Jacob Otto, and they have three children, Clara, Florence and Ella, and have lost one, Carrie.

LUDWIG TALBOT CUSTER, one of the leading business men of Reading, Pa., who in addition to being president of the Consumers Gas Company, holds numerous other official positions in large financial enterprises, was born in 1835, in New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Samuel L. and Rachel (Ubil) Custer.

Paulus Kuster, the emigrant ancestor of all of the name in this country, come from Crefeld, Germany, in 1682, and settled near Germantown, Pa., bringing his wife and three sons, Arnold, Johannes and Hermanus. They were members of the Mennonite Church.

Hermanus Custer, the great-great-great-grandfather of Ludwig T., had a son Paul, who married Sarah Martha Ball, daughter of John Ball, of Virginia, a relative of George Washington. It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Custer settled in Montgomery county, and were agricultural people, although the early records show that they were also woolen yarn manufacturers. Paul Custer purchased 200 acres of land near Skippackville, Montgomery county, but resided in Perkiomen township from 1708 to 1760. To him and his wife were born these children: John, Jonathan, Paul, George and William.

Jonathan Custer, son of Paul and great-grandfather of Ludwig T., married Hannah Kendall, and they had children as follows: Benjamin; Jonathan, Jr.; George; Peter and Hannah who married a Mr. Prutzman.

Jonathan Custer, Jr., son of Jonathan, married Eva Rosanna Ludwig, and to this union were born children

as follows: John; Hannah; Samuel L.; Susan; David; George; Michael; Jacob; Aaron; Lewis; Lydia; Rebecca and Solomon, who became a member of the State Legislature. Jonathan Custer settled between Douglassville and Amityville, where he became a large land owner and representative farmer, and died there in 1822, his wife surviving him ten years. In religious belief they were Lutherans. He was a Democrat in politics, but it is not definitely known whether he was an office holder.

Samuel L. Custer, son of Jonathan, Jr., was born in 1793, and early in life he engaged in agricultural pursuits on the home farm. This farm was purchased by three of the sons. Samuel L. farmed it until 1835, when he removed to Lancaster county, where he purchased a property, and there both he and his wife, Rachel Ubil, died. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, while his wife was an Episcopalian. Three children were born to them: William, deceased, who married Lydia Owen, and had children: Wallace, Frank, Charles and Valeria; Ludwig Talbot; and Elizabeth.

Ludwig Talbot Custer was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county, and at Whitehall Academy, Cumberland county, and he remained on the home farm until March, 1858, when he became employed in a general mercantile establishment at Wernersville, remaining there until the spring of 1863. Later he was employed by his father-in-law John Musser, at Adamstown, continuing there until 1876, when he began the manufacture of hats, a business he carried on at Adamstown until October, 1904. At that place he was burgess from 1893 to 1896. He is president of the Adamstown and Mohnsville Electric Railroad, director of the Kutztown and Fleetwood Electric Railroad; the United Traction Company of Reading; the Reading Power Company; and the Schuylkill Valley Bank, and in May, 1903, he became president of the Consumers Gas Company at Reading. Mr. Custer has always had large financial interests to look after, but has invariably given both money and time to encourage public enterprises tending to promote the welfare of the people and the advancement of this section. In 1863 he was married to Kate Musser, and to them have been born two children: Caroline and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Custer attend the Episcopal Church.

JOHN S. LEVAN, residing at No. 623 North Ninth street, Reading, follows the business of carpenter and builder and is well and favorably known to a large number of his fellow citizens. He was born in Exeter township, in 1860, a son of Peter S. and Sarah E. (Snyder) Levan.

Daniel Levan, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer in Exeter township almost all his life, and became a man of prominence, holding various township offices, and of substance, leaving property to his family. He had three sons: Edward, who married Amelia Snyder; Peter, father of John S.; and Daniel, who died unmarried. The Levan family has always been Democratic in its political sentiment and of the Reformed Church religiously.

Peter S. Levan followed farming and carpentering all his life. He died in 1893, aged seventy-one years. His widow survived to the same age, dying in 1897. They had nine children, as follows: Mary, who died young; Ellen, who married Amos Goodhardt; Sarah, who married Franklin Heister; Daniel and Mahlon, both of whom died young; Charity, who married Samuel Gilbert; John S.; Hannah, who died young, and another child who died in infancy.

John S. Levan enjoyed the educational opportunities offered by the schools of Exeter township and then started to farming. He showed an aptitude for carpenter work and did a great deal of repair work before starting at the age of twenty-two years to learn the trade, with a neighbor, Henry Fisher. He completed his trade with Elam Hook, with whom he remained for twelve years and then engaged with Raymond Moore, a contractor at Birdsboro, with whom he remained six years. Mr. Levan then farmed for several years, but in March, 1904, he came to Reading where he has found plenty of work in his line ever since. He has invested in real estate here and owns his comfortable home.

Mr. Levan married Kate K. Young, daughter of Nathan Young, of Exeter. They have seven living children, namely: Walter, Daniel, Joseph, George, Sallie, Edgar and Catherine.

Mr. Levan is a member of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A.; of the Maccabees and of the Carpenters Union.

HIRAM W. SCHITLER, a well known citizen of Reading, to which city he came in 1839, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county, April 27, 1831, son of Lewis Schitler. He died Oct. 2, 1892, at his home, No. 42 North Eighth street, Reading.

From the time he was a little lad of eight years, Mr. Schitler was a lover of horses, and at that age had his first lessons in riding. While still a boy he was sent by his parents on horseback to drive a cow to their farm in Montgomery county, but on the way the boy forgot the name of his destination, and when found was roaming about the country. Schools were few in those days, and what education he acquired was gained by his own pluck and perseverance. When he was eighteen he began a railroad life as fireman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. At the end of a year he was deemed competent to fill the position of engineer, and for eight years he held that responsible position. He seemed to bear a charmed life, for, although he was in a number of wrecks, he always escaped uninjured. He next engaged in the hauling business, but this did not prove a success, and he lost considerable money. To retrieve his finances he followed boating on the Schuylkill canal for two seasons, having charge of the "Blue Bird," a boat of about 190 tons, and this business he found quite profitable. His next venture was the purchase of a livery stable, and this laid the foundation for his later success. There were but eight horses available for the business, but Mr. Schitler persevered and succeeded. From this he developed the Reading Horse Exchange, with a large building at Poplar and Court streets. After the Civil war the Reading Horse Market developed rapidly, and was visited frequently by the leading dealers of the country, from thirty to fifty horses changing hands in a week. Mr. Schitler was exceedingly fortunate in his horses, but he gave them his personal supervision, and in cases of illness saw that they had prompt attention. One of his greatest successes was "Lydia S.," a horse he purchased for $135, trained to a first-class trotter, and sold for $5,000. The highest price he ever paid was $5,000, for "Little Mary," and she maintained her trotting record of 2:25, winning every race entered. Mr. Schitler traded her for two trotters, but after this did not stay much longer in the sporting business. Only once did he lose a horse through theft. He looked after his business himself and did his own bookkeeping to the last. During the Civil war he enlisted for service and was assigned to the 149th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and for ninety days was on active duty.

In 1848 Mr. Schitler married Lydia Hartman, daughter of "Blind" Hartman, who for many years conducted the hotel on the Kutztown road known as "Blind Hartman's Hotel." Two children were born to them: Clara L. married Michael R. Hare, who was born at Reading July 7, 1853, and died July 19, 1897, and who was associated with his brother-in-law in the livery business; they had four children, George, Elsie, Gertrude and Hiram. William J., born April 7, 1852, was educated in the public schools and Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy, and is an excellent penman. He was associated with his father in the livery business, and after the latter's death, with his brother-in-law, Michael R. Hare, who,

however, died nine months later. William J. Schitler then sold out the business and has since lived retired. He married Clara Hoover, daughter of Simon Hoover, of Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, and they have a son, Richard H.

EDWARD YEAGER, ex-mayor of Reading and one of the leading and representative men of the city, was born there July 6, 1859, the son of Abraham and Harriet (Dickinson) Yeager.

The Yeager family has been resident in America for three generations, the first to settle here bearing the name Abraham. He came from Wales at an early day and located first in Philadelphia, but after some years there moved to Reading and remained in that city the rest of his life. He reared a large family of children.

Abraham Yeager (2) was born while his parents lived in Philadelphia, but spent his boyhood in Reading. When old enough to go to work he began in the confectionery line and after learning his trade conducted a store on the corner of 5th and Penn streets for many years. In time he abandoned this occupation and learned instead the trade of a plumber, which he followed for the rest of his life. He met with considerable success in this line and was comfortably off when he died. Mr. Yeager was very active in local politics and represented the Fifth ward of the city as a delegate to the Democratic county convention in 1862. He favored Daniel Ermentrout, who gained the nomination at that time for district attorney and was afterward elected. Abraham Yeager passed from this world June 20, 1870.

Mrs. Abraham Yeager was a Miss Harriet Dickinson and was born in Myerstown, Lebanon county, the daughter of Henry and Phoebe Dickinson. The union was a very happy one and was blessed with five sons and three daughters, namely: Clara E.; William B., who conducts a tinsmithing, galvanizing and copper cornice establishment in Reading; Alice, who married Henry Heckman, a tinsmith and manufacturer of incubators in Oakland, Calif.; Henry P., who is employed in the establishment of Glase & Lichtenthaler, carpet dealers, of Reading; Edward; Pearson N., who has been employed for the past twelve years in the office of the passenger agent for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; Albert, deceased; and Phoebe, wife of Harry Krug, a clerk in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, at Reading.

Edward Yeager was educated in the public schools of Reading, and then began to work in the japanning department of the Jones & Oaks Lock Works, Reading. After two years' experience with them, Mr. Yeager was employed for a time on the canal boat "Yubadon," under command of Capt. John W. Ringler, which plied the Susquehanna from the upper coal regions to tide water, returning with a cargo of watermelons in place of the coal. After this, he was for six months in the boiler works of Enoch Reazor, as a rivet heater, but at the end of that time he decided to enter upon an entirely different field of activity and began preparing for the law.

Mr. Yeager first read law in the office of Daniel and James M. Ermentrout, prominent attorneys in Reading, and there, in January, 1880, he secured the appointment of Court Crier in all courts of the city except the Orphans Court, a capacity in which he has ever since served. He is a strong Democrat, politically, and has from early manhood been in active service for the party. His first office was in the common council, where he represented the 6th ward, and later he represented the same district in the select council, serving on the committees on law, fire and city property. He removed from the 6th ward to the 5th, which was Republican by about 285 votes, but such was the confidence inspired by Mr. Yeager's previous record, that he was elected again to the council by a majority of 96, and at the end of that term was re-elected by a majority of 116. In 1896 he was a candidate for the nomination of mayor but was defeated by one vote. Two years later, however, he secured the nomination, was elected and served with distinction. On the expiration of his term he was made city registrar and again proved himself an efficient man, as in every other capacity. He has always been a faithful worker, using his time and influence for the best interests of the city and has promoted many enterprises which proved of great benefit to the community. His valuable services have established him firmly in the good will of his fellow citizens and he stands deservedly high in Reading.

One of Mr. Yeager's main interests has for many years been the question of fire service. During his terms in the select council, his influence secured recognition of two newly organized companies in the fire department. He has been himself an active fireman since February, 1878, and during the greater part of the time has been president of the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company, never missing a meeting unless prevented by his official duties. He has also served frequently as a delegate to the State Firemen's Association and is widely known as a leading member of that body. It was almost entirely due to Mr. Yeager's efforts that the present quarters of the Keystone Truck and Chemical Company, built at a cost of $16,000, were paid for by the city the year following its erection.

On April 19, 1882, Mr. Yeager was united in marriage to Miss Kate Irene Grass, a lady whose admirable traits of character have won the affection of all with whom she is acquainted. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are devoted members of the Baptist Church.

In fraternal as well as political circles, Mr. Yeager is a prominent figure, and he belongs also to various social organizations. He is president of the Independent Gun Club, of Reading; has been president of the West End Club for eleven years; president of the Commercial Club for the past two years; is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. and A. M.; of Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; of De Molay Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar; of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; of the Foresters of America; of Wigwam No. 89, I. O. R. M.; and a charter member of Castle No. 8, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

WALTER FOLGER, a well-known hotel man of Reading, Pa., proprietor of the Folger hotel and cafe, on North Fifth street, was born in Boston, Mass., Aug. 13, 1866. Mr. Folger received his education in his native city, and for some years was employed as a reporter on the staff of the *Boston Herald*, later being connected with the Burkhardt Brewing Co. of that city.

Mr. Folger came to Reading, Pa., in April, 1901, and on September 22nd of the same year engaged in his present business. His cafe bears the reputation of being one of the most up-to-date and finest in the city of Reading, catering to the commercial trade, and to the theatrical profession. As a hotel proprietor, Mr. Folger is popular, and his up-to-date hostelry is fitted with every modern improvement of convenience to his patrons. Mr. Folger was married in Reading to Miss Annie Hemig of this city, daughter of William H. Hemig.

In fraternal circles Mr. Folger is popular and belongs to a number of organizations, among them the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 66, of which he was for one year president (he was one of the members to walk through the woods and select the site of the present beautiful home of this order); Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias; the Maccabees; Neversink Fire Company; Junior Fire Company; Humane Association; and other fraternal and social bodies.

E. C. KIEFFER, M. D., physician and surgeon at Reading, with offices at No. 810 North Fifth street, enjoys a large practice, and has been connected with some of the public medical institutions of this city.

Dr. Kieffer was born Nov. 8, 1873, at Hagerstown, Md., son of Samuel and Mary Jane (Zentmyer) Kieffer.

Dr. Kieffer was primarily educated in the common schools of Maryland, subsequently entered Juniata College, and in 1895 he became a student in the Philadelphia Medico Chirurgical College, where he took a two years' course and graduated in 1899. Dr. Kieffer then settled at Reading for the practice of his profession, shortly after being appointed house physician at St. Joseph's hospital. After the termination of his services at this institution, he located on Tenth street, where he remained some time and then moved to his present very desirable location. Dr. Kieffer has been very successful, and numbers among his patients some of the best people of Reading.

Dr. Kieffer married Ella G. Missly, and they have one child: Mary Isabel. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, R. A. M., De Molay Commandery, K. T. He is professionally connected with the Reading Medical Association, and the Berks County Medical Society. In politics the Doctor is independent.

GEORGE L. MOORE, of Gibraltar, Pa., who holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Gibraltar Iron Works, was born Jan. 10, 1883, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of Isaac C. and Amelia (Levan) Moore. The Moores settled in Robeson township in 1731, and George L. Moore is a representative of the family that located along Allegheny Creek in that year.

George Moore, great-great-grandfather of George L., resided in Robeson township. He was the father of these children: Samuel, Elias N., Joseph, Abraham, William and George, and three daughters (whose first names could not be learned, all records having been lost), Mrs. Elmgood, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Delcamp.

Samuel Moore, son of George, and great-grandfather of George L., was born Dec. 13, 1791. He was a cabinet maker and undertaker, occupations which he followed all of his active period, his death being caused in an accident on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad in February, 1847. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Seifrit), were the parents of these children: Isaac, deceased; George, deceased; Abiah S., deceased, who was with his brother Isaac in the iron business; Monroe, deceased, in the iron business with Jonathan Seidel; Samuel, who emigrated to Stephenson county, Ill., in September, 1855, where he was killed while operating a reaper, Aug. 1, 1863; Emanuel, who is a resident of Stephenson county, Ill.; Elias, deceased, a carpenter; Elisha, deceased, who was engaged in farming near Lebanon, Lebanon county; Raymond, deceased, an undertaker and contractor of Birdsboro, Pa.; Mary, deceased, who married David Slike, and resided in Harrisburg, Pa.; Lucetta, deceased, wife of Jonathan Seidel, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Susanna, deceased, who married Jonathan Barto, and resided at Elroy, Illinois.

In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Moore was a stanch Whig in politics, but it is not believed that he took more than a good citizen's interest in public matters.

Isaac Moore, son of Samuel and grandfather of George L., was born Aug. 17, 1815, and was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and when a young man engaged at iron making with the Seidels. He later became the possessor of a charcoal forge, which he operated on his own account until within a few years of his death, in 1885, when he retired. He married Sarah Clauser, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Figel) Clauser, and to this union there were born children as follows: Sarah, deceased (m. Jeremiah Boyer); Catherine, deceased (m. John Deeds); Samuel C. (m. Annie Schaeffer); and Isaac C. First a Whig Mr. Moore later became a stanch Republican, while in religious belief the family were connected with the Reformed Church.

Isaac C. Moore was educated in the common schools of Robeson township, and for fifteen years taught school there and in Exeter township. In 1881 he entered the employ of Simon Seyfert, as foreman of his farm, but later entered the iron works, where he was gradually and steadily promoted until he reached the position of superintendent, which he held at the time of his death, March 15, 1903, aged fifty-five years, three days. Mr. Moore was a business man of ability, a substantial citizen of much integrity, and a popular member of the P. O. S. of A., K. G. E., and the I. O. R. M. He was a Republican in politics. In 1868 Mr. Moore was married to Amelia Levan, by whom he had children as follows: Harvey A. m. Mamie Brown, daughter of William and Katie Brown; W. Oscar, a heater, m. Sallie Seidel, daughter of Frederick and Mary Seidel; Irvin is unmarried; Emma m. Harvey O. Clauser; Edmund, deceased, m. Virginia Cassidy; George L.; and two children died in infancy. The family are connected with the Reformed Church.

George L. Moore was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and at Brunner's Business College, Reading. He entered the employ of the Gibraltar Iron Works in the position of weighmaster, May 29, 1899, continuing as such until 1902, when he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, and at the time of his father's death he was made superintendent, of the works, in which capacity he has ably served to the present time, having under him 130 employes.

In politics Mr. Moore is a Republican, and is at present a member of the board of school directors of Robeson township. He is a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A., being a past district president of the Fifth Berks district. In December, 1908, he was selected to compile a history of the order in Berks county. He is also a member of the Commandery.

CHARLES E. SCHLAPPICH, M. D. Among the rising young medical practitioners of Berks county, Pa., one who is favorably known to the public as well as the profession is Dr. Charles E. Schlappich, who has chosen for his field of practice the borough of Bernville. Dr. Schlappich was born Jan. 5, 1882, at Shartlesville, Pa., son of Jefferson F. and Polly (Wagner) Schlappich.

William H. Schlappich, grandfather of the Doctor, is very well known at Shartlesville, where he now resides. He was born in Upper Bern township in 1832, and for many years was one of the prominent agriculturists of his district, although he now lives retired. He married Mary A. Savage, who is buried at St. Michael's Church burial ground, and they had three children: William S.; Ellen m. Frank Dietrich, of Bern township; and Jefferson F., born at Shartlesville in 1864.

Jefferson F. Schlappich now follows farming on a fine tract of Upper Bern township land. He married Polly Wagner, daughter of Ephraim Wagner, of Shartlesville, and they have had these children: Dr. Charles E.; Calvin L. m. Katie Siefert; Sallie N. m. Oliver Moll; Annie M.; Cora L.; H. William; Lawrence S. and Clarence M., twins; and Miranda E.

Charles E. Schlappich's primary education was secured in the local schools of Shartlesville, and later he attended the Bernville Academy. In the fall of 1900 he was appointed to teach in the Scull Hill school in Penn Valley, Penn township, where he taught two successive terms, and in the spring of 1903 he entered the Schissler College of Business, from which he was graduated in October of the same year. He then entered the employ of the Webster Coal & Coke Company, at Cresson, Pa., as clerk and stenographer for the chief engineer. During the winter of 1904 he entered the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, taking up college preparatory work, and entered the Baltimore Medical College in September, 1904, from which he was graduated May 24, 1903. He was a close and careful student, but was always popular with his fellows, having the honor of being

the president of the Phi Chi fraternity during his senior year. After leaving this institution, he took a general course in the Maryland General Hospital, where he secured valuable experience, and received second honorable mention out of a class of one hundred and twenty-one students. The Doctor located on Main street, Bernville, July 17, 1908. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 133, P. O. S. of A. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

Dr. Schlappich married Martha E., daughter of George J. Schwader, of Cresson, Pennsylvania.

HEBER Y. YOST, the general private secretary to President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Co., is a native of Reading, coming from a family which has long been identified with Reading and Berks county.

Nicholas Yost, grandfather of Heber, was a prominent and financially able farmer of the county, and took an active part in its development.

Francis Yost, son of Nicholas, was also an active man of affairs in the county, but has now retired. He married Emma Louisa Yocum, daughter of Daniel, who in his day was one of the wealthy landowners of the county and was also engaged in manufacturing. He owned the well-known Speedwell Forge, and Yocum was named after him. He was a Director of the Farmers National Bank of Reading. Heber Y. Yost is one of three sons born to these parents. Henry N. is Assistant Bookkeeper with the Reading Iron Company, while Daniel F. is the Treasurer and General Manager of the William F. Remppis Company.

Heber Y. Yost was born in Reading. He profited by the excellent public schools of the city, finishing the course at the Boys' High School, after which he took a business course at Prof. Brunner's business college. For a year thereafter he filled the position of assistant bookkeeper in one of the box factories of the city, then, in 1888, came to his present important and exacting position as private secretary to President Baer. His long period of service speaks volumes for his efficiency.

Mr. Yost is unmarried. He satisfies his social proclivities in membership with the Reading Library and Berkshire Country Clubs, organizations of the city. He votes with the Republicans, and in his religious life affiliates with the Trinity Lutheran Church.

H. ROBERT MAYS, a rising young attorney of the Berks county Bar, who has already become prominent in public life, was born Nov. 12, 1882, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, son of Henry J. Mays, a tanner.

H. Robert Mays attended the borough schools until fourteen years of age, and then attended Albright College at Myerstown for one year. He prepared at Franklin and Marshall Academy, and in 1898 entered Franklin and Marshall College, where he remained two years, finishing the sophomore year. In the fall of 1900 he entered Dickinson School of Law, and graduated in June, 1902, with the degree of LL. B. At this college he belonged to Allison Law Society and made a record in athletics, and at Franklin and Marshall was a member of the Goethian Literary and Nevonia Clubs and played on the 'Varsity team. After Mr. Mays' graduation from the law school he did practical office work and read law for one year with Rothermel Brothers, the senior member of this firm, Hon. John H. Rothermel, being now a member of Congress from this district. Mr. Mays was the first member of the Berks county Bar to be admitted under the new rules and regulations, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1903. Prior to that date the local board examined the applications, when, if successful, they were admitted to the Berks and Supreme Courts on motion. Under the new rules the applicants for admission to any Bar of the State must pass a severe examination by the State Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Mays was one of four applicants from this county, who took this examination Dec. 8 and 9, 1903, and was the only one that passed. On Feb. 20, 1904, he was admitted to practice at the Berks county Bar, being the youngest member admitted to that date. Since beginning practice, Mr. Mays has been interested in a number of important cases, including that of the Commonwealth vs. Miles King, a colored man indicted for murder in the first degree. Mr. Mays was one of the attorneys for the defendant, for whom there seemed little hope of escaping the gallows. After a trial of several days the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, a verdict declared wrong by the district attorney. A local paper in an editorial, under the caption: "Pretty Lucky," says: "At all events Miles King can consider himself a mighty lucky man that he escapes the gallows. He owes much to his attorneys." Mr. Mays was also an attorney for the defense in the county almshouse cases.

In political matters Mr. Mays is a Democrat, is the borough solicitor for Womelsdorf and the solicitor for the Womelsdorf Bank, as well as its notary public since 1905. He is county solicitor for Berks county, having taken up the duties of that office Jan. 4, 1909. He is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf, and of Welcome Home Grange, of Robesonia. His law office is situated at No. 541 Court street, Reading.

F. G. RUNYEON, M. D., a medical practitioner of No. 1390 Perkiomen avenue, Reading, Pa., was born Sept. 1, 1881, in the city of Reading, son of George O. and Ida (Griffith) Runyeon, natives of Berks county.

Dr. Runyeon secured his early education in the grammar and high schools of his native city, graduating from the latter in 1898, after which he took post-graduate work at same institution, entering the University of Pennsylvania in 1899. He was graduated from this great institution in 1903, with the degree of M. D., and he immediately entered the Reading Hospital where he served as resident physician for one year. On July 1, 1904, he settled in practice at his present office, where he has since continued with much success. As the people of the community have gained confidence in the Doctor, so has his practice grown. He is a close student and skilled physician, keeping well abreast of the times by his membership in the leading medical societies, including the Berks County and Reading Medical societies, the Pennsylvania Medical society, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the staff of the Reading Hospital, as assistant to Dr. W. S. Bertolet. He is fraternally connected with the Kappa Sigma and the Sigma Xi, of his University. His offices are well appointed and equipped with all the latest and most highly improved appurtenances.

On Dec. 28, 1904, Dr. Runyeon was married to Miss Anna Wobensmith, and to them there has been born one child, A. Margaret.

JAMES BOWMAN MERCER, a member of the Berks County Bar, was born in Reading, Dec. 19, 1881. His early education was obtained in private schools of the city, and he graduated from the Reading high school in 1900. He chose law for a profession, and entered Yale Law School, from which he graduated in 1903, being at that time admitted to the Bar of the State of Connecticut. After returning to his home city he was admitted to Berks County Bar on Aug. 14, 1905, and later was admitted to practise before the Supreme Court of the State. In politics, Mr. Mercer is a Republican.

His father is James R. Mercer, who is a prominent citizen of Reading, where he is a wholesale notion merchant. Mr. Mercer is one of the substantial merchants and business men of Reading. He has been a director of Keystone National Bank of Reading for many years. He is also a director of the Prince Furniture Company, operating a string of stores in Penn-

sylvania, New York and New Jersey; Penn Hardware Company; and a director and secretary of Penn Shoe Company. He is married to Ellen Louisa Bowman, daughter of the late Colonel John G. Bowman, a native of Lancaster county.

George Parker Mercer, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Philadelphia, and a descendant of an old English family. He operated a line of boats between Philadelphia and tropical ports.

DR. FRANKLIN FULFORTH MASSEY, a rising young physician of Womelsdorf borough, Berks county, was born Sept. 15, 1881, in Philadelphia, Pa., son of John M. Massey, and grandson of Charles Massey, a well-known business man of Philadelphia, who died there at the age of ninety years.

John M. Massey was born Oct. 3, 1848, in Philadelphia, and there obtained his education, his early employment being in the brass business, in which he still continues, having been employed by the same firm for the past thirty-two years. He married Martha Wright Nelson, daughter of James and Eliza Jane (Chapel) Nelson, of an old and prominent Virginian family, and to this union there were born the following children: Charles, inspector for the Keystone Telephone Company, of Philadelphia, whose twin brother died in infancy; James Nelson, who died when three years of age; Dr. Franklin F.; and DeWitt F., who is engaged in the dry goods business in Philadelphia.

Dr. Franklin Fulforth Massey attended the public schools of Philadelphia, and after taking the course at Temple College, entered Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, being graduated with the class in medicine in 1903. He was the first interne at the Crozer Hospital at Chester, and superintended the building of his apartments, also assisting in purchasing the instruments at the hospital. After leaving Chester, he located in Philadelphia for a short time, but on Jan. 24, 1905, he came to Womelsdorf and located on High street, where he has since continued in practice. He has won the confidence of the people of his community, and his practice extends not only throughout Womelsdorf, but to Reading, covering a radius of ten miles from the borough. Since 1906 he has been the specialist at the Homoeopathic Hospital, Reading, on ear, eye and throat diseases, and he is also the examiner for the Manhattan, Fidelity, Hartford and Prudential insurance companies. Dr. Massey is a member of the State and county medical societies; of the Alumni of his college, and O. U. A. M. Council No. 69, of Womelsdorf. He holds membership in Zion Lutheran Church, where he has been very active in the Sunday-school as superintendent, and as teacher of a class of young men.

DANIEL A. ROTHENBERGER, who is engaged in trucking near Friedensburg, Berks county, has also been very successful as a teacher. He was born in Ruscombmanor township, at Basket, Feb. 11, 1858, and was reared to farming. At the age of sixteen he went to learn the carpenter's trade under his grandfather, Daniel Angstadt, and this trade he followed eight seasons. His early education had been obtained in the township schools and at Oley Academy, and in 1876 he was licensed to teach by Prof. Samuel A. Baer. He taught his first four terms in Alsace township, and since then has taught in Oley, having taught in all thirty-two terms, and having a high place in the educational world of Berks county.

In politics Mr. Rothenberger is a firm believer in Democratic principles, and has been active in his party's welfare. He has been committeeman from Oley township, and assistant assessor, and has also served as delegate to county and State conventions. In 1906 he was a candidate for the State Legislature, and made a very creditable run. From the time he was twelve years old he has been connected with the Lutheran Sunday-school, and has been teacher and superintendent. He is a member of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 154, K. P.; Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E.; and Council No. 123, O. U. A. M., of Oley.

In 1882 Mr. Rothenberger married Clara Lutz, daughter of John and Mary (Freyberger) Lutz, of Exeter township. Twelve children have been born of this union: Mary m. Wilson Reinert; John C. m. Lilah M. Haring; Sophia; Sallie m. Peter Angstadt; George; Charles; Daniel died in infancy; Sylvester; Roy; Clara; Leon; Catharine.

JOHN C. ROTHENBERGER, son of Daniel A., was born in Oley township Aug. 28, 1884, and is now engaged as a merchant in Griesemersville. He was reared upon the farm and attended the public schools and Oley Academy, later going to State College and taking a special course in dairying. He then assisted for a short time in the New Jerusalem Creamery, and in 1904 came to Griesemersville, conducting there the creamery for M. B. Clauser. On May 1, 1908, he took charge of the store at Griesemersville, purchasing the good-will, stock and fixtures for Mr. Clauser, and he has a fine country trade.

On April 25, 1908, Mr. Rothenberger married Lilah M. Haring, daughter of James and Sophia (Falkenstein) Haring, of Oley township, and a daughter, Ethel Marguerite H., was born to them Jan. 11, 1909. In fraternal societies Mr. Rothenberger has taken an active interest, belonging to Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E.; the Red Men at Friedensburg; and Lodge No. 1109, I. O. O. F., at Griesemersville, in which he is past grand. He is a member of Friedens Lutheran Church. On May 1, 1908, he was made assistant postmaster at Griesemersville.

JEROME B. BAGENSTOSE, of Penn township, proprietor of the "Penn Valley Hotel," was born in the place where he now resides, Jan. 30, 1878, son of Daniel and Emma (Bender) Bagenstose.

Jonathan Bagenstose, grandfather of Jerome B., followed farming in Centre township, where he died, being buried at Belleman's Church. On March 21, 1833 (according to the old family Bible now in the possession of Jerome B. Bagenstose), Jonathan Bagenstose married Maria, daughter of John Zerbe, and the same authority gives the births of their children as follows: Israel, Nov. 25, 1833, and William, Sept. 20, 1835, who are both living in Centre township; Catherine, March 22, 1837, and Johannes, Feb. 9, 1839, both of whom died in Centre township; Elias, April 14, 1841, who died in Penn Valley, May 17, 1904; Sarah, March 13, 1843, m. to Mayberry Leinbach, and living in Centre; Daniel, Feb. 25, 1845; Isaac, Nov. 26, 1847, living at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county; Henrich, Sept. 23, 1849, living in Centre; and Levi, Sept. 9, 1851, living at Downingtown, Chester county.

Daniel Bagenstose was born in Centre township, and when a young man engaged in work upon the home farm, but later learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years. He came to Penn Valley, in 1875, where he engaged in the hotel business, in which he continued for a period of thirty years, his death occurring Aug. 7, 1903. He was a director in the Bernville Live Stock Insurance Company, and the Bernville Horse Protection Association, positions which are now held by his son Jerome B., and he was also delegate to numerous county conventions. He is buried at Belleman's Church. Mr. Bagenstose married Emma Bender, daughter of John Bender, and they had the following five children: James, who died in Penn Valley; Francis, who died in Penn Valley; Jerome B.; and two who died in infancy.

Jerome B. Bagenstose attended the public schools of Penn Valley and assisted his father in the hotel business, taking charge thereof in 1894 and in 1905 he purchased the hotel property, eighty-two acres of land fifteen miles from Reading on the Bernville road. This is one of the oldest established stands in the county, and Mr. Bagenstose enjoys a fine traveling

trade. He is a Democrat in politics, and in addition to serving on election boards in his township, was made a member of the school board in 1902 and re-elected in 1907, and he is now serving as president of that body. For one year he served as postmaster at Scull Hill. He is a member of Belleman's Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 399, P. O. S. of A., of Scull Hill; Commandery No. 15, of Bernville; and Lodge No. 122, I. O. O. F., of Bernville.

Mr. Bagenstose married Polly Naftzinger, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Epting) Naftzinger, and they have three children: Francis, Clarence and Florence, the two latter being twins.

HENRY SEIDERS is a representative citizen of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., engaged in the manufacture of boilers. He was born May 2, 1858, in Lebanon county, this State, son of William and Mary (Hoffman) Seiders.

Friederich Seiders, his grandfather, was from the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was born about 1792, dying in 1847. His wife, Christina, bore him fourteen children, among them being Jacob, Godlieb, Friederich, Godfrey, Charles and William.

William Seiders was born in February, 1822, and died of dropsy, July 9, 1875. He was a boiler-maker by occupation. He was the father of these children: Christina married John Engelbach; Mary married William A. Nagel; Elizabeth died in her nineteenth year; Charles married Crilla Clillinger; Rosa married John Burkert; Henry; Lewis died in childhood; William died single aged thirty-three years; Maud, deceased, married John Pennypacker; Annie is deceased; three children died young.

Henry Seiders attended the public schools of Reading—whither his family had removed when he was still quite young—until he was thirteen years of age, and then learned the trade of boiler-making, which he has followed ever since. In 1886 he engaged in the manufacture of boilers at East Stroudsburg, employing thirty-five men, and in 1901 sold out at this place, coming to Hamburg in September of that year. Here he engaged in the same business, and now employs a force of fifteen men. His boilers have a ready sale in the open markets, and are shipped to all countries of the world. He resides with his family in his own residence at the corner of Grand and Third streets, Hamburg.

Mr. Seiders was married March 10, 1882, to Catherine Fisher, daughter of George and Mary (Mast) Fisher, and four children have been born to this union: Harry A., Mary L., Glossie W. and Nellie E.

HUYETT FAMILY IN AMERICA.* To begin with those who "came over," and to explain away the traditional theory that the Huyetts came from France—which all admit that none of them have been able to prove—it may be said in proof of the fact that the name came from Germany that their very French branch proves to be the most German of the entire stock. Let us be honest and call it Romano-Germanized-American. There is satisfactory evidence that the quartette of ancestors of whom we find record came directly from the German Palatinate to this country. It does not seem natural to think that the French Huguenots brought the name over and established it in southeastern Pennsylvania, for the simple reason that when 500,000 Huguenots left the borders of France in one year they came over from fifty to one hundred years previous to the Protestant persecution in Germany. Furthermore, they nearly all tended south to the Carolinas and settled North and South Carolina. The constant warfare between Germany and France made so much feeling, that the French would naturally flee from the Germans as soon as the Germans had root. This is a fact of history which is almost self-evident. In what follows we record the Huyetts as they emigrated hither, the lines being given of three who came directly. Several of the others cannot be certainly connected.

(I) Peter Huyett, born in 1702, emigrated in the ship "Samuel," Capt. Hugh Percy, sailing from Rotterdam. He was thirty-five years old, and married. The ship's log plainly says that he was a native of the German Palatinate, and does not mention Huguenots, which it does every time it brought Huguenots over. This seems to be proof enough for all French doubters. This ship "Samuel," last from Cowes, England, arrived here Aug. 30, 1737; 318 passengers. This Peter Huyett is the earliest of the name in America. His children were: Jacob is mentioned below; Anna Catherine, born Dec. 6, 1742, died Jan. 11, 1818, m. John Heiferichin, born March 10, 1743, died Dec. 25, 1813; Christopher, born in 1744, was unmarried in 1765 (this is the only record there is of him, and he may have been in the Revolution); George, born Oct. 6, 1747, was killed in the battle of Germantown, where he was serving as colonel in the Continental army; Catherine died young; Philip, born in 1754, died in 1822, settled in Robeson township in 1794 (his wife's name was Margaret, and among the children of his son Jacob was Vane, who had a son William). The records show that Peter Huyett (1702) had 200 acres of land in Exeter April 5, 1733 (?).

(I) Frantz Carl Huyett, born in 1708 in the Palatinate, emigrated in the ship "Glasgow," Capt. Walter Sterling, from Rotterdam, which arrived Sept. 7, 1738, with 349 passengers. He was thirty years old, and married. There is no name more German than Frantz or Carl, and the compiler does not believe a Frenchman would have used these names at that particular time. From Philadelphia he drifted across the Susquehanna river into Washington county, Md., near Hagerstown. He had a son Ludwig and some daughters.

(I) Michael Huyett, born in 1719, started for England at the age of twenty. At thirty he left England in the ship "Leslie," Capt. J. Balledium, 450 passengers, arrived Oct. 7, 1749, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England; he was also a native of the Palatinate, from Manheim, Zweibrücken. Michael no doubt went to England in 1738 and tried to settle with the German colony in lower England, about one thousand, where he remained ten years. He became so English that he could scarcely talk German any more. He lived in Exeter township, then in Philadelphia county, until the French and Indian war, when he marched with Generals Braddock and Washington to Pittsburg, to be defeated and killed in 1755, whereupon the Indians became so brave as to drive Frantz and Peter Huyett across the Susquehanna river into Maryland, where Frantz found rich soil and settled; but Peter came back on horseback to Exeter township, which he had helped to organize in 1741 (or 1749), afterward visiting his Maryland brother.

(I) Ambrose Huett must be of this stock, the difference in the form of the name being accounted for by the lack of general education in those days. He came over in the "Peter Bonaventure," from London, England, when twenty-seven years old, arriving April 3, year not known. He was lost in the Revolutionary war.

There was another emigrant, who may or may not belong to this stock, and who is here mentioned simply for the sake of the doubt. But there are so many Jacobs in the family that it seems reasonable he is one of the Huyetts, and the difference in the spelling of the last name may be only a misprint, as the name was used in many forms then. This emigrant, Jacob Huwitt, emigrated in the "Phoenise," Capt. Reuben Honor, 500 passengers, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arriving Nov. 22, 1752. We have no further record of him here.

The compiler has further names of others probably connected with the family, and hopes to add to the list by continued research. But it is a very difficult task. So far he has gathered several thousand names, dates, etc., out of more than one dozen States, into which the Huy-

*This sketch of the Huyett family is written by Harvey T. Huyett, of Shillington, Berks Co., Pa., a son of the late Daniel Huyett, of the same place. Harvey T. Huyett has become quite a student, and has taken some interest in the study of and careful research into the family history. After considerable thought he feels that nearly all—if not quite—of what is contained in this sketch is as near correct as it can be made at present.

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etts have spread; and in half a dozen counties here in Pennsylvania are found numerous representatives of this good stock.

These Huyetts came from the city of Worms, Germany, and vicinity, out of a district twenty miles west and ten miles east of and along the river Rhine, mostly southwest. They were all thrifty Christians, and for this reason were persecuted there, and even followed here by the same spirit which prevailed at the time.

Some years ago a German who passed through Virginia tracing the name, said that he had traced the name through Germany back to Rome. Therefore we can say that it is a very old name, and has proved to be one of the best wherever found. Many of the best settlers in Pennsylvania came over at the time they emigrated, and the Huyetts have intermarried with the Boones, Hartmans, Bechtels, Beidlers, and Pennepackers. Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania is a second cousin to James Pennepacker, of Shillington, Pa., who married Catherine Huyett (second cousin of Daniel Huyett, father of Harvey T.), daughter of Isaac, great-grandson of Peter Huyett (who came over in the ship "Samuel"). This Catherine Huyett's brother, Joseph Huyett, married James Pennepacker's sister. A great-great-great-grandson of the Boone who settled in Exeter, Pa., near Peter Huyett, married a daughter of Cyrus Huyett, first cousin of Harvey T. Huyett.

The emigrant Peter Huyett at one time purchased a large farm from Abraham Lincoln's grandfather, when Lincoln went to Kentucky. Some years afterward the Lincolns rebought the farm, which is still in Lincoln hands. This presumably happened when Peter Huyett became lost. Tradition has it that he was in the habit of visiting his Maryland brother, going by horseback from below Reading, Pa., to Cavetown, near Hagerstown, Md., and while on one of his return trips to Pennsylvania his horse tripped and fell, Peter dashing head first on a rock, breaking his neck. Consequently he was never heard from. The compiler has no wish to set tradition aside, but if there is any guess-work about this circumstance he would like to record his own theory. It is known from the records that Peter Huyett was very actively interested in the political and civic welfare of his district and Commonwealth. In 1741 he was the first tax collector of his township, and in 1752 he helped to organize the county, and records also show that he was actively connected along these lines up to 1755, when he suddenly dropped out of sight, disappearing completely. Therefore I would suggest that the Indians scalped him, as they did Henry Hartman, H. T. Huyett's grandmother's grandfather. For the French helped the Indians to become very bold in 1755, when they defeated the careless General Braddock at Pittsburg, and Mr. Huyett is convinced that Peter Huyett was one of their victims, thus ending a brave and honorable career.

Mr. Huyett's grandfather, John Huyett, great-grandson of this Peter, married Elizabeth Hartman. Her grandfather, Henry Hartman, came from Germany, not many miles from the town of Worms, in the Palatinate by the river Rhine, and a John Hartman may have been his brother or his oldest son. Henry Hartman's widow said that on Oct. 16, 1755 (other witnesses say Oct. 30th is the correct date), her husband, who was out on the hill working, and his oldest son were murdered by the Indians, but that the daughter was spared her life, but was missing. The two men were scalped by a number of Indians, who were pursued by twenty-six whites. Adam Reed (a white man) found the Hartman bodies with the skin cut off their heads, and buried both of them in one grave on the spot where they were killed, to avoid their being carried away by men or attacked by birds of the air. They were buried Oct. 31, 1755, without removing their clothes or looking at their possessions, according to a letter from Reed to William Parsons on Nov. 1, 1755. These Hartmans lived in Bethel township, the Indians being numerous on the western slope of the Blue mountains, and every fall they would creep over to the eastern valley and carry away the grain crops the white men had raised during an entire season. The Hartmans and Fishers and other whites gradually drew southeasterly, to Muhlenberg and Oley townships.

If we could realize the endurance of our ancestors, and the ordeals through which they had to pass, our hearts' gratitude would surely be theirs. Breaking away from all friends and home ties, with their penny knotted in a handkerchief tied around a limb, they sold themselves to the captain of a ship like so many sheep or oxen. Then the captain gave them free steerage; but at this end of the passage they found another knot had been put in their string, as the captain made auction sale of them, releasing them to the farmers who offered the highest bid, whom they had to serve until the price was earned off; the women had to serve many years. This must have been worse than any hardship the descendants of these courageous people would endure, even for their kith and kin. However, there were means of softening these severe conditions. A particular or close friend already settled here would be requested to meet the newcomer from the Old World when his ship came in, and be sure to bid the highest price for him or her. Otherwise they might be lost to each other forever, by being sold to someone in a distant section.

The Huyetts have had all these trying experiences, but they have prospered and multiplied, the name being well represented in the present generation. We shall now trace the direct line of Harry T. and M. Luther Huyett.

(II) Jacob Huyett, son of Peter, born April 23, 1732, died April 2, 1802. He and his wife, Maria Gegin, born Jan. 4, 1735, died Nov. 22, 1803, had a married life of forty years. They are buried at the Schwartzwald Church. They had nine children, of whom Henry, born April 28, 1759, died Nov. 17, 1816; he married Christiana Beiberer (daughter of Henry), born March 9, 1759, died March 8, 1841. Christian was mentioned in 1767 (no dates, but was unmarried). John, born Oct. 30, 1763, died Nov. 27, 1825; his wife, Sophia, born Feb. 6, 1763, died Oct. 7, 1813 (their children were: William, Christian, Philip and Catherine, born Oct. 1, 1789, died Aug. 9, 1794; of these, Philip, born in 1784, married Mary Lash, and their son John had a son Vane Calvin, born Feb. 7, 1859, whose son William lives at Shillington, Berks county). Jacob, born March 8, 1766, married Rosina Bechtel in 1790, and died Jan. 19, 1831; his father sold him a farm of 180 acres in Cumru (adjoining his brother Ludwig's), near the Five Mile House, now owned by one of the Huyett daughters. Catherine, born Nov. 17, 1772, died May 26, 1840, unmarried. Ludwig and Philip are mentioned below.

(III) Ludwig Huyett, son of Jacob, born in 1761, died Sept. 30, 1799, aged thirty-eight. His grave has not yet been located. John Huyett, his brother, signed off, also John Beaver and Christian Gernant. On June 5, 1787, his father sold him a farm of 273 acres in Cumru township, Berks county. He and his brother Jacob had some slaves, and from five to ten cows and sheep. He and his wife Magdalena had children: Catherine m. John Shoup, born Nov. 17, 1790, died May 25, 1840, son of Peter Shoup, the emigrant; Leah; George, born Aug. 18, 1793, died Aug. 25, 1857; John. Of these, George m. Sarah Gicker July 16, 1814, had children as follows: John had a daughter Amanda (m. Henry Matz and had Eve Ann, John, Rose, Daur and Sallie); George went to the war and did not return (he m. Mary Reifsneider and had John, whose son John had Sallie, Cora, Irwin and others; Obediah, who had a son Harry; Mrs. Dr. Ammon, of Reading, and Wellington, who m. a Smith); Jacob, born Jan. 17, 1820, died June 26, 1866, unmarried; Polly (or Margaret) married (first) a Mr. Umpenhaur and (second) Isaac Idyl, by whom she had a son Isaac.

(IV) John Huyett, youngest son of Ludwig, born June 11, 1798, baptized Sept. 8, 1798, died Jan. 22, 1887. He was a very successful farmer, being able to give a farm to each of his numerous children. He married Elizabeth Hartman, daughter of John Hartman, whose father Henry was the "Bravado." These are the Hartmans previously mentioned as having suffered at the hands of the Indians. We have the following record of their children:

(V) Garson Huyett, son of John, born March 25, 1823, died July 17, 1890. He became a wealthy farmer, and like all the family a valuable citizen. He m. Eve Gaul (daughter of Christian and granddaughter of Peter, the emigrant), born July 29, 1821, died April 8, 1895. Their children were: Henry m. Catherine Reber and had Thomas (whose children were Minerva, George, and two deceased), Irwin (no children), Harry (one child) and Nora (unmarried); Sarah m. Henry Grill and had Annie and Frank (neither has children); Cyrus m. Annie Kurtz and had children, John (no children), Charles (no children), Ellanora (children, Blanche Viola, Alice Esther and Mary Grace), Cyrus (children, Alice Pearl, Charles Walter and Minerva Ruth), Oscar Kurtz (no children), Ivan (no children), Alvin (no children), Adam Franklin (no children) and Mary Alice (no children); Mary m. Adam Grill, but had no children.

(V) Mary Huyett, daughter of John, born Nov. 16, 1824, died young.

(V) Leah Huyett, daughter of John, born Dec. 2, 1826, is unmarried. She was a great help to her father for many years. She and her sister Sarah lived together.

(V) Sarah Huyett, daughter of John, born Feb. 11, 1828, died Aug. 5, 1909. She m. Daniel K. Zacharias, and they had eleven children, nine daughters and two sons, one of whom died recently: Mary had no children; Emma, Mrs. Hassler, had four children, Irwin, Earl, Eida and Margaret; Elizabeth died young; Carolina m. Allen Schwoyer and had three children, Charles (who has several children), Nora (unmarried) and John (deceased); Amanda m. F. Shalter and had James, Frank (in State of Washington), John, Carrie and Florence; Charles m. Eve Pennepacker and had Minnie (who is m. to Rev. Mr. Raub, a U. B. minister, and has one son); Wellington m. Ella Hornberger and had a daughter Gertrude; Clara m. Adam Ruth and had Adam and Nora; Catherine m. Michael Kintzer and had Chester, Leroy and Charles; Rebecca m. William Krick and had Irwin (who had one child, deceased) and Sallie; Gertrude died in infancy.

(V) John Huyett, son of John, born Sept. 28, 1829, died young.

(V) Elizabeth Huyett, daughter of John, born Sept. 12, 1831, died March 29, 1895, unmarried.

(V) Charles Huyett, son of John, born April 30, 1833, died Aug. 16, 1894. He, too, was a well-to-do farmer. He m. Elizabeth Beidler, and they had: Annie m. John Huyett, son of Joshua, a third cousin, and had a daughter Annie and a son; Evan, of Center county, Pa., had a daughter Lelia and a son; Olean m. Annie Wenrich, of Sinking Spring, Pa., and had a daughter Catherine; Alice m. Oliver Miller and had a son Warren.

(V) Lewis Huyett, son of John, born July 30, 1834, died Oct. 1, 1865, unmarried.

(V) Daniel, son of John, born Aug. 7, 1836, died Dec. 26, 1900; he was buried New Year's Day in Sinking Spring cemetery, and had a very large funeral. In 1860 he m. Lydia Gaul (daughter of William, son of Peter who came over), born Oct. 26, 1830, and still living. They had the following children, all born on the old homestead: (1) Calvin Douglas, born Sept. 13, 1864, died young. (2) Garson McClellan, born June 21, 1863, m. Emma Ruth, of Wernersville, Pa., daughter of Michael Ruth, a wealthy retired farmer, and (second) Susan Hartman, of North Reading, and had three children, Victor (by the first marriage), Maple and Lillie. He was licensed to teach, and taught several terms before his marriage, later teaching four terms more; graduated from a business and shorthand school of Reading and obtained a good position as stenographer with the Pennsylvania Railway Company; transferred to Sunnyside, Ark., where he was superintendent of a large cotton plantation for some years, and is now in the business of building and selling houses, living at Reading. (3) Emma Adeline, born July 19, 1866, m. Morris A. Ernst, of Bernville, and now lives in Shoemakersville, Mr. Ernst having this year retired from farming and built a home in the village, besides which he owns two fine farms, woodland, etc. They have two children, Lincoln (studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania) and Flora. (4) Martha Madora, born Nov. 27, 1867, m. Jacob S. Hatt, son of Samuel and Carolina Hatt, and had Charles and Irwin (the latter died young). Mr. Hatt is a well-to-do farmer and farmed his large place until several years ago, when he purchased the large grocery and department store in Reading which he has since conducted in connection with the management of his farm. (5) Harvey Tyson and (6) M. Luther are mentioned below.

Daniel Huyett even exceeded his father in local influence and in accumulation of wealth. He was careful, honest, thrifty, fair-minded and possessed of fine judgment. He farmed the finest of the Huyett estates, a property of 108 acres of excellent land (on which is a remarkably fine spring), now owned by his son Harvey. For many years he owned another of the finest farms in the state, 111 acres in Heidelberg township, Berks county, one mile west of Wernersville, which he sold to the state of Pennsylvania for a State sanitarium site; there is also a fine spring on this place. Daniel Huyett always took great interest in the affairs of the community, and was looked up to for his intelligence as well as his sterling uprightness. He was a stanch Democrat, and not only had a reputation as a valuable party man, but was also esteemed for the services he rendered in the locality as school director for many years and juryman; he rendered special services on the grand jury, being well up on points of law and court customs, and well acquainted with the best lawyers, judges, and civil officials.

Mrs. Daniel Huyett was a daughter of William Gaul (born June 17, 1780, died March 30, 1857) and his wife Rosina Wenrich (born Jan. 12, 1786, died April 19, 1866). Mr. Gaul was an expert blacksmith, engaged in business near Shillington. Three of his sons went as far West as Ohio, making the journey on horseback. The family were all earnest Christians, and all bore Bible names, John, Joel, Levi, Lydia, Elizabeth, Reuben, etc. William Gaul's uncle married a Huyett, and her father married a sister of this Jacob Gaul. William Gaul's grandfather came over in 1767, and his descendants are now scattered all over the country.

(V) James Huyett, son of John, born Dec. 22, 1839, is still living. He farmed the place which formerly belonged to his father, now his own property, retiring from active work about ten years ago. He was an honest business man and a useful citizen, serving his locality and State well. He is a Democrat, and has done much for his party. He was frugal and successful, at present owning two very good farms and two houses, and has financed a stocking factory. He married Mary Gaul, daughter of Solomon and Catherine Gaul, the latter living to be ninety-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Huyett had children as follows: Carrie died unmarried; Walter, a veterinary surgeon, m. Sophia Coleman and had Edith and Violet; Alva m. Howard Bender and had Luther H.

(V) Anna Huyett, daughter of John, born Dec. 29, 1843, m. Richard Hain and had sons Franklin (who had a son Richard) and Charles (who had no children). Richard Hain came from the oldest and best Colonial stock in this part of the world. Mr. and Mrs. Hain were well-to-do farming people until they retired some twenty years ago, and they are residing in Wernersville, having erected a mansion on the lower end of their farm. She is a handsome and well built woman. One of her sons is principal of a large school at Cape May; the other manager of a stocking factory in Wernersville.

(VI) Harvey T. Huyett, author of this family sketch, is neither a D. D. nor quite an M. D., never having asked for either degree though he may be deserving of both. He graduated with first and special honors, at the head of a large class, from the Brooklyn Institute of First Aid to The Injured & Diseased, which made him a very active member of the Red Cross Society of Brooklyn's greatest institution. He was born March 17, 1870, on the old 100-acre Huyett homestead, near Shillington, Pa., which farm he now owns, and is living in the famous mansion of his father on Lancaster avenue, Shillington.

He received a district school education, after which he took several terms in the Charter Oak Academy, at Sinking Spring, Pa., and several in the Keystone State Normal School. He was licensed to teach district schools by Supt. David S. Keck, but did not engage in the profession. He then entered the Frank Harrison Shorthand College, Newark, N. J., where he graduated with special honors, after which he occupied a splendid position in New York City, and at the same time took three courses in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, the greatest institution of its kind in the country. He was a stenographer of expert qualities, both in the court and commercial lines of New York City, and occupied several good positions there.

Mr. Huyett married May 21, 1898, in New York City, Catherine Swain, daughter of John Jackson and Anna Barbara (Beyerer) Swain, of Butler, Pa., her father being a tradesman in and about Pittsburg. To this union were born Ruth Washington, John Bryan, Claude Harvey and Grace Catherine. Mrs. Huyett's grandmother was a Brown, either a sister or cousin of the famous John Brown.

(VI) M. Luther Huyett, M. D., one of the rising young physicians of Berks county, whose chosen field of practice is the borough of Shillington, Pa., was born Aug. 7, 1874, on the Huyett homestead in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Lydia (Gaul) Huyett. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of his township, taught public school for two terms, graduated from the Interstate Commercial College in 1892, attended Palatinate College, at Myerstown, and Muhlenberg College, and in 1900 graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, later taking a special course in diseases of the ear, nose and throat at the same institution. After graduation Dr. Huyett established himself at Shillington, where he soon built up a large practice, of which many an older practitioner could well feel proud. In 1901 he purchased the well-known Rev. M. L. Fritch estate, which is located at the corner of Lancaster avenue and Miller street, in Shillington, and in 1905 he erected the handsome pebble-dashed residence which is one of the finest in the place. The Doctor is very public-spirited and is an exemplary citizen. He is a Democrat in political matters, and he is fraternally connected with Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 485 at Mohnton, the O. of I. A. (No. 186) at Shillington, and Reading Tent of Maccabees, and is examiner of two of the former orders. He is also examiner for a number of well-known insurance companies. He is connected with the county, state and national medical societies, is at present physician at the County Almshouse, and a member of the Board of Health of Shillington.

On June 9, 1898, Dr. Huyett married Ella N. Bitting, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Worley) Bitting. They have no children.

(III) Philip Huyett, youngest son of Jacob Huyett (1732), married Magdalena Klohs, youngest daughter of John Klohs, son of Thomas Klohs, of Alsace township, Feb. 9, 1794, in presence of Jacob Klohs, in minister's house. (John Klohs was buried Sept. 23, 1795, by Thomas Klohs, who, born on Dec. 6, 1723, had ten children. Jacob Klohs m. Catherine Baldy Sept. 13, 1789). Philip and Magdalena Huyett had children: Daniel, born March 11, 1795, died in middle age; Catherine m. a Moyer; Elizabeth; Samuel m. Elizabeth Troop (he was born about 1805, and died in 1854, aged forty-nine years); Margaret (perhaps); Jacob, born Oct. 10, 1810 (sponsors, Henry and Catherine Focht); Mary (born in 1812) m. Jacob Klohs.

(IV) Samuel Huyett, born about 1805, married Elizabeth Troop, and they had children: (1) John, who died when seventy-two years old, was twice married, first to Susan Griffith (sister of his brother Isaac's wife), and second to Sarah Machamer (sister of his brother Augustus' wife). There were nine children by the first union: Samuel, of Gibraltar, Pa.; John, of Reading, Pa.; Israel, of Baumansville, Pa. (he has three children); Harrison, of York county, Pa.; Catherine; Elizabeth; Lydia; Susan; and Harvey, of Turkey Hill, Pa. There were five children by the second marriage: Martin, another son, and three daughters, all of Turkey Hill. (2) Isaac, who died when sixty-two years old, married Maria Griffith, and they had children as follows: August, John, Isaac, Jacob, Annie (who has two children), Emma, Carolina and Cassanna. (3) Jacob, who died in his twenties, went to the Civil war in 1864 under a captain popularly known as "Cheap John of Unchsterdam" and was killed on the battlefield. (4) Samuel, now sixty-six years old, went to Chester county, where he resides with a child. He no doubt had other children. (5) Adam, born in 1845, is still living. He entered the service of the Union in August, 1862, under Capt. Patterson Galt, 122d Pennsylvania Infantry, and saw service in Maryland and Virginia, going on to Fredericksburg. He was mostly on guard duty. When he had been at the front six months he was taken sick with typhoid fever, was four weeks in hospital, suffered with frostbitten finger tips and feet, and was taken to Washington hospital. On account of gangrene he lost both his feet, and though obliged to wear cork limbs he walks as well as anyone, attracting no notice. He married Lovina Behm, and they have had fourteen children, seven dying in infancy. The others are: Barton, Adam, Joshua (a shoemaker, unmarried) Franklin (unmarried), Annie (whose children are Wood, Florence, Susan, Dora and Nellie), Hettie (whose children are William, Charles and Adam), and Dora (who has a son, Howard). (6) Augustus, who died when sixty years old, was twice married, first to Catharine Machamer, by whom he had: Irwin, of Ephrata, Pa., who has one child, Maple), William (who has had a family of six, Bertha—who died when sixteen years old, Edna, Harry, Annie, Girdie, and Charles, the last named deceased), Vane, Elizabeth, Emma, Catherine and Cora. His second marriage was to Esther Lambert, of Reading, by whom he had two children, Oscar and Charles.

(IV) Sarah Huyett, daughter of Henry (son of Jacob, son of Peter), born April 28, 1782, died Dec. 9, 1866.

(IV) Jacob Huyett, son of Henry, born March 25, 1784, died Feb. 2, 1842. He lived along the Schuylkill river, in Exeter, Pa., and bought and farmed the best farm in the county at the Beaver Creek lands, Hagerstown, Md. On Jan. 10, 1809, he m. Maria Steiner. Their children were as follows: (1) Jeremiah went West fifty years ago, to Montgomery county, Kans., where he homesteaded 160 acres. He had three sons, George, Jacob and Daniel, all of whom own farms, and four daughters, not named. (2) John had children: Jacob (who died at the age of forty-five), Claggett (who died at the age of twenty-eight) and a daughter, also deceased. Jacob is survived by two children, Charles, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. William Arts, of Hagerstown, Md. Shortly after Claggett's death his wife moved to Illinois; they had several children. (3) Susan, born in 1833, died Feb. 3, 1852. (4) Jacob had a family of seven: Millard, who opened a store four miles west of Hagerstown, Md., where the Green Castle turnpike crosses the old National turnpike, about thirty years ago, and the town has ever since been known as Huyett (he had no children); Franklin, a tradesman of Hagerstown, Md.; Isaac, in Oregon; Daniel, a trucker near Hagerstown, Md.; and Mollie, Alice and Susan, all married. (5) Leah was born Dec. 2, 1826, on the Huyett homestead, on the same day and year as Leah (now living at Shillington, aged eighty-three), daughter of John Huyett, of Cumru township, near Shillington; the coincidence is somewhat remarkable, as the parents were not acquainted at the time. Isaac Huyett, of Exeter, Pa., also had a daughter Leah born the same year, 1826, who died young. Leah Huyett m. J. A. R. Brewer, and lived to be forty-five years old. (6) Elizabeth m. Henry Stough, and lived to be seventy-seven years old. (7) Daniel, born in 1823, died May 31, 1905, was engaged as a farmer, merchant, miller and fertilizer manufacturer. His children were: John B., who had four sons and four daughters, Eugene, Brinham, Jacob, Earl, Zelene, Betty, Bertha and

Clara; Huron A., whose children were Daniel G. (manager of the Colorado Telephone Company at Longmont, Colo.), Margaretta S., Virginia, Eva, Maizie, and Dorothy; Luther A., whose children are William (he has 600 acres of the finest land near Winchester, Va.) and Edna; Margaretta O.; and Nettie R. (who had six children, all of whom died in childhood). (8) Mary m. Walter B. McCoy, of Illinois, and lived to be sixty-two years old. (9) Sarah m. her first cousin, Henry Huyett, son of (IV) John.

(IV) John Huyett, son of Henry, of Berryville, Va., born Nov. 2, 1785, died in 1859. His children were: (1) Henry married his first cousin, Sarah, daughter of his uncle Jacob, and they had three sons and two daughters, the sons being Luther R., John (prosperous farmers in Virginia) and Calvin (in San Francisco, Cal., where his Turkish bath-house, valued at $18,000, was destroyed in the recent earthquake). The daughters had some children. (2) Mrs. Myers had children. (3) Mrs. Mary Shawl (or Shall) had Sallie and other children. (4) Samuel, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., died aged fifty-three years, five months, one day. (5) Sarah. (6) John, born June 4, 1804, died Nov. 11, (year not given on tombstone).

(IV) Margaret Huyett, daughter of Henry, born June 11, 1789, died Dec. 11, 1790.

(IV) Abraham Huyett, son of Henry, was born April 5, 1790. On April 18, 1812, he m. Eva Leiss, of Alsace. His children were as follows: (1) Charles, born Dec. 16, 1812, died in the Civil war. He was one of the jury that convicted the famous John Brown. He was twice married, first to Jane Noland and second to Jane Williamson, by whom he had no children. By the first union he had eight children, four of whom married and live in Saline county, Mo.: Angeline married Mr. Brewer, of Hagerstown; Samuel married Ida May Osbourne and had one son; William married a Western woman in Missouri and had two sons; Charlotte did not marry; Emma married Robert Billmeyer; Robert married Molly Kyle and had six daughters; Lulu married Dr. A. A. Wheeler and had one daughter; Maggie married Samuel O'Grady and had two sons and one daughter. (2) Samuel, born in 1814, died in 1892. By his first wife, Sidney Jones, he had children: Charles died unmarried during the Civil war; Eugene m. Maggie Timberlake and had six daughters and three sons, Temple, Ernest and Charles; Laura m. John Jobe and had one son, Eugene; Lucy m. Samuel Quimbly and had ten children. By his second wife, Susan Van Metre, who was born and reared near Martinsburg, Va., he had six children: Frank Morgan m. Nannie Bowman, born April 11, 1864, and had Nellie Neill, Agnes Lee, Frank Morgan and Nannie Bowman; Cora Blanche married A. W. Pitman and had four children; Susan May m. A. T. Myers (no children); Lillie Lee m. A. W. Pitman (no children); Laura Tabb remained unmarried; a son died in infancy. By his third wife, Rebecca Tanquary, there were no children; nor were there any by his fourth union, to Maggie Gully. (3) Mrs. Rebecca Whiting, born Nov. 12, 1816, had children: Francis Stribling, George, Lizzie B., Richard H., Evelyn, Hugh and Fenton. (4) Mary Jane, born in 1818, m. Thomas Jones and had six children: Osbourne O., who had Nancie and Raleigh; Harriet R., who had French Brilton, living in Williamsport, Pa.; Charles T., who had Charles E., William T. (in Pennsylvania) and Ernest D.; Matthew W., who had Emma, Thomas, Matthew, Charles, Elizabeth, Bernard and Joseph; Doras H., who had no children; and Ella A., who married Berkley Bowman.

(IV) Elizabeth Huyett, daughter of Henry, born Oct. 21, 1791, died Dec. 10, 1842. She married John Traber, born Oct. 26, 1788, died April 9, 1870.

(IV) Mary Magdalena Huyett, daughter of Henry, was born Feb. 25, 1793.

(IV) Isaac Huyett, son of Henry, born July 12, 1794, died Oct. 15, 1848. He married Mary Myerly, born July 31, 1802, died Oct. 5, 1876. They had children: (1) Leah Harriet, born March 17, 1826, died young. (2) Henry, born May 20, 1828, had Henry, Joshua and Calvin. (3) John, born Aug. 31, 1830, died Sept. 24, 1856. (4) Frederick, born May 25, 1833, has no tombstone; his grave is close to the cemetery wall. (5) Christiana, born Oct. 24, 1835, died Dec. 9, 1839. (6) Isaac, born Oct. 15, 1837, m. Dec. 14, 1861, Catherine Root, born July 13, 1840. They had: Elmer R. m. Susan Hartranft and had no children; Alvin Harlen had Beulah, Emma, Russel, Marie, Dorothy and Paul; Laura Meade m. Charles S. Rhoads and had Garson H. (born Nov. 25, 1891), Verna Meade, Earl H. (born Jan. 7, 1895), Marion Meade (born Aug. 9, 1899), Vernon Lee (born May 10, 1902), Norman Elmer (born Nov. 21, 1905), and Melvin Irvin (born Nov. 21, 1905—died Dec. 9, 1907). (7) Solomon, born Feb. 8, 1840, and his wife Sarah had Olivia (who died aged three years, four months, twenty-seven days) and Isaac (died when one month, twenty-nine days old). (8) Levi, born April 14, 1842, died in 1881. (9) Ephraim, born Nov. 19, 1844, died in 1883. (10) Franklin, born Feb. 13, 1847, died in 1864, aged seventeen years, four months, three days.

(IV) Daniel Huyett, son of Henry, born June 6, 1796, moved to Maryland. His son Peter L. Huyett, born in 1823, moved west to St. Louis, Mo., where he became a noted piano manufacturer. His son, William W. Huyett, is a resident of Funkstown, Washington Co., Maryland.

(IV) Samuel Huyett, son of Henry, born Dec. 27, 1798, died May 28, 1852. On May 12, 1826, he m. Mara Haas, and they had sons: Ephraim, Henry, Levi and John.

(IV) Henry Huyett, son of Henry, born Oct. 11, 1802, died Sept. 6, 1863. He m. three times, his first wife's maiden name being Gaul; the second, Chumacht or Jackson, and the third, Beard. His children were: (1) Mary, born Nov. 1, 1830, m. Amos Faber, and had Henry, Isaac, and Amelia (m. a Quinter and had a daughter, who married and had two sons and one daughter). (2) Amos, born about 1835, m. a widow, Lydia Longfelter (or Longfelder), and they had five children, Irwin, Daniel, Lucie, Ella and Nettie. (3) Charles Gabriel, born Nov. 2, 1839, and his wife Peggy had five children, Alvin (who had Robert and Walter), Jacob (who had Garson and Anna), Huron (who had Emma), Nora (who had a daughter Mary) and Eve (unmarried). (4) Sarah, born Oct. 8, 1841, m. a Rubbert, and had Cyrus, Albert, John, Charles, Emma, Catherine and Mrs. Lutz. (5) Henry, born May 25, 1844, and his wife, Harrietta, had Samuel, William, George, Mary and Hannah. (6) Isaac, born in October, 1851, m. a Longfelter, daughter of his brother Amos's wife by her first husband. Both brothers are now deceased, and their widows are paralyzed. Isaac and his wife had Alice (who had one son), a daughter not named, Raymond, and one that died young. (7) Harriet m. a Woertz and had five children, all of whom died young.

(IV) Samuel Huyett, son of Jacob, born Aug. 16, 1794, died Jan. 21, 1874. On July 16, 1815, he m. Susan Hiester. His son Jacob, who died in 1859 at the age of thirty-nine, had children Susan, Adam, and one born April 23, 1854. Susan married a Groh and had one son and two daughters. Adam Huyett m. Leah A. Groh, and they had Nora (born March 9, 1876) and Sylvester (born Nov. 28, 1879).

(IV) Jacob Huyett, son of Jacob, born Dec. 21, 1801, died March 10, 1884. He m. (first) Mary Magdalena Hill (whose mother was a Pennepacker), born June 24, 1804, died March 16, 1866. Her mother's brother married Mr. Hill's sister. His second wife was an Umpenhauer. His children were: Mary Magdalena m. Adam Himmelberger, and had children, Elizabeth, Catherine, John, Joshua, Frank, Esther, Laura, Amily, and George. John, born Aug. 15, 1825, died when eighty-one years old, had four children, Jacob (of Illinois), Henry (of Wernersville, Pa.), Mary (of Robeson, Pa., m. to David Gaul) and Catherine. Hannah, born Dec. 8, 1827, died when sixty-four years, two months, five days old, had several children. Joshua, born July 4, 1830, m. Annie Kurtz, and their children were Joshua (who had one child), John (m. Annie Huyett, daughter of Charles, and had one son and one daughter, Annie), Catherine (m. a Hertzog and had three children, a daughter, one deceased, and a son),

Jacob (died unmarried), and Franklin (who had two daughters and one son). Jacob, born June 12, 1833, had four children by his first marriage, John, Ray, Harry and Charles, and four by his second, George, Sallie, Olivia and Aedna. Henry, born May 17, 1834, had children, Paul, Christian and Isaac. Lydia was born May 10, 1836. Catherine was born Nov. 16, 1838. Mrs. Jacob Hetting was born Sept. 29, 1844.

(IV) Elizabeth Huyett, daughter of Jacob, m. George Krick. They had a son, Benneville Krick.

(IV) Mary Huyett, daughter of Jacob, m. John Krick, brother of George (her sister's husband); they had no children.

(IV) Sarah Huyett, daughter of Jacob, m. July 23, 1815, in Exeter, George Spangler. It seems she lived only a short time, and he m. her sister, as it says George Spangler, widower, m. Catherine Huyett Aug. 25, 1816.

(IV) Catherine Huyett, daughter of Jacob, m. George Spangler Aug. 25, 1816, and they had a son Adam.

(IV) Isaac Huyett, son of Jacob, born April 5, 1805, died Aug. 17, 1871. He m. Sarah Gaul, born in 1804, died in 1871, aged sixty-seven years, five months, five days, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Gaul, who crossed the ocean in 1767. Their children were: (1) Joseph m. Mary Ann Pennepacker, sister of James, and their children were Wesley (born in 1854, of Camden, N. J.), Robert, and Cora (now in Wilmington, Del.). (2) Elizabeth m. Samuel Reifsneider. (3) Mary m. Jacob Gaul (son of Jacob Gaul, whose father, Peter, was the emigrant ancestor), who died in 1859, at the age of thirty-nine, and she subsequently m. Henry Hettinger. She had three children by the first marriage, Dr. Reese (no children), Rose and Albert, and six by the second, Howard, Calvin, another son, Annie, Cora and Aquilla. (4) Isaac, born June 9, 1833, died Sept. 11, 1872, m. Hannah Lauer, born July 29, 1837, died Aug. 22, 1887, and they had children: Sallie m. Howard Potteiger and had a daughter Nora; Irwin William m. Matilda Reber and had Luke, Irwin, Mary, and another; Tyson L. m. Catherine Mohn and had Nora, Floyd, Robert, Hannah, Arthur, Laur, Grace and Elwood; Catherine m. (first) Douglas Hornberger and (second) Laur Hawk and had two daughters; John did not marry. (5) Sarah m. William Klohs, born in 1837, died in 1887, aged fifty years, twenty-three days, and had four children, Sylvester, Albert, Elseworth (who had four children) and Catherine. (6) Catherine Huyett, daughter of Isaac, m. James Pennepacker, brother of Mary Ann Pennepacker who m. Joseph Huyett, her brother, and they had two sons and two daughters, the former both dying in infancy; the daughter Alice did not marry; Cora m. Henry Showalter and had Kathryn.

(II) Ludwig (Ludwich) Huyett, son of Frantz Carl, born Jan. 7, 1739, died April 17, 1828. He married Margaretta Potter, born Feb. 1, 1752, died Feb. 21, 1833. They are buried at Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.; the gravestones are badly weatherworn. A deed of 1785 when he made a purchase, shows him a resident of Washington county, and he was a member of the Reformed Church in Hagerstown. He died at the home of his son Jacob, who was a captain in the militia of 1812. In 1799 he bought an estate of 430 3-4 acres, about six miles east of Hagerstown, which he called "Huyett's Meadows," by which name it is still known. It is at the foot of South Mountain, about two miles south of Cavetown. This he kept until his old age, when, about 1811, he divided it into two sections, selling equal parts to his sons Jacob and Daniel. Daniel's grandchildren to-day own all of his half, and Jacob's grandchildren own most of his half. Ludwig Huyett was a thoroughly honest and extremely energetic man. He and both of the sons named owned quite a number of slaves. The old brick house on Ludwig's original plantation is still standing, in good shape.

(III) Margaretta Huyett, daughter of Ludwig, married William Hogmire, and they had a son, Daniel Hogmire. Mrs. Margaretta (Huyett) Hogmire lived with her brother, John Huyett, during the closing years of her life, and is buried in Huntingdon, Pa., where he lived.

(III) Mary Huyett, daughter of Ludwig, married Henry Knode. Their children were: Joseph, Lewis and Daniel.

(III) Elizabeth Huyett, daughter of Ludwig, married Jacob Tritle, and they had children: Jacob, Lewis, Susan (m. Georg Winter, and their son, Daniel, is a resident of Smithsburg, Md.), Margaret (m. Milton Saugarel) and Elizabeth.

(III) Daniel Huyett, son of Ludwig, born June 10, 1786, died May 14, 1869. He was a splendid business man and made a fortune. He married (first) Mary Swope, born Aug. 30, 1788, died Oct. —, 18—, and (second) Martha Gaither. The children of his first marriage were as follows: Peter Lewis (born Dec. 10, 1818), Jacob Henry (born July 18, 1812), William John (born Aug. 11, 1813, m. Catherine Ingram), Elizabeth Margaretta, Samuel Courtney, Daniel Potter, Henry Swope, Martha Ann (m. Edward Ingram) and Edward Augustus. To the second union were born: Elizabeth Julian, born Nov. 8, 1834, died March 23, 1835; and Daniel Gaither, born June 2, 1836, m. Emma Merrick.

(III) Jacob Huyett, son of Ludwig, born Oct. 16, 1783, died Oct. 8, 1840. He was a man of good judgment, and unusually fearless. He served in the war of 1812, enlisting in Captain Barr's Company. He married Elizabeth Ingram, born June 7, 1795, died April 15, 1878. He and his wife, and all his sons and daughters, are buried at Cavetown, Md. On Oct. 8, 1840, at a political demonstration in Cavetown during the Harrison and Van Buren campaign, Jacob and his family were in their carriage when the horses took fright and ran away, Jacob falling under the wheels and never regaining consciousness.

(III) John Grove Huyett, son of Ludwig, left Maryland, moving to Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1795, and settling on the land—Stone Hall Dairy Farm—on which his grandchildren now live.

(IV) John Huyett, son of John Grove, had children as follows: (1) W. S., of Huntingdon, Pa., has the Stone Hall Dairy Farm; he holds the original deeds from his great-grandfather Ludwig to his grandfather John Grove, also the deed from Thomas and Richard Penn, in the time of King George III. (2) Mrs. Benjamin Beck is a resident of Chewsville, Md. (3) Mrs. Dr. Rohred is a resident of Altoona, Pa. (4) M. C., of Detroit, Mich., has two daughters and four sons, one daughter being Mrs. Bertha Sudd, of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. There are three grandchildren. (5) Joseph R. is of Huntington, Indiana.

(IV) William Huyett, son of John Grove, had no children.

(IV) Susan Huyett, daughter of John Grove, married John K. Neff, of Williamsburg, Pa. So far as is known she had no children.

(IV) Joseph Huyett, son of John Grove, was a medical man in the Civil war. His family lived at mills on the Rock river, near Rock Island, Illinois.

(IV) Catherine Huyett, daughter of John Grove, married a Mr. Patton, of Kentucky, who died fifteen years ago, leaving his widow in Washington, D. C. They had three children.

(IV) Lewis Huyett, son of John Grove.

(IV) Daniel Huyett, son of John Grove, originally of Washington county, Md., settled in Ohio, and died fifty years ago, unmarried.

(IV) Jacob Grove Huyett, son of John Grove, was of Washington county, Maryland.

(IV) A daughter of John Grove Huyett married Daniel K. Neff, of Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Ellen M. Huyett, daughter of Jacob, born Oct. 19, 1822, died May 23, 1886, unmarried.

(IV) Joseph Lewis Huyett, son of Jacob, born Dec. 14, 1825, died April 12, 1828.

(IV) Benjamin Ingram Huyett, son of Jacob, born April 24, 1828, died March 31, 1885, unmarried.

(IV) Elizabeth Margaret Huyett, daughter of Jacob, born Jan. 14, 1831, died Sept. 13, 1905, was the only one of her parents' family that married. She married Isaac G. Beard. They had children as follows: (1) Benjamin Huyett, born Feb. 12, 1863, died June 13, 1864. (2) William Edward, born Nov. 29, 1864, died Jan. 17, 1866. (3) Sarah Allen, born Jan. 18, 1866, died Sept. 10, 1867. (4) Mary Elizabeth m. William F. Shank, and had children: Elizabeth Frances, Raymond Isaac and Robert Huyett. (5) Daniel Santee married Lillie A. Hoover and had Frances Elizabeth. (6) Catherine Amelia, born March 18, 1872, died Sept. 3, 1899. She m. Lloyd K. Hoffman, and had Calvin Beard and Harold Huyett. (7) Emma Virginia, born Feb. 5, 1871, died March 22, 1871.

(IV) Cynthia Ann Huyett, daughter of Jacob, born April 21, 1833, died May 9, 1906.

(IV) Edward Milton Huyett, son of Jacob, born Oct. 18, 1835, died May 3, 1903.

The Yosts, with whom the Huyetts have intermarried, are descended from Jacob Yost, who was born in Germany March 16, 1696, and came over in company with Rev. George Mitchell Weiss, the first regularly ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America, on Sept. 21, 1727. He settled in Whitepain township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and his property is held by his descendants. Rufus Yost m. a Miss Kurtz; Joshua Huyett had previously m. Annie Kurtz, and since they have become related in other ways.

The Huyetts have also intermarried with the Boones, the family to which Daniel Boone, the famous hunter and pioneer, belonged, living side by side in Exeter township, with Peter Huyett, his son Jacob and the rest of them, and going to the same church. As both families have numerous descendants a mention of the Boones will be of interest here.

Boone.—The immediate ancestors of Daniel Boone, the famous hunter and pioneer of Kentucky, occupied a small settlement near Exeter, England, where they nearly all followed a pastoral life. George Boone immigrated to America with his wife, Mary, in 1717, bringing with them eleven children, but few worldly goods. Two of the eleven children were daughters. The nine sons were: William, Joseph, Joshua, Jeremiah, Hezekiah, Benjamin, James, John and Squire, the last named being the father of Daniel Boone.

George Boone settled in Berks county, Pa., where he obtained a large tract of land and founded a small settlement which in honor of his birthplace was called Exeter. It is also related, though with no better authority than tradition, that he pre-empted the ground on which Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, is situated, that he located the town, and gave to it his name.

George Boone and his family were Quakers. They are buried at the Exeter meeting-house. His descendants in Berks county are still quite numerous.

Squire Boone married in Pennsylvania Mary Morgan, about the year 1732, and resided at Exeter, Berks Co., Pa., on the original home of his father. They had seven sons and four daughters, as follows: Daniel, James, Squire, Edward, Jonathan, George and Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth. Daniel's uncle James, a schoolmaster, left a memorandum in a book to the effect that Daniel Boone was born July 14, 1734; the date is given elsewhere as 1733. About 1750 or 1751 his father moved from Exeter to a spot on the Yadkin river, ten miles from what is now known as Wilkesboro, Wilkes Co., North Carolina.

Daniel Boone married Rebecca Bryan, a neighbor's daughter, and to them were born nine children: James (born 1756), Israel, Nathan, Daniel, Jesse, Rebecca, Susan, Lavina and Jemima. Five years after his marriage Daniel was still living on the Yadkin, following the same pursuits as his father, hunting, trapping and cultivating a garden patch.

The material for the following is found in "Fifty American Soldiers of Fortune."

In 1767 Daniel Boone left his family and his farm in North Carolina and with six companions went to explore the Kentucky wilderness. Finding the soil fertile and the game plentiful he returned to North Carolina and raised a little colony whom he led to the new territory. Food was scarce and the Indians troublesome, but they finally succeeded in founding a fortified settlement on the banks of the Kentucky river, named Boonesboro in honor of the leader. Boone's wife was the first white woman to enter that region, and one of their sons was the first white boy born in Kentucky.

With thirty comrades Boone went in search of salt to Salt Licks, a hundred miles from the settlement, and on the trip they were surrounded by a party of over a hundred Indians, led by English officers, who captured the entire party and took them to Detroit. All were ransomed, however, but Boone, for whom the Shawnee chief had formed a liking. He was held against his will and adopted into the tribe, being well treated but closely watched. Hearing of a plan to swoop down upon the little settlement of Boonesboro and massacre all its inhabitants, he determined to escape to warn them, and although five hundred of the savages gave chase he succeeded, arriving in time to help the settlers prepare for the attack. They held the fort successfully against six times their number, though the Indians were led by British and Canadian officers.

Boone's wife and family, believing him dead, had during his captivity returned to North Carolina, and after the battle he followed them without delay, and in 1780 brought them back to Kentucky. Shortly afterward, while on a hunting trip with his brother, he was ambushed by the Indians, and the brother was slain and scalped. Boone escaped this time, but was later captured by four savages; he got free by throwing snuff into their faces, blinding them while he fled. His daughter being taken prisoner, with two girl friends, by a band of Indians, Boone followed and rescued the three women single-handed. Two of his sons were killed by the Redmen.

Unfortunately, when Kentucky became a state in 1791 it was found that Boone had not secured proper title to his lands, and he was ousted from the property he had fought so hard to gain. It was then that he went to Missouri, at that time under Spanish rule, and the Spaniards in recognition of his fame and prowess, gave him a tract of 8,500 acres and made him a sub-governor. However, when Missouri, after passing into French hands, was sold to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase, he again lost his property through neglect in establishing his title, and in his old age found himself without land or money. Returning to Kentucky, he was there given 850 acres as the result of a petition to Congress, and he passed the remainder of his long life in hunting and farming. He died in September, 1820, and was buried at Frankfort, Ky. Years before he had made for himself an enormous coffin, which he kept always under his bed. He was a man of gentle and modest manners, and of irreproachable private life.

ELLSWORTH FRICKER of Reading, who is extensively engaged in raising fine poultry, was born in 1861, in that city, son of Andrew J. and Mary C. (Mills) Fricker.

Andrew J. Fricker was born in Reading, and in early life learned the molding trade, but later engaged in the paper box business, which he followed the major portion of his life. He died in 1895 at the age of sixty years, and his wife in 1878, when thirty-five years of age, their children being: Ellsworth; Kate, deceased; Sarah, single; and Jacob, deceased. Religiously the family were connected with the Reformed Church. In political matters, Mr. Fricker was a Republican, and was prominent in city affairs, being councilman for two terms. He was very well known in the city, where he had many friends, and was a member of the I. O. O. F.

Ellsworth Fricker was educated in the schools of Reading, and as a boy learned the trade of blacksmith,

which he followed for about eight years, and then engaged in teaming. For eighteen years he was in the employ of the P. & R. Co., as brakeman and baggagemaster, resigning in 1903. In 1906 he engaged in the poultry business, purchasing the Miller Poultry Farm, and in this he has continued to the present time with much success.

Mr. Fricker is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 518, and the I. O. O. F. His politics are those of the Republican party.

Mr. Fricker married Clara S. Reischard, and to them have been born two children, Jacob and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Fricker attend the Reformed Church.

SAMUEL H. ROMIG, a representative of the old Berks county family of that name, is a retired farmer and contractor. He now lives with his son, William E., at No. 1344 Good street, Reading.

The Romigs, spelled "Romich" by other branches of the family, trace their history back to one John Romig, who settled near Worman, Douglass township, where he resided until his death in 1804. He left five sons: John, George, Christian, Jacob, and Henry, all of whom reared families.

George Romig, grandfather of Samuel H., was a farmer and lived in the vicinity of Amityville. He was born Jan. 9, 1765, and passed away April 2, 1850. He married Sophia Fritz, born Nov. 17, 1773, died March 24, 1828. They had seven sons and four daughters, among whom were: Samuel, who lived in Amity township; George, who lived in the Swamp; Jacob; William, mentioned later; Betzy, m. to Jacob Romich; Mary, m. to John Schaffer; and Sarah, m. to Thomas Mauger. The will, dated May 28, 1842, and probated May 24, 1850, gave the homestead of seventy acres to William, where he resided during life; George also obtained a farm; and Jacob Romich, a son-in-law, was given a tract of land in Earl township. The executors of the will were George Romig and Jacob Romich.

William Romig, son of George, was born March 26, 1806, and passed his life as a resident of Amityville, where he owned and cultivated a tract of land. He died Feb. 11, 1885, and was buried in Amityville cemetery. His wife was Lydia Holloway, born Sept. 13, 1811, daughter of Jacob; she died March 7, 1893. Their children were: Sarah, now deceased, m. to Wellington Gross, of Amityville; and Samuel H., our subject.

Samuel H. Romig was born in Amity township April 20, 1841, and in this township continued residence until the spring of 1909. He secured a common school education, and learning the carpenter's trade, pursued that as a business vocation, together with operating his home farm. For many years he was in partnership with Jacob Holloway, and some of the largest and most substantial of the buildings in and about Amityville are monuments to their industry. Mr. Romig, although retired from business life, continues his interest in social and religious affairs. A lifelong member of the Amityville Lutheran church, he has been in the church council since 1876. For many years he served in the offices of deacon, elder, treasurer etc., and was always officially connected with the Sunday-school as teacher, treasurer, etc. Having children of his own, he was earnest in improving the educational facilities of his home township, and was the means, in connection with others, of securing teachers and equipment which made Amity township schools second to none in the county.

When the war cloud rolled up from the South in 1861, Mr. Romig became actively interested, enlisting in Company A, 128th Pa. V. I., and serving in this regiment during 1862-63, some nine months, being in many engagements, the most severe of which was Antietam. In politics Mr. Romig votes the Republican ticket.

Mr. Romig was married to Sarah Eshelman, born Sept. 20, 1843, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Rhoads) Eshelman, the former for many years a well known miller of Amity township. To this union have been born two children: Maggie Jane, who died Oct. 1, 1878, at the age of twelve years, two months and one day; and William E

WILLIAM E. ROMIG was born July 10, 1870, in Amity township, and was reared with all the advantages found in a cultured home. His education was carefully looked to, and by the time he was seventeen, he had become so proficient as to convince Prof. D. S. Keck, county superintendent of schools, that he was entitled to a license to teach. After two successful terms of teaching, in what is called the "March" school, in his native township, he entered the railroad office at Douglassville. After proving himself thoroughly competent to take charge of a station, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and for seventeen years was at different points on that system in New Jersey, principally at Cape May. In 1893 he returned to Berks county, and was stationed at Temple, until 1909, when he secured a position as stenographer for the Parish Manufacturing Company, of Reading, where he is still employed.

Mr. Romig married, July 12, 1890, Sarah Ellen Boyer, daughter of John H. and Elizabeth Boyer [see sketch elsewhere]. An only daughter, Lena B., brightens their home. In a social way Mr. Romig affiliates with the Odd Fellows, Mayflower Lodge No. 258, and with the Modern Woodmen of America, both at Cape May. He and his family are members of the Amity Lutheran Church, and, like his father, he votes the Republican ticket.

DETURCK-DETURK FAMILY. (I) Isaac DeTurk, the first American ancestor of this old established American family, was born in 1686. He landed at New York with his sister Esther about 1707, settled at Esopus and was among the settlers of Quassick Creek, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1709. But June 11, 1712, the Commissioners of Pennsylvania (province) issued a warrant to him for 300 acres of land out at a place called "Oley," of which locality this is the first mention. In this warrant he is mentioned as "late of Franklin-thal, in Germany." He was married to Maria Gerber (possibly in New York), who bore him three children: Catharine, who m. Abraham Levan; John, who m. Deborah Hoch or High; and Esther, who m. Abraham Bertolet. Maria (Gerber) DeTurk had been married previously to a Mr. Vemar, and had a daughter who m. a Mr. Bertolet. Isaac DeTurk bequeathed his entire landed estate to his son John, who paid his sisters their proportionate parts according to appraisement.

(II) John DeTurk, son of Isaac, married May 13, 1740, Deborah Hoch or High, and twelve children were born to them, viz.: (1) Isaac, born Aug. 25, 1741, died young. (2) Daniel, born Sept. 18, 1742, m. Catharine Levan and had a daughter, who m. Jacob Briel, and had children as follows: Peter, Abraham, Daniel (married Mary Shirey), and Esther (m. (first) a Heffer and had Catharine, and (second) William Heebner). (3) Susanna, born March 27, 1745, m. a Schaeffer. (4) John, born Jan. 20, 1747, m. Elizabeth Bertolet. (5) Maria, born July 16, 1748, m. David Weiser, and had children: Abraham, Samuel, David, Debora, Esther, Anna (m. George Heaffer) and Jacob. (6) Samuel, born May 25, 1750, m. Catharine Kerst. (7) Abraham, born March 9, 1752, m. Anna Weiser. (8) Daughter, born Nov. 18, 1753, died young. (9) Esther was born Feb. 9, 1755. (10) Philip, born April 30, 1757, m. (first) Esther Shenkel, daughter of Martin, and (second) Maria Hoch, daughter of Daniel, born Dec. 29, 1761. (11) Jacob, born Nov. 24, 1757, died young. (12) Debora, born June 12, 1761, m. Peter Knabb and had children: (a) John, who m. Hannah Schaeffer and they became the parents of Peter S., (who m. a Miss Deysher and had Cecilia and John); Cordelia, (who m. Jacob L. Griesemer and had six children, Debora m. Milton Alt-

house, Peter K. m. Katie Butz, Ammon K. m. a Heckman, William m. Barbara Drumheller, Hannah m. Darius Hill, and Katie); and Debora (who m. (first) Nathan Young, and (second) Jacob Spohn). (b) Samuel m. Mary Van Reed, and had two children: Mary (who m. (first) Levi Rhoads and had children Emma m. Henry Altenderfer and Rebecca m. Milton Leidy, and (second) William Snyder and had Henry and Rosa); and Debora (who m. Tobias Barto, and had Samuel, father of Emma, John and Charles, who was the father of Maud). (c) Daniel m. (first) Hannah Deeter and had two children: Debora (who m. Ephraim W. Knabb, and had children, Daniel m. Amanda Herbein, and they were the parents of Milton and Debora; and Hannah, m. Mahlon Hoffmaster) and Peter (who never married). Daniel m. (second) Sarah Hill and their three children were: Amanda (who m. William S. Bear); Amelia (who m. Calvin K. Whitner, and had two children Harry and Sallie); and Henrietta (who m. Daniel Hoch and had four children, Clara m. Jacob Herzog, Daniel, Charles and Kate). (d) Susanna died young.

(III) John DeTurk, son of John, was born Jan. 20, 1747. He married Elizabeth Bertolet and had children: (1) John m. a Miss Bower and had (a) Isaac (who m. Mary Moll, and had one son, John, who m. Susanna Mengel). (b) Samuel (who m. a Miss Althouse), and (c) Elizabeth (who m. Samuel Blatt and moved to Ohio). (2) Abraham m. Elizabeth Becker. (3) Daniel died young. (4) Elizabeth m. George Guldin, and had (a) John (who m. Elizabeth Hollenbach, and their children were: Benjamin H. m. Annetta Letters, and their children were, William L., John Z., Benjamin H. and Bessie F.; Abraham m. Sallie Kline, and they had one daughter, Mary; Christianna m. Benjamin Griffith, and they had Isaac, Hetty, Charles and John; John H. m. Kate Tobias, and they had Laura, Gertie, Sallie and Lillie; Emma m. Rudolph Steffy, and they had Elizabeth, John and Annetta; Esther m. William Gift, and they had Charles, Mary, Kate and Robert D.; and Isaac m. Leah Baker, and they had Christianna and Charles); (b) Charles (who m. Esther Mullen, and had Henry M. m. Kate Becker and had Charles, Clarence, Minnie, Clayton, Hattie, Ira and Herbert; Mary m. Benneville Rieser, and had Kate, William and Henry; and Esther); (c) Abraham (who m. Esther Unger, and had Elizabeth m. Solomon Reber, and they had Albert m. Sarah Bertram, Milton m. Alice Hiester, and had one child, Caroline, and Catharine m. Jacob Seibert, and had one child, Stanley); Maria m. John Grim and had Milton m. Alice Miller and had Lottie, Martha and John, Daniel m. Emma Schaeffer and had Robert, Albert, unmarried, and Annie m. Henry Hiester and had one child Martin; Susanna m. William Groff, and had Vilanda m. William Moyer and had one child, Martin, and Esther m. Henry Zerbe and had one child Flossy; Isaac m. Susan Wentzel and had Clara M., Samuel, Sarah, William and Allen; Abraham m. Mary Balthaser and had Laura m. Jacob Spangler and had one child, Mary, Katie, Mary, Sarah and Jeremiah; Esther m. Alfred Unger and had Jeremiah, m. Katie Strauss, and Calvin; Agnes m. James Bertram, and had Esther and Milton); (d) Henry (who married and lived in Ohio, deceased, left no issue). (e) Hatty (who died unmarried Jan. 15, 1887); (f) Jeremiah (who m. Catherine Moll, and had Amos m. Louisa Deysher; Jeremiah m. a Miss Stertzer and had Elde P., Herbert J. and Jeremiah A; Sarah m. Solomon Stoudt and had Irvin, Mary and Emma; Mary; Kate; and Hetty m. William Dries); and (g) Elizabeth, (who m. Samuel Trivitz, and had Amanda; and Esther).

(IV) John DeTurk, son of John, m. a Miss Bower, and their children were: (1) Isaac m. Mary Moll and had a son John, (who m. Susanna Mengel, and their children were: Mary m. Adam S. Rothermel and had Alice, Betty, Laura and Horace; Elizabeth m. Alfred S. Adam and had Agnes, Lizzie, Samuel, Irwin, Pius and Alfred; and Susanna m. (first) George Sunday and (second Cyrus Luckenbill, and had Wilhelmina, Cora, John, Nicholas, Even and Annie). (2) Samuel m. a Miss Althouse and had Rebecca (who m. John Klee, and had Albert, Benjamin, father of Tamie, and a daughter m. George Unger); Susan (who m. Peter Herbein, and had Kate m. Henry Reist and had Sallie, Peter and Frank; Albert, father of Harry and Robert; Samuel m. Emma Stroh and had one son Albert; Lucy; and Amelia m. Robert Ehman); Sarah (who m. a Mr. Altenderfer and had George); Daniel (who m. a Miss Borts and had George and Samuel); Adam; and Solomon (who m. Amanda Knabb, and had Solomon and Nathan). (3) Elizabeth m. Samuel Blatt and moved to Ohio.

(III) Samuel DeTurk, son of John, was born May 25, 1750, and married Catharine Kerst. Their children were: (1) George, born Jan. 7, 1777, died June 19, 1847. He m. Catharine Schmeck and they had children: (a) Samuel (who m. Sarah Reiff and had a daughter Mary, who m. Ammon S. Hartman); (b) George, (unmarried); (c) Catharine (who m. Jacob Koch and had Daniel m. (first) Henrietta Knabb and (second) Mary Kerschner, Mary, Jacob, unmarried, Susanna m. Daniel Butz and had Mary, m. to William Marquet (they became the parents of Ida), and Kate m. Rev. Louis Smith); (d) Mary; and (f) a son. (2) John, m. Sarah Snyder and had Daniel; Samuel; John; Harriet, m. a Mr. Krebbs of Clarion Co., Pa. (3) Samuel died young. (4) Jacob m. Esther Goodhart. (5) Debora m. David Brumbach and had children: (a) Isaac (who m. (first) Rachel Hoch and (second) Mary Ann Geigler, having children only by the first marriage, as follows: Ezra; Debora m. William Shollenberger; and Wellington); (b) James (who m. Susan Herbein); (c) Alfred (who m. a Miss Keller); (d) Percival (who m. Fianna Schaeffer); (e) Hiram; and (f) Eliza (who m. Abraham Herbein).

(IV) Jacob De Turck, son of Samuel, m. Esther Goodhart and their children were: (1) Frederick m. (first) Sarah Marquet, and (second) Rebecca Livingood, and by the first marriage had Wellington (who m. Kate Hein); by the second he had Emma (who m. Monroe Althouse), Rosa, and Jacob (who m. Amelia Jackson). (2) Catharine m. Solomon Moser and had Calvin (who m. (first) a Miss Fink, and the name of his second wife is unknown); Amanda; Emma; and Edward. (3) Mary Ann m. (first) Jacob Geiger and had Ezra (who m. Dabille Rhoads and had Chester and Wayne); Wellington (who m. Amelia Sassaman); Jacob (who m. Emily Guldin); Lizzie (who m. ———); and Hetty; and she m. (second) Isaac Brumbach. (4) Benjamin G. m. (first) Susanna Hoch and (second) Rachel Pyle. (5) Jacob m. (first) Susanna B. Miller and (second) Emily Shivers. (6) Joshua m. Martha Romig. (7) Samuel m. (first) Catharine Greenawalt and (second) Oranda Levan. (8) William m. Marcilla Schaeffer and had Merrit A. and Clay W. (9) Hetty m. Henry H. Holl.

(V) Benjamin G. De Turck, son of Jacob and Esther (Goodhart), was born in Exeter township, Berks county, Oct. 12, 1829, and for fifty-one years lived on the old homestead. He was an agriculturist, and also engaged in the buying and selling of live stock. By his first wife, Susanna Hoch, daughter of Benjamin and Susanna (Kinsey) Hoch, he became the father of: Morris H., born Dec. 29, 1860; and Alice H., born Aug. 30, 1862, who married Frank Brown, and has the following children—Elsie, Susan, Emmett, Clayton B., George and Morris. Mr. De Turck married (second) Rachel Pyle, and two children were born of this union: Edwin P., born Nov. 5, 1871, who married Esther Wentzel; and Susan R. M., born Sept. 15, 1884.

(VI) Morris H. De Turck, son of Benjamin G. and Susanna (Hoch) De Turck, was born Dec. 29, 1860, on the old De Turck homestead in Exeter township, Berks county. This farm at one time belonged to the father of Daniel Boone, and is without doubt the birthplace of the distinguished pioneer. It consisted of more than 400 acres of good land, and on it in 1775 the elder Boone erected what was then the largest barn in Berks county. The story is told of him that he traveled on horseback all over the county, learning the dimensions of all the large

barns, and then erected one larger than any other. This was standing for ninety-nine years, but in 1874 was replaced by a more modern as well as larger structure. The old one was so substantially built that it was necessary to undermine the walls in order to throw them down. Underneath the barn was a store house for fruit and grain. Close to the house is a never-failing spring of purest water. This farm came into the possession of the De Turcks in 1785, when it was purchased by Samuel De Turk, the great-grandfather of Morris H., and since that time it has remained in the possession of the De Turcks. The stone house was built in 1812 by Samuel De Turk, father of Jacob De Turck, grandfather of Morris H. George De Turck owned the farm for a few years, and then sold it to his brother Jacob, who continued to own it until his death. At that time it was purchased by his son Benjamin G. De Turck, who continued its owner as long as he lived. After his death, Aug. 8, 1892, his son Morris H. became the owner. The farm now contains 187 acres.

Morris H. De Turck now makes his home on the old Lynch farm in Union township, near Monocacy, which he purchased in 1901. It contains 212 acres, improved with a large stone house, surrounded by a well-kept lawn, besides two tenant houses, and a large Swiss barn, 48 x 108 feet. Mr. De Turck cultivates both his farms, and he frequently makes trips as far west as Iowa and Nebraska to purchase cattle and horses, which he disposes of in Berks and neighboring counties.

On Dec. 21, 1886, Mr. De Turck married Miss Lydia Alice Guldin, daughter of Washington and Lavina (Schmehl) Guldin, of Exeter township. To this union have been born two children: Morris G., born April 1, 1899, exactly one hundred years after the birth of his great-grandfather, Jacob De Turck, and on the same farm in Exeter township; and Ruth Susanna, born Nov. 28, 1902. Mr. De Turck and his family are members of the Schwartzwald Reformed Church, of which he was an official member until his removal from the parish in 1901.

(III) Abraham De Turk, son of John, was born March 3, 1752, and died Arpil 19, 1829. He married Anna Weiser, born April 11, 1755, and died June 20, 1829. Children born to Abraham and Anna were: (1) Abraham, born April 13, 1785, died Oct. 8, 1865. (2) Isaac, m. Maria Weiser, and they had one child, Elijah (who m. Mary Levan, and had Mary m. John Rahn and had Anna, Ellen, Isaac and James; Isaac m. Esther Schaeffer; James m. Marbara Kutz; Keziah m. Levi Merkel and had Sarah, who m. Charles Herbein, Elijah, who married a Bernhart, Alice, who m. Ezra Deturck, Irwin, James and Charles; Sarah; and Susanna m. a Dreibelbis). (3) Catharine, born March 21, 1792, died Jan. 24, 1822. She m. Peter Deysher and had a son Moses, (who m. Catharine Bechtel). (4) Hannah m. Josiah Hoch.

(IV) Abraham De Turk, son of Abraham, was born April 13, 1785, died Oct. 8, 1865. He m. Esther Levan, born Dec. 24, 1785, died Sept. 25, 1847. Their children were: (1) Anna died young. (2) Catharine m. (first) Abraham Bertolet and had Horace, Anna and Catharine; and she m. (second) John Guldin and had Daniel, Abraham and John. (3) Josiah m. Maria Dick and had Jonas (who m. Kate High, daughter of Ezra and had one child, Nora); Anna (who m. Albert F. Kraemer and had Harvey, Esther and Edith); Frank (who m. Mary Griesemer and had Minnie, Jepporah, Mary, Ella and Frank); Isabella (who m. E. O. Immel and had Norma, Raymond, Mabel and Mary); Emma (who m. James Bechtel and had John and Laura); Isaac (who m. Olivia Snyder and had Kate, Maud, Olivia and James); and Albert (who m. Octavia Eagle). (4) Mary died young. (5) Daniel L. m. Deborah Knabb. (6) Esther m. Nicholas Dick and had Marcus (who m. Amelia Lewis); Susan (who m. Albert Wentzel); William; Anna; Lizzie; Eli; and Alvin. (7) Hannah died young. (8) Susanna, born in 1832, lives at Friedensburg, Pennsylvania.

(V) Daniel Levan Deturck, son of Abraham, was a prosperous farmer of Oley for upward of fifty years on the De Turck homestead. He died in 1893, aged seventy-four years. He was married to Deborah Knabb, born 1834, died 1901, and they had seven children: (1) Esther m. (first) David S. Baer and had Ida, Francis, Jennie, Deborah and Emily; and she m. (second) Samuel Melot, and had Laura and John, the latter of whom died young. (2) Sarah m. Lewis P. Deturck. (3) Abraham K. is mentioned below. (4) Deborah m. Daniel Rothermel and had Clayton, Elmer, Ellen, Deborah, Horace and Daniel. (5) Horace died in 1881 aged twenty-four years. (6) Ezra K. is mentioned below.

(VI) Abraham K. Deturck, Director of First National Bank of Oley and retired farmer residing at Friedensburg, was born in Oley township, on the Deturck homestead, near Friedensburg, on April 22, 1852, son of Daniel and Deborah (Knabb) Deturck. He was educated in the local public school and in the Oley Academy, and reared on a farm; and at the age of 30 years he engaged in carrying on farming operations on the homestead for himself, and he continued doing so in a very successful manner for near 20 years. In 1903 he built a fine two-story brick dwelling-house in the village of Friedensburg and since then he has been living there in retirement. He owns the superior homestead farm which comprises 204 acres, and is joint owner with his brother Ezra of several other fine farms in the township which are in a high state of cultivation. He assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Oley in 1907 and has since served as one of its directors. He is also a director of the Reading Hat Manufacturing Co.; and a trustee of the Union Cemetery at Friedensburg. He served as a school director of the township for four years. In politics he has been Republican. He and his family are members of the Friedens' Reformed Church. He is affiliated with the Freemasons at Reading, being a member of Lodge No. 62, and Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T.; also with the Minnehaha Lodge No. 154, K. of P., of Oley.

In 1881 Mr. Deturck was married (first) to Kate M. Bertolette (daughter of Jacob, of Oley), and after her decease (second) to Alice K. Herbein (daughter of Jacob Herbein and Susanna Knabb his wife), by whom he has two children: Daniel H. (graduate of Chicago Veterinary College, in practice at Birdsboro, Berks county); and Raymond (graduate of Keystone State Normal School in 1908).

(VI) Ezra K. Deturck, retired farmer residing at Friedensburg, was born on the Deturck homestead on Aug. 2, 1859, son of Daniel and Deborah (Knabb) Deturck. He attended the township school and the Oley Academy and was reared to farming until he became of age when he rented one of his father's farms adjoining the village, which comprises 128 acres and this he cultivated successfully until 1907 when he moved to Friedensburg. Upon the decease of his father in 1893, he became the owner of the farm; and in 1899 he erected a model barn.

In 1881, he was married to Alice Merkel, daughter of Levi Merkel, farmer of Oley; and they have four children: Eva M. (m. to Ammon Bieber); Deborah (m. to Horace Dry); Marion M., and Levi M.

(III) Philip DeTurk, son of John, was born April 30, 1757, died Nov. 10, 1815. He married (first) Esther Shenkel, daughter of Martin Shenkel and (second) Maria Hoch, born Dec. 29, 1761, died Dec. 27, 1821, daughter of Daniel Hoch. He was the father of nine children: (1) Philip, born May 30, 1782, died March 5, 1861. (2) John, born April 27, 1787, m. Susan Knabb and had: (a) Amos, (born Sept. 16, 1821, died June 7, 1893, unmarried); (b) Nathan (who m. Esther Deysher and had: John m. Amanda Merkel and had Eugenia May: Isaac m. Eliza Smith and had Charles, Annie, Maggie, John and Minnie; Emma m. Levi Youse and

had Charles, Lewis and Annie; Mary m. Morris Reiff and had George, Katie, Hetty and Ella; and David m. Mary Vesco and had Harry and George); (c) William, (who m. Elizabeth Butz and had Alvin, Lewis and Eugene); (d) Susan, (who m. Henry A. F. Kohler and had Sarah, Adam D., John L., Charles, Susan D., Emma C., Alice E. and Elmer); and (e) Sarah, (born Feb. 16, 1834; died Sept. 15, 1889). (3) Isaac, born Oct. 19, 1789, m. Lydia Wagner. His death occurred May 30, 1882. Children of Isaac and Lydia were: (a) William (died young); (b) Charles (died young); (c) Othniel (who m. Cluena Talbot and had William Sherman); (d) Abraham (who m. a Miss Orner and had Isaac); (e) Isaac; (f) Sarah (who m. Michael Hammans and had Isabella, Josephine m. a Mr. Bagley and Victoria); (g) Maria (who m. Henry Shireman and had Mary, m. Hiram Avery and had Audre and Mary; Louisa m. Smith Lewis and had Henry and Mary; William; Ella m. John Caldwell and had Horace and Lethea; Charles; Harriet Caroline; Maxwell; Flora and Eugene); (h) Lewis (who m. (first) Mary Lucretia, (second) a sister of Lucretia, (third) Julia, and (fourth) Mary Kraemer and had children: Eugene m. Olivia Weathersby, Lydia, Mabel and Harry); (i) Hannah (who m. Benjamin Orner and had Othniel, Joseph, William B., Annie Laura, Nellie, Alice, Mary, Ida and Lettie May). (4) Susanna, born July 15, 1790, died April 24, 1818. (5) Daniel, born Feb. 22, 1792, died Nov. 14, 1819. (6) Jacob, born Jan. 13, 1794, m. Margaret Babb; he died May 6, 1875. His children were: (a) Willi (who m. George G. Moser and had Emma m. Martin Groff, and they were the parents of Charles, George, Martha, Bertha and Blanche; Ira; Willi m. Samuel Francis and had Maggie, Jennie and Gertrude; and Henry); (b) Wilhelmina (who m. George K. Lorah and had Annie m. Daniel L. McLean and had George L.); (c) Amelia; (d) Sophia (who m. Augustus S. Sassaman and died March 14, 1866; she was the mother of Margaret M., Jacob C. m. Hortense Bertolet, Blanche A. and Edwin); (e) Louisa (who m. Augustus S. Sassaman and had Louis A.); and (f) Matilda (who m. Charles B. Matthias and had Nathaniel, Wilhelmina and George). (7) Hannah, born March 31, 1798, m. Samuel Hill, and their children were: (a) Abraham (who m. (first) Margaret Strunk and (second) Clara M. Frederick, and his children were ten in number, as follows: Samuel m. Caroline Heffner and had Clarence A., Louis and John G.; Anna m. Peter Glase and had Ella and Charles; Mary m. Charles Howell and had Carrie, Harry, Maud and Walter; Hannah L. m. Jacob Hoch; Charles S.; Sarah E. m. Adam Bush; John G.; Clara A.; George W. and Emma R.); (b) Mary (who m. Daniel C. Weston); (c) Elizabeth (who m. J. Leaman Heebner and had Anna); (d) Hannah (who m. Henry H. Bernhard and had Oscar m. Amanda Kehl and had Olivia and Henry; and Margaret). (8) Samuel, born May 20, 1798, died Sept. 2, 1827. (9) Esther, born Oct. 15, 1800, died March 1, 1820.

(IV) Philip DeTurck, son of Philip and Esther (Shenkel) DeTurk, was born May 30, 1782, and died March 5, 1861, and was buried on the home farm. He was a farmer near Friedensburg, and his farm passed to his son and to his grandson Lewis, but is now the property of another descendant, Ella Kauffman, daughter of Ephraim Kauffman. Philip DeTurck married Maria Yoder, born April 24, 1786, died Jan. 19, 1864. Five children were born to them: (1) Anna m. Joseph Hoch and had children, (a) Aaron (died young); (b) Mary (who m. Dewald Kutz and had David, Morris, Annie, Susanna m. a Fry, Ellen, Clara, George, Lydia and Kate); (c) Israel (who m. and had Termutha m. John H. Fegley). (2) Daniel is mentioned below; (3) Esther, born July 20, 1811, died Nov. 8, 1838; she married David Yoder and had children: (a) Sarah Ann (who m. Moses K. Graeff; and (b) Amelia (who m. William G. Ehst). (4) Martin m. Rachel Levan and had (a) Marks L.; (b) Lewis P. (who m. Sarah DeTurk and had Philip, Calvin, Louis, Sallie, Martin and Debora); (c) Esther (who m. Daniel Hunter and had Allen, Martin, Annie and Mary); (d) Martin S. (who m. Emma Miller); (e) Levi J. (who m. a Miller); and (f) Rachel M. (who m. Irwin High, and had Morris, Irene and Keturah). (5) Lydia died young.

(V) Daniel De Turck, son of Philip and Maria (Yoder), was born in Oley township Dec. 3, 1808, and died Dec. 25, 1881, aged seventy-three years, twenty-two days. He was a farmer all of his active life, and died just fourteen years after his retirement. In 1851 he built the present barn, one of the best in the township. The family cemetery, where his remains were interred, is on the old home farm. Mr. De Turck was twice married. On Nov. 15, 1831, he married (first) Catharine Levan (born Oct. 29, 1809, died March 12, 1833), daughter of Daniel Levan, and they had a son who was born dead. On Nov. 11, 1834, he married (second) Willi Levan (born Oct. 19, 1814, died Jan. 5, 1885), a sister to his first wife. They had three sons and two daughters, namely: A son that died in infancy; Naomi, born April 14, 1837, m. Gideon W. Hoch and had Clara (who died Oct. 24, 1886); Mahlon L. m. Susan K. Levan; Willi, born Aug. 21, 1843, who married Ephraim H. Kauffman, of Oley township and had two children, Ella C. and John; and Daniel P., born Dec. 4, 1851, who married Margaret Schollenberger, and died in 1898; he was the father of Mary, (who died in infancy), Charles, Willi, Monroe C. and Daniel C.

(VI) Mahlon L. De Turck, son of Daniel and Willi (Levan), was born in Oley township, May 28, 1840. He was reared upon the farm one mile east of Friedensburg which belonged formerly to the Levan family, and began farming in 1868, following this occupation for twenty-five years. At the end of that time he retired and moved to Friedensburg, where he was living at the time of his death, thirteen months later, April 27, 1894, when he was aged nearly fifty-four years. He was very successful in his work, and became very well-to-do. In politics he was a Democrat, and for three years served as school director of his town. He and his family all belonged to Frieden's Reformed Church.

In 1867 Mr. De Turck was married to Susan K. Levan, daughter of Daniel H. and Hannah (Kauffman) Levan, and granddaughter of Jacob and Esther (Hoch) Levan, both of Oley township. This old homestead of the Levan family, now in the possession of the fifth generation to live there, is owned by Elizabeth, widow of Jacob Levan. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. De Turck: (1) Seth L. is mentioned in full below. (2) Chester, born in 1876, is a clerk in the P. L. Glase store. He married Hannah Kohler, born Dec. 20, 1874, who died Oct. 21, 1906, the mother of one son, Maurice. (3) Harry, born in 1880, lives in Oley township. He married, Oct. 19, 1907, Charlotte Schmeck. (4) Fredericka is at home. (5) Cyrus L. died in the sixth year of his age. (6) and (7) Twins died in infancy. Mrs. Susan K. De Turck resides in a beautiful home on Main street, Friedensburg. She has in her possession one of the largest German Bibles in the county, containing Biblical Calendars and old-time maps of the Holy Land. This is the old Levan Bible, and bears date 1748. She has another German Bible, with heavy wooden lids, printed in 1717, in Europe, and brought to America by Abraham Levan, the ancestor of this old French Huguenot family. Both Bibles contain old family records. The home which Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon L. De Turck built on their farm in 1886 is one of the most perfect in its appointments of any in this vicinity. It is a spacious mansion of sixteen rooms.

(VII) Seth L. De Turck, son of Mahlon L. and Susan K., is an extensive farmer on his father's and grandfather's farm, and was born there Jan. 29, 1869. He was early trained to farming, and this vocation he has followed since reaching man's estate. In the spring of 1893 he began farming on the old homestead, which he now owns, and which is a valuable farm in the heart of the fertile valley in Oley township. It consists of 184 acres of good arable land, well stocked, and his

farm and home are always in first-class condition. He has seven horses and upward of thirty head of cattle. His milk is all sold to the creamery. Mr. De Turck is a man of fine physique, tall and well proportioned, with the clear, healthy skin which right living and sunshine win. He is highly respected in his community. In politics he is a Republican, and he was a delegate to the county convention when C. B. Cleaver, of Oley, was made county commissioner. He and his family attend Frieden's Reformed Church.

On Dec. 15, 1892, Mr. De Turck was married to Lillie Hartman, daughter of Levi and Mary Ann (Schaeffer) Hartman, and granddaughter of the late Capt. Henry Schaeffer, of Stonersville. Eight children have been born to them: Frieda, Carrie, Edna, Marie, Mahlon, Willi, Levi, and Lillian May (born July 5, 1908).

The old family burial ground is at the back of the house. It is large and surrounded by a fence. Family tradition says that the Indian burial ground began immediately to the northeast of this De Turck, Weiser and Manwiller burial ground. The Indian burial ground was also inclosed by a fence until 1895, when this was removed. Just across this meadow was an old Indian settlement, and there the last wigwam stood at the outbreak of the French and Indian war. Its last occupant had been fetched there by others of his race from the Albany township district, and he proved a very peaceable neighbor, often going for milk to Daniel Levan's. He was once asked the signification of the blossoming of one of the peach trees in the fall, and he replied "It means war." Three days later he was taken away.

(VI) Daniel P. De Turck, son of Daniel and Willi (Levan) and brother of Mahlon L., was born Dec. 4, 1851, and died Oct. 26, 1898, aged forty-seven years; he was buried at Oley Church. He was a lifelong farmer, owning a valuable farm that is now the property of his son, Charles P. He married Margaret Schollenberger, who resides with her son. They had children: Mary, who died in infancy; Charles P.; and Willi, who married Warren Matthias, a farmer at Manatawny.

(VII) Charles P. De Turck, son of Daniel P., and one of the prosperous young farmers near Griesemersville, in Oley, was born on the farm where he now lives June 2, 1878. He was reared under the parental roof, and when twenty-four years of age began farming for himself. He owns a fine farm of 140 acres. The present barn was built in 1866 by his grandfather; the house, which is an old landmark in the district, was a school building and the original structure was of logs; two additions have been made to it. Mr. De Turck keeps seven horses and twelve head of cattle. He belongs to Oley Castle, No. 119, K. G. E., and to Camp No. 480, P. O. S. of A., of Manatawny. In politics he is a Democrat.

On May 11, 1901, Mr. De Turck was married to Sallie Clouser, a daughter of Mahlon B. Clouser, of Griesemersville, and to this union have come two sons, Monroe C. and Daniel C.

PETER H. DUNKEL, a well known and highly respected citizen of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, who is living a quiet life on his farm, was born on the old Dunkel homestead in Maiden-creek township, July 28, 1840, son of John and Eliza (Hill) Dunkel.

Michael Dunkel, great-grandfather of Peter H., sold his farm in Richmond township in 1762, in which year he purchased and moved to the present homestead in Maiden-creek township, which had formerly been a Starr property and evidently a Penn grant. He had the following children: Jacob; George; John; Conrad; Peter; Maria, m. to Jacob Stoudt; one daughter, m. to Adam Weidehammer, and another m. to John Weidehammer.

Peter Dunkel, son of Michael, came into possession of the old homestead in 1800. Ten years before (1790) he married Magdalena Hoch, who bore him these children: George, who died aged thirty-three years; John; Elizabeth, m. to Abraham Hottenstein; Maria, m. to Jacob Reeser. Both daughters lived to be over eighty years old.

John Dunkel, father of Peter H., was a well-known farmer of Maiden-creek township, where he spent all of his life, and his death occurred Sept. 6, 1874, aged seventy-four years. He married Eliza Hill, daughter of Jacob Hill, and they had a family of six children, namely: Esther m. William S. Merkle, deceased, and had three children, Howard, Mary and Sallie; Sarah is the widow of John K. Huy, and had six children, John D., James, Fred, Susan, Mary and Sallie; Mary, deceased, m. Daniel B. Edelman, and had three children, George, Katie and Sallie; Hannah, deceased, m. William R. Bartlett, and had one child, Alvin; Ephraim died single aged fifty-six years; and Peter H.

Peter H. Dunkel was educated in the common schools of his native locality, and at the age of fourteen years contracted white swelling, from the effects of which he has suffered all of his life. He owns the old homestead farm, on which he resides, although he has it rented. Mr. Dunkel has never married. He still is a subscriber to the old Reading *Adler,* which has been a constant visitor to the Dunkel family since 1818, when Mr. Dunkel's grandfather first subscribed, it being taken by his father from 1837 to 1874, since which year Mr. Dunkel has taken it.

WILLIAM MORRIS, after living practically retired at his home, No. 1152 Cotton street, Reading, in which city he was long engaged in the grocery business, died June 24, 1908, and was buried in Aulenbach cemetery. Mr. Morris was born Nov. 10, 1835, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of David and Hannah (Cooper) Morris.

William Morris, great-grandfather of William of Reading, was a native of Wales, who came to this country in young manhood. It is traditional that he settled in Bucks county, and the following record in the court house would indicate that he was a property owner in Robeson township, Berks county: "On Sept. 16, 1787, William Morris and his wife Sarah transferred a water right to Enos Morris," it being also of record that he owned property in Douglass township, Montgomery county. Among others he had the following sons: Enos; Isaac, who had a son, Cadwalader; John, who had three children, John, Mordecai and Elizabeth; and Mordecai, who died unmarried.

Enos Morris, son of William, was born in Chester county, and with his three brothers, Isaac, John and Mordecai, came to Berks county, all except Mordecai settling in Robeson township. Enos Morris was a lifelong farmer, and was the owner of a good tract of land. He married Lydia Jackson, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Jackson, and to them were born children as follows: David, Eleanor, William, Mary, Enos, Rachel, Ephraim, Lydia, John and Sarah.

David Morris, father of William, was born May 1, 1781, in Robeson township, and died Nov. 6, 1850. He was a wheelwright and farmer cultivating a tract of fifty acres, and was an old-line Whig in politics, serving as justice of the peace for about eight years. He and his family were good Quakers, and he was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him. David Morris married Hannah Cooper, born Aug. 8, 1793, who died Jan. 26, 1867, daughter of William Cooper, of Chester county, and to them were born these children: Enos, born July 1, 1825, m. (first) Harriet Schlichter and (second) Rebecca Beard; Mary Ann, born Sept. 24, 1826, m. Mordecai Beard, whom she survives; Eliza died young; Sarah Jane died unmarried March 13, 18—, aged fifty-seven years; David and Allison, twins, are deceased; and William.

William Morris acquired his education in the district schools, after leaving which he learned the wheelwright's trade with his brother Enos, following this trade as a journeyman for two years at Lionville, Chester county. Later his mother returned to Reading,

and young Morris went with her, working in that city for upward of a year at coachmaking for John Treat. He then removed to Seideltown, now Gibraltar. Here he carried on wheelwrighting for six years, and for ten years he was engaged in the same line at Birdsboro. In 1863 he enlisted for three months in Company I, 42d Pa. V. I., Capt. F. B. Kerns, of Birdsboro, his regiment going as far as Hagerstown, Md., engaged in reserve duty. In 1872 Mr. Morris returned to Reading and engaged in the grocery business at Sixth and Laurel streets, being associated with his brother Enos, and the firm of Morris & Co. continued for three years, when William Morris went into business for himself at the corner of Fifth and Laurel streets. Later he removed to Tenth and Muhlenberg streets, where he successfully continued in business in his own building until 1902, after which he was employed by R. Sindell, the well-known grocer at Sixth and Laurel streets. Ill health claimed him two years before his death, and he was obliged to give up active work.

In political matters Mr. Morris was a stanch Republican, and served as councilman of the First ward of Reading from 1880 to 1882. He was a member of Neversink Lodge, No. 514, I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro, with which he had been connected from 1857; Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 65, K. P.; Birdsboro Council, No. 37, Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Mt. Pleasant Council No. 37, O. of I. A. Mr. Morris was a consistent member of St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church, of Reading, to which his widow belongs.

Mr. Morris was twice married. In 1858 he wedded Mary A. Foreman, daughter of Frederick Foreman (whose wife was a Bechtel), of Gibraltar, Pa.; she died May 3, 1881, aged forty-five years, five months, twelve days. To this union were born the following children: Hannah Louisa, who died aged two years; Harriet Jane, deceased wife of William Embry, of Reading; Mary Alberta, wife of Cyrus Wertz; Enos, who married Louisa Reider, and lives in Reading; Ellen Rebecca, who married William Weidner, a barber of Reading; Harry, who died aged two years; and Carrie E., who died in infancy. Mr. Morris married (second) June 29, 1886, Ella Fox, daughter of George Fox, of Reading, who survives him.

S. JULIA HEINE is the proprietress of the Turkish Baths in the Colonial Building, Reading, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS F. ADAMS, now residing at No. 961 North Ninth street, Reading, was born in Perry township, Berks county, May 14, 1860, son of Simon and grandson of Jacob Adams.

Jacob Adams, the grandfather, was born in Windsor township (now Perry township), son of Peter and grandson of Anthony Adams. He became a well-known farmer. He married a Miss Goddner, and both are buried at Zion's Church cemetery. They had a family of sixteen children, all now deceased.

Simon Adams, son of Jacob and father of Thomas F., was born in Perry township. He became the owner of a farm of 140 acres which he cultivated. His wife, Sarah Luckenbill, was a daughter of Thomas Luckenbill, and their children were: Thomas F.; Cyrus and Simon live in Perry township; and Annie married Albert E. Smith.

Thomas F. Adams attended the schools of Perry township and the Reading business college one term. When eighteen years old he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, and under the direction of his uncle Thomas Luckenbill, in Perry township, he became an able workman, and he continued with him for twenty-three years. At the end of that time he went to Fleetwood, and for four years engaged there in the hotel business, and then for one year lived retired. In 1900 he came to Reading, and since that time has been working at his trade as foreman.

Mr. Adams married Miss Ellen E. Hoffman, daughter of Joel and Susanna (Reber) Hoffman, and of the eight children born of this union, six are living: Wilson J. m. Hettie Mengel; Elwood m. Carrie Acker, and lives in Allentown; Sarah m. Robert Molley, and they live in Lebanon county; Cora m. Clarence Dougherty, and they reside at Upland, Delaware Co., Pa.; Benjamin enlisted in the U. S. Navy Sept. 27, 1907, and has been around the world; Mary is at home; Walter S. died Dec. 3, 1908, aged ten years, of typhoid fever; and Irvin C. died in infancy. While living in Perry township, Mr. Adams served as school director two terms, and also while living at Fleetwood held the same office one term. He is very popular in the Democratic party. He has been nominated (1909) on his party's ticket for prothonotary of Berks county, which in this county is equivalent to an election. He is a member of Camp No. 103 P. O. S. of A., of Fleetwood; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E., Reading; Carpenter's Union No. 492; and the Maccabees of Reading. With his family he attends the Reformed Church.

GEORGE L. MAST, an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, and a well-known man in Reading, where he is serving as an alderman, is American born, but of foreign ancestry.

The early home of the Mast family was in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, where the great-grandfather of George L. was a prominent and influential man. He entered into negotiations to marry his son John to a very desirable girl there, but the son objected, following the dictates of his own heart and wedding a poor seamstress. In his turn, the son John became prominent and was given high office. On one of the great political issues of the day, however, he cast his lot with the people in opposition to the King, and was obliged to flee from Germany to America, leaving behind his little son, Jacob B., then two years old. On reaching the New World John Mast located at Stony Point, Rockland township, Berks county, Pa., where he lived with his eldest son John, who became extensively engaged in farming, and reared a large family. Among his children were George, Daniel and John.

Jacob B. Mast was born in Wurtemberg Oct. 24, 1826, and grew to manhood there. He became a good mechanic, and went to France, where in Alsace Lorraine he secured the position of building boss, retaining it three years. While there he married Elizabeth Lehman, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Lehman. Mr. Mast met an agent from the United States, who persuaded him to come to America. They entered into a contract, and Mr. Mast, his wife and one child, and about 400 others boarded a vessel for the United States, but the agent became stranded, and instead of coming to the United States, he landed the whole ship load of French and German emigrants at Maracaibo, Venezuela, and basely deserted them. The cocoanut palms and the blue sky afforded them their only shelter. Mr. Mast, his wife and child were taken into a Spanish doctor's family as servants. One of Mr. Mast's duties was to look after the water supply. Water was carried for general purposes from several miles away by means of large bottles strapped over the back of an ass. While performing this task he came to a sawmill operated by an American Consul named Taylor. Two Spaniards were sawing a log of wood, and were needlessly exhausting themselves through a lack of knowledge or want of energy to better the condition of their machinery. Mr. Mast asked for a file and filed their saw for them. Mr. Taylor then asked him if he could file a circular saw, and he replied that he could. He was immediately offered employment, and arrangements were made with the Spanish doctor. Mr. Mast easily acquired the Spanish language, and then went before the authorities and secured the freedom of all of his fellow passengers—many of whom had died of yellow fever, among them being Philip Lehman, a brother of Mrs. Mast. Under the guidance of Mr. Mast the value of the sawmill was greatly increased. He inaugurated several improvements so that the

monthly output was greater than that of the whole previous year. Consul Taylor recognized his ability, and when the desire to reach his originally intended destination caused Mr. Mast to tender his resignation, he offered him for another year double salary, $100 in addition, and passage to New York. This offer was refused as Mr. Mast greatly desired to see his father and brother John who had come to America more than twenty years before and whom he had never really known. While in Maracaibo his family had been increased by the birth of a daughter, Hannah L. (said to be the first white child born there of European parents), and a son, James L. Mr. Mast and his family embarked in a condemned vessel that had laid along the coast for several years, and of which his wife and daughters Elizabeth and Hannah L. were the only female passengers. When about half way over, struggling with their battered vessel, a privateer who intended to rob them saw their condition and furnished them with good food and water. After ninety days they landed at New York, and from there went to Philadelphia, and thence by wagon to Stony Point. There they remained a short time, Mr. Mast following his trade at twenty-five cents per day and paying ten percent of his net earnings for the use of his tools. He then went to Lobachsville, in Pike township, where he lived about a year, walking to and from Pottstown, where he had secured work as a bridge builder with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. After working seven days as a journeyman he was made boss bridge builder for the whole system. After he had built many bridges he was transferred to the car shops at Reading for the repairing and building of freight and passenger cars. In 1843 he moved his family to Reading and purchased his first home for $425. On Aug. 4, 1847, he became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

In the early fifties Jacob B. Mast entered the hotel business on Ninth street, where now is located the Orphanage of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and then, in order, to Ninth and Washington streets, Seventh and Penn streets, "Jefferson House" at No. 137 South Seventh street, Ninth and Laurel streets and at No. 835 Penn street. He next moved to No. 823 Walnut street and accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as lumber foreman, remaining in their employ until Aug. 16, 1880, when he died. In 1872 he was elected a director of the poor, in which office he rendered the poor, especially the children, great service. He was benevolent and kindly of heart, and was the benefactor of the needy. Mr. Mast became quite a linguist, speaking fluently English, Spanish, French and German. Of the twelve children born to him and his wife, four are living: Hannah L., who married John Bauman and has two children living, Albert G. and Ellen L.; James L., a printer at Slatington, and former editor of the Slatington *Star*, who served as first lieutenant in the Second U. S. Artillery, in the Civil war and was one of the "First Defenders"; George L.; and Ellen L., unmarried, who lives with her brother George L. Mrs. Elizabeth (Lehman) Mast was born April 9, 1818, and makes her home with her son George L. Jacob B. Mast helped to organize and build St. John's German Lutheran church, and was the building master.

George L. Mast was born May 12, 1858, in Reading, and was educated in the public schools, supplementing the knowledge there acquired by a course in the business college conducted by Chester N. Farr and D. B. Brunner. He then learned the trade of tinsmith under George W. Dauth, secured a position in the works of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and for thirty-one years was in the employ of that corporation. He was married Oct. 11, 1881, to Bertha Louise Smith, a teacher, and the daughter of Frederick Smith, a shoemaker. The children born of this union are as follows: Paul, born 1882, a machinist with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway; Albert F., born 1883, who holds a position similar to his brother's and like him is also married; James E., born 1891, who graduated in 1908 from the Reading high school, and is now a civil engineer; and Carl H., born 1892, a member of the class of 1909, Reading high school. Mr. Mast and his family belong to St. John's German Lutheran Church, Reading, and he served nine years in the vestry, and as an official in the Sunday-school. He belongs to Camp No. 212, P. O. S. of A.; and in its day was an active member of the Philomathean Literary Society.

Mr. Mast has always manifested much interest in political questions, and has taken an active part in local affairs. He is a believer in Democratic principles, and in 1891 was elected on that ticket to the common council. In February, 1904, he was elected alderman of the Ninth ward, for the term beginning May 1st of the following year, an office he has filled with great satisfaction to the constituents.

ALBERT W. KLINE, proprietor of the Union Boarding Stable, with barns at No. 721 Cherry street, Reading, was born at Red Lion, in Exeter township, Berks county, Sept. 29, 1876, son of Charles L. and Susan (Wanner) Kline.

Albert W. Kline, grandfather of Albert W., was born in Amity township, and died at Reading in 1859, when less than forty years of age, meeting an accidental death by an explosion of the old Iowa engine, at Seventh and Chestnut streets. He settled at Reading after his marriage to Angelina, daughter of Jacob Ludwig. They had the following children: Amanda; Henry; Emma, m. to Samuel Manmiller, of Exeter township; John; Frank, residing at Denver; Charles L.; William; Olivia, m. to Francis Moser, of Johnstown; and Albert W., four of the above surviving.

Charles L. Kline, father of Albert W., was born August 23, 1851, at Reading, and was eight years of age when his father died, after which he went to live with his uncle, Henry B. Kelley, at Greshville, in Douglass township. He continued to live there for five years and then went to Manayunk, where he drove a horse and cart at the Pencoyd Iron Works and later a street car on the old Ridge avenue line. He then came to Reading, and since then has been engaged in the horse business, maintaining a branding and sales stable at Wood and Cherry streets, since 1899. He carries from forty to fifty-five horses. Every spring he goes to Missouri, where he purchases from two to eight car loads and these he sells mainly in Schuylkill county, finding ready markets. In 1876 he married Susan Wanner, daughter of Jacob and Susan Wanner, and they have three children, namely: Albert W.; Chester, of California, and Minnie, at home.

Albert W. Kline obtained his education in the schools of Reading, which he attended until he was sixteen years of age, when he learned the harness-making trade with S. M. Hartman, of that city, remaining in his employ for four years. After this he formed a partnership with L. C. Strineger, under the firm name of the Reading Lumber Company, and a successful business was carried on for three years, when Mr. Kline withdrew from the firm. He then became traveling salesman for S. W. Van Note, of No. 754 Penn street, Reading, and had charge of Berks and surrounding counties, in the harness line, and continued to represent the above house for three years less two weeks. Mr. Kline then turned his attention to his present business, learning all the details from his father, and on June 21, 1907, he purchased the good will, stock and fixtures of Mahlon Geiger, who formerly occupied his present quarters. Mr. Kline has increased the efficiency of the business in every way. He keeps about forty horses, has all the equipments found in a first-class livery and enjoys an excellent trade.

On Sept. 3, 1904, Mr. Kline was married to Sadie Spotts, daughter of David Spotts, formerly of Birds-

boro, but who later owned a farm in Exeter township. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have two children, Ruth E. and Thornton Jack.

CHARLES ALBRECHT, proprietor of "Friendship Hotel," Reading, was born in that city Nov. 24, 1873, son of Isadore and Mary Albrecht. He spent all his boyhood days in the city, and was educated in the parochial school of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He commenced working with White & Albrecht, plasterers, remaining about one year, then entering Hendel's hat factory, and before he was twenty he learned the painter's trade. This he followed for five years, and the year following was employed as a core maker in the Reading Iron Company (Scott Foundry). In 1894 he started in the hotel business at Ninth and Oley streets, being one of the youngest men in Berks county to take out a license. For two years he conducted the "Imperial Hotel," and in June, 1906, Mr. Albrecht assumed charge of the "Friendship Hotel" at No. 1100 North Tenth street, and this he has since conducted with great success. He has fifteen pleasant rooms, and the guests are uniform in their praise of the courteous treatment given them.

Mr. Albrecht is a member of the Knights of St. John; Foresters of America; Aerie No. 66, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Mountain Home Association; Mt. Penn Family Circle; Marion Fire Company; and the Commercial Club. He and his family are active in St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1893 Mr. Albrecht was married to Mary Kulp, daughter of George and Sarah Kulp, of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht have had five children, namely: Charles, Lillie, John, Philip and Paul, of whom Lillie and Philip died young. Mr. Albrecht is a self made man, and has met with great success in his undertakings, being now the owner of considerable real estate. He stands well in his community, and is very popular with those who know him best.

F. PALMER-PORONER, of Reading, was born in Paris, France, Oct. 6, 1875. He is a graduate of the Paris Sorbonne, with the degree of B. A., and also spent a year at Margate, England, where he became proficient in the English language. He is a fine linguist, being a fluent writer and speaker in both English and German as well as his native French.

On Nov. 27, 1893, Mr. Poroner sailed from Nantes, France, for America, and settled at once in Reading. He was first employed in Louis Kremp's real estate office, and remained there until July 2, 1896. He then, after a month's vacation, took charge of the Wingate Collection Agency, which he conducted for several months. In April, 1897, he was engaged by the Executive committee inspecting the various building associations which had claims against the Kremp estate. These numbered about twenty-five and Mr. Poroner appeared as an expert witness before the Arbitration court. While these legal contests were going on, Mr. Poroner was made secretary of fifteen building associations, and to facilitate their liquidation invested some $2,000,000 of their money in 500 houses and hundreds of city lots. Mr. Poroner's work in this connection was more than satisfactory and led to his establishing himself in the real estate business. He is now one of the well known men in that line in Reading, and is doing well with his office located at No. 606 Court street. He has a seat on the Board of Trade. He belongs to St. Peter's Catholic Church, and hence is naturally found among the members of the Catholic and Benevolent Social Union. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

REUBEN GOODHART, one of Reading's venerable citizens, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest ex-chief of police in the United States, is a native of Reading, born Oct. 18, 1818.

His paternal grandfather was John Goodhart, a farmer and miller in Robeson township. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hottenstein, were both members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics John Goodhart was a Democrat. They had eight children, John; Joshua; William; Barbara; Hettie; Susan; Jacob and Mary.

Jacob Goodhart, son of John, was born in Exeter township, and was there given a good common school education. Early in life he learned to make shoes, and when twenty-one years old established himself at Reading, where the rest of his life was spent carrying on his trade. He married Miss Mary Beidler and they had fifteen children, fourteen of whom lived to maturity. The father and the mother were devout members of the Reformed Church.

Reuben Goodhart, eldest child of Jacob and Mary, attended the common and subscription schools of Reading and while still in his teens learned to follow his father's trade of shoemaking. He gave his whole attention to this work for twenty years, but at the end of that time gave it up and became baggage master for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. Later he served for fifteen years as a railroad police officer. He was also at one time elected chief of police for the city, filling that position for several years. In 1880 he was made tipstaff at the Berks county court house, and has held that office ever since. In spite of his advanced age, he is still enjoying unimpaired faculties, and is as active as many men much younger than he. In 1840 Mr. Goodhart was married to Miss Elizabeth Bright, and they have had four children, Frederick, Reuben, Charlotte and Ellis. In religion the family are connected with the German Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Goodhart has been a lifelong Democrat. He has also been for many years a member of the I. O. O. F., and joined Montgomery Lodge in 1845. He is now the only surviving member of that lodge, having lived to pay the death claim of every other man on its rolls. He also belongs to the K. P. and for fifteen years was treasurer of his lodge. Mr. Goodhart is naturally very well known in Reading from his long residence there, and is held in universal esteem.

Reuben Goodhart (2), son of Reuben, was engaged in the produce business in Reading, where he died in 1886. He was buried in Aulenbach's cemetery. His widow, whose maiden name was Mary Schell, now resides at No. 431 North Ninth street, with her son Reuben D. To this union were born six children, as follows: Amanda, Albert, Annie, Reuben D., William and Charles.

Reuben D. Goodhart, son of Reuben (2), and grandson of the former chief of police, was born in Reading in 1870. He attended the public schools, and after obtaining a good common-school education learned the trade of painter and paper-hanger with H. A. Halbeisen, with whom he remained four years. He then spent eight years as a journeyman, after which he engaged in business at his present location. He has built up a good trade, and has met with success, due to his upright business methods and his artistic workmanship.

Mr. Goodhart married Sarah A. Smith, daughter of Aaron Smith. Four children were born to this union, as follows: Arthur, Lewis, Elsie and Reuben, Jr. In politics Mr. Goodhart is a Democrat, and in 1908 he was elected as assessor for the Eleventh ward. He is a member of the Hampden Fire Company and Northeastern Democratic Association. His religious connection is with St. Luke's Lutheran church. Mr. Goodhart is well-known and popular.

JOHN SPANGLER, of Reading, who died Dec. 20, 1907, at No. 211 South Second street, was born in Switzerland, Dec. 8, 1832, son of Ulrich and Margureta (Abultzchuser) Spangler, who lived and died in Switzerland. They had six children, Jacob; Ulrich; Heinrich; Gotlieb; John and Susan. The parents were members of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In 1860 John Spangler embarked on the sailing vessel "Frotingham," for New York, and after a voyage of thirty-two days, landed at Castle Garden. He had learned shoemaking in Switzerland, and for the first six months remained in New York City working at his trade. He then spent a year in Schenectady, N. Y., similarly employed, and another at Syracuse. Meantime the Rebellion had broken out, and in 1863 Mr. Spangler enlisted in the 3d N. Y. Light Artillery, under Captain Kelsey. He served from that time until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged by general orders. He was brave and fearless and had a most creditable record. His health suffered ever after from the effects of his military experience, as he not only contracted asthma but was permanently injured by a fall from his horse, when he struck on his neck. On returning to civilian life he settled in Geneva, N. Y., where he opened a shoe shop and store, and remained there until 1887. He then sold out and moved to Philadelphia, but remained there only a short time before settling permanently in Reading, where he continued in the shoe business as before.

Mr. Spangler was married in 1866 to Miss Anna von Haven, and they had six children, only three of whom are living: John, Frank and Jennie. Mr. Spangler was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., but of late years severed his connection with the organization. In politics he was always a good Republican.

JOHN CARLANCE, of Reading, was born in Caserta, Italy, Oct. 12, 1856, and until he came to America was a day laborer.

Mr. Carlance's first experience was anything but encouraging. Landing at Castle Garden in 1883, he was at once employed by a railroad contractor and sent to Philadelphia, where he worked for seventeen days with out receiving any pay for it, and with very little food. But he had the courage of youth, and, undismayed, sought other work, which he soon secured on public works. He was thus engaged for several years, and being both industrious and provident, he accumulated some money and was able to take life a little more easily. Meantime he had become quite familiar with the English language and had no difficulty in getting employment as a foreman of a construction gang. His first months, after leaving Philadelphia, were spent at Limerick and Pottsville, Pa., but since 1884 he has remained permanently in Reading. He became in time an agent for furnishing laborers to the contractors of the different railroads, and at present supplies men for Nolan & Bros., general contractors on railroad work. He has charge of from fifty to five hundred men. He furnishes shelter and provisions for the men, as well as providing medical attendance when needed and being very well adapted for his work, has produced unusually good results.

In 1901 Mr. Carlance was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of Joseph Rosline, and two children have been born to them, as follows; Nicholas, Sept. 19, 1902; and Lucy, Jan. 8, 1905. Both parents belong to the Catholic Church. Mr. Carlance took out his naturalization papers in 1904, and joined the ranks of the Republican party.

CHARLES F. HEILMAN, a veteran of the Civil war, residing in Reading, is a German by birth, but from early childhood has lived in America. He was born in Wurtemberg, in 1845, son of John B. Heilman, for many years one of the most respected residents of Reading.

John B. Heilman followed the calling of a shepherd in Germany, and remained in that country for a long time after his marriage. In 1852 he came to America to better his fortunes, and as he knew no one here, and had no special objective point, upon landing in New York, he went with a Mr. Haak, whom he had met on the boat, and who was going to Reading. Soon after his arrival in that city he secured employment in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and remained with that company for a period of forty years, an unusual and honorable record. He made one trip back to his native home in Germany. John B. Heilman died May 10, 1903, aged eighty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was C. Frederika Sturgzboch, had died many years before, Feb. 16, 1888, and both are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Their children were as follows: William T., a retired cigar manufacturer, residing with his sister, the widow of Judge Bruckman; Charles F.; Mark G., who is in the cigar business in Pottstown; John B., Jr., of Hot Springs, Ark.; and Caroline H., who married the late Judge George W. Bruckman.

Charles F. Heilman was seven years old when his parents came to Reading, and all of his education was received in American schools. After leaving the Reading public schools he learned cigarmaking with Charles Breneiser, remaining with him until the time of the Civil war. In 1864, at the age of nineteen he enlisted in Company E, 205th Pa. V. I., under Capt. William Walter, and during his term of service he was in the battles of Fort Steadman and Petersburg. He was discharged at Alexandria, Va., and mustered out at Harrisburg. Returning to Reading he spent three years in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, as a molder, but at the end of that time he gave that trade up, and again took up cigarmaking, at which he has continued to work ever since. At present he is employed by the Yocum Brothers.

Mr. Heilman married Miss Ellen Nuss, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Rowe) Nuss. A family of six children has been born to this union, namely: Sadie, wife of Harry German, residing at No. 941 Washington street, Reading; John, employed at the Perkiomen Brick Plant; Maude E., at home; Harry, a cigarmaker by trade and a musician who is well-known locally; Luther, a musician, who married Miss Ada Geist; and Carrie, at home. The family reside at No. 115 North Ninth street, Reading. Mr. Heilman as an old soldier naturally is connected with the G. A. R., a member of Post No. 76, and he is also an Odd Fellow, belonging to Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 518.

ALFRED BORDES, Reading, Pa., is a native of France, born in 1849. He received his education in the schools of his native country and when only eighteen years of age enlisted in the French army. He was wounded in battle, and still bears the scar of the bullet between his thumb and forefinger on his left hand.

Mr. Bordes has always been engaged at his present occupation and it is doubtful if he has a superior in his line in this section. When still a lad, wishing to see this country, he sailed from France, landing in New York City in 1875. There he remained a short time, going thence to Philadelphia, P., securing employment at the best hotels. In 1878 he was made chef at the "Aldine Hotel," and was the first chef at Willow Grove, Philadelphia, also being employed at the best mountain and sea-shore resorts. He came to Reading in 1898, and since that time has been employed with W. B. Krick, proprietor of Bissinger's Café.

Mr. Bordes was married to Miss Rosa Levan, daughter of William B. Levan, of Reading, and to this union one child has been born, Raymond, who is attending school. Mr. Bordes was the organizer and first president of the Cooks' Association, at Philadelphia.

JOHN BABST, a well-to-do citizen of Reading, Pa., who has been living retired at his home since 1896, is a native of this city, born April 8, 1842, son of Adam and Margaret (Exmoyer) Babst.

Adam Babst was born in Bavaria, Germany, and while in his native country followed gardening. He came to America in the fall of 1841, and remained at Philadelphia

a few weeks, before going to Reading. He started the vineyard of Mr. John Fair, who kept a wine house on Penn street, below Seventh, and then bought six acres of land at the foot of Mt. Penn, where he started a vineyard. Mr. Babst died at this place in 1847, when about fifty years of age, while his wife passed away in her sixty-eighth year, both being buried at the Alsace Church, they being Lutherans in their religious belief.

John Babst, the only child of his parents, attended the school situated at the corner of Tenth and Washington streets, and early in life learned the hatter's trade, following this occupation for twenty-five years. He then went to the Philadelphia & Reading shops, where he was employed in different departments for a period of fourteen years, retiring in 1896. He now spends his time on his fine property left him by his mother, most of which he has since sold for building lots, although he still possesses a desirable tract. The view from these grounds is very beautiful and it is a charming place for a home. Mr. Babst erected his present residence in 1863, at No. 331 Lombard street, and an interesting incident concerning the tearing down of the old home was the finding, by Mr. Babst, of a string of unique brass beads. These beads must have been wrought by an Indian, skilled in such workmanship. Mr. Babst is a member of the Odd Fellows, No. 158, and a charter member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, joining the Rainbow Fire Co., in 1860. In politics Mr. Babst is a Democrat, and he has served his ward, the Ninth, as a member of the Council. He is religiously connected with the Alsace Church.

Mr. Babst married Lovina, daughter of Jacob Meitzer, a farmer in Lehigh county, and to this union there were born: Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of John Frederick, had two children, Charles and John; Margaret, the wife of Lewis C. Hohl, a policeman of the Ninth ward, has one daughter, Emma; Emma, the wife of William R. Harbster, has one daughter, Helen Irene; Elizabeth, the wife of William A. Winter, has two children, Nora and Howard; and John J., a cigar maker, is single. "

GERHARD LAUTER, for thirty years the owner and manager of the "Madison House" in Reading, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, June 15, 1829, son of Philip and Paulina (Vogel) Lauter.

Philip Lauter was a shoemaker by trade, but also owned a small farm which he operated, and a vineyard from which he made and sold wine. He was quite a prominent man in his native town, and bore a good reputation for character and abilty. He and his wife died in the Fatherland, he in 1858, and she in 1850, both devout Catholics. They had five children: Charles, Joseph, Gerhard, Volborga and Martha, the last named the deceased wife of Mr. Shultheiz, of Rochester, New York.

Gerhard Lauter came to America at the age of seventeen, landing on June 3, 1847, at Castle Garden, after a voyage of fifty-three days on a French sailing vessel named the "Carolina." The passage was a very rough one, with two weeks of steady storm. The ship creaked and cracked until the passengers, giving up all hope, thought every moment their last, while one of Mr. Lauter's companions, Joseph Yeager, had a very narrow escape from being washed overboard. Gerhard Lauter had learned shoemaking from his father, and when he reached New York he followed his trade there for a short time, and spent some months similarly employed in Trenton, N. J. In April, 1848, he came to Reading, and was engaged there in making shoes for four years, but at the end of that time, in response to frequent letters from an uncle, Felix Lauter, he joined the latter in Rochester, N. Y., and was employed there for the next three years.

In 1855 Mr. Lauter returned to Reading and worked in Mr. Felix's shoe store, making women's shoes, and then, abandoning shoemaking entirely, he went into business for himself. Mr. Lauter's first venture was the purchase of bottling works, for putting up carbonated drinks, and he succeeded so well that he was encouraged to buy the bottling establishment of Mr. Philipson, which was on a much larger scale than his first plant. He conducted this in company with Gottlieb Byerly for three years, when he sold out to his partner, and in 1867 he started in the hotel business. He was first located at the old "Borrell" place on Penn street, above Seventh, and after a year in these quarters he built in 1868 the "Madison House." It was ready for occupancy in March, 1869, and for a period of thirty years from that date he conducted that popular hostelry. He then sold out to the Deppen Brewing Company. This was in 1896, and since that date he has been living in retirement. Mr. Lauter has served the municipality and has a splendid record as an honorable and efficent police officer, having filled that position for six years. He has always voted the Democratic ticket, since his naturalization in 1858.

Mr. Lauter was twice married. In 1854 he married (first) Miss Catherine Rebholtz, of Reading, who was born in Germany, the daughter of Michael Rebholtz, who died in Reading, at the age of 101 years. In his day Michael Rebholtz was known as a noted cattle drover of Reading. To the union of Mr. Lauter and Catherine Rebholtz were born thirteen children, six of whom are deceased, as follows: Peter, Charles, Katie, William, Clara and Francis. The others are: Mary, the widow of Hayward H. Heckman; Amelia, married to William Wilson; George, married to Miss Annie Hoffert; Annie, married to Richard Coombs; Louisa, married to George N. Jacobi; Joseph, married to Miss Bertha Grookett; and Kate, who first married John Blessing, and later married Charles G. Boyer, of Reading. The mother of these children died in 1877. On Sept. 28, 1886, Mr. Lauter married (second) Miss Sophia Fleishute Reith, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Reith, of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They have had four children, as follows: Leo, a linotype operator, employed on the Reading *Eagle;* Albert, also a linotype operator, and employed on the same paper; Ada, and Helena. Mr. and Mrs. Lauter and their children are Catholics in their religious faith, and are people highly esteemed in the community. The family home is at No. 15 South Second street, Reading.

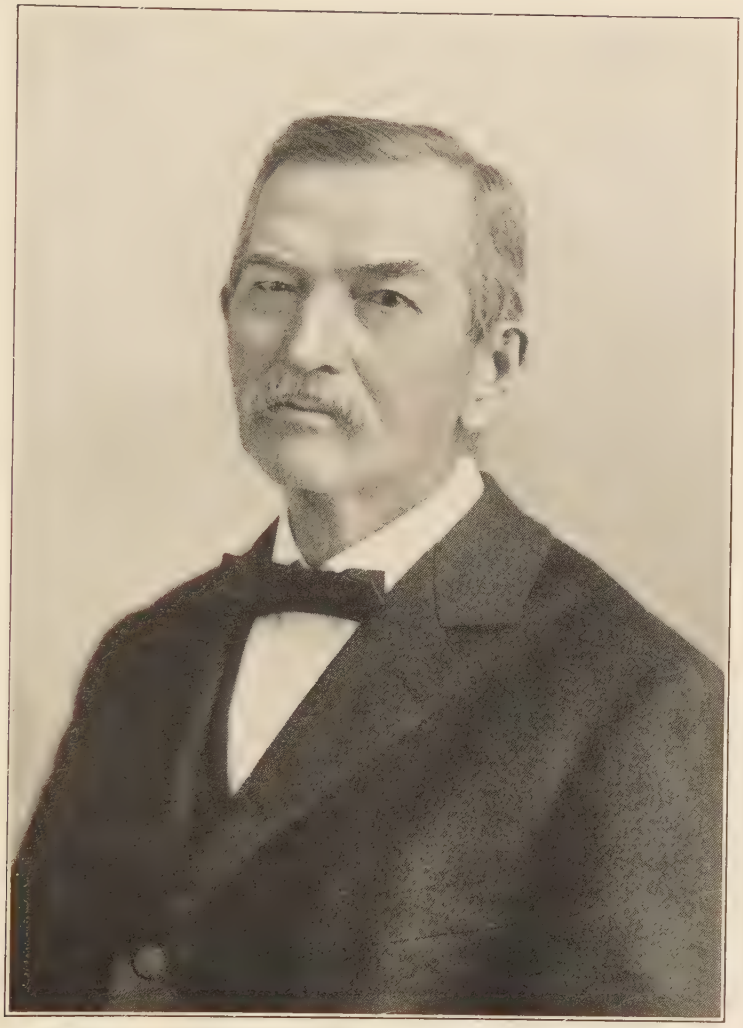
HENRY E. KEELER, of Reading, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Nov. 24, 1859, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Heist) Keeler. During his earlier years he was a student in the county schools and then went to Trappe Seminary, which was conducted at that time by Prof. Rambles. When he was ready to choose a trade, he decided upon that of painting and paper hanging, but after working in that line for several years, he abandoned it, and for a time was clerk in a shoe store at Royersford.

Mr. Keeler's connection with Reading began when he established himself at No. 624 Laurel street, opening a restaurant there which he conducted successfully for a period of seven years. This property is still in his possession but since July, 1904, he has rented it and devotes his own time to managing the South Market Restaurant for George Albright. As a caterer Mr. Keeler has few equals in Reading, is thoroughly up to-date and conducts a first-class restaurant.

Mr. Keeler's wife was Miss Ida Boas; she is a daughter of Henry Boas, a resident of Reading. Their only child is a daughter, Edith, a graduate from the Girls' high school, of Reading, who is now making teaching her profession.

On political issues Mr. Keeler has always been a faithful supporter of the Democratic party, and has been quite active in its ranks, serving three terms as ward assessor. In the spring of 1906 he was appointed school controller for the Second ward, to fill an unexpired term, and is well qualified for such a position, as educational questions have always received his close attention and interest. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DAVID STEPHAN, deceased, of Reading, was of German birth, a native of Baden, and came to this country early in life, in 1817.



Gerhard Lauter

Before coming to America Mr. Stephan had learned the trade of a carpenter and was a thoroughly competent workman. After reaching this country he located in Reading, and before long was in business for himself as a contractor and builder, becoming one of the most prosperous men in his line, and holding a prominent place among the other contractors of the city. He was married May 11, 1856, to Julia A., daughter of William and Barbara (Zerby) Berger, and four children were born to their union, viz.: Augustus, who married Miss Rebecca Morrison; Ida, Mrs. Albert Mercer; Alice, Mrs. John Kline; and Lewis, who married Miss Ella Schuman. Mr. Stephan's religious faith was that of the Lutheran Church, and his adherence in political matters was given to the Democratic party. He was a man held in general esteem, and his death was felt as a personal loss to many beyond the family circle.

Mrs. Stephan was one of six children born to her parents, viz.: Jonathan; William and Gerard, who were both soldiers in the Civil war; Julia; Sarah; and Susan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berger died at Millersburg, Berks county, he at the age of ninety-six and she at seventy-eight, and their remains lie in the cemetery in that town. Mr. Berger was a carpenter and journeyman by trade. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Stephan owns a comfortable property, including two houses in Oakland, a suburb of Reading.

FERDINAND WINTER, who for many years was a well-known business man of Reading, and a member of the leather manufacturing firm of Winter & Getz, is now living retired at his home No. 900 Centre avenue in this city. Mr. Winter's birth occurred in 1838, in Austria, son of Anton and Marie (Ansorge) Winter.

After receiving a good education in the schools of his native country, Mr. Winter learned the process of tanning chamois and other fine hides for glove and shoe purposes, and followed this occupation as a journeyman for eleven years in Bavaria. On Aug. 28, 1867, he emigrated to America, landing at Castle Garden, on the steamship "Northern Light," and settled in Philadelphia for two and one-half years, after which he came to Reading and entered into a partnership with Anton Blatz, who had established, a short time previously, a small tannery. This partnership existed under the name of Blatz & Winter from 1869 to 1875, when Mr. Winter purchased the business, and admitted as a partner Ferdinand Getz, they carrying on the business on the Canal street site of the Pennsylvania railroad, which line purchased the plant in order to clear their right of way. The firm then located on the property now owned by the Ferdinand Getz Sons Co., where they continued until 1904, in which year Mr. Getz died and Mr. Winter retired from the business. The reputation that Mr. Winter made for his goods was far reaching and much of the leather passed inspection and sold in Philadelphia, New York and other large cities as imported leather, but in fact this was not doing his product justice, as it was in many instances superior to the imported goods. He also exported to foreign countries, including Germany, France and England. Mr. Winter is a great traveler, and in addition to traveling many miles in America, he has crossed the Atlantic thirteen times, and each time visited his old home. Mr. Winter is a director in the Keystone National Bank.

In 1874 Mr. Winter was married to Clara Kuchler, and the following children were born to this union: Edward, at home; Martha, deceased; Louis, manufacturer's agent for a German patented fountain pen with offices in the Baer building; Rose, Maria and Louisa, at home; and two that died in infancy. Fraternally Mr. Winter is connected with Teutonia Lodge, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter, Reading Commandery and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

WILLIAM W. LESHER, proprietor of the "Washington Avenue House" at Reading, was born in Perry township, Berks county, Sept. 3, 1873. The Lesher family have been represented in Berks county through several generations.

Abraham Lesher, the great-grandfather of William W., lived at Moselem, and owned a number of farms in the territory now embraced in Perry township, being one of the very rich men of his day. Through the Hunters, the iron masters at Moselem, whom he served as surety, he lost about $40,000, and this preyed on his mind until he committed suicide by shooting himself. He was of Irish descent, and physically was a man of fine proportion, being tall, broad-shouldered and of dignified bearing. His children were: Abraham K.; Jonas, who lived in Lebanon county; Mrs. Diana Motes, of Richmond township, Berks county; Mrs. Knerr, of Lehigh county; and Mrs. Kemp, who with her husband and family moved West.

Abraham K. Lesher, son of Abraham, was born in Perry township, in 1810, and he died Nov. 26, 1874, and is buried at St. Peter's Church in Richmond township, of which he and his family were Reformed members. He was a millwright by trade, and also carried on farming, owning a tract of 140 acres of land located at Moselem Bridge in Perry township. He married Catharine Moyer, born Feb. 15, 1815, and died May 6, 1884. Their children were: Amos, of Richmond township, who died in Reading, where for a few years he had been conducting a hotel; Reuben, a farmer near Gernand's Church, in Ontelaunee township; Ephraim, who was drowned in Reading in June, 1873; John M. (1846-1905), of Kutztown, whose widow, Malinda Kline, now lives at Kutztown with her son, Alvin K. (her children were Alvin K., Agnes, Walter and Laura); Samuel, who died in Perry township, Dec. 31, 1880; and Alfred M.

Alfred M. Lesher, son of Abraham K., was born in Perry township, Dec. 14, 1853. He attended the common schools and later the Normal School at Kutztown. He early learned the duties of a farmer, and this was his work until his twentieth year, when he became engineer at Moselem furnace ore mines, where he remained eight years. The next year he worked on the railroad in Lehigh county, and then for twenty-two years he followed huckstering, buying his produce in Richmond and surrounding townships. In 1905 he came to Reading, and he has since been employed by the Reading Railway Company as an engineer. In politics Mr. Lesher is a Republican, and for eighteen years he was committeeman of Richmond township. In 1898 he was elected prison inspector of Berks county, and after serving in this office for three years he became a candidate for county commissioner, and at several county conventions showed considerable strength. He still owns a nice property of six acres in Richmond township. On Feb. 24, 1872, he was married to Ellen M. Kline, daughter of Nathan R. and Sallie (Merkel) Kline. To this union have been born children as follows: Jeremiah, a policeman of Reading; William W.; Edwin K., who lives on the homestead in Richmond township, where he conducts the "Pennsylvania Hotel," established by his father in 1902; Sallie, widow of William Helbert, of Reading; and Annie, who married George D. Heffer, and lives at Reading.

William W. Lesher was reared at Moselem, attending the public schools of that district. He clerked in Shepel & Stillwagon's general store at Moselem for one year, and the next year he worked on their farm connected with the furnace. He was licensed to teach school by Prof. W. M. Zechman, county superintendent, in 1890, and he taught his first term at Shoemakersville, and his second at the Birch Hill school at Mohrsville. He then went to Lancaster, Pa., where he clerked in Capt. John Britton's hotel for a year, after which he came to Reading and for two years was bar clerk for his brother, and for two years for H. H. Christinson. Returning to Lancaster he worked for Peter G.

Ammon, at the "Franklin House" for one year, after which he returned again to Reading. In the spring of 1899 he engaged in the hotel business for himself at Eighth and Oley streets, conducting the "Brunswick Hotel" for five and one-half years. In 1904 he took charge of his present place, the "Washington Avenue House," where he has been very successful.

Mr. Lesher is a Democrat, and he has served the Twelfth ward as treasurer, and has otherwise shown a keen interest in the welfare of his party. He is a member of Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F.; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; Independent Order Progressive Americans, No. 1; Twentieth Century Quakers, No. 2; Bavarians, all of Reading.

On Aug. 8, 1898, Mr. Lesher married Emma S. Berstler, daughter of Henry and Mary (Machmer) Berstler, the former a blacksmith in Maiden-creek township. Her grandparents were Henry and Mary (Bossler) Berstler. Mr. Lesher has always been pardonably proud of the fact that his first examination for a teacher's certificate was passed when he was but fifteen years of age—two years under the legal age for teachers—and the superintendent could not sign it until he had attained the required age. Mr. Lesher owns his comfortable home at No. 959 North Ninth street, Reading.

AUGUST SCHNEIDER, a well known business man of Reading, Pa., where he has extensive brewing interests, was born July 16, 1855, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Antone and Caroline (Houey) Schneider.

Mr. Schneider learned the brewing business with his father in his native country, and worked there at his trade for seven years, and was a brewmaster in Zurich, Switzerland. He came to this country May 1, 1880, and for four years resided at Philadelphia, where he had first located. He then went to Carlisle, to accept a position as brewmaster, which he successfully filled for two years, and then returned to Philadelphia, where he was employed by the Bergner Engle Brewing Company. The succeeding three years he was employed as brewing master in Bethlehem, Pa., and from there went to Altoona, Pa., where he served in the same capacity for Martin Helle, at the old Hickory Brewery. After four years with this firm he went to Millville, where he was engaged as brewing master for the Millville Enz Brewing Company. Feeling that he had mastered all the details of the business with which he had been connected for so many years, Mr. Schneider decided to enter the brewing field on his own account, and subsequently organized the American Brewing Company, of which he was manager for four years, at the end of which time he went to Latrobe, Pa., and there established the Loyalhanna Brewing Company, in partnership with Philip Herrmann and others. This became a large corporation. He served as superintendent and general manager of this company until coming to Reading, April 8, 1907, when he purchased the Stocker estate, now called Fairview Brewery, as well as the Augustiner Brewery, where the famous Augustiner Beer is brewed, a beverage that has since won great popularity. Mr. Schneider's son, Joseph A., is the brewmaster, and is a man of capability, being a graduate of the Wahl-Henius Institute of Fermentology, Chicago, as well as having much practical experience. He is consulted by his father in all business matters, and by his sound judgment and aptitude of mind has made himself an invaluable man in the managerial affairs of Fairview Brewery. Since the Schneiders have taken charge of the brewery they have built up a large business, and have increased the value of the property by $40,000, making many improvements, including the building of the bottling house, a structure 40x64 feet in dimensions. Mr. Schneider resides at No. 1700 North Eleventh street, which was formerly the Stocker home.

Fraternally Mr. Schneider is a member of the B. P. O. E., No. 905, of Latrobe; and the F. O. E., No. 1188, also of Latrobe. Since coming to Reading he has joined the Reading Lodge of Elks, No. 115, and Aerie No. 66, F. O. E. He has also become a member of the Bavarians, the Liederkranz, the Family Circle and other social clubs. He is a member of the German Catholic Church of Reading, and belongs to the Knights of St. George, which he was instrumental in founding in Latrobe before coming to this city.

On Jan. 19, 1878, Mr. Schneider was married to Louisa Herzog, who was born April 7, 1856, daughter of Andrew and Caroline (Bachele) Herzog, of Baden, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were married prior to coming to this country. Their twelve children were as follows: Alfred A., born Dec. 7, 1878, died Feb. 14, 1904; Otto E., born Dec. 7, 1879, died in infancy; Louise, born Dec. 28, 1880, married John V. Schissler, of Latrobe, and they have one daughter, Louisa Augusta; Frank J., born Dec. 26, 1883, died March 28, 1884; Joseph A., born Jan. 24, 1885; Amelia C., born April 7, 1887, died Feb. 16, 1889; Matilda K., born Sept. 29, 1889; Charles F., born Oct. 29, 1891; Aloysius A., born April 7, 1894, died Sept. 9, 1898; Wilhelmina P., born March 2, 1897; Julius H., born July 23, 1899; and Stella M., born Feb. 9, 1902.

GEORGE B. MOYER, of Reading, was born Jan. 10, 1863, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., a son of George and Mary (Stamm) Moyer.

Isaac Moyer, grandfather of George B., lived and died at Schuylkill Haven. He had the following children: Jacob, of Fairmount Locks, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry, of near Hamburg, Pa.; Adam, deceased, formerly of Schuylkill Haven; George, father of George B.; Ellen, deceased, wife of David Eck, Reading; Clementine, wife of a Mr. Strasser, near Milton, Pa.; Adaline, wife of Jacob Casper, of Hamburg, Pa.; and Emma, wife of Henry Casper, of Hamburg.

George Moyer, father of George B., lived and died at Schuylkill Haven. Like his father he was a boatman. He married Mary Stamm, daughter of David Stamm, and they had one son, George B.

George B. Moyer accompanied his parents to Reading when seven years of age and has been a resident of this city ever since. When nineteen years old he learned the painting trade from H. H. Heckman, following that trade exclusively until 1894 when he added paper hanging to his other line. In 1886 he formed a partnership with Albert S. Kercher under the firm name of Kercher & Moyer. This firm has its store and place of business at No. 526 West Ninth street, where they have a complete and well selected stock of wall papers, paints and mouldings. They do a large business which covers the city and many of the surrounding towns, giving constant employment to from eight to fifteen men. The business reputation of the firm is excellent.

In 1882, Mr. Moyer was married to Mary J. Moyer, daughter of Thomas L. and Mary Ann (Hart) Moyer, of Shartlesville, and a granddaughter of Jacob Moyer. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have had six children, namely: Virginia A., Stella A., G. Robert, Marion, Paul and Forest. G. Robert died aged seven years. The family belong to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Mr. Moyer is a member of the Senior American Mechanics organization, No. 46, Reading.

FRANK PHILLIPS, of Reading, was born Dec. 26, 1864, at Avondale, Chester county, Pa., a son of Chalkley and Emma (Taylor) Phillips.

Mr. Phillips belongs to an old and honorable family of Chester county. His great-grandparents were John and Mary (Davis) Phillips and they had the following children: Sarah married Breese Lyons; Lavinia married Joseph Colum; Margaret married William Reyser; Mary is unmarried; George married Susan Meyers; and Thomas.

Thomas Phillips, grandfather of Frank, was born at Wilmington, Del., in 1810. When he was seven years of

age his parents moved to Malvern, Pa., where he later learned the blacksmith's trade and was there engaged in business until he removed to a farm that he bought in the vicinity of Avondale, on which he resided until his death, in 1889. He married Edith Chandler and they had the following children: Phebe, who married Edwin Conard, had four children, Everard, Thomas, Emma and Mary L.; John, who married Sarah Gray, had five children, Matilda, Thomas, Laura, Ella and Ada; Mary, who married Elwood Hallowell, had four children, Joseph, Annie, Edward and Bertha; Hannah died in infancy; Chandler, who married Mary A. Watson, had one child, Florence E.; Annie, who married C. C. Hallowell, had three children, Flora, Edith and Josephine; Margaret, who married H. C. Greenfield, has one daughter, Ida M.; Lydia P., who married Morris Watson, has two children, Mary E. and Wilmer P.; and Chalkley, who married Emma Taylor, has four children, Frank, Eugene, Charles and Leona.

Chalkley Phillips, father of Frank, was born at Avondale, Chester county, Pa., March 26, 1840. During his life spent in Chester county, he engaged in farming, owning one farm of 100 acres, in Franklin township, and a second one of forty-five acres in London, Brittain township. For four years he conducted a hotel at Krebsville and then engaged in different lines of business until 1895, when he came to Reading, where he now lives retired. He married Emma, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Taylor, of near Newark, Delaware.

Frank Phillips attended the public schools, the New London Academy, at New London, the Shortledge Boarding School and the West Chester State Normal School. He then went to St. Louis, Mo., where he entered the employ of an uncle, a very prominent citizen there, a large contractor and former mayor. Mr. Phillips remained there until 1884, when he went to Texas and became a cowboy on a large ranch, and when he tired of that life he returned to Chester county and followed farming on his father's farm in Franklin township. After a time he embarked in a livery business at Kennett Square, which he conducted for four years, and from that went into the hotel business and conducted a hotel at Delaware City, Del., meeting with success in this line which he subsequently followed at Elkins, Md., Harrisburg, Pa., where he operated the "Park Hotel," the "Three-Mile House," at Shillington, Berks county, and then bought the "Cecil Hotel," in New York City. After conducting the latter for three years he sold out and then took charge of the "Imperial Hotel," at Phillipsburg, N. J., going from there to the "Cross Keys Hotel," at Doylestown, which, for 150 years has been a licensed hotel. Mr. Phillips then became proprietor of the "Surf House," at Surf City, N. J., which is the most easterly point on the Atlantic coast.

After this long experience, Mr. Phillips came to Reading and on April 1, 1908, became proprietor of the "Colonial Café," Penn Square, which, under his management, has proved a money-maker. It is equipped with modern comforts and is conducted along the most approved lines.

Mr. Phillips married Bessie Behm, who is a daughter of William and Ella Behm, and they have two children: Ruth V. and Norwood V.

FRANCIS L. CLOUSER, one of the successful young business men of Reading, was born in Cumru township, Berks county, Jan. 7, 1867, son of Daniel S. and Mary (Lord) Clouser.

John Clouser, great-grandfather of Francis L., moved from Oley to Robeson township many years ago, and bought the old George Moore farm that is now owned by one of his grandsons, Simon Clouser. He followed farming and lime burning for the remainder of his life, also owning and operating canal boats on the Schuylkill canal, which he used to carry his lime to market. Mr. Clouser died about 1841 or 1842, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife, Catherine Feigle, was also a member. They had children as follows: Daniel; John; Benjamin; Samuel; Lydia, who married Henry Moyer; and Sarah, who married Isaac Moore.

Daniel Clouser, son of John, was born Jan. 28, 1810. On Dec. 9, 1834, he married Susannah Seifert, born Dec. 14, 1812, daughter of Daniel Seifert. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Clement, born April 23, 1836, married Mary A. Wingert, and has children—Ida, Milton, Matilda, Mamie, Elmer, Annie, Oscar and Iva; Christina, born Oct. 15, 1837, married John Thompson, and has a son, Heber; Lucy Ann, born Dec. 31, 1839, married Samuel Zacharias, and has children—Sadie, Sue and Minnie; Daniel S., born Jan. 23, 1842, married Mary Lord; Ann Elizabeth, born June 29, 1844, died Jan. 25, 1868; Edward, born Sept. 29, 1847, died Oct. 8, 1847; Amos, born Dec. 11, 1848, married Amanda Reed, and has children—Emma, Minnie and Clayton; and Simon, born Nov. 1, 1852, married Mary Bitler, and has a son Harvey.

Daniel S. Clouser, son of Daniel and Susannah, was born in Robeson township Jan. 23, 1842. He followed farming there until his marriage, when he came to Reading, and found employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, where he has since continued. On Sept. 2, 1866, he married Mary Lord, and the nine children born of their union are as follows: Francis L., born Jan. 7, 1867; Rose, born March 10, 1868, married George Rouch, and has a daughter, Carrie M.; Howard, born April 29, 1869, married, and has children, Florence, Eddie, Carrie, Fred, Francis, and the family home is in Pittsburg; Henry, born July 21, 1870, living at Shillington; William, born Feb. 2, 1872, now living at Reading, has two children, Francis and another; Charles, born March 27, 1873, is at home; Irwin, born June 25, 1874, died May 10, 1882; Anna A., born March 12, 1876, married Solomon Fisher, and has a daughter, Edna M.; and Florence M., born Nov. 12, 1884, married Edward Fidler.

Francis L. Clouser, son of Daniel S., accompanied his parents to Reading when he was seven years old. He attended the schools of Reading, and then learned bolt and nut making, a trade he followed until 1897 when he engaged in the retail liquor business at Eleventh and Elm streets. In 1904 he moved to Ninth and Penn streets, and now enjoys a lucrative trade.

Mr. Clouser married Maude High, daughter of Joel High, and they have a charming home at No. 1004 North Eleventh street. Mr. Clouser is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E.; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; the Twentieth Century Quakers; Owl Beneficial Association; and the Ivy Leaf Association. He has been treasurer of the Junior Fire Company since 1893.

WILLIAM C. THORNBURG, of Reading, at present serving in the common council as alderman from the Eighth ward, is a son of Thomas L. Thornburg. He is a descendant in the fifth generation from

(I) George Thornburg, a native of Dauphin county, Pa., who was a farmer by occupation. He died at Hagerstown, Md., where he is buried. His children were: Solomon, George, Thomas, Joseph.

(II) Solomon Thornburg, son of George, born Aug. 2, 1796, died Aug. 7, 1874, and is buried at Pottsville, Pa. He was a patternmaker by trade. He married Matilda Schoener, daughter of Jacob Schoener, of Womelsdorf, and they had children as follows: Thomas O. is mentioned below; Catharine married Robert Allison; Sarah (deceased) married Richard Welsh; Robert, who is engaged as a machinist at the Philadelphia & Reading railway shops in Reading, married Charity Welsh.

(III) Thomas O. Thornburg was a blacksmith by trade and well known in that capacity, having for many years followed his trade at Mechanicsburg and Lisburn, in Cumberland county, Pa. Finally selling out that business, he took up farming. He died in Reading in 1888, at the age of sixty-six years. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth Mason, was of Welsh descent. She now resides at Philadelphia with her son Frank. To Thomas O. and Elizabeth (Mason) Thornburg were born children as follows: Thomas L.; Daniel C.; Martha; George; Mary; Katie; Carrie; Frank; and three who are deceased.

(IV) Thomas L. Thornburg, born Jan. 12, 1853, at Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., attended school in Cumberland county, and learned cigar-making at Mechanicsburg. He then went to Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, for a time, was later at Easton for a brief period, and then returned to Port Carbon, where he engaged in business, continuing same for three years. He then went to Easton again, then back again to Port Carbon, was later at Shenandoah and then moved to Womelsdorf, Berks county. In 1885 he settled in Reading, where he is still engaged at his trade. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in politics.

On Dec. 25, 1873, while at Easton, Pa., Mr. Thornburg married Ella Flynn, daughter of Bertolette Flynn, and they have had the following named children: William C.; Harry O., chief clerk to the Berks county commissioners; Edward G., a cigar-maker; Robert D.; Thomas L., Jr.; Mamie, and Ethel—all living; Lizzie, Maude and Beulah are deceased.

(V) William C. Thornburg was born in October, 1874, in Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, Pa., and was eleven years old when his parents came to Reading. Here he completed his education in the public schools, and he has followed his father's trade, being a cigar-maker by calling.

In the fall of 1908 Mr. Thornburg became alderman of the Eighth ward, to fill the unexpired term of Eugene I. Sandt, whose office on North Seventh street he has since occupied. He has lived in the ward for sixteen years, and in the Second precinct for a dozen years, and he was the unopposed Republican candidate at the spring election for the full five-year term, which commenced May 1, 1909. It is worthy of note that he is the youngest member of the common council, and though this is the first time he has aspired to office he has long been one of the most active local workers in the Republican party, with which he has been identified since attaining his majority. He was a delegate to city and county conventions under the old system.

ELMER H. BEARD, city engineer of Reading, is one of the busiest men in the busy, bustling city of Reading, for, with the fifty-one men in his charge, he is carrying out the enormous amount of work consequent upon the expenditure of more than a million and a half dollars for improvements to the city.

Mr. Beard's paternal grandfather, Henry Beard, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, and married Catherine Warren, who was descended from General Warren, of Bunker Hill fame. Our subject's father Amos H. Beard, was master carpenter for the Reading division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, served as a member of the 196th P. V. I., during the War of the Rebellion, serving a nine-months term and veteranizing, and was a member of the select council for twenty-two years. Amos H. Beard married Catherine Hipple, daughter of Adam Hipple, of Montgomery county, master carpenter of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beard: William, an insurance broker of Reading; Harry, city chemist of Reading; Elizabeth, who died March 6, 1904, aged twenty-two years, two days; and Elmer H.

Elmer H. Beard was born on the old homestead in Robeson township, Sept. 7, 1865, and was educated in Reading, graduating from the high school in 1881, and then joined the engineering corps of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, being advanced, in 1888, to the position of assistant engineer of the Reading division. He was made supervisor in 1890, and left the service the following year to become resident engineer of construction, at Hurley, Wis., for the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western railroad, in which position he remained until 1896. He then became assistant supervisor of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, at Pottsville. Mr. Beard became assistant engineer of the city of Reading in 1897, and in April, 1900, became engaged in the contracting and building business, erected many of the fine buildings and homes in the city, including those of Judge Endlich and Frank S. Livingood, Esq. In three years Mr. Beard built 285 houses, and in one of these years the record reached 103 buildings built by him, which exceeded the record of any other builder up to that time. In April, 1903, Mr. Beard was elected city engineer of Reading.

Mr. Beard was married Sept. 26, 1889, to Lottie E. Hartman, daughter of Harrison S. Hartman, in the Traction Company's service in Reading, and one child was born to this union—Helen, at school. Mr. Beard is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Rajah Temple of the Mystic Shrine and is a member of the Sons of Veterans and the Elks. He is a stanch Democrat, and belongs to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. He is a whole-souled, intelligent, genial gentleman in every walk of life.

JOHN M. BROWN (deceased,) for many years a prominent farmer of Robeson township, Berks Co., Pa., was born in Lebanon county, near Millbach, son of Philip Brown, and grandson of Philip Brown, the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Brown family in America.

Philip Brown came from Germany to the United States, and, settling in Lebanon county, engaged in agricultural pursuits, an occupation which he followed for the remainder of his life, accumulating much property and becoming quite prominent. He was the father of a large family, among whom was Philip, the father of John M. This Philip Brown married a Miss Mountz, of Lebanon county, and to them were born these children: Daniel, Peter, David, John M., Mrs. Eva Getz, Mrs. Lydia Kuntz, Mrs. Elizabeth Garber and Mrs. Kate Griffith. Mr. Brown at one time owned the land now occupied by the Berks county Alms House where he carried on farming and conducted a distillery.

John M. Brown was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and was reared on his father's farm, which he was compelled to leave on account of his father losing his property as a result of the dishonesty of others whose notes he had indorsed. Young Brown secured employment driving a team for Jonathan Seidel, and he remained in that gentleman's family for several years. He later engaged in farming on his own account, on a property known as the "Gaul," situated near Gibraltar, and also owned the Seidel property adjoining, which, at the time of his death he divided among his two daughters.

Mr. Brown married Miss Margaret Haas, daughter of George Haas, a native of Robeson township, and a member of a highly esteemed Berks county family. George Haas was a wheelwright by trade, and during the days of heavy staging between Philadelphia and Pittsburg manufactured many of the heavy wagons for freighting. He was an expert mechanic and samples of his work are still to be found in this locality. He married Eve Phillips, a native of Chester county, of Welsh ancestry, and to them the following children were born: Samuel, John, Ann, Ruth and Margaret. In religious belief they were members of the Lutheran Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brown were: Ruth, who died in infancy; Mary, Mrs. Bodder, who had one child, Maggie, who married S. A. Yeich; and Maggie, who married H. H. Weinings. The Brown family are members of the Lutheran Church.

LEWIS GANSTER, now living retired at his home on Chestnut street, Reading, was for many years known to the citizens of the city as a retail milk dealer. Mr. Ganster is a native of Germany, born in Alsace April 4, 1849, son of Joseph and Sophia (Aldman) Ganster, also natives of the Fatherland.

In 1849 Joseph Ganster came to America, being sixty-three days on the ocean. With his wife and three children, Willie, Catherine and Lewis, he came at once to Reading, and here became well known as the builder of all the French forges for the manufacture of charcoal iron in this section of the State. Mr. Ganster died at the age of eighty years, eleven months, while his wife passed away in her seventy-second year. Eight children were born to Joseph and Mrs. Ganster in America: George, Mary, John, Joseph, Henry, Sophia, Frederick and Jacob.

In religious belief Mr. Ganster was a Catholic, while his wife was an adherent of the faith of the Lutheran Church.

Lewis Ganster received his education in the schools of Reading, and when still a boy learned the forgeman's trade. He was employed in a rolling mill until 1873, when he engaged in engineering at Lauer's Brewery, leaving this position in 1881 to engage in the milk business, this enterprise being continued until 1901, when he sold out. Mr. Ganster is still the owner of a dairy but engages only in a wholesale trade. Mr. Ganster has been prominently identified with various other business enterprises, and was for some years president of the Ringgold Building Association and director in the Mechanics and William Penn Building Associations. He is a large real estate owner, having five properties in the Tenth ward, one in the Sixteenth and one in the Second. He is a Republican in political matters, while he and his family worship in the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Ganster was married to Emma Tyson, daughter of Jacob Tyson, and to this union there have been born five children: Frances is deceased; Mary m. George Stichter, of Reading; Emma is unmarried; Louis J. m. Anna Bupp; and Edward.

HENRY HOLL, deceased. Among the business men and public officials of Reading, Pa., was the late Henry Holl, for many years an alderman of the city and later clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Berks county. Mr. Holl was born in 1843 in Reading, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Saylor) Holl.

Henry Holl received his education in the schools of his native city, and when a young man clerked in several dry goods and notion establishments. For two years he was in the grocery business and then was appointed deputy clerk of Quarter Sessions, in which capacity he served faithfully for nine years. At the end of this time Mr. Holl was elected clerk, and he had served one year and three months when his death occurred, in the spring of 1894. In 1867 Mr. Holl was married to Miss Esther DeTurk, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Goodhart) DeTurk, whose other children were: Frederick, Catherine, Mary, Benjamin, Jacob, Joshua, Samuel and William.

Mr. Holl was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of Reading. In his religious belief he was connected with the Reformed Church, which his widow attends. They had no children. Mr. Holl was a Republican in political belief, but such was his fairness and integrity that he had hosts of friends in both parties. He was a good and useful citizen, and in his death the city of Reading lost one of its representative, public-spirited men.

GEORGE G. RITTER, a substantial business man of Reading, Pa., who is engaged in the manufacture of steel office furniture and also a director of the poor of Berks county, resides at No. 303 South Sixth street. Mr. Ritter was born in 1860, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Israel S. and Amelia (Chase) Ritter.

Israel S. Ritter was a millwright by trade, and was a man of much mechanical ability, but the greater portion of his time was spent in conducting hotels in Reading, his last occupation being that of proprietor of the "Three Mile House," after giving up which he retired and so lived until his death in 1892, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died in 1902, when seventy-eight years of age, and she like her husband was a member of the Reformed Church. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living, namely: H. J., of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, a manufacturer and representative in the State Legislature; S. Alice, m. to E. S. Ammon; and George G. Mr. Ritter was a Democrat in his political views.

George G. Ritter received his education in the schools of Reading, and learned the tinsmith's trade with George W. Dauth, after which he secured employment with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, for whom he worked five years. He then opened a shop for himself which he operated successfully from 1883 to 1905, and in the latter year, in company with D. H. Keyser, he engaged in the manufacture of steel office furniture, a business which has grown to large proportions. The company has handled some large contracts in Reading and vicinity, and are now engaged in equipping the Boy's high school. Mr. Ritter has taken an active interest in political matters, and in 1905 was elected a member of the board of directors of the poor of Berks county, on the Democratic ticket, to serve a term of three years.

Mr. Ritter married Marian A. Nein, and to them have been born two children: George H. and Harry H. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter attend the Reformed Church.

LEONARD A. VATH, JR., whose hardware establishment is situated at No. 826 North Tenth street, Reading, was born in 1870, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Leonard and Mary (Millerman) Vath, and was brought to this country when ten months of age.

Mr. Vath was educated in the schools of Kingston, N. Y., where he learned the cigar making business, but on coming to Reading entered Joseph Ganter's hardware store. In 1903 he decided to embark in business on his own account and purchased his present store and stock. This business, under the name of the Northern Hardware Store, has been very successful, and this success may be attributed to Mr. Vath's upright business methods, his energy and enterprise and his happy faculty of making friends. He handles hardware, glass, oils, paints, varnishes, brushes, seeds, cutlery, tools, amunition and house furnishing goods, and in fact any and all articles to be found in a first-class, up-to-date hardware establishment. Fraternally Mr. Vath is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Order of the Holy Cross and St. Boniface's Society. He and his wife attend St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Mr. Vath was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Breim, and to this union there have been born two children, namely: Frederick and Catherine.

LEWIS R. HENRY, one of Berks county's good practical farmers, whose fine tract of land is situated along the electric railroad in Robeson township, was born Sept. 9, 1855, in Albany township, Berks county, son of John and Lydia (Rheinhardt) Henry.

Adam Henry, grandfather of Lewis R., was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and owned a farm near Steinsville, where he died. He married and became the father of John, the father of Lewis R.; Levi; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Hottenstein; and Sarah, who married George Peifley. In religious connection the family were members of the Luthearn Church. Mr. Henry was a Democrat in politics.

John Henry was also born in Lehigh county, but early in life removed to Albany township, Berks county, and there purchased a farm. Later he bought the old homestead in Lehigh county, to which he returned, and there his death occurred in 1905, in his eighty-first year, his widow still surviving and living in Lehigh county. They had children as follows: Daniel; Lewis R.; Jonathan; Levi; Wilson; Mary, who married Peter Weasner; Sarah, who married Erastus Gehris; Lydia, who married George Dries; Amanda, who married Charles Deeter; and Amelia, who married James Leipelsberger. Mr. Henry was a member of the Lutheran Church in which he held the office of deacon. He was a stanch Democrat and for many years was township supervisor.

Lewis R. Henry was educated in the common schools of Albany township, and was reared on his fathers' farm until about seventeen years of age. At the age of twenty-two he engaged in the hotel business at Drehersville, Schuylkill county, but one year later removed to Schuylkill Haven, where he continued in the same line as proprietor of the "Swan Hotel." After four years at that place Mr. Henry sold out and removed to Port Clinton, being proprietor of the "Central House" for two years, when he again sold out and went to Auburn, where he conducted the "St. Elmo Hotel" for five years. In 1891 Mr. Henry sold this property and removed to Birdsboro, where he conducted the "Mansion House" until 1905, and

in April, 1906, he located on his present property, a fine farm of fifty acres, situated about two miles from Birdsboro and seven miles from Reading. This property, which is well supplied with water, is one of the most fertile in the township, and yields large crops of fruit.

In 1878 Mr. Henry married Ellawine Leiby, daughter of Jacob Leiby, of Lehigh county, and eight children were born to this union: Effie L. m. Howard Deem, has two sons, Gerhardt and Harry; Mary Etta m. Daniel Hahn, has one son, Harold; Estella m. John Rhoads; Curtis L. m. Florence Hohl; Alberta L.; Welmar L., and Ellawine R., and Warren W., who died at the age of ten years. The latter was a bright and studious little fellow who made friends with all about him, and his death was a great blow to his parents. Mr. Henry is member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Henry is a Republican, and while in Schuylkill county held the office of councilman.

MARTIN H. HIPSCH, who has been in the employ of the Reading Iron Company, at its Oley street mill plant, as an assistant roller, since May 30, 1895, is an experienced steel worker and a competent man in his special line. He was born at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., Jan. 28, 1868, a son of William and Mary (Miller) Hipsch.

William Hipsch was born at Berlin, Germany, in 1829, and died at Steelton, Pa., in 1897, aged sixty-eight years. He was educated in the German schools and came to America before his marriage, locating at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he worked at a blast furnace. Later, after he moved to Steelton, he worked as a fireman in a boiler establishment for many years. He was provident and acquired property and reared his family in comfort. He was a man of religious conscience, a strict Lutheran and was well versed in the Scriptures. He married Mary Miller, born in 1841, who died in 1893, aged fifty-two years. The memory of both father and mother is revered by the survivors of their family of seven children. They are: Annie, who married Henry Miller, residing at Steelton; Ella, who married Fred Marklewitz, residing at Endhaut, in Dauphin county; William, unmarried, residing at Steelton; John, an iron worker, residing at Homestead; Martin H., residing at Reading; Frank, who is a resident of Michigan; and Dora, who died in November, 1907, aged forty-six years.

Martin H. Hipsch was six years of age when his parents moved to Steelton and there he attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, when he entered the Pennsylvania steel works, where he learned the hammerman's trade, which he followed for nine years. He then went into the rolling mill business at Reading and, as noted above, holds a very important position, one that entails responsibility and requires great skill. Mr. Hipsch is a self-respecting, reliable citizen and is the owner of his comfortable home at No. 627 Ritter street, Reading, where he resides with his wife and one son. He was married March 12, 1891, to Mary Haas, born March 7, 1868, daughter of Joel and Sallie Haas, of Pricetown, Berks county, Pa. Their son, Charles William, who was born July 16, 1892, is in the employ of the General Advertising Company of this city. Mr. Hipsch and family belong to the Lutheran Church.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Hipsch is a Republican. He is a member of Mt. Penn Lodge, No. 627 I. O. O. F.; of the Daughters of Rebekah; of the Brotherhood of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum, all of Reading. He is a member of Oley Street Relief Association and of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers of America.

SAMUEL BOBST. One of the early settlers of Alsace township, Berks county, was John Bobst, a large landowner and farmer there, and the family has been represented in the county ever since. John Bobst married Lizzie Ernst, and they both lived to reach the advanced age of eighty-two years, both dying in Maryland. In religious belief they were Lutherans, while in politics Mr. Bobst was a Democrat. Their children were: Yetta, the wife of Daniel Helfroth; Lizzie, who died young; Samuel; and Daniel.

Samuel Bobst, elder son of John, was born in Alsace township, and as he inherited the home farm his life was spent on the old homestead, which he operated most successfully. He married Lydia Helfroth, who bore him eleven children, namely: Catherine and Emma both died young; Lizzie m. George Gnau; John; Ellen, deceased, m. John Hauck; Samuel; Daniel M.; one died in infancy; Harry is deceased; and two others died in infancy. In this generation the family also adhered to the Lutheran faith, and Mr. Bobst sustained the family tradition politically as a loyal Democrat.

Samuel Bobst (2) was born on the homestead in Alsace township, April 17, 1860, and during his boyhood attended the public schools of that section. He remained on the farm till his father's death in 1874, at which time he moved with his mother to East Reading. For a time he did general work, till he secured a place in the Philadelphia & Reading foundry, and he remained there quite a while resigning finally to accept a place as driver and street car conductor on the horse car line. Under the present United Traction Company, he has been employed as a general contractor and builder, during 1903 and 1904, and during the latter year built seven and a half miles of the nine-mile Birdsboro branch. In 1905 he put up seven residences on South Eighteenth street and is still actively engaged in general contracting work in Reading, where he bears a reputation as a capable builder.

Mr. Babst married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Schultz) Bingaman, of Reading. To this union six children have been born, namely: Gertrude m. George Kemp; Sallie m. Simon Spangler; Charles m. Miss Bertha Schell; Florence; Kate; and Samuel died aged eighteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Bobst are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bobst is affiliated with several fraternal organizations, and belongs to Camp No. 663, P. O. S., of A., and to the Bavarians, while he is also a member of the Union Fire Company and a trustee of that association.

EDWARD DAVIES SMITH, deceased, who was born March 12, 1816, in New Holland, Lancaster county, was a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Mathai) Smith, and was descended from one of the old families of Pennsylvania.

On the paternal side, Mr. Smith counted among his ancestors the Thomas Smith, who was married to Priscilla Allen, before the Friends' Meeting in Philadelphia, in 1684. Passing down to later times, his grandfather, William Smith, was sheriff of Lancaster county from 1758-1762. In 1774 he was one of the committee of observation and was sub-lieutenant for the eastern townships of the county from 1781 to the close of the Revolution. With his brother he built and operated the Martin furnace and forge from 1752 till he moved to Earl township.

Edward Smith, Sr., died in 1842, when his son and namesake was only eight years old, and the mother was left with six children to bring up. Mrs. Smith was a granddaughter of Colonel Jonathan Jones, who raised a company in Caernarvon township and was with the expedition to Canada in the winter of 1775-76.

Edward D. Smith was next to the youngest in the family. He was obliged to go to work early and when only in his eleventh year was taken out of the public schools and put to work in the general store, owned by William and Isaac Eckert, at the northwest corner of Fourth and Penn streets. He remained there ten years and then in 1837, in partnership with Philip Zieber, he bought out the business and they established the firm of Zieber & Smith. After a short time, however, they dissolved partnership, Mr. Zieber taking

the grocery and queensware departments and Mr. Smith the dry-goods. The latter continued in business till 1862, when he sold out to Knabb & Thomas. Meantime he had become closely identified with the gas interests in Reading. In 1857 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Reading Gas Company, whose affairs were at that time in very bad shape, the stock selling at $12.50, fifty per cent below par. Up to that time the company had never earned nor paid dividends, but under Mr. Smith's careful management, the property was developed, the service extended and the consumption so rapidly increased that dividends were soon declared and the shares rose in value till they sold for $60. Later the works were leased to the Consumers' Gas Company, but Mr. Smith continued as secretary and treasurer of the old company till his death. He was also a director in the Farmers' National Bank and afterwards on the board of the First National, remaining in the latter position till his demise.

Mr. Smith was married Dec. 31, 1838, to Miss Henrietta Stichter Hahs, daughter of Henry and Catherine Hahs, the former of whom was at one time treasurer of Berks county. The children born to this union were as follows: Emily R., Mrs. William R. McIlvain, of Reading; Catherine E., Mrs. Jonathan C. Illig, of Reading. Mr. Smith passed away on Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 1902, aged eighty-five years and ten months, and his remains are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church for upward of fifty years, was vestryman, and at the time of his decease was serving as senior warden. Fraternally he was a charter member of Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Smith survives her husband and continues to occupy the old home on Fourth street.

MOSES MERVINE, of No. 929 North Third street, Reading, who now lives a retired life except for taking care of his real estate interests in Centre and Amity townships, Berks county, was born in 1836, in Shoemakersville, Berks county, son of William P. and Mary M. (Yeiser) Mervine.

William P. Mervine was born on a farm situated along Maiden-creek, which is now owned by the Halley estate, where he lived until fourteen years of age, when he went to Centre township and there engaged in farming, later purchasing a property, which he operated for the balance of his life, and which is now owned by his son, Moses. Mr. Mervine died aged about seventy-two years, and his wife passed away in her sixty-fifth year, both in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mervine was a Whig until 1858, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party. They were the parents of five children: a son and a daughter who died in infancy; Moses; John, of Reading, and William, deceased.

Moses Mervine received his education in the schools of Centre township, and when still a lad engaged in farming on the home place, where he remained until thirty years of age. He then embarked in the butchering and cattle business which he carried on extensively for twenty-four years, but since 1903 he has lived practically retired. Mr. Mervine was married (first) to Angeline Becker, daughter of Samuel K. Becker, and to this union there were born nine children, five of whom are now living: Thomas; Joseph; Annie, who married Mahlon Clearer; Fannie, who married Dr. Miller; and Sallie, who is single and resides at home. Mr. Mervine's second marriage was to Mrs. Emma (Snyder) Hepler. Mr. and Mrs. Mervine attend the Presbyterian Church, and are well known and esteemed people of their community.

GEORGE ERNST, a highly esteemed retired citizen of Reading, Pa., who through his own energy and enterprise became a successful man, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John and Augusta (Berringer) Ernst and grandson of George Ernst.

George Ernst was an extensive land owner in Germany, building a large castle upon his immense estate, and was the father of eight children, of whom John was the eldest. John Ernst spent his entire life in his native country, engaged in farming during the summer months and in tailoring in the winter time. He and his wife were the parents of these children: Michael, who lives in Germany; Conrad, a resident of Reading, and George.

George Ernst received his education in the schools of his native country, and when yet a youth, in 1852, came to America, and located in Reading, where he was first employed by Paul Blessing, who owned a farm within the city limits. There he remained for a short time and was next employed on a truck farm belonging to Michael Hausser, with whom he continued for about one year when he secured employment at the old Eckert Furnace as a stone mason, a trade which he had learned in his native country. Mr. Ernst helped to build the foundation and stack of the furnace, and while employed on the latter fell a distance of forty feet, breaking both arms, an accident which confined him to his bed for nine weeks. Upon recovering he assisted in building the Reading Company's depot at Seventh and Chestnut streets. In 1860 Mr. Ernst turned his attention to street paving and asphalt work, being the pioneer of this class of work in the city of Reading, and from the start was very successful. Through hard work and close application to business he accumulated a competency, and in 1891 retired from active life. On coming to America Mr. Ernst had hardly enough money with which to reach Reading, but he is now in very comfortable circumstances, and is the owner of nine valuable properties. He is much esteemed in his community, where his neighbors and acquaintances know him as a good, steady citizen, with a reputation for honesty and integrity.

Mr. Ernst was married in 1854 to Christianna Bussard, born in Germany, and to this union were born children as follows: George and Gotleib, twins, deceased; Annie, deceased; Barbara, deceased; Rosa, a teacher in the public schools of Reading; and Ella, who married a Mr. Bussard, of Philadelphia. Mr. Ernst is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH L. LEINBACH, one of Reading's good, reliable citizens and enterprising business men, who is carrying on a thriving plumbing and steam-heating business at No. 420 North Sixth street, was born in Fleetwood, Pa., Nov. 2, 1877, son of Jonas L. and Harriet (Lord) Leinbach.

As Joseph L. Leinbach was but ten years of age when his father died, he knows little about the latter, except that he was employed in the passenger department shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and that later he engaged at farming on one of Judge Stitzel's farms at Fleetwood. Jonas L. Leinbach died aged seventy-two years, and his wife when sixty-two years old, their children being: Jonas; Henry; Joseph; Minnie; Nora; Lillie; Alice and Laura. The parents of these children were Lutherans in their religious belief, and Mr. Leinbach was a Democrat.

Joseph L. Leinbach received his literary training in the schools of Fleetwood, and when twelve years of age came to Reading, here finding employment in the polishing and plating department of the National Brass Works. Afterward he was employed by Leinbach & Bros., clothiers. He later apprenticed himself to learn the plumbing trade with G. A. Hagey, at No. 40 North Sixth street, and after completing his term of apprenticeship worked four years as a journeyman. He was later engaged with E. S. Summons and in 1904 he went to Lebanon, Pa., taking charge of George C. Unger's plumbing and steam-fitting establishment until 1905, when he returned to Reading and engaged in business on his own account at No. 428 North Sixth street, remaining there about eight months. He then removed

to his present location, No. 420, where can be found a complete line of goods. He employs four men the year around and during the busy season is compelled to employ extra workmen. Mr. Leinbach makes a specialty of jobbing and repairing and guarantees satisfaction in every case.

In 1899 Mr. Leinbach married Mary E. Christ, daughter of Jonathan and Isabella (Reber) Christ, and to this union there have been born three children: Forrest, Clarence and Paul. In religious belief Mr. Leinbach and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. He is fraternally identified with the Eagles, I. O. R. M. and the P. O. S. of A.

CHARLES C. BROWN, of Reading, was born Feb. 25, 1843, near Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., son of Daniel and Mary (Christman) Brown.

The progenitor of this old and honored Berks county family was Jacob Brown, who in 1759 was a taxable of Ruscombmanor township. He has numerous descendants, consequently so many bear the same family name, that the tracing of the genealogy is very difficult and the authenticity doubtful.

George Brown, a grandson of Jacob the ancestor, has a son Daniel (1806-1884), who was born near Pricetown, where at an early age he learned the tailoring trade, which he followed all of his active life. He married Anna Bush, and they had the following six children: Levi, born at Pricetown in 1830, died at Lobachsville in 1872, was a merchant, m. Mary Brandt, and had four children, Seth A., George, Howard and Mary, the latter of whom died young; Amelia, deceased, m. Augustus Hoch; Catherine m. Daniel Rauenzahn; Sallie, deceased, m. Abraham Breil; Caroline m. Jacob Rauenzahn; and Edwin T., born Sept. 1, 1848, a successful box manufacturer of Reading, m. in 1868 Esther A. Yoder, and they have had ten children, six of whom are living, as follows: W. Warren, Charles O., Edwin, Lillie, Hettie and Daniel, the last named a graduate of the Reading high school and an architect. Daniel Brown, above named, made his will Feb. 10, 1882, and it was probated Dec. 23, 1884, the witnesses being Daniel Brown and Daniel Buskirk, and the executors Edwin T., his son, and Daniel Rauenzahn, his son-in-law.

There was another Daniel Brown, also of Ruscombmanor township, who made his will July 10, 1868, and it was probated March 24, 1874, his son David obtaining the eighty-acre farm in Ruscombmanor township which was bounded by the lands of Charles Levan, S. B. Ohnmacht, John Keller and Daniel Buskirk. The children mentioned in the will were: Jacob; David; Elizabeth; Catherine; Sarah; Maria; Lydia; Hannah; and Daniel, deceased, who left children who were provided for in the will.

Daniel Brown, the grandfather of Charles C., was the owner and operator of a large farm at Pricetown. His wife was Hannah, a daughter of Jacob and granddaughter of Tychicus Weidner, of Oley township. Mrs. Daniel Brown lived to the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, and was the mother of six children: Jacob, who had no issue; David, who had eight children; Daniel; Mrs. Haas; Mrs. Gideon Rauenzahn; and Mrs. Rothermel.

Daniel Brown, the father of Charles C., was born at Pricetown, Berks county, about 1809, and died on his farm in about 1867, having been a lifelong resident of Pricetown, where he was a farmer and wheelwright. He was the owner of two small farms, one of which he cultivated, and was a highly esteemed resident of his community. Mr. Brown was married to Mary Christman, who was born about 1807, and died about 1877, daughter of Michael Christman. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had these children: Lovina; David; Amos; Edwin; James; Daniel; Franklin; Charles C. and Hannah.

Charles C. Brown was educated in the local schools, and in his youth learned the milling business, which he followed for many years. In the spring of 1863, he enlisted at Lancaster, Pa., in Company A, 47th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served for 100 days, being mustered out at Harrisburg, in July, 1863. He again enlisted in Company G, 195th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Captain Philip Spracher, and served four months, being mustered out again at Harrisburg. He served in a number of skirmishes and minor engagements, and was in active engagement at Monocacy Junction, and throughout his service proved a brave and faithful soldier.

After returning from the war, Mr. Brown became a photographer at Mauch Chunk, Carbon county, Pa., and for about three years was a traveling photographer, after which he located at Birdsboro, where for nine years he carted iron, and later had charge of a furnace for a like period. In 1896 the family came to Reading, where Mr. Brown worked at the Carpenter Steel Works for four years, and since 1903 he has been in the employ of the hardware firm of Bright & Company, being in the shipping department. He resides in his own home at No. 616 Washington street. Mr. Brown is a member of the Carpenter Steel Beneficial Association. With his family he attends the First Reformed Church.

On Jan. 1, 1870, Mr. Brown was married to Rebecca Reider, who died in 1908. She was daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ohnmacht) Reider, and to this union there were born eight children: Howard A., a resident of San Francisco, Cal.; George C., of Reading; Elizabeth O., m. to George B. Rickenbach; Laura; Mary R., who died aged twenty-three years; Edward R., of Reading; and Eva E. and Carrie M.

FRANCIS F. VOGEL, a well-known business man of Reading, Pa., who conducted a restaurant for a number of years at No. 833 Penn street, died in Reading Oct. 1, 1901. Mr. Vogel was born in this city in 1858, son of Felix and Margaret (Swenk) Vogel.

Felix Vogel was born in Germany, and there grew to manhood. He emigrated to America, and from New York City, where he had landed, removed to Lehigh county, Pa., and thence to Reading, being engaged in the contracting business for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, at a saw-mill, sawing wood for fuel for the engines. Mr. Vogel died at the age of fifty years, his wife living until seventy-three, and both were interred in Reading. Their children were: William; Mary, the wife of Francis Houser; John; Joseph; Charles; Adam; Annie, the wife of August Gehring; and Francis F.

Francis F. Vogel attended the schools of Reading, and when a young man was employed with his brother-in-law, Mr. Houser, who was a florist. He was later employed at the Philadelphia & Reading shops continuing there for fifteen years, after which he engaged in the restaurant business at No. 833 Penn street, and in this line continued until his death. Mr. Vogel was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and was buried at the new Catholic cemetery, Reading. In his political belief he was a Democrat.

Mr. Vogel married Miss Annie E. Liebeck, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Scheafer) Liebeck, and she survives him and resides at No. 354 North Eleventh street. She continued the restaurant business for one and one-half years after her husband's death, when she sold out. To Mr. and Mrs. Vogel were born children as follows: Mary, the wife of Edward Housman, lives at No. 645 Moss street, Reading; George F., a foreman in the Textile Machine Works, married Mary Crowman, and resides at No. 749 North Eighth street. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted for service, was promoted to corporal and later to quarter master sergeant, served in the Philippines, and was honorably discharged; Sadie, who died when ten years old; and Edith, at home.

LEWIS O. DAVIES, proprietor of the People's Laundry, at No. 1107 Elm street, Reading, was born in that city in March, 1874, and is the only surviving child of Howard and Maud (Rauck) Davies.

The elder Mr. Davies is a patternmaker by trade, at one time employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and later at the Scott Works, where he was working when he retired. Mr. and Mrs. Davies had one other child, their first-born, Charles R., now deceased. Mr. Davies is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. P., the Philadelphia & Reading Relief Association and the Cramp Association of Philadelphia. His religious creed is that of the United Brethern Church, of which he is a member.

Lewis O. Davies, after completing his education in the Reading schools, began his business career by taking a position under I. A. Schlechter, a jeweler. From him he went to Mr. Luden, also in the jewelry line, and later to the Reading Stove Works. This, too, was not a permanent place, and Mr. Davies was next employed by David Reber in the express company. His services were then given successively to B. & J. Saylor, grocers, to J. H. Carth and to J. D. Miller & Sons. With the experience thus varied behind him, Mr. Davies finally determined to go into business for himself and in 1902 he established the Peoples' Laundry, and has since that time occupied the premises at No. 1107 Elm street. He employs six people, and runs a wagon. Only Troy hand work is done and Mr. Davies has built up a good patronage, which is constantly increased by his satisfactory service. He maintains about 100 branch offices throughout the city.

In 1897 Lewis Davies and Miss Annie De Binder were married, and they now have two children, a son and a daughter, Herbert and Emma. Mr. Davies holds membership in the fraternal orders, namely: Wyomissing Council, Royal Arcanum, Emblematic Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F.; and the United Workmen. Politically he has always maintained an independent stand.

EDGAR AMOLE, of Reading, Pa., who is serving as secretary and treasurer of the Reading Stove Works, was born Dec. 9, 1872, in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, son of Daniel and Emma (Wenrich) Amole.

Mr. Amole received his education in the schools of Reading, whence his parents had moved when he was a child, and also attended the Reading high school for a few terms. He then engaged at Orr, Painter & Company's Stove Works, as office boy in July, 1889, and by close application to his duties soon won promotion. He represented the firm as traveling salesman throughout Pennsylvania, and later was called in from the road and made assistant treasurer, a position which he retained one year. He was made secretary and treasurer, and upon the reorganization of the company when it became the Reading Stove Works, he was again tendered this position which he has continued to fill with much credit to the present time. He is a man of more than ordinary business ability, and is popular with employees and employers.

Mr. Amole stands high in social circles of Reading, and is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Reading Chapter, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Reading; the K. G. E., and the Junior Fire Company.

ANDREW GOSSLER, an energetic and enterprising business man of Reading, Pa., and the proprietor of a tonsorial parlor at No. 46 South Fourth street, was born on the property he now occupies, April 26, 1850, son of Andrew S. and Sarah (Ely) Gossler.

The Gosslers were of German descent, and the first of the name to come to America were three brothers, one of whom settled in Reading, another, it is believed, in Lancaster county, and the third in Chester county. The first of the family of whom there is anything definitely known was one Henry Gossler, the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Reading, educated in the schools and became a carpenter by trade. He died in the early part of the eighteenth century, while yet in the prime of life. He married a Miss Snell, by whom he had children as follows: Jacob, a tailor by trade, who lived in Reading; Andrew S., father of our subject; James, who died young; and Polly, who was married to Mr. Joseph Rorke, and for many years lived in Phenixville. In religious belief our subject's grandparents were Methodists.

Andrew S. Gossler was educated in the schools of Reading and while yet a boy learned the barber's trade, following this for fifty-six years. He died in 1881, aged seventy-one years, and his wife in 1888, aged eighty-seven years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: James married (first) a Miss Shively, and (second) Ada Clemson, and had children by the latter marriage: Frank, Ellen, Walter, Chester, James, Joseph and Ione; Joseph married Anna E. Hinnershitz and had two children, William and Sarah; Washington married Kate Lants; Emma, single, is deceased; Rebecca married Washington Heffelfinger, and has four children, Andrew J., Edwin, Wallace and Minnie; Sarah and Clara A. are unmarried; and Andrew, our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Gossler were members of the M. E. Church, and took an active interest in the work of that denomination, giving liberally to its support. He was a member of Montgomery Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a Democrat in politics, although he never sought political preferment.

Andrew Gossler, our subject, was educated in the common schools of Reading, and in September, 1865, commenced to learn the barber's trade with his father, in a place on Penn street, below Fourth, and remained in that shop for twenty-five years. He then removed to his present place, and here he has continued to follow his trade to the present time. Mr. Gossler is very fond of all out-door sport, and with his faithful dog "Colonel" has gone on many a rabbit-hunt. Mr. Gossler is exceptionally vigorous, and on many hunting and fishing expeditions has tired out men of one-half his years.

Mr. Gossler was married in 1888 to Miss Sabilla Espenshade, daughter of Joseph Espenshade. Although a member of no church, Mr. Gossler is a good Christian gentleman. In politics he is a Democrat, but will accept no public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business.

J. E. DELNER VAN DENBERG, former plumbing inspector for the city of Reading, and now a partner in the plumbing firm of Eagle & Van Denberg, in that city, comes from sturdy English ancestors, and is a good American citizen in all the word implies. He is a son of Peter W. and Margaret A. (Van Denberg) Delner.

Edward Delner, his paternal grandfather, was born in England, coming from there first to New York City, and later to Rochester, N. Y. His son, Peter W., father of J. E. D., was a contracting stone and brick mason, and died in 1902, aged sixty-four years. He married Margaret Van Denberg, daughter of Philip Van Denberg, for years a whaler, but later a contracting plasterer. Five children were born to this union, four daughters and one son. Two of the daughters live in Brooklyn, N. Y., one in Albany and one in Amsterdam, N. Y. The only son, J. E. Delner, is a resident of Reading.

J. E. Delner Van Denberg, only son of Peter W. and Margaret A. (Van Denberg) Delner, was born July 5, 1868, at Glenville, N. Y., where he attended the public schools. While still a lad he left home and found employment on a steamship, but tiring of this he started out with the idea of seeing something of the world, and visited many portions of this country before returning to his home in Rochester. There he learned the plumbing trade, and this he followed from 1888, in that city, until 1896, when he came to Reading. Soon after his arrival he was appointed plumbing inspector for the city by Mayor Adam Leader, who preceded Mayor Yeager. He was admirably qualified for this important office, and many improvements in the sanitary matters of the city were due in a large degree to the careful supervision of Mr. Van Denberg.

Mr. Van Denberg married Nora Schaeffer, daughter of Franklin and Sallie Schaeffer, well-known residents of Neversink, Berks county, and they had one child, Edward, who died at the age of five months.

Mr. Van Denberg is a member of the Plumbers' Union of Reading, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

JOHN P. LEWIS (deceased), for many years in the employ of Orr, Painter & Co., was born in Chester county, Pa., in the year 1828, and was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Painter) Lewis, prominent people in that section.

Probably no man of his day was held in greater esteem in Chester county than Samuel Lewis, whose noble character and upright principles won him not only universal respect but warm personal admiration. Born in Chester county, Nov. 17, 1802, he spent his entire life in that part of the State, and there died. Reared to farm pursuits, he made agriculture his life calling and was one of the representative farmers of his section. He was united in marriage, Jan. 4, 1828, to Miss Elizabeth Painter, whose birth occurred April 17, 1808. Children were born to them as follows: John P.; Margaret A., Jan. 27, 1830; Caroline, May 7, 1832; Adeline, Sept. 1, 1834; Samuel, Feb. 1, 1837; William, Nov. 22, 1839; and Oliver, Dec. 1, 1843. The family were devout members of the Methodist Church, and their many acts of kindness and charity bore testimony to the sincerity of their professions. Politically Mr. Lewis was a Democrat.

John P. Lewis attended the schools of Chester county and was early made acquainted with the routine of a farmer's life. He continued to follow that occupation on his own account till 1877, when he moved into Reading and took a position with the well known stove firm, Orr, Painter & Company. In one capacity or another he worked for them until he was transferred to the shipping department and given the responsible position there that he filled so efficiently up to the time of his death. That event occurred June 6, 1901, in the seventy-third year of his age, and he was survived by his wife and a large family of children and grandchildren. Mrs. Lewis bore the maiden name of Mary E. James. She became the mother of the following children: Frank J., deceased, m. Miss Pauline Albert; Samuel P., deceased, m. Miss Emma Gnau, and has three children, Florence, John and Russell; Lizzie m. Samuel Price, and has one daughter, Mary; Charles M. m. Miss Clara Miller and has had four children, Robert, Edmund, Grace and one that died in infancy; John H. m. Miss Martha M. Yeeger and has two children, J. Frank and Maria; and George O. m. Miss Laura Gibbs. Mr. Lewis was a man who believed strictly in attending to his own affairs, and both in his private and business life was a good example of the model citizen. Devoted to his own home and family, his leisure was spent with them and their home life was unusually happy. Politically Mr. Lewis was a strong Democrat, and he and his family were members of the Methodist Church.

GEORGE WILLIAM FRIES, who was for a number of years prominent in Reading as a member of the bottling firm of Fries & Croessant, and as a hotel keeper, has been living retired since 1900. Mr. Fries was born Jan. 16, 1850, in Reading, son of John Fries, a native of Germany.

John Fries came to America from Bavaria in 1833, and landed at Baltimore, Md., from whence he went to Marietta, Lancaster county, and thence after a short time to Lancaster City. There he engaged in the hotel business, conducting what was then known as the "Indian Queen Hotel" on the Philadelphia pike. On coming to Reading he engaged in the huckstering business for a time, and then took up general contracting, digging cellars. He was a well-known man and was highly respected by all. Mr. Fries died in 1883, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Mary M. Banning, who died in 1876, and they had the following children: Joseph A., born in Lancaster county, was for a number of years a member of the Ringgold Band in Reading, and now resides in Philadelphia; John W., who was one of the first to enlist in the Civil war from Reading, resides in the city; Michael A. is of Reading; George William; Adam, who also enlisted among the first from Reading, served as assistant fire chief under Chief Howard Boyer; George was killed during the Civil war while carrying dispatches; Valentine is deceased; and Mary married Joseph A. Huck.

George William Fries attended the public schools of Reading and when a young man learned the molding trade, which he followed until 1882, and then engaged in the bottling business at No. 640 Cherry street, for one year. His next location was at No. 215 Moss street, where he and his partner, Mr. Croessant, erected a fine building, and continued in the business for sixteen years under the firm name of Fries & Croessant. Mr. Fries withdrew from the firm in January, 1898, and engaged in the hotel business at Moss and Walnut streets, retiring therefrom in April, 1900. Since that time Mr. Fries has lived a quiet life at No. 925 Walnut street.

On April 18, 1870, Mr. Fries married Mary Ganter, daughter of F. X. Ganter of Reading, and to this union have been born the following children: John V., who married Nora Helfrich, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., died Jan. 31, 1882, leaving two children,—Maria and Florence; Edward G., a jeweler, married Carrie Flood; Francis W. died in 1905, at the age of twenty-eight years; Lena died when four years old; Gertrude, the wife of Jacob McQuaite, lives at No. 1030 Walnut street; William A. is a shoe cutter; and Vincent is an apprentice to the machinist's trade.

Mr. Fries is a Democrat in politics and served as a judge of elections of the first precinct of the Ninth ward. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and of two church organizations. He is greatly interested in the fire companies, is a member of the Veterans' Fire Association, which he joined in February, 1904, and is also connected with the Rainbow Fire Company, which he became a member of in September, 1868, when Lewis Moyer was president thereof.

CHRISTIAN WREDE, of Reading, Pa., whose baking establishment is situated at No. 1355 North Tenth street, is a native of the city, where he was born in 1866, son of Christian and Minnie (Leisz) Wrede.

Christian Wrede, Sr., was a native of Germany, and came to America when a young man, settling in Reading, where he spent the rest of his life at laboring, accumulating a comfortable property. He and his wife had three children, namely: Lizzie and Annie, deceased, the latter of whom was a Sister of Mercy and was known after taking the vow of Sisterhood as Sister Pencratia; and Christian. By a previous marriage, to a Mr. Dalling, Mrs. Wrede had six children: Emma, who married Augustus Wilke; Lena, deceased, who was the wife of Tender Trickel; William, deceased, Matilda, known as Sister Italbirda; Charles, deceased; and Rosie, deceased, who was the wife of William H. Bain. In religious belief the family were Roman Catholics, and have always been prominent in the work of the church and charitable institutions. Mr. Wrede was a Democrat in his political views.

Christian Wrede received his education in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he learned the baker's trade, a business which he has followed ever since, a period of twenty-eight years. He is well known in his line in Reading, and in his home community his sterling traits of character and genial manner have made him many friends. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and is connected with the Knights of St. John and the Maccabees. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Sept. 30, 1890, Mr. Wrede was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Heinrich, and to them there were born children as follows: Charles E.; Christian A., who died aged eight years, one month, ten days; Annie M., who died aged two months, twenty-eight days; Marie M., who died aged four months, twenty-eight days; Edna M., who is at St. Joseph's parochial school; Raymond L., who died aged three years, four months; and Paul J., who died aged two months, five days.

PETER S. HOLL, the efficient clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and for many years holding important official relation to the city of Reading and the county of Berks, is a native of Reading.

Of Swiss ancestry originally, the Holl family have been in Berks county for many generations. Grandfather Peter Holl was a prominent citizen of Cumru township. Peter S. Holl is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sayler) Holl, the father being a cooper by trade. He died about 1869, at the age of fifty-three years. The mother was a daughter of Peter Sayler, a farmer residing in the northeastern section of the county. To them were born eight children: Two died in childhood; Henry, clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions died in the spring of 1894, at the age of fifty-one years; and Emma died at the age of fifty-five. Those now living are: Samuel S., molder, Reading; Hattie, wife of Richard Engle, Reading; Catherine, widow of Thomas Deen, Chicago; and Peter S.

Peter S. Holl was born Feb. 23, 1859, in Reading. With a common school education, he began life as a clerk in a grocery store. After three years he spent a period in a lock works, then learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for a number of years in Reading and Birdsboro. He then decided to change his occupation and took up the real estate business in Reading, at the same time collecting city taxes. This occupied him for several years. In 1894 he for the first time became connected with the Quarter Sessions court as deputy clerk. In 1896 he was appointed chief deputy under Henry Dumn, and again filled the place of Deputy under Daniel O. Banshaw. Again in 1902 he received the appointment, from Jacob B. Esser, and 1904 was elected to fill the clerkship; making a continuous record in the office of eleven years.

Mr. Holl has always won the confidence of the public. Beginning at the age of twenty-one, he has held various offices, and has served as a member of the select council for eight years. At one time he was president of the select council, at the same time holding three other important offices. He is at the present time one of the trustees of the Public Library of Reading. He is a Democrat in politics; and a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Holl is a member of several of the best fraternities. He belongs to all the branches of Masonry; is an Odd Fellow; and holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. organization; and has also been a member of the Washington Fire Company for over twenty years.

JOSEPH ZERBE ROWE, one of Reading's well known men, was born March 24, 1844, at Mt. Rock, Cumberland Co., Pa., son of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Rowe.

Henry B. Rowe was a blacksmith by occupation, a trade which he followed at Shippensburg until 1847, when he came to Reading, being blacksmith at the County Home for two years. He then opened a shop on North Third street, at the present site of Kershner's ice cream factory, and there continued until his death, July 4, 1867, in the faith of the Baptist Church. In political matters Mr. Rowe was a Republican. He was well-known throughout his community as a man of worth, and was known to be a thorough workman and skilled mechanic. Two sons were born to him and his wife: William, now deceased, who served as mayor of Reading; and Joseph Z.

Joseph Zerbe Rowe was but two and one-half years old when his parents located in Reading, and his education was secured in the common schools of that city, which he left at the age of thirteen years, at the time of his father's death, to go to work. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in Company H, 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel W. W. H. Davis, of Doylestown, Captain William Walter, who resigned, and Captain D. B. Groft. He served three years and two months, and at one time when taken with typhoid fever, was not allowed to be taken to the hospital, but was cared for in the officers' quarters, a lieutenant of his regiment giving over his bunk to him until he was able to be taken home. After six weeks he returned to his regiment, although he could have easily obtained his discharge. After the war Mr. Rowe returned to Reading and took up his business, which he has continued to the present time, although his son has been in active charge thereof since July, 1906.

Mr. Rowe was married in 1867 to Sarah Leyenburger, of Newark, N. J., and the children born to this union are: Henry, a blacksmith on Eighth street, Reading; Kate, who married a Mr. Kocher, and has seven children; John W., who is carrying on his father's business; Joseph, of Elmira, N. Y., connected with the meat packing firm of Swift & Co.; and Marcus, of the Duryea Power Co., Reading. Mr. Rowe was made a Mason in Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., and is a member of Reading Chapter, Reading Commandery, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with the Union Veteran League, No. 43, of the United States. In political matters Mr. Rowe is a Republican.

HARLAN N. PEPPER, deceased, business man of Reading, who was proprietor of the "White House Lunch Wagon," located in front of the Second National Bank Building, was a native of Massachusetts, born in Southbridge, in 1846, son of Joseph Pepper, originally a shoemaker by trade, who in later years engaged in farming in Massachusetts and died in that State, aged sixty-three years.

Harlan N. Pepper received his education in the public schools of his native State, and when seventeen years of age enlisted in the Civil war, becoming a private in Company F, 51st Mass. Volunteer Infantry. He served nine months, taking part in many important engagements, and after being honorably discharged was employed at one of the large shoe houses of his native place for a period of fifteen years. The next two years he spent in traveling for a company in the erection of machines, then removed to Worcester, Mass., for a short time, later going to Providence, R. I., where the next five years of his life were spent. In 1900 Mr. Pepper came to Reading. Erecting a small lunch wagon he began business, his trade increasing so rapidly that he was soon compelled to erect a building for his business, which he enlarged from time to time. The "White House Café," as it was known, was largely patronized, remaining open from six o'clock in the evening until six o'clock in the morning. Mr. Pepper was also the owner of a large four-story building, 30 x 80 feet, at Madison avenue and Washington streets, which is occupied as a garage, and in which he had a four and one-half horse power motor. Mr. Pepper resided at No. 422 Washington street. He died Feb. 4, 1909, the last of a large family.

Mr. Pepper was considered a substantial man, and it can be readily seen that he was a self-made one. His success was due to his own energy and enterprise, and his honesty and integrity in business dealings. He was of cheerful and happy disposition, and of great kindness of heart. Besides his own son, Charles, of New York, he reared five other children.

HARRY ZABLE, proprietor of the Reading Furniture Company, of No. 8 North Ninth street, is a native of Russia, in which country he was born in 1876.

Mr. Zable received his education in his native country, and in 1891 came to America, landing at Castle Garden with but two cents in his pocket, which he proceeded to invest in postal cards, with which to notify his parents of his safe arrival. He remained for four days in New York City and then made his way to Reading when he found employment in the establishment of Michael Lewis, with whom he remained until securing a position with Clinton Rhodes & Company, of Chicago, Ill. He remained in this company's employ as a traveling salesman for eight years, at the end of which time he returned to Reading, and opened a small installment house at No. 306 North Ninth street. The business, which has since grown to be one of the largest of its kind in the city, increased so rapidly that Mr. Zable soon found it necessary to enlarge his quarters and subsequently removed to No. 12 North Ninth street, but this place also proved too small, and in April, 1905, he again moved, this time to his present place of business, which is fully equipped and stocked with a complete line of furniture, carpets, rugs and jewelry, the floor space being four floors, 80 x 21 feet. Here Mr. Zable's fair business methods and excellent goods have won him a wide reputation and a constantly increasing trade. Mr. Zable has been prominently identified with educational matters in his adopted city, and is the founder of the Hebrew Free School, of which he is president, is a member of the Independent Order of Brith-Abraham, superintendent of the Hebrew Sabbath-school, and an active member of the Synagogue. He was naturalized in 1897 by Judge Ermentrout. In political belief he is a Democrat, but his views are liberal. In 1892 Mr. Zable sent for his parents in Russia, and in 1893, after being here about one year, the father died, aged fifty-two years. Mrs. Zable survives her husband and resides with her son in Reading.

Harry Zable was married to Rebecca Beilin, daughter of Rabbi Jonas Beilin, of Easton, Pa., and three children have been born to this union: Benjamin, Jonas and Esther.

HENRY BOYER, who was one of Reading's well known business men, was born in that city in 1766. A butcher by trade he became at one time a man of means and a prominent citizen, but through different ventures he lost much of his wealth. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-one, dying in 1847. His wife, bore him six children, John, Henry, George, Charles, Jacob and Elizabeth. The daughter married Abraham Kerper, and became the mother of two children: William, of Reading; and one who died in infancy. The members of this family were all devout communicants of the Lutheran Church, while in politics the men were invariably Democrats up to the time of Lincoln, when they joined the Republican ranks.

Jacob Boyer, youngest son of Henry, was born in Reading in 1801, and received as good an education as the primitive schools of that day afforded. He learned the butcher's trade from his father, and made it his lifelong calling. His wife was Miss Susan H. Nagle, who died in 1890, at the age of ninety, surviving her husband by nearly twenty years, as his death occurred in 1871, at the age of seventy years, one month and twenty-eight days. The children born to them, all of whom outlived their parents, were as follows: Harriet, who married John G. Shaneman, and was the mother of ex-Mayor Shaneman; Peter N., of Alabama; Mary A., Mrs. Joseph G. O'Brien; Alvin N., of Reading; Sarah L., wife of the late John C. Strohecker; Esther, of Reading; and Jacob N., now deceased. This generation remained true to their early religious teaching and were all Lutherans.

Mrs. Susan N. Boyer was the daughter of Peter Nagle, who was the first justice of the peace in Reading, and held that office for forty-four years. He was a prominent man in his day, and on one occasion when General Washington visited Reading, Mr. Nagle had the honor of entertaining him.

WILLIAM LINK, who since 1902 has been conducting a grocery establishment at the corner of Twelfth and Robeson streets, was born Nov. 25, 1855, in Reading, son of John and Caroline (Snyder) Link.

John Link was a native of Germany, and met his death at the East Pennsylvania Junction, while working as a section boss. He lived on Washington street, Reading, for some time where his children, among whom were John, William and Henry, were born.

William Link was educated in the schools of Reading, after leaving which he engaged at brushmaking for Heller & German, with whom he continued about one year. He then worked in a brickyard for Daniel Schrader for five years, leaving to engage in foundry work, and after one year became connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, with which road he was connected for eighteen years as a carpenter. Mr. Link was then appointed to the police force under Mayor Merritt, and after serving three years returned to the employ of the railroad company, but during Mayor Weidel's administration he was again appointed city policeman. On the expiration of his term, Mr. Link secured employment as a brick molder with Thomas Bauscher, with whom he continued for one year, the next two years being spent in carpenter work, and in 1902 he embarked in his present business, in which he has been successful. Mr. Link carries a line of staple and fancy groceries, and enjoys a good patronage.

Mr. Link was married to Miss Annie Kline, of Fleetwood, Pa., and to them three children have been born: Frank, Charles and John. Mr. and Mrs. Link are Lutherans in religious belief. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and a Democrat in politics, having been very active in the ranks of his party.

MARTIN ERNST, founder of the grocery business situated at the corner of Front and Buttonwood streets, and later conducted by Ernst & Troop, was one of Reading's prominent citizens who passed away May 16, 1902.

Martin Ernst was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1835, and served seven years in the French army. He learned the tanner's trade in his native country, and on coming to America in 1864, engaged therein, first at a large tannery in Elizabeth, N. J., as a finisher, and in 1872 at Reading, in Platz & Winter's tannery. Later, when Mr. Platz retired from the firm, it became Winter & Getz, and Mr. Ernst was employed for a time by this firm, but in 1884 started in the grocery business on North River street, between Washington and Jefferson streets. There he remained until 1892, and in that year removed to Front and Elm streets, and was there doing business at the time of his death. In religious belief Mr. Ernst was a Roman Catholic, being connected with St. Paul's German Church of Reading. In politics he was a Democrat. He was one of Reading's honored and respected business men, and his loss was felt not only by his family and immediate friends, but by the entire community.

Mr. Ernst was married to Mary Ann Kleffer, a native of Germany, who was reared in the same village as her husband, and to them were born: Matilda, who died April 18, 1908, aged forty-five years; Magdalena, who married Isaac Troop, and has two children,—Annie and Mary; Ida, who married Allison Deibert, and has two children,—Leroy and Martin; and Frank, who married Sophia Derry.

After the death of Mr. Ernst, Mrs. Ernst and her daughter, Matilda, took up the business together, and conducted it for one year, when Mrs. Ernst retired, Mrs. Troop being admitted as a partner. Under the able management of the sisters, the business thrived,

and they had a large and lucrative trade. After the death of Matilda in 1908, her sister Mrs. Troop and her two daughters,—Annie and Mary, conducted the business until April, 1909 when they retired to private life, and are now living in their own home at No. 374 Schuylkill Avenue.

SCHWEITZER. Four brothers of the name of Schweitzer emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1740, settling in eastern Pennsylvania, as follows: Peter, in Brecknock township, Lancaster county (now in Berks county), the second in Northampton county, the third in Cumberland county, and the fourth in Lancaster (now Dauphin) county. Peter Schweitzer was married to a young woman named Heffelfinger, who came to America at the same time he did. They had seven children: Frederick, Peter, Susan, Christina, Catharine, Elizabeth and Margaret.

(II) Frederick Schweitzer, son of Peter, was born in Brecknock township, and carried on farming in the primitive way of his day in a new country; his farm was the present property of Augustus Bixler. He married Barbara Burkhardt, and their children were: John, Frederick, Jr., Peter, Jacob, Elizabeth, Barbara, Susan (who married Jacob Mohr) and Catharine. Of these, John, born Aug. 28, 1791, married Mary Ziegler (daughter of Abraham), and died Dec. 5, 1871, the father of four children: Samuel Z.; John, who married Mary Suader; Salome, who married John Kachel; and Elizabeth, who married Peter Bixler. Samuel Z. Schweitzer, son of John, born Jan. 1, 1816, is still living, and is active in mind and body. He was well educated, and for years was a sucecssful teacher, but his later years were devoted to farming on a large scale, and to his work as a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sinking Spring. His wife was Elizabeth Haller, daughter of Samuel, of Lancaster county. It is given to but few men to so merit and receive universal esteem through a long life such as Samuel Z. Schweitzer has enjoyed.

(III) Frederick Schweitzer, Jr., son of Frederick, was born in Brecknock township, Feb. 20, 1794, and died May 22, 1882, aged eighty-eight years, three months, two days. He devoted his life to farming and his farm in now the property of his grandson Phineas. His wife, Elizabeth Moore, daughter of John Moore, was born Aug. 15, 1796, and died Feb. 11, 1875, in her seventy-ninth year. Their children were: Daniel, who married Leah Bixler, and died at Birdsboro, Pa.; Peter, who married Mary Bressler, and owned a farm adjoining that of Phineas, a part of the old homestead; Elizabeth, who married Peter Beam; Mary, who died unmarried; Samuel M.; and William M., who married Sophia Burkhart, and was of a roaming disposition.

(IV) Samuel M. Schweitzer, son of Frederick, Jr., was born in Brecknock township Aug. 28, 1828, and died Nov. 7, 1905, aged seventy-seven years, two months, nine days. He was a farmer for many years, and from 1861 to 1865 owned the "Three Mile House." In his political faith he was a Republican, and in religious belief a Lutheran, and for many years he was a deacon in the Allegheny Church, but late in life he joined the Plow Church, which he helped to build. He served on the building committee, and was an elder there for eight years. He was also instrumental in the erection of the church in 1888, and was a liberal contributor toward its erection, also helping to raise funds. Mr. Schweitzer was a man of genial disposition, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. He married Mary S. Slouch, born Oct. 31, 1834, died March 2, 1904, in her seventieth year, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Séifrit) Slouch, and granddaughter of George Slouch. George Slouch was a son of Michael Slouch, who in 1759 paid £4 tax in Brecknock township. To Samuel M. Schweitzer and his wife were born two children: Phineas and Maggie. The latter married Otis Schweitzer (son of Benaniah and grandson of John), a farmer of Robeson township.

(V) Phineas S. Schweitzer, son of Samuel M., is a representative citizen of Brecknock township. He was born Oct. 24, 1858, on a Slouch farm adjoining the Schweitzer homestead. He grew to manhood on a farm, attending the district schools and later Churchtown Academy, in Lancaster county. The latter institution was then under the able management of Prof. J F. Foltz. He then taught school for some time and afterward assisted his father on the farm until the latter's death, at which time he assumed the management. This property lies in Brecknock township, at the extreme eastern end, in what is known as Potato Valley, and it consists of 133 acres of good land. They raise all kinds of fruit and vegetables, and the property is abundantly supplied with water. Mr. Schweitzer is a man of intelligence, and is one of the progressive and useful citizens of the community. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as township committeeman, secretary of the school board for six consecutive years, township clerk two years, township auditor six years, and delegate to county conventions many times. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Plow Church in Robeson township. Mr. Schweitzer has been organist of both congregations since the erection of the church in 1888, and also president of the Sunday school for the same length of time. In 1883 Mr. Schweitzer married Sarah A. Kramer, daughter of Samuel and Julia (Ziemer) Kramer, well known citizens of Brecknock township. Two daughters have blessed this marriage, namely: Gertie M., who married Lewis Wickline, a trucker on his father-in-law's place, and has one daughter, Esther May; and Mamie E., who is at home.

(II) Peter Schweitzer, second son of Peter, the emigrant from Wurtemberg, married and reared a family, in which was a son, Peter.

(III) Peter Schweitzer, son of Peter and grandson of the emigrant, passed his active life as a farmer and tanner on the place where Harvey Kramer now lives. His wife was an Ammon, and their children were: Bevvy, who married Samuel Eshelman; Sally, who married John Kramer; Kate, who married Jacob Sengner; John; William, a farmer in Exeter township; Peter, who lived in Brecknock; and Mrs. William Whitman.

(IV) John Schweitzer, son of Peter, was born March 27, 1803, and died April 9, 1874, when he was in his seventy-second year. By occupation he was a tanner, and his tannery was located where Harvey Z. Kramer now makes his home, in Brecknock. The latter years of his life he devoted to farming, owning a farm of 200 acres in Potato Valley—so named by Christian Ziegler, in a joke, but the name has clung to this particularly rich agricultural valley ever since. He married Elizabeth Wagner, born Feb. 13, 1803, who died May 9, 1888. They had nine children, namely: Benaniah, who owned the homestead; Maria, who married Jacob Schnader, of Fairville; Lovina and Jackson, who both died young; Nathan, of Lycoming county; Augustus W.; Edward, a farmer in Robeson township; Obed, also a farmer in Robeson; and Christanna, who married Benjamin Remp, of Brecknock. John Schweitzer and his wife erected in 1854 a fine double-deck barn, 92 x 75 feet, the only one of its kind in the State. In 1859 the present residence, a large stone mansion, was erected. On the premises is an old log house that was erected in 1775 by Peter Schweitzer, the great-great-grandfather of the present generation, and this is now used as a truck house.

(V) Benaniah Schweitzer, son of John, was born at the family home Feb. 10, 1829, and after a useful and active life of more than seventy-seven years passed away Sept. 16, 1906. He owned a large farm near Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he lived for fourteen years. In 1875 he bought the home now in possession of his sons, and on it he spent his last days. In politics he was active as a Democrat, and was school

director in both Lancaster and Berks counties, ably serving his districts. He was a Lutheran member of the Allegheny Church, and for many years served as an elder. He was a good and useful citizen of his community, and was honest and upright. He married Susanna Gring, who was born in 1839, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Kessler) Gring, the former a farmer and carpet weaver in Lancaster county. They became the parents of ten children: Elizabeth, who married John Kramer, of Brecknock; Otis, who married Maggie Schweitzer; Emery; Nathaniel, who married Mary Griffith; Emeline, who married Harvey Hoffert; Susan, who married Michael Witwer; Charles, who married Bessie Kachel; Franklin, who married Cassie Trostle; Harry K.; and Theodore.

(VI) Emery Schweitzer, son of Benaniah, was born April 29, 1864, and was educated in the township schools, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. He was early trained to farm work, and remained at home, assisting his father, until he attained his majority. He continued at home working for wages from that time until 1892, when he took a trip through the West, going to San Jose, Cal., where he was in the employ of the famous lawyer, D. M. Delmas, recently so much in the public eye as the defender of Harry K. Thaw in New York City. Mr. Schweitzer remained there for a period of three years, working in the vineyard. In the latter part of 1905 he went to St. Paul, Minn., and from there to Faribault, Minn., where he remained from July to November of that year. His western trip was quite a success, and as well a most enjoyable experience. Returning to his native county, he began farming the original homestead of the family in Brecknock township, which consists now of 210 acres of the best land in this section. He and his brothers are successful farmers and truckers. They attend the Reading market once or twice a week the whole year round.

In political belief Mr. Schweitzer is a Democrat, but he has given little time to public affairs, his own business engrossing his entire time and attention. However, he was induced to serve one term as township auditor. He is a Lutheran member of the Allegheny Union Church. He was president of the Maple Grove Sunday-school, and was also organist for a time. He is a worthy representative of an intelligent family, and is a man of sound judgment and of considerable tact and ability in dealing with his fellow-men.

(VI) Harry K. Sweitzer, son of Benaniah, and brother of Emery, was born June 29, 1881. He grew up on the farm and after attending the township schools entered the Adamstown high school, then in charge of Prof. Henry Matz. In the spring of 1898 he entered the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, in the E Division, but left as a Junior in 1900 to engage in farming. He began for himself in 1907. In politics he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and in 1906 he served efficiently as register assessor of his township. He is a Lutheran member of the Allegheny Church, and has been an official member of that Sunday-school. In 1907 he married Mary E. Zerbe, daughter of William and Ellen (Frees) Zerbe, of Brecknock township, Lancaster county.

(VI) Theodore Schweitzer, son of Benaniah and brother to Emery and Harry K., was born on the home farm on Aug. 4, 1883. He obtained a fair education in the Maple Grove school, and early learned the duties pertaining to the successful management of a farm. In 1907 he and his brother Emery bought the father's fine farm of 210 acres, and this they now jointly cultivate. In May, 1904, Mr. Schweitzer was married to Viola Kramer, daughter of Harvey Z. Kramer, a well-known tobacco dealer. Mrs. Schweitzer is a highly educated woman. She attended the Keystone State Normal, and taught school before her marriage, two terms at the Maple Grove school and two terms at Gebhart's school. Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer have a son, Mark D., born Oct. 19, 1905. They are Lutheran members of the Allegheny Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

(V) Augustus W. Schweitzer, son of John and brother of Benaniah, is the merchant and postmaster at Hummel's store, Brecknock township. He was born May 30, 1839. He was a farmer's son, and he has not departed from his early training, but has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He owns a tract of seventy acres and attends the Reading market. In 1872 he purchased his property from Daniel Hummel, after whom the post-office was named, and he began trading in merchandise on a small scale. Since then he has conducted the store and served as postmaster. As a Democrat like all the Schweitzers, he has taken an interest in public matters, and has been school director of the township. He and his family are Lutherans, and attend the Allegheny Union Church. In 1869 he was married to Mary Ann Paulsgrove, who was born May 1, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Anna Mary (Rintz) Paulsgrove, and eight children were born of this union, namely: Annie, who married Fred Mint, of Brecknock township; Ella, who married Mahlon Ziemer, a sawmill proprietor of Brecknock; Howard A., at home; Irwin J., who married Bessie Sengner, and lives in Brecknock; Irene, wife of Henry Ziemer, of Brecknock; Raymond A., a mute, at home; Emanuel, who died in infancy; and Elva, at home. The family are very popular in the community.

CHRISTIAN UMBLE STOLTZFUS, a minister of the Amish Church, and a highly respected citizen of Caernarvon township, Berks county, where he is operating a fine farm of seventy acres, was born Aug. 3, 1845, near Morgantown, son of John and Elizabeth (Umble) Stoltzfus.

Nicholas Stoltzfus, the ancestor of this old and honored Berks county family, came in 1766 from Zweibrucken, Germany, to America, and with his children, a son and three daughters, settled on a farm near Reading. He is buried in the old Reading cemetery along the Schuylkill river. His son, Christian, was but sixteen years of age when he arrived in this country. Here he married (first) a Miss Garver, by whom he had three sons; John, Jacob and Christian, all of whom are buried in the Moyer burying ground, the mother being buried near Reading. The father married (second) the widow Lantz, whose maiden name was King, and who had by her first marriage two sons: John and Samuel Lantz. To her marriage with Mr. Stoltzfus there were born these children: Abraham, Daniel, Solomon, Catherine Elizabeth, Anna, Barbara, Esther and Magdalene, all buried in the Mill Creek burying ground.

Christian Stoltzfus, son of Christian by his first marriage, married Anna Blank, by whom he had these children: Samuel m. Elizabeth, daughter of David Boiler, deceased in 1860, aged forty-five; Christian; John; Catherine; Rebecca; Anna; Barbara; Elizabeth; and Susanna m. a Mr. Lapp.

John Stoltzfus, son of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus, and father of Christian U., was born Jan. 13, 1810, and was married, March 7, 1830, to Miss Elizabeth Umble. She died Oct. 21, 1853, and her husband, March 27, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus had these children: Anna, born March 27, 1831, m. Christian Lapp; Mary, born April 25, 1832, and Jacob, born Sept. 22, 1833, are both deceased; John was born Sept. 11, 1835; Jonas was born May 19, 1837; Fannie, born Sept. 17, 1840, m. Henry Fisher; Daniel was born Oct. 29, 1841; Henry, born Jan. 3, 1843, died in December, 1901; Christian U.; and Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1849, m. Joel Fisher, of Lancaster county, born Nov. 1, 1851. Mr. Stoltzfus was married (second) Feb. 5, 1857, to Elizabeth Nofsinger, who was born Jan. 16, 1820, and to them two children were born: J. Bena, July 22, 1859, m. John Schmucker; and Isaac, Dec. 15, 1861.

Christian U. Stoltzfus was educated in the public schools of New Holland, Lancaster county, and after-

completing his literary training engaged in agricultural pursuits, at which he has continued ever since. He now owns a beautiful farm of seventy acres, located in Caernarvon township. Mr. Stoltzfus is a minister in the Amish Church. In politics he is a Republican. His property is a portion of the old Morgan homestead, and he resides in a large stone structure which bears the date of 1731 and which was erected by Isaac Morgan.

Christian U. Stoltzfus married Malinda Mast, born Oct. 2, 1852, near Morgantown, and four children have been born to this union: (1) John H., born Aug. 21, 1875, m. Priscilla Mast, daughter of Stephen and Catherine (Ash) Mast, by whom he has three children,—Myra, born Nov. 14, 1902; Malinda, March 23, 1905; and Martha, Dec. 11, 1902. (2) Lydia was born in 1887. (3) Sylvanus and (4) Stephen.

BENJAMIN D. DRUCKENMILLER, a well-known business man of Kutztown, Pa., who is engaged as an ice-cream manufacturer, confectioner and proprietor of a restaurant on Main street, was born Nov. 12, 1855, on his father's farm in Hereford township, Berks county, son of Enos and Elizabeth N. (Desch) Druckenmiller.

Enos Drunckenmiller was born Dec. 14, 1821, and died of apoplexy at Zieglersville, Lehigh county, March 29, 1899. He was a mechanic and farmer all his life, and was an elder of Zieglersville Lutheran Church, where he is buried. He was on the building committee when the new church was erected, and took a profound interest in the work of the church and Sunday-school, teaching in the latter for many years. In life he was honored and respected and in death he was missed and mourned. Mr. Druckenmiller married Elizabeth N. Desch, daughter of George and Marguerite (Marsteller) Desch, and to this union there were born children as follows: Benneville died of measles and brain fever, aged twenty-two years; Rev. Joel settled in Michigan about 1880, and serves a charge at Rogers City; Tilghman m. Barbara Frey; Elizabeth m. Milton Kleinsmith; Henry m. Ellen Wagenhorst, and resides at Atlanta, Ga.; David m. Katie Nuss, and resides at Sellersville; Benjamin D.; Emma died of diphtheria in her ninth year; Mayme m. (first) William Weiss, and (second) Hiram Welker; Susanna m. Benjamin Frey; Rosa m. Allen W. Sheimer; Sallie m. John Sweitzer; George m. Ella Lersh; Maggie m. William Shubert; Laura m. Richard Reese; and Annie m. Allen Snyder.

Benjamin D. Druckenmiller was reared on his father's farm, and attended the public schools of the locality. He lived with his parents until his twenty-third year, when he hired himself out to a farmer in Roxboro, Philadelphia county, for one year, and for two years worked on a farm in Maxatawny township. In 1881 he commenced working in the Kutztown creamery, and there he continued for twenty-four years. During the first five years he was an employe, but in 1887 he bought the place. He averaged 1,800,000 pounds of milk per annum, but in December, 1905, he rented the place, and engaged in the ice-cream and restaurant business. Mr. Druckenmiller and his family worship in St. John's Lutheran Church of Kutztown, and he is a member of the choir. He is independent in political matters, and does not hesitate to vote for the man he thinks is the best one for the place, irrespective of party lines. He owns a nice brick residence on Noble street, next to the creamery.

In June, 1885, Mr. Druckenmiller married Caroline Deisher, daughter of John D. and Hannah (Kohler) Deisher, and two children have been born to this union, Harvey Luther and Mabel Cora.

The original form of the name was Truckenmiller, but in some way the first letter became changed to D. The following immigrants of the name of Truckenmiller are recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives as having come to Pennsylvania:

Sebastian Truckenmiller and wife Catharine came on the ship "Pink" in 1732.

John Michael Truckenmiller came in the ship "Francis and Elizabeth" in 1742.

Jon. Ludwig Truckenmiller came on the ship "Robert and Alice" in 1742.

Peter Truckenmiller came on the ship "Beulah" in 1756.

The Federal census report of 1790 records George Truckenmiller a resident of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa. In that year he had a son who was under sixteen years of age, and one daughter. The same report records Charles Truckenmiller as also of Hereford township, and the head of a family consisting of nine members, four males and five females. The same report records John Truckenmiller as a resident of Rockland township, which adjoined Hereford, as the head of a family, made up of father and mother, one son and two sons under sixteen years of age and three females. George, Charles and John Truckenmiller are said to be the sons of Johan Michael Truckenmiller, who landed in Philadelphia on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," Sept. 21, 1742.

Berks Court Records show that in 1801 letters of administration were granted from Frederick Truckenmiller to Louisa Truckenmiller, probably his wife.

GEORGE J. MILLER, a well-known resident of Mount Penn borough, whose substantial brick residence is situated on Twenty-third street, was born Aug. 14, 1864, in Reading, Pa., son of Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Merget) Miller.

Joseph H. Miller was born May 29, 1839, at Honeybrook, Chester county, Pa., and when a young man learned the machinist's trade. In 1885 he went to Chicago, Ill., where he spent one and a half years, but returned East to become foreman of the Reading Hardware Works, where he remained seventeen years. This position he resigned to become connected with the Navy Yard, at Washington, D. C., where he is now employed. In political matters Mr. Miller is a Republican. He was married Jan. 9, 1862, to Elizabeth Merget, born March 30, 1844, who died Nov. 25, 1886, in Reading, daughter of Jacob and Helena Merget, and to this union there were born children as follows: Charles A., a machinist of Reading, who married Amanda Dersch; Wilmer J., who is single and a moulder of Reading; Mary H., who married A. L. Hook, of Washington, D. C.; Dorothy, who married W. F. Mohr, of Reading; Alice A., a dressmaker of South Fifth street, Reading; Rosa, who also lives on South Fifth street; Katie G., who for six years has been a teacher in the public schools of Reading; and Elizabeth V., who has been a teacher for three years.

George J. Miller attended the public schools of Reading until about fifteen years of age, and then learned his trade with Miller, Printz & Company, of South Ninth street, manufacturers of all kinds of machinery, with whom he remained for a full apprenticeship of five years. Since that time he has followed the trade as a journeyman. He worked in all for Miller, Printz & Co., for a period of eight years, and in 1886 connected himself with the Scott Foundry, where he remained one year. He then entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Company, but since 1902 he has been working in the tube works of the Reading Iron Company's plant. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Miller erected a substantial residence on Twenty-third street, Mount Penn borough, and here he has lived since Sept. 26th of that year, previous to this time having been a resident of the Second ward of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are attendants of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Reading. In political matters he is a Republican, while fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A., No. 417, Birdsboro; the Reading Hardware Co. Beneficial Association; and Reading Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.

On Oct. 4, 1890, Mr. Miller was married to Annie E. Borkert, and to them were born two daughters: Edith Violet, and Alva, the latter of whom died when three years old.

Daniel Borkert, the grandfather of Mrs. Miller, was born in 1800 in Reading, and died in 1880. He was the son of Caspar Borkert, the founder of the family, and was a bricklayer by trade. He married Catherine Gontz, and to them were born twelve children, as follows: William, born in 1825; Daniel, born in 1829, died in 1886; Franklin, born in 1832; Mary, born in 1835; Sarah, born in 1834, died in childhood; Albert, father of Mrs. Miller; Augustus, born in 1838; Richard, born in 1840; Susan, born in 1843; Amanda, born in 1845; John, born in 1847; and Thomas, born in 1849, died in childhood.

Albert Borkert, who has been a lifelong resident of Reading, Pa., was born in that city Sept. 14, 1835, and was married in 1858 to Malinda Wentzel, by whom he had twelve children: Thomas m. Alice Reber and lives in Reading; Sallie m. George Faber, of Reading; Annie E., Mrs. Miller; Susan, who died in childhood; Kate m. Harry Swoyer, deceased; Emma, who died in infancy; Maggie m. Jacob Burkholder, of Philadelphia; Harry, single, at home; Nora m. Charles Eagle, of Reading; Bessie, m. Howard Koch, a tailor of Reading; Lillie m. Aloysius Wondrough; and Albert, who died in childhood.

PEIFER. The Peifer family of Spring township, Berks county, is worthily represented by several substantial and highly respected citizens, descendants of the sturdy German race that has done so much for the development and progress of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(I) Frantz Peifer was a farmer in the town of Marienberg, about two hours from Hachenburg, Nassau, Germany. He married Elizabeth Kessler, and they had children: Gerhart, Christ, Frantz, Martin, Barbara and Elizabeth.

(II) Martin Peifer, son of Frantz, was born in Nassau, Germany, at his father's farm, July 26, 1794, and came to America with his brother in 1818, landing at Baltimore. He at once became a redemptioner with George Gernand, who paid eighty dollars for his passage at Baltimore. His bondage lasted two years, and he then worked at farm labor until in 1832 he bought a tract of thirty-one acres, to which he added in later years. At his death he left an estate of about $20,000. He was genuinely respected, and the competence he acquired was the result of hard work, economy and good management. He was a member of Hain's Church, to which he contributed liberally. He died Dec. 7, 1870. On Dec. 31, 1826, he married Hannah Krick, born June 6, 1803 (daughter of Peter Krick), who died Sept. 30, 1872. They had two children, Jeremiah and Peter. The former, born Dec. 22, 1828, died unmarried Sept. 20, 1895, and was buried at Hain's Church, in the old churchyard. The parents are also buried in the old churchyard, there being no cemetery when they died.

(III) Peter Peifer, son of Martin, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, April 17, 1840. He lived with and worked for his father until he was thirty years of age, in 1870 beginning to farm one of his father's farms, continuing thus until 1894. On June 21, 1894, he moved to Fritztown, where the year before he had built a nice brick house on the Fritztown road, and there he and his family have since resided. He owns one of the finest farms in Lower Heidelberg township, consisting of 154 acres, well improved with a brick residence which Mr. Peifer erected in 1886, with ten good rooms, double porches, and surrounded by a beautiful large yard. Excellent water is found on the place. He owns in all six farms, a total of 800 acres of valuable land, including the original homestead near Hain's church, consisting of sixty acres; a farm of forty-nine acres near Sinking Spring; a farm of 105 acres near Kulp's Mill in Spring township (which he bought from his son Robert L.); another of 187 acres in the same township; and he bought the old Marshall homestead in Spring township, consisting of 125 acres at the Cacoosing. He also owns the Hain's Woolen Mills, located one and one-half miles back of Wernersville, with one of the best water-powers in the country. The buildings are of brick, three stories high, 30x60 feet. Mr. Peifer is one of the most substantial and successful farmer in his section. He has, however, not confined his real estate investments to farms, also owning six dwellings in Fritztown, which he rents. He has 100 acres of woodland. In politics Mr. Peifer is an ardent Democrat, firmly believing in the old Jacksonian principles. He is a firm adherent to Free Trade doctrines, and delights in tariff discussion, believing in a constitutional tariff which no President need fear to sign. He is well informed, and skilled in argument. He is a Reformed member of Hain's Church, and has a fine lot there.

On Oct. 19, 1869, Mr. Peifer was married to Mary Hassler, born Dec. 10, 1838, daughter of Benjamin and Sophia (Ebling) Hassler, the former a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township. Her paternal grandfather was John Hassler. Three children have been born to them, namely: (1) Robert L. is mentioned below. (2) Hannah E., born Jan. 30, 1874, married Frank N. Brown, of Fritztown. (3) Jefferson D., born Oct. 28, 1881, is at home.

IV) Robert L. Peifer of Brookside, engaged in the coal and feed business, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, Sept. 4, 1870, son of Peter and Mary (Hassler) Peifer. He attended the public schools of his native township and then was employed with his father, and afterward farmed for himself on his father's farms in Spring township. Later he went to Sinking Spring, where he bought the Sharman farm of forty-nine acres, upon which he farmed two years. He then went on his father's farm in Lower Heidelberg township for one year; then went to Spring township and bought one of Eli Reigel's farms, near Kulp's Mill, of 105 acres, and remained there until he came to his present place of business, in November, 1908. Mr. Peifer built a brick warehouse 30 by 40 feet, three stories high, and is located at Angelica and Good streets, where he does a wholesale and retail business. He has one of the best equipped plants in Pennsylvania, with every facility for transferring the coal from the cars to the wagons by machinery; a shovel is never needed except to correct the weight on the scale. The plant cost about two thousand dollars.

Mr. Peifer married Louisa Fry, daughter of Eli Fry, of Spring township, and has the following children: Martin, Hannah (living with her grandfather Peifer), Emma, Peter and Jay. Mr. Peifer is a Democrat and a member of Hain's Church.

ALLEN S. UNGER has been a resident of Sinking Spring, Berks county, for forty years, and has been engaged in his present business there since 1874. He is a native of Perry township, this county, born at Shoemakersville Sept. 22, 1847, and belongs to one of the old families of the county. The branch to which he is related was early settled in Windsor township. All the Ungers are noted for musical tastes and ability and a number have attained prominence as professional musicians, among these being Prof. C. H. Unger and his son, Solomon W. Unger, of Reading, well-known teachers of music. Frederick Unger, of Leesport, Pa., the war correspondent, is also a member of this family.

(I) Christian Unger, the emigrant ancestor of the family, came to this country on the ship "Edinburgh," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1752. In 1756 he was a taxable resident of Greenwich township, Berks county. He had these children: Michael, who was a taxable in Greenwich township in 1759; John, who settled in the vicinity of Shamokin, Pa.; Herman; one son (name unknown) who settled in the State of Maryland; Susanna, who married John Schappel; Eliza-

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beth, who married George Heffley; and Mrs. Christian Reeser.

(II) Herman Unger was born in Greenwich township. He married Elizabeth Keim, and they had the following children: Daniel, who settled in Windsor township, and who had an only son Isaac; Samuel, who also settled in Windsor township; Jacob, who settled in Wabash county, Ind.; Abraham, who settled in Sandusky county, Ohio; Christina, who married John Hollenbach; and Mrs. Coleman.

(III) Samuel Unger, son of Herman, was born in Windsor township in October, 1793, and died July 6, 1843. He was a prominent citizen of his day, owning about five hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Shoemakersville, where he spent his entire life. He was married Dec. 25, 1819, to Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Snyder, and they had children as follows: Anna, born Nov. 24, 1820; John, born Aug. 2, 1822, who died in infancy; Samuel, born July 9, 1824; Daniel, born May 27, 1826; Elizabeth, born Dec. 24, 1828; Catherine, born Sept. 29, 1831, who married Abraham Witman, and died Sept. 27, 1902; Reuben, born April 3, 1834; and Maria, born Dec. 29, 1837.

(IV) Daniel Unger, born May 27, 1826, at Shoemakersville, lived near Bernville, where he died, aged seventy-five years. He is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. Mr. Unger was a farmer by occupation, and also carried on cigar-making. Outside of his own affairs his greatest interest was in the church, and he was a well and favorably known citizen. He married Rebecca Schappel, daughter of Brig.-Gen. Jeremiah Schappel, of Berks county, and to them was born a family of nine children, namely: Angelina married Isaac Bunes; Sassaman died unmarried; Emeline m. Aaron Degler; Annette died unmarried; Levi, who lives at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., m. Kate Weise; Allen S. is mentioned below; Hettie m. James Annsbach; Mary m. Charles Clouser; Daniel died young.

(V) Allen S. Unger was only two and a half years old when his parents moved to a location between Shartlesville and Bernville, where he was reared upon the farm and continued to live until 1864. In that year he went to Mahanoy City, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines for three years. He returned thence to Berks county, and on Nov. 16, 1869 came to Sinking Spring, where he has since made his home. Here he learned his trade of marble and stone cutter from Henry Hettinger, whom he succeeded in business in the fall of 1874. He has carried the establishment on ever since, making a specialty of monument work, and also dealing in marble and granite, and he has all the work he can attend to, his patronage being steady and lucrative. For some years he employed from three to five men. He is honest in all his relations with his fellow-men, and respected wherever known. Industry and economy enabled him to accumulate some property, and he still owns a house in Sinking Spring, but he disposed of considerable real estate which he formerly possessed in order to lessen his cares.

On Nov. 19, 1872, Mr. Unger was married to Amanda E. Ruth, born Aug. 23, 1844, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Ruth) Ruth, of Spring township. Mrs. Unger passed to her reward Feb. 5, 1905. Like her husband and family she was a devout member of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring, and was ever an active worker in the congregation and a teacher in the Sunday-school for many years. She was a member of the church choir from her youth until her death. Mr. Unger, also, has been prominent in the work of the church, and he was the choir leader from 1875 until 1889, beside taking part in other phases of its life. Since 1889 he has served as janitor of the church.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Unger, namely: Lottie M. married Dr. V. M. Murray, of Patton, Cambria Co., Pa., and has one child, John Allen; George I., an electrician, living at Newcastle, Del., married Fannie Tembler, and has one daughter, Edna Marie.

BENJAMIN BRIGLE, a well known citizen of Heidelberg township, Berks county, who owns an excellent farm of fifty-five acres three miles south of Robesonia, in the South Mountain, was born May 18, 1840, in Heidelberg township, above Robesonia, son of Adam and Sarah (Foltz) Brigle.

Adam Brugle (as the name was spelled in German), the grandfather of Benjamin, was a native of Germany, and came to this country from Germany via Rotterdam on the ship "Commerce," landing at Philadelphia Oct. 9, 1803. Soon thereafter he located in Heidelberg township, Berks county, above Robesonia, in the South Mountain, and died well advanced in years, being buried in the Corner Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. Mr. Brigle married Barbara Weinhold, and to them were born these children: Isaac, born Dec. 12, 1824, died unmarried March 23, 1882; Daniel; Adam; George lived and died at Hokendauqua, Pa.; William died in Lebanon, where he lived with his children; Ann died unmarried; Ellen also died unmarried; Polly married Charles Kepley; Elizabeth married Fred Foreman; Sarah married and remove to the West.

Adam Brigle, father of Benjamin, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Oct. 17, 1817, and died at Womelsdorf Station, in May, 1890. For a number of years he owned and cultivated a tract in the South Mountain, consisting of fourteen acres. After his wife's death he sold this land and removed to Womelsdorf Station, where he lived until his death. He was a good and useful citizen, and was buried in St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he was deacon, elder and trustee for several years. Mr. Brigle married Sarah Foltz, born in Heidelberg township, June 13, 1817, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hossler) Foltz. They were married Aug. 12, 1838, by Rev. William Hendel, and had eleven children as follows: Benjamin, born May 18, 1840; Amelia, born Jan. 27, 1842, died in May, 1843; Amanda, born May 14, 1844; Isaac, born Dec. 12, 1845; Barbara, born Oct. 20, 1847, lives at Robesonia; Elinda E., born May 5, 1850, died in July, 1855; Adam, born in April, 1852, died in November, 1854; Sarah, born July 20, 1853; Angelina, born Oct. 26, 1855; Lemontina Louise, born July 3, 1858, married James Wenrich, of Robesonia; and Hannah, born in July, 1861, died in September, 1864.

Benjamin Brigle attended the schools of his district, and at the outbreak of the Civil war went to the front as a private in his country's defense. Mr. Brigle is tall, erect and of commanding appearance, and made a brave and faithful soldier. After his return from the war, he worked in the Robesonia furnace working there for a period of nineteen years. Later he purchased a good farm of fifty-five acres, three miles south of Robesonia, in the South Mountain, where he has resided to the present time. Mr. Brigle has specialized to some extent in fruit growing, has brought his property to a high state of cultivation, and through hard and earnest effort has cleared it of all incumbrances. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Corner Church.

Mr. Brigle was married to Mary Hoover, daughter of William Hoover, of Heidelberg township, and to this union there have been born five children, all of whom are single: Fannie E.; Adam; William E.; Mamie M.; and Isaac, who died in childhood.

JOHN G. MOSSER, a well-known citizen and substantial business man of Cumru township, Berks county, who is carrying on an extensive butchering business at Mohnton, was born Jan. 14, 1858, in Cumru township, son of Nicholas Mosser.

Nicholas Mosser, great-grandfather of John G., came from Germany and settled in Brecknock township,

Berks county, and it is traditional that he was a brother of that Mosser, around whom centered the great litigation for valuable coal lands in Schuylkill county. Besides several daughters, he had two sons; Samuel, who died a bachelor; and John. The latter was born in Brecknock township, and is buried at Allegheny Church. He was a farmer and owned land near Alleghenyville. He and his wife, Maria Hornberger, daughter of Conrad Hornberger, had these children: Polly, who married Abel Major; John, a blacksmith who married Betz Adams, lived in Lancaster, later came to Cumru township, and died in Spring; Rebecca married Reuben Messinger; Benjamin, who was a laborer of Cumru township, m. Polly Kissinger, and had two children, William and Mary; Nicholas; Daniel, also a laborer of Cumru township, m. Catherine Stafford, and had these children,—James, Henry, Augustus, Lydia, Catherine and Sarah; and Catherine, m. Jacob Schnabel.

Nicholas Mosser, father of John G., was born in Cumru township, Berks county, Oct. 22, 1819. He attended the pay schools of his day from thirty to sixty days each winter, and these schools were from three to four miles from his home. Until twenty-five years of age Mr. Mosser worked on his father's farm, and he then started out on his own account working on farms, at carpentering and as a stone mason. From 1856 to 1896 he lived on a small tract of land in Cumru township, and in the latter year retired from active life and has lived ever since at Mohnsville. He has always been an ardent Democrat, and for four years was supervisor of Cumru township. His religious belief is that of the Reformed Church, which he attends at Gouglersville, and he is elder there.

In January, 1855, Mr. Mosser was married to Sarah Grill, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Moler) Grill, and to this union there have been born ten children: Frank m. Beckie Mengel; John; Catherine m. Josephus Hornberger; Benneville G. m. Sallie Bickel; Adam m. Emma Weidner; Henry m. Agnes Hatt; Charles m. Maggie Kessler; Sallie m. Frank W. Schlichter; Mame m. Hiram M. Griffith; and Amanda m. William C. Miller. Nicholas Mosser, the father of these children, is one of the oldest men in Cumru township, and is remarkably well preserved, possessing a marvelous memory. He is a good conversationalist, and relates many interesting incidents of the earlier days of Cumru township, vividly recalling happenings of his childhood days. He can still remember, and often points out the spot, where, when he was three years old, his father shot a pet dog. Mr. Mosser furnished the data for the foregoing record, on Jan. 3, 1907.

John G. Mosser attended the township schools and was reared on the farm, and when a young man learned the hatting trade, also working for some time as carpenter. In 1883 he became head butcher at the County Alms House, a position in which he continued for one year, and then engaged in butchering business, which he has followed ever since at Mohnton. He has a large and ever increasing trade, having two delivery wagons constantly on the go, and his trade extends also into Reading. Carrying nothing but first-class goods, and dealing always with honesty and fairness, he has won the confidence and patronage of the community, where he is known as a substantial business man and good citizen. Mr. Mosser is a member of the Gouglersville Reformed Church, and for a period of fourteen years has been trustee of the church. His fraternal connections are with the P. O. S. of A., Camp 311, and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which orders he is very popular.

Mr. Mosser married Emma Louders, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Miller) Louders, and to this union were born children as follows: Charles, who is assisting his father, married Miss Sidney Wanner; Minnie, who is a trained nurse, is at the Homeopathic Hospital, Reading; Eva, who was a graduate of the Cumru township high school at the age of fourteen years, being one of the youngest of her class; Neoma, who is also a graduate of the same school; Pearl and Alverta, attending school; and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosser and their pleasant family, reside in their home in Mohnton, and are among the most highly esteemed people in their community, where they have many friends.

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JOHN R. FOLK, a prominent citizen of Mt. Penn borough, who has been closely identified with the growth and development of this section for some years, and where he is now serving as assessor and tax collector, was born Nov. 9, 1866, in Lower Alsace township, Berks county, Pa., son of John A. and Hannah Mahela (Reifsnyder) Folk, and grandson of Jacob and Lydia (Aldenderfer) Folk.

John A. Folk, father of John R., was born Sept. 23, 1834, in Richmond township, and died Dec. 4, 1894, in Mount Penn, where for many years he had been engaged in wheelwrighting. Mr. Folk owned his own home in the borough three weeks before his death, when he sold out. In political matters he was a Democrat, and served ably as a school director in Lower Alsace township. Mr. Folk and his family were members of Spies's Church until the organization of Trinity Lutheran Church at Mount Penn, when they identified themselves with the latter, Mr Folk becoming an official member. In the year 1858, Mr. Folk was united in marriage with Hannah Mahela Reifsynsder, daughter of Samuel Reifsnyder, and to them were born children as follows: Mary, born Feb. 15, 1859, married Thomas Hartman of Reading; Catherine, born Sept. 21, 1860, married William H. Homan, of Mount Penn; Emma R., born July 30, 1862, died Jan. 11, 1868; Charles A., born Sept. 16, 1864, married Hattie Machmer of Reading; John R.; Sallie A., born Oct. 3, 1869, married John Keim of Reading; Samuel, born Sept. 11, 1870, married Mary Mohn; Jacob, born June 4, 1873, married Mary Stoudt of Reading, where they now reside; William, born March 5, 1875, died Nov. 3, 1877; Lydia, born March 29, 1878, died Nov. 5, 1882; Bessie, born Sept. 3, 1880, and Sadie, born Nov. 12, 1882.

John R. Folk attended the public schools of Lower Alsace township until fourteen years of age, and then worked for three years on the farm of Judge G. A. Endlich's father. For the next fourteen years he was a pipe cutter at the Reading Iron Works, but in 1893 he engaged in the retail milk business, supplying a large route in Reading and disposing of a daily average of 110 quarts. This business, however, he was forced to abandon in 1897 on account of ill health. In that year he was appointed supervisor of Lower Alsace township, an office in which he served very efficiently until the incorporation of Mount Penn in 1903. In 1898 he was appointed tax collector of Lower Alsace township, served in that position until the incorporation of the borough, and has continued in the office to the present time giving general satisfaction. He has also been assessor of the borough since its incorporation. Mr. Folk is a man of high sense of honor, and he commands the esteem and confidence of the entire community. He has been thrifty and industrious and resides in his own home on Cumberland street, which he erected in 1896. In political matters he is a Democrat, and in addition to his present office, has been delegate to numerous county conventions. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Friendship, No. 28, of Reading, and Neversink Tent, Modern Woodmen of America, of Reading. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Mount Penn, of which he was an elder and treasurer from 1893 to 1907, and at the expiration of his term of office was elected deacon. Mrs. Folk is connected with Zion's Reformed Church of Reading.

On June 2, 1888, Mr. Folk was married to Hattie Schucker, born Feb. 8, 1867, daughter of William and Maria (Ginder) Schucker, the former born in Rich-

mond township, Sept. 12, 1831. To. Mr. and Mrs. Folk have been born children as follows: Edna M., born Oct. 11, 1889; Calvin M., born Sept. 5, 1891; Cora E., born May 2, 1894; William Raymond, born Aug. 27, 1897; J. Harold, born Jan. 1, 1901; and J. Elmer, born July 15, 1906.

FRANK W. SLICHTER, a resident of Mohnton, Pa., where he owns considerable property, was born Feb. 26, 1867, on what is now the Yocum farm in Cumru township, son of David and Catherine (Warner) Slichter.

The grandfather of Frank W. Slichter, who came from Alsace township, was a farmer by occupation, and met his death accidentally while shaking an opossum out of a tree. His children were: Jacob, deceased, was a minister of the Methodist Church; Joseph is in the trucking and fruit business in Robeson township; Henry, of Exeter township; and David.

David Slichter also met an accidental death in his fifty-sixth year. He was a farmer by occupation in Cumru township, near the Old Yeager farm, now owned by Mr. Yocum, of Reading. He served as a private in the Civil war. Mr. Slichter was a member of the Lutheran Church, serving as an elder at Gouglersville, where he is buried. In politics he was a Democrat, but never took an active part therein. He was married to Catherine Warner, daughter of Levi Warner, and she died in 1904, having been the mother of these children: Mary, who married Ellsworth Mills, of Sinking Spring, Berks county; Frank W.; John, who married Sallie Keller, of Mohnton; and William, who married Mary Kessler, of Mohnton.

Frank W. Slichter attended the schools of Cumru township, and as a boy worked with his father. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the hatting business at Edison with George Hendel & Son, with whom he continued for five years and then went to Reading, being with John Hendel for five years, Henry Hendel for three years and with J. G. Mohn & Company for five years. He then engaged in business with Isaac D. Spatz and Joseph Hornberger, under the firm name of the Globe Hat Company, as superintendent and general manager, continuing with this firm for four years, this being at Mohnton. Since 1901 he has been employed by J. G. Mohn & Company, at Reading, as a skilled mechanic in the hat department.

Mr. Slichter married Sallie Mosser, daughter of Nicholas and Sallie (Grill) Mosser, whose sketch will appear elsewhere in this volume, and to this union there have been born: Earl, an apprentice to the molder's trade; and Emma, attending school. In his political belief Mr. Slichter is a Democrat, and he served as school director of Cumru township from 1903 to 1906, with much ability, being greatly interested in educational matters. He refused a second nomination. He is interested in the movement to have Mohnton made a borough, and is a leader in that enterprise. He is a member, trustee and steward of the Salem Evangelical Association of Mohnton, and a teacher and treasurer of the Sunday-school. He owns five fine properties in Mohnton. Mr. Slichter is a leading raiser of poultry, having some of the best stock in the county.

HARRY J. PAUL, tinsmith and dealer in stoves at Strausstown, Berks county, was born Nov. 27, 1875, at Shartlesville, in Upper Bern township, this county. He is a grandson of Daniel Paul, a stone mason, who lived and diel at Reading, Pa., and whose children were Daniel, Irwin, Emma (who married Joseph Dann) and John A.

John A. Paul was born at Reading. He has long been a resident of Shartlesville, where he is still engaged at painting, being a tradesman of excellent reputation. He married Rebecca Reichert, daughter of Jacob Reichert, and to them have been born five children: Harry J., Irwin (living at Scull Hill), Katie (deceased), Jennie (deceased) and Calvin (deceased).

Harry J. Paul received his education in the schools of Upper Tulpehocken township. He learned the painter's trade under his father, and followed that occupation for a period of six years, until his enlistment for service in the Spanish-American war. He entered Company E, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and went with his command to Porto Rico, where he was in active service for six months under General Miles. Returning home, he was engaged at farm work for a few years, in 1902 embarking in his present business, in which he has enjoyed a good patronage from the start. He employs three or four men constantly, doing all kinds of roofing, roof drain and repair work, and beside this regular line deals in automobiles as agent for the Ford car and conducts a repair shop for automobiles. Mr. Paul holds the contract for driving the mail between Hamburg and Strausstown, but at present lets this contract, though he drove it himself for two years. He became very well known in this connection throughout this section of the county.

On Oct. 8, 1898, Mr. Paul married Miss Sallie Himmelberger, daughter of Levi W. and Sarah (Miller) Himmelberger. Mr. Paul is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics quite active as a Democrat. He has served as committeeman, election judge and inspector of elections, and was elected constable of Upper Tulpehocken township in April, 1908.

CHARLES SCHUEZ, one of the representative farmers of Caernarvon township, Berks county, whose farm is located near Joanna, Pa., was born in 1861, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Paul Schuez, who was born in 1828 and died in 1869. The mother of Mr. Schuez was born in 1830 and died in 1865. Both parents were buried in Germany. Mr. Schuez had one sister, born in 1858, who married Professor Augustus Rettisch, a teacher in the high school at Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany.

Mr. Schuez spent his early life in his native country, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1885 he emigrated to America, landing in New York City, and after spending a year in Philadelphia, in March, 1886, he purchased his present farm, a fine tract of land near Joanna, Pa., and here he has continued successfully until the present time.

Mr. Schuez married Miss Rosa Amm, who was born in 1861 in Sachsen-Meiningen, Germany, daughter of Christian and Freitega (Eichhorn) Amm, natives of Germany. Christian Amm was born in 1833, and died in Philadelphia in June, 1904, while his wife, whose birth occurred in 1836, survived until January, 1905. They came to this country in 1884, and both are buried in Mount Peace cemetery, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuez have had three children: Sophie, born March 18, 1887; Mary, Sept. 15, 1889; and Pauline, Jan. 28, 1895.

GEORGE W. SMITH, until his death April 20, 1908, a citizen of Caernarvon township, Berks county, and who, for many years was engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits near Joanna, Pa., was born Jan. 25, 1829, near Elverson, Chester county, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Bailey) Smith.

Benjamin Smith was born in 1795, and died April 14, 1854, while his wife, who was born in 1797, passed away in 1851. Both were buried at St. Marys, Chester county. In 1835 Benjamin Smith located on the farm later owned by George W., and here he spent his life engaged in farming. He and his wife had the following children: John; Joseph; Levi; George W.; William; Phoebe, who married Robert Retten; Sara; Anna; Hannah, who married William Finger, now deceased, and lives with her brother; and Margaret.

George W. Smith engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his life. He owned a beautiful home; his farm

is now operated by his son-in-law. Mr. Smith was of robust constitution, and to the time of his death retained his faculties. He was prominent in political matters, and for more than twenty years was township auditor, assessor and school director, having been elected to these positions on the Republican ticket. For over half a century Mr. Smith was a member of the Methodist Church, where he was for many years an exhorter and steward.

Mr. George W. Smith was married to Miss Matilda S. Geiger, born in 1834, and died Aug. 15, 1892. The following children were born to them: (1) Jane, born in 1855, m. John Kern, and they are the parents of these children: (a) Edgar m. a Miss Murry and had three children; (b) Frank; (c) Elsie m. William Smith; (d) Mabel lives at home; (e) Rena; and (f) Florence. (2) Emma, born in 1859, m. James Roberts, and they have three children. (a) George S. lives in Reading; (b) Roy died in 1896; and (c) Matilda. (3) Hattie, born in 1861, died in 1884. She m. Elmer Sheler, and they had one child, now deceased. (4) Valaria, born in 1863, m. Daniel B. Geiger, and they had, George, born in 1892, died in 1906, and Ellena, born in 1899. (5) Elizabeth m. Howard Jones, and lives in Unionville, Berks county. They have four children.

HENRY F. KRAMER, a successful contractor and builder, who is well known throughout Muhlenberg township, was born in Bern township, Berks county, March 24, 1856, son of Daniel R. and Catharine (Fisher) Kramer.

The name Kramer is a common one in Berks county. Bernhard Kramer, the ancestor of most of the name in the county, settled in Albany or Allemangell township. His wife was Susanna Catherina Lutz. They had a son Johannes, born Sept. 11, 1777, and baptized in Weisenburg Church on Oct. 19th following, the sponsors being Johannes Furg Hand and his wife Anna Margaretha. The birth certificate is in the hands of Daniel F. Kramer, of Bern township, who had also an interesting relic in the shape of the old road tax book of Bern, showing expenditures in that line from 1774 to 1848. The first records are made in fine German script with a quill pen.

John (Johannes) Kramer, son of Bernhard, born Sept. 11, 1777, died at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife, Catherine Ruhl, born March 29, 1780, died at the age of sixty-eight years and both are buried at Epler's Church. He became a stone mason and followed that trade in Bern township. He also owned a small tract of land situated in Bern township, between Bern and Epler's Church. His children were: Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1803, m. Christian Roth, and died at the age of eighty-eight years; Anna Maria, born Dec. 17, 1804, m. James Richardson, and died at the age of seventy-five years; Catharine, born Aug. 28, 1806, m. John Christ Heister, and died at the age of eighty-two years; John, born in 1807, m. Kate Bohn, and died at the age of ninety-three years; Margaret, born Jan. 12, 1809, m. Peter Harbach, and died at the age of eighty-two years; Sallie, born in 1811, m. Jacob Bady, and who died in 1904; Daniel R., born Oct. 20, 1813, m. Catharine Fisher, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Susanna, born July 25, 1816, m. Jacob Heister, and died at the age of forty-one years; Jacob, born Sept. 11, 1819, m. Mary Krick, and died at the age of seventy-six years. The average length of life of these children was seventy-eight years.

Daniel R. Kramer, son of John (Johannes), was born in Bern township Oct. 20, 1813. By trade he was a stone mason and this trade he followed all his life, in connection with farming a small tract of land in Bern township. For twenty-five years he was assessor and tax collector, and he gave good service to the public, faithfully and conscientiously performing the duties of his respective offices. He died June 21, 1886, and is buried in Bern cemetery. He was a deacon and elder in the Bern Church, and in his political faith he was a Democrat. He married Catharine Fisher, daughter of John Fisher, of Heidelberg township, and this union was blessed with children as follows: (1) A son that died in infancy. (2) John F., born May 24, 1837, enlisted for the Civil war in 1861 and served nine months. Afterward he settled in the State of Wisconsin, where he was married to Catherine Koenig, and they were blessed with four children, David, Charles, Lizzie (deceased) and Lawrence. (3) Daniel F., born in Bern township May 23, 1839, was twice married, (first) to Lovinia Lash, by whom he had five children, Maria, Milton, Ellen, Adam and Clara. He married (second) Elizabeth R. Hartman, and by her had two children, George William and Carrie (Mrs. Samuel Stout). (4) Benneville F., born in Bern township, April 25, 1841, was married to Rebecca Lerch. None of their children are living. Mr. Kramer served four years in the Civil war, and died at the age of sixty years. (5) Albert F., born in Bern township, Sept. 27, 1843, married Anna De Turk, and their union was blessed with four children, Harvey, Edith, Esther and one deceased, all of Reading. (6) Catharine, born in Bern township, May 17, 1845, married Jacob Snyder, and they were the parents of six children, Clara (married to Jonathan Reber), Ida (married to Jacob Kirkhoff), Eva (married to W. Spatz), Irwin (a farmer, married to a Miss Weitzel), Howard (married to a Miss Mogel, is at present a teacher in the West Leesport high school) and Allen (unmarried, and the overseer of public schools in New Jersey). (7) Eliza, born in Bern township, Jan. 1, 1848, is unmarried and living in the same house where she was born. (8) Louisa, born in Bern township, Aug. 8, 1850, was married three times, first to Franklin Winter (deceased), second to David Shiffert (deceased), and third to Daniel Lindemuth. (9) George F., born in Bern township March 1, 1853, died March 27, 1909, and is buried at Bern Church. He was tax collector of his township. He was twice married, (first) to Louisa Suenders, and by her had two children, Charles M. and Jennie B. He married (second) Susan E. Lerch, and by her had two daughters, Annie R. and Mary C. (10) Henry F. is mentioned below.

Henry F. Kramer was educated in the schools of Bern township, and first learned the stone mason's trade with his father, which he followed for eight years, and then learned the butcher's trade with Daniel Deem and Daniel Holdry. This was his occupation for twenty-one years, during which time he established the business stands now conducted by Mahlon Gehris, Frank Rothermel and E. K. Messenger. In 1898 he sold out to the latter two gentlemen, and engaged in the building business, his first building being at Twelfth and Robeson streets, where he erected in all seventeen buildings. He then erected forty structures on Front street, between Green and Oley, Mr. Charles Amarell being in partnership with him in this deal. Later he erected ten houses on Kutztown road, near Alsace Church. Mr. Kramer's fine residence is situated in Muhlenberg township, on the Pottsville pike, an extension of Centre avenue, Reading, where he is well known and highly esteemed.

Mr. Kramer married Emma H. Dunkelberger, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Heck) Dunkelberger, of Spring township, and three children were born to this union: Bertha, who married Frank Rothermel, of Reading, has one child; Macie died when one and a half years old; and John is at home. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Kramer are Lutherans. He is a Democrat in politics and for nine years has been a member of the school board of Muhlenberg township, serving now as its president, and he was its treasurer for six consecutive years.

WELLINGTON G. SWAVELY, who is engaged in farming in Amity township, Berks county, Pa., near Yellow House, was born in Earl township, the early

home of the family, April 24, 1859, son of Peter H. and Ann (Swavely) Swavely.

Adam Swavely, the founder of this family, was a native of Hessen, Germany, and came to this country at the time of the American Revolution, serving as one of the soldiers in King George's army. In 1782 he located in Earl township, and his name appears that year among the taxables. He was a laborer and wood chopper, and acquired a small tract of land in what is known as Woodchoppertown, in Earl township, and is buried there in a private cemetery, located in the timber southeast of William C. Shane's place—now a forlorn and neglected spot. On the tax list of 1782 his name is spelled Swable, and in the census of 1790 it appears Adam Swebely, Sr. On the latter list also appear: Adam Swebely, Jr., Leonard Swebely and Michael Swebely. Among the children of Adam Swavely were: Adam, Jr., Leonard, who had a son, John; Jacob, who had a son, Peter; Michael; and Peter.

Peter Swavely, grandfather of Wellington S., was born in Earl township, and died in 1863, aged seventy-eight years, and is buried at Oley Churches, as is also his wife, whose maiden name was Kate Hartman. He was a laborer and woodchopper in Woodchoppertown. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Isaac; Betzy; Kitty; Polly; infant daughter; Peter H. and Daniel.

Peter H. Swavely, son of Peter and Kate (Hartman), was born in Earl township, in 1833, and died in the same township May 3, 1906, aged seventy-two years. He was a shoemaker by trade, and completed his apprenticeship when only eighteen years of age. His tract of seven acres of good land was located about three-quarters of a mile west of Shanesville. He was a school director in the township. For three years he was an elder at Oley Churches, of which he was a Lutheran member, and he is buried on the Swavely plot at that place. In 1858 he married Ann Swavely, daughter of John and Catharine (Kemmerer) Swavely, and they had ten children: Wellington S.; Amelia m. (first) Chester Davis, and (second) a Mr. Eck, of Reading; Emma m. Daniel Hartman; Ellen m. Isaac Hinkel; Andora; Elvina m. Samuel Mest; Clara m. William Hartman; Mandilla m. Charles Haring; Mary m. Rudolph Rhoads; and Adda m. Frank Rhoads.

Wellington S. Swavely attended the district schools in Earl and Oley townships until he was eighteen years of age, the school term at that time being from four to five months. He was hired out among the farmers of Oley township between the ages of twelve and thirty years. In the spring of 1890 he began farming in Oley township, on the farm of Mrs. Solomon De Turk. This consisted of 100 acres, and he gave it his close attention for four years. In the early months of 1895 he located in Amity township, on the Col. Jeremiah Weaver farm of 234 acres, and there he has since made his home. In 1901 the farm become the property of Reuben Nagel, but is now owned by Mr. Swavely. He has been very successful, and has nine head of good horses, and thirty-two head of cattle, and a full line of modern machinery. Mr. Swavely is strictly a self-made man, beginning life for himself with nothing but an honest name. In addition to the property above mentioned he owns the homestead of his father in Earl township, near Shanesville, consisting of seven acres of land and good buildings, and he also owns eighty acres of woodland in Earl township.

In politics Mr. Swavely is a Democrat, and for three years he served as school director in Amity township, and he was also a delegate to the county convention under the old system. He is a member of the creamery board at Yellow House. He and his family all belong to Christ Lutheran Church in Oley. He was a member of the building committee when the present beautiful church edifice was built in 1908. Since 1898 he has officiated as deacon, and he has given liberally toward the support of all its worthy endeavors. Fraternally Mr. Swavely is a member of Amity Castle, K. G. E., of Amityville; and also of the I. O. R. M., of Yellow House.

On March 9, 1889, Mr. Swavely married Katie Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Annie (Guldin) Kauffman, and granddaughter of Simon Guldin (whose wife was a Ludwig). Six children have blessed this union, as follows: Annie A. m. Edwin Griesemer; Nathan W.; William M.; Irene; Ethel A.; and Edith S.

GEORGE SHERMAN GAUL, who since 1889 has been general manager of the "Grand View Sanatorium," near Wernersville, was born in Lower Heidelberg Dec. 5, 1859.

George Gaul, grandfather of George S., was a farmer of Cumru. He was married to Catharine Potteiger, and by her had five children: Henry, who died unmarried; Aaron, m. to Magdalena Ruth, daughter of Francis; John; Mary, m. to Edward Medlar; and Catharine, m. to Gabriel Dundore.

John Gaul, father of George S., was brought up in Spring township on a farm, and carried on farming in Lower Heidelberg. He died at the age of thirty-five years. He married Catharine Sherman, daughter of Isaac Sherman, of Heidelberg, and they had two children, George Sherman and Sallie, the latter marrying Charles F. Lamm, a son of Joshua Lamm.

When only five years old, George Sherman Gaul lost his father by death, and he was placed with uncles until he was twelve years of age, during this time going to school and assisting at light work on the farm. The use of the German language prevailed in the vicinity where he lived, and wishing to acquire a knowledge of the English language he went to Cumberland county and found employment on a farm. He remained nearly two years, looking after live stock and attending the superior public schools of that county during the school term, and on his return to Berks county lived with an uncle on a farm in Lower Heidelberg until he was eighteen years old. In this time he attended the Krumbine Academy at Womelsdorf and the Oley Academy at Friedensburg. He then taught a public school in Lower Heidelberg for one term, and later securing employment in the general store of Deppen & Wenrich, at Wernersville, he continued with them for five years. When the senior partner, Dr. James W. Deppen, received the appointment of postmaster at that village, Mr. Gaul became his assistant and filled the position during the term from 1885 to 1889. During this time he also had charge of Dr. Deppen's large hotel there, the "Lebanon Valley House." Winning the entire confidence of his employers, they then gave him the management of the large health resort which they had purchased, south of Wernersville, and named "Grand View Sanatorium," and at this popular and prosperous resort he has continued until the present time.

Mr. Gaul married Gertrude Catherine Deppen, a daughter of his employer, Dr. Deppen, and by her had five children, two of whom died young; the survivors are Laura May (married to Earl O. Enrich), Mayme Catharine and Beulah Estella. The mother died and Mr. Gaul married Sallie Schaeffer, daughter of John Schaeffer, of Lower Heidelberg.

Dr. Deppen, the father of Mr. Gaul's first wife, was a successful physician and a citizen of great enterprise at Wernersville for many years. He was married to Mary A. Reber, a daughter of John B. Reber, and they had three children: J. Daniel m. Kate M. Ruth; Charles S. m. Mary Huber; and Gertrude Catharine m. George Sherman Gaul.

JOHN S. DREIBELBIS, one of the well-known hotel proprietors of Berks county, who is now conducting the "Washington House," midway between Rehrersburg and Womelsdorf, at Host, was born July 6, 1851,

at Virginville, Pa., son of William and Hettie (Stoudt) Dreibelbis.

William Dreibelbis, grandfather of John S., was a son of Jacob, and in early life engaged in farming, but later was for over thirty years a merchant and hotel keeper at Virginville, where his death occurred at the age of sixty-five years. He was married to Elizabeth Miller, and to them these children were born: Reuben, who resided on the homestead and conducted a general store, had three children,—Winfield, Zeth and one daughter who died young; William was the father of John S.; Charles is engaged in farming in Missouri; Jacob, who was twice married, with seven children by his first wife, died in Virginville, aged about sixty-nine years; Augustus, who carries on farming and also conducts a hotel, is married and has eight children, four boys and four girls; Susanna, the widow of William Seidel, who died in Virginville in 1904, has nine children, all living; Hannah m. John Wanner, a farmer of between Hamburg and Virginville, Windsor township, and has eleven children; and Elizabeth, the widow of William Hottenstein, who died in 1904, resides in Ontelaunee township, and has one daughter.

William Dreibelbis, father of John S., was born in Virginville, Pa., Oct. 12, 1827. He conducted a hotel there for five years, but after his marriage engaged in farming, and so continued until his retirement in 1904, at which time he went to live with his son in Host. He died March 12, 1906. He was married to Hettie Stoudt, by whom he had one son, John S., and after her death married Kate Keim, who also preceded him in death, there being no children to the second union.

John S. Dreibelbis was educated in the common schools of his native town and assisted his father in work upon the farm until he was nineteen years old, when he took charge of the place on his own account. Two years later he purchased a farm which he operated for twenty years. The next three years were spent in conducting a creamery, and he then engaged in farming for another three years. After giving up agricultural pursuits Mr. Dreibelbis spent four years in the lime and quarrying business, and at the end of that time purchased his present well-known hostelry, the "Washington House," at Host.

In 1869 Mr. Dreibelbis was married to Sarah Yoder, daughter of John and Sarah (Baar) Yoder, and three children have been born to this union: Alice m. Emanuel Saul, son of John and Maria Saul, of Richland, Lebanon county, who is farming near Strausstown, and they have eleven children; Hettie m. John Strausser, son of Wilson and Mary Strausser, resides on a farm near Shoemakersville, Perry township, and has nine children; and William Y., who conducts the farm connected with the hotel, m. Cora Guildin, but has no children. The family are members of the German Reformed Church, where Mr. Dreibelbis served for a number of years as deacon and member of the building committee. He is a Republican in politics, but votes rather for the man than the party.

WARREN L. WISE, one of the progressive farmers of Douglass township, was born there July 24, 1866, son of William H. Wise. He grew to maturity on his father's farm, and worked then at the tin smith's trade for one year. He gave his services to his father until he was twenty-one, and in the spring of 1898 he began farming in Oley township, near the Yellow House, and was a tenant there on the Ammon Rhoads farm for three years. In the spring of 1901 he moved to Douglass township, and settled on the old home farm, which in 1903 he purchased from the estate. This farm is located north from the central part of the township, in School District No. 4. It was owned by his father many years and before him was the property of Henry Brunner. The farm has ninety-two acres of the best land to be found in the township. The present set of buildings were erected by William H. Wise, with the exception of a stone house which dates from the Revolutionary war period.

Mr. Wise is a Democrat in his political faith, and has always been alert to the best interests of his party. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church at Amityville, of which he was deacon for four years.

On Nov. 17, 1892, Mr. Wise was united in marriage with Ellen Spatz, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Tobias) Spatz, of Jacksonwald, and granddaughter of Abraham and Catharine (Lorah) Spatz. Abraham Spatz was a farmer in Exeter township, and to him and his wife were born three children, as follows: Sarah, Ephraim and Jacob. Jacob Spatz had a fine truck farm in Jacksonwald. To him and his wife, Lydia Tobias were born: Ellen, Emma, Jacob, Abraham, and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Wise have been blessed with three children, namely: William J., Edgar W. and Marion Naomi. Mr. Wise is one of the enlightened men of his township, and is ever ready to lend his aid to any movement that tends to the progress and development of his town or county.

GEORGE B. BORTZ, a well known business man of Temple, Pa., who conducts a grocery and general merchandise store, was born in 1868, in Muhlenberg township, Berks county, son of Gideon and Priscilla (Boltz) Bortz, and a grandson of Daniel Bortz.

Daniel Bortz was a farmer in Muhlenberg township, an earnest supporter of Democratic principles and a pillar of the Reformed Church. He married a Miss Heck, and to them were born these children: Gideon; Charles; Amos; John; William; Elias; Sally, who married Daniel Snyder; and Mrs. Daniel Schlenger.

Gideon Bortz was a carpenter by trade, but later in life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and operated a farm for twenty-five years in Muhlenberg township, his death occurring at Temple, Feb. 21, 1902. His widow still survives him. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bortz, six of whom are still living; Landis, Clara, Emma, William, George B. and Daniel. During the Civil war Gideon Bortz was drafted for service in the Union army, but was able to procure a substitute. He was a Democrat in politics, and held a number of township offices, and in religious belief was of the Reformed faith.

George B. Bortz was educated in the schools of Muhlenberg township, after leaving which he clerked for M. S. Adams for five years, at Rothermel's store at Blandon for a period, and at a store in Reading for two years. He then returned to Temple, where for one and one-half years he served in the capacity of clerk for Charles Kesling, and at the end of this time engaged with his brother Daniel Bortz in a general merchandise business at Temple. This partnership continued until Aug. 1, 1904, when George B. purchased his brother's interest, and since that time has successfully conducted the business alone, carrying a complete and up-to-date line of groceries and general merchandise. Mr. Bortz has a reputation for honesty and integrity, and his goods are always as represented, consequently he has a large, steady trade among the citizens of his community.

Mr. Bortz was married to Katie Wertz, daughter of Franklin Wertz, and one child, Helen, has been born to this union. Fraternally Mr. Bortz is connected with the I. O. R. M.; Washington Camp No. 107, P. O. S. of A.; and I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 470, of Reading. He is also a member of the Intermediate Relief Association of Reading, and the Temple Relief Association. In political matters he is a Democrat, and is now serving as township auditor.

SYLVESTER F. FRITZ, who is successfully engaged in the milk business, his route being located in the city of Reading, Pa., has his place of business at the "Mountain View Hotel," which hotel is conducted

by his brother, Henry F. Fritz. He was born Jan. 13, 1868, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Lewis G. Fritz.

Sylvester F. Fritz attended the schools of Cumru township, and when a lad of fourteen years secured employment on an ore boat, where he did the work of a man. After about two years in this capacity he resigned and returned to the home farm, on which he worked for his father until his marriage. On March 9, 1893, he married Miss Ida A. Haak, daughter of Nathan and Lydia (Seidel) Haak. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fritz spent one year in Reading, and they then returned to Cumru township, where he erected his pleasant residence in the summer of 1895. Since 1892 Mr. Fritz has been engaged in the milk business at the "Mountain View Hotel," which place was formerly owned by his father, and he has built up one of the best trades in the city of Reading. Since attaining his majority Mr. Fritz has been an ardent Republican, and has been active in the ranks of his party, serving on numerous occasions on the election board of his township. He and Mrs. Fritz are consistent members of Yocom's (Christ's) Union Church, of which they are liberal supporters.

JAMES MOORE, deceased, who for a number of years was a well-known agriculturist of Berks county, operating an extensive property in Spring township, was born in that township, June 15, 1850, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Matz) Moore, and grandson of Jacob Moore, a farmer and miller of Spring township, where he died.

Jacob Moore, the father of James, received a fair education in Brecknock township, Berks county, his native place, and later became a miller and farmer of Spring township, owning a fine mill and 100 acres of land. He also successfully conducted a hat manufacturing business for some years, having his factory in a part of his mill. He died at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. Moore married Miss Elizabeth Matz, daughter of George Matz, and they had these children: Elizabeth m. Martin Althouse, lives at Denver, Lancaster county; Martin m. Sallie Fitterling, is now the owner of the old homestead in Spring township, which has been in the possession of the family for a period of 150 years; and James.

James Moore attended the schools of his native township, and under his father learned the hatting business, which, however, he only followed for a few years. He then devoted all of his time to agricultural pursuits, being for a time employed by his father, after which he conducted the homestead on his own account for six years. Mr. Moore died April 21, 1894. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, a kindly, Christian gentleman, and a man of many sterling qualities of character. In political matters he was a Republican, but took only a good citizen's interest in public matters.

On Jan. 6, 1882, Mr. Moore was married to Amanda Hartz, daughter of Jesse and Catherine (Kachel) Hartz, and granddaughter of Samuel and Sarah (Ludwig) Hartz, the latter farming people of Brecknock township, Berks county. Jesse Hartz, father of Mrs. Moore, was a well-known farmer of Spring township, where he had a fine property, and where his death occurred at the age of seventy-one years. Two children were born to Jesse and Catherine Hartz, namely: Elizabeth, who is single; and Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Moore erected a fine double residence at Shillington in 1901, in one part of which she resides, and she also owns other valuable real estate in the town. She is a member of the Lutheran Church and has a wide social circle. "

DANIEL HELFRICH SCHWEYER, a representative citizen of Berks county residing at Bowers Station, operating one of the largest granite and marble works in the country, senior member of the firm of Schweyer & Leiss, manufacturers of monuments, and president of the Laurel Hill Lumber Company, of Somerset and Fayette counties, was born on his grandfather's homestead, Feb. 29, 1836, son of John and Elizabeth (Helfrich) Schweyer.

The name Schweyer has been variously spelled by the different branches, and even by members of the same family. Tradition says the original home of the family was in France and that about the middle of the eighteenth century there came to America four brothers, Christian, Heinrich, Samuel and Esau Schweyer (Sweyer or Schwoyer). But from authentic sources found in the Heraldic Library at Vienna we glean the following account of the Schweyer family, their origin and place of settlement.

The Schweyer family sprang from Pomerania, the eastern province of the Kingdom of Prussia, and the founder of the same was living in the year 1172. His name was "Edgar Schweyer," which name in the ancient Pomeranian language meant "saint." He held the office of Fellerber (that is, "high priest") of the clan of the Obetuter. His residence was on the island of Hiddensöe. His wife, "Thorga," was the daughter of a count from the island of Rügen. Edgar was a brave warrior. On his shield he bore an eagle with outspread wings, the symbol of courage and sagacity. On his helmet he wore two buffalo horns, the symbol of the god Woden, representing great strength. These symbols were also assumed by his descendants, as their coat of arms. Edgar in the year 1172 was converted to the Christian faith and baptized by the German missionary Orosius. He died on the island of Hiddensöe, A. D. 1213. He had three sons, namely: Pelagin, Orosius and Anagas; the two first named entered a monastery. Orosius had large possessions on the islands of Hiddensöe and Rügen, and his descendants were still flourishing in the same place at the time of the Emperor Sigismund. About the year 1412 two brothers of the family, Wendel and George Schweyer, were the only persons surviving of the name. Their descendants were still flourishing about the middle of the sixteenth century in Pomerania, and were still maintaining the old title of nobility. At the time when the glorious King of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, arrived at the court of Pomerania, two of the members of this family joined him at Hallem, these being Felix and Conrad Schweyer. Felix was killed in an assault on the city of Frankfort, near the river Oder. Conrad remained in the army during the war, which lasted thirty years, and finally settled at Rebuick, in the Dukedom of Hessen. He married Francisca Kleinger, dropped his title of nobility and lived as a farmer at Rebuick. He died in the year 1672. The name of his son was Augustus Schweyer, farmer and hotel-keeper at Rebuick, whose wife was Elizabeth Homer. He died in 1713, leaving three sons, whose names were: Nicholas, Leopold and Christopher Schweyer. From there the family spread over the Dukedom of Nassau, Hesse Frankland (Franklin) and the grand duchy of Baden.

Presumably from one of these sons comes the branch in Maxatawny township, through Nicholas Schweyer, great-grandfather of Daniel Helfrich Schweyer. He was born Oct. 18, 1721, and died March 25, 1800. His children were: George; Jacob, who was recruiting officer in Philadelphia, and served as lieutenant in the 5th United States Infantry, during the war of 1812; Peter, who died in 1828; Christian, mentioned below; Henry; Nicholas, whose son Nicholas was given the old family Bible by his grandfather; Valentine, and Barbara. Nicholas Schweyer, the great-grandfather, was an officer in the Prussian army. He was gathering arms and flannels to come to America to trade with the Indians, when he was arrested by the government and charged with inciting insurrection. He was disfranchised and his estate confiscated. He escaped and came to America, bringing with him the family Bible. His family followed him in care of a brother some years afterward. He was

proved innocent and the franchise restored, but the estate was not looked after and was yet to be recovered.

From "30,000 names, German, Swiss, Dutch, French, Portuguese and other immigrants in Pennsylvania," edited by I. Daniel Rupp, Harrisburg, Pa., 1856, we learn that Nicholas Schweyer came to America, Oct. 4, 1752, on the ship "Neptune," Capt. John Mason, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. Johannes (John) Schweyer came Oct. 13, 1768, on the ship "Betsy," T. Hank, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.

Christian Schweyer, son of the emigrant Nicholas, was born in 1780, and he made his home in Maxatawny township, where he was a farmer in early life, and later became an innkeeper at Rothrocksville. His wife was Elizabeth Keyser, born in 1784. He died in 1856, and she in 1858, and both are buried at Zion's Church in Maxatawny township. Their children were: Jonathan; John; Peter; Christian; Elizabeth (m. Isaac Kemp), and Matilda (m. a Mr. Boger). The Kutztown cemetery gives the record of two other children, that is, "Zwei kindern von Christian Schweyer & seiner Eha Gattin, Elizabeth born Keyser," Jacob, born Oct. 19, 1805, died Jan. 11, 1827, and Esther, born Dec. 23, 1808, died Feb. 12, 1824.

John Schweyer, son of Christian, was born in Maxatawny township, in 1800, and died in 1893, at the age of ninety-two years. In his youth he learned the duties pertaining to a farmer's life, and that occupation he followed during his active years. When he was nearing seventy years of age he retired, living at Rothrocksville. He was an official member of Maxatawny Zion's Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, and is buried there. His first wife was Elizabeth Helfrich, who died in 1844, aged thirty-four years. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hoch) Helfrich, of Lehigh county. Nine children were born of this union, as follows: James; Allen; Henry; Daniel Helfrich; Jacob; Alfred; Francis; and George and Mary, who both died in infancy. Allen, Daniel H. and Francis are the only survivors of the family. The Christian name of John Schweyer's second wife was Elizabeth.

Daniel Helfrich Schweyer, son of John, was born in Maxatawny township on the property now owned by Alfred H. Smith. He attended the old pay schools of his day, and later was a pupil at Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. He also attended the Normal class at Reading, conducted by Profs. Lee and Bechtel, for one term. He taught school for six consecutive terms, beginning in Siesholtzville, and later teaching in Red Lion, Maple Grove and near Harlem, all in Hereford and Longswamp townships. At Siesholtzville he learned the stone cutter's trade from D. Y. Bittenbender, a brother-in-law, remaining there for three summers, while in the winters he still followed the teacher's profession. In 1856 he succeeded his brother-in-law in business and there continued for six years, when he came to Bowers Station, enlarging the scope of his business. At the same time in 1862, he was elected organist at Bowers Church, and he served in that capacity for sixteen years. When he moved to Bowers he formed a partnership with Levi H. Leiss, under the firm name of Schweyer & Leiss, to engage in the wholesale marble business. They also took up the iron ore business near Bowers, employing in both lines some thirty men. The iron business proved a source of profit for about ten years. In 1882 the firm purchased the marble quarries and mills at King of Prussia, in Montgomery county, and they now employ there as many as 125 men. They also owned and operated the Easton Marble and Granite Quarries at Easton, Pa. After the death of Mr. Leiss in 1902 Mr. Schweyer purchased the interest of the estate, and the plant at Easton was organized under the name of Henry A. Schweyer Company. The plants at Bowers and at King of Prussia are still conducted under the old firm name of Schweyer & Leiss. The Henry A. Schweyer Company is a corporation capitalized at $150,000 common stock and $50,000 preferred. They have a great deal of foreign trade.

Mr. Schweyer is also president of the Laurel Hill Lumber Company of Somerset and Fayette counties. On the land belonging to this company there are large deposits of bituminous coal, which is mined in great quantities. Mr. Schweyer operates a portable sawmill in Berks county, where he manufactures lumber of various descriptions. He owns a valuable farm of 125 acres, known as the old Hunter homestead and located one and one-half miles southeast of Bowers in Rockland township.

In politics Mr. Schweyer is a strong Democrat, and has always been active for his party's welfare. His first political office was that of school director of Maxatawny, in which he served with honor for six years. He was justice of the peace of his township for fifteen years, settling important controversies. He has settled up many estates, being executor, or administrator, and he has been guardian for a number of children. His term as justice of the peace ended only in 1888 with his becoming prothonotary. To the last named office he was elected with the largest vote given to any candidate on the ticket. He was made an elector by the State convention, representing the Ninth Congressional District, in 1888. In 1894 he was appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a trustee of the Keystone State Normal School, a position he continues to occupy.

Fraternally Mr. Schweyer is a member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., Kutztown; Reading Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; and he was a charter member of Lyons Lodge, No. 634, I. O. O. F. With his family he belongs to Christ Reformed (De Long's) Church, at Bowers, of which he is an elder at the present time, and is also secretary of the consistory, besides having been treasurer of the church for a quarter of a century.

Mr. Schweyer was married, Feb. 6, 1856, to Catharine Bittenbender born April 16, 1836, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Young) Bittenbender, of Hereford township. She died May 8, 1859. The only child of this union, Mary, died in childhood. Oct. 18, 1862, Mr. Schweyer married (second) Catharine Landis, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hertzog) Landis, of Landis Store. Seven children were born to this union: Samuel and Anna, twins, who both died in childhood; Henry A., connected with his father in business, who married Maria Bittenbender, and has three children—D. Herbert, J. Leroy and Katherine M.; Harvey L., born in 1867, and died in 1891; Nora L., who m. Dr. W. T. Miller, of Wayne, Pa., and has a son, E. Dismant; Katherine L.; and Solon L., born 1874, and died 1901.

AUGUSTUS FRITZ, a well-known resident of Reading, who as operator of the elevator in the Pennsylvania Trust Company Building has made a large acquaintance, was born July 31, 1859, in Cumru township, Berks county, son of Isaac and Eliza (Maloney) Fritz.

Daniel Fritz, the grandfather of Augustus, was born in Cumru township, and there spent all of his life, dying at the age of eighty. He married and had these children: Benjamin; Augustus; Daniel, who was a soldier during the Civil war, and Isaac, father of Augustus. Isaac Fritz was born in Cumru township, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits among the farmers of his district. He died when comparatively a young man, in 1870. Mr. Fritz married Eliza Maloney, and both are buried at Yocom's cemetery, in Cumru township. Their children were: Henry, deceased; Annie E., of Philadelphia; Augustus; Isaac, of Reading; and Mary, who married William White.

Augustus Fritz secured his early education in the public schools, and as a young man entered the employ of the Van Reeds, at their paper mill, remaining in this

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employ for a period of twenty-two years. In 1893 he came to Reading and located at No. 525 Schuylkill avenue, where he still resides. He is employed as an elevator operator in the Pennsylvania Trust Company Building, and is well and favorably known. He is a member of Camp No. 560, P. O. S. of A., and of St. Mary's Reformed Church.

In 1882 Mr. Fritz was married to Alma Leinbach, daughter of Christian Rick and Louisa (Tobias) Leinbach, the former of whom was for many years a well-known paper manufacturer of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz have four children: Harry L., a machinist and tool-maker employed at the Penn Hardware Company, married Estella Miller, and has two children,—Grace and Florence; Laura, the wife of Edward Froby; Charles A.; and Jennie L.

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WILLIAM H. SPROESSER, a well-known citizen of Reading, Pa., who holds the rank of sergeant on the Reading police force, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1847, son of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Bowers) Sproesser.

The grandfather of William H. Sproesser was born in Germany, in a town called Winnenden, in Oberamt Waiblinger. He was engaged in the tile business and also operated a brick yard for the manufacture of ornamental brick, having a large business. He died in his native place at an advanced age, the father of these children: Gottlieb, who succeeded his father in business and died in Germany at the age of ninety-four years, married Fredericka Fuchs, by whom he had a family of fifteen children, of whom only two are living, Charles, of Richmond township, and Ernst of Glenside; Wilhelmina, who married Louis Stahley, died in Germany; Catherine, who married Gottlieb Bower; Caroline, who married her sister Catherine's husband's brother; Ludwig, who died aged seventy years; Christian, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles, the father of William H.; and one son who is engaged in the sugar refining business in Germany.

Charles E. Sproesser was born in Germany in 1821, and in his native country learned the blacksmith trade, but on coming to America took up the trade of pattern fitting with Lyall & McDonald, Philadelphia, with which firm he continued until 1868, coming in this year to Reading. He accepted a position with Orr, Painter & Company, and worked for that firm until 1873, when he engaged in the hotel business which he continued until his death, which occurred in 1895. His wife passed away in 1906, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which he was also a member. He was a Democrat in politics, and was fraternally connected with Herman Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Teutonia Lodge of Masons. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sproesser, the only survivor being William H.

William H. Sproesser received his education in the schools of Philadelphia, and when a young man learned the trade of molder, which he followed with the firm of Lyall & McDonald until coming to Reading in 1868. On March 1st of this year he made the first cook stove manufactured in Orr, Painter & Company's stove works, and he continued with that firm until 1873, when he engaged in clerking in his father's hotel. After the retirement of his father, Mr. Sproesser carried on the business for ten years, but in 1901 retired from active life, living so until 1904, when he was appointed sergeant of police by Mayor Edwin R. Gerber, a position he has filled to the present time with much satisfaction.

Mr. Sproesser was married to Catherine Geltz, a native of Germany, and to them have been born two children: George W., who married Katie Sodders, has one child, Catherine; and Edward W., who married Minnie Herner, has three children, Irene, Ruth and Stanley. Mr. Sproesser is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and has given his party much valuable service, serving in 1880 as councilman of the Tenth ward, and as delegate to conventions on numerous occasions.

GEORGE RITNER, proprietor of the Neversink Ice Company, was born March 5, 1846, in Reading, son of Joseph and Leah (Lukens) Ritner, natives of this city.

Joseph Ritner was educated in the common schools and when a young man learned the dual trades of brick laying and hatting, following the former during the summer seasons and the latter in the winter months. He was a very good workman, was a kind neighbor and a useful citizen. Mr. Ritner's death occurred in 1876, when sixty-nine years of age, his wife having passed away the year before, aged sixty-four years. Like her husband she was noted for her kindness and charity, and was especially beloved by those who were suffering or in want. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ritner: Mary, died single; Frank, deceased; Sarah, married John Cahall; George; and Anna and Caroline, deceased. In religious belief the family were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

George Ritner received his education in the common schools of Reading, and during his vacations assisted his father. After completing his schooling he found employment at the Reading Cotton Mills, later apprenticing himself to the trade of machinist, in the machine shops of the company. He later worked in the McIlvaine Sons' sheet mill until 1864, when he enlisted in Co. I, 196th P. V. I., as corporal, serving until the expiration of the war. After receiving his discharge he returned to Reading and followed the machinist's trade until 1874, when he engaged in the ice business. For twenty years he handled natural ice, but for the past twelve years he has been producing artificial ice, his office being located at No. 311 South Sixth street. Mr. Ritner is one of the oldest ice dealers in business in Reading, and has a large, steady trade.

In 1872 Mr. Ritner was married to Miss Mary K. Nagle, daughter of Alexander Nagle, eight children being born to this union, six of whom survive, as follows: Joseph; Annie; Charles; Franklin; George and Genevieve. In politics he is a Democrat, and was alderman from the second ward from 1885 to 1890, serving also as register assessor. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

MERKEL M. RAHN, proprietor of the Washington Hotel at West Leesport, Pa., and one of Bern township's best known and most highly esteemed citizens, was born in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, June 8, 1848, son of William and Susan (Merkel) Rahn.

Jacob Rahn, the great-great-grandfather of Merkel M., was born Aug. 8, 1728, and his wife, Margaretha, who was a widow, was born Aug. 4, 1714. They had two sons, Jacob and Adam. The latter, born in 1762, deceased in 1842, had a son Adam, who was born in 1809, and who had William, Isaac H., Sarah, Lewis, Adam and Mary.

Jacob Rahn, the great-grandfather of Merkel M., was born in Maiden Creek (now Ontelaunee) township, July 16, 1757, and died in 1823. His wife was Elizabeth Schneider, who was born Aug. 26, 1765, and both are buried at Gernant's Church. They had four sons and four daughters, among whom were: Philip; Adam, of Leesport; Jacob; Jonathan, of Maxatawny; and Mrs. Conrad Herbst.

Jacob Rahn, the grandfather of Merkel M., was born in 1790, and died in 1874, being buried at Gernant's Church in Ontelaunee township. He owned a wooded farm, now the property of Christian H. Luppold of Reading, which Mr. Rahn cleared, and on which he erected a house and barn in 1840, both of which are still standing. Mr. Rahn was successful in his farming operations, and was ranked among the substantial men of his community. He married Magdalena Bernhart, and to them there were born two children, name-

ly: William; and Fannie, who married George Merkel, a pioneer iron-master of Upper Berks county.

William Rahn, father of Merkel M., was born in Ontelaunee township in 1821, and died in July, 1898. He was a life-long farmer, and owned a tract of 600 acres in Ontelaunee township and 200 acres in Upper Tulpehocken township. One of the leading Democrats of his section, Mr. Rahn was long identified with public interests, and served as county commissioner. He was buried at Gernant's Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and was trustee thereof in 1860, when the present edifice was erected.

William Rahn was married to Susan Merkel, daughter of Jacob and granddaughter of Casper Merkel, one of the most prominent men in Berks county in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Rahn had the following children: Fannie, m. Joseph Seyfert; Jacob, who is unmarried; James of Ontelaunee; Sallie, m. Solomon Sailer; Merkel M.; Catherine, m. Rufus Dunkel; Mrs. Albert H. Dunkel; William, of West Leesport; and Milton, who died aged three years.

Merkel M. Rahn was reared on his great-grandfather Rahn's homestead, which had remained in the Rahn family for more than 100 years, and here he resided exactly fifty years, locating in 1898 at West Leesport, where he has since engaged in the hotel business as proprietor of the Washington House. This hostelry, which contains fourteen rooms, is very popular with the traveling public and commands a large share of the trade of this section. Mr. Rahn is a Democrat in politics and for nine years was a school director of Ontelaunee township, the last three years of his term serving as treasurer of the board. He and his family belong to the Reformed denomination of Gernant's Union Church, of which he was a trustee for nine years.

In 1872 Mr. Rahn was married to Sarah A. Rothermel, daughter of Peter and Sallie (Weist) Rothermel of Maiden-creek township, and they have had three children: Ida S., who has the telephone exchange at West Leesport and was a schoolteacher for seven terms in Ontelaunee township, is the widow af John R. Shearer, who died March 29, 1902, aged twenty-six years, leaving a daughter,—Ruth N.; Wert R., a graduate of the class of 1902 at the Keystone State Normal school, who taught school for seven terms in Berks county, married Sallie Stoudt, and they have one son,—Reid R.; and Curvin C. died, aged three years.

ARCHIBALD MESSNER, a substantial farmer of Berks county, Pa., whose valuable 150 acre tract is situated in Brecknock township, was born May 9, 1857, in the Allegheny valley, son of Archibald and Sally (Gehman) Messner.

Christian Messner, the grandfather of Archibald, Jr., was a farmer near the "Druck Hotel" in Lancaster county, where he died, and was buried at the Center Church, of which he had been a Reformed member. He married Magdalena Steffy, and to them were born four children: Betsey m. Samuel Gehman, of Adamstown; Harry died young; Jesse, who lived in Lancaster county, had three children, Matilda, Christian, and Joshua; and Archibald was the father of Archibald, Jr.

Archibald Messner was born Aug. 20, 1822, and died March 12, 1889. In early life he engaged in farming in Brecknock township, but in later years came to Cumru township, where he cultivated a fine farm of 140 acres. He was a highly esteemed citizen, was a member of the Mennonite Church, and was buried at the Allegheny Meeting House. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Gehman, was born Oct. 3, 1819. They had children as follows: Fannie, m. to Aaron White, deceased; Christian, who lives at Denver, Lancaster county; Samuel, who lives at White Bear; John, who lives near Geiger's Mill; Elias, who lives in Brecknock township; Archibald; Lizzie Ann, m. to William Mertz, a farmer at Allegheny Church; Daniel G., of Oakbrook; and Henry, a farmer of Cumru township.

Archibald Messner received his education in the schools of his native locality, and in 1879 began farming on his own account on his father-in-law's farm, which he tenanted for twenty-one years. In 1903 he purchased the old Gebhart farm of 150 acres, one of the best in the township, and there he still continues. Mr. Messner has a stand at the Bingaman Street market house in Reading, and makes a specialty of truck farming. In politics he is a Democrat, while his religious connections are with Allegheny Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon for six years. In 1879 Mr. Messner was married to Sarah Elizabeth Kachel, born Nov. 23, 1860, daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Kramer) Kachel. Eight children were born to this union: Daniel C., a farmer of Brecknock township, m. Louisa Kramer; Emma L., m. Isaac Wert; Sallie E.; Wayne E.; Katie V.; Charles B. died in childhood; and a son and a daughter died in infancy.

DANIEL UNTERKOFLER (deceased), a lifelong resident of Centre township, Berks county, was born there in 1830, son of Daniel Unterkofler. His grandfather was a resident of Windsor township, this county.

Daniel Unterkofler was well-known as a stone-mason, and many foundations of the old barns and houses in the vicinity were built by him. He died in Centre township, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levi Rentschler, and is buried at Belleman's Church. He married Hannah Heffner, and they had children as follows: Daniel; Hannah, who m. Samuel Schlappich; Sallie, who m. Levi Rentschler; Susanna, who m. Levi Phillips.

Daniel Unterkofler, son of Daniel, was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. He owned his father's homestead in Centre township, this farm consisting of sixty acres of fine land near Mohrsville, which he cultivated profitably, and here he resided until his death, which occurred May 1, 1907; he is buried at Belleman's Church. Though advanced in years at the time of his decease he was noted for his excellent memory, and he was well-known and respected throughout his community. He was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Unterkofler married Mary A. Gundy, daughter of George Gundy, of Clearfield county, Pa., and eight children were born to this union, namely: Ellen married Adam Zweitzer and is living in Ontelaunee township, Berks county; Nora married John Fox, also of Ontelaunee township; Lizzie is the wife of Christian Graybill and lives in Maiden-creek township; Henry, repair foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, is living at Douglassville, this county; Daniel G., born Dec. 22, 1871, farms the old homestead, in winter engages in butchering among the local farmers, and also follows the carpenter's trade; Valeria married Jacob Christ and lives in Ontelaunee township; Jennie is the wife of Wilson Serig and resides in Temple, Berks county; Kate is the wife of Mahlon C. Shappell and they live on the Unterkofler homestead.

CYRUS A. MILLER, farmer and dairyman of Centre township, Berks county, was born in this county, in Tilden township, in the year 1848, son of Elias and grandson of Philip Miller.

Philip Miller, the grandfather, was born May 22, 1784, son of Philip, and died Nov. 19, 1855. He was a farmer in Upper Bern township, where he died, and is buried at Miller's Church, in the old cemetery, near Bern; his wife is also interred there. She was Elizabeth Deckler, of Upper Tulpehocken township, born Nov. 18, 1792, died Jan. 10, 1874. They had five children: John, Elias, Mary, Kate and Eliza.

Elias Miller, son of Philip, born Jan. 30, 1825, died June 22, 1885. He is buried at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. He was a farmer of Upper Bern township, owning land there, and was a well-known man in his day. He served as school director in Centre township.

He married Catharine Althouse, born Dec. 18, 1821, daughter of John Althouse, died June 17, 1897. A family of eight children was born to them, namely: Cyrus A.; Monroe, who lives in Hamburg, this county; and six who are deceased, John, Charles, Mary A., Catharine, Elvina and Sarah.

Cyrus A. Miller remained with his father until twenty-four years old, after which he farmed for his father for twenty years in Tilden township, thence moving to the Bushong farm, in Bern township, where he was located for three years. He then resided in Spring township for a year. In 1902 settling on a farm of 240 acres in Centre township, a valuable tract at Shoemakersville, in addition to general farming he engages in dairying, keeping from twenty-five to thirty cows and shipping his milk to Sheridan and Mahanoy City. He has fine stock, having twelve horses, and his place is well equipped with up-to-date farming appliances.

In 1873 Mr. Miller married Lucy Seaman, daughter of George and Catherine (Mertz) Seaman, and granddaughter of George and Catharine (Kauffman) Seaman. Four children have been born to this union: Kate, who married Henry Shollenberger and lives at West Hamburg, Berks county; Irwin, at home; Elmer, who died when six years old; and Mattie, who died when six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have adopted Wilhelmina Ashenbach, who is now (1908) nine years old.

Mr. Miller is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and socially he unites with Veteran Castle, No. 481, of Reading. He is a Democrat in politics, and while in Tilden township served as school director.

ADAM M. HECKMAN, a farmer in Douglass township, Berks county, was born in Alsace township, this county, Jan. 11, 1861, son of Joseph and Louisa (Masser) Heckman, and a descendant from a Hessian soldier of King George's army.

(I) Johan George Heckman, the pionéer ancestor of the Heckman family, was born Jan. 6, 1748, in Hessen Cassel, Germany, and came to America during the Revolution as a soldier in King George's army. After the war with many of his countrymen he settled in the Alsatian hills in Alsace township, Berks county. He engaged in farming three miles from Temple in Alsace township, and there owned the farm later the property of his grandson Abraham. Here he married a woman of foreign birth, Maria Magdalena Hamm, born Aug. 16, 1755, died July 6, 1832, who had accompanied her parents to America when quite young, and for many years she lived in a Quaker family. When she had grown to womanhood she adopted the Quaker style of dress. Johan George Heckman was assessed in 1780 with 100 acres of land. In 1790 the Federal census reports him the head of a family of thirteen children: Samuel (born Oct. 6, 1783, died Aug. 19, 1851), Peter (1777-1857, is buried at Zion's Church in Perry township), George, Adam, John, Daniel, Jacob, William, Magdalena (m. Henry Schmeck), Susanna (m. John Schmeck), Catharine (m. John Shade), Elizabeth (m. Peter Betz) and Mrs. Nicholas Wagner.

(II) Daniel Heckman, son of Johan George, was born on his father's farm in Alsace township Jan. 23, 1790, and died March 25, 1848. He was a farmer and his son Abraham succeeded him in the ownership of the home farm. Daniel Heckman and his wife were both Lutherans, and are buried at Alsace church. She was, in her maidenhood, Esther Noll, and was born in 1803, and died in 1890. They were the parents of twelve children: Kate, m. to George Wessner; Abraham, deceased; Joseph; Adam, 1830-1846; Charles; Sophia, m. to Levi Reber; Sarah, m. to Solomon Dunkel; Mary, m. to Paris Althouse; Lucetta and Rebecca, who died young; and two who died in infancy.

(III) Joseph Heckman, son of Daniel H., was born Nov. 8, 1827, in Alsace township, and was reared to farming, an occupation he followed until his retirement in 1907. He lived in Ontelaunee township a number of years, and there in 1870, his wife, Louisa Masser, died, and was buried at Alsace church. She was born in 1830. Their children were: Charles, who lives upon the homestead in Earl; Adam M.; John; Daniel and Thomas, deceased; Emma, m. to Daniel Ritter; Kate, m. to Jacob Mauger; Sarah, m. to Jacob Rahn; Louisa, m. to Birt Gift; Ellen, m. to Nicholas Flicker; and Angelina, who died small. In 1883 Joseph Heckman came to Earl township, and bought a farm of 126 acres which he still owns, but which is tenanted by his son Charles. He, himself, is well preserved and active, and is found daily at work about his home.

(IV) Adam M. Heckman, son of Joseph, received his education in the local schools at Blandon, Oley Line, Quaker Meeting and Berkley. He worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty, when he was employed at regular wages by his father, remaining three years. He then worked at farm labor in Exeter for two years, after which he drove a milk route in Reading for one year. In 1887 he located in Douglass township, where his first work was driving a team at the stone quarry where he continued for nearly two years. The next five years found him employed at the Glasgow rolling mills, and one year more in a steel mill. During 1894 he again drove a milk route in Reading, and in 1895 he began farming in Douglass township, a vocation in which he has since continued. He owns the J. Sands farm at the Montgomery county line consisting of seventy-nine acres. The Colebrookdale railroad runs through his place. The stone house was built about the time of the American Revolution. He is industrious, and every thing about his place betokens the careful and progressive farmer. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and he and his family belong to Alsace Church in Muhlenberg township.

In 1887, Mr. Heckman married (first) Clara Ruppert, daughter of John Ruppert, and she died in the twenty-second year of her age, leaving no children. He married (second) Clara Egolf, daughter of Mahlon Egolf, a farmer of Douglass, and three children have been born of this union: Sarah M., Killian A. and Mary.

WILLIAM C. SHANE, a substantial farmer and sawmill operator in Earl township, was born in Oley township on the farm long the home of the Shane family, Nov. 24, 1854.

The Shane family is an old one in Berks county, and had its seat in Colebrookdale township, where two brothers, Thomas and Peter Shane, located prior to 1759. The name of the family is said to have been originally Shen, or Shene. William Shane, a son of one of the two brothers, died in Colebrookdale township, in 1811. His wife Maria bore him nine children, but the will mentions but eight, namely: Catharine, Mary, Sarah (m. John Trout), Henry, Elizabeth, Esther, Susan and Hannah. In 1849 Thomas and Samuel Shane were farmers in Colebrookdale township, and both are supposed to have been descendants of the brothers who first settled there.

John Shane (or Schon), great-grandfather of William C., of Earl township, was a resident of Earl township for a number of years, and moved from there to Douglass township, whence after some years engaged in farming he removed to Oley township, and bought the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Irwin Shane. John (Johannes) Schon was born Dec. 16, 1790, and died March 18, 1843. His wife Catharine Moser, born June 15, 1796, died April 27, 1869. Their daughter, Sarah, born 1828, died 1848.

Wellington Shane, son of John, born Dec. 16, 1826, was a farmer and died in Earl township, Aug. 13, 1882. To him and his wife Anna were born: Morris; Amos; Sarah Ellen, m. to Henry Romich; Mrs.

Joseph Stauffer. In his will Mr. Shane bequeathed seventy-five dollars to Sallie Ann Sneider, a grandchild.

John Shane, son of John and grandfather of William C., was a farmer in Oley township, and then for several years he lived in Douglass township. He owned considerable property in Earl township, where he suddenly died of heart failure. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Catharine Moser, are buried at the Oley Churches. The only village and business center in Oley township is named after John Shane, who owned the land on which Shanesville was built in 1833, by Peter Clauser. John Shane's children were: Harriet m. Abraham Biehl; William M.; Wellington; and Tobias.

William M. Shane, son of John, was born in Douglass township in 1827, and died in November, 1896. He was a farmer in Oley township, where he had a fine farm. He also owned a farm in Earl township, now the property of his son William C. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as supervisor and school director in Oley. He and his family belonged to Oley Churches, and of this church he was deacon and elder, being in each office eight years. The family burial plot is located here. He married Harriet Christman, who died in 1899, aged seventy-three years. Their children were: Sarah died unmarried; William C.; Hannah m. John Haas, of Oley; Mandilla m. Frank Hartman, of Exeter; Irwin m. a Miss Deysher, and lives in Oley; and Mary m. Bower Griesemer, of Oley.

William C. Shane attended the common schools of Oley township, and also the select school taught by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, at Reading. He was reared to farming, and this he has followed ever since. At the age of twenty-four he was married and began farming near Shanesville in Earl township, and he has been located at his present place since the spring of 1903. His tract consists of ten acres. He owns three tracts in the township, and is looked upon as one of the prosperous men of the township. In politics he is a Democrat, and he was a delegate to several county conventions, and for eighteen consecutive years was tax collector of Earl township. Since 1905 he has not been in office. He has always been interested in the school question, and served as president of the school board for one term. He and his family are Reformed members of Oley Churches, and he served four years each as deacon and as elder.

In 1878 Mr. Shane married Rebecca Moyer, daughter of Joseph Moyer, of Oley, and they have three children: Calvin m. Mary Minninger; Harriet m. John Prutzman; and Miss Annie.

LYMAN G. ENGEL, for over thirty years a cigar maker at Boyertown, was born in Morysville, Feb. 10, 1867. It is traditional that the Engels came originally from Switzerland, and that they were of Jewish extraction; also that seven brothers came to the United States, of whom two located at Engelsville, one at Pottstown, one in Amity township, one in Oley township, one in Windsor (now Perry) township and one in Reading. It is an historical fact that Engelsville, a small hamlet in the southwestern part of Colebrookdale township, in Berks county, near the Montgomery line, was named for Peter and John Engel, farmers and coopers. At this place a public house was opened by William Engel. In 1759 one William Engel was a taxable in Amity township, and in the same years Andrew Engel resided in Reading. The record of Jacob Engel and his progeny, who located in Windsor township, is found elsewhere. The Pennsylvania archives record the names of thirty-two Engels who between 1754 and 1800 took up land by warrant from the state and paid federal tax.

Peter Engel, great-grandfather of Lyman G., lived at Engelsville, and was the founder of that town. In his early life he farmed in Montgomery county, owning two farms there, one of which was entirely paid for, and the other half unpaid. Owing to Continental money and his indebtedness on the one farm, he lost all he had. He then came to Engelsville, where he acquired some property. He died about 1859, at the age of seventy-four, and is buried at Boyertown. He married Elizabeth Keiser, and they had children as follows: William K.; Solomon, who lives at Pottstown, Pa.; Daniel, who in earlier life lived at Pottstown, and later moved to the homestead at Engelsville, where he died; Mary Ann, who married Jonas Feather; and Hannah, who married Godlieb Strenger.

William K. Engel, son of Peter, was born in Engelsville in 1804, and his death occurred May 25, 1863, and he was buried in Union cemetery, Boyertown. As a young man he engaged in brick making at Engelsville and elsewhere, but later he became a baker, cigar manufacturer and hotel keeper in his native town. He was very successful in whatever he undertook, and became the owner of the hotel which he operated. He served as supervisor of Colebrookdale township. His second wife, Elizabeth Riegner, bore him children: William, who died Oct. 26, 1863, aged twenty-three; Reuben R.; Joseph, born 1843; Peter, born 1844; Sophia, born 1837, who married (first) a Mr. Wein, and (second) Samuel Billard: Rachel, born 1841, living in Philadelphia; and Susanna, born 1850, who died young. Previous to his marriage to Miss Riegner, Mr. Engel had been married to a Miss Sands, who died leaving a son, Aaron, who died in Reading.

Reuben R. Engel, son of William K., was born in Engelsville, April 1, 1835. He never attended school, and his success in life was due entirely to his own unaided efforts. His father became proprietor of the hotel when young Reuben was but twelve years old, and two years later he began peddling cigars for his father. He began for himself in 1857, and in all was engaged in the cigar business, as salesman, or as manufacturer for fifty-seven years. For fifty years he manufactured cigars in Morysville, employing as many as forty hands. He was his own salesman. His home has been in Morysville since 1853. At present he has a small chop house, and sells soft drinks. Until the office was abandoned in 1865 he was government inspector of cigars. For twenty years he had a mercantile business at Morysville, beginning in a small way in 1869, and for one year he conducted a coal yard there. His cigar factory was erected in 1885. In politics he was a Republican. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church, and he has been deacon of the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd for twenty years. On Oct. 13, 1853, Mr. Engel was married to Rebecca Gresh, daughter of Nicholas Gresh, of Montgomery county, and they have had five children: Ottemer, of Pottstown; Lyman G., of Boyertown; Alam, a merchant at Morysville, succeeding his father; Ida, who married Andrew Wren, of Boyertown; and Mary, who married Clinton Grim, of Boyertown.

Lyman G. Engel, son of Reuben R., received his education in the common schools of Colebrookdale township, and in Mt. Pleasant Seminary. He passed his boyhood days in the villages of Morysville and Boyertown, and when old enough to work began clerking in his father's general store. When thirteen years old he learned the cigar maker's trade at Morysville, and this he has followed for over thirty years. He was foreman of T. J. Dun & Co.'s cigar factory about one year, and then accepted a like position with the Gabel, Jones and Gabel Company, Boyertown, in whose employ he was for four years. He had from fifteen to twenty men under him, and proved a very efficient employe of the concern. He built a charming home on West Reading avenue, Boyertown, in the summer of 1907, and there he and his family reside. In politics Mr. Engel is a stanch Republican, and has serevd Colebrookdale township as committeeman for some years, and was delegate to the county convention for twenty-one consecutive times, being a most familiar

figure there. With his family he attends the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd.

In 1887 Mr. Engel was married to Hannah Heller, daughter of Abner R. and Mary (Pennypacker) Heller, and they have children: Harry, born Oct. 21, 1887, a cigar maker at Boyertown, and deacon in the Church of the Good Shepherd, married Ella Haas, and has one child, Rebecca; Minnie married Harvey Fegley, and lives at Boyertown; Ida married Charles Stauffer, of Boyertown, and has a daughter, Dorothy; Warren is unmarried and at home; William, born Nov. 24, 18—, is a gas manufacturer and stove molder by trade, and is active in Church life; Emma, born Dec. 21, 1891, perished in the Opera House fire Jan. 13, 1908; Edith is attending school.

DR. OSCAR THOMPSON GEHRIS, a prominent medical practitioner of Fleetwood, Pa., was born Aug. 24, 1870, near Lyons, in Richmond township, Berks county, son of N. Henry and Mary (Spang) Gehris, who live retired in Fleetwood.

Peter Gehris, the grandfather of the Doctor, son of Peter and Polly (Imboden) Gehris, of Hereford township, was a resident of that section himself, and lived to be nearly ninety years of age, dying a member of the Huff's Reformed Church. His remains were interred in the burial ground adjoining the church. He married Mary Herb, the widow of William Thompson, and to this marriage were born: N. Henry; Peter H., a dentist of Reading; and Daniel H., who lives on the old homestead near Lyons.

N. Henry Gehris was born Nov. 8, 1832, and was a farmer for many years. He then became a salesman for Schaeffer, Merkel & Company, implement dealers of Fleetwood, and he remained in the employ of this firm until it went out of business, when he retired from active work. Politically Mr. Gehris is a Republican. He was married June 9, 1856, to Mary Spang, and these children were born to them: Lou A.; Peter S., a druggist of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mary m. John Haas, of Lancaster, Pa.; Annie J., who taught school for seven terms and now holds the position of assistant postmaster of Fleetwood; Dr. Oscar T.; and Lewis H., of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. N. Henry Gehris celebrated their Golden Wedding in June, 1906, at which all of their children attended. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church.

When Dr. Oscar T. Gehris was two years old his parents removed to Fleetwood, and there his boyhood days were spent. His last teacher in the schools was Professor William M. Zechman, the well known ex-county superintendent of Berks county. In the spring of 1885 Mr. Gehris began attending the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and prepared for college, entering Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., in the fall of 1887, taking the full course of study, and graduating "with praise" and with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892. He located in Brooklyn, L. I., and accepted a position as bookkeeper with Cushman Brothers, New York, who were manufacturers' agents. In the fall of 1893 he entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, where he studied for one year. During the summer of 1894 he worked for a drug house, afterward doing detail work among physicians and traveling until the fall of 1896. During this time he traveled throughout the New England States, New York and New Jersey. He then entered the second class of the medical department of Tufts University, of Boston, Mass., and graduated from that institution in 1898. Owing to poor health, however, he did not begin practice until 1902, when he chose the town of Fleetwood as his field of practice, and there he has continued to the present time. He is a successful young man, is very popular, and is an exemplary citizen. He is an adherent of the principles of the Republican party. Recently he was appointed by State Commissioner of Health Dixon as registrar of Vital Statistics for the borough of Fleetwood, and Maiden-creek and Ruscombmanor townships.

WILLIAM BERNHART, ESQ., a Justice of the Peace for upwards of twenty-five years, was born in Richmond township, Berks county, in 1830, son of Jacob and Sarah (Rothermel) Bernhart.

Jacob Bernhart emigrated from Germany while still under age and settled in Ruscombmanor township, where he carried on farming. He married Sarah Rothermel, born March 27, 1805, daughter of Peter Rothermel, who was born Sept. 1, 1773, and died Feb. 1, 1856. He was a son of Peter Rothermel, who was born in Wachbach, Germany, in about 1718, and who came to America with his father, Johannes, born about 1688, and mother Sybilla (Zimmerman) who was born about 1690.

William Bernhart was reared to farming, was educated in the local schools, and while a young man served as a teacher in the township for several terms. When he was twenty-nine years old he was elected as one of the Justices of the Peace of the township, and he continued to fill this office by re-election until his death in 1886. When the borough of Fleetwood was established in 1873 he had been a citizen of the place for some time previously. He also carried on huckstering for a number of years. He was an active Democrat from the time he became a voter; he was affiliated with the Evangelical Church at Fleetwood.

Squire Bernhart was married in 1860 to Mary Margaret Martin, daughter of James Martin, who emigrated from England when a young man eighteen years old, and settled in Windsor township, where he carried on farming until his death in 1838. He married Magdalena Shirey, daughter of Henry Shirey of Richmond township, who died in 1887 at the age of ninety-two years. Mrs. Bernhart was the only child of her parents, and since her husband's death has been living retired in Fleetwood. Four children were born to Justice Bernhart and his wife; Henry and Alice, who died young; Ada, who married Henry Boyer; and Elizabeth, who was thoroughly educated for a teacher, and who now makes her home with her mother, caring for her in her declining years.

AUGUSTUS P. MERKEL, of Fleetwood, Pa., was born in Richmond township, Berks county, Feb. 4, 1869.

Isaac Merkel, grandfather of Augustus P., was a farmer of Richmond township, and owned a good tract of land between Fleetwood and Walnuttown. He married Anna Schaeffer, and to them were born these children: William S. father of Augustus P.; Lucy, who m. Peter Kieffer; and Nathaniel, who married Catherine Keim. William S. Merkel was a machinist and draughtsman and resided at Fleetwood, being engaged in the foundry and machinist business at that place for thirty-four years. He was a member of the firm of Schaeffer, Merkel & Co., from its inception in 1868 until his death in 1899, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a prominent and influential citizen and during his life served the town as chief burgess and school director. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Merkel was married to Catherine Potteiger, daughter of Daniel and Polly (Babb) Potteiger, and to them were born these children: Annie, married County Superintendent Eli M. Rapp; Augustus P.; Maurice, who died aged about eight years; William P., who married Ida Maurer; Mary and Elmer, died when about six years of age; Elda, who married James Missimer; and Isaac and Reuel, single.

Augustus P. Merkel obtained his education in the public schools of his native town, at the Keystone State Normal school and at Albright College. After leaving the latter institution he worked at the Carpenter Steel Works, Reading, for two years as a machinist, but at the end of that time returned to Fleetwood, becoming employed by Schaeffer, Merkel & Co. He continued with this firm until its dissolution in 1899, when he commenced business on his own account in Fleetwood and after six months'

successful operations formed a partnership with A. K. Seaman of Fleetwood, under the firm name of Seaman & Merkel. The firm built a large machine shop and warehouse along the railroad at Fleetwood, doing a thriving business, and employing about a dozen skilled workmen. They had the largest trade in farming implements in this section of the county, also carrying a large line of gasoline engines, pumps and plumbing and heating appliances, and did business all over the county. Since the dissolution of the firm Mr. Merkel has been engaged in the same business in his own name.

Mr. Merkel is a consistent member of Emanuel United Evangelical Church and served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years, being also one of the stewards of the church for a number of terms. Politically he is a Republican, and for some terms served the borough faithfully as auditor, and as a school director served for two terms, three successive years of which he was president of the board.

On Dec. 3, 1903, Mr. Merkel was united in marriage with Deborah Rothermel, daughter of Daniel and Deborah (De Turk) Rothermel, of Fleetwood.

BENNETCH (Bennage). In northwestern Berks county is located the Bennetch family, which bears a name noted in French Huguenot history. Many were scattered by religious persecution through Switzerland, the Palatinate and England, and of those who came to America, Simon Bennetch located in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., where he died in 1757, leaving a posterity of which Morris Bennetch, one of Heidelberg township's substantial citizens, is a member of one of the youngest generations. The family arrived in 1732, at which time Simon Bennetch was thirteen years of age. Inasmuch as the father's name does not appear on the list with the family upon its arrival, it is probable that he died on the voyage to America.

John Bennetch, the grandfather of Morris, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and lived at the Swamp, where he owned a tract of land. His wife was Anna Hain, and both are buried at the Schaefferstown cemetery. They were the parents of these children: John, who lived near Myerstown, m. Valeria Becker, and had three children—Henry, Mary Ann and Jacob; Benneville, a farmer, who died near Myerstown in 1899, aged eighty-four years, had five children—Benneville, George, Frank, Kate and Laura; Polly, who was born in 1818, m. Joseph Kindig, who lived on the Bennetch homestead; Annie m. Christian Wiest; Catherine m. William Stoner and lives at Avon, Pa.; Henry; Frederick, who died at the Swamp, July 3, 1906, m. Priscilla Brubaker, and had seven children—Katie, Benjamin, Priscilla, Polly, Susan, Henry and John; and Eliza is unmarried.

Henry Bennetch, father of Morris, was born in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, in August, 1830, and died Dec. 13, 1901, being buried at Schaefferstown, where for many years he had been a member of the Lutheran Church. He was the owner of 171 acres of land in Heidelberg township, now the property of Henry Schappell, and was a man of influence in his community. Mr. Bennetch was married to Kate Laccer, who was born in 1840 and now resides in her own home at West Reading. She was a daughter of Joseph Laccer, of Schaefferstown. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennetch had these children: John died in infancy; Jacob, born in August, 1864, now lives with his brother Morris, was married and has a daughter,—Bertha; Catherine, born Dec. 26, 1866, m. Henry Reedy; Lizzie, who died in May, 1901, m. Matthias Speicher, whom she bore these children,—Willie, Beulah, Paul, Mabel, Ella and Erma; Morris; Rosa m. Milert Staudt, a moulder at Sinking Spring; and Amelia m. James Eyrich, of Wyomissing.

Morris Bennetch obtained only a limited schooling in his native district, having given up his studies early in order to engage in work on his father's farm. For four years he farmed as a tenant on his father's property, and in 1903 he purchased the Benjamin Blatt farm of thirty-three acres, a fertile tract of land located about three miles north of Robesonia, near the Sowers School house, on which Mr. Bennetch carries on truck farming, giving special attention to potato growing. He is a Democrat in politics, as was his father, and he and his wife are prominent members of Hain's Reformed Church.

Mr. Bennetch was married to Carrie Hassler, daughter of William and Catherine (Fisher) Hassler, the former a farmer and painter of Wernersville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Bennetch have no children. Mrs. Bennetch was one of a family of five children, namely: Lewis, Sallie, Harry, Emma and Carrie.

AARON R. BROWN, a general farmer and substantial citizen of Heidelberg township, was born Sept. 18, 1859, on the old Fisher farm in Heidelberg township, a son of John L. and Lovina R. (Fisher) Brown.

The grandparents of Mr. Brown were Martin and Mary (Lebo) Brown and they were born in Marion township, Berks county. Their children were: Catherine m. Michael Keiser; Percival; John L.; Rebecca m. Edward Sheets; George; Caroline m. John Leininger; Samuel L.; and Mary m. Augustus Gassert. Martin Brown was buried at Host.

John L. Brown was born July 11, 1821, and died at Robesonia, March 22, 1889, aged sixty-seven years, eight months and eleven days. During all his active years he engaged in farming in Heidelberg township, as had his father before him, retiring to Robesonia before his death. His burial was at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church. He married Lovina R. Fisher, born June 24, 1821, a daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Rehrer) Fisher. This marriage was celebrated Nov. 7, 1846, and they had the following children: Frank J., residing at Newark, N. J., m. Rosa A. Bingaman; Mary E., unmarried, residing with her brother Aaron R.; Ellen F., unmarried; Erasmus; Emma m. Thomas Filbert, a well-known merchant of Robesonia; Aaron R.; and William H., the driver on Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, Robesonia.

In his boyhood Mr. Brown attended the township schools for a time, but he was a small boy when he started to work in the mines. Later he worked for his uncle, Samuel L. Brown and remained on his farm for several years. In 1881 he purchased a part of the old John L. Fisher farm in Heidelberg township, near Robesonia, and now owns forty acres of as good land as there is in the township. He has put it under a fine state of cultivation and has made a success of farming. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a man of high standing in the community. For many years he has been a member of St. Daniel's Corner Church Mr. Brown has never married.

HENRY MOUNTZ, now a retired citizen of Robesonia, has passed all his life in Heidelberg township, having been born there June 21, 1844, above Womelsdorf. The family is an old one in Berks county. Joseph Mountz, great-grandfather of Henry, was a taxable in Heidelberg township as early as 1759, being assessed as a single man. He had a brother George, who died in 1800, the year his will was entered on record in the court-house, a son, John G., being the executor of the estate.

George Mountz, son of Joseph, was born about 1787, and died in 1882, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. He was a laborer, and lived in Heidelberg township, in the vicinity of Womelsdorf. He is buried at the Corner Church in that township. His wife was a Wenrich, and their family consisted of six children, namely: Isaac, who lived and died at Womelsdorf; William; John, who settled in Luzerne county; Daniel, who lived in Lower Berks county; George; and Catharine, who died young.

George Mountz, son of George and father of Henry, was born in Heidelberg, May 4, 1824, and was there reared to farming, which occupation he followed throughout his active years. His educational opportunities were limited, as he was allowed to attend the subscription school at Womelsdorf, the only available place of learning, for but a month or two during the winters of his early boyhood. The text-books were the German reader and the New Testament, and study was confined to the three R's. He engaged in farming on his own account and still owns a farm in North Heidelberg township, though he is now living retired. In spite of many years of hard work he is a well-preserved man. He makes his home with his grandson, George P. Schell. Mr. Mountz married Mary Moyer, who was born in 1831, daughter of William Moyer, and died in December, 1899, at the age of sixty-eight years. Three children were born to this union: Henry, who is mentioned below; Sarah, who m. Isaac Schell, a farmer in North Heidelberg township, and had a large family; and Emma, who m. James Wilhelm, a farmer in Perry, Iowa.

Henry Mountz was reared upon his father's farm and attended the free schools in his locality. The year he became of age, 1865, he began farming on his own account in Heidelberg township, following that work until he retired, in the year 1903. He did well, and is living in comfort in what was formerly the Jefferson Werner residence in Robesonia, at the corner of Main and Robeson streets, which he bought in 1898 and moved into in the spring of 1903.

In 1865 Mr. Mountz married Susan Greth, daughter of Emanuel and Susan (Reifsnyder) Greth, and six sons have been born to them, namely: Lewis m. Mary Fromm, and they have two children, Mabel and Ralph; William m. Ida Snyder and they have two children, Roy and Ella; Calvin died at the age of eighteen years; Harvey m. Lizzie Heck and they have two children, Lloyd and Lewis; Harry m. Lizzie Zechman and they have three children, Beulah, John and Edna; Arch graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1905, and is now engaged in teaching at Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mountz is a Reformed member of St. Paul's Church of Robesonia, and has served both as deacon and as elder.

JOHN KNETZ, in his lifetime a farmer of Hereford township, Berks county, whose widow lived at Huff's Church, until her recent death, was born April 4, 1815, and died Nov. 4, 1879. He was a grandson of Conrad Knetz, who lived near the Berks county line in Montgomery county. He built up the property now known as Lesher's Mill, but which was long known as Knetz's Mill and was in the family name for many years. Conrad Knetz was born Jan. 6, 1742, and died Oct. 13, 1822, aged eighty years, nine months, seven days. His wife Catharine, daughter of Moses and Anna Binder, was born May 22, 1751, and died Feb. 5, 1828, aged seventy-six years, eight months, thirteen days; both are buried at New Goshenhoppen Church.

Henry Knetz, father of John, was born May 9, 1778, in Hereford township, on the old homestead at Clayton, and followed farming, owning a tract of about 150 acres. The Swiss barn on this place, built during the early fifties, is 110 feet long, and is the longest barn in the township. He married Maria Boyer, born Aug. 19, 1780, who died June 7, 1864, aged eighty-three years, nine months, eighteen days, surviving her husband a number of years. He died May 10, 1847, aged sixty-nine years, one day. They are buried at Huff's Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were: John is mentioned in full below. David, deceased, lived in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, on the property now known as "Lesher's Mill." George, born Dec. 20, 1806, died May 20, 1842, was a farmer in Hereford township, his land being bounded by the lands of Daniel Schell, John Rush and Henry Knetz; he made his last will and testament, recorded in Will Book 8, page 422, on the day of his death, and it contains the following item: "I do nominate and appoint my father Henry Knetz to be guardian of my daughter Matilda"; to this daughter he gave a 170-acre farm, his brother John received the sum of $300, and he left a bequest to his faithful servant, Sophia Trexler. Sally, deceased, married Samuel Treichler, who was a merchant at Treichlersville, which place was named for him.

John Knetz was born in Hereford township, where he followed farming and droving all his life, dying upon his farm at Chapel Nov. 4, 1879, when sixty-four years, seven months old. He owned the farm which is now the property of his daughter Mrs. Maria Landis. In 1860 he erected a set of buildings on the tract of land now occupied by Reuben Beidler, on the Clayton and Treichlersville turnpike, and it was there that he died.

Mr. Knetz married Abigail Moll, who was born Dec. 17, 1817, daughter of George and Eve (Miller) Moll, from near Huff's Church, their family consisting of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Jonas, Thomas, Jacob, George, Judith, Abigail, Betzy and Sally. To Mr. and Mrs. Knetz were born four children, namely: Maria is the widow of Martin M. Landis and lives at Clayton on the old homestead; Jacob lives at East Greenville, Pa.; Betsy married Andrew Stauffer, and is deceased; Sarah married Reuben Beidler, and they live at Clayton.

From 1895 Mrs. Abigail Knetz, widow of John Knetz, made her home at Huff's Church. Though past eighty years old she could see well, using no glasses, was able to sew, and attended church faithfully. She was particularly fond of reading the Scriptures, and had read the Bible through forty-one times, by actual count. Mrs. Knetz had a number of valuable relics which she prized highly, including old dishes and an old grandfather's clock, which later belonged to the Sharp family of Hereford and is more than 150 years old. She died Sept. 25, 1909.

JOHN A. REITNAUER, of Huff's Church, Berks county, dealer in hardware, etc., was born Nov. 12, 1875, in Pike township, son of Daniel M. and Sarah (Adolph) Reitnauer.

The original spelling of this name, Reidenauer, is still used by many of the descendants in Berks county of the early ancestors. John A. Reitnauer is a descendant in the sixth generation from the first of the family to come to this country, Johannes Reidenauer, the line being traced through Johannes, Jr., Frederick, John and Daniel M. Detailed accounts of the earliest generations appear elsewhere in this work.

Johannes Reidenauer, Jr., was born in Germany Dec. 26, 1723, and died June 14, 1805. He married Elizabeth Herb, born 1732, died Jan. 20, 1808.

Frederick Reidenauer, son of Johannes, born Jan. 30, 1762, died Aug. 22, 1837. He married Aug. 28, 1787, Elizabeth Mayer, and to them were born seven children: Joseph (1789-1844), John, Jeremiah, Elam, Frank, and two others whose names are not recorded.

John Reidenauer, son of Frederick, married Susan Mosser, and they had children as follows: Gideon; Frederick; Charles, born Feb. 27, 1825, who lives at Eshbach, Pa. (he has sons, William, Daniel and George); Daniel M.; Betzy, who died unmarried; Catherine, wife of Joseph Fry; Susan, wife of Philip Grubb; Sarah, wife of George Weidner; Polly, wife of John Fronheiser.

Daniel M. Reitnauer, son of John, was born in February, 1846, on the old Reidenauer homestead near Bechtelsville. He was reared to farming, and continued to follow that occupation until his retirement, in 1902, since when he has been enjoying in leisure the rewards of his early labors. He lives near Landis Store, in District township, where he owns a 103-acre farm. Mr. Reitnauer is a member of the Hill Church and a Democrat in politics. He married Sarah Adolph,

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born in January, 1846, daughter of George and Sarah (Fenstermacher) Adolph, who lived near Hill Church, and a family of six children were born to them: Mary, who married (first) Albert Jacob and after his death (second) William Hess; Alfred, a farmer on the old homestead; John A.; Susan, unmarried; Katie, who married Howard Arndt; and William, unmarried.

John A. Reitnauer received his education in the public schools, attending in Pike, Washington and District townships. In 1896 he commenced to learn the tinsmith and stove business from J. H. Marsteller, at Huff's Church, remaining with him over a year, after which he went to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade for a short time. Returning to Huff's Church, he worked for Henry Wetzel one year, on the farm, and in 1900 he engaged in the stove business on his own account, at Huff's Church, buying the good-will, stock and fixtures of his old employer, Mr. Martsteller, who is now located in Reading. After two years in this business Mr. Reitnauer sold out to Charles Gruber and became a farmer on the Henry Wetzel place, where he remained five years, resuming business in the spring of 1907. He carries a large stock of stoves, heaters and ranges, deals in hardware, paints and oils, all kinds of cast-iron water-troughs and hog-troughs, roofing, spouting and tinware, and has an excellent trade, giving conscientious value to all his patrons. He is an active young man and deservedly prosperous.

Mr. Reitnauer has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his community and its public administration, and he has been serving since 1906 as treasurer of Hereford township. In the spring of 1903 he was elected school director and served one term, refusing a renomination. He is a Democrat and a worker in his party; is also well known as a member of Castle No. 461, K. G. E., of Pleasantville, Pa.; and of Landisville Council No. 1007, Order of Independent Americans; and is a zealous member of the Lutheran congregation at the Hill Church. Since 1906 he has served as secretary of the Sunday school. His wife is a Reformed member of the Hill Church.

On May 31, 1898, Mr. Reitnauer married Miss Clara Snyder, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wetzel) Snyder, of Lehigh county, Pa., and two children have been born to them, Elsie and Bertha.

FRANCIS H. ECKENROAD, whose death occurred Dec. 11, 1906, at the age of eighty years, at his residence, No. 631 Laurel street, Reading, was an old resident of the city, having spent practically his whole active business life within its limits. He was born Dec. 11, 1826, when his parents, John and Mary (Hartman) Eckenroad, were living near "Hartman's Hotel," in the vicinity of Wernersville.

Mr. Eckenroad was unable to avail himself of even the limited educational advantages which were to be had in that early day, and his school days lasted but two weeks. So good, however, were his natural abilities, that even hampered thus by lack of training he became known as one of the best business men in the city. He came to Reading about fifty-two years ago, and having learned the shoemaker's trade early in life followed that occupation steadily till he retired, about eight years before his death, being located in the same shop for forty-five consecutive years. He invested his earnings, and was so uniformly successful in his undertakings that he accumulated a good property.

In 1852 Mr. Eckenroad married Miss Elvina Hain, daughter of George and Eva (Fisher) Hain. Ten children were born to this union, of whom the following six are living: G. Wallace is a wheelwright and wagon-maker at Gouglersville, Pa.; H. Edward, who was superintendent for L. H. Focht, builder, opened a millinery business in March, 1909, at No. 39 North Ninth street, Reading, and also has a store at No. 5153 Haverford avenue, Philadelphia; Charles is a blacksmith; Ida m. Charles Smith; Irvin is a wheelwright; and Harry E., a well-known musician and teacher of instrumental music in the Academy of Music at Reading, has given a number of amateur productions. One daughter, Emma, m. G. Smith Geiger, and died May 13, 1909. Mr. Eckenroad was also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hill and Mrs. Elizabeth Hill; two half-sisters, Mrs. Susan Seidel and Mrs. Levina Kemp; and three half-brothers, Thomas, Michael and Wilson Eckenroad.

Mr. Eckenroad was formerly a member of Salome Lodge, I. O. O. F., continuing in its ranks until it disbanded. In religious connection he was a member of Faith Reformed Church, and was treasurer of its Sabbath-school for twenty-seven years. In the many years he was identified with the city of Reading he earned the respect of the community, and he is mourned by many friends.

JAMES E. FOX, school director and farmer in Hereford township, Berks county, was born in Rockland township, this county, May 30, 1864, and comes of substantial German stock.

Engel Fox (or Fuchs) was born in Germany, and came to America, locating in Rockland township, Berks Co., Pa., about 1800. In 1810 he was a large land owner, and in 1815 he and his son Ernst both owned property and paid tax. He was a farmer by occupation. He is buried at Mertz' church.

Ernst Fox was born in Germany, and accompanied his parents to the New World, locating in Berks county, He became the owner of two large farms in Rockland township, one now the property of Horatio and the other of James Hertzog, brothers. These farms he sold during the fifties to David Hertzog, father of the present owners. He then moved to the northeastern end of District township, where he owned a small farm, and where he died. He is buried at New Jerusalem Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, and was a member of the building committee when the present church was built in 1844. He was always liberal in his contributions to religious causes. At his death he left an estate of $25,000, the result of his own accumulation. For a number of years he manufactured wool hats in District township, and these he took by team to Philadelphia, where he sold them. He was successful in all his undertakings. He married a Miss Mertz, and their children were: Charles, Matilda (m. Daniel Rohrbach), Henry, Eliza (m. Reuben Drumheller), Reuben R. and Carolina (m. Joel Rohrbach).

Reuben R. Fox, son of Ernst, was born in 1818 on the farm now owned by Horatio Hertzog, in Rockland township. He attended the pay schools of his district, and when eighteen went to Norristown and there learned the cabinet maker's trade, after which he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at his trade three years. In 1842 he returned to Berks county by team, and sold his horse at Barto, his first location. His buggy is still owned by his son. In 1850 he m. Caroline Bush, daughter of William Bush, whose wife was a Miss Rohrbach, of Longswamp township. She died aged sixty-three years, and both are buried at New Jerusalem Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were: Samuel; William; Hettie (m. John Schofer); Benjamin; Emma (m. John Heffner); James E.; Aaron; Sarah (died unmarried); and Andora.

James E. Fox attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and worked for his parents until he was of age. Immediately after his marriage he began farming as a tenant on the John Rush farm in Hereford township, and after two years there came to Washington township, and farmed there three years. He then moved to Maxatawny township, where he lived five years. His father-in-law then decided to retire, and Mr. Fox took his farm in Hereford, near Huff's church, and this has been his home since 1897. In 1901 he bought the farm, which consists of 140 acres. The present barn was built in 186-, and the house in 1878. Mr. Fox also owns a tract of twenty-eight acres in District township, which is improved with a good set of buildings, and this Mr. Fox has rented.

On Feb. 18, 1886, Mr. Fox married Amanda Siesholtz, daughter of Samuel and Adelaide (Gery) Siesholtz, and

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granddaughter of Samuel and Eliza (Ginginger) Siesholtz. Their children are: Samuel, who graduated from the Kutztown Normal School in 1907, and is now teaching in Hereford township; Ida; Edwin; Aaron; and Elsie. Mr. Fox is a Democrat, and was township auditor, and has been a delegate to a number of county conventions. In the spring of 1901 he was elected a school director, and has since held that office. He and his family belong to Huff's Church (Lutheran), of which he was deacon for seven years.

JOHN H. STEFFY, a truck farmer and butcher of Lower Heidelberg township, is a native of Cumru township, Berks county, born Feb. 9, 1845.

(I) Abraham Steffy, grandfather of John H., passed all his life in Cumru township, where he worked as a laborer and carried on farming in a small way. He married a Miss Remp, and they had four children, Benjamin, Samuel, Joseph and Abraham.

(II) Abraham Steffy, son of Abraham, owned a small farm in Cumru township. He married Sarah Harding, daughter of Christil Harding, and their eleven children were: Christil, Samuel, Henry, Benjamin, John H., William, Moses, Reuben, Elizabeth (m. Jonathan Epler), Sarah (m. Levi Kohl), and Rachel (who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six). Five sons of this family fought in the Union army during the Rebellion, Christil, Samuel, Henry, Benjamin and John H.

(III) John H. Steffy was reared on the parental farm, and worked at home until his enlistment for service in the Union army. He was mustered in Feb. 23, 1864, at Reading, becoming a member of Co. B, 55th P. V. I., which was attached to the 4th Brigade, 1st Division, 24th Army Corps. Mr. Steffy saw active service at the battles of Cold Harbor and Petersburg and throughout the Richmond campaign, and was honorably discharged at Petersburg, Va., August 31, 1865.

After his return from the army, Mr. Steffy worked at stone quarrying as well as farming, and in 1873 purchased the tract of land upon which he has since lived, eleven acres at the foot of Cushion Hill (upon which Wenrich's observatory is located), in Lower Heidelberg township. The place is especially suited to truck farming, and Mr. Steffy raises all kinds of garden stuff, which he disposes of at the Bingaman Street Market House in Reading, having stand No. 195. He has attended this market for the past thirty-five years, in winter selling meat which he butchers himself. He has prospered in his work and has all the most modern appliances for carrying it on, including a gasoline engine of approved make. In 1889 he built the house he now occupies, and the barn upon his property was put up in 1898.

Mr. Steffy has been twice married. His first wife, Lavina Fisher, born Jan. 21, 1842, daughter of William Fisher, of Lower Heidelberg township, died May 17, 1898, in her fifty-seventh year. There were no children by that union. Mr. Steffy married for his second wife Emma Ulrich, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (White) Ulrich, of Spring township, and they have had five children, namely: Sarah S., John William, Franklin Pierce, Harry Edwin and Maggie M. Mr. Steffy is a Lutheran and attends the Hain's Church. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

BENJAMIN S. FOCHT, one of the substantial and representative farmers of Berks county, resides on his well cultivated estate of eighty-five acres, located near the Tulpehocken, at State Hill, in Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. Focht was born Sept. 6, 1847, in Windsor township, Berks county, son of Daniel and Hannah (Stepp) Focht, and grandson of George Focht of Windsor township.

Daniel Focht was born on his father's farm in Windsor township in 1818, and early in life learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Later he purchased a twenty-four acre farm near Windsor Castle, but this he subsequently sold and removed to a farm of 156 acres in Centre township, where his death occurred in 1901. He was a radical Democrat in his political views, and for five years served as supervisor in Centre township. His religious belief was that of the Lutheran faith, and he was a member and regular attendant of St. Michael's Union Church. Mr. Focht was married to Hannah Stepp, daughter of Samuel Stepp, of Centre townhsip, and they had these thirteen children: Frederick, David, Mary, Catherine, William, Benjamin, Reuben, Ellen, Lenora, James, Frank, Samuel and Isabella.

Benjamin S. Focht spent his boyhood days on his father's small tract in Windsor township, and there and in Centre township his education was secured. When twenty-five years of age, Mr. Focht commenced farming for himself on his father's tract in Centre township, which is now in possession of his son James. This farm Mr. Focht conducted twenty-one years, at the end of which time he purchased his present farm, a finely-located tract of eighty-five acres in Lower Heidelberg township. Mr. Focht has always made a specialty of potatoes and he is known as the champion potato raiser of the district. He keeps eight head of cattle and four horses. For fourteen years Mr. Focht had a steam threshing apparatus, and went out threshing among the neighboring farmers, and in addition for many years engaged extensively in butchering, but as he has advanced in years he has gradually given up these occupations, which his sons have relieved him of. He is now surrounded by all that makes life dear,—affectionate friends, devoted descendants, ample means and a wide circle of estimable fellow citizens who hold him in the highest regard. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of Bern Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination.

In 1869 Mr. Focht was married to Esther Shearer, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Miller) Shearer, the former a farmer and carpenter of Windsor township. Mr. and Mrs. Focht have eight children: Andora m. William Reber, of Lower Heidelberg township; Thomas, a farmer, m. Tillie Werner of Blue Marsh; Alvin, also a farmer, m. Lovie Werner, sister of Tillie; Richard is single and lives at home; Milton, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, m. Laura Reber; Ellen m. Charles Brossman, a music teacher of Lower Heidelberg township; and Mamie E. and Robert reside at home.

WILLIAM H. ALBRIGHT, one of the most popular business men of Mount Penn, Pa., where he is engaged in carriage building, was born Feb. 13, 1865, in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, son of Joseph and Margaret (Herman) Albright.

Joseph Albright was born in 1830, in Würtemberg, Germany, and there grew to manhood, learning the trade of wheelwright. When nineteen years of age he emigrated to America, and first located in New York City, whence he went to Reading, then to Kutztown, and after a short time to Pottsville, where he operated a shop for a while. Mr. Albright then returned to Berks county, locating at Black Bear, and in about 1868 located at Dengler's, now Mount Penn, where he opened the first business of the place, a carriage building shop. This became one of the most successful enterprises of this section of Berks county, as Mr. Albright built up a large and lucrative trade and employed a number of skilled mechanics. He retired a short time prior to his death, which occurred in 1892. In political matters he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were connected with St. Paul's Catholic Church, of Reading.

Mr. Albright was married in Reading to Margaret Herman, daughter of a well-known butcher of that name, in Reading, who died in his ninety-third year. Mrs. Albright still survives and makes her home with her son, being upwards of seventy years of age. She

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and her husband had these children: Josephine, m. to Charles Tyson, of Mount Penn; Daniel M., of Mount Penn; Carrie, deceased; William H.; Mary, m. to Thomas Lantz, of Manayunk; J. J., a carriage builder of Conshohocken, Montgomery county; Francis, a carriage builder of Norristown; Catherine, m. to Edward Jones, a butcher of Flourtown, Pa.; Annie, unmarried, of Chicago; Henry, a painting contractor of Norristown; Charles, deceased; and Margaret, unmarried, of Norristown.

William H. Albright was reared at Mount Penn, and was educated in the public and St. Paul's Parochial schools of Reading. He then began learning the trade with his father, with whom he worked until sixteen years of age, after which he went to Philadelphia, where seven years were spent in carriage painting. He then returned to Mount Penn and formed a partnership with his brother, Daniel M., under the firm name of Albright and Brother, which partnership continued about two years, at the end of which time William H. resigned from the firm and spent four years at different points as journeyman painter. In 1892 he returned to Dengler's and succeeded his father in business, in which he has continued to the present time with much success, making a specialty of light work, as buggies, milk wagons, bread wagons, etc. Mr. Albright built the present plant of the company, one of the best in this section of the county, and he also owns a comfortable residence in the borough of Mount Penn. In political matters Mr. Albright is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Mr. Albright was married in 1889 to Miss Martha Elmira Schaeffer, daughter of Emanuel and Marie (Trumbo) Schaeffer, and to them there was born one son, William H., who died in infancy.

Mr. Albright is a great lover of good horse flesh, and has owned a large number of fast racing horses, among them: "Patsie," 2:09 1-4; "Diamond A.," 2:16 1-4, which he kept in stud three years: "Black Jim," with a record pace of a half mile in 1. flat; "Rixie," 2:13 1-2; and a bay pacer with a record of 2:18. He is now the owner of a four year old, "Kid," a sorrel trotter, with a three year old trial of one-quarter mile in .33, for which animal he has a standing offer of $1,000. Mr. Albright is a great lover of all kinds of sport, and is ready to engage in a friendly bout at any time. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman and his friends are legion.

JACOB K. LEVAN lived on the old Levan homestead in Oley township, where he was born Aug. 23, 1849, and he died Dec. 24, 1905.

Daniel H. Levan, his father, was born Aug. 9, 1815, and he obtained the old family homestead from his father. He was a lifelong farmer, and his death occurred in March, 1874. He married Hannah Kauffman, born Feb. 13, 1818, and they had three children: Ezra, of Friedensburg; Susan, who married Mahlon De Turck; and Jacob K.

Jacob K. Levan was reared on the farm of which he later became the owner, and he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. This farm contains 180 acres of good land; the barn was built by Mr. Levan's father, Daniel H., and the house was erected one hundred years ago by an earlier Levan. At his death Mr. Levan was laid to rest in Union cemetery. He was a member of Friedens Church (Reformed). In his political affiliations he was a Democrat; he was a school director in his district, being president of the board at the time of his death. In 1905 Mr. Levan commenced the erection of a comfortable modern home at Friedensburg, but this was not completed and had not been occupied when he died. The next spring his widow and family moved in, and they still reside there.

On May 16, 1874, Mr. Levan married Elizabeth H. Moyer, daughter of Nathan and Emeline (Hilbert) Moyer, and granddaughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Muthart) Moyer, both the father and grandfather being of Rockland township. Twelve children were born of this union: Charles, Daniel, Sallie, Kate (who married Hayman Bertolet, of Philadelphia, and has a daughter, Lena), Annie (who married Benneville Eberhart, foreman in the hosiery mills at Friedensburg), Lott, Minnie, Ada, Paul, Lizzie, Howard and Hester. Of these, four—Lizzie, Charles, Lott and Ada—died within twenty-four hours of diphtheria, and three more—Daniel, Sallie and Paul—about a week later of the same dread disease, and all seven are buried in a row in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Levan's home is charming, and it contains a number of heirlooms that are priceless. She has a set of china and an old corner closet that belonged to Mrs. Daniel H. Levan, to whom they descended through the Kauffmans. see page 830

FREDERIC H. KEHR. Among the highly esteemed citizens and practical farmers of Berks county, may be mentioned Frederic H. Kehr, who is engaged in cultivating the old Kehr homestead in Ontelaunee township. Mr. Kehr was born Dec. 21, 1851, in Ontelaunee township, son of Samuel and Mary H. (Hoover) Kehr.

Frederic Kehr, grandfather of Frederic H., was born near Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa., and was there married to Rebecca Keating, a native of England. They had these children: John m. Rebecca Althouse, removed to Illinois, and there reared a family; Frederic m. Catherine Hottenstein, by whom he had two children, Frederick and Emma, and died in Muhlenberg township; Samuel; Sallie m. Jacob Eppler and had three children—Samuel, Frederic and Mary; Mary m. John Hill and had six children—Henry, James, Samuel, Lizzie, Mary and Emma; and Ellen m. Reuben Luthensen.

Samuel Kehr, father of Frederic H., was born Sept. 18, 1817, near Reading, in Bern township, was educated in the schools of Reading, and early in life engaged in milling. Later he embarked in agricultural pursuits, carrying on operations on Frederic H. Kehr's present farm for many years. He was married to Mary H. Hoover, daughter of John and Catherine (Hottenstein) Hoover, and two children were born to this union: Frederic H.; and Charles C., a prominent attorney of the Berks county Bar, who died July 20, 1892. He married Laura Hoover, and they had three children, one of whom has since died, Florence, Mary and Charles, deceased.

Frederic H. Kehr was two years old when the family came to his present farm, and here he has always made his home. He has a finely cultivated piece of property and is known throughout his community as an enterprising and ambitious farmer and good citizen. Nov. 22, 1879, he was married to Sarah Adams, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Adams, and two children have been born to this union: Edmund A., who married Eva Rickenbach, daughter of Edward and Ellen (Roth) Rickenbach, and has one child—Emily; and Maggie, who is unmarried and at home.

Mr. Kehr is a Democrat in politics, and he has held various township offices, never aspiring to high public position. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

SIMON S. CLOUSER, who has been connected with the iron industry of Berks county, Pa., for a number of years, is now acting in the capacity of superintendent of the forges of the Gibraltar Iron Company. Mr. Clouser was born Nov. 1, 1852, at Gibraltar, Robeson township, son of Daniel and Susan (Seifert) Clouser.

Daniel Clouser, who was born in Oley township, Berks county, was a millwright by trade, and followed that occupation practically all of his life. His death occurred in 1880, and that of his wife in 1904, he being sixty-eight years of age, while she attained the remarkable age of ninety-one years. They were the parents of eight children: Clement S. m. Mary Wengerd; Catherine A. is unmarried; Lucy m. Samuel Zacharias; Daniel S. m. Mary Lord; Annie m. John Thompson; Amos m. Amanda Reed; Edgar is deceased; and Simon S. In religious

belief he was Reformed, while Mrs. Clouser was a Lutheran. He was a Democrat in politics.

Simon S. Clouser was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he learned the boat building trade with Marcus Dick, at Six Mile Level. At this trade he worked for a number of years, subsequently accepting a position with the Gibraltar Iron Company, with which firm he remained several years. He then engaged in farming for fifteen years, at the end of which time he returned to the employ of the Seyferts, where steady application to business earned him promotion to the position of superintendent of the forge department in 1899.

Mr. Clouser was married to Mary H. Bitler, daughter of Henry Bitler, and two children have been born to this union: Harvey O., who married Emma Moore and has two children, the elder named Carrie; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Clouser is a Democrat in politics, and has served for several years as school director. He and Mrs. Clouser are members of St. John's Union Church.

JOSEPH G. DETEMPLE, a retired forgeman and truck farmer of Robeson township, who now makes his home in Gibraltar, was born in 1847, in Alsace-Lorraine, France, son of Nicholas and Catherine (Grill) Detemple.

Nicholas Detemple was reared and educated in Alsace-Lorraine, and in 1848 came to America, settling in the vicinity of the Blue Mountains, whence he subsequently removed to near Oley Church in Berks county, following his trade of forgeman in the old Spang furnaces. Later Mr. Detemple moved to Rockland township, where he also followed his trade, but after his retirement, he went to live with his son in Robeson township, with whom he died in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife passed away in 1879, when sixty-five years old. Eleven children were born to Nicholas and Catherine (Grill) Detemple, as follows: Elizabeth m. Edward Deisher; Peter m. Elizabeth Bucher; Catherine m. Amos Witman; Jacob m. Lena Reeser; Sarah m. Edwin Melcher; Nicholas m. Rebecca Hess; Annie m. William Gross; Joseph G.; and three died in infancy. In religious belief the family are Catholics. In political matters Mr. Detemple was a Democrat.

Joseph G. Detemple obtained a good education in the schools of Berks county, which he left at the age of fourteen years to work at forges in different parts of the county where his father was employed. In 1864 Mr. Detemple enlisted in Co. G, 198th Regt., P. V. I., serving until June 31, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge at a camp near Washington, D. C. Mr. Detemple was in every fight and skirmish in which his company participated, and had the record of a brave and faithful soldier. After the war he returned to Berks county, and in 1888 purchased a property of seven acres, which he improved, and on which he set out 400 assorted apple and peach trees. He continued here until 1904, and since that time has been living retired.

In 1869 Mr. Detemple was united in marriage with Mary Moyer, and five children have been born to this union: Jacob m. Mary Van Pelt; Edward m. Emma Haws; Joseph m. Catherine Eichner; Laura m. Charles Eshelman; and Herman is at home. In religious belief the family are Roman Catholics. Mr. Detemple is a Democrat in politics, and his war record connects him with Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R., of Reading.

LUTHER MOYER, a well known resident and property owner of Gibraltar, who is engaged as a heater at the Gibraltar Iron Works, was born in Robeson township, Jan. 24, 1876, son of Evan and Elfreda (Richard) Moyer.

Michael Moyer, the grandfather of Luther, was a forgeman by trade, and also owned and operated a farm in Robeson township, where he spent his life. He was twice married, and to the first marriage these children were born: Daniel; Evan, the father of Luther; and Mary, who married Joseph G. Detemple. The second wife was Margaret Wicklein. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Moyer was a Democrat in politics.

Evan Moyer was born in 1850, and early in life entered the employ of the Gibraltar Iron Works, where he was employed for many years. At present he is with the E. and G. Brooke Iron Company, of Birdsboro, Pa. He married Elfreda Richard and the following children were born to this union: Frederick m. Mary Moyer and has one child, Henry; Mary m. Harry Brown and has one child, Edna; and Luther. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are members of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A., and politically he is a Democrat, having held the office of township clerk for many years.

Luther Moyer was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and at the age of twelve years he entered the mill department of the Gibraltar Iron Works, where for a number of years he has been employed as heater. He is considered a good mechanic, and his services are highly valued by his employers, who have found him a steady, faithful workman.

In 1896 Mr. Moyer was married to Lizzie Murray, born in Robeson township, daughter of Jacob Murray. One child, Annie, has been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer attend the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is connected with the P. O. S. of A., and the K. G. E., the latter of Birdsboro. Mr. Moyer's present home, a two-story frame house, which he built in 1896, is one of the finest residence properties in Gibraltar.

JOSEPH DETEMPLE, JR., a well known and popular resident of Gibraltar, Pa., where he has spent all of his life, and where he is a forgeman in the pipe mill of the Reading Iron Company, was born April 23, 1876, in Gibraltar, Robeson township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Joseph G. and Mary Detemple.

Joseph Detemple, Jr., received his educational advantages in the public schools of Robeson township, and after leaving school he entered the Gibraltar Iron Works, where he worked at forging for seventeen years. He started at forty-two cents per day, was later advanced to sixty-five cents per day and then to eighty cents, and when work at this forge was discontinued he was earning wages of $2.50 per day. In 1907 Mr. Detemple accepted a position with the Reading Iron Co.'s pipe mill, where he has since continued, giving his employers the best of satisfaction. He is well and favorably known in his community, where he has many warm personal friends.

In 1902, Mr. Detemple was married to Catherine Eichner, daughter of Charles and Frederica (Bauer) Eichner. Mr. and Mrs. Detemple are Roman Catholics in religious belief, and attend St. Paul's Church of that denomination. In political matters Mr. Detemple is a Republican.

THOMAS C. SHERMAN, of Tulpehocken township, who is operating a fertile tract situated near Mount Aetna, Pa., was born Sept. 19, 1877, in Tulpehocken township, son of Simon and Alwildia (Unger) Sherman.

Jacob Sherman, the great-grandfather of Thomas C., resided in Schuylkill county, about where Pinedale is now located, and was the father of three sons: George, Jacob and Daniel, the latter the grandfather of Thomas C. Daniel Sherman was a farmer by occupation and for many years resided near Millersburg, Bethel township, Berks county, but later removed to Tulpehocken township, near Mount Aetna, where he died aged eighty-five years, one month and seventeen days. He was married to Miss Maria Morgan, who bore him the following children: (1) Daniel m. Matilda Kirst, resided on a farm in Bethel township, and later removed to Newmanstown, Lebanon county, where they still reside. (2) William m. Emma Dress and resided in Schuylkill county, where he died aged thirty-two years, having had five children. (3) John lost his life as a

member of the Union army during the Civil war. (4) Charles is married with three children, and resides on a farm near Mount Aetna. (5) Israel, who was a farmer near Mount Aetna, died at the age of forty-nine years, one month and eleven days, leaving a widow, Susan (Wagner) Sherman, and one child. (6) Joseph m. Abbe Borrel, resided near Wintersville and had three children. About ten years before his death, he lost his left hand while operating a threshing machine, and thereafter he engaged in light occupations, and served in the offices of supervisor and tax collector. His death was caused by typhoid fever in 1889, at the age of forty-three years. (7) Susanna m. William Reinhart, a farmer of near Mount Aetna, and has two children. (8) Simon was the father of Thomas C. (9) Priscilla died unmarried aged forty years. The mother of these children died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, three months, seventeen days, and she and her husband were both buried in the cemetery adjoining the Mount Aetna Church.

Simon Sherman, father of Thomas C., was born Sept. 15, 1855, in Bethel township, where he was reared and educated. He married Alwildia Unger, daughter of John and Hannah (Blatt) Unger, and granddaughter of Benjamin Blatt, a farmer of near St. Michael's Church. Her mother died when thirty-nine years old, leaving a large family, of which Mrs. Sherman was the oldest daughter. She was married to Mr. Sherman Sept. 9, 1876, and together they worked on the farm until fifteen years ago, when they purchased the first of the three farms they now own. To this happy union there were born the following children: Thomas Calvin; Jacob Henry m. Mabel Clay, daughter of Levi and Sarah (Hunsicker) Clay, resides in his own home at Mount Aetna, and has four children,—Beatrice Pearl, Edgar and Wistar, twins, and Wimer Jerome; Bertha Valeria m. Hiram Haas and they reside with her parents; Simon Samuel, Jerome Daniel, Broxton Manoah and Reuben are all at home.

Thomas Calvin Sherman spent his early life on his father's farm, where he worked during the summer months, while attending the district schools in the winter terms. He subsequently attended the Mount Aetna high school for some time, since leaving which he has been cultivating one of his father's farms. July 29, 1899, he was married to Martha Schmoke, daughter of George and Rosa (Huoncker) Schmoke, and three children have been born to this union: Paul and Verna, deceased; and Leon Adam.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are members of Salem Reformed Church of Millersburg. Fraternally he is actively connected with Camp No. 69, P. O. S. of A., and in politics he is a Democrat and has held minor township offices.

IRWIN B. KEHS, tinsmith at Bechtelsville, was born March 31, 1877, in Hereford township, Berks county.

Tradition says that three Kehs (Kase or Case) brothers emigrated to America, one settling in Somerset county (Leander Case the millionaire being one of his descendants), one in Northampton county, and the third in Berks county.

Matthias Kehs (Case or Kase) was born in Albany township, Berks county, about 1776, and it is said that his father also bore the name of Matthias. He passed many years in Washington and Hereford townships engaged in farming, and he died at Clayton, in Washington township, in October, 1861, and was laid to rest at Bally. In 1802 he married Mary Kuhns, daughter of John Kuhns, of Washington township, whither Mr. Kehs had a short time before removed from Albany. The children of this marriage were: Maria, who died unmarried; Elizabeth; Polly; Charles, whose son James is of Reading; Margaret; Matthias; David, who died unmarried; and Henry. Two daughters were married to John and Simon Adam, another wedded Xavarius Stengel; and a fourth married John Zimmerman.

Matthias Kehs, son of Matthias, was born in July, 1802, and he died in Hereford township in April, 1866, and was buried at Bally. He was a carpenter, and also owned a small tract of land. He came to Hereford from Lehigh Gap. In 1826 he married at Bally, Rebecca Stahler, who was born in Longswamp township, April 22, 1805, and died in Hereford township April 30, 1895, daughter of Jonathan Stahler, of New Jerusalem, in Rockland township, and his wife, Margaretha Spring. The children born to this marriage were: John, born April 13, 1828, died 1852; William, born Aug. 23, 1829; Samuel, born April 5, 1831, died 1902; Peter, born Sept. 11, 1832, died 1904; Daniel, born Feb. 13, 1834, died 1907; Henry, twin to Daniel, died 1898; George, born Sept. 16, 1835; Joseph, born July 10, 1837; Jonas, 1839; Solomon, born 1840, died 1841; Jeremiah, born 1842; Mary, born 1843; Aaron, born 1845, died 1850; and Nicholas, born 1847.

George S. Kehs, son of Matthias and Rebecca, was born in Hereford township, Sept. 16, 1835. He was reared in the country, and he acquired his education in the old time pay school. He learned the shoemaker's trade when he was twenty-one. For a number of years he worked on the farm, and from 1860 to 1863, he ran an engine in an ore mine. On Dec. 2, 1863, he enlisted in Company K, 47th Pa. V. I., for the Civil war, and was discharged at Charleston, S. C., Sept. 25, 1865. After the war he lived in Lehigh county a short time, and then returned to Hereford township, where he lived near Treichlersville, on his own farm, for thirty-six years. In April, 1904, he and his family came to Bechtelsville, where they have since made their home with their son, Irwin B. Mr. Kehs is now living retired. On April 23, 1871, he married Mary Borcky, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Kuhns) Borcky, and grandfather of Philip and Kate (Renninger) Kuhns, of Washington township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kehs are members of the Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, at Bally, and have reared their family in the Catholic faith. They have had two children: Annie R., who married George R. Bartholomew, proprietor of the "Union House" of Bechtelsville; and Irwin B.

Irwin B. Kehs was reared upon his father's farm, and until he was sixteen years old he attended the public schools. He then learned the tinsmith's trade from J. D. Shiffert, at Chapel, and worked at this at different places about three years. At the end of that time he engaged in business for himself (1898) at Harlem, in Hereford, where he remained two years. In 1900 he came to Bechtelsville, where he has since made his home. He has a hardware and tinware store, carries a full line of goods including stoves, and enjoys a fine local trade. He is very successful, and his place of business is most conveniently located on the main street near the "Union House."

In his political views Mr. Kehs is a Democrat, and he has been very active in his party's interests. For two years he was judge of election, one year inspector, and since 1905 has been tax collector. He is in the strictest sense of the word a self made man, and he deserves to the utmost the high estimation in which he is held.

On Sept. 16, 1899, Mr. Kehs was married to Mary Fichter, daughter of John and Matilda (Schott) Fichter, of Washington township. They have had children: Helen, Annie, Viola, Hulda and Martin, the last named dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kehs are members of the Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church at Bally.

WILLIAM R. HERTZOG, now living retired at Eshbach, Pa., was born in Hereford township, Berks county, Pa., July 4, 1839.

Philip Hertzog, grandfather of William R., was a farmer of Perryville, where he owned about 100 acres of excellent land. He was born July 4, 1777, and died

April 4, 1855, and is buried at Huff's Church. He married a Miss Biddenbender, born May 6, 1782, died Dec. 16, 1869. Their children were: John, a farmer in Greenwich township, Berks county; David, a farmer in Rockland township; Jacob, also a farmer in Rockland township; Solomon, a miller in Hereford township; Philip; and Catharine, wife of Samuel Landis.

Philip Hertzog, son of Philip and father of William R., was born Nov. 27, 1805, and died Sept. 7, 1844, and is buried at Huff's Church. He was a farmer and blacksmith, owning a good farm of about 100 acres near Perryville. He was also engaged in burning rye whiskey, and was very successful in his work. He married Mary Rauch, born Feb. 22, 1807, died Jan. 29, 1849, daughter of David Rauch, of Hereford. Five children blessed this union: Mary died unmarried; Catharine m. Thomas Bierman, of Philadelphia; Susan m. John Hoover, of Pottstown, Pa.; Betzy m. Charles Long, of Pottstown; and William R.

William R. Hertzog received his education in the old pay schools in Hereford township, the school term in those days lasting three or four months each winter. He grew up familiar with farm work, and in 1853 he learned the tailor's trade from Jacob Mensch, in Hereford township. At Landis Store he started in business for himself, carrying on a merchant tailoring establishment for four years. On Oct. 27, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 167th Pa. V. I., and was mustered out Aug. 12, 1863. After the war he became proprietor of Huff's Church Hotel, conducting it four years. In 1868 he bought the "Washington Hotel," at Eshbach, and in the eighteen years he conducted that hostelry became well known to and popular with the traveling public. When he retired and moved to his present residence, he was succeeded by his son Alfred. Mr. Hertzog owns a farm in Washington township, containing ninety-two acres, which were originally in the Isaac Oberholtzer homestead. He has made a number of improvements, and added greatly to the value of the place. Excellent water is to be had there, and is connected with both house and barn. He also owns twenty-five acres at Eshbach, on which the greater part of the town stands. He has been the leading spirit in the development of the town. He built twelve dwellings, and still owns all but two of them. He is a man of enterprise and of business capacity. For twenty-two years he carried on cigar manufacturing in addition to the hotel business, employing from eight to twelve persons. He and David B. Rauch established a three-acre cemetery at Huff's Church in 1891, many lots in which have since been sold.

On Dec. 21, 1861, Mr. Hertzog married (first) Amelia Drumheller, daughter of Reuben and Eliza (Fox) Drumheller, of Pike township. She died Feb. 28, 1886. The children born of this union were: Fienna, 1863-1884; Ida S., 1864-1865; Alfred, born Jan. 1, 1866; Henry, Sept. 17, 1867; William, Dec. 13, 1869; and Agnes, April 1, 1872. Mr. Hertzog m. (second) in 1893, Sarah Seltzer, daughter of Charles Seltzer, of Pike township. To this union has been born a daughter, Iva, now a student in the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown. Mr. Hertzog and his family are members of Huff's Church, of which he has twice been deacon, and is now elder. He was liberal in his donations, and was one of the committee that purchased the present organ and big heater. In politics he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and was delegate to a number of county conventions, and has a number of times served as juryman.

GEORGE W. MILLER (deceased), for many years a prominent dry goods merchant in Reading, was a man whose inflexible honesty and strict adherence to his word made his name a synonym for business integrity all over Berks county, and his career proved conclusively that success need not be attained by dishonest or ignoble methods. Mr. Miller was a native of the city and passed his whole life there.

Samuel Miller, father of George W., was of Welsh ancestry. His wife was Harriet Pearson, and they had a family of three children, George, Hiram and Morris P. In religious belief the family were Presbyterians, and in politics Mr. Miller was a Republican.

George W. Miller was reared practically by his uncle, John Pearson, who was in his day a leading merchant of Reading. The boy was sent to the public schools and he continued to attend until he was well along in his teens, thus acquiring a solid foundation for his future career. On leaving school he entered his uncle's store as a clerk and worked for him for quite a number of years, until he had accumulated sufficient capital to buy out Mr. Pearson. His sole management of the store lasted up to the time of his death, an event which occurred June 24, 1882.

Mr. Miller is survived by his widow, Mrs. Matilda W. (Otto) Miller. She was a daughter of Dr. John B. Otto, of whom mention is made elsewhere. Their marriage took place Nov. 26, 1850, and they were granted nearly thirty-six years of wedded happiness before Mr. Miller's decease. Six children blessed this union, namely: Mary P., who married Walter S. Davis, and has two daughters, Esther and Helen; a child that died in infancy; Henry O., who married Miss Emma Hipple, and is assistant treasurer of the Colonial Trust Company, Reading; John, deceased; Anna P.; and George W., who married Mary, daughter of George F. Boyer, and has one child, Fred. Mr. Miller adhered to the faith of his father, both in religion and politics. He was a good Mason, and had taken a number of degrees, belonging not only to Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., but also to the De-Molay Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar.

NELSON HOFFERT, who is carrying on agricultural pursuits in the Allegheny valley, near Allegheny Church, in Brecknock township, Berks county, was born near the Plow Church, June 21, 1851, son of John and Sarah (Brendel) Hoffert.

John Hoffert, father of Nelson, was born March 15, 1806, son of David Hoffert, and was a lifelong farmer in Brecknock township, on a farm of one hundred and four acres, now owned by his son, Nelson. Throughout life he was a member of the Allegheny Church, where he was buried. Mr. Hoffert's death occurred Sept. 5, 1879. He married Sarah Brendel, born in Brecknock township. She was a daughter of Abraham Brendel, who was born Dec. 21, 1776, and died April 1, 1851. To the union of John and Sarah Hoffert were born nine children: Elizabeth m. Isaac Griffith; Julia m. John Trostle; Catherine m. Benjamin Bealer; Mary m. John Krick; Susan m. Jeremiah Hoschour; John, residing near Mohnton, m. Sarah Steffy; Nelson; Jestina m. John Zerby, of Adamstown; and Sarah died young.

Nelson Hoffert was reared on the farm on which he has lived all of his life, with the exception of two years spent at the carpenter's trade. He began farming for himself in 1875 on the property occupied by his father, to which he has added till he now owns one hundred and forty-five acres of good, fertile soil, producing fine crops. Mr. Hoffert attends the Reading markets, having stands Nos. 223 and 224 at the Bingaman street market, where he disposes of all of his produce and truck. In politics Mr. Hoffert is a Democrat, and he has served as delegate to county conventions. He and his family attend the Allegheny Union Church.

In 1872 Mr. Hoffert was married to Elizabeth Zerbe, born March 3, 1854, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Remp) Zerbe, of Cumru township, and to this union there were born nine children: three who died young; Alice C., m. to Rhine Messner, of Bowmansville; Louisa, m. to Isaac Kramer, of Brecknock; Elizabeth, m. to Howard Remp, of Brecknock; Debbie A., m. to Henry Gring, of Lancaster; John J., who assists his father on the farm; and Susie, who assists her mother at home.

John A. Gramling, born Aug. 19, 1757, died April 30, 1841. His children were: Barbara, born April 9, 1786; Johannes, Jan. 25, 1788, (died Jan. 15, 1797); Jacob, May 17, 1789; Catharine, Nov. 30, 1790; David,

July 15, 1792; Samuel, Oct. 11, 1793; and Joseph, Jan. 18, 1796.

FRANK M. GRILL, one of the well-known young men of Cumru township, who holds a responsible position at the Berks county almshouse, was born July 14, 1873, in Cumru township, near the "Five-Mile House," son of Daniel M. and Mary (Matz) Grill.

Philip Grill, great-grandfather of Frank M., was the owner of a large farm in Spring township, where he died. He was buried at Sinking Spring. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Lesher, were born children as follows: Christina, m. to Philip Kappes; Samuel, who obtained the homestead, and later removed to Ohio; John, who first went to Centre county, Pa., and later to Ohio; Katie, m. to Jacob Hatt; Eliza, m. to Jacob Brossman, and later a resident of Naperville, Ill.; Adam; Philip, m. to Sarah Mohn; and Joseph.

Adam Grill, son of Philip, was born in Spring township Aug. 22, 1793, and died May 21, 1858. He was a lifelong farmer. He married Catherine Mohn, born Jan. 11, 1800, died March 31, 1888, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Albright) Mohn. They became the parents of ten children, namely: Samuel, of Bowmansville, Lancaster county; Catherine, m. to Christian Kress; Elizabeth, m. to Henry Von Neida; Mary, m. to Richard Hornberger; Levi, m. to Mary Eshelman; Sallie, m. to Nicholas Mossier; Adam, on the old home farm, and m. to Sarah Dewees; Lydia, m. to James Leininger; Daniel M.; and Henry, of Oakbrook, Cumru township.

Daniel M. Grill, son of Adam and father of Frank M., was born in Cumru township in 1844, and for many years was a prominent farmer in that township. He now lives at No. 212 South Third street, Reading, in which city he was for a number of years tax collector of the Seventh ward. He married Mary Matz, daughter of William and Sallie (Straub) Matz, and to this union there were born: Charles, a farmer, m. Katie Lewis; Howard, also a farmer, m. Alice Hoetry; Frank M.; and Clara m. Edward Geisweit, of Reading.

Frank M. Grill received a fair education, attending the schools of Cumru township until the age of eighteen years, when he became engaged in agricultural pursuits with his father. On April 1, 1894, he accepted his present position, in which he has served faithfully to the present time, giving universal satisfaction. He owns a fine residence in Shillington, on Lancaster avenue, and he and his wife have a large social circle. Mr. Grill was married to Lizzie Schonnont, daughter of Joseph Schonnont, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Maria. Mr. Grill is a Democrat in politics, but beyond the casting of his vote takes but little interest in political matters. He and Mrs. Grill are members of the Reformed Church, which they attend at Gouglersville.

JOHN DANIEL FENSTERMACHER, late a well-known business man of Fleetwood borough, Berks county, carrying on a flourishing mercantile business, was born in Lynn township, Lehigh Co., Pa., Jan. 14, 1861, son of Daniel S. and Maria (Dietrich) Fenstermacher, residents of that locality.

The great-grandfather of John D. Fenstermacher was Michael Fenstermacher of Longswamp township, who was born in 1717, son of Philip Fenstermacher, who came from the Fatherland. When twenty years of age the latter crossed the ocean on the ship "Samuel," landing at Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1737, and in 1759 he was a resident of Longswamp township, paying there ten pounds tax. One year after Philip Fenstermacher's arrival, one Matthias Fenstermacher came to this country, landing at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1738, and also settled in Longswamp township, he being then sixty years of age. On the ship on which he came was one Jacob and one William Fenstermacher, the former twenty-nine years old, and the latter twenty-five. It is traditional and also substantiated by record that an elderly Fenstermacher with three sons came to this country from Germany, and this Philip was probably the third son.

Daniel Fenstermacher, son of Michael, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, but at an early age settled in Lynn township, Lehigh county, on the farm now owned by his son Daniel S. He was an extensive land owner and a prominent man of his day. Daniel Fenstermacher married Polly Snyder, and they became the parents of these children: Lydia, Polly, Mary, Daniel S. and Peter.

Daniel S. Fenstermacher, father of John D., was born sometime during the second decade of the last century, and has spent all his life in Lynnville, Lehigh county. For the past fifteen years he has lived retired. He owns considerable land, having an excellent 100 acre farm, on which he lives, it also being tenanted by his son, Daniel, who is an extensive potato farmer. He has another farm of 100 acres in the same county, near Stein's Corner, and a large farm at Greenawalt, in Albany township, Berks county, consisting of 218 acres, also belongs to him, besides tracts of woodland in both Berks and Lehigh counties. He and his family are active members of the Reformed denomination of the Lynnville Church, and he donated the land on which the church is built, as well as several acres for a burial ground. Mr. Fenstermacher married Maria Dietrich, who died May 30, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, two months, twenty-nine days. She was the daughter of Johannes and Catherine (Kunkel) Dietrich, and granddaughter of the John Adam Dietrich whose father Adam, emigrated from Southern Germany to Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher had these children: Mary; Sarah died aged about ten years; Polly m. Joseph Tyson; Daniel D. lives on the old homestead; William D. is unmarried and is a carriagemaker by trade; Eliza m. James Knerr; Louisa; Ella m. Richard Bond; and John D.

John D. Fenstermacher worked on his father's farm until he became of age, when he was given a license and conducted a hotel at Greenawalt Station, Greenwich township, Berks county, for a period of six years. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Albany, Berks county, but sold out after two years to begin farming in Hamburg. He also conducted a daily milk route in Hamburg for five years, when he sold out and removed to the borough in order to work in a factory there of which he was a heavy stockholder. After several years he re-purchased his milk route and farmed for two years longer, at the end of which time he again entered the hotel field. For three years he conducted the "Windsor Castle Hotel," later the "Union House," at Fleetwood, for two years, and from the latter place came to Liscum, three miles northwest of Kutztown, where he conducted the "Three Mile House" up to the time of his death. In this he was very successful. In 1906 he built a large new store on Washington street, Fleetwood, which he equipped with all modern appliances for the carrying on of up-to-date mercantile business. He was popular in his community, and considered a good and reliable citizen. Like all of the Fenstermachers, he was a staunch Democrat, and took a great interest in his party's welfare, although he never found time to engage actively in politics. He was a pillar of the Reformed Church, which his wife also attends.

In 1882 John D. Fenstermacher was married to Ella M. Hardinger, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Schappell) Hardinger, farming people of Albany township. No children were born to them. Mr. Fenstermacher died Oct. 28, 1908, after an illness of many months, and his remains were interred in St. John's cemetery.

HENRY E. BARTH, a well known resident of Twenty-third street, Mount Penn borough, where he has made his home since 1900, has for the past several years been employed by the American Amusement Company, at Car-

sonia Park. Mr. Barth was born Dec. 4, 1855, in Reading, Pa., son of Everhart F. and Caroline (Epple) Barth.

Everhart F. Barth, who was born Feb. 4, 1823, in Wittenburg, Germany, came as a young man to America and landed after a sixty-two days' voyage at Philadelphia. After a few months in that city he came to Reading, and followed stone-cutting and, in the winter months, butchering. In 1873 he located upon John Fair's vineyard property along Mount Penn, which he purchased the year following, and upon which he died Nov. 19, 1896. In 1878 the vineyard produced 3,700 pounds of grapes, and Mr. Barth made as much as 3,000 gallons of wine annually, which found a ready market in the stores of the vicinity. Mrs. Barth, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Epple, was a native of the same place as her husband and came to this country in the same ship. To them were born eight children: Frederick, deceased, who was a carpenter of Reading, m. Barbara Sparely; Caroline m. John Fair, a wine merchant of Reading; Mary died in childhood; Henry E.; Catherine died in childhood; John D. is a retired citizen of Mount Penn, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this publication; Mary m. Calvin Canfield, the owner and operator of the old Barth vineyard; and Ellen, who is single, makes her home with Joseph D. Hornberger, of Cumru township.

Henry E. Barth attended the Reading schools until fifteen years of age, his last teacher being the Hon. James N. Ermentrout, President Judge of Berks county courts. After leaving school Mr. Barth began working in the Scott foundry, a branch of the Reading Iron Works, and there continued one and one-half years. In 1873 his parents removed to the John Fair vineyard, then in Alsace and later in Lower Alsace township, now Mount Penn borough, and here young Barth assisted his father until 1876, when he became employed by August L. Wentzel, on whose truck farm he worked for three years. In 1880 Mr. Barth began working for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, as blacksmith helper, a position he held until 1895. The following year was spent in Robeson township, where he farmed during the summer months and butchered in the winter. From 1896 to 1899 he was butcher and gardener at the Berks County alms house. Since 1900 Mr. Barth has made his home in Mount Penn, and owns a residence on Twenty-third street. In 1902 he became employed by the American Amusement Company, at Carsonia Park, where his sons are also employed. They are deputized by the court and have police authority.

In political matters Mr. Barth is a Democrat, and has been active in the ranks of his party, being chosen to positions of honor and trust by his fellow citizens. He was auditor of Lower Alsace township for six years and constable for three years, serving in both offices at the same time. He was also first constable of Mount Penn and efficiently filled the office for three years. Mr. Barth was active in the organization of the borough and has ever been ready to assist in any movement calculated to advance its interests. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Church, of Reading, and he helped to organize Faith Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon. He has been a trustee of Aulenbach cemetery since 1902.

On Sept. 2, 1876, Mr. Barth was united in marriage with Emma K. Hilbert, born July 31, 1858, daughter of John and Rebecca (Keehn) Hilbert and granddaughter of George and Nancy (Wessner) Hilbert. To them were born children as follows: Caroline R. m. John Phillips, a farmer of Bern township; John W. m. Katie Noll, of Mount Penn; Charles F. and Monroe G., single, are at home; H. Edwin died in 1902 at the age of sixteen years; Winfield I., Emma L. and Howard E. all died in infancy; Robert C. died Feb. 7, 1907, aged fourteen years, one month and twenty days; and Elsie M. died in infancy.

THOMAS LUCKENBILL, a retired farmer of Perry township, who for many years carried on operations here, is a native of Berks county, born in Greenwich township, March 7, 1836, son of Thomas and Anna (Wink) Luckenbill.

Johan Ekel Luckenbill, the ancestor of this family in America, emigrated from Germany, near the Swiss boundary, on the ship "Thistle," which landed at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730. On the same ship was one Hendrick Luckenbill, and it is traditional that these two pioneers were brothers. Johan E. Luckenbill had eight children: (1) Maria m. Michael Deibert, or Divert, and settled in Schuylkill county. (2) Heinrich m. Catherine Weber, who tradition says was of Swiss extraction. In 1759 he was a taxable resident of Maxatawny township, Berks county, owning land in the vicinity of Bowers. He removed later to Wayne township, Schuylkill county, and shortly before his death became totally blind. His children were: Adam, Henry, Solomon, George, Susanna, Sophia, Rebecca and Beckie. (3) Abraham m. Eva Lengel, and had these children: John, Abraham, Jonas, Emanuel, Kate, Rebecca, Sallie and Eva. (4) John m. Polly West and had two children: Isaac and Mary. (5) Andraes m. Miss Lengel and their children were: George, Joel, Sallie, Judith, Diana and Maria. (6) Christian. (7) George, of whose history no records are in evidence. (8) Another son whose name is unknown.

Christian Luckenbill, son of Johan Ekel, lived in Berks county for some years, but in 1790 he and a brother, George, were taxable residents of Manheim township, Schuylkill county. His date of birth, number of children and date and place of death are not known, but it is traditional that after 1800 he returned to Berks county, and was buried at Bowers Church in Maxatawny township, where he had a farm.

Christian Luckenbill, grandfather of Thomas W., was an extensive farmer, owning 407 acres of land, and built the house and barn on the homestead, in the vicinity of which he was well and favorably known. He was married to Catherine Kline, of Maxatawny township, (born Nov. 13, 1780, died April 20, 1854), and they had five children: Thomas, Leah, Elizabeth, Benjamin and David.

Thomas Luckenbill, son of Christian, was born in 1800, and died at the age of sixty-three years. He lived in Greenwich township above Lenhartsville for four years before locating, in 1835, on the old homestead which consisted of 254 acres. He was an upright and honest citizen and an elder of Zion's Union Church, of the Reformed denomination. Mr. Luckenbill was married in 1830 to Anna Wink, daughter of Jacob Wink, and to this union there were born children as follows: Augustus, died aged ten years; Edwin m. Sophia Becker; James m. Eliza Heinly; Thomas; Sarah Ann m. Simon Adam; Louisiana died in infancy; Jacob m. Mary Heller; Simon m. Elizabeth Lesher; Alfred m. Mary Maury; and Cyrus m. Susanna De Turk.

Thomas Luckenbill obtained a good education, first attending pay and later public schools for several winters, and then worked on his father's farm until thirty years of age. In 1868 he bought the homestead and began farming on his own account, at which he successfully continued until 1882, when he retired and rented his farm. It consists of 140 acres of good fertile soil. Politically Mr. Luckenbill is a Democrat, and a strong party man, attending county conventions of his party, serving as delegate from his district and in many ways proving his public spirit. Among other trusts given to the care of Mr. Luckenbill was the guardianship of the four children of Simon Adam, namely: Thomas F., whose son, Wilson J., lives on Mr. Luckenbill's farm and who married a Miss Mengel, by whom he has had a daughter, Mabel Louise; Cyrus; Simon and Annie

Mr. Luckenbill was married Feb. 1, 1868, to Angeline Heinly, daughter of Jacob D. and Polly (Folk) Heinly, and granddaughter of Johannes Heinly. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Luckenbill.

ALBERT O. MINKHOUSE, who is now living at No. 932 Muhlenberg street, Reading, was for thirteen years engaged in the barbering business at Fifth and Laurel streets. His birth occurred Nov. 5, 1864, in

this city, son of Francis F. and Marie E. (Moyer) Minkhouse.

Francis F. Minkhouse, born in Osnabruck, Hanover, Germany, in 1820, there learned his trade of cabinetmaker. He came to America in 1844, landing in Philadelphia, where he worked in the sugar refining works for fifteen years. He took out his naturalization papers in Philadelphia. In 1859 he came to Reading and worked for Mr. Wells in the planing mill at Oak and Cherry streets, and was the first to introduce in the city of Reading fancy brackets for houses. He then worked at Kantner's organ factory, making Reading his home. He bought property at No. 317 Spruce street, and there died May 31, 1882. He was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was married three times. His third wife was Marie E. (Moyer) Keehn, born July 15, 1822, died Feb. 9, 1905. He was a Lutheran, while her faith was that of the Methodist Church. The only child of the third marriage was Albert O.

Albert O. Minkhouse received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a boy of fourteen years apprenticed himself to the barber's trade with his stepbrother, William H. Keehn, at Pearl and Bingaman streets, whom he worked with for seven years. At the end of this time Mr. Minkhouse opened tonsorial parlors at the northwest corner of Fifth and Laurel streets, and there he continued very successfully for thirteen years, when owing to failing health he sold out. In his political belief Mr. Minkhouse is independent, although he is public-spirited and a stanch supporter of all movements calculated to benefit the community.

B. FRANK KURTZ, of Caernarvon township, Berks county, where he is engaged in milling, was born Feb. 4, 1851, at the Kurtz Mills, son of John and Harriet (Gabriel) Kurtz.

John Kurtz, the great-great-grandfather of B. Frank Kurtz, emigrated from Germany to Scotland, where he married a Scotch lady, and later came to America, settling in Big Valley, Chester Co., Pa. He was a miller by trade, as were his five sons, who manufactured flour for the American army during the Revolutionary war, concealing this flour in the large mill chimney where the British soldiers were unable to find it. One of John Kurtz's sons, named Christian, the great-grandfather of B. Frank, was born in Chester county, and died there. Both he and his wife were buried at Fair View Church.

Jacob Kurtz, the grandfather of B. Frank, was born in Joanna, Berks county, and he and his wife, Ann (Shingle) Kurtz, were buried near there at Harmony Church.

John Kurtz, the father of B. Frank, was born at Kurtz Mills, Feb. 3, 1818, and died Aug. 17, 1882. He was a miller by trade, and when a young man removed to Warwick, Chester county, where he became manager of the Warwick mills. In 1859 he purchased the Kurtz mills from the Bull Estate, and continued to operate them until his death in 1882. Mr. John Kurtz and Mr. Jacobs were the prime movers in the establishment of the New Caernarvon Cemetery at Morgantown, and Mr. Kurtz was the first man to be interred in the burial ground he labored so hard to establish. He was a prominent man of his community, and was a county commissioner from 1864 to 1867.

John Kurtz married Harriet Gabriel, who was born near Joanna, Sept. 25, 1820, and died at Kurtz Mills, Feb. 17, 1866. To them were born these children: Thomas; Sara, born Sept. 15, 1844, who died Jan. 8, 1847; William B., who lives in Portland, Ore.; Jacob; B. Franklin; Mary m. F. Sheler; Tamsen m. (first) to a Mr. Plank, and (second) to J. H. Wells; Maggie, m. to Mr. Albright and living at York, Pa.; Clara E., m. to William E. Grim and living at Honeybrook, Chester county; and J. Edward, who lives at The Dalles, Oregon.

B. Frank Kurtz attended the public schools of his native township and a select school of Morgantown, Pa., taught by Professor Hyke, and after completing his education learned milling with his father, who at that time operated the Kurtz mills. In the spring of 1883 he purchased these mills, his father having died the previous fall, and the operation of this enterprise has been his occupation to the present time. In 1892 he remodeled the mills, introducing the roller process, and the output now exceeds 200 barrels of flour monthly, in addition to a very large exchange trade, as well as over twenty tons of feed and a large custom trade. Besides the mills, Mr. Kurtz owns a fine farm of some seventy-five acres, and his well known integrity and honesty, as well as his business capacity, have caused him to be chosen as administrator of numerous estates, including the Unangst estate, which necessitated a trip to St. Louis.

On May 1, 1879, Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Laura A. Good, born Feb. 21, 1858, daughter of Owen B. and Sara A. (Mast) Good. The former was born Nov. 22, 1813, and died Feb. 7, 1885, and the latter was born in 1823, and died May 10, 1858. Both are buried in the Byler Cemetery, near Elverson, Pa. Mrs. Kurtz's grandparents were John and Barbara (Brunner) Good. To Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kurtz have been born eight children: (1) Sara Adella, born April 10, 1881, m. to Harry Plank, lives at Kurtz mills, and has two children,—David K., born June 30, 1901, and Luther, born July 20, 1906. (2) Fannie Verge, born Jan. 27, 1884, who is an accomplished vocalist, was an expert stenographer with Shattach & Michmer in the Land Title Building, Philadelphia. She married Dr. George Maxwell, a skilled dentist and optician of Bristow, Nebr. (3) Laura Ellena, born Oct. 19, 1887, affectionately called Lena, is an accomplished musician. (4) Marie Mast, born July 2, 1890, graduated from the Morgantown high school when sixteen years of age, and is now a teacher in the Caernarvon public schools. (5) Charles Franklin was born July 16, 1892. (6) John Winfield was born April 2, 1894. (7) Harold Ethelbert was born Sept. 27, 1897. (8) Verna Heintz was born Jan. 26, 1902.

Mr. Kurtz is a stanch Democrat, and that he is very popular in Caernarvon township is evinced by the fact that although the district in which he resides is strongly Republican, his neighbors have on numerous occasions chosen him to fill township offices. He has been a delegate from Caernarvon to more than twenty county conventions, a member of the county standing committee for over twenty years, delegate to the State convention that nominated Robert E. Pattison for his second term as governor of Pennsylvania, and a delegate to the National convention at Kansas City, in 1900, when for the second time William J. Bryan was nominated for the presidency. In the campaign of 1907 he was one of the leading candidates for the nomination for clerk of quarter sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have traveled extensively, having visited the Pacific coast and traveled through much of the West. Mr. Kurtz's religious affiliations are with the St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Morgantown, while Mrs. Kurtz is an adherent of the Methodist faith. They have a beautiful home at Kurtz Mills, and are highly esteemed by their neighbors and many friends.

J. L. PLANK, who for a number of years has held the office of justice of the peace in Caernarvon township, is a substantial agriculturist of Morgantown, where he owns a valuable property. Mr. Plank was born Sept. 21, 1848, son of David K. and Susan H. (Evans) Plank, and grandson of Jacob Plank. David K. Plank, who was born Oct. 21, 1821, was for many years connected with the Keystone State Bank of Reading, Pa., and was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen. Two sons were born to David K. Plank and his wife: J. L.; and Charles M., who is yardmaster of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Mahanoy City.

J. L. Plank received his education in the common schools of Lancaster county, and early in life engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has followed successfully to the present time. He has been prominent in Republican politics, having for some years been a school director and justice of the peace. He and his family are members of the Morgantown Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is serving as trustee.

Mr. J. L. Plank was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Foreman, born April 1, 1850 and to them there have been born five children. (1) Wanita Florence; (2) Harry F. m. Sara Adella Kurtz, by whom he has two children: David K., born June 30, 1901; and Luther, born July 20, 1906. (3) Edward H. m. Eva Duchman, by whom he has four children—Grace Mildred, Ethel D., Frederick and Donald. (4) D. Ralph. (5) A. Earl.

HENRY ALBERT HALBEISEN, a well-known resident of Mt. Penn borough, Berks county, who is engaged in the painting and decorating business, was born June 18, 1861, in Louisville, Ky., son of George and Criszentia (Brutsky) Halbeisen.

George Halbeisen was a native of Germany, and there married Criszentia Brutsky, by whom he had two children: Henry Albert and Catherine, a Sister of St. Francis. Mrs. Halbeisen died after they came to Kentucky and Mr. Halbeisen was married (second) to Sophia Brutsky, his first wife's sister, and there were four children born to this union: Annie, deceased, who was organist for St. Paul's Church, Camden, N. J.; Charles, an artist of Camden; William P., a physician and surgeon of that city; and one child, Albert, who died in infancy. George Halbeisen was a tailor by trade, and on coming to America followed that occupation for some time at Louisville, Ky., later removing to Philadelphia, where for thirty-five years he was in the employ of John Wanamaker as head cutter. He died after living in retirement for some time at Camden, N. J., his death occurring in 1903, in his eighty-fourth year.

Henry Albert Halbeisen was reared in Louisville, Ky., and at Philadelphia, at which latter city he was educated in the parochial schools until twelve years of age, when he went to the La Salle Institute. After leaving the latter institution, Mr. Halbeisen learned the trade of decorator with Keiser & Hertzog of Philadelphia, soon thereafter locating in Reading in the employ of George Seigling, a church decorator, with whom he remained two years and six months. Mr. Halbeisen then began operating on his own account, decorating two churches in Minersville, but later entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, doing decorating on the ceilings of coaches for six months. He then engaged in general decorating in Reading, in which city he continued until the spring of 1904, when he removed to Mt. Penn. In April, 1907, Mr. Halbeisen took his sons into partnership and the firm became known as Halbeisen & Sons. This concern does a large business not only in Mt. Penn, but in the surrounding country as well and they have had a number of large contracts in Philadelphia. On locating in Mt. Penn, Mr. Halbeisen purchased a property and erected a fine residence, later putting up a building adjacent, which he uses as a paper store. He is a member of the Holy Cross and Boniface's orders, of the Union Fire Company and the Mt. Penn Fire Company. The family are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

On Sept. 19, 1882, Mr. Halbeisen was married to Miss Susie Heckman, daughter of George and Mary (O'Boyle) Heckman, natives of Chester and Berks counties respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Halbeisen have four children, all of whom reside at home: Crescentia, George H., Charles E. and Annie.

F. B. DE HART, proprietor of De Hart's Riding School and of a first-class livery, sale and exchange stable, Reading, was born in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa., son of George W. and Leah (Bortner) De Hart.

George W. De Hart, who was well known as a cattle drover and veterinarian, was toll-gate keeper at the Oley Line, where he died in 1905, aged sixty-eight years. He married Leah Bortner, a native of Berks county, and to them were born eight children: Libbie; Mary; Catherine m. Eli Dick; Anna M., deceased; George W., of Baltimore, Md.; F. B.; Jacob, of Washington, D. C.; and Charles, a clerk. In religious belief the father was a Lutheran, while the mother belonged to the Reformed denomination.

F. B. De Hart was educated in the schools of Exeter township, and after completing his literary training was employed by Samuel Rhoads, at Eighth and Court streets until 1886, when he engaged in butchering for Frederick Brothers, remaining with this firm for some time, and then was employed by E. B. Lutz, with whom he continued three and one-half years. Mr. De Hart then engaged in a drover business, renting a stable at Eighth and Buttonwood streets, later being located at Poplar and Court streets, and later at the old Weitzel stable, where the high school now stands. From that location, in 1904, he came to his present place No. 417 Paul street, where he does a large business, having twenty-two livery horses and first-class carriages. Mr. De Hart resides at No. 935 Washington street, Reading, and has a large acquaintance. He is a member of the Reading Driving Association, the Turner's Club, and the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. De Hart was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Dubson.

J. EDWARD DETAMPLE, who has for a number of years been connected with the Gibraltar Iron Works in the capacity of forgeman, was born May 30, 1873, in Robeson township, Berks county, son of Joseph and Mary Detample.

J. Edward Detample received his education in the common schools of his native locality, after leaving which he entered the forge as a helper, after two years arising to the position of foreman, which he has held with the Gibraltar Iron Works for the past seventeen years, with the exception of two years spent at Seifert's rolling mill. He is considered an expert in his line, and is respected by his fellow workmen and valued by his employers.

On Sept. 2, 1893, Mr. Detample was united in marriage with Miss Emma Haws, daughter of John Haws, and three children have been born to this union: Irene, Esther and Elsie. The family are members of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Detample is a Democrat.

PETER S. SCHWOYER. Among the well-known and prosperous young farmers of the northeastern end of Richmond township, Berks county, may be mentioned Peter S. Schwoyer, who was born Dec. 12, 1868, on the farm on which he now resides, son of Solomon M. Schwoyer, and grandson of John Schwoyer.

Christian Sweyer, the great-grandfather of Peter S., came to this country about the middle of the eighteenth century with his brothers Heinrich, Samuel and Esau. Cosmus Schwoyer, who is now nearly eighty-one years of age, says that he distinctly remembers that his father and mother often said that the family came from France. Christian Sweyer married a Miss Keyser, and had the following children: Peter, Christian, Jonathan, Malinda and John. John Schwoyer was one of the leading agriculturists of his day, owning 100 acres of land all situated in Richmond township with the exception of 110 acres, which lay in Maxatawny township, the latter now being owned by his grandson Jacob Schwoyer. John Schwoyer married Polly Merkel, daughter of Casper Merkel of Richmond, and to this union there were born children as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham Hoch, of Bernville; Anna who married Jacob Deysher; Kate; Maria; Florenda; John, who settled at Hamburg; Jacob of Richmond

township; Stanley of Kutztown; Solomon and Daniel, twins; Daniel, who died in infancy; and Cosmus, who lives on Main street, Fleetwood.

Solomon M. Schwoyer was a most highly respected citizen and prosperous farmer, owning 300 acres of highly cultivated land in Richmond township. He was a member of Moselem Church, serving that body as trustee for eight years and as treasurer for a period of twelve years. In 1855 he was married to Lovina Seisholtz, daughter of Samuel Seisholtz, and to them were born these children: Eliza, the wife of Charles Kutz, a former miller of Greenwich township, now living retired at Kutztown, Pa.; John A., the well-known coal and lumber dealer of Kutztown; Jacob S., a farmer of Richmond township; and Peter S.

Peter S. Schwoyer received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native township. On April 8, 1893, he married Miss Anna M. Bieber, daughter of John and Brigetta (Schwoyer) Bieber, who resided in Maxatawny township about two miles east of Kutztown, Pa. To this union one son has been born: John D., Feb. 18, 1894, who is attending the Kutztown Normal School. Peter S. Schwoyer has resided on his present farm all of his life. He is a good type of the Pennsylvania farmer, sturdy, energetic and enterprising. He is a good farmer, a kind neighbor, a public-spirited citizen and a Christian gentleman. The buildings on his farm are large and substantially built, and he has water connection in the house, yard and barn. Mr. Schwoyer is the possessor of an interesting collection of old dishes, and also owns one of the few "grandfather" clocks made by Daniel Oyster, which was owned by his grandfather, John Schwoyer, and which has been standing in the same house for over 110 years. Mr. Schwoyer is a consistent member of Moselem Lutheran Church, with which he is officially connected. He earnestly supports the Democratic party.

John Bieber, father of Mrs. Peter S. Schwoyer, married Brigetta Schwoyer, daughter of Samuel Schwoyer, whose wife was a Kutz. To this union were born: Clara, wife of Allen Butz, deceased; Rev. Milton J., a missionary of the Lutheran faith, stationed in New York; Dr. U. S. G., a veterinarian at Kutztown; Anna M., Mrs. Schwoyer; Robert S., an electrician in New York; and Jonathan E., of Columbus, Ohio.

TOBIAS FAMILY. The family bearing the name Tobias, as it appears in some of the early records, has found a home in Berks county through a full century and a half. In the present time are found several representatives who are living good and useful lives, and proving themselves of that class of citizens that gives to any community its real strength. Among these may be mentioned Albert H. Tobias, superintendent of the George H. Hendel hat factory at Edison; Charles H. Tobias, brick manufacturer at Hamburg; Herman R. Tobias, connected with the Consumers Gas Company, Reading; and Solomon H. Tobias, grocer at No. 134 West Oley street, Reading.

(I) George Tobias, a native of Germany, emigrated to America and settled in Bern township, Berks county, Pa., where he became the owner of a large plantation. His will, on record in Will Book A, page 185, was made Nov. 14, 1789, and probated March 16, 1790. The witnesses were John Tobias and Henry Gettle, and the executors, John Shartle and John Christian Allbright. In the distribution of his property he says "my seven children shall have share and share alike." His son John, probably the eldest, was to receive the homestead plantation, for which he was to pay £600. Other sons were: George, John Christian (the youngest in the family), Benjamin (who in 1806-07 was a taxable in Bethel township), William (also a taxable in Bethel township in 1806-07).

(II) John Tobias, eldest son of George, was a farmer in Bern township. The maiden name of his wife was Kline. His children were: Abraham, Elizabeth, Samuel, Peter and Jacob, the three last named going to Ohio about 1835.

(III) Abraham Tobias, son of John, was married Feb. 20, 1825, to Hannah Hartman, and they had thirteen children: Rachel, born Dec. 18, 1825; Sarah, Jan. 22, 1827; Hannah, Dec. 15, 1828; Froene, Sept. 18, 1830; Elizabeth, March 7, 1832; Esther, March 3, 1834; Rebecca, Dec. 8, 1835; Catharine, Sept. 30, 1837; Johannes, Dec. 6, 1838; Judith, March 12, 1842; Maria, March 7, 1844; Daniel, Sept. 19, 1845; and Lydia, Sept. 29, 1848.

(II) George Tobias, son of George, the ancestor, became a farmer in Heidelberg township. His will, made Sept. 19, 1820, and probated Jan. 22, 1821, is on record in Book D, page 274. The witnesses to the will were Peter Anspach and Jacob Baker, and the executors, John Royer and Christ Battorf. George Tobias and his wife Anna Elizabeth had three children: Solomon, Anna Maria and Catharine. The two last named were under age when the father died, and Michael Tobias was appointed their guardian.

From the tax lists it is found that in 1781 John Tobias paid taxes in Heidelberg township; in 1785 Ludwig and George Tobias, brothers, and Jacob, Peter and John Tobias paid taxes in Bern township; and in 1807 Benjamin, William and Christian paid taxes in Bethel township.

(Ia) Ludwig Tobias was the ancestor of a large family that had its seat in Bern township, Berks county. He was born June 24, 1739, and came from the Old World with a brother George prior to the Revolution. He was a farmer, owning a large tract of land in Bern township, along the Schuylkill river. He died Sept. 27, 1810, and his wife, Sophia, born Dec. 10, 1734, died Feb. 18, 1821; they are both buried at Epler's' church, of which they were members. Among their children were: (1) Ludwig, born July 12, 1763, died in Bern township Sept. 26, 1826. His wife was Elizabeth Strunck, and they had six sons and seven daughters, among these being Jonathan (1800-1805); and Jacob (1803-1883), whose son Charles was the father of Irwin. (2) Michael remained in Bern township. (3) Jonathan, born May 3, 1773, died April 23, 1855. (4) Christian, born March 5, 1775, died April 10, 1815. (5) Andrew, born April 30, 1778, married Catharine Lerch, had two sons and four daughters, and died Aug. 28, 1823. (6) John Jacob, born about 1781, died 1825, at Reading. (7) Daniel was a clergyman, and resided at Milton, Pennsylvania.

(IIa) Jonathan Tobias, second son of Ludwig, was born in Bern township May 3, 1773. He married Catharine Hain (born July 12, 1778, died April 3, 1845), and among their children were: John H.; Samuel; Maria, who married Henry Fleicher; Rebecca, who married Benjamin Reber; Elizabeth, who married Henry Body; and Eliza, who married Benjamin Haas.

(IIIa) John H. Tobias, son of Jonathan and Catharine, was born in Bern township, on the old Tobias homestead. He followed farming on this property all his life, and was most successful. When the Bushong bank failed he lost his deposits, amounting to $12,000. In 1836 he married Mary Rapp, born in 1814, daughter of Henry Rapp. She died Jan. 5, 1892. They had nine children, namely: (1) Elizabeth, born March 6, 1837, died Feb. 4, 1902. She married (first) Franklin Noecker, by whom she had four children, Elizabeth, Frank, Mary and Sally, and (second) Lewis Schmehl. (2) Henry, born April 21, 1838, married Catharine Yarnell, had children—Mary, Annie, Lewis, Hiram and Harry—and died in August, 1905. (3) Catharine, born Dec. 20, 1839, married Charles Noecker, of Bern township, and had two children, Charles and John. They moved to Reading, where Mr. Noecker died. Mrs. Noecker died Nov. 25, 1900. (4) Ellen, born March 31, 1841, died Dec. 23, 1904, married Romanus Hafer, of Temple, and their children were: Alice, Adam and Mary. (5)

Jonathan, born in September, 1843, married (first) Ellen Maderie, and had children—Sallie, John, Harry, Edward, James, Minnie and Raymond. His second wife was Kate Olinger. (6) John, born March 10, 1845, was killed May 2, 1882, while working in a stone quarry at Leinbachs, in Bern township. He married Isabella Shalter, and had children—Charles, Kate, Lizzie, Rosa and Thomas. (7) Mary, born Oct. 15, 1846, married Amandon Dundore, and had two children, Lilly and Harry. (8) Miss Sarah was born May 18, 1849. (9) Herman R. is mentioned below. In politics Mr. Tobias was a Democrat. The family belonged to the Reformed Church.

(IVa) HERMAN R. TOBIAS, son of John H., was born in Bern township, March 7, 1856, and was educated in the schools of the vicinity. One of his schoolmates, with whom he attended eight terms, was Attorney Shearer, of Reading, and his first teacher was Daniel Benner. Mr. Tobias worked on the farm until he was nineteen years of age. He learned the wheelwright's trade, at which he worked some years, and then engaged in work at a stone quarry until 1881, when he located in Reading and engaged with William R. McIlvain & Sons, continuing with this firm for a period of fifteen years. He then accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as assistant foreman of construction, resigning this to enter the Carpenter Steel Works, where he remained until July 5, 1904, at which time he entered the employ of the Consumers Gas Company, with which concern he has since been connected.

On May 17, 1874, Mr. Tobias was united in marriage with Mary M. Sausley, born Nov. 5, 1856, daughter of David and Matilda (Rothermel) Sausley, and to this union have been born four children: Ella E. born Oct. 9, 1879, who is at home; and three that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias are members of the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with Mr. Penn Lodge, K. P., and the Royal Arcanum.

(IIIa) Samuel Tobias, son of Jonathan, was born in Bern township Nov. 7, 1812, and died March 27, 1897, when aged eighty-four years; interment took place at Epler's Church. He owned a small farm near Epler's school. He married Mary Gicker (also called Polly), daughter of Jacob Gicker, and their children were: Jacob, living at Leesport; Daniel, deceased; Kate, who married Cornelius Moyer; William; Samuel, of Schuylkill county; and Mary. The two last named were twins, born March 9, 1855.

(IVa) William Tobias, son of Samuel, was born in Bern township, Nov. 26, 1850, and has always followed farming. In 1901 he bought his present place of six acres at "Leinbach's Hotel." Since 1898 he has been engaged to some extent in fence making. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of Epler's Reformed Church. On Sept. 2, 1871, he married Susanna H. Hoyer, who died June 29, 1882, the mother of five children: Harry, of Bern township; Solomon H.; Peter, who died aged twenty-seven years; Nora, who married Evan Bellman, of Reading; and Mamie, who married Charles Seidel, and lives at Reading. Mr. Tobias married (second) Matilda Umbenhouer, daughter of Franklin and Louisa (Gruber) Umbenhouer, and the children of this union are: Miss Laura; Jennie, who married James Roth, of Reading; and Charles and Howard, at home.

(Va) SOLOMON H. TOBIAS, son of William, was born in Bern township Aug. 24, 1873. His intellectual training was obtained at home and in the public schools of his district. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in the large store of H. F. Body, at Riverside, where he remained for seventeen years. He then engaged in the grocery business on his own account, at his present location, No. 134 West Oley street, Reading, where he enjoys a large trade, and keeps a fine stock of the best in his line. He has a high reputation and is deserving of the success that has attended his efforts. In politics he supports the Democratic party. He is a member of the Artisans of Mutual Protection. With his family he attends Olivet Reformed Church at Reading, of which for many years he was a deacon. Mr. Tobias married Mary Matz, daughter of Henry Matz, of Cumru township, and they have had four children, namely: Irwin and Mary C., deceased; William E., and Calvin.

(IIa) John Jacob Tobias, son of Ludwig, was born about 1781, and died at Reading in 1825. He was a carpenter. His wife was Polly Geiger, and their children were: John; Mary, who married Israel Morris; Peggy, who married Hiram Yeager; William, who married Mary Bower, and had Clinton, Alwilda (m. to Frank Auman, of Birdsboro) and Kate (of Massachusetts); Catharine, who married Frank Sell, and had a daughter Mary (m. to a Mr. Finger); Jonathan; and Edward, who married Sarah Seider, and had children—Willis, Frank, Mary and Nora.

(IIIa) John Tobias, son of John Jacob, was born at Reading Sept. 20, 1816, and died at Hamburg March 20, 1903. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it during the winters, while his summers were devoted to the making of bricks. On April 7, 1837, he located in Hamburg as a brickmaker, and for several seasons worked for Squire Miller. He then engaged in the business on his own account, following it until his retirement, about twenty years before his death. He was a Republican, and in 1879 served as chief burgess. He was twice married. On April 7, 1840, he married Hannah Albrecht, daughter of Frederick Albrecht, of Hamburg, and they had two sons, Albert F. and William A., of Reading (who had two sons, John and William). After the death of his first wife he married, Nov. 3, 1845, Annetta Schappell, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Smith) Schappell, of Schuylkill county, Pa. To this union were born: Charles H.; John A., deceased, who married Bella Faust; Mary C., deceased, wife of William G. Sheradin; J. Daniel, deceased, who married Lovina Baer; Sarah E., deceased, who was an invalid for thirty years; and Leonora E., wife of William Baer.

(IVa) CHARLES H. TOBIAS, son of John, and now a prominent resident of Hamburg, where he is engaged as a brick manufacturer, was born in that town, on South Third street, Jan. 22, 1847. He obtained a good education in the public schools of the town, among his instructors being the Rev. B. D. Zweitzig and J. H. Jacobs, then principals of the school. He began working for his father in the brickyard, and continued there until 1882, when he entered into partnership with his brother John A., and brother-in-law, William G. Sheradin, under the firm name of Tobias Bros. & Co., with which he has since been connected. Since 1901 the firm has been known as Tobias & Sheradin. Their large yard is located in West Hamburg, and the daily capacity is 30,000 bricks, about 4,000,000 bricks being turned out annually. Fifty men are employed. They make a specialty of the red clay brick, for which they find a ready market throughout Berks, Schuylkill and Luzerne counties.

In his political views Mr. Tobias is a Republican, and he has on several occasions served as delegate to county conventions; he has been school director and tax collector. He has been a deacon in the Reformed Church of Hamburg, to which church his family all belong. He has ever contributed freely to church work, and gave liberally toward the erection of the present building. He and his sister, Mrs. William G. Sheradin contributed the beautiful figures of Faith, Hope and Charity back of the pulpit.

On Oct. 24, 1868, Mr. Tobias married Mary R. Wagner, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca (Renno) Wagner, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Balthaser) Renno. To this union have been born: Frank Irving, who married Cora Yeager, and has two daughters,

Mary E. and Anna C.; Clinton Calvin, who died aged two years, four months; and Laura Kate, who married Henry Diener, and has one son, Charles H.

(IIIa) Jonathan Tobias, son of John Jacob and Polly, was born in Bern township July 11, 1823, and died May 11, 1904, in the eighty-first year of his age. He was very successful in his business undertakings, and for fifty-two years was engaged as a wholesale oyster and truck dealer at Reading. He made his home at No. 411 Washington street, that city, from 1855 until 1892, when he retired from business, and moved to Edison. From the time he was twenty-one until he retired he had made his home in Reading. He married Fietta Gilbert, daughter of Henry G. and Rebecca (Gilbert) Gilbert, and granddaughter of Henry Gilbert, whose wife was also a Gilbert. Their children were: Albert H.; and Wilson G., born Feb. 11, 1856, who died July 2, 1900, in Reading (his wife's name was Nettie).

(IVa) Albert H. Tobias, son of Jonathan, is now superintendent of the George H. Hendel & Sons hat factory at Edison (now Shillington) Pa. He was born at Reading May 9, 1852, was educated in the public schools and in Prof. D. B. Brunner's private school, attending the latter two years and at the age of eighteen entered the employ of Schrader & Kline, furniture dealers, with whom he remained three years, having charge of their finishing department. In 1870 he began working for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and in 1874 was honored by that company by being intrusted with the running of the first passenger train in its service with an air brake; this was between Philadelphia and Pottsville. He remained in the company's service for seven years, enjoying a most creditable record for the entire time. His next employers were John Hendel Brothers, wool hat manufacturers, of Reading. At the end of one year he associated himself with the firm of George Hendel & Brothers, now George H. Hendel & Sons, manufacturers of fur hats, at Edison, now Shillington. He was first placed in charge of the shipping and packing department, but in 1895 became superintendent of the large industry. When this firm commenced business there were only thirty employes, but there are now 225. In 1874 Mr. Tobias built the first house in the village of Edison (now Shillington), and in 1902 he built his present comfortable modern residence in the same village, on a lot adjoining his first home.

Fraternally Mr. Tobias belongs to St. John's Lodge No. 485, F. & A. M., Reading; to the Sr. O. U. A. M., of Mohnton; Jr. O. U. A. M., of Reading; and Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 485, of Mohnton. He and his family are charter members of St. Luke's Union Evangelical Church, at Edison, of which he is now trustee and treasurer. He was a member of the building committee when the present edifice was erected, and he has always been a liberal contributor to the support of the church and its work.

On April 15, 1877, Mr. Tobias was married to Mary S. Mohn, daughter of James and Hannah (Spatz) Mohn, and they have three children: (1) Kate M. married Charles Lorah, of Shillington, and has a son, Henry A.; (2) Maggie M. married William P. Fleicher, of Shillington, and has a daughter, Dorothy L.; (3) Jonathan J. is in school.

JOHN LEONARD SWAVELY, of Weaverstown, Amity township, was born in Amity township, Dec. 18, 1846, a son of Frederick Swavely and grandson of Leonard Swavely.

(I) Leonard Swavely lived in Earl township, where he was a farmer. He is buried at the Oley Church. His wife bore the maiden name of Swavely, and was a cousin of her husband. They had these children: Sally, who died unmarried; Susanna, who married Nathan Imbodey; Catherine; Samuel, of Earl township, whose son Hiram died at Reading; Frederick; and John, who was born June 22, 1788, and died Nov. 4, 1874, leaving a son, Nathan, of Amityville.

(II) Frederick Swavely was born in Earl township in 1799, died in 1878, and is buried at Amityville. He was a laborer and for seven years worked in the Jacob Weaver distillery at Earlville. His wife was Anna Steinrock, and she died about 1898, aged eighty-six years. She is buried beside her husband. Their children were: Solomon lived at Birdsboro, died at Philadelphia, but is buried at Birdsboro; Susan never married; Frederick; Henry left Amity about 1858 or 1859 and has never been heard of since; Rachel m. Jacob Matthias (deceased), and lives at Weaverstown; Rebecca m. Capt. Samuel Rhoads, who commanded Durell's Battery in the Civil war; Matilda m. Lewis Goodman, a member of the 5th Ohio Reg., who lost an arm during the Civil war; Annie and Lilia died young.

(III) John Leonard Swavely was reared upon the farm and when fifteen years of age he was taken into the family of Dr. E. C. Kitchen, at Weaverstown, where he was employed for three years. He then enlisted with Dr. Kitchen in the 21st Penn. Cavalry, the physician as a surgeon and Mr. Swavely as a private. The date of Mr. Swavely's enlistment was July 13, 1863, and he was enrolled at Harrisburg for a period of six months. He received his honorable discharge Feb. 20, 1864, at Chambersburg. After the war he was employed by Col. Jeremiah Weaver, of Amity township, and remained there from 1865 to 1902. In the meanwhile Mr. Weaver died, but Mr. Swavely remained with the widow. While working on the Weaver farm he was also engaged in the cattle business as well, and often drove from five to six herds of cattle from the western reserve in Ohio to Reading, a distance of more than 450 miles. He usually had from 130 to 135 head of cattle in each herd, so the managing of them was no small feat. With him he had four or five men, but the responsibility rested on him.

In 1871 Mr. Swavely married Emeline Breidenbach, a daughter of David and Sarah (Lewis) Breidenbach. She was born Aug. 20, 1841, and died May 28, 1908, aged sixty-five years, nine months and eight days. She is buried at the Oley Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Swavely had no issue.

RUDOLPH S. WEBER, who is a prosperous business man at Reading, conducting a first-class barber shop at No. 30 S. Fifth St., was born July 2, 1866, in this city, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Springman) Weber.

Wilhelm Weber, grandfather of Rudolph S., started for America in 1852 but did not live to reach land. He died and was buried at sea. His first wife was the mother of Frederick Weber. The second wife came to America and settled at Reading, where she subsequently died and is survived by her four children: Anthony, George, Charles and Mrs. Bachmuhl.

Frederick Weber, father of Rudolph S., was born March 4, 1829, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and died at Reading Jan. 18, 1905, having lived retired for fourteen years previously. He came to America in 1850 and settled at Reading, and in the following year became car inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., and served nineteen years as a member of the wrecking crew. On July 6, 1851, he was married to Elizabeth Springman, born May 17, 1832, daughter of Valentine and Maria Springman, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. To this marriage nine children were born, namely: William; Frederick; George; Albert; Elizabeth married Lincoln L. Ramsey; Annie married Ludwig Webner; Rudolph S.; Harry, of Philadelphia; and Ida, who died young.

Rudolph S. Weber attended the public schools of Reading until he was prepared to learn a trade and he went under the instruction of Conrad Brettman, with whom he served a full three years apprenticeship to the barber's trade. He then embarked in business for himself, first at No. 19 S. Ninth St., in 1891 coming to his present location. He has four chairs and a well equipped shop in every way and enjoys the most

exclusive trade in the city. His stand is one of the oldest barber stands in Reading, in 1859 a barber by the name of Grayson S. Nelson starting here in the business and continuing until 1865. Mr. Weber is a member of Reading Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M., Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Harrisburg Consistory, Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading Lodge of Elks No. 115 and Improved Order of Heptasophs No. 67.

On Jan. 4, 1887, Mr. Weber was married to Clara J. Bittner, daughter of Cyrus and Eliza (Loos) Bittner and they have two children: Charlotte and Elsie. Mr. Weber and family belong to the First Reformed Church of Reading. Politically he is a Democrat. He is numbered with the progressive business men of Reading.

ALBERT S. WEBER, of Reading, brother of Rudolph S., is carrying on a successful line of trade as a tobacconist at No. 29 S. Fifth street, Reading. He was born in this city May 11, 1859, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Springman) Weber.

Albert S. Weber was educated in the public schools of Reading and when he laid his books aside he learned the wood-working trade in the Reading Railroad Company shops and was in the employ of that company for eight years. Then he went to Philadelphia and for seven years he traveled for different tobacco houses selling cigars, after which he returned to Reading and was a cigar salesman for three and one-half years. In January, 1901, he opened a cigar store of his own at No. 448 Penn street, where he remained until "The Fashion" took that site and he removed to No. 29 S. Fifth street, where he has built up a fine trade, and custom from all over the city seeks his goods. He has made a thorough study of the business and has had a long experience, the quality of his brands, combined with courteous treatment and fair dealing, having brought deserved success. He is a stalwart Democrat and is active in party affairs. He belongs to the Lutheran Church. He provides amply for the support of his widowed mother. After his father's death, he erected a handsome monument to his honor in the Charles Evans cemetery.

ABRAM K. WANNER, M. D., physician and surgeon, whose selected field of practice is the city of Reading, has made such a success of his profession as to make him of great value to the residents of his city. He was born July 24, 1870, near Reading, in Spring township Berks county, son of Daniel R. and Abalonia (Kissinger) Wanner.

Daniel Wanner, grandfather of Dr. Abram K., was reared and educated in the schools of Berks county, and was a brick dealer and farmer, one of his farms being situated at Red Bridge, on Tulpehocken Creek. His residence was in Spring township, near Reading. On retiring from active business life he located in West Reading, where his death occurred in his seventy-third year. Daniel Wanner married, June 10, 1835, Elizabeth Rothermel, born Dec. 2, 1816, by whom he had these children: John; Sarah, m. to Jacob Reeser; Jacob; Daniel R.; Catherine, m. to Frank Reigel; William; Frank R.; Emma, m. to Calvin Gring; Mary, m. to Milton Gring; and George R. Mr. and Mrs. Wanner were members of the Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Wanner was a Democrat.

Daniel R. Wanner, father of Abram K., was a farmer by occupation and lives at Riverside. He married Abalonia Kissinger, and to them there were born four children: Abram K., m. to Caroline Hartman; Elizabeth Alice, m. to Daniel I. Dunkleberger; Anna L., m. to David A. Lamm; and Daniel L., who died in infancy.

Abram K. Wanner was educated in the public schools of Bern township, and graduated from the Reading Business College in 1890. He later attended the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., after leaving which he taught school for four years. In 1894, after having read medicine for some time, he entered the Jefferson Medical College, being graduated therefrom in 1898, when he immediately began the practice of his chosen profession at the place where he is still located. His practice, which is large and lucrative, evidences the confidence of his many patients and the success he has attained in his profession.

Dr. Wanner was married in 1896 to Miss Caroline Hartman, and to them there have come one child, Arthur B., who was born March 28, 1895. Dr. and Mrs. Wanner are members of the Reformed Church. The Doctor is connected with the city, county, State and national medical associations, and is a member of the surgical staff of the Reading Hospital. He was made a Mason, Aug. 5, 1901, in Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter; Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is medical examiner for the Sun Life Insurance Company, of Canada, the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, the Hartford Life Insurance Company, and others.

WILLIAM SMITH SYMONS, one of the successful young men of Reading, was born in New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., June 29, 1883, son of Daniel U. and Ida K. (Handwork) Symons, and was named for William D. Smith, of Reading.

Nicholas Symons, his grandfather, was born in Cornwall, England, and by occupation was a boss miner. After reaching New York, on his emigration to America, he came direct to Reading, Pa., from which place he went to work in the mines of Joanna. He then went to Pottsville, where he had charge of sinking the shafts, and there he died in 1853. He married Jane Ubil, who was born in Chester county.

Daniel U. Symons was born July 21, 1847, at Bull Tavern, in the Conestoga Valley. He took charge of the old Ubil farm which comprised 180 acres, and this he farmed up to the time he moved to the Custer farm. He died June 1, 1899, aged fifty-one years, ten months, ten days. He married Ida K. Handwork, daughter of Samuel P. Handwork, of Conestoga Valley, Chester county, and their children were: Samuel Ludwig; Harry C., unmarried; Jennie M., m. to Harry L. Hoffman, of the firm of Hoffman & McKinney, furniture dealers, Reading; William S., at home; and Charles W.

William S. Symons was born on the Custer farm, and received his early training in the schools in that locality. After he finished his schooling he drifted to Reading, and in 1899 he began to learn the commission business with E. B. Slichter, who at that time was one of the leading merchants in the business. He started out as an errand boy, and finally became head clerk, and buyer and manager for the house between New York and Baltimore. After serving several years in the business failing health compelled him to change, and for three years he served as a conductor for the United Traction Company. At the end of that time he decided to take up the commission business for himself, locating at No. 812 Buttonwood street. After doing business in this location for several months he was obliged by the increase of his trade, to take larger quarters, and he moved to the place known as the Little Print Shop around the corner at No. 806 Walnut street, where he has leased enough ground space and erected an additional building to supply his rapidly increasing needs.

Mr. Symons is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Sunday-school, and a member of the Luther League, serving as its vice-president for one term. For three years he was an usher at the church, and in many ways has taken a prominent part in religious work. He is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M., and Reading Consistory; Progressive Lodge, No. 470, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand. Mr. Symons is unmarried.

DANIEL F. BROWN was born in Reading Nov. 29, 1879, and is a son of Edwin and Esther (Yoder) Brown.

Daniel Brown, grandfather of Daniel F., was an early resident and well-known tailor at Pricetown, and was a member of the Brown family of Rockland township. He died in 1884, aged eighty-two years. Of his eight children, two are living, Edwin, and Mrs. Jacob Rauenzahn, of No. 632 North Tenth street, Reading.

Edwin Brown was employed by the Kaier Company, serving as their representative in Reading, selling liquors. He is now serving as an inspector, to which office he was appointed by the water board of Reading.

Daniel F. Brown received his earlier education in the public schools of his native city, and completed the high school course, graduating with the class of 1898. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, taking up architectural work, and was graduated from that institution in 1903, standing at the head of his class. Mr. Brown has marked natural aptitude for his profession, and with his fine preparation is admirably equipped for the career he has chosen. On leaving the university he returned to Reading and opened an office, where he has been very successful from the start. He has done a considerable amount of work for the well-known firm of Rehr & Fricker, as well as for several other large contractors. He built the high school at Myerstown, and the Fairview Chapel at Boyertown, and he designed the Doerrheim apartment building at Fifth and Chestnut streets, Reading. His office is located at No. 50 North Eleventh street. Mr. Brown has considerable artistic talent, and has won quite a reputation by his skill in pen and ink work.

In 1902, Mr. Brown married Miss Mae B. Hocker, and one child has been born to them, Clarence Walter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. They have many warm friends and are popular socially.

JACOB SCHAEFFER, who died Aug. 16, 1871, aged thirty years, eight months, twenty-eight days, was for some time a prominent agriculturist of Exeter township, Berks county. He was born on the old Schaeffer homestead Nov. 18, 1840, son of Brig.-Gen. Henry and Anna (Levan) Schaeffer.

The founder of this family in America was Christian Schaeffer, grandfather of Jacob, who came to America at the age of fifteen with the Hessian troops during the Revolution. He located in Exeter township, and by enterprise and economy became the owner of three farms—one in Exeter (still known as the "Capt. Schaeffer farm"), one in Oley, and one at Boyertown, the last named being now largely cut up into building lots. To Christian Schaeffer and his wife, Anna, were born many children, among whom were: John, born at Philadelphia Feb. 28, 1788, had a son Jeremiah (born Nov. 12, 1818, died April 27, 1880, leaving an only son); Christian (born Dec. 6, 1799, died Jan. 31, 1863) m. Mary Focht (born Jan. 18, 1809, died July 31, 1884) and both are buried at Schwartzwald Church; Henry; Hannah, Mrs. Knapp; and Mrs. Hartman.

Henry Schaeffer, father of Jacob, was born April 12, 1802, near Boyertown, Pa., and was educated in the common schools of his native township. In early life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was also an extensive dealer in cattle, becoming one of the substantial men of his day. Although a stanch Democrat, and a leader in the ranks of his party, he was a very strong Union man, and helped to organize troops in the State Militia, being a captain of Berks and Lehigh county troops, and was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. He was an able military officer, strict disciplinarian and of commanding appearance. He had a loud, authoritative voice which could be heard a half a mile away. He died Dec. 15, 1860, and was buried in Schwartzwald cemetery. Henry Schaeffer married Anna Levan, born April 15, 1814, died Feb. 10, 1870, and of the children born to them, five grew to maturity: Catherine, m. to Samuel Saylor; Mary (1838-1864), m. to Levi Hartman; Elizabeth, m. to Franklin Saylor; Henry L. (1846-1861); and Jacob. In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed Church.

Jacob Schaeffer was educated in the schools of Exeter township, and until within two years of his death was engaged in farming. He married Emeline W. Knabb, and to this union were born three children: Anna, Sarah and Elizabeth. Misses Anna and Sarah Schaeffer reside at No. 225 South Sixteenth street, Reading. They are prominent members of St. Andrew's Reformed Church, and are leaders in the work of that denomination.

Christian Schaeffer, son of Christian the emigrant, born 1799, died 1863. To him and his wife, Mary Focht (1809-1884) were born: Samuel (1828-1890) m. Sarah E. Levan (1834-1893), and among their children were John, Mary, Hannah, Malinda, Jacob, Henry, George, Nathan and Samuel; George C. F. (1831-1868) m. Maria Moyer (daughter of Gottlieb and Maria Moyer), and had two children, William and Emma.

FRANK S. SWAVELY, proprietor of the "Shanesville Hotel," is a native or Earl township, Berks county, born Oct. 7, 1863, son of Jonathan K. and Emeline (Shollenberger) Swavely.

Adam Swavely, the founder of this family, was a native of Hessen, Germany, and came to this country at the time of the American Revolution, serving as one of the soldiers in King George's army. In 1782 he located in Earl township, and his name appears that year among the taxables. He was a laborer and woodchopper, and acquired a small tract of land in what is known as Woodchoppertown, in Earl township. He is buried there in a private cemetery, located in the timber southeast of William C. Shane's place—now a forlorn and neglected spot. On the tax list of 1782 his name is spelled Swable, and in the census of 1790 it appears Adam Swebely. On the latter list also appear: Adam Swebely, Jr., Leonard Swebely and Michael Swebely. Among the children of Adam Swavely were: Adam, Jr.; Leonard, who had a son John; Jacob, who had a son Peter; Michael; and Peter.

Michael Swavely, son of Adam, lived in Woodchoppertown, in Earl township, and there owned a tract of sixty acres which he cultivated. In religious principle he was a Lutheran. He married Bevvy Fritterich, who died when past eighty years of age. Their children were: Abraham, who lived and died in Earl township; John; Matthew, who lived first in Earl township, and then in Upper Berks county where he died; Michael, who lived and died in Earl township; Jacob, who died in Earl; and Susanna, m. to Jacob Koch, of Earl.

John Swavely, son of Michael, was born in Earl township, in November, 1794, and died in May, 1879. He always lived in that township, where he owned a farm that he bequeathed to his sons, Adam, Jonathan and Mahlon for $3,500. By trade he was a stone mason. In his last will and testament he directed that he be buried in the Oley graveyard. He and his wife were Lutheran members of Oley Churches. He married Catharine Kemmerer, who died in February, 1891, aged seventy-seven years. They had ten children: Lovina, Amos, Jonathan K., Simon, Adam, Anna, Harriett, Amelia, Mahlon and Levi.

Jonathan K. Swavely, son of John, is one of the old residents of Earl township. He was born there June 16, 1827, and for some years followed the stone mason's trade. In politics he is a Democrat, and for six years served as supervisor, and for two years as assessor. He is a Lutheran member of Oley Churches. On Aug. 20, 1854, he married Emeline Shollenberger, daughter of Benjamin Shollenberger, of Oley township. She was born in November, 1832. They had twelve children, as follows: Nathaniel, of Earl township; Lizzie, m. to Henry Shirer; Enoch, of Allentown; Benjamin, deceased; Frank S., of Shanesville; Mahlon, of Oley township; Rosa, m. to William S. Hoffman; Kate, m. to Nicholas Hartline; Sallie, deceased; Emma, m. to William Gift; Daniel, of Seattle, Wash.; and Annie, m. to David Weidner.

Frank S. Swavely attended the public schools until he was eighteen years old when he learned the carpenter's trade from William Weiser, of Boyertown, working for him for about five years. He then came to Oley township with his family, and followed painting and carpentering two years, but the paint caused his health to fail, and he gave up the work. For three years then he followed carpentering, after which he entered the hotel business, conducting for three years the "Pleasantville Hotel." Coming to Earl township, he once more worked at his trade, and at the same time conducted a small farm. On March 21, 1895, he became proprietor of the "Shanesville Hotel," and this place he has since conducted with ever increasing popularity. Mr. Swavely is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, Boyertown; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Pleasantville; and the Red Men, of Oley. He was also a member for some twenty years of the Boyertown Hook and Ladder Company. He and his family are Lutheran members of Oley Churches, and he served as deacon for three years. In 1908 when the present Lutheran Church was erected, Mr. Swavely was liberal in his contributions, and he also donated one of the stained glass windows.

On Aug. 19, 1884, he married Emma L. Mensch, daughter of Even Mensch, late of Hereford township. They have three children: Stella, wife of Edwin Wolfgang, of Earl township; Clarence and Elda. The family is very highly esteemed and they have many warm friends.

A number of the Swavelys are buried in the cemeteries at Oley Churches and at Amityville. Among those in the former are: Isaac Swavely, born July 15, 1817, died Sept. 9, 1906; and wife Matilda, nee Flicker, 1820-1877; Michael Swavely, born June 14, 1807, died Aug. 20, 1887; Susan, his wife, born Oct. 20, 1814, died April 28, 1892. Sarah B. Swavely, nee Hafer, Oct. 13, 1841. John S. Swavely, March 28, 1846. Elizabeth Schwebele, wife of Jacob Schwebele, born Dec. 12, 1798, died Dec. 12, 1863. Johan Peter Schwable, born Jan. 6, 1787, died Nov. 15, 1865; wife Catharine, nee Hartman, 1798-1873. In the Amityville cemetery are: Ephraim D. Swavely (son of John and Elnora), born Jan. 23, 1823, died Sept. 26, 1889; wife, Mary Ann, nee Hoffman, born May 8, 1831, died Dec. 25, 1897. Horace G. Swavely, 1840-1905. Sarah Ann, wife Nathan Swavely, 1840-1902.

LEVI FRANKLIN WAGNER, M. D., came to Reading in 1902, moving from Pikesville, this county, where he had been located in practice for ten years. Since settling in the city he has become thoroughly identified with the local medical fraternity, in which he holds a foremost place by virtue of both his professional attainments and his high personal character. Dr. Wagner is one of those who have made their own way, and the position he has reached is the best measure of his ability and the efforts he has put forth.

The Wagner family have been settled in Berks county for several generations, and are of German descent. It is thought that the first of this branch who came to America made a home in Schuylkill county, but as far back as the Doctor's great-grandfather they have been resident in this county. He lived in Maiden-creek township.

John Wagner, the Doctor's grandfather, settled in Bern townsnip, and was a blacksmith by trade, following that calling and also keeping hotel. He married Susanna Fink, and to them were born six children, namely: Augustus, a carpenter; Levi, a farmer; Cyrus; Frelinghuevsen, now a pension official at Washington, D. C., who was army postmaster at Philadelphia during the Civil war; Mary, m. to Harrison Kiesling, and now deceased; and Harrison F., father of Dr. Wagner. The father of this family and three of the sons served in the Pennsylvania troops during the Civil war. John Wagner lived to be over eighty, and he passed his last years with his son Harrison, at whose home he died. Charles, son of Frelinghueysen Wagner, is a stenographer under President Taft; his daughter is Ella, married to a Mr. Henderson.

Harrison F. Wagner, son of John, was born in Bloomsburg, Berks county, and has been a farmer during the greater part of his active life, living in the vicinity of Leesport. He was for a number of years engaged in cigar manufacturing, before he settled down to agricultural pursuits. He married Sarah Minker, daughter of George Minker, a farmer of this county, now deceased, and a large family blessed this union, namely: Levi Franklin; John, a contractor and builder, who was a member of the firm of White & Wagner, of Reading; Milton, of Philadelphia; James, an optician, married to Clara Kramer; William, who is engaged in cigarmaking in Philadelphia; Irvin, who died in infancy; Howard, who died in his thirty-fourth year from an accident, falling on the ice going to work; Sallie, m. to William Himmelberger, son of Adam Himmelberger; and Edward, m. to Annie Seidel. The father of this family is a member of the Reformed Church, in whose work he is active, as he is in his support of all worthy objects.

Levi Franklin Wagner was born Jan. 6, 1863, in Bern township, and there passed his boyhood and youth and received his early education. After attending the common schools and Bernville high school he entered the Keystone State Normal School, in order to prepare himself for the profession which has been the stepping-stone for many an ambitious student willing to combine work and study. All the expenses of his higher education were paid out of his own earnings, but the necessity for work never dampened his ardor for study, which he often pursued under great difficulties. His regular attendance at school ceased when he was sixteen, but he nevertheless managed to prepare himself for teaching, which he followed for ten years, first in the common schools of his native county, and subsequently, as he advanced, in the grammar school at Pottstown, Pa., and the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, at Media, Pa. Meantime, in 1884, he had commenced the study of medicine, with Dr. H. Y. Neiman, of Pottstown, in 1885 matriculating in the medical department of the University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated in 1888, with honors. During this period, in 1887, he also completed a special course in chemistry. He put his acquisitions in medical science to practical use without delay, being engaged as professor of physiology and hygiene, as well as of physical science, at the Williamson Free School, previously mentioned. After his graduation from medical school he was resident physician of the institution at Media, with which he had so many pleasant associations, and where he gained high popularity among his pupils by his strong personality as well as his efficiency as an instructor.

Before entering upon the regular practice of his profession Dr. Wagner supplemented his Vermont college training by work in various hospitals in Vermont and Pennsylvania, and also by a course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1890, taking high honors. He stood 100 in surgery. He settled first at Molltown, Berks county, but remained there less than two years, in 1892 making a new location, at Pikesville, where he continued in practice for ten years. His patronage increased steadily, his calls coming from distant parts of the county as well as from that immediate vicinity, and his patients were scattered over such a wide territory that in 1901 he thought it best to have a more central location. He established himself at No. 852 North Eighth street, Reading, on Oct. 1st of that year, and in March, 1902, he moved to No. 959 North Ninth street and thence, on Dec. 24, 1904, moved to his present place, at No. 610 North Tenth street. He

has found the city a much more convenient center for his professional labors, for while in the country he was obliged to keep three horses for his extensive drives, and was kept constantly busy attending to his patients. He has been equally successful since coming to the city, and answers to the demands of his large patronage with all the zeal and skill of an up-to-date physician. He is active in professional circles, being a member of the Berks County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Since taking up his residence in Reading Dr. Wagner has interested himself in a number of important real-estate operations. This line has always claimed more or less of his attention, and he was formerly vice-president of the Washington Building & Loan Association, which had a branch office at Oley. Dr. Wagner has proved himself a good business man as well as an earnest professional worker. Indeed, his successful battle against the adverse conditions which confronted him in his struggles for an education would entitle him to some reputation for financial ability and executive capacity.

On June 19, 1897, Dr. Wagner married Emma Cleaver, daughter of Frank Cleaver, formerly a merchant of Pleasantville, this county, and five children have been born to them, namely: Elsie May, L. Franklin, Russell H. (died July 30, 1907, aged four years, nine months, twenty-seven days), Ruth E., and one that died in infancy. The home at Pikesville which Dr. Wagner and his family occupied was considered by many the most attractive in that locality, and they are pleasantly situated at Reading. Dr. Levi F. Wagner has been nominated on the Democratic ticket for coroner of Berks county.

Socially the Doctor affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, having joined the latter order at Pleasantville, in Maxatawny Castle, No. 461.

SEBASTIAN BLIMLINE, deceased, who was for a number of years engaged in the carriage and automobile business at Sinking Spring, was born June 28, 1858, in Brecknock townhsip, Berks county, son of Frederick D. and grandson of John and Margaret Blimline.

Frederick D. Blimline, born in Batavia, Germany, in 1829, died in Brecknock township, Berks county, in 1899, aged seventy years. In his native land he had been brought up to farming, and that occupation he followed in the New World. He came over in 1853, landing at Castle Garden, N. Y., and after he had traveled somewhat, and lived at the Swamp for a short time, he settled in Brecknock township, near Adamstown, in Berks county. Here he acquired a tract of about sixty acres of land, which he cultivated, and on which he passed the remainder of his days and died. This farm is now owned by his son John. Mr. Blimline was a Republican in politics. He and his family belonged to the United Evangelical Church at Mohn's Hill, and there he and his wife sleep their last sleep. On June 12, 1853, he married Barbara Deane, who was born in Germany in 1822, and who accompanied her husband to seek a new home in the new land. She died in 1884. Their children were: (1) Lydia (deceased) m. Thomas Shellenhammer, and had two children, Maria (unmarried) and George. (2) George m. Savilla Lutz, and had children—Homer, Maggie, Harry, Callia, Ella, Dorphey and Anna. (3) Maggie m. Henry D. Young, of Mohnton, and died in 1899, aged forty-three years. They had children as follows: Mamie, Benjamin, Adam, Fred, Daniel, Bertha, Stephen, Norma and Henry. (4) Sebastian. (5) John lives on the homestead. He m. Sarah Matz, and they have had children—Laura, Walter, Mary, Estella, Bessie, Bunding, Clarence, Edna, Elmer, Charles, Luella May, Alvertia, Norman and Florence Keith. (6) Frederick D., born Aug. 13, 1863, learned the hatting trade when sixteen years old, and this he has followed ever since. During the winters for about ten years he manufactured brooms at Mohnton. In 1905 he went to Bowmansville, where for two years he manufactured shirts, and in 1907 he moved to Reading, where he worked at his trade. He m. Emma Hartman, and has children—Carrie, Esther, Edwin and Stanley. (7) Annie m. Charles Clark, of Reading, and has three children, Stella, Jennie and William.

George Blimline, brother of Frederick D., and uncle of Sebastian, came to America in 1858, and also settled in Brecknock township, Berks county, where he owns several farms. He has reared a large family, and is one of the substantial men of his locality.

Sebastian Blimline attended the public schools of his native township and worked upon his father's farm until he was fourteen years old, when he learned the blacksmith's trade with Daniel Peifer, working at same as a journeyman for several years. He then engaged in business for himself near Adamstown, Berks county, and later at Slate Hill, subsequently removing to Brownsville, where he continued for thirteen years. In 1890 Mr. Blimline came to Sinking Spring, erecting the building now owned and occupied by Mr. Steffie, the well-known cigar manufacturer, but later built a large factory which he occupied for seven years, 45x90 feet in dimensions, with an annex, at the corner of Main and Railroad streets. In 1908 Mr. Blimline purchased from Isaac S. Spatz the oldest blacksmith stand in the vicinity of Sinking Spring. This includes one-half of the "Spring," which is famous throughout the county, the other half being owned by Mr. Joel Heinly. Together with Mr. Heinly he beautified the surroundings of the spring, and Mr. Blimline erected a two-story frame factory with cement floor, 24x106 feet in dimensions, on his property. There he also erected a fine residence complete with all the latest improvements which tend to make a home comfortable. Mr. Blimline employed from eight to ten workmen, all skilled mechanics, and he did a large business, not only in the manufacture of carriages and wagons, but in all kinds of automobile repairing, trimming and painting, and also dealt in gasoline engines and automobile tires, automobile supplies and harness. His establishment was equipped with the most modern and up-to-date machinery, power and electric lights. Mr. Blimline built the first automobile in the county, which he drove through the roads of the county and the streets of Sinking Spring, and it was the object of much admiration. He was one of the first automobile men in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Blimline married Mary Kershner, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Gabel) Kershner, and to them these children were born: John (m. Cora Clay), Nora (m. Andrew Reed), Albert (m. Sadie Hornberger), Lillian (m. Thomas Wenner), Frederick and Star, living, and six others who died young. In politics Mr. Blimline was a Republican. With his family he attended the United Brethren Church of Sinking Spring, of which he was steward and trustee, and for eight years he was tenor in the choir, in which he always took an active interest. He died at his home in Sinking Spring in May, 1909.

GRING. One of the old and honorable families of Berks county, Pa., members of which have distinguished themselves in business and political life and in military circles, is that of Gring, who has as representatives in Spring township many men of prominence. This sketch has to do with two brothers, Franklin H. and Charles H. Gring, and their nephew, Lewis W. Gring, well known citizens and substantial business men of Sinking Spring.

Johannes Gring, the founder of this family in America, crossed the ocean in the ship "Lydia" from Rotterdam, which landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1743.

Samuel Gring, son of Johannes, was born in Holland, and was but a lad when his parents emigrated. He settled in Cumru, about 1760, and there acquired land and prospered, dying a wealthy man, and he occupies an unknown grave in the vicinity of Sinking Spring.

David Gring, grandfather of Charles H. and Franklin H. and the great-grandfather of Lewis W., was

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born Feb. 9, 1760, in Cumru township, Berks county. In early life he located at the Tulpehocken creek, where he took up a tract of land, built several grist mills, and like his father, became prosperous. He died Feb. 1, 1848, aged eighty-eight years, less eight days. David Gring was married (first) Dec. 7, 1790, to Anna Maria Waldschmidt, of the Fatherland, whose parents came to America with Samuel Gring. Tradition has it that the Grings and Waldschmidts were neighbors before coming to this country. Anna Maria Waldschmidt was born Aug. 3, 1767, and died April 20, 1818. She bore her husband these children: John, a minister of the Reformed Church; William, a miller of the Tulpehocken Creek; David; Daniel, born July 9, 1798, a minister of the Reformed Church, who died Sept. 5, 1862 (his wife, Esther, born March 8, 1799, died Dec. 3, 1861); Susan, who died unmarried; a daughter, who married a Mr. Lichty; and one who married a Mr. Troxel. Mr. Gring's second wife was Gertrude Stamm, born July 12, 1772, who died March 31, 1857, aged eighty-four years, eight months and nineteen days.

David Gring, son of David and father of Charles H. and Franklin H., was born March 9, 1806 and died Jan. 26, 1890, aged eighty-three years, ten months, seventeen days. He was married June 25, 1826, to Maria Hill, who was born Oct. 6, 1803, and died May 18, 1885, aged eighty-one years, seven months and twelve days. Their union was blessed with these children: David H., born Jan. 11, 1829, a miller; Daniel, born July 27, 1830, a farmer; Samuel, born Oct. 7, 1832, who is still living, is a prominent lumber dealer of Reading; Ann, born Feb. 22, 1834, is the widow of George Zerr; Mary, born Nov. 22, 1836, married Joshua Grill; John, born March 27, 1838, a miller and tanner; Charles H., born Feb. 18, 1840; Lewis, who died at the age of fifteen years, one day; Franklin H., born July 14, 1844; and Levi, born Nov. 30, 1847, died Dec. 1, 1862. The father of the above children followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, and at the time of his death he was the owner of several farms and a good grist mill. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and was prominent in public matters of his day and generation. Mr. Gring served as captain, and later as major in the State Militia, occupying the latter rank for eleven years.

David H. Gring, father of Lewis W., and brother of Charles H. and Franklin H., was born Jan. 11, 1829, in Lower Heidelberg township, and died March 10, 1904. He was a farmer and miller and owned and conducted the well known Gring mill for more than half a century. Mr. Gring married Catherine Weachter, born April 30, 1836, who still survives and retains the old homestead. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David H. Gring, namely: George, of Sinking Spring; Thomas of Wernersville, Pa.; Lewis W., who is mentioned below; and two who died in infancy.

Franklin H. Gring was born on the old stand across the line in Spring township, July 15, 1844, and was reared upon the farm. Until twenty-six years of age he worked for his parents, at which time he set out for himself, and in 1871 began farming the home property, where he lived for three years. The next location of Mr. Gring was Denver, Lancaster county, but subsequently, in 1876, he purchased the old Alex Fisher farm, at Fritztown, a tract of thirty-two acres of fertile land, and here he has since lived. He has a fine little place which he has greatly improved. It is located along the Lancaster road, and the road running from Fritztown to Wernersville, at the foot of Cushion Hill, and is supplied with some of the finest water in the world. The property includes many fruit trees, and is in an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Gring is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church of Sinking Spring.

On Jan. 14, 1871, Franklin H. Gring was married to Mary Fisher, born Sept. 14, 1851, daughter of Alexander and Kate (Walters) Fisher, and granddaughter of John Fisher, who owned many acres of land around the Keener's mill. Mr. and Mrs. Gring have had eight children: Harry R., who resides near his father at Fritztown, and maufactures cigars, married Mary Steffey, and they have one son, Stephen; Katie V. died in infancy; Alva G. married Charles Gaul, of Wernersville, and has two sons, Robert and Harvey; Edwin F., of Lancaster, Pa., married Alice Gensemer, and has a son, Elwood; Millie E., who married H. C. Oberly, of Lancaster county; David A., who was killed Nov. 12, 1902, by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting in Lebanon county; Mary A., who married Oscar Fleischer, born Oct. 7, 1885, an employe of the State Asylum at Wernersville; and William F., born July 10, 1890.

Charles H. Gring was born in Spring township, March 18, 1840, and was reared at Gring's Mill and on the farm belonging to the mill property. He attended the township schools, and worked with his father until he was of age, when he embarked in farming for himself. This he continued until his enlistment, Oct. 27, 1863, in Company E, 167th Pa. V. I., with which he served nine months, and later was drafted for three years in Company B, 11th U. S. Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. Mr. Gring had two miraculous escapes during the service. At Blackwater a bullet struck a tree, and glancing off, entered the back of his neck, this bullet, or a part of it, still being in his head, back of his right ear. On another occasion a bursting shell injured the third finger on his right hand. Mr. Gring has as many thrilling experiences during his army career as any soldier in the war. He became corporal of his company, and for meritorious service was promoted to skirmish bugler. He showed extraordinary courage on every occasion, and it was often remarked that he knew no fear. The hard and trying experiences of a soldier disabled Mr. Gring, and after his return home he was stricken with rheumatism, contracted during his service, and the year of sickness which followed wasted his body to such a degree that he weighed but ninety-two pounds.

After partial recovery Mr. Gring engaged in farming on his father's property, where he continued for twelve years, at the end of which time this was sold, and he located in Heidelberg township, where he operated the property of Henry and Charles Miller, when this farm was also sold. Mr. Gring then spent one year at Wernersville, and in 1880 he purchased the "Centennial Hotel," at Sinking Spring, which he successfully conducted for three years. In 1884 he again engaged in farming on the 200-acre tract of William Harder, in Heidelberg township, which he cultivated for two years, and at the end of this time took charge of the well known H. H. Muhlenberg farm of 542 acres, now embraced in the city limits of Reading. Here he had ninety-two milk cows and twenty-two head of horses. In addition to his nine children, he hired six regular men and several maids, forty people going to one table. Besides farming, he conducted a stone quarry, where he employed eleven men.

Mr. Gring has always been noted for his generosity and hospitality, and on Labor day, for four successive years, he gave a great dinner to the letter carriers and clerks of Reading, this being one of the jolliest occasions of the whole year. His home was a great gathering place for the Reading firemen, and any one was welcome to share his bed and board. On this farm Mr. Gring continued to reside until the death of his good wife, when he sold out his vast farm stock at the public sale in the spring of 1899, at which time he took out a license for his hotel at Sinking Spring, which he has conducted very successfully to the present time. He has a first rate hostelry, which is patronized by the best people of the community. Throughout his life Mr. Gring has been an industrious, hard-working man, and as a consequence, although he has lost over $10,000 through loaning to dishonest persons, he is in very

comfortable circumstances. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; Post No. 76, G. A. R.; and the Marion Fire Company, of Reading, since 1887. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, where his children have all been confirmed, and where he has been a deacon. Mr. Gring has a fine family lot in the new cemetery.

Mr. Gring is an enthusiastic sportsman, and every year takes a trip to some distant point, his outing in the fall of 1906, being to the spot where he was wounded. He has also quite a collection of relics, souvenirs, etc., principal among which are the sword, epaulettes and hat of Gen. George Washington, concerning which we are allowed to quote from a local paper:

"Very few people are aware of the fact that the original hat worn by Gen. Washington and his sabre and epaulettes are in the possession of a Berks county man. Charles H. Gring, proprietor of the upper hotel at Sinking Spring, claims to be the fortunate owner of these articles, and they have been in his possession for many years. He prizes them very highly and takes great pleasure in showing them to visitors. Mr. Gring has had frequent offers to sell them to historical societies and relic hunters, but refused them all. Mr. Gring's father, the late Major David Gring, who was in the civil war, received the articles from his grandfather. The latter was a lieutenant on Gen. Washington's staff, and a short time before the close of the Revolution Gen. Washington, it is declared, presented Lieut. Gring with his sabre and belt, hat and epaulettes. The articles were in Major David Gring's possession for many years, and a short time before his demise he presented them to his son, the present owner. Mr. Gring saw three years service in the Civil war, and besides his father was the only one of the family to go to the front. For this reason the articles were given to him. The hat once worn by Gen. Washington is kept in a large box. It is in a fair state of preservation. It is shaped like a half moon and is made of some stiff black cloth material. Both sides are trimmed with black braid about a quarter of an inch wide and well worn. In the center of the hat on the outside is a large American eagle of silver. Silver cords encircles the brim and the hat almost comes to a point. When Mr. Gring first secured the old hat there was a red and a blue feather on top of it. Both have long since crumbled away. There was a small piece of paper on the band containing the name and date of the presentation of the hat to Lieut. Gring. It is a foot high and twenty-two inches long. The sabre and belt are in excellent condition. The sword is of the finest kind of steel and is handsomely engraved. The hilt is formed from a solid gold plate. The grip is formed by a coiled snake, the tail of which is fastened in an eagle's beak. At several places on both sides of the blade are thirteen stars, one for each of the original colonies. The scabbard is of steel and the belt of genuine horsehide. The epaulettes are of solid silver, with a red white and blue field on the top piece. The fringe is of silver cord of heavy weight."

In 1860 Mr. Gring was married to Mary A. Miller, born Sept. 25, 1838, who died Jan. 6, 1901, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Strunk) Miller, of Spring township, and to this union there were born children as follows: William, m. to Katie Fisher; Lillie, m. to John Potteiger; Charles H., of Alsace Church; Katie, m. to John Spohn; Edwin, m. to Edith Lorah; Annie, m. to Frank Lengel; Harvey; Irwin, who is unmarried; and Edith, m. to William Sands.

Lewis W. Gring, son of David H., was born July 19, 1867, in Spring township, and was educated in the district schools and also spent two years at a graded school. He was reared on his father's farm, and at the mill conducted by him, and when but eighteen years of age engaged in the manufacture of hosiery on his father's farm, erecting a small mill, the machinery of which was run by water power. Here he continued for about seven years, when he came to Sinking Spring, and for one year engaged in manufacturing alone, when he took into partnership James Ruth, which connection continued for about one year. At the end of this time Mr. Gring became the employe of Nolde & Horst, extensive hosiery manufacturers of Reading, with which firm he remained about two years, subsequently becoming employed at the Textile Works. After two years in this company's employ, Mr. Gring erected a small house and factory at Sinking Spring, and on Jan. 25, 1904, he began manufacturing again. He now has a one story factory, 40 x 70 feet, and employes about forty people, the daily output, which finds a ready market, being 200 dozen machine grade and 144 needle goods. Mr. Gring is a thorough business man, and has the respect and esteem of the community in which he resides.

On April 14, 1895, Mr. Gring was married to Ellen Meade, daughter of Patrick Meade (born Aug. 7, 1826, who died Jan. 16, 1882), and his wife Mary A. (born April 5, 1833, who died in Aug. 1907). Mr. Gring and his wife reside in a nice residence on the Lancaster road, in Sinking Spring, adjoining his factory, and they attend St. John's Reformed Church.

HORATIO K. REBER (deceased), who for many years was a prominent business man of Reading, being a pioneer in the electrical supply and construction business, was born July 22, 1849, in Leesport, Berks county, where he received a good common-school education.

Mr. Reber's first employment was in the painting business which he followed until 1883, in which year he engaged in the electrical supply business on Sixth street, near Buttonwood. Later he removed to near Penn street, on Sixth, and in 1888 located at No. 651 Penn street, where the business was conducted by him until his death, in 1901, since which time his widow has managed the business, under the name of Reading Electrical Supply & Construction Company. Mrs. Reber, who resides at No. 322 Windsor street, also owns three other properties on Hudson street and one on Pear street, is an able business woman, and under her supervision the enterprise has grown to such proportions that six mechanics are required to carry on its business.

July 1, 1873, Mr. Reber was married to Mary A. Stout, daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Masser) Stout. Mr. and Mrs. Stout were members of the Reformed Reber, who resides at No. 322 Windsor street, also owns three other properties on Hudson street and Church. They had children as follows: Milton; Mary A., m. Mr. Reber; James, and Elizabeth, and four who died in infancy. Mrs. Reber is a member of the Christian Church, to which her husband also belonged, and of the Y. W. C. A. Mr. Reber's fraternal connections were with the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, the P. O. S. of A., and Mt. Penn Council, Royal Arcanum; and in all of these organizations he was very popular. He was an able business man, and was public-spirited to a high degree, giving his support and hearty co-operation to any movement that would be of benefit to the city or its citizens.

JAMES TEMPLIN, a cabinet maker of Reading, who for some years prior to his death lived retired at No. 351 South Fifth street, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, Jan. 5, 1834, son of Isaac and Mary (Yoder) Templin. He learned the cabinet making trade in 1871, and was employed at the Philadelphia & Reading railroad shops as carpenter and cabinet-maker until 1898, when he retired. He made his home with his sister and brother William. Mr. Templin was loyal to the principles of the Republican party. His religious faith was that of the Baptist Church, and he was fraternally connected with Birdsboro Lodge, No. 479, F. & A. M.

Levi Templin, grandfather of James, was an early settler of Caernarvon township, where he operated a

farm and where he died in 1813, in the prime of life, from the effects of an injury received in a runaway. His wife died in 1840, aged seventy-two years. They were the parents of two children, namely: Isaac; and Charlotte, who died in young womanhood. Politically Levi Templin was a Whig.

Isaac Templin was born in Caernarvon township, where he received his literary education and learned the shoemaker's trade. He later turned his attention to farming, carrying on that occupation in Robeson township until within four years of his death, when he removed to Reading, and died in 1871. Isaac Templin married Mary Yoder, daughter of Daniel Yoder, and seven children were born to this union, as follows: Caroline, who died in 1900; Julia, m. to Joseph Rogers; Eveline, m. to Robert A. Gilmer; James; Anna, deceased; William; and Mary E., m. to William H. Sendерling. Mr. Templin was a consistent member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in the faith of which Mrs. Templin died in 1869, aged about sixty-eight years.

William Templin, son of Isaac and Mary, was employed as a conductor in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad from 1863 until 1885, since which latter date he has been engaged very successfully in contracting and building. Mr. William Templin is very highly esteemed in his community, as a good, useful citizen. He is a member of Reading Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Reading; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 152, Reading; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belongs to Christ Episcopal Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican.

RICHARD B. RAUDENBUSH, who owns and operates a valuable farm in Cumru township, Berks county, is one of the leading citizens of his community, where the greater portion of his life has been spent. Mr. Raudenbush was born in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Joseph and Sarah (Baum) Raudenbush.

John Raudenbush, the great-grandfather of Richard B., was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he followed the milling business. He and his two brothers came to America, one settling where St. Louis now stands, one in Schuylkill county, and John in Goshenhoppen, below Boyertown. He was one of the earliest millers of this portion of the State, an occupation which he followed until his death. His son, also named John, learned the milling trade under his father, and this business he followed in Lancaster county for many years, coming thence to Berks county. His death occurred in Cumru township, and he was buried at Yocom's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Mr. Raudenbush married a Miss Hemmig, also buried at Yocom's, and to them were born: Adam, John, Daniel, Joseph, Henry; Eva m. Levi Hemmig; Elizabeth m. Henry Eckenrode; and Sarah m. George Esterly.

Joseph Raudenbush, the father of Richard B., was born in 1821, in Lancaster county, and for thirty years followed the trade of his father. He then purchased a farm of 147 acres in the Poplar Neck district, the one now owned by his son, Richard B. Here he made many improvements and erected all of the present buildings with the exception of the house. Mr. Raudenbush died in his sixty-sixth year, while his wife, Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Zacharias) Baum, lived to be seventy-seven years of age. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raudenbush: Mary A. died at the age of thirteen years; Elizabeth m. Augustus Schuster; Richard B.; John, deceased; and Sarah A. m. Ezra Wentzel.

Richard B. Raudenbush attended the schools of Berks county, and as a boy worked on his father's farm, which he has operated since his parents' death. This farm, which is one of the finest in Cumru township, is situated on the Pennsylvania railroad, which company purchased three and seven-tenths acres of his land, on which to lay tracks to enter Reading. He has a fine herd of cows, and his milk finds a ready market in the city of Reading. Mr. Raudenbush's farm commands an excellent view of the Schuylkill river and the mountains.

Mr. Raudenbush married Elizabeth A., daughter of Isaac Schlichter, of Reading, and to this union have been born five children: Sarah A. m. Levi Ettinger, of Cumru township; Joseph S. and Franklin S. are at home; Annie E. m. Samuel Merkel; Matilda I. is at home. Mr. Raudenbush is a member of Yocom's Reformed Church. In 1893 he was made a Mason in Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., and he also belongs to Reading Chapter, No. 237.

HARRY C. SHAABER, manager of the Chantrell Hardware & Tool Co., was born at Reading, July 24, 1870, educated in the local schools and was graduated from the high-school with the class of 1887. Two days after his graduation, he secured employment as a clerk in the hardware establishment of Bright & Lerch, and he continued in their employment until 1896, gradually advancing from clerk to chief bookkeeper and then treasurer, which last responsible position he filled for four years. He then became the chief book-keeper of the Penn Hardware Company, and remained with this company until 1902, when he took charge of the sales department of the Chantrell Hardware & Tool Company. After filling this position for one year, the company appointed him manager of its large and growing establishment, which position he has since filled in a most satisfactory manner.

In 1896, Mr. Shaaber was married to Emma F. Moyer, daughter of Matthias Moyer, a prominent dealer in leather and shoe findings and manufacturer of building brick at Reading for many years; and they have two sons: Matthias and Harry.

Mr. Shaaber's father is Adam Johnson Shaaber, who was born at Reading and learned the trade of blacksmith which he followed for thirty years, having been connected with the Reading Industrial Works from 1872 to 1902. Since 1903, he has had supervision of one of the departments of the Chantrell Hardware & Tool Company. He was married to Sallie E. Maicks, daughter of Christopher and Lavina (Wunder) Maicks of Reading; and they had three children: Harry; May (married to Percy G. Horine, who died in 1906); and Charles (married to Anna Moyer). His wife died in 1896, aged 47 years.

Mr. Shaaber's grandfather was John C. Shaaber, a blacksmith, employed for many years in the foundry of Adam Johnson & Son. He was married to Elizabeth Shissler, who died in 1905, aged seventy-six years (daughter of Andrew Shissler, of Heidelberg township, in Lehigh county), and they had five children: Mahlon (married to Mary Hooker); Adam; Maria (single); Ellen (married to L. Frank Knerr); John (married to Ida M. Brown). He died in 1891, aged seventy-one years. He identified himself with the Republican party from its rise in the country and supported it earnestly until his death.

His great-grandfather was John Shaaber, also of Reading, who died in 1839, aged 50 years. He was married to Mary Caldwell, daughter of Newland Caldwell, a prominent family of Lancaster county, by whom he had twelve children. He was a son of Andrew Schaber (who was married to Elizabeth Sauerbier of Reading); and a grandson of Andrew Schaber, who emigrated from Germany in 1754 and settled in Reading shortly afterward, by which it appears that this family has been identified with Reading for 150 years.

DANIEL R. WANNER, a highly esteemed resident of Reading, Pa., who for the past fifteen years has been a caretaker at the Charles Evans cemetery, belongs to one of the best known families of the city. Mr. Wanner was born Oct. 21, 1843, at Temple, Maiden-creek town-

ship, Berks county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Wanner.

Daniel Wanner, a respected citizen of Spring township, followed agricultural pursuits in that locality all of his life. He died in 1888, at the age of seventy-two years, and his burial took place at Sinking Spring. His wife died in 1894, at the age of seventy-five years, and she was laid to rest beside her husband. They had these children: John, Sarah, Jacob, Daniel R., Catherine (deceased), William R., Frank R., Emma, Mary and George R. The family all belong to the Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Wanner was a Democrat.

Daniel R. Wanner was educated in the schools of Maiden-creek township, and was reared on the home farm where he continued for several years after his majority. For the past fifteen years he has been caretaker at the Charles Evans cemetery. He is a highly respected citizen, and one whose duties in life have always been performed according to the best of his ability.

Mr. Wanner married Abalonia Kissinger, daughter of Abraham and Abalonia (Hill) Kissinger, a history of whom appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Wanner have four children: Abram K. m. Caroline Hartman, daughter of Absalom and Caroline Hartman, and has one child, Arthur; Elizabeth Alice m. Daniel Irvin Dunkleberger (of Riverside, an employe at the Philadelphia & Reading shops, and member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.), and has four children—Ralph, Irene, William and Paul; Anna L. m. David A. Lamm (of Riverside, an employe of Swift & Co., at Reading, and member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.); and one child died young. Mr. and Mrs. Wanner are members of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

ELIAS ROTHERMEL KEMMERER—engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Reading since 1896—was born September 7, 1859, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, on the Kemmerer homestead near South-Evansville. He was educated in the local schools, Keystone State Normal School, and Reading Business College, during this time assisting his father on the farm and teaching public school in the township for eight years until 1888. In that year he engaged in the general mercantile business in the township and carried it on until 1894, when he removed to Reading.

In 1896, Mr. Kemmerer formed a co-partnership with Prof. William M. Zechman (who had been the county superintendent of the public schools of Berks county from 1890 to 1896) for the purpose of engaging in the business of buying and selling real estate and of placing fire insurance, and since then they have traded very successfully under the name of Kemmerer & Zechman at No. 27 North Sixth street.

In 1906, the firm associated with William C. Burkey and Edward D. Trexler under the name of Burkey & Kemmerer and as such they erected and sold a number of dwelling-houses at Reading; and in 1909 they associated with William E. Fisher and William R. Kemmerer, under the name of Kemmerer & Company, and are erecting and disposing of dwelling houses and lots in North Reading, their enterprise contributing much towards the improvement of that section of the city.

Mr. Kemmerer officiated as the mercantile appraiser of Berks county for the year 1892 by appointment of the county commissioners. He is a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 660.

In 1888, Mr. Kemmerer was married to Rebecca Shoemaker Reber, daughter of Thomas Reber, farmer of Perry township, near Shoemakersville.

His father was Elias Kemmerer, who was born in Tulpehocken (now Marion) township, near Stouchsburg, in 1827, and when a small boy his parents removed to Maiden-creek township, locating on a farm near South Evansville which they had bought; where he was brought up to farming and which he followed until 1887, afterward living retired until his decease in 1902. He was married to Sarah Rothermel, daughter of Lorenzo Rothermel of Hamburg, and they had six children: Elias R.; William R. (married Ida A. Zellers); and Abbie (married D. Sassaman Keim now operating the homestead farm owned by Elias R.); and three children who died in infancy.

Mr. Kemmerer's grandfather was John Kemmerer, farmer of Maiden-creek township. He was married to Magdalena Reedy of Tulpehocken township and they had nine children: Elias; Daniel; Elvina (married Charles Hinkel), Maria (married John Saul and after his decease George Hess), and Caroline (married James Stoudt), four having died in infancy. He died in 1882, aged 80 years, and his wife in 1886, aged 90 years.

His great-grand-father was Ludwig Kämmerer, a farmer of Alsace township, where he was born in 1765. He died in 1824, and his remains were buried in the old cemetery of Spies's Church, near the south entrance. He was married to Anna Maria Adam, and they had eight children: Peter; Samuel; John; Henry; William; Solomon; Catharine (married Abraham Schwavely), and Mollie (married William Schwavely, brother of Abraham). It is supposed that Ludwig was a son of John Ludwig Kämmerer, who emigrated from Germany in 1736, when twenty-one years of age, and landed at Philadelphia where he was qualified by taking the oath of allegiance September 1, and then proceeded up the Schuylkill Valley, settling in Alsace township.

JOHN R. MAST, the Court-crier and Custodian of the Law Library of Berks county, and member of Select Council from the Third ward, Reading, is a native of Reading, and was born Sept. 21, 1853, son of George and Elizabeth (Reifsnyder) Mast.

Mr. Mast was educated in the public schools of the city of Reading, and is a graduate of the Reading High School; later he attended the Reading Academy and Business College. At the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in the hardware store of McGowan & Miltimore, who conducted business at Sixth and Penn streets, where the store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart is now located. When the hardware firm of J. L. Stichter & Son were burned out, and the business of McGowan & Miltimore and J. L. Stichter & Son were merged into one large concern, Mr. Mast continued in their employment for a number of years. On Dec. 2, 1879, Mr. Mast was married to Minnie H. Hillegass, a daughter of Jacob S. Hillegass, of Reading. Mr. Mast then engaged in the wholesale manufacture of tobacco, at No. 728 Penn street—later he was successful in the cigar manufacturing business at Nos. 746-748 Cherry street, employing from 60 to 75 people, and having a trade covering the greater part of the United States. On account of impaired health Mr. Mast disposed of the business and on July 1, 1902, was appointed Court Crier and Custodian of the Law Library by the judges of the court of common pleas of Berks county— which post he fills with marked ability at this time. Mr. Mast is a most affable gentleman and is widely known in the city of Reading and throughout Berks county. "Mr. Mast," said a visiting attorney recently, "is the Ward McAllister of officialdom." His uniform courtesy has made him friends among all classes of people.

Mr. Mast has always taken an active part in public affairs, and he has served the Third ward in select council three successive terms of four years each. During his term as select councilman he was regarded as one of the most capable members of that body. His reputation is beyond reproach. In politics he is a Democrat. Party fealty, however, has never biased him. As an active member of the party, he has been chosen to numerous conventions and has been called into the highest councils of his party. Prior to his appointment to his present position he never held an office of emolument. In conjunction with his civic

duties Mr. Mast has always displayed a keen interest in the P. O. S. of A.; that body in appreciation of his services has elected him to the high office of state president of the State Organization. Mr. Mast is a member of the Masonic Order, and belongs to St. John Lodge, No. 435, Reading.

He has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church since boyhood.

George Mast, father of John R., passed most of his life in Reading, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He is buried in the family lot in the Charles Evans cemetery. He was a carpenter by occupation. His wife, Elizabeth (Reifsnyder), of Chester county, Pa., preceded him in death about ten years. They had a family of four children, two of whom died in infancy, the other two being John R. and Sallie, the latter the widow of H. E. Reifsnyder and residing at Reading.

John Mast, grandfather of John R., was born in August, 1786, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and when a boy was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, which he mastered thoroughly, in accordance with the strict ideas of his native land. Like many other young men of the day, he emigrated to America in order to escape being drafted for service in the Napoleonic wars, and he arrived in Berks county in 1812. Here he first hired out to help on the farm of William Bieber, in Oley township. However, he became well and favorably known in the pursuit of his trade, and many of the older large barns in Oley township to-day bear good evidence of his honest work. He was often employed by Gen. Daniel Udree at the Oley furnace, and by Daniel Young at the Rockland forges, doing such carpenter work as was needed at those places. Strong, honest and industrious, he was a good citizen and prospered well. He bought a small farm from Daniel Young, and cultivated it thoroughly and with true German thrift. He lived to his ninety-ninth year, making his home at Dryville, and is buried at Mertz' Church, in Rockland township. His wife, whose maiden name was Smith, died about ten years previously. They were the parents of nine children, three of the sons being Daniel, George and John.

HENRY P. KEISER. Among the members of the bar of Berks county there is none who has forged to the front more rapidly or more successfully than Henry P. Keiser. Largely the architect of his own fortune, having been dependent in a great measure upon his own efforts, he had the advantage of being associated early in his career with one of the ablest attorneys of Reading—the late J. Howard Jacobs.

Born in the borough of Womelsdorf, Berks county, January 5, 1860, the son of John G. and Rebecca M. Keiser, his early life was spent in the vicinity of his birthplace. He was educated in the public schools of the borough, and later in the Womelsdorf Academy, an institution which in its day ranked high in advanced educational methods.

After the death of Prof. John S. Krumbine, the principal of the school, Mr. Keiser taught in the public schools of Womelsdorf from 1877 to 1881. Being but seventeen years of age when he entered the schoolroom as a teacher he had pupils in the higher classes who were of his own age and he fully met the requirements of the School Board and the patrons of the school.

While teaching he prepared himself for his future career as a lawyer, and in 1879 he was registered as a student-at-law with J. Howard Jacobs. The latter had been for a number of years a leading practitioner in the courts of Berks county, and as a criminal lawyer had but few equals. It was among Mr. Keiser's duties, before his admission to the bar, to attend to all the matters usually looked after by a lawyer's clerk, and the training that he thus received developed those methodical habits, and thorough mastering of detail, that have stood him so well in his career at the bar. Mr. Keiser was admitted to practice in the several Berks county courts in November, 1883, and after his admission, Mr. Jacobs invited him to remain in his office. Some years afterwards the firm of Jacobs & Keiser was established, and resulted in a very active and profitable business, which continued until the decease of Mr. Jacobs in 1902. Since that year Mr. Keiser has been practicing alone.

In May, 1908, Mr. Keiser was elected by councils to the very important office of city solicitor for the term of three years. From the very beginning he grasped the intricate details of that office, as one well-versed in municipal affairs, and has been called to render opinions in some very important matters of city legislation, affecting vitally the interests of the tax payers. He has also successfully defended some heavy suits against the city, one of which, for the collection of retained percentages brought by a company which had a street-paving contract, resulted in a saving to the municipality of many thousands of dollars.

In the multiplicity of his professional duties, Mr. Keiser has had time to devote to politics, and being an enthusiastic Republican he has always taken a great interest in county, state and national political affairs. He has been a delegate to different conventions, and invariably took a leading part in each. While thus looking after the welfare of his party, and safely conserving the interests of the city in his official position, he has ever been able to keep in touch with the general practice of his profession.

In 1887, Mr. Keiser was made a Free-Mason in Williamson Lodge, No. 307, Reading; and two years later he became a Knight Templar in Reading Commandery, No. 42. He is also a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. of M. S.

On May 6, 1882, Mr. Keiser was married to Valeria A. Kintzer, a daughter of Isaac Y. Kintzer, who served as a justice of the peace in Womelsdorf for many years. From 1895 to 1897, Mr. Kintzer was Warden of the Berks county Prison, an office which he fulfilled with great fidelity. After his retirement from that office he engaged in the grocery business in Reading, in which he continued until his demise.

John G. Keiser, the father of Henry P., was a prominent dealer in horses, having stables at Womelsdorf and in Reading. Peter Keiser, the grandfather of Henry P., was a farmer in Tulpehocken township, where his ancestors were among the first settlers in that section of Berks county. They came from the Palatinate. The maiden name of Henry P. Keiser's mother was Fidler, and her family is also a very old and honorable one in the annals of Berks county.

Henry P. and Valeria A. Keiser have a daughter, Edith R., who was a member of the class of 1906, Wellesley College. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran church. Their home is on Mineral Spring Road.

WILLIAM ROTHERMEL KEMMERER, engaged in the real estate business and register of wills of Berks county from 1903 to 1906, was born Dec. 19, 1864, in Maiden-creek township, on the Kemmerer homestead near South Evansville. He was reared on this farm and received his education in the public and private schools, until he was twenty years of age, when he decided to engage in the mercantile business. He first entered the large general store of H. K. Miller at Shoemakersville as a clerk, and after remaining there for some time went to the general store of H. H. Kline at Molltown and was later employed as salesman in the dry-goods store of Levan & Shade, No. 441 Penn Square, Reading, which adjoined the Farmers' National Bank on the west. He took charge of the departments which included the domestic and colored dress goods, and remained with this firm until 1889 when he embarked in the mercantile business for himself, first at Reading and afterward at Birdsboro. He continued in the business until 1895, when he became the traveling salesman of L. H. Park & Company, importers and jobbers of coffee, tea and spices, at Philadelphia.

Mr. Kemmerer remained with that firm until January, 1900, when he resigned to accept the position of chief clerk in the office of the county commissioners, to which he was appointed for three years. While filling this responsible post his urbanity and ability made him so popular that the leaders of the Democratic party selected him as the organization candidate for the office of Register of Wills, to which he was elected in November, 1902. He filled the position satisfactorily from January, 1903, to January, 1906, having been the first to occupy this office as a salaried official. He then acted as assistant floor-manager of the big department store of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart until May, 1907, when he was obliged to resign the position on account of ill-health. After that he was engaged in the real estate business for himself until January, 1909, having erected and sold a row of dwelling houses on North Sixth street, opposite the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company shops. He has since become associated with his brother Elias R. Kemmerer, William M. Zechman and William E. Fisher, trading under the name of Kemmerer & Company, an enterprise having for its aim the development of the extreme northwestern section of Reading.

Mr. Kemmerer has been a devoted member of the Democratic party since he became of age. He served as a delegate to numerous county and state conventions, acting frequently as one of the secretaries, and he was a representative on the standing county committee for seven years. He has identified himself prominently with different secret and beneficial societies. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity a number of years, being a past-master of Union Lodge, No. 479, F. and A. M., and upon the institution of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, was demitted to become one of its charter members. He is also a member of Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M., and of Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; also of the Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°, of the Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., and of the Rajah Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mr. Kemmerer took an active part as a member of Neversink Lodge, No. 514, of which he is a past officer, serving as the past-grand on the degree staff for a number of years, and also as a representative to different state conventions. And in the Patriotic Order, Sons of America, he is a member of Washington Camp No. 417, which he has represented at a number of county and state conventions. These positions evidence his activity as a member of the societies mentioned, and witness the appreciation of his devotion and ability by his fellow members.

In 1885, Mr. Kemmerer was married to Ida A. Zellers, daughter of John and Catharine (Kraemer) Zellers, of Maiden-creek township; they have a daughter, Hermie May, who was graduated from the Birdsboro High School and the Reading Classical Academy, and also from the musical department of the Schuylkill Seminary. Mr. Kemmerer and his family are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.

For the genealogical antecedents of Mr. Kemmerer, see sketch of his elder brother, Elias R. Kemmerer, in this publication.

DR. FRANK LEWIS DE GOUR, dentist, residing in Reading since 1874, was born Dec. 3, 1837, in Philadelphia, and is the son of Lewis De Gour.

Dr. De Gour's grandfather emigrated from France about 1815.

Lewis De Gour was a carpenter and stair-builder of Philadelphia, and died in 1839 at the age of twenty-seven years. He married Amanda M. Fleming, of Brandywine, Pa., and their children were: George, of Philadelphia (married Amanda Winder), Frank L., and Ambrose, of Philadelphia (married Hannah B. Smith).

Frank Lewis De Gour was educated in the local schools and later attended the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, where he graduated in 1870. He began the practice of his profession in Wilkesbarre, Pa., and remained there for three years, at the end of which time he located at Reading, where he has been practicing in his present office, No. 11 North Fourth street, for twenty-one years.

Dr. De Gour enlisted in the Civil war for three years at Philadelphia Aug. 10, 1861, in Company L, Seventy-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Infantry, commonly known as the Colonel Baxter zouaves. He participated in the numerous engagements and skirmishes of that famous regiment, and with many other soldiers, was taken prisoner at Fair Oaks, Va., in July, 1862. After remaining in prison for twenty days he was paroled on account of an attack of typhoid fever, and later, for physical disability, was honorably discharged. In July, 1863, he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Independent Cavalry Company, which performed military services in Schuylkill county, for three services. Since 1876 he has been a member of Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., at Reading. He has a fine collection of G. A. R. medals and of trophies of war, from different battle fields, especially of the great battle of Gettysburg.

In 1872 Dr. De Gour married Emma S. Hahn, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Fies) Hahn, of Reading, and their children are: Harry F. (married Justina Young); William C.; and Amanda (who died young).

Mrs. De Gour's father was a lineal descendant of Henry Hahn, who was one of the first property holders of Reading.

CHRISTOPHER HIGH SHEARER, a landscape painter of national reputation, whose artistic creations are in numerous prominent homes in Pennsylvania and other states of America, was born at Reading, May 18, 1846. After receiving a general education in the local schools he manifested an inclination for the study of art, which resulted in frequent visits to the studios of F. D. Devlan and J. Heyl Raser. Upon one occasion, whilst in the studio of the latter, watching the development of a landscape on the easel, he remarked innocently to Mr. Raser, "I believe I can paint," when the artist looked up and replied pleasantly, "Yes, a man can do anything if he tries." The ambitious boy tried and the result of his first endeavor was so satisfactory that he was encouraged to continue. He persevered in his studies and in ten years, when twenty-seven years of age, produced a picture which attracted great public attention and won the favorable opinion of art critics. It was a large woodland scene which he entitled "Schwartzbach" and it found a place in the art gallery of a prominent manufacturer and banker at Reading, Henry S. Eckert. Shortly afterward Mr. Shearer went to Europe to pursue his studies in the great art schools of Dusseldorf and Munich and remained there several years. He also visited the principal art galleries of Germany. Upon his return he painted a number of foreign subjects, one of which was an admirable picture of the Bavarian Alps and was given a place of honor in the Academy of Fine Arts at Philadelphia. In 1878, he went again to Dusseldorf and spent a year in that city. Later he visited Paris and studied French art for a time.

Of the many remarkable productions from his prolific brush during the past thirty years, which give abundant evidence of his creative genius, the "Smoky Range" (1889) in the Reading Free Library, is admittedly one of his best, as well as one of his largest, paintings.

Mr. Shearer is also a naturalist, and his large and superior collection of butterflies, numbering 35,000, both in their natural state, and as painted by him in the various stages of development from the egg on the leaf to the "full-blown" butterfly, prove him to be a persevering student of nature.

For some years Mr. Shearer has cultivated a farm in Muhlenberg township, along the east bank of the Schuylkill river, near Stoudt's Ferry Bridge, and has manufactured considerable quantities of grape wine as a

diversion from his art work. Another pastime is the study of music, and he is a pleasing performer on the violin.

Mr. Shearer's father is Christopher Shearer, now over ninety years of age, and who was a large fruit grower for many years in Muhlenberg township, near Tuckerton. His grandather was Jonathan Shearer, fruit-grower and builder, of Reading, who was a son of John Christopher Schearer, a Revolutionary soldier in the company of Captain John Diehl, and a justice of the peace at Reading from 1813 until his decease in 1830.

BERGER. The Bergers of Berks county, a family which has numerous representatives among the most creditable citizens of this section, have been located here since the arrival of the emigrant ancestor, several generations back.

(I) Herber Berger came to this country from Germany in company with his brother, and settled in the upper end of Berks county, among the Blue Mountains. The brother died unmarried, and both are buried at the Blue Mountain Church.

(II) Jonathan Berger, son of Herber, was born June 24, 1769. He lived in Bern township, now Upper Bern, where he owned about two hundred acres of land, part of this farm being now in the possession of Orlando F. Berger, his great-grandson. He married Catharine Kauffman, and both are buried at St. Michael's Church, in Tilden township. They had children: Solomon, John, William, Benneville, George, Mrs. Marberger and Mrs. William Wagner.

(III) John Berger, son of Jonathan, was born April 16, 1798. He married Magdalina Rentschler. He was a farmer in Bern township, now Upper Bern, owning the old Berger homestead, of about two hundred acres of land, after the death of his father. For a number of years, in addition to agriculture, he owned and conducted a large clover hulling mill, located in the German valley, in Upper Bern township. This is now owned by his grandson, Orlando F. Berger. John Berger, who died April 17, 1878, and his wife are buried at St. Michael's Church. They had children as follows: Samuel, George, Daniel, Benjamin, Jacob, and Sallie (m. Peter Roth).

(IV) Samuel Berger, son of John, born Jan. 17, 1825, died Oct. 1, 1895, and is buried at St. Michael's Church. He was a farmer, having land in Upper Bern township. He married Elizabeth Folk, daughter of John Folk.

(V) Orlando F. Berger, only child of Samuel, is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of his section of Berks county. As a public school teacher for many terms he became well known and influential among the residents of Upper Bern generally, and in his present position of county surveyor, which he has held since 1903, he has widened his circle of friends and acquaintances until they can be found in all portions of the county. Mr. Berger was born Dec. 7, 1853, in Upper Tulpehocken township. He received his early education in the township schools, and later attended the Keystone State Normal, at Kutztown, after which preparation he engaged in teaching, following that profession for twenty terms in all, one in Richmond township, one in West Leesport, and eighteen in Upper Bern township. His influence as a man of high intelligence and fine moral standards upon his young charges will be felt for many years to come.

When he abandoned teaching Mr. Berger bought the old historic Shartle farm, owned and worked for over a century by the Shartle family (the first being Captain Jacob Shartle, who served as captain during the Revolutionary war), and engaged in farming, and he has shown himself as enterprising and capable in this vocation as in his other undertakings. He has never lost his interest in his old profession or in anything of interest to the general welfare of a community. In 1883 Mr. Berger began surveying, at which he has engaged ever since, and in the year 1903 he was elected county surveyor, being honored with re-election to that office in 1906. He has also served five years as justice of the peace of his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Berger is active in fraternal work and identified with several local lodges, being a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M.; of the P. O. S. of A., the K. O. T. M. and the I. O. O. F. He is a member of and prominent worker in St. Michael's Lutheran Church, which he served many years as deacon, and is still superintendent of the Sunday-school, an office he has filled for twenty-five years.

On May 3, 1873, Mr. Berger married Mary Ann Clauser, daughter of Harrison and Rebecca (Snyder) Clauser, and they are the parents of seven children: Austin L. is in the Philippine Islands, where he is superintendent of fourteen schools in the Province of Leyte; Samuel A., born in 1876, who farms the old Shartle homestead owned by his father, married Sallie Stoudt, daughter of Reiley Stoudt, and they have had seven children, Floyd C., Helen L., William H., Herma L., John A., Ralph A., and Orlando, the two last named deceased; Elizabeth M. is a graduate of the Normal School at Kutztown and at present a teacher in New Jersey; John S. lives at home; Robert is a veterinarian; Herbert Cleveland and Mary A. R. are at home.

(III) William Berger, son of Jonathan, was born July 30, 1811, in Bern (now Upper Bern) township, Berks county, and was a farmer by occupation. He died June 13, 1888, aged seventy-six years, ten months, thirteen days. He married Annie Dundore, and their children were: Aaron H., J. Reiley, William, Adam, Ellenora, Emma, Lydia and Annie.

(IV) J. Reiley Berger, son of William, born May 13, 1847, died Dec. 9, 1889, aged forty-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days, and is buried at the Zion's (or Blue Mountain) Church in Upper Tulpehocken township. He was a farmer by vocation, and became one of the well known residents of his district. Mr. Berger married Mrs. Rebecca S. (Wilhelm) Berger, and to this union were born four children, namely: Edward P., now deceased; James C.; George I., a resident of Philadelphia; and Albert F., of Detroit, Mich. By her first union, with Adam Berger, who died two years after their marriage, Mrs. Berger had a daughter, A. Kate, who is now the wife of Jacob W. Albright, of Upper Bern township. After the death of J. Reiley Berger his widow married Jacob H. Weibel, and they reside in Philadelphia.

(V) James C. Berger, son of J. Reiley, a young man of good standing in Upper Bern township, was born May 20, 1873, in Upper Tulpehocken township near Strausstown, Pa. He attended the public schools of Upper Tulpehocken township, and after leaving school was engaged at farm work assisting his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years, after which he moved to where he now resides and has since been engaged in selling commercial fertilizers and in fruit growing and trucking. He has also taken part in the local civil government, having served three years as township auditor and three years as township assessor, of Upper Bern township. He is intelligent and industrious, and has the respect of all who know him. He is quite prominent in social organizations, particularly in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Hamburg, Pa.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, and Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading, Pa. He is also a member of Shartlesville Camp, No. 133, P. O. S. of A., and was district president of that order for two years; and is a prominent member of Tent No. 351, K. O. T. M., which was instituted Sept. 2, 1902, and whose interests he has promoted in every way (he has been record

keeper since its organization). In religion he holds to the faith of the Reformed Church, holding membership in the Friedens Church, and he is active in Sunday-school work.

May 20, 1893, Mr. Berger married Miss Annie F. Wagner, only child of Moses H. Wagner, and their family consists of three children, Mary R., born Sept. 30, 1894; Clara M., b. March 10, 1899; and Helen A., b. Nov. 8, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Berger make their home with Mrs. Berger's parents in Upper Bern township, near Shartlesville.

Moses H. Wagner, now living retired in Upper Bern township, was born in that township July 30, 1853, son of Elias Wagner and grandson of George Wagner. The latter lived in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, and was a well-known farmer of his day. He is buried at St. Michael's Church. He and his wife had seven sons and two daughters, the sons being: Elias, George, William, Daniel, Samuel, Benjamin and Solomon.

Elias Wagner was a farmer in what is now Tilden township, and died June 19, 1903, aged eighty-three years, four months, twenty-four days, and is buried at St. Michael's Church. He married Fayetta Renno, and they became the parents of four children, of whom but one survives, Moses H. For his second wife Mr. Wagner married Mary Hagner, who died in 1906. No children were born to this union.

Moses H. Wagner engaged in farming until 1888, since when he has been retired. He still makes his home on his old place near Shartlesville, in Upper Bern township, and is one of the most respected citizens of that neighborhood. He married Mary A. Rentschler, daughter of John and Polly (Klopp) Rentschler, and a granddaughter of John Rentschler. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had one daughter, Annie F., born Feb. 4, 1873, now the wife of James C. Berger.

(V) Edward P. Berger (deceased), son of J. Reiley Berger, was born Oct. 14, 1871, at Strausstown, Berks county, and died Nov. 9, 1900, aged twenty-nine years. He is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. Mr. Berger was a barber by trade, and followed that vocation at Strausstown, where he was a well known and respected young citizen. He was a member of the Reformed Church, taking an active part in its work, and socially held membership in the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. Mr. Berger married Sallie J. Spengler, who still lives at Strausstown, and they had one child, Clarence G., born Aug. 11, 1893, who died Nov. 10, 1901, aged seven years, two months, twenty-nine days.

Jacob E. Spengler, father of Mrs. Sallie J. Berger, was a son of George Spengler, who lived near Schaefferstown, Pa. Mr. Spengler followed farming in Upper Tulpehocken township, where he died Dec. 18, 1906, at the age of seventy years, six months, nineteen days. He is buried at the Blue Mountain Church. He married Lucetta Kantner, and to them were born two children, Annie Matilda and Sallie J., the former now deceased.

Mrs. Berger is a member of the Reformed Church and very active in both church and Sunday-school, at present teaching a class of thirteen girls from twelve to fifteen years old. She is also interested in lodge work, being a member of the Daughters of Rebekah and of the P. O. of A.

JOHN H. SNELL, senior member of the well-known firm of Snell & Meharg, of Hamburg, Pa., manufacturers of vertical and horizontal steam engines, was born July 2, 1849, in Earl township, Berks county, son of Jacob and Matilda (Glase) Snell.

The Snell family, which is of German extraction, had its origin in America in John Adam Snell, who emigrated from Germany, on the ship "Robert and Alice" of Dublin, Walter Goodman, commander, and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 11, 1738, there being 103 other male passengers on board.

John Snell, a descendant of John Adam and grandfather of John H., was a resident of Berks county for some years, and was a man of prominence and wealth. In 1787, 1795, 1796, 1807, 1808 and 1812 he purchased properties in Reading, where he then lived, but prior to 1816 he removed to New Haven township, Montgomery county.

Jacob Snell, son of John and father of John H., was born May 3, 1816, in New Hanover township, Montgomery county, and obtained a good education in the public schools of that vicinity. He removed to Friedensburg, Oley township, Berks county, where he engaged in the mercantile business for some time, but later went to Earlville, where he conducted a hotel and general merchandise store. He then engaged in the iron business, operating the Spring forge until 1851, when he was elected register of Berks county on the Democratic ticket. In this office he served very acceptably until 1854. At the beginning of his term of office he removed to Reading, continuing to reside there until his death. In 1851 Mr. Snell formed a partnership with Mr. Snyder, and they built the Keystone forge in Reading, manufacturing car axles and hooks, and continued same successfully for several years, after which Mr. Snell became associated as part owner with John H. Craig in operating the Keystone Rolling Mills, which connection continued until his death in 1893. This latter was an extensive enterprise, employing over two hundred men, and Mr. Snell's rare tact and business acumen made possible the success of the industry. He was identified with various other enterprises, being for a time president of the Schuylkill Valley Building Association.

The Snell family had always been adherents of the principles of the Democratic party, but Mr. Snell's aversion to the institution of slavery led him, during the Civil war, to become a Republican. He was a school controller of the city of Reading for several years, and did much to advance the cause of education. Mr. Snell was a man of high honor and unquestioned integrity. He and his family were consistent members of St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal connections were with Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F., also at Reading.

Jacob Snell married Matilda Glase, daughter of Peter and Mary (Addams) Glase, of Alsace township, who had the following children: Matilda, William, Benneville, Amelia, Levi, James and Rebecca. Several years after the death of Mrs. Mary (Addams) Glase Mr. Glase married (second) Catherine Weisner, by whom he had five children: Caroline, Annie, Jacob, Alfred and Peter. To Jacob Snell and wife were born: Annie M. m. Dr. William Blakeslee, a practising physician of Coatesville, Pa.; Louisa m. Daniel Heffelfinger, a tailor at Reading; Peter m. Lizzie Myers, of Lebanon, Pa.; Caroline m. Lemon Buch, a wholesale liquor merchant at Reading; John H.; Sallie A. m. George F. Meharg, partner of John H. Snell. Mrs. Snell, the mother of these children, was born June 6, 1822, and died Sept. 7, 1892. Jacob Snell died Dec. 7, 1893, aged seventy-seven years.

John H. Snell secured a good education in the public schools of Reading, the last school he attended being the Southwest ward grammar school, which he left at the age of fourteen years to learn the trade of draughtsman and machinist with Clark & Hunter. He remained with this firm for four years and did his first draughting for J. H. Sternbergh, when the latter established his business in Reading. His next employers were Mellert & Co., with whom he remained another period of four years, and then became a draughtsman with the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, but subsequently relinquished his position because of ill health. He was next employed by the Harrisburg Foundry & Machine Company, with whom he remained two years, when he took a Western tour. Upon returning to Reading he handled machines for Rick Brothers, and later for T. A. Willson, manufacturer of spectacles, until 1874, when he went to the Pacific coast by boat. He left New York City, going by way of the Isthmus of Panama, thence up to Tacoma, on Puget Sound, where he had charge of the machinery of

a large sawmill until 1877. Upon returning to Reading he became foreman of the Mellert Foundry & Machine Co., for one year, when his fondness for travel prompted him to return to California, this time remaining for one year only. In 1880, in partnership, with his brother-in-law, George F. Meharg, under the firm name of Snell & Meharg, he commenced business in Reading, where they operated a machine shop with success until 1889, when their entire plant was moved to Hamburg, where they had previously erected a substantial brick building 40x200 feet. Here they manufacture a superior grade of vertical and horizontal steam engines that find a ready domestic and foreign market. The firm suffered a severe loss by fire in 1894, but immediately rebuilt, with two wing additions. About fifty men are employed, manufacturing upward of five hundred engines annually. Mr. Snell has charge of the mechanical affairs of the plant, while the business duties fall upon Mr. Meharg. Mr. Snell was one of the promoters of the Hamburg Electric Light Company, and he became president and superintendent. He is a member of the Board of Trade.

In 1878 Mr. Snell married Annie Francisco Siemon, born Nov. 19, 1861, at Reading, Berks county, Pa., daughter of Herman and Mary A. (Francis) Siemon, of Wurtemberg, Germany, whose other children were Sallie Siemon and Josephine Siemon. To Mr. and Mrs. Snell have been born the following children: Edison J., Clarence H., George L., John G., Marie M., Josephine, Madaline, Charles A., and Gertrude L. (born July 4, 1908. died July 27, 1908). Mr. Snell and his wife are members of Bethany Methodist Church at Hamburg. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of Lodge No. 115, B. P. O. Elks, Reading, Pennsylvania.

EPHRAIM H. STITZEL, who died Sept. 30, 1907, had been from 1879 a valued employe in the machine shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Reading. He was born in Moselem, Berks county, March 12, 1851, son of Tysher and Sarah (Hoch) Stitzel, and nephew of the late Judge Stitzel, once one of the most prominent men in the county.

John Stitzel, his great-great-grandfather, came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to Philadelphia, in 1735. In 1753 he married Mary Ludwig.

George Stitzel, son of John, married Elizabeth Hoch, and died in 1844, aged eighty-nine years.

Henry Stitzel, son of George, was born Sept. 12, 1789, and died Oct. 25, 1835. To him and his wife, Elizabeth, were born children as follows: Morgan; Abaline; Tysher; Hannah M.; Mary Ann (born Aug. 3, 1820, married, Oct. 12, 1843, James M. Mathews), and Hon. George D. Henry Stitzel's second wife's name was Esther, and she bore him a son, John.

Tysher Stitzel, son of Henry, was a farmer all his life in Maiden-creek and Lower Heidelberg townships. He died at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife at the age of sixty-five. In politics he was a Democrat. They were members of the Reformed Church. Their children were: Henry, deceased; Ellen, wife of Henry Ahrens, a retired farmer in Lower Heidelberg township; Mary, deceased, wife of William J. Lamb; Elmira, wife of Henry Oaks, of Wernersville, Pa.; William, living on the old Judge Stitzel farm; Ephraim H.; Annie M., wife of Christian Ludwig, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Emma, of Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

Ephraim H. Stitzel was educated in the public schools of his native township and at D. B. Brunner's Academy. He then taught school in Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships for several terms. After this he learned the baking business with his brother-in-law, Christian Ludwig, of Reading, which he followed two years, and later embarked on his own account on Schuylkill avenue, and Tenth and Elm streets, Reading, and was in business for four years, leaving it in 1879 to accept a position in the shops of the Reading Company, where he remained in the same department until his death. The most cordial relations existed between Mr. Stitzel and his employers, and his services were highly valued.

On Dec. 25, 1874, Mr. Stitzel was married to Sarah Ann Rollman, daughter of Josiah Rollman, of Spring township, Berks county, and they had children as follows: Magie M., who married Irvin K. Snyder, and resides at No. 350 Pear street, Reading; Laura and Bessie, both deceased; Emma R., who married Mr. William Bohn, and resides in Philadelphia, Pa.; and Alice S. A., who married Paul Yocom, a young business man of Reading. The family belong to Zion's Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Stitzel was independent. In fraternal connection he belonged to Camp No. 552, P. O. S. of A.; P. & R. Relief; Fraternity Castle, No. 302, K. G. E.; and Bohemond Commandery, No. 327, A. and I. O. K. of M. The family reside at No. 813 Elm street, Reading.

FREMONT W. FRANKHAUSER, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Reading, is a man naturally fitted for a prominent place among his fellow men, and one who has attracted the attention of Reading's citizens in several fields of activity.

The Frankhauser family was established in America before the Revolution, when three brothers, Peter, Christian and Henry, came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania, at first in Chester and later in Lancaster county. According to Rupp's thirty thousand names Michael Frankhauser arrived from Germany in 1751. In 1790 Federal Census reports him a resident of Brecknock township (now Berks county), and having five sons—one above sixteen, four under sixteen years of age—and four daughters. John Frankhauser, paternal grandfather of Dr. Fremont W., was a farmer, and save that he died at fifty-four, little can now be learned of his life. His children were: Harry; Benjamin; Peter; Christian; Richard; George; Isaac; Jacob; John; Fianna, deceased, who married the late Israel Cooper; and Ella, who married a Mr. Hoyt and lives in Philadelphia. The parents were members of the Evangelical Church and in politics John Frankhauser was a Whig.

John Frankhauser (2) was by trade a cooper and stone mason, but he also owned and operated a small farm. He died young, passing away when only thirty-six years old. He married Miss Maria Weaver, like himself a native of Lancaster county, and they had five children; Fremont W. is mentioned below. Anna married Daniel Beavens, and had eight children. Lot W. is a cigar manufacturer; he married Miss Annie Miller, and they have three children; Alger; Florence; and Earl. John, a physician, was graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College, with the class of 1889, and is now practicing at Mohnton; he married Miss Ella Fritz, and their only child is named Agnew. Sherman W. lives at the old homestead. The family are Evangelical in faith, and the father was a Whig in politics, and a Republican when the Republican party was formed.

Fremont W. Frankhauser was born at Muddy Creek, Lancaster county, Oct. 27, 1856. He began his education in the county public schools but later attended an academy at Terre Hill. After leaving school he taught for five years, meantime reading medicine under Dr. Abraham Kissinger, of Bowmansville, for four years. When he was ready to enter a medical school, he chose the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and was given his degree of M. D. there in 1880. He first began practicing in Mohnsville, but afterward removed to Springfield, Chester county, and remained there seven years. He next returned to Philadelphia for graduate work at the Medico-Chirurgical College and when he was graduated in 1888 he became resident physician in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital.

Dr. Frankhauser finally settled in Reading and has ever since been identified with that city. He is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has done special pathological work. An untiring reader, and keen student, he keeps well abreast of his chosen profession and is a leading spirit in several medical societies. He belongs to the Reading Medical

Association, the Berks County Medical Society (of which he was president in 1900) and the State Medical Society, is a representative to the American Medical Association, is a member of the American Medical Association, and a member of its legislative committee.

Dr. Frankhauser has not forgotten his duties as a citizen in the demands of his profession and is at present (1906) serving as a member of the city council. He has the true interests of the city at heart and has done valuable work in the council. The Doctor is also well known in Masonic Circles and is past master of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of Reading, being also a member of the Mystic Star Commandery, No. 47, K. T. He also belongs to the Knights of Friendship and the Royal Arcanum.

In 1880 Dr. Frankhauser was married to Miss Sarah R. Shirk, daughter of Rudolph Shirk, of Schoeneck, Lancaster county. They have two sons, Aithen and Herbert, and have lost one daughter, Olive May. Dr. Frankhauser and his wife have many warm friends and stand high in the community, where the Doctor's practice is a large one.

DUMN. One of the pioneer families of Berks county is that bearing the name Dumn. About 1754 there landed at Baltimore, one (I) Casper Dum, born about 1720 in the Rhine Valley, Germany. He sailed from Bremen, Germany, for America, and after he was here drifted to Hagerstown, Md., and from there into Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., where he made his permanent home. He died in Richmond township, and was survived by three sons, Thomas, Valentine and Jacob.

(II) Thomas Dum, born 1752, eldest son of Casper, was but two years of age when the family landed in the New World. He accompanied his father to Berks county, and died in Richmond township, Oct. 23, 1830 (and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery there), survived by three children: Elizabeth, who married her cousin, Michael Dum; Thomas, Jr., born in Richmond township in 1800, who became a shoemaker and died in 1854; and Jacob, Jr. Three children died in infancy. Jacob Dum, a son of Thomas, Jr., left the east about eighty-five years ago, and settled in Ohio. He had thirteen children. The surviving grandchildren and great-grandchildren are at present living at Amanda, Lancaster and Circleville, Ohio.

(III) Jacob Dum, son of Thomas, married and became the father of thirteen children, namely: Annie; Sallie; Polly; Joseph (who had children—Emma, Betsy, William, Robert, Simon, Benjamin, and Joseph); Benjamin; Daniel; Jacob; Israel; Samuel (who had children—Israel, Thomas, Effie, Samuel, William and Homer); Hetty; Katie; Abbie and Betsy.

(II) Valentine Dum, son of Casper, was the baby when the family came to America. For many years he lived in Richmond and Albany townships, Berks county, where he farmed, but finally located near Pittsburg, Pa., where he died and left a family.

(II) Jacob Dum, son of Casper, was born in America, and passed all his life in Berks county. He was the father of two sons: Thomas, who died in infancy; and Michael.

(III) Michael Dum (or Dumn), son of Jacob, and grandson of the emigrant Casper, was born in Richmond township about 1793. By occupation he was a farmer and teamster, and lived with his large family near Moselem Springs. He married his cousin, Elizabeth Dum, mentioned above as daughter of Thomas Dum. Michael Dum died in 1840, the father of Elizabeth, Aaron, Samuel, Mary, Benneville, Willoughby, Annie and Levi.

(IV) Samuel Dum, third child and second son of Michael and Elizabeth Dum, was born in Richmond township in 1825. He was a practical miner, and for many years was engaged in the iron ore mines and in getting out sand, but in his later life he conducted hotels at Moselem Springs, Pricetown and Fleetwood. He served as justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor township and the borough of Fleetwood, and was a stanch worker in the Democratic party. His last years were spent in retirement in Fleetwood, where he died Feb. 17, 1901, in his seventy-seventh year. In 1848 he married Mary Ann Madeira, daughter of John Madeira, and their children were: James F., who died two years before his father, was one of the most prominent men in Berks county, having served many years as justice of the peace, and from 1888 to 1891 as recorder of deeds; Wilson M.; and Amos M.

(V) Wilson M. Dumn, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Madeira), was born in Ruscombmanor township, March 8, 1861. His school days were few in number, and he began early to gain practical experience in the business world. His first venture was at Yellowhouse, where for six years he successfully conducted a general store. On April 1, 1889, he moved his family to Reading, and shortly afterward engaged in the shoe business, which he has since continued with success, his integrity and good judgment having won him recognition. From 1906 to 1909 he served as Register of Wills for Berks county. He resides with his family at No. 923 Washington street.

(VI) Clarence C. Dumn, son of Wilson M., was born in Richmond township, June 17, 1879, and came to Reading with his parents in 1889. He graduated from the Reading high school in 1898. For a number of years he was employed in the office of John Hendel's Sons' hat manufactory. In politics he is a firm believer in Democratic principles. He was nominated for alderman from the Eighth ward, after a hard five cornered fight, and was elected by a majority of votes. He resides at No. 923 Washington street, Reading.

(VI) J. Frank Dumn, second son of Wilson M., was born in Fleetwood, Pa., Aug. 13, 1881, and after coming to Reading with his parents in 1889 entered the public schools, and was graduated from the high school June 29, 1899. For some time he was employed in the Reading freight office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, but later entered his father's shoe store at No. 814 Penn street, and is still to be found there. He is identified with several secret societies.

(V) Amos M. Dumn, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Madeira), was born in Fleetwood, Feb. 8, 1865, and there passed his boyhood days. For a number of years he taught school. He served as deputy recorder for a number of years and also as recorder for a short time by appointment. He was appointed to the auditor's office in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., a position he is now filling. He is married, and makes his home at No. 1236 Girard street, Washington, D. C.

(IV) Willoughby Dumn, fourth son of Michael and Elizabeth (Dum) Dum, was born in Richmond township in 1828. He lived nearly his entire lifetime in his native township. During his younger days he worked on farms, and later assisted his brother Samuel in mining. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 151st Pa. V. I., under Col. George McFarlan, and took part with his regiment in the bloody conflict at Chancellorsville, May 2-3, 1863. They were then attached to Gen. Reynolds' command, and ordered to follow Lee, whom they overtook at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, and immediately forced a battle. The regiment was almost wiped out of existence. They went into battle, twenty-one officers and four hundred and sixty-six men strong, and of these, two officers and sixty-six men were killed, twelve officers and one hundred and eighty-seven men were wounded, and one hundred were missing—an aggregate loss of three hundred and sixty-seven. "At Gettysburg," says General Doubleday, "they won, under the brave McFarlan, an imperishable fame." Mr. Dumn was honorably discharged July 27, 1863.

(IV) Benneville Dumn, twin brother of Willoughby, went to California in 1850 in the time of the great gold excitement, and was never again heard from.

(IV) Levi Dumn, youngest son and child of Michael and Elizabeth (Dum), was born in Richmond township, Aug. 31, 1832, and was only a lad of eight years when he was left an orphan. During his younger days he worked at farm labor, but later became manager of Maidencreek Furnace. He was also engaged in a mercantile business at Lenhartsville, and was also with his brothers Samuel and Willoughby in the mining business. He died Aug. 30, 1876. His children were: Sallie, deceased; Clara E., deceased; Frank E., deceased; Charles O.; Harry J.; and several that died in infancy.

(V) HARRY J. DUMN, son of Levi, was born at Lenhartsville March 10, 1865. He received his primary education in the public schools of Greenwich township, and the Fleetwood high school. After taking a course at the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, he taught for a time. Mr. Dumn comes of a family long interested and influential in the Democratic party, and long before he attained his majority he had rendered service to the party, having taken the stump in the fall of 1884—the first Cleveland campaign. He has served many years on the county standing committee, and is at present a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. On April 1, 1889, he entered the Recorder's office at Reading, and served as deputy recorder until Jan. 1, 1894, when he was appointed deputy clerk of Quarter Sessions under Clerk H. H. Holl, but Mr. Holl dying that same year, Mr. Dumn succeeded to the clerkship, first by appointment and afterward by election, serving with ability until Jan. 1, 1899. During this time he registered as a law student, and studied law under the direction of George W. Wagner, Esq., until Jan. 2, 1899, when he was admitted to practise in the several courts of Berks county, subsequently being admitted to practise before the Supreme and Superior courts of the State. Immediately upon his admission to the Bar he formed a partnership with Harry D. Schaeffer, Esq., present district attorney of Berks County, and they opened an office at No. 40 North Sixth street, where they have since practised under the firm name of Dumn & Schaeffer. Mr. Dumn is assistant district attorney under Mr. Schaeffer. He has been active in public affairs wherever the movement tended toward the benefit and progress of the community. He was solicitor for Mohnton borough and obtained the charter of incorporation. He has been active in the Board of Trade, and was the originator of the movement for Greater Reading. He was one of the incorporators and is a director and legal adviser of the Mohnton National Bank.

Fraternally Mr. Dumn is a prominent Mason, and has enjoyed a number of offices. He is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society and of the Berks County Historical Society.

Mr. Dumn married Miss Annie M. daughter of Thomas Moyer, and they have three children: Alma S., a graduate of the high school, class of 1909, and at present a student at Lasell Seminary, in Massachusetts; Miriam M. and Leslie Thomas. The family residence is at No. 136 North Eleventh street, Reading.

JACOB B. SCHOENER, son of William Schoener, who was prominent for a number of years as a justice of the peace, chief burgess and county official, was born at Reading in 1805. After being educated in the local schools, he directed his attention to painting and took special instruction in the Academy of Fine Arts of Philadelphia, directing his efforts in the line of miniature portraits. He went to Florida and Cuba where he won distinction, and afterward proceeded to New York and Boston where his work was highly appreciated. He became proficient in the use of the German, Spanish and Italian languages. He died at Boston in 1847.

WILLIAM MURRAY WEIDMAN, M. D., for almost forty years a practicing physician and surgeon of Reading, was located in that city from the close of his service in the Civil war until his death, Feb. 8, 1902. A man of notable intelligence and devotion to his life work, he achieved success and distinction in the profession of his choice, in which he was actively engaged to the end of his days. Dr. Weidman was born May 8, 1835, at Lebanon, Pa., and came of good old Colonial stock which has been settled in this part of Pennsylvania since 1733. The family is a numerous one, and the members of this branch have resided principally in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. The fact that the post office near the original homestead is called Durlach, which is also the name of a school in the vicinity, seems to show conclusively that the Weidmans came from Durlach, in Baden, Germany. In the "History of Lancaster County" we find that Mathias Weidman secured a warrant for 144½ acres of land May 3, 1733, but he died before obtaining his patent. Martin Weidman, evidently a son of Mathias, received a patent Oct. 6, 1733, from William Penn and his associates, for 385 acres in what is now Clay township, Lancaster county, paying therefor £59, 19s., 6d. In 1745 Martin Weidman apparently the same man had patented 387½ acres which had been surveyed for Faladine Miller in 1733. In 1757 he sold 172½ acres to Abraham Brubaker, and 214½ acres to his son, Jacob. It is not known whether the two tracts purchased by Martin Weidman adjoined, but the 385-acre tract constituted what was afterward called the Weidman homestead.

"There was also a Weidman saw and grist mill on Middle Creek, built in 1755 by Christopher Weidman, who owned it until 1811." Christopher moved to the neighborhood of New Holland, and his younger brother John kept the homestead. Christopher was a farmer, miller, and owner of Antietam Forge near Frederick City, and Antietam Battlefield on the Monocacy.

From Martin Weidman the ancestral line of Dr. W. Murray Weidman is traced through Martin's son Jacob and the latter's son Christopher. Christopher Weidman married a Miss Buchanan, a member of the same family as President James Buchanan, and their son, Lieutenant Adjutant John Weidman, was the Doctor's grandfather.

John Weidman was born in Warwick township, Lancaster county, June 4, 1756. He was in the Continental Army throughout the Revolutionary war, serving from 1776 to 1781, experiencing with his regiment the hardships of the winter of 1778 at Valley Forge and participating in the engagements at Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, Brandywine, Germantown and various other points. He also took an active part in the expedition against the Indians under General Sullivan, in 1778, and in the Knox campaign on the Hudson in 1780. His regiment disbanding in 1787, because of its reduced numbers, he retired from the army altogether. He was an original member of the Order of the Cincinnati. At the close of the Revolution Lieutenant-Adjutant Weidman settled in Philadelphia, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, but after his marriage he returned to his native county of Lancaster, where he followed surveying. He then spent ten years at Antietam Forge. The most important years of his active life were, however, spent in the town of Lebanon, whither he removed from Lancaster county, and where he continued to reside until his death. For many years he was one of the most prominent citizens of Lebanon county. In 1791 he purchased from Robert Coleman the Union Forge (Lickdale), at Lebanon, which he carried on for many years. He was also prominent in public life, being one of the associate judges of the

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county from 1821 until he passed away June 6, 1850. He was buried in Salem Lutheran cemetery. His wife was Catharine Mason, whom he married May 1, 1786.

Jacob Barge Weidman, son of Lieutenant-Adjutant John Weidman, was born May 12, 1789, in Philadelphia. He received an excellent literary education, attending the Latin school of General James Ross, at Lancaster, and later graduating from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He then took up the study of law, reading with Samuel Laird, at Harrisburg, and was admitted to the Bar in Dauphin county at the August term, 1813. Locating at Lebanon, he became identified with the best legal talent of the newly organized county, and for over forty years was one of its most eminent legal practitioners. He was contemporaneous with James Hopkins, Thomas Elder, George Fisher and James Buchanan. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1837-38. Jacob Barge Weidman was married three times, his first wife being Mary Murray, daughter of William Murray. His second union was with Mary Elizabeth Morris, of Philadelphia, and his third with Elizabeth Chambers Murray, a younger step-sister of his first wife. Mr. Weidman died March 5, 1857. Of his children, Rev. Dr. Jacob Weidman is a Presbyterian minister of Clifton Heights, N. J.; Barge Weidman is a resident of Pottsville, Pa.; Elizabeth is the wife of Adolph Dill, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Helen resides at Richmond, Va.; General John; Judge Mason, of Pottsville; Charles; Morris; and Dr. W. Murray Weidman, deceased. All except Gen. John Weidman were his children by his third wife, Elizabeth Chambers Murray.

General John Weidman, son of Jacob Barge Weidman and Mary Murray his first wife, died at a comparatively early age, but he was nevertheless one of the most prominent men in the State in his time. He received his literary education at Lebanon Academy, Dickinson College, Carlisle, and at Princeton University, and took the medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of M. D. But he afterward studied law, was admitted to the Bar of Lebanon county in 1842, and made a reputation as a legal practitioner and prominent political worker. He served one term as district attorney, 1859. He was active in the State Militia, in which he was a brigadier General before the Civil war, and upon the breaking out of that conflict he entered the Union army as captain of Company F, Fourth Cavalry, serving until broken health made his resignation necessary. He died shortly afterward April 23, 1863.

William Murray Weidman, son of Jacob Barge and Elizabeth Chambers (Murray) Weidman, was reared at Lebanon, and there obtained his early education in the Lebanon Academy. In 1851 he entered the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, and the next year began his college course at that institution, from which he and his brother Jacob graduated together in 1856. Immediately thereafter Murray Weidman commenced the study of medicine in the office of Drs. J. W. and Cyrus D. Gloninger, at Lebanon. He took the medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, and received his degree in 1860. He was then appointed one of the resident physicians at the Philadelphia Hospital (Blockley), where he remained for nineteen months, after which he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, becoming assistant surgeon of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry. Thence he was ordered to the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and on Oct. 1, 1862, was promoted to be a surgeon of that regiment with the rank of Major. On Dec. 28, 1863, he was captured near Occoquan, Va. His captor happened to be a connection of his future wife, a Dr. Randolph of Virginia. He was paroled the following day and was left in charge of the wounded. He was mustered out at the expiration of his term, Oct. 31, 1864, and from that time until his death practiced his profession in Reading. The year of his arrival in the city he was appointed surgeon of the Reading Railway Company. He built up an extensive general practice during his long career in Reading, but he was specially noted for his skill in surgery, and at the time of his death he was consulting surgeon of the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane at South Mountain, and of St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem. His interest in the advancement of medical science led him into prominent connection with various organizations of the profession, the Reading Medical Society, the Berks County Medical Association, the Medical Society of Pennsylvania (of all which he served as president), the American Medical Association and the Academy of Medicine. It was largely owing to his efforts that the Reading Hospital became established, and he was called the Father of the Medical Library of Reading. He was a member of the Loyal Legion. Shortly before his death he was made president of the Berks county Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he was one of the governors of the Men's Whist Club. During his college days he held membership in the Philomathian Literary Society and the Linnaean Scientific Association.

Dr. Weidman was naturally best known in his professional capacity, but he exhibited traits which convinced his friends and associates that he might have attained as great a measure of success in other lines. As a man he was universally respected and admired. He was one who made the most of the special opportunities a physician meets for benefiting his fellowmen, and his wisdom and intelligence enabled him to do much real good, which he accomplished in an unostentatious way. Dr. Weidman's conspicuous traits were cheerfulness, courage, and generosity. He was interested in the municipal welfare, and gave able service as city auditor from 1868 to 1872, this being the only office he ever held. He was President of the Board of Health many years. In religious matters he was connected with Christ Cathedral, of which he was a vestryman. On Feb. 23, 1865, Dr. Weidman was united in marriage to Mary May Keim, youngest daughter of the Hon. George May Keim, of a family prominent for generations in the social life of Reading. She preceded him to the grave, dying Jan. 18, 1900. Five children were born to this union. Those still living are: Julia Keim (wife of Dr. Grahame Dove Johnson, of Andover, Mass.), Bessie Murray and Marion Douglass; the deceased were Laura Farquhar and Helen Murray. The family residence is at No. 214 South Fifth Street, Reading, where Dr. Weidman died suddenly Feb. 8, 1902.

JAMES A. BENADE, a distinguished artist at Reading from 1840 to 1853, was the son of Dr. Andrew Benade, a Moravian Bishop at Bethlehem. He was born in 1823 and was educated in the schools of Bethlehem, having taken lessons under a noted Moravian artist named Grünewald for a time, and afterward continued his studies in Philadelphia. At the age of seventeen he located at Reading where his active mind and busy brush soon won a high place in the esteem and appreciation of cultured people. He painted many pictures possessing artistic excellence, but unfortunately he was stricken with paralysis in the midst of his encouraging prospects and died Feb. 2, 1853. He married Sarah Nagle Moers, of Reading, by whom he had four children: James, Henry, Esther and Sarah.

GEORGE FILBERT, a citizen of enterprise and public spirit, a man of high repute, successful and active in municipal affairs, plays an important part on life's stage. He makes his home in Womelsdorf, Berks county. Few men attain to a position equal in influence to that occupied by Mr. Filbert, and his retirement from business activities would be felt in many lines. He was born June 18, 1838, and is de-

scended from substantial German ancestry, planted on American soil by Samuel Filbert.

(I) Samuel Filbert, at the age of twenty-seven, came to the New World on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Percy, Master, sailing from Rotterdam. Tradition says he came from either Wittenberg or Wurtemberg, Germany. He took the oath of allegiance Aug. 30, 1737. The original signature was Samuel, but the clerk who copied the rolls wrote it Daniel, thereby causing some confusion. Samuel Filbert's wife's name was Susanna. He died in 1786, and his second son, Philip, filed papers as administrator of the estate Nov. 2, 1786. His grave is in the center of the old North-Kill cemetery, but the inscription on his white marble tombstone (as are those over the graves of his son Thomas and grandson Samuel) is now illegible. To Samuel and Susanna Filbert were born six children, and the names and dates of birth and baptism of the last five are taken from the records of the Rev. John Casper Stover, who spells the name "Philbert" and gives the residence as "North-Kill." The children were: John Thomas (time and place of birth unknown); Maria Catharina, born Oct. 25, 1739, baptized Dec. 30, 1739, sponsors, Andreas Knaft and wife, m. Nov. 10, 1760, John Heinrich Ache; Anna Elizabetha, born Dec. 6, 1741, baptized Dec. 7, 1741, sponsor Anna Elizabeth Knaft, m. May 16, 1763, John Henry Webber, a captain in the Revolutionary war; John Philip, born Dec. 7, 1745, baptized Dec. 27, 1743, sponsors Philip Meeth and wife; John Peter, born Aug. 22, 1746, baptized Aug. 31, 1749, sponsors, Peter Muench (or Minnich) and wife Christina; and Maria Christina, born May 25, 1749, baptized May 28, 1749, sponsors Peter Muench (or Minnich) and wife Christina. The three sons having the first name John in common, dropped it and became known as Thomas, Philip and Peter.

Samuel Filbert and Godfried Fidler each gave an acre of ground to the old North-Kill Lutheran congregation at Bernville. This congregation was formed in 1730, and services were held in the different homes until 1743, when a log church was built on the part donated by Samuel Filbert. Each acre was in the form of a triangle, so that the two acres formed a square. On Dec. 25, 1745, each signed an agreement to deed to the trustees the acre in question, neither having as yet raised their patents from the proprietaries. Samuel Filbert deeded his in 1771. In 1791 the log church was replaced by a brick building, which Philip Filbert, son of Samuel, was instrumental in building, and in 1897 the present handsome brown stone edifice was erected. Back of the chancel in the new building is a beautiful stained glass window to "Samuel Filbert, Founder, 1743."

(II) Thomas Filbert, eldest son of Samuel, became the owner of the home farm. On May 16, 1763, he married Catharine Batteiger. Thomas died in 1784, and his will, probated Dec. 11, 1784, does not mention his children by name, but makes elaborate provision for his wife Catharine. They had a son Samuel, born May 16, 1764, and baptized May 20, 1764, for whom Samuel Filbert and his wife Susanna (grandparents) stood as sponsors. This Samuel is supposed to be the one of that name who died in Oley, and to whose wife, Maria, and son Samuel, administration papers were granted Jan. 14, 1818.

(II) Peter Filbert, youngest son of the emigrant Samuel, was a delegate from the first battalion of Berks county militia to the Convention held in Lancaster July 4, 1776, to elect three brigadier generals for the Pennsylvania and Delaware militia. In 1785 he was elected sheriff of Berks county. His will was probated Jan. 31, 1822, in Reading. His son and namesake, Peter, was an attorney, a member of the State Legislature and first mayor of Reading.

(II) Philip Filbert, second son and fourth child of Samuel and Susanna, born Dec. 7, 1743, was a captain in Weaver's battalion, and was mustered into service Dec. 3, 1777, for thirty days. On June 4, 1777, a commission was forwarded to Col. Jacob Morgan, by Timothy Matlack, secretary of the executive council, for the Sixth Battalion. Philip Filbert was commissioned captain of the Eighth Company. In 1778 he served as captain of the Sixth Battalion, and in 1780 he held a similar rank in the Second Battalion. He died Aug. 20, 1817. He married Anna Maria Myers, and his will, probated Oct. 17, 1817, provides for his wife Anna Maria; devises his farm in Heidelberg to his son John (grandfather of George of Womelsdorf); leaves a bequest to his grandson Peter, son of his deceased son Samuel; and mentions a daughter Catharine. The will also mentions Maria Magdalena, as a daughter of his wife. He is buried in Bernville.

(III) Samuel Filbert, eldest son of Philip and Anna Maria, married Sabilla (Sybella or Sibilla) Umbenhauer, daughter of Francis Umbenhauer, a captain in the Revolution, and died about 1795, his will being dated Dec. 13, 1794, and probated Jan. 7, 1795. This gives one-half of his estate to his wife Sabilla, and one-half to his sons, Joseph and Peter, and names his father, Philip Filbert, and his father-in-law, Francis Umbenhauer, executors and guardians of his sons. Philip Filbert, Jr. (supposedly a son of Thomas Filbert) is a witness to the will. Joseph, son of Samuel, died in 1803 or 1804, tradition says, from the kick of a horse.

(III) John Filbert, son of Philip, was born on the Filbert farm at North-Kill. He was a carpenter by trade, and became a very wealthy man, owning considerable land, and was widely known and prominent in public affairs. His genial disposition gathered to him many friends, young and old, and he heartily enjoyed a good smoke and cheerful company. He married Anna Maria Leiss, daughter of Heinrich Leiss. Their children were: John m. and had children, Amelia, John Franklin and Hiester W.; Samuel is mentioned below; Anna Maria m. John Groff, a farmer of Bernville; Elizabeth m. Daniel Sohn, of Heidelberg, steward of the County Home for twelve years (no issue); Gabriel m. Elizabeth Kinter, and among their children were Adam, John, Michael, Frank, Emma, Isaac, Maria and George; Elias m. Leah Kintzer, and had a daughter Isabella (m. to Dr. L. A. Livingood, and died in 1899); and Matilda m. Augustus Leiss, and had children, Amelia, Emma and Maria.

(IV) Samuel Filbert, son of John and father of George, was born in 1810, in Heidelberg township, now North Heidelberg, but formerly called North-Kill, on the farm owned by county controller, Dr. H. F. Livingood, and farmed for forty years by Nathaniel Blatt. He died in 1872, aged sixty-two years. He devoted himself to farming and was very successful. At the time of his death he was the owner of two farms, both now the property of his son George. His political support was given the Democratic party, and he was frequently the choice of the people for public office, holding at different times all the various township offices. From 1859 to 1862 he was a director of the poor for Berks county. He attended the Union Church at Womelsdorf, in which he was very active, and at one time served as trustee. His remains rest in the family plot in the cemetery there. He had an untarnished reputation for honesty and integrity, and he practised in his daily life the high principles of morality of the faith he professed. He married Catharine Kalbach, daughter of John Kalbach, and wife (whose maiden name was Ruth), of North Heidelberg township. To this marriage were born children as follows: John died aged sixty-seven years, leaving two sons, William and Samuel; William S., of Womelsdorf, had four children, John E., William D., Kate and Harry (deceased); Rebecca m. Edward Killmer, of Stouchsburg, and had two children, Emma and John; George; Sarah died in 1844; Maria m. Jonathan Dundore, and had two children, Charles and Kate; Amelia m. Albert Faust and had a son, William; Adam

M., of Lebanon had one son; Dr. Peter, of Pottsville, has five children.

(V) George Filbert, son of Samuel, and prominent in Marion township, obtained his education in the old log schoolhouse on Franklin street, Womelsdorf, where the teacher was an Englishman, Francil Wissel. After the free schools were established he attended them for a time. Later becoming a student in Stouchsburg Academy under Prof. Searl, he attended there for two sessions. Leaving school at the age of eighteen he assisted his father on the farm until past twenty, when he bought one-half interest in the store of Richard See and W. S. Filbert, in Womelsdorf. The firm name was changed to Filbert & Brother, and business was carried on with unvarying success for nineteen years. During this time they purchased the northeast corner of High and Second Streets, also adjoining property known as the Brown estate and Phillip Nepple's, and thereon they erected a two-story brick building. In 1877 the firm became W. S. Filbert & Son, and under that name was carried on until 1893. Then the two brothers, George and William S., traded properties, George obtaining the grain house and farm, and later the store and building. For business reasons the name of W. S. Filbert & Son was retained, and in 1905 George again began to run the store under his own name. The Filbert store was established in 1855, and has since been in the family name. It has a fine record for fair dealing, and first class stock. Mr. George Filbert did also conduct the Filbert grain house in partnership with his son, Martin S., under the firm name of George & M. S. Filbert. They had a large and profitable trade in grain, coal, lumber, seed, fertilizers, etc., and they also conducted the Laucks mill at Womelsdorf, which they purchased in 1891. To this mill is attached a large cider mill where hundreds of barrels of cider are annually made. Eighteen acres of land also belong to the mill. In addition to their other interests, Mr. Filbert and his son also deal in cattle, selling to the farmers, and they fatten from fifty to eighty head annually for the market.

Mr. Filbert owns 130 acres of good land at Filbert's Crossing, which he has stocked, and farms himself. He also owns two farms in Marion township, one of 165 acres and the other the old homestead of 175 acres, both of which are rented. On the 165-acre farm are three lime kilns where lime is burned for the neighboring farmers. He owns several dwelling houses in Womelsdorf, three at Filbert's Crossing, two double houses at Robesonia, besides other property, and 250 acres of woodland on South Mountain. In connection with their lumber business Mr. Filbert and his son manufacture upwards of 200,000 shingles each year. Mr. Filbert has given personal attention to the management of his various interests, but he has also had time to be active in any thing that tended toward the material growth of his town and county. He assisted in the organizing of the Womelsdorf Union Bank, but refused a directorate. His community is greatly indebted to him, and he has freely given his aid whenever desired. He is a clear headed, sensible business man, upright and just in his dealings, and one who has not only the respect, but also the friendship of his fellowmen.

Mr. George Filbert has been twice married. In 1858 he wedded Emma R. Scharff, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Leiss) Scharff. She died in 1872, the mother of four children: Samuel m. Sally Levy, and died leaving his widow with two children, Emma and Levy; Martin S.; Rebecca m. A. P. Warner, of Philadelphia, private secretary and manager of the Continental Brewing Company; and George W., a dentist of Womelsdorf, m. Lizzie Filbert. Mr. Filbert m. (second) Etta M. Brobst, daughter of Dr. Edward Brobst, of West Leesport, Pa., and to this union have come two children, namely: Robert B., who at the age of sixteen is six feet tall, is studying electrical engineering at the State College; and Marguerite L. is also in school. Mr. Filbert and his family are Lutherans, attending Zion Union Church, where he at one time sang in the choir.

(VI) Martin S. Filbert, son of George, and now prominent in the business world of the county, was born Nov. 1, 1865. His education was acquired in the Womelsdorf high school, Albright college at Myerstown, and the Millersville State Normal. For one year after leaving school he clerked for his father, becoming familiar with the customs of the business world. Then at the end of that time the partnership was formed with his father, under the name of George & M. S. Filbert, and together they engaged in the grain, coal, lumber and feed business, and this continued until 1906, when Martin S., bought out his father's interest, and he has since conducted it alone. His warehouse is located along the Lebanon Valley Railway, and he employs ten men. He has already demonstrated that he has inherited the business acumen of his father, and is meeting with the success that attends honest principles and careful methods. He is well-known throughout the county. In addition to the above mentioned business he is treasurer of the Womelsdorf and Rehrersburg Rural Telephone & Telegraph Company; is superintendent of the Miller Pure Rye Distillery; and with William D. Filbert, is the owner of the Womelsdorf Consolidated Water Company.

In politics Mr. Filbert is active as a Democrat, and since 1905 he has been a member of the town council, and before that time he served as borough treasurer for five years. Fraternally he is quite prominent, belonging to Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Camp No. 67, P. O. S. of A.; Rod and Gun Club, of Womelsdorf; Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company; Womelsdorf Poultry Association; Wyomissing Club, Reading; and the Mountain Spring Association, of Reading. He is a Lutheran member of Zion Union Church, in which he is a deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

On Sept. 29, 1888, Mr. Martin S. Filbert was married to Mary Schoener, daughter of Major John F. Schoener (whose wife was a Froelich), tax receiver of Mahanoy City. In 1904 Mr. Filbert built a modern frame residence on High street, next to Womelsdorf Union Bank, and there he has since made his home. He and his wife are important factors in the social life of the town, and they have many warm friends.

(VI) Dr. George W. Filbert, son of George and brother of Martin S., was born in Womelsdorf, Pa., Oct. 13, 1870. His early education was received in the borough schools, and he then attended business college at Collegeville, Pa., graduating in 1891, with the degree of B. S. He then spent several summers with his uncle Dr. P. K. Filbert, the popular president of the Pennsylvania Dental Society, located at Pottsville, and during the winters he attended the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1894. He was president of his class, and very popular both with his fellow students and with the Faculty. He belonged to the Garretsonian Society, connected with the college. After his graduation he located in Philadelphia, where he followed his profession with marked success for a period of three years. In 1897 he settled in Womelsdorf, and also has offices at Bernville, where he is every other Monday; in Strausstown, where he is every other Tuesday. He is a thorough workman, and few dentists can boast of as large a list of patrons. In his fraternal connections Dr. Filbert is a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F., Strausstown; and Mrs. Filbert belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah at Strausstown. Both the Doctor and his wife belong to the Reformed Church at Strausstown, and for some years, Mrs. Filbert, who is

highly accomplished, sang in the choir. On June 1, 1901, Dr. Filbert married Lizzie M. Filbert, only child of James K. and Selesia (Goodman) Filbert (the former the well known proprietor of the "Filbert House" at Strausstown) and granddaughter of Gabriel and Elizabeth (Kintzer) Filbert (pioneer farming people of Marion township, Berks county). They have many warm friends, and their home is a most hospitable one.

(IV) John Filbert, son of John and Anna Maria (Leiss), was born in North Heidelberg township, Aug. 12, 1807, and he died April 14, 1844, aged thirty-six years, eight months, two days. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, with some occasional work at carpentering, and he lived on his father's farm. He married Sarah Potteiger, daughter of John and Catharine (Noll) Potteiger. Their children were: Amelia, who married Adam L. Fisher; John Franklin; and Hiester W.

(V) John Franklin Filbert, son of John, was born in Heidelberg township Jan. 25, 1832. In his boyhood he attended the old pay school conducted in the upper story of the spring house on the old Filbert farm. This building was two and one-half stories high, and was torn down in 1869. In the lower part was a fine spring of good water. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming until 1871, when he bought the store and hotel property at Robesonia, and conducted the hotel until 1891, when he retired. This building still belongs to the estate, and Mr. Filbert's son conducts a mercantile business there. John Franklin Filbert died Oct. 27, 1905, aged seventy-three years, nine months, two days. His wife Maria (Forrer) was born March 19, 1831, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Forrer. She died Nov. 9, 1860, aged twenty-nine years, seven months, twenty days. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Filbert, namely: Amelia m. Wayne A. Reed, a Civil war veteran residing at Robesonia; Thomas; James, a coal merchant at Robesonia, m. (first) Ellen Helder (deceased), had two daughters, Annie and Lizzie, and (second) Eva Hoover; John, a farmer on the homestead (which he owns), m. Isabella C. H. Stump, and has two children, Loretta and Sophia.

(VI) Thomas Filbert, son of John Franklin, and now a successful and popular merchant, was born in Heidelberg township, Aug. 1, 1856. He received a careful education, attending first the township schools, and then in turn, Palatinate College, Myerstown, and Reading Academy, the latter then under the supervision of Prof. E. E. Post. He was only thirteen years of age when he began clerking in a general store at Robesonia, when he soon showed remarkable ability along mercantile lines, and a business acumen far beyond his years. In 1885 he formed a partnership with W. H. Brown under the firm name of Filbert & Brown, and this continued until 1891, when he sold his interest to Mr. Brown. Mr. Filbert then began clerking in the linen and dress goods department of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, in Reading, and there continued for six years. In August, 1898, he bought out his former business of Mr. Brown, and since then he has carried on a general mercantile business. He has a fine trade, and his goods have the highest reputation for quality and prices. His social connections are with the Royal Arcanum. He and his family attend St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church, in which he held the office of deacon for several years. In 1884, he married Emma Brown, daughter of John L. Brown, a farmer of Heidelberg township. To this union came one daughter, Lavinia F., a graduate of the Westchester State Normal, class of 1907, and an esteemed teacher at Robesonia.

(V) Hiester W. Filbert, son of John, was born on the home farm June 17, 1834, and until he was eighteen he attended the old pay school, where the teacher received three cents a day for each pupil. He had been reared to farm work, and was hired at fifty cents a month for the first year, after which his wages were gradually increased. From this he became a clerk in a store and then engaged in farming and cattle dealing. In 1871 he entered the mercantile business at Robesonia on his own account, and has continued to the present time. In 1885 he erected a large brick residence, and there he also conducts his business. On Jan. 15, 1867, he married Catharine Saylor, daughter of John Saylor, and they have one daughter, Nora Mary, who became the wife of Dr. H. L. Bollman, practising physician at Robesonia, and has had two children, Leroy (a student at college) and Catharine (who died Sept. 12, 1906, aged twelve years).

(VI) James Filbert, son of John Franklin and brother of Thomas, was born on the Filbert farm in Heidelberg township, Oct. 22, 1854. Until he was sixteen years of age he attended the district schools, and then entered the general store of his uncle, H. W. Filbert, at Robesonia, there working for a number of years. From Robesonia he went to Reading, then to Birdsboro, and in 1882 to Burlington, Iowa, where he worked in a dry goods store for Samuel Bentz. Returning to the East, he again found employment in his uncle's store. In 1894 he started in the coal business for himself, taking the business established in Robesonia by his father, who retired. He has continued in this to the present time, and the patronage has steadily increased under his management. In 1907 he moved his place of business to the Lebanon Valley Railroad tracks and White Street. He is a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church, as were his parents. On April 10, 1875, he married (first) Ellen Helder (deceased), daughter of William and Sarah (Klopp) Helder, and had two children, Annie (m. Harry Dreisbach, of Robesonia) and Sallie E. (m. Clayton W. Kalbach, member of the firm of William A. Kalbach & Sons, cigar box manufacturers of Robesonia). Mr. Filbert m. (second) Eva Hoover, daughter of H. H. Hoover, of Wernersville. They reside in a charming modern frame house on Main street, Robesonia, and Mr. Filbert also owns other real estate in the town. He is interested in all good movements, and is looked upon as one of the most progressive men of his town.

(VI) John Filbert, Jr., son of John Franklin, and now the owner of the old homestead, was born there Dec. 11, 1858. He was educated in the township schools which he attended until he was twelve years old. His parents then moved to Robesonia, and he there attended the graded schools until he was twenty, when he began to assist his father in the hotel business. In the fall of 1878 he moved to his father's farm of 117 acres, assisting the latter in its cultivation until in 1882 when he began for himself. This he continued until 1902, when he moved to Robesonia, and there resided three years. He then (1905) again moved to the old farm, and the following spring purchased it from his father. Fortune has smiled upon his efforts, and abundant crops have been his. He has a fine herd of Holstein cattle. He is a believer in modern methods, and has a complete outfit of the best improved farm machinery. The brick house on the farm was built by Mr. Filbert's grandfather. There is also a substantial Swiss barn 40 x 103 feet. In politics Mr. Filbert is an active Democrat, and in his religious faith he, as well as his family, is a Lutheran, and is a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran Church. On July 16, 1878, he married Isabelle C. H. Stump, daughter of John B. and Amelia (Gruber) Stump, farming people of North Heidelberg township. They have two daughters, namely: Loretta F. m. William S. McLean, an employe of the Wernersville Insane Asylum, and has three children, John, Walter and Thomas; Mabel S. m. Walter Huyett, a successful veterinary surgeon of Wernersville, and has two daugh-

ters, Edith and Violet. Mr. Filbert is a man of keen intelligence, and has broadened his vision by extensive traveling over this country.

John Filbert (also called Peter) married Polly Ludwig, and had five sons and three daughters, two of the daughters dying comparatively young. The sons were: Peter, who had a large family, one of his daughters becoming Mrs. Craige (whose son Walter resides in Reading); John, mentioned below; Charles, who lived in Macon county, Ill., and left a large family (one of his grandsons is John A. Filbert, No. 4334 Wentworth Ave., Chicago); Samuel, who lived at Amityville, and had four children, Ann, Charles, Ellen and Adah; and Enoch, who married Amelia Wonce, and of their three children Daniel lived in Camden. Of the daughters of John and Polly (Ludwig) practically nothing is known except that a daughter of one of them, Harriet Schrader, married and lived in Ohio.

John Filbert, son of John and Polly (Ludwig), married Esther Spang, and their children were: Amelia m. Willoughby Trexler, and had children, Peter D., Filbert, Esther, Sarah, Mary Minerva and Isaac (who died young); Ludwig Spang is mentioned below; Catharine m. Daniel Murphy, and had three children, Esther, John and Flora C.; Frederick died when about nineteen years of age; John G. m. Frances May, and had three children, Louis L., George H. and Ella; Samuel S. m. Margaret Ann Swartz; Mary m. Jefferson Galbraith, and has three children living: Charles, Emily Gertrude and Annie Filbert; Isaac S. m. Mary Heft; and Ellen died in infancy.

Ludwig Spang Filbert, M. D., son of John and Esther (Spang) Filbert, married Annie Caroline Nagle, daughter of John Filbert and Lydia (Bertolette) Nagle, of Reading. To this marriage were born two children, Laura Corinda, m. to Horatio Nelson Day; and Richard Yates, m. to Margaret Doremus DeRonde, and has two children, Ludwig Spang and DeRonde.

John Filbert Nagle, father of Mrs. Annie C. (Nagle) Filbert, was a son of Peter Nagle, Jr., once mayor of Reading, and his wife, Susan E. Filbert. He m. Lydia Bertolette, daughter of John Shenkle Bertolette, of Spring Forge, near Earlville, on the Manatawny Creek, Berks county, and their children were: Annie Caroline, m. to Ludwig Spang Filbert, M. D.; and Lydia Bertolette.

Thomas Jefferson Filbert, son of Thomas and grandson of John Thomas, was born in Heidelberg township in 1812, and he died July 8, 1878, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried in the family plot in Green Hill cemetery, in Waynesboro, Franklin county. By occupation he was a merchant tailor, and carried on that trade at Waynesboro. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran, and a member of Zion church. Prior to the Civil war his ballot was cast in support of the Democratic party, but after that struggle he became a Republican. Mr. Filbert was twice married. He wedded (first) Nancy McFern, of Waynesboro, and they had one son, Thomas J. (now deceased), a prosperous banker, who married Marion Van Hoff (who was raised in Dr. Dale's family), and their children were: Harry, Edward, Annie, living, and Catherine, deceased. Mr. Filbert m. (second) Emma Saylor, daughter of John and Catharine (Schaeffer) Saylor, the former a merchant and farmer in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county. To this second marriage was born a daughter, Adelaide, m. to Norris D. Geiser, founder of the Geiser Machine Shops at Waynesboro.

John Thomas Filbert, father of Thomas and grandfather of Thomas Jefferson, was a resident of Heidelberg township, where he followed farming. His wife was Maria Seltzer, of Womelsdorf, and they were the parents of six children: Thomas, father of Thomas Jefferson; Joseph, who m. Matilda, daughter of Judge Rahn, of Schuylkill county, and had no children; Michael, who lived in Ohio, where he became very wealthy; William, who lived in Ohio, and whose sons served in the Civil war; Jacob, who lived in Springfield, Ohio, where he was prominent in religious circles; and Jestina, who m. a Mr. Cook.

JOHN W. HAWS, late of Robeson township, Berks county, was born Oct. 12, 1838, on the farm which he owned and lived upon, and where he died Oct. 27, 1908. He was a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Westley) Haws, and grandson of George Haws.

George Haws, the grandfather, was a wheelwright by trade, and followed that occupation all his life, in connection also tilling a small piece of land now owned by L. R. Henry, in Robeson township. He and his wife had these children: Margaret (married John Brown), Samuel (father of John W.), John and Mrs. Huyett (who died when a young woman). In religious belief the family were Lutherans. Mr. Haws was a Democrat in his political opinion.

Samuel Haws was born April 18, 1792, on the old homestead in Robeson township, and learned the wheelwright's trade from his father, engaging in that business and in farming until his death, in 1868, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died in 1862. Their children were: Maria, John W., Rebecca, George, Mary Ann and Ruth, the two last named dying young.

John W. Haws was educated in the schools of Robeson township, and from his youth engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was enterprising and thrifty, and accumulated considerable property, becoming the owner of two farms in Robeson township, of 169 and 128 acres, respectively, and another one in Chester county, of thirty-four acres.

Mr. Haws married Mary Ann Reiser, daughter of George Reiser, of Cumru township, Berks county, and five children were born to this union: Mary Ellen m. Owen Kenn, and has had one child, John Harold; Margaret R. m. Myers N. Huber, and has had three children, Paul F., Oscar M. and Sarah M.; Emma May m. Edward Detemple, and has had Irene, Esther and Elsie; George R. m. Gertrude May Seifert, and has had two children, George Ellsorth and Mary Ethel; John R. m. Mary F. March, and has a son, John March.

In politics Mr. Haws was a Democrat, and he held a number of township offices. During the war he was drafted, but sent a substitute. He was a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at St. John's Union Church in Robeson township. His death was a marked loss to his county, for he was a good citizen and a kind neighbor.

F. D. DEVLAN, an artist of merit at Reading from 1860 to 1870—was born at Paterson, New Jersey, Dec. 15, 1835. Soon after completing his education he went to Lambertville, where he was employed in the iron works until 1857, when they were closed on account of the general panic throughout the country. From childhood he manifested a talent for painting and when he was forced out of employment he located at Reading and devoted his attention to art. His brush produced a number of superior pictures, some of which are in Reading. He married a daughter of Jacob Sauerbier, of Reading. He died June 6, 1870.

JAMES M. HANTSCH, for a number of years one of the best-known cigar manufacturers of the city of Reading, Pa., was born in Schuylkill county, son of Philip and Catherine (Fox) Hantsch. Philip Hantsch, who was a printer by trade, came to Reading when James M. was a child, and here followed his trade until his death. Three children were born to Philip and Catherine Hantsch, two of whom grew to maturity: George W., who was a cigar manufacturer; and James M.

James M. Hantsch received his education in the schools of Reading and at an early age was employed

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at tobacco stripping. He was faithful and energetic and gradually arose in the tobacco business, learning to make cigars, and with only $5.00, which was given him by his employer Mr. Roerich, as capital, he engaged in the cigar manufacturing business in a small room on Penn street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. He later built the place now owned by Hunter Henninger on Penn street, where he remained several years, afterward removing to Penn street, below Seventh. His next place of business was J. Mould & Company's store, and there he remained until ill health forced his retirement, about twelve years prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1869. For several years Mr. Hantsch had Daniel W. Crouse as a partner, and they operated under the firm name of Hantsch & Crouse, employing over 400 hands. He was the largest manufacturer in the city in his day, and was considered a representative citizen.

Mr. Hantsch married Miss Rebecca J. Hains, daughter of Dr. Reuben and Sarah (Faber) Hains, and to this union were born: James, who died at the age of three and one-half years; Ellen, who died when three years, thirteen days old; William, who died when one and one-half years of age; Charles, who died aged eleven months; Prof. James, who was for a period of nine years organist of the St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church of Reading, married Minnie Remack, had one son, Harry, and died in 1897, aged twenty-seven years; and Rebecca, the wife of Harvey J. Fuller, secretary of the Abraham Cox Stove Company, Philadelphia, resides in Jenkintown, N. J., and has two children, Carol and Ruth N.

Mrs. Hantsch, who is now deceased, resided at No. 826 Elm street from 1869. In religious belief she was a member of the Reformed Church, while her husband was a Lutheran. His political views were Republican.

WILLIAM E. FISK, of Reading, manager of the Atlantic Refining Co., was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., and was educated in the schools of that State, his first employment being with the Atlantic Refining Co., at New York City, where the main office was situated. Beginning as a clerk, he was promoted to assistant manager, and later to the position of manager, with headquarters at Reading. This plant, which was organized in 1881, was begun in a very humble way, but has now become one of the chief distributing concerns of Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster and Montgomery counties, handling lubricating and lighting oils, petroleum and all products. Mr. Fisk has been located at Reading since 1892.

Mr. Fisk is fraternally connected with Reading Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., the Lodge of Perfection, and the Royal Arcanum. In political matters he is independent. He is also connected with the Commercial Travelers Association.

HENRY AUGUSTUS KERST, one of the best known men in his line in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., where he has been conducting a commission business for nearly half a century, was born Dec. 17, 1836, in Alsace (now Muhlenberg) township, Berks county, a short distance beyond the city line of Reading, on his father's farm along the Centre turnpike.

John Kerst (Kirsten), the great-great-grandfather of Henry A., was born in the Palatinate in 1700, emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1720, and settled in Oley, where he married Eva Rosina Ritter in 1727. They had an only child, John Henry. The latter, who made his home in Oley, was married to Albania Gerich, and they had nine children: Susanna, Julianna, John, Henry, Anna, Maria, Eva Rosina, Hannah and Samuel. The last named, the grandfather of Henry A. Kerst, married Elizabeth Levan, by whom he had nine children, as follows: Henry, Jacob, Benjamin, Solomon, Samuel, Maria, and three who died young.

Jacob Kerst, the father of Henry A., was a farmer of Alsace township, where he was married to Elizabeth Klohs, a daughter of Jacob Klohs, also a farmer of Alsace. Mr. and Mrs. Kerst had four children, namely: Amos (m. Catherine Snyder); Magdalena (m. George W. Bushong); Henry Augustus, and a son who died young.

Henry Augustus Kerst was educated in the school in the vicinity of his home, and in Philadelphia. Until twenty years of age assisted his father on the farm. At this time he went to Philadelphia, where he found employment in a "camphor-still," and remained there three years, when he started in business for himself in the sale of produce and poultry, and this he has been conducting to the present time, having been located in the market house at Twelfth and Market streets continuously since 1867.

Mr. Kerst was married in 1861 to Angeline Epler, a daughter of Daniel Epler, of Cumru township, who was brought up near Gouglersville and moved to Philadelphia in 1848. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kerst: Daniel; Henry; William; Morris; Laura (m. M. J. Fenton); Elizabeth (m. Walter D. Epler); Ella; and Lillie, who died young.

SAMUEL F. EARL, an artist in Reading from 1840 to 1852, was born May 13, 1819, and after receiving a general education directed his attention to landscape painting and was ultimately recognized as a clever artist, a number of his pictures possessing considerable merit. He died Feb. 8, 1852. He was a brother of E. W. Earl, who was engaged in the banking business at Reading for a time and subsequently filled a position in the United States Mint at Philadelphia for a number of years.

DUNDORE. France was the first home of the Dundore family, and tradition says that (I) John Dondore, a Huguenot, left his native land during the Revocation period, and went to Germany, settling in Alsace.

(II) Jacob Dundore (Dondore, Dundier, Dundon, Dunder, Dunden, Dundare or Dondor), son of John, was born July 25, 1720, and was educated in the German language. In 1741 he came to America in the ship "Friendship," and on April 10, 1760, was naturalized by the "Supream" court, sitting at Philadelphia, thereby becoming an English subject. In 1771 he bought a farm east of Bernville, but continued to reside, it is presumed, for some years on his farm in Tulpehocken township several miles east of Host Church (where in 1749 the birth of one of his children is recorded), as according to the court records he owned that farm until 1785. In this year we find a deed recorded conveying same to Valentine Heberling. It is certain that he resided on the Bern farm at the time of his death. This farm he conveyed by deed to his eldest son, John (signing "Jacob Dunder" in German), from whom it passed to his son John Adam, by deed signed "John Dundore" in bold round English; John Adam divided the farm between his two sons, Samuel E. and Adam E. (signing "Adam Dundor" in German)—Adam E. obtaining the portion on which was the old house—the farms being in their possession in 1908. Jacob is buried in the Bern churchyard, and on a substantial yellow sandstone is the following inscription: "Hier Ruhet dem Leibe nach Jacob Dondoer ist gebohr. D. 25 Jul. 1720 u. Starb D. 12 May 1789 hat Sein Leben Bracht auf. 68 Ja. 10 u. 17 tag mit einander kinder ergeugt 5 Söhne u. 3 töchter in der Ehe gelebt 44 Jahr." His will is dated March 3, 1787, and the original and a translation are recorded in Reading. It was approved June 12, 1789, and it is an outpouring of his soul's thanks to God for health and prosperity, and is an example of equity and justice in the distribution of his estate such as could come forth only from a Christian's heart. About 1745 he was married to Anna Maria Brecht, who died in 1793 or 1794. Their children were: Maria Catharine, born March 19, 1749, who married John Smith, and some of their descendants still live in

the Wyoming valley; Susanna, who married Frederick Gerhart, and lived in the vicinity of Host Church, where their descendants still reside; John, born March 20, 1751, who died Oct. 14, 1823; Michael, born Dec. 4, 1754; John Jacob, born March 19, 1756, who died Sept. 22, 1821; David, born July 21, 1758; Catharine Elizabeth, who married Adam Schauer; and a son whose name is not known.

(III) John Dundore, son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Brecht), was born in Tulpehocken township, March 20, 1751, and he died Oct. 14, 1823. He settled in Bern township, near the present site of Bernville, and his descendants are known as the "Bern Branch" of the Dundore family. He married Catherine Geiss, born Dec. 23, 1753, who died Jan. 12, 1827, and they are both buried at Bern churchyard. Their children were: John Jacob, born Aug. 13, 1776, died Oct. 23, 1861; John Adam, born Aug. 2, 1778, died June 17, 1850; John, born June 30, 1780, died April 14, 1858; Catherine, born Nov. 24, 1782, died Jan. 17, 1840; Frederick, born April 30, 1786, died Aug. 30, 1864; John George, born Oct. 6, 1788, died Dec. 24, 1803; Philip, born Feb. 28, 1791, died Oct. 5, 1867; Christian, born June 6, 1793, died Oct. 11, 1872; and Elizabeth, born March 10, 1794, who married Daniel Miesse (1789-1823), and died about 1867. This family is remarkable for the average age attained. With the exception of John George, who died of lockjaw at about the age of fifteen, the remaining eight averaged fully seventy-five years, although two had their deaths hastened by accidents—Catherine being thrown out of a sleigh, and Frederick losing his life by being run over by a railroad train.

(IV) John Adam Dundore, son of John and Catherine (Geiss), was born on the old homestead Aug. 2, 1778, and died June 17, 1850, when he was aged seventy-one years, ten months, fifteen days. He was buried at Bern Church. He was an agriculturist all of his life, and owned the homestead which in later years became the property of his son, Samuel E. He was a substantial and influential citizen of his day, was director of the poor when the present almshouse was erected, and was well known and universally respected. Mr. Dundore was married (first) to Elizabeth Miesse, by whom he had nine children, namely: Susanna, Maria, Elizabeth, Leah, John (born April 17, 1818), Daniel, Sarah, Benneville, and Jacob (born in 1820, died in 1853). He married (second) Elizabeth Ernst, daughter of Johannes Ernst, of Heidelberg township. She was born April 10, 1791, and died April 10, 1870, and was buried in Bern churchyard. Three children were born to this union: Samuel E.; Adam, born Dec. 1, 1829, who married Rebecca Miller, and had three children—Valeria, Sallie and Ella; and William E., who married in Plainfield, Ill., and had one son (William E. was a soldier in an Illinois regiment during the Civil war, and lost his life in battle by the bursting of a shell).

(V) Samuel E. Dundore, son of John Adam and Elizabeth (Ernst), was born in Penn township, Berks county, Feb. 1, 1827, and is now living retired in the borough of Womelsdorf. He attended the old pay schools during the term from January to March, his teachers being Messrs. Brockway and Coe, and he left school at the age of eighteen to engage in agricultural pursuits, which he followed throughout his active career. He first engaged in farming on his own account in 1851, on a part of his father's farm, which he had bought, and which was a part of the old Dundore homestead. There he lived for eighteen years, when he purchased the old Deppen farm in Heidelberg township, a tract of 117 acres, on which he carried on operations very successfully for twenty years. These two farms he still owns. Since 1890 Mr. Dundore has lived retired in Womelsdorf, and has become one of the borough's best known and most highly esteemed citizens. Prior to the Civil war Mr. Dundore was a Democrat, but since that struggle he has been an ardent Republican, was a councilman of Womelsdorf for six years, and also served on the road committee for some years. He and his family are members of Salem United Evangelical Church, which he joined in 1860. He is one of the pillars of the church, was a class-leader and exhorter for many years, and for the past quarter of a century has been a trustee. When the church divided it was Mr. Dundore who purchased the church from the Evangelical Association and presented it to the United Evangelical Church congregation.

Mr. Dundore was married (first) to Rebecca Strause, of Bethel township, Dec. 23, 1854. She was born May 22, 1833, and died Feb. 16, 1858. Three children were born of this union: Amelia, of Maryland; Sarah; and Aaron, who left this section of the country in 1887. Mr. Dundore married (second) Polly (Mary) Schaeffer, born Jan. 17, 1827, who died Nov. 25, 1868. Two children were born of this marriage: Emma and Wilson. Mr. Dundore married (third) Mary or Polly (Stoner) Yost, born Nov. 18, 1829, daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Dengler) Stoner, and widow of Henry Yost. Mrs. Dundore had three children by her first marriage, namely: Henry R., Mary E. and Charles F.

(IV) John Dundore, son of John and Catherine (Geiss), was born June 30, 1780, in Bern township, and died April 14, 1858. He was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Kline, born March 30, 1783, who died April 14, 1812, and was buried at Bern Church. The children of this marriage were: Samuel K., born April 27, 1805, died Dec. 18, 1857; Rebecca, born March 19, 1807, died Feb. 16, 1875; Isaac, born March 6, 1808, died Sept. 13, 1878; Polly, born Sept. 29, 1809, married Rev. John Kremer, of Kankakee, Ill., and had a large family; and Mary, born Jan. 17, 1812, married Israel Mellinger, of Wittenberg, S. Dak. Mr. Dundore married (second) his first wife's sister, Christiana Kline, born Feb. 8, 1794, who died April 5, 1861. Their children were: Elizabeth, born Aug. 15, 1814, died in infancy; Aaron, born Oct. 16, 1817, died in infancy; Catherine, born Dec. 3, 1819, died Sept. 30, 1871; Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1823; William K., born July 20, 1825; Leah, born June 28, 1828, who married John Stoner; Harrison K., father of David D.; Susanna, born April 26, 1835, who married Christian R. Winter, of Centreport, Pa.; and Lydia, born Dec. 10, 1840, who married Aaron Jacob Christ, of Naperville, Ill. The parents of this family were buried in Zion's churchyard.

(V) Isaac Dundore, son of John and Elizabeth (Kline), was born in Bern township March 6, 1808, and he died Sept. 13, 1878, aged seventy years, six months, seven days. He owned a farm of 102 acres in Penn township, which he farmed until about five years before his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as school director of Penn township. He belonged to the Evangelical Church, and is buried in its churchyard. He married (first) Annie Klopp, and (second) Sallie (Kaucher) Stamm. To the first union were born: Jonathan K., born Dec. 8, 1838; a son, 1840 (died in infancy); Benneville, Feb. 22, 1842; Caroline, Dec. 23, 1843; Jacob K.; Jared, 1847 (died 1847); Nathan K., April 6, 1849 (prison inspector of Berks county); William K., Dec. 31, 1850; Mary Ann, June 5, 1853 (died May 3, 1855); Sarah, July 31, 1855; Lovina, April 13, 1858; and Benjamin, April 11, 1860 (out West).

(VI) Jacob K. Dundore, son of Isaac and Annie (Klopp), was born in Penn township Oct. 28, 1845, and was brought up on his father's farm, working for his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He then started in life for himself as a farmer, working for Adam E. Dundore, of Mount Pleasant, for two years. He then learned the butcher's trade under James Miller, near Reading, and worked for him nearly two years. In 1878 he engaged in farming at Fritztown, where he still resides, though he retired from farming in the spring of 1909. He cultivated a good farm of forty acres, through which the Cacoosing creek runs, and raised good crops, engaging in trucking; he had stand No. 42 at the Reading market house, at Ninth and Buttonwood streets. He kept six cows and three horses. In 1885 he erected a two and one-half story frame house, 24x28 feet, to which there is a two-story addition, 16x18. Mr. Dundore is a Demo-

crat in politics, and he belongs to the Reformed Church at Sinking Spring. He has been industrious and thrifty, and his success is due to his unaided efforts. On Nov. 19, 1877, he married Mary Emes, born Aug. 3, 1832, daughter of John Emes, of Spring township. No children have been born to this union.

(V) Harrison K. Dundore, son of John and Christiana (Kline), was born in Bern township Sept. 21, 1832, and died Feb. 21, 1872. He was a cabinet-maker and undertaker at Lebanon, where he had a large business, employing fifteen skilled mechanics. He was well known and highly esteemed, and his early death was a severe loss to the community. Mr. Dundore and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On May 18, 1854, Mr. Dundore married Wilhelmina Dengler, daughter of George and Christina (Luther) Dengler, and to them were born children as follows: Emily, born March 27, 1855, married Israel Karch (both are deceased); David D. is mentioned below; Sally, born June 21, 1859, married Philip Waltman, deceased; Ida, deceased, born June 6, 1861, married Frederick Lattaman, of Reading; and Grant and Katie both died in childhood.

(VI) David D. Dundore, son of Harrison K. and Wilhelmina (Dengler), was born Sept. 12, 1857, in Lebanon, Pa. When a young man he learned the hatter's trade at Hendel's, on South Fifth street, Reading, where he worked for upward of twenty-five years. In 1901 he engaged in the paper-hanging and painting business, which he has carried on to the present time with much success. He does a great deal of work in Reading, and also in the surrounding district of Mt. Penn. He is also an excellent carpenter, and for some years contracted for different buildings in his borough, erecting in 1901 the Trinity Reformed Church, and he also put up his own residence on Perkiomen avenue. Mr. Dundore is a master in the art of wood carving, his home containing many beautiful specimens of his skill in this line. In 1888 he made an ornamental cuckoo clock, which contains sixty-two different kinds of Pennsylvania wood. In politics Mr. Dundore is a Democrat, and he has served in numerous offices. He was a school director of Lower Alsace township, and of Mt. Penn, and one of the first councilmen of the borough, being an incumbent of both offices at the time the borough was organized. He takes a great interest in educational matters, and in fact in any movement which has for its object the betterment of the community, giving his hearty support and coöperation to such enterprises. He is one of the borough's public-spirited citizens, and a representative man of Berks county. Mr. Dundore and his family are members of Trinity Reformed Church, which he helped to organize in 1901, having been an elder of the church since its inception. This church is the outgrowth of the Reformed Sunday-school, of which Mr. Dundore was a superintendent, and he has been active in church and charitable work, as has also his wife.

On Sept. 12, 1884, Mr. Dundore was married to Sarah L. Graul, daughter of William C. and Mary E. (McNall) Graul, and granddaughter of Samuel and Mary (Whitman) Graul. To Mr. and Mrs. Dundore have been born four children, namely: Cleveland, a brass finisher in Reading, married to Florence Good; and Katie, Wesley and Myrtle, all at home.

(III) John Jacob Dundore, son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Brecht), was born March 19, 1756, and died Sept. 22, 1821. He settled in Heidelberg township, the Tulpehocken creek, which is the dividing line between Bern and Heidelberg townships, also separating John Jacob's farm from his father's. His descendants are known as the Heidelberg branch of the family. He married Margaretta Brown, 1761-1817, and both are buried in Bern churchyard. Their children were: Jacob (1784-1828), John Adam (1786-1847), Christian (1787-1839, moved to Ohio, where he died), John (1792-1858) and Margaret (married John Kline).

(IV) John Adam Dundore, a son of John Jacob and Margaretta (Brown), was born Jan. 27, 1786, and after a life devoted to farming died March 12, 1847. He was twice married. His first wife, Susanna Miller, became the mother of children as follows: William, born in 1812; Jonathan, born in 1813; Lydia, born in 1815, who married Benneville Bagenstose, of Centreport, Pa.; David, born in 1816; Esther; Annie; Mary, born in 1820; Lovina; Catharine, born in 1824; and Elizabeth, born in 1825. For his second wife he married Mrs. Catharine (Miller) Hiester, sister of his first wife. She was born in 1788, and died in 1859, the mother of one child, Adam M. Mr. Dundore and his two wives are buried in North Heidelberg Church cemetery.

(V) Adam M. Dundore, son of John Adam and his second wife, was born in North Heidelberg township April 25, 1829. He was engaged in farming, and was the owner of considerable land, making his home in Reading. His wife, Rachel Bright, was born Jan. 21, 1829. Both are deceased. They had children: Amandon B., born Sept. 15, 1850, who died Aug. 16, 1853; Adam J. B., born June 14, 1854; and Dr. Darius W.

(VI) Dr. Darius W. Dundore, son of Adam M. and Rachel (Bright), was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Oct. 16, 1856, and died Feb. 22, 1905, aged forty-eight years, four months, four days. He was educated in the township schools, the Bernville high school, and Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from the medical department of that institution in September, 1879. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Tremont, Pa., where he built up a good practice, and thence moved to the Flat Top coal fields in West Virginia, where he remained for ten years. At the end of that time he returned to his native county, and located at Womelsdorf, where he remained until his death. Dr. Dundore was a most influential and highly respected citizen of the towns in which he resided. He was a member of Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Royal Arcanum. He was a Reformed member of the Zion Union Church, of Womelsdorf, and is buried at this church; his grave is marked by a handsome monument.

On May 21, 1879, Dr. Dundore was married to Miss Amanda Kurr, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Artz) Kurr (the former a farmer of Rehrersburg, Pa.), and granddaughter of John and Marie (Rehrer) Kurr (the town of Rehrersburg was named after the latter's parents). Three children were born to Dr. Dundore and his wife: May Mable, who died in childhood; Lillie Kathryn, who attended the Lebanon Valley College, at Annville, Pa., and is now at home; and Beulah Anna, now also at home, who graduated from the Womelsdorf high school and afterward attended the Conservatory of Music at Frederick, Md. Both daughters have done splendid work in art and music. Mrs. Dundore and her daughters reside in a handsome residence on High street, Womelsdorf, and hold an important position in the social world.

GEORGE SEILING, fresco painter in Reading from 1850 to 1890, was born Aug. 22, 1818, in Bavaria, and was there educated. He studied art at Bremen intending to become an artist, but soon inclined to frescoing. He emigrated to America when nineteen, and located at Carlisle, Pa. After remaining there, and at Hamburg, until 1846, he removed to Reading and there carried on the business of church interior decorating until he died, June 27, 1893. He produced many master-pieces of a religious character in various churches in Pennsylvania, several of which are in Reading and others in Philadelphia.

SHARMAN or SHERMAN. The Sharmans or Shermans of Berks county, where they are numerously represented, descend from one Peter Shearman or Sharman, who, according to tradition, was of Welsh extraction and came to America before the middle of the eighteenth century. In 1756 he was a farmer and land owner of Cumru township, Berks county, and it is a matter of record that in that year he paid a federal

tax in that district. Among his children was a son John.

John Sharman, son of Peter and great-grandfather of David Sharman, a representative and influential citizen of Fritztown, Spring township, was born Dec. 12, 1753, and died March 23, 1837. He was a lifelong farmer, owning much land, his farm at Fritztown, which consisted of 120 acres, being the original Sharman homestead at the foot of Cushion Hill. Here the Indians used to congregate, and the old stone house, with walls two feet thick and windows so small that a person could barely crawl in and out, was used as a protection against the savages and was one of the first buildings in this section. John Sharman and his wife were buried at Hain's Church, of which he was a member. He married Margaretha Ruth, born Dec. 8, 1763, who died July 15, 1815, and to them were born these children: John; Henry; Peter; William, born April 21, 1791, who died May 10, 1831; Molly, m. to Elijah Weitzel; Mrs. Johannes Ruth; Mrs. David Marshall; and Mrs. Peter Fisher.

Heinrich (Henry) Sharman, son of John, was born Nov. 5, 1788, and died Sept. 28, 1828, aged thirty-nine years, ten months, twenty-three days. Like his father, he was a lifelong farmer, his property being the present home of Ammon Moyer. Mr. Sharman married Esther Feather, and to them were born these children: Magdalena, m. to Joseph Eberly, of Spring township; Emanuel, who lived in Reading and had children—Joanna, Henry, Victoria, Hannah and Isaac; David; Mary, m. to Henry Miller, of Lancaster county; and Charles, m. to Mary Fleisher, mother of Wilson and Elbina.

David Sharman, son of Henry, was born on the old Sharman homestead in 1815, and his death occurred at his home, No. 422 South Seventh street, Reading, in 1854; he was buried at Sinking Spring. He was a highly esteemed and respected citizen, was a carpenter by trade, and for many years was employed at that occupation in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. David Sharman married Margaret Zwier, daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Wolf) Zwier, and to them were born the following children: Helena, m. to Silas Stoudt, of Leesport, Pa.; Henry, who died young; David; and Layton O., superintendent of No. 2 Works for the Standard Oil Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and m. to Mamie Feather.

David Sharman, son of David, was born in Reading Dec. 12, 1851, and obtained a liberal education there and in the public schools of Spring township, which he left when about seventeen years of age. At that time he went to learn the blacksmith's trade at Fritztown under M. K. Mosser. In 1871 he made his first trip West, remaining four years. Returning East for one year, he subsequently went to Jacksonville, Ill., whence he returned in 1877, settling at Fritztown, where he began working at his trade. This he followed with much success for thirteen years, during this time building up a large and lucrative business, which in 1890 he sold to George Eckenroth, who had learned the trade from Mr. Sharman. Since 1890 Mr. Sharman has been engaged in looking after his farm and other interests, which are quite extensive. Since 1880 he has resided in his own residence at Fritztown, with the exception of two years, from 1901 to 1903, when he lived near Montello, on the old John Haas farm of fifty acres, which he purchased from Isaac Sharman in 1901, and sold in 1903 to Robert Peifer. Mr. Sharman's home is known as the old Daniel Huebner homestead and consists of about thirty-seven acres. Since its organization he has been a director of the Berks County Trust Company, in which he is a heavy stockholder, and he is regarded as an able financier and a man of much influence in his community. In political opinion he is a stanch Democrat. He has given valuable public service in his neighborhood, having for six years been a school director of Spring township, of which he was also secretary for three years. Since 1890 he has served in the capacity of justice of the peace, a busy office for a busy man. Since assuming the duties of this position Mr. Sharman has settled many estates, clerked at numerous sales and proved himself an able adjunct of the Berks county court. He has served as juror in the county and State Circuit courts, and also helped to settle many land cases in Chester county, assessing damages against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Sharman is a man of sound judgment and intelligence, and a good, upright citizen. He and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church, of which he is at present serving as trustee, and he has been a deacon and elder. His ancestors are buried at this church.

On Dec. 26, 1878, Mr. Sharman was united in marriage with Sarah Emes, born Oct. 2, 1857, daughter of Augustus and Rebecca (Wenrich) Emes, of Spring township, and to this union have come six children, as follows: William E. graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, in the class of 1894, took a post-graduate course, taught school for four years, and later entered Dickinson Law School, graduating with the class of 1908; Harrison O., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1900, taught school for five years, took a course in the Schissler College of Business at Norristown, Pa., and is now connected with the firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, great packers, of New York, being bookkeeper at the Norfolk, Va., office; Maud R., also a graduate of the class of 1900 at the Keystone State Normal School, and of the Reading Commercial College, was bookkeeper for J. B. Miller, of Reading, for several years, and is now a trained nurse at Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Lena, who lives at home, attends the Sinking Spring township high school; John, a graduate of the Normal School, class of 1906, taught school for one term; David is a bright and promising lad.

John Sharman, presumably a son of John and grandson of Peter, the progenitor of the family in this country, was the great-grandfather of George B. Sherman, proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Robesonia, in Heidelberg township. This John Sharman was born at the old home in Cumru (now Spring) township, Sept. 25, 1783, and died March 19, 1862. He followed farming, and also for many years kept hotel, in a stone building standing along the Bernville road. He was twice married, his wives being sisters, Rebecca and Hannah Graeff, and all his children were by the first union, with Rebecca. They were as follows: Isaac; John, who lived at Sinking Spring; Reuben, who lived and died at Myerstown, Pa.; Levi, who lived in Reading; Daniel, who lived and died at Boyertown; Lewis, who died unmarried; Catharine, who died unmarried; Sally, who married William Gunkelman; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Isaac Sharman, son of John, was born June 2, 1810, on one of the Sharman homesteads in Spring township, and died Aug. 7, 1882, at Brownsville, this county, in the home which he had purchased after giving up farming. He followed agriculture throughout his active years, as a tenant farmer, and for many years made his home in Heidelberg township. He married Sarah Shannaman, who was born March 24, 1817, and died Jan. 21, 1898. Their children were as follows: Hettie married George Peifer; Lizzie married Peter Hertzog; Katie married John Gaul; Mary married Thomas Hiester; Aaron was the father of George B. Sherman; Frank settled in Dauphin county, Pa.; James settled in Philadelphia; Isaac lived in Reading; Henry died when young.

Aaron Sharman, son of Isaac, born in Spring township, Feb. 21, 1836, was reared in his native locality, where in his boyhood he attended the German pay school, the pedagogue receiving three cents a day from each of his pupils. He was reared to farming, and continued to work for his father until he was of age. For a number of years after beginning life on his own account he was engaged as a laborer, and for some time

he was employed in the ore mines in the vicinity of Sinking Spring. But for twenty-four years and seven months he was engaged as toll-gate keeper on the Berks & Dauphin turnpike, having gate No. 4, which is now known as gate No. 1. He retired in the spring of 1907, and has since enjoyed a well-earned rest. Mr. Sharman has been more or less disabled for the past thirty years as the result of rheumatism and hard work, but nevertheless he has managed to attend to his duties.

On Feb. 19, 1862, Mr. Sharman was married to Miss Sarah Grime, who was born Dec. 19, 1836, daughter of Benjamin and Molly (Seitzinger) Grime, who had a family of six children, namely: James, Catharine, John, Sarah, Thomas and Benjamin. Mrs. Sharman's maternal grandfather, Michael Seitzinger, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sharman, viz.: George B.; Kate, who is the wife of Robert Swift; Ida, who died unmarried; Maggie, wife of Richard Wolfensberger; Lizzie, who died in infancy; Sallie, who married Walter Fisher; Emma, who died unmarried; and Nora L. and Cora F., twins, both of whom died when seven months old.

Mr. Sharman is a member of the Hain's Church, where he has a family burial lot.

George B. Sherman, son of Aaron, was born April 29, 1864, at Sinking Spring, Pa., where he attended school. He also studied at Heidelberg, Berks county, and took a course at Myerstown, Pa., going to school until he was eighteen. In 1882 he located at Robesonia, where he engaged in hotel-keeping at the stand he still occupies. He is active in the public life of the community as well as a successful business man, serving at present as township auditor and as chief of the Robesonia Fire Company, which latter position he has held since the organization of the company. He is very much interested in fraternal organizations, holding membership in Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; in Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M., of Reading, Pa.; in DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, of Reading; in Reading Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; and in Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Washington Camp, No. 375, P. O. S. of A., of Robesonia; Mount Penn Commandery, P. O. S. of A., at Wernersville; Robesonia Lodge, No. 119, K. P., and the Uniform Rank K. P., of Reading; the K. O. O. K., of Reading; and Neversink Council, No. 27, O. U. A. M., of Womelsdorf. Mr. Sherman is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church at Robesonia. He is a Democrat in politics and takes part in local political affairs, having served on the election board.

On Oct. 25, 1894, Mr. Sherman was married to Mary Kline, daughter of John and Matilda (Potteiger) Kline, and their union has been blessed with two children, Elkiana B. and Lydia M.

BOHN. The Bohn family of Berks county, to which the late Jeremiah B. Bohn, of Lower Heidelberg township, belonged, is descended from John Jacob Bohn, who arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam Sept. 21, 1742.

Frederick Bohn, son of John Jacob, married a Miss Woomer. He lived in Heidelberg township. He made his will April 14, 1814, and died that same year. His executors were George, David and Frederick Bohn, the witnesses Philip Fidler and Joseph Greth. The children mentioned in this will were: George (who is buried at Bern Church), Frederick, David, Philip, John, Elizabeth (unmarried), Adam and Christina. There was an Adam Bohn who was a taxable in Bern township in 1759.

Philip Bohn, son of Frederick, born March 24, 1781, died Aug. 11, 1861, aged eighty years, four months, seventeen days. He was a well-known farmer in Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died, and he and his wife were buried at Hain's Church. He married Elizabeth Reedy or Riede, born in 1794, died in 1854, and they had the following named children: Isaac, Polly, Lydia, Susan, Julian, Louisa, Sophia and Eveline.

Isaac Bohn, son of Philip, was a farmer in Lower Heidelberg township and owned a large quantity of land there. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried at Hain's Church. He was twice married, his first wife being a Brossman, his second an Ahrens, and by the first union there were children as follows: Amelia, Sarah, Mary (deceased), Franklin, Reiley, Thomas and Jeremiah B. No children were born to the second marriage.

Jeremiah B. Bohn, son of Isaac, was born March 31, 1850, in Lower Heidelberg township, and died July 18, 1902, aged fifty-two years, three months, eighteen days. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years before he commenced farming, which he carried on in both Lower Heidelberg and North Heidelberg townships. He was the owner of two fine farms, one located in each of the townships named, having a total of 210 acres of valuable land. He died on his place in North Heidelberg township. Mr. Bohn was a well-known and much esteemed citizen, and at the time of his death was serving in the office of township school director. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. A prominent member of the Hain's Reformed Church, he served as elder of same.

Mr. Bohn was twice married, first to Viola Hinnershitz, by whom he had two children: Isaac C., a machinist, of Brownsville; and Katie E., wife of William F. Unger, of Brownsville. Mr. Bohn's second marriage, in 1883, was to Mary A. Barr, daughter of Isaac Barr, and to them were born four children, three of whom survive: Morris C.; Annie L., wife of Clement Boyer, of Wernersville, Pa.; and David F., unmarmied, who resides at Wernersville.

Morris C. Bohn, born Jan. 15, 1885, in Lower Heidelberg township, attended the public schools and learned farming under his father. In time he was put in charge of his father's North Heidelberg farm, which he managed for three years, after which he worked at the carpenter's trade a year. In the spring of 1906 he engaged in the hotel business, buying his present stand at Brownsville, in Lower Heidelberg township, from Moses K. Balthaser. His establishment is known as the "Farmers Hotel," and is an up-to-date place, beautifully located on a fine drive eight miles from the city of Reading, and surrounded by a fine growth of trees. Mr. Bohn knows the wants of the traveling public and is conscientious in his desire to serve his patrons honorably, doing everything possible for their comfort. He has eighteen acres of valuable land in connection with the hotel property.

Mr. Bohn married Miss Elizabeth M. Dreibelbis, daughter of Isaac and Ida (Beckley) Dreibelbis, and they have had three children: Lloyd I., Howard J. and Rufus S. Mr. Bohn is a Reformed member of the Hain's Church. In political opinion he is a Democrat, but he is not active in party work.

ISAAC BARR, late of Bern township, Berks county, was born there Jan. 19, 1819, and died Nov. 10, 1886. In his early manhood Mr. Barr followed fence making, and he did so well at that occupation that at the time he was married, when he was twenty-eight years old, he had eight hundred dollars saved. After his marriage he followed farming until his death, living in Bern township. He owned what was known as the Conrad Reber farm, which comprised nearly two hundred acres, which he sold off until only about 160 acres remained. He is buried at the Bern Church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Barr married Miss Annie Gicker, daughter of Daniel Gicker and wife (whose maiden name was Himmelberger), farming people of Bern township, and eleven children were born to this union: Joseph, of Slate Hill, Pa.; Jared, who died at the age of thirty years; Mary Ann,

born Oct. 21, 1851, wife of Jeremiah B. Bohn; Thomas, of Sinking Spring; Matilda, m. to George Noecker; Emma, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years; Isaac, who lives near Mt. Pleasant, Berks county; Amanda, m. to John Hettinger; Lydia m. to Horace Hartman; Adam, of Mt. Pleasant; and Kate, m. to Pharis Babb.

Abraham Barr, father of Isaac Barr, was a lifelong farmer in Bern township, where he owned land. He died in 1848, and is buried at Epler's Church, in that township. His family consisted of seven children as follows: John, a resident of Bern township; Isaac, previously mentioned; Joseph, of Lower Heidelberg; Catharine, who m. a Mr. Peffley, a wealthy man, and lived a long distance from her early home; Molly, m. to Jacob Albright; Sarah, m. to Jared Snyder; and Abraham, who lived in Bern township.

ALBERT TREAT, an artist at Reading from 1870 to 1884, was born in that city Dec. 25, 1850. He was educated in the public schools and afterward worked in the coach-making shop of his father at painting until he drifted into landscape painting, which he followed until his decease in 1884.

HOCH-HIGH. (I) Early in 1717 Rudolph and Melchior Hoch, Moravians, left their home in Switzerland for America on account of religious persecution. Tradition says they were without much money when they landed. These two were the ancestors of all of the name in Berks and surrounding territory. The first spelling of the name was "Hoy," the final "h" being added later; some members of the family preferred the spelling "High" to "Hoch," and as early as 1744 Samuel, a grandson of Rudolph, spelled his name High. After wandering about for some time, Rudolph Hoch settled near what is now Pottsgrove, Montgomery county, Pa., while Melchior settled in Bucks county, same State, all of the Hochs or Highs now in Bucks county being descended from his two sons, Philip and Jacob. In 1725 Rudolph Hoch removed from near Pottsgrove, then known as Swedeland, to Oley, and became the owner of a farm of 300 acres two miles northeast of Friedensburg, the land being still in the possession of the Hochs. In 1728 he laid out a burial place, about eighty feet square, and here he and seven generations are buried. Several interesting relics of the two emigrants are still preserved by the family. The large German Bible is owned by Gideon A. D. Hoch. Books brought from over the sea are still at the Hoch farm, the elder Hochs making this provision in their wills. There is also a very ornamental, small open-face watch, which though 266 years old is in excellent condition and keeps perfect time. Philip D. Hoch has a piece of petrified wood brought over by Rudolph Hoch, and used as a whet stone, one of its principal uses being to sharpen razors. Rudolph Hoch was married when he came to America, and his son John was born in Switzerland. His wife died in 1728, and was the first to be buried in the family cemetery. He died in 1748. His sons numbered five, among them being John and Samuel.

In Prof. Daniel Rupp's "History of Berks County," published in 1844, is a letter written by Maria De Turck (born Hochen), of Oley township, which bears date May 14, 1718. It was addressed to her brother, sisters and friends in her native country, and it reflects her profound piety.

(II) John Hoch, son of Rudolph, established the family homestead, purchasing it from William Ranberry. He was the father of eleven children: (1) Deborah was born 1721. (2) Samuel, born 1723, moved to Poplar Neck. He married a daughter of Jonathan Herbein, of Oley, and they had three sons and one daughter, two of the sons dying quite young. (3) Rudolph, born 1725, lived in Maiden-creek, where he reared six sons—John, Daniel, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham and Samuel—and four daughters. (4) Daniel, born 1728, had nine sons—Samuel, Jacob, John, Daniel, Abraham, Isaac, David, Joseph and Philip—and four daughters. (5) Maria and (6) Magdalena, twins, were born in 1730. (7) John, born 1733, married Susannah Levan, had one daughter, and died in 1763. (8) Susan was born in 1735. (9) Jacob, born 1738, married (first) Miss Weiser, and (second) Miss Fisher, and had five sons—David, Abraham, Solomon, William and Daniel—and three daughters, all born and reared in Maiden-creek. (10) Esther was born in 1742. (11) Abraham, born 1745, married Susannah Weiser, and lived on the old Hoch farm, where one son, Abraham, and two daughters were born.

(III) Samuel High, son of Samuel, born 1723, married a daughter of Jonathan Herbein, of Oley, and of their four children—three sons and one daughter—two sons died in infancy. The surviving son was Isaac. They lived in Poplar Neck.

(IV) Isaac High, son of Samuel, was born July 3, 1753. He died May 18, 1795.

(V) William High, son of Isaac, was born in 1786, and his death occurred in 1851.

(VI) Ezra High, son of William, born in 1816, married and became the father of one son, William, and five daughters.

(VII) William High, son of Ezra, married Sallie Beidler, daughter of Conrad Beidler, and they had four sons—Count, William, Charles and Isaac.

(III) Abraham Hoch, son of Samuel, born 1745, married Susanna Weiser, and they had three children: Abraham, born 1771; and two daughters.

(IV) Abraham Hoch, son of Abraham and Susanna, born 1771, inherited the old Hoch farm at his father's death. He married Susannah Schneider, and they had six children: Sarah, born 1795, died 1816; Gideon S., born 1796; Joshua, born 1799; Hannah, born 1805, died 1806; Rachel, born 1807, married David Keck, of Montgomery county, Pa.; and Susannah, born 1811, married Henry Geiss, of Oley Line.

(V) Joshua Hoch, son of Abraham, born 1799, married Lydia Dierolf, and had ten children, five of whom died in infancy. The survivors were: William, a well-known shoe dealer at Reading; Joshua, a successful business man in Reading; Gideon S.; Susannah; and Catherine.

(VI) William High, son of Joshua and Lydia (Dierolf), was born in Oley township, and in 1857 he came to Reading, where from that time until his death, in April, 1904, he was engaged in the shoe business. He was buried at Aulenbach cemetery, of which he had been a trustee for twenty-five years. Fraternally he was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Good Fellows. He married Ellen Keehn, daughter of John Keehn, and she survives her husband and resides at No. 147 North Tenth street, Reading. Their children were: Ezra K., of Reading; Peter K.; Mary Ella; Sarah S., wife of Arthur Arrowsmith; John L.; Katie E., a teacher in the high school in Hammonton, N. J.; and Emma L., Alice, Martha and William H., all four deceased.

(VII) Peter K. High, son of William and Ellen (Keehn), was born in Reading in 1857, and his education was obtained in the public schools of that city. After completing his education he was engaged in business with his father for a number of years, then becoming a messenger of the Penn National Bank of Reading, a position he continued to fill for seven and one-half years. On July 1, 1899, Mr. High was appointed janitor of the postoffice under Mr. A. M. High, the present postmaster, where he continued seven years. On Oct. 1, 1906, he was appointed custodian of the administration building of the Reading school board, a position he now fills. Mr. High is single, and lives with his mother at the home on Tenth street.

(V) Gideon S. Hoch, son of Abraham, born 1796, became the owner of the Hoch farm by inheritance. He married Susannah Weidner, born 1797, died 1881, and they became the parents of six children: Sarah, born in 1819, was the first wife of Daniel Y. Peter, and

died in 1854; Catharine, born in 1821, was the wife of Martin Yoder, a well-known farmer of Clay township, who died at advanced age, and she died in 1879; Rachel, born in 1825, was the first wife of Isaac Brumbaugh, of Friedensburg, and died in 1872; Israel, born in 1829, died in 1833; Hannah, born in 1832, married James N. Tee, of Delaware, and is the only survivor of the family; and Gideon W.

(VI) Gideon W. Hoch, son of Gideon S., and to whom the farm descended on the death of the father, was born May 1, 1835, and he died Dec. 29, 1893. He married Naomi L. De Turck, and they had eight children, as follows: Thermuthis A. D., born Sept. 25, 1858, married John H. Fegley, a huckster at Boyertown, and their one child died some years ago; Willi, born in 1860, died in 1862; Seth E., born in 1862, died in 1863; Mahlon S., born in 1864, died the same year; Gideon A. D., born Dec. 15, 1865; Walton Morris, born April 5, 1868; Philip D., born Aug. 11, 1869, married Ida Gross; Naomi, born in 1872, died the same year.

(VII) Gideon A. D. Hoch, son of Gideon W., was born on the old home farm Dec. 15, 1865. His education was obtained in the public schools of Oley township, and the Oley Academy, attending school until he was seventeen years old. Out of school hours he had become familiar with the science of agriculture, and when twenty-five years old he began farming for himself on the home farm, and here he has since continued. He has 150 acres of the best land in Oley Valley. The present house, built of stone, was erected by Abraham and Susanna (Weiser) Hoch in 1788, and is in good condition, bidding fair to be a comfortable home for another century. The western part of the house was built by Abraham and Susannah (Schneider), in 1811. The large Swiss barn was built in 1830. Mr. Gideon A. D. Hoch is a Democrat in politics. He was twice married. In 1890 he married Lydia H. Christman, born April 20, 1867, died Dec. 31, 1901, daughter of Nathan H. Christman. Six children were born of this union: Gideon C. (a fine musician now connected with the Oley Valley Band), Maud, D. Webster, Thermuthis, Edna and Abraham E. Mr. Hoch married (second) Lottie Levingood, daughter of Jacob Levingood, of Oley township. Two children were born of the second marriage: John L. and Jacob L. Mr. Hoch, as well as his father, were musicians and were members of bands.

The following is a short Abstract of the Title of the Original Hoch Homestead in America:

"On May 12th, 1682, William Penn, then of England, gave a Deed to John Snashold, also of England, for Five hundred acres of land in Oley Township, then Philadelphia County, Pa.

"John Snashold died intestate, only heir being Joan Boach, daughter of his brother Richard Snashold, and whereas Joan Boach widow on January the 4th, 1702, did give a power of attorney to John Warder, and John Latcher recorded in and for the County of Philadelphia, in book D 3 Vol. 5 page 230.

"(Deed) And whereas the said John Warder, and John Latcher did for the consideration there in mentioned did grant and confirm unto James Steele, dated March the 29th, 1726—not recorded.

"(Deed) James Steele to William Remberry, dated November the 15th, 1728, for Four hundred and ninety-two acres, recorded at Reading, Pa., in Book A, Vol. 8, page 271, &c.

"(Deed) William Remberry to John Hoy, dated January the 30th, 1728, recorded at Reading, Pa., Book A, Vol. 2, page 275, recorded July the 11th, 1761.

"John Hoch by his last Will and Testament, dated August the 14th, 1769, did grant and devise unto Abraham Hoch, Sr., Two hundred and twenty acres.

"(Deed) Abraham Hoch, Sr., to Abraham Hoch, Jr., Dated August 20th, 1821, for Two hundred and Nineteen acres, said Deed is not recorded.

"(Deed) Abraham Hoch, Jr., to Gideon Hoch, Dated February the 7th, 1827, for One hundred and Fifty acres, Recorded at Reading, February 8th, 1827, and whereas the said Gideon Hoch died intestate in 1865, the Orphans' Court of Berks County did adjudicate the same above mentioned tract unto Gideon W. Hoch.

"And whereas the said Gideon W. Hoch died, and by his last will and Testament, Dated April 17th, 1893, did grant and devise the above mentioned tract of land unto Gideon A. D. Hoch, the present owner."

(VII) Philip D. Hoch, son of Gideon W., was born Aug. 11, 1869, and now resides at Manatawny, in Oley township, successful in business and prominent and influential in the financial world. He grew to manhood on the home farm, becoming familiar with the duties there, and he has never entirely given up agricultural pursuits. Since 1898 he has dealt extensively in hides and tallow, his first location being in Reading, but he is now in Allentown, employing six men all the time. His business has run as high as $38,000 in one week. Mr. Hoch owns the old Tychicus Weidner homestead in Oley, now consisting of 109 acres of very valuable land. On it is the old Weidner burying ground. He lives in a comfortable brick house situated at the cross road of Friedensburg and Lobachsville, and Pleasantville and Kutztown. He has been a director of the Kutztown Bank since its organization, Sept. 27, 1897, missing but three meetings of the board in all these years. This bank opened its doors for business Jan. 3, 1898. Mr. Hoch is an antiquarian of some note, and has a valuable collection of coins, pewter ware, china and books. Probably his most prized possession is a clock that belonged to his great grandfather, Philip De Turck. He has also a copy of deed of land dated May 26, 1682, given by William Penn to John Snashold.

Philip D. Hoch was married Nov. 22, 1891, to Ida Gross, daughter of William and Mary (Reichard) Gross, of Pike township, and granddaughter of Henry Gross, of the same township. Six children have been born of this union: Gross, John, Robert, Ira, Frances and Mary.

(II) Samuel Hoch, second son of Rudolph, married and started a farm in the western part of Oley, near the site of the so-called Moravian School, one and one-half miles southwest of Friedensburg. The land on which this building stands, together with thirty-eight acres additional, was donated by the Hochs. At first the building was used for the double purpose of holding religious services and keeping school, but when no more Moravian services were held, it was used for school purposes only, and now is a dwelling occupied by Daniel Moyer, though still the property of Oley township, including the land.

(III) Daniel Hoch, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 18, 1731, and he died Aug. 27, 1789. He married Mary or Maria Bertolet, born Sept. 18, 1736, died July 17, 1802. They had children: Samuel B., born March 7, 1757, died June 18, 1826; Esther, born June 25, 1758, married Peter Griesmer, and died Jan. 20, 1840; Susanna, born July 8, 1759, married John Nicholas Knabb, and died March 15, 1848; Mary, born Dec. 29, 1761, was the second wife of Philip De Turck, and died Dec. 27, 1821; John B., born Dec. 21, 1763, died Dec. 7, 1835; Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1766, married Conrad Rieff, and died Oct. 10, 1843; Daniel, born Jan. 22, 1768, died March 10, 1829; Joseph, born Sept. 24, 1770, died Sept. 6, 1835; Catherine, born Sept. 25, 1772, married Adam Young, and died April 13, 1828; Sarah became the first wife of John George Stitzel, Sr.; Hannah, born Jan. 27, 1777, married (first) Peter Rapp, (second) Anthony Shoemaker, (third) Daniel G. Gulden, Sr., and died Oct. 14, 1842; and Abraham, born June 27, 1779, died April 1, 1854.

(IV) John B. Hoch, son of Daniel, born Dec. 21, 1763, married in 1789, Elizabeth Guldin, born April 16, 1773. She died Aug. 20, 1848, and he passed away Dec. 7, 1835. Their children were: Mary G., born Oct. 24, 1790, married John S. Bechtel, and died Aug. 30, 1863; Catharine, born Feb. 20, 1792, married John F.

Bechtel, and died March 30, 1836; Esther, born Oct. 4, 1793, married John Schaeffer, and died Jan. 8, 1849; Sarah, born May 24, 1798, married Jacob H. Rieff, and died Jan. 20, 1852; Daniel G., born Jan. 18, 1800, died March 1, 1880; John G., born Oct. 19, 1802, died June 10, 1884; Elizabeth G., born Jan. 11, 1805, was the first wife of Samuel H. Leinbach, and died June 17, 1827; Abraham G., born Dec. 10, 1808, married Lydia L. Bechtel, and died May 26, 1844; Hannah G., born April 7, 1814, died Oct. 25, 1823.

(IV) Daniel Hoch, son of Daniel, born Jan. 22, 1768, died March 10, 1829, and is buried in a private cemetery on the homestead, not, however, in the original Hoch family burying ground. He was a prosperous farmer, and was the owner of many acres of valuable land. On Nov. 3, 1789, Mr. Hoch married (first) Sarah Yoder, born April 10, 1769, who died April 14, 1800, aged thirty-one years, four days, the mother of five children: Esther, born in Wassermann (Waterman) April 26, 1791, died Sept. 17, 1793; Eva, born in Wassermann March 10, 1793; Maria, born in Wog Nov. 8, 1795, died Feb. 21, 1817; Jacob Y., born in Krebs March 26, 1798; Peter, born in Schutz April 13, 1800. Mr. Hoch married (second) July 26, 1801, Sarah Angstadt, and their children were: Solomon, born May 25, 1802; Jeremiah, Dec. 31, 1803; Lea, April 7, 1805; Sophia, May 30, 1806; Sarah, June 13, 1807; Rachel, June 20, 1809; Anna, July 30, 1810; Daniel, Nov. 21, 1811; Susanna, Nov. 13, 1813; Rudolph, Sept. 28, 1815 (died July 31, 1883); and Wilhelmina and Moses, Sept. 25, 1817 (the latter died Feb. 20, 1843).

(V) Jacob Y. Hoch, son of Daniel by his first marriage, was born March 26, 1798, and he died May 2, 1878, and was buried at Friedensburg. He was successful in farming, his chosen calling, and he was honored and respected in his district. He made the brick used in the construction of his own house and barn in 1860. For some time he served as school director of Oley. He married Catharine De Turck, daughter of George De Turck (1777-1847), and she, too, is buried at Friedensburg. Eight children were born to them: George, who died young; Daniel D.; Susan, who married Daniel Butz, of Oley township; Miss Mary Ann; Catharine, who married Rev. Lewis Smith; De Turck and Sarah Amanda, who both died young; and Jacob, who lives at Friedensburg.

(VI) Daniel D. Hoch, son of Jacob Y., was born in Oley township Sept. 27, 1838. His early education was obtained in the old Moravian school in his native township, and later in the newly established public schools. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach in the public schools by Prof. D. B. Brunner, then county superintendent. He taught six terms in his own district. The first term he taught in Friedensburg, and the other five in the Reiff school. In 1863 he began farming the home farm, which is the original homestead of one branch of the Hoch family. The tract originally consisted of 500 acres of land, but Mr. Hoch now has but 126 acres. This is very fertile and is highly cultivated. Mr. Hoch was actively engaged in the operation of this place from 1863 to 1901, and since 1882 has been the owner. The old spring house built in 1806 by Daniel Hoch is still standing and is well preserved. The original house was built in 1749, and was a stone building attached to a log house, which latter, old settlers have said, was one of the very early buildings in the valley, being erected in the early years of the eighteenth century. It was covered with a tile roof. This stone and log house was torn down in 1880 by Jacob Hoch, the present brick house being erected then. The brick for this place were manufactured by Mr. Hoch on his own farm. The barn was built in 1755, and this Jacob Hoch tore down in 1862, and in its stead built the present structure, the walls of which are of brick. Mr. Hoch is now engaged in the manufacture of brick, having had a plant on his farm since 1883. He averages about 100,000 a year.

In politics Mr. Hoch is a Democrat, and he has served his township as school director for six years. For three years he was auditor and for twenty-one years treasurer of Oley Academy. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife is Reformed, belonging to Friedens Church. Mr. Hoch was a deacon and elder for many years, and for fifteen years was superintendent of Friedensburg Union Sunday-school, and he is very active in church and Sunday-school work, though of late his work has been made more difficult for him because of the loss of his hearing.

Mr. Hoch has been twice married. In 1863 he married Henrietta Knabb, daughter of Daniel Knabb, and they had five children: (1) Clara A. married Jacob B. Hertzog, a school teacher of Oley township, residing at Friedensburg, and former member of the State Legislature. (2) Daniel K., a prominent and respected citizen of Reading, represented that city in the State Legislature two terms, was delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Denver in 1908, and for a number of years has been connected with the Reading *Eagle*. He is a member of a number of secret societies. (3) Charles K., who has farmed on the homestead since 1902, married Mary Burkey, and has children, Daniel, Samuel, Anna H. and Sallie. (4) George died when eighteen months old. (5) Katie lives at home. Mr. Hoch married (second) Oct. 7, 1880, Mary B. Kerschner, daughter of George and Catharine (Breidigam) Kerschner. Mr. Hoch is a worthy representative of a family prominent in this section of Berks county since 1725, and he holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

(V) Susanna Hoch, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Angstadt), was born Nov. 13, 1813, and died Nov. 21, 1846. On Sept. 4, 1838, she married Martin Van Reed High, who was born Nov. 9, 1811, and who died March 4, 1852, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Van Reed) High, and grandson of Samuel and wife (nee Shenkel) High, farming people of Oley, where they are buried. Martin V. R. High was a lifelong farmer, and owned a farm of 135 acres in Oley township, now owned by Jacob S. Strunk. He was buried on the farm now owned by Ephraim K. Kauffman in a private burying ground belonging to the DeTurck family. To Martin V. R. and Susanna High were born the following children: Wilhelmina, m. to Daniel Bower, of Friedensburg; Samuel H.; Sarah M., who died young; Mary, m. to Alexander Ziegel, of Reading; Susan, m. to the late Dr. Thomas Dunkel, of Reading.

Samuel High (or Hoch), father of Martin V. R., was born Oct. 10, 1784, son of Samuel High (or Hoch) and wife (nee Shenkel), and he died March 21, 1844, aged fifty-nine years, five months, eleven days. He was a farmer, owning three large farms, one of which contains the private burying ground, and is now the property of Ephraim K. Kauffman, of Oley. Mr. High was well known in his district. In 1808 he built the large stone house, and in 1823 the present barn on the farm now owned by Jacob S. Strunk, of Oley township. On Dec. 11, 1806, he married Elizabeth Van Reed, born Oct. 21, 1789, and died Feb. 10, 1847. This union was blessed with seven sons and four daughters, those who reached mature years being: Samuel, went South, his last letter stating he was going to Jamaica, and since then nothing more has been heard of him; Martin V. R.; Jacob V. R.; Rebecca m. D. A. Glase; Maria m. Joseph Muthart; Reuben resides in Reading; Eliza Ann m. Ephraim Fishburn, of Reading.

(VI) Samuel H. High, son of Martin V. R., was born in Oley township, Dec. 28, 1841, and was brought up on the farm. He enlisted in Company C, 167th P. V. I., at Reading, in the fall of 1862 for nine months, but his service lasted over ten months, and he was mustered out in July, 1863, at Reading. After the war he engaged in farming, in Oley township, on the farm now owned by James Fisher, living there for three years. The next year he farmed a tract near Griesemersville, and in 1874 he bought his present place, containing twenty-six acres. It is located between Griese-

mersville and Yellowhouse, on the King's Highway, also called the Church road. On this farm is a house built in 1768 by I. Hunter, and his wife, E. Hunter. The barn was built in 1793. These two buildings are very substantial, the walls being eighteen inches thick. The house was used as a hotel until in the fifties. Mr. High attends the Reading markets and devotes considerable time to truck raising. He has a fine dairy also. With his family he attends the Reformed Church of Oley, in which he was deacon and trustee for a number of years. In 1867 he married Mary E. Griesemer, daughter of Wellington B. and Sarah (Kiefer) Griesemer. Four children were born to them: (1) Miss Sarah A. lives at home. (2) Dr. Warren E., born July 1, 1870, died Feb. 5, 1907, and is buried at Oley Church. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1893, and was then appointed physician in the United States Navy, and visited all parts of the globe. On leaving the Navy he settled at Butler, Pa., and built up a large practice. He married Mary L. Knabb, daughter of Alfred Knabb, and they had one son, Edward Lewis. (3) Martin Wellington died aged eleven months. (4) Florence died aged seven years.

(V) Jacob V. R. Hoch (or High), son of Samuel and brother of Martin V. R., was born in Oley Oct. 9, 1825. He attended the old pay schools in the winter, and later for one winter the Trappe school in Montgomery county. He was reared to farming, and worked for his parents until he was thirty-five years old. He then began farming in Oley township, where he now lives, although since 1872 he has been retired from active work. That year he built a big brick house on the road leading from Yellowhouse to Friedensburg, in which he resided until his death, April 26, 1909. He added a number of out-buildings, but the barn was built in 1844, and the old house in 1842 by Samuel Hoch. Altogether he had 120 acres of good land in Oley Valley. He was a deacon and elder some years in the Reformed Church at Friedensburg, to which his family belong. There he was buried. In 1850 he married Lydia Hoch, daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Weidenhammer) Hoch, of Richmond township. They have had five children: Irwin, a farmer on the homestead; Charles, who died aged six years; Hannah, who married Capt. Frederick Yeager, of Reading; Ella, who died aged twelve years; and Prof. Alfred, a teacher in the public schools at Philadelphia.

Maberry S. Hoch, a well-known farmer of Maxatawny township, was born at Moselem, Richmond township, May 25, 1839, son of Abraham and grandson of John Hoch.

John Hoch was a lifelong farmer in Maiden-creek township, where he owned a large farm, and he is buried in a private ground on the farm he owned. He married Elizabeth Kindt, and their children were: John, Heinrich, Solomon, Rudolph, Jacob, Abraham, Mary (who married Simon Moyer) and Samuel.

Abraham Hoch, son of John, was a farmer at Moselem Springs, in Richmond township, where he owned a farm of some ninety acres. Some years before his death he retired and went to Kirbyville, and there died at the age of sixty-six. He is buried at St. Peter's Church. He married Elizabeth Schwoyer, who bore him ten children, five sons and five daughters: John, deceased, of Richmond township; Benneville, deceased, of Fleetwood; Aaron, of Reading; Solomon, in Richmond; Maberry S.; Maria, who married Jesse Long; Anna, who died unmarried; Jane, who died at New York; Miss Sarah, of Reading; and Florenda, who married Ephraim Scharadin, of Kutztown.

Maberry S. Hoch, son of Abraham, was reared to farming, giving his time to his parents until he was thirty years old. In 1866 he began farming in Richmond township, on the home farm, and continued eleven years, moving at the end of that time to Longswamp township. He remained there two years, and then located in Moselem, where he farmed four years. He next farmed eleven years for Rev. B. E. Kramlich, at Kutztown. In 1897 he bought his present farm near Kemp's Hotel, in Maxatawny township, between Kutztown and Allentown, along the Easton road. It contains 110 acres of level land, good wheat soil, all in good condition, well improved with cement walks. He keeps nine horses and fifteen cows. With his family he attends the Lutheran Church, and they have their family burial plot at St. Peter's. On Sept. 26, 1868, Mr. Hoch married Lucy Ann Kline, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Dreibelbis) Kline, of Richmond township. Four children blessed this union, namely: William H., born May 24, 1869; Franklin, born July 24, 1871; Lizzie and Daniel (twins), born May 20, 1875, Lizzie dying at the age of fourteen years, four months and twenty-eight days.

FREDERICK SPANG, an artist of great talent, a cultured gentleman at Reading from 1870 to 1891, was a lineal descendant of Frederick Spang—a prominent iron master of Berks county. Mr. Spang was born Jan. 31, 1834, in Oley township, and was educated at Norristown, to which place his parents had removed when he was but a boy. While prosecuting his studies in painting at Philadelphia he enlisted in Company C, of the 15th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served a term of three years. Upon his discharge he resumed his art studies in Philadelphia and afterward spent several years in California. In 1870 he located in Reading, Pa., where he continued his art work in a successful manner until his decease, Nov. 21, 1891. He painted many portraits and landscape views of great merit and his pictures of still life displayed talent of a superior order.

DANIEL H. MANWILLER, merchant at Pricetown, Pa., and a director in the First National Bank of Fleetwood, was born Feb. 16, 1865, in Ruscombmanor township, son of Isaac K. and Amanda (Hiester) Manwiller.

Daniel Manwiller, his great-grandfather, was of Oley township, Berks county, born March 19, 1773, died June 26, 1840, and is buried in a private burying ground. His wife was Sarah Gamler (1780-1834). Their children were: John; David; Elijah; Amos; Daniel; Joshua; Eliza (m. to Isaac Hafer); Esther (m. to Isaac Hafer, as his second wife after the death of Eliza); and Mrs. Reuben Keeler (of Illinois).

David Manwiller, son of Daniel, was born in Oley township in 1803, and he died in 1886, aged eighty-three years, and is buried at Pricetown. He lived in Ruscombmanor township the greater part of his life, and was a weaver for twenty-five years. He married Deborah Keeler, who was born in 1804, and died in 1889, aged eighty-five years. They had eight children, Joel, Jacob, Obed, Amos, Rachel (m. Samuel Fox), Malinda (m. William Barzell), Isaac K. and David.

Isaac K. Manwiller, son of David and Deborah, was born Oct. 10, 1836, in Ruscombmanor township. He attended the old pay schools of his day as much as one and one-half months a year. The months consisted of twenty-four days then, and the teacher's pay was two and one-half cents a day from each pupil. Mr. Manwiller learned the carpenter's trade when twenty years old, and this he followed seven years when he became the foreman for the construction of ore mine buildings in eastern Pennsylvania, a work he continued fifteen years. He retired from active work in 1894. Since 1863 he has lived on an 18-acre farm in the eastern part of Ruscombmanor township. In politics he is a Republican, and for three years was school director. He and his family worship in St. John's Union Church at Pricetown, belonging to the Reformed congregation. On Nov. 8, 1862, he was married to Amanda Hiester, daughter of Benneville and Sallie (Brown) Hiester. She was born June 15, 1841, and died March 8, 1909. Their children were: Maggie m. Wilson W. Miller, died

aged 41 years; Daniel H.; Newton; Kate m. William Boyer; Alice m. Albert Schaeffer; Emma is single; Henry; Harvey; Ida is deceased; Robert; James; John; Clara is deceased, as is also Deborah; and Hannah m. Harry Brown and has four children, Linwood, Hilda, Helen and Wilmer.

Daniel H. Manwiller, merchant at Pricetown and a director of the First National Bank of Fleetwood, Pa., was born Feb. 16, 1865, in Ruscombmanor township, son of Isaac K. and Amanda (Hiester) Manwiller. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, the Oley Academy and at the Keystone State Normal School, graduating from the latter institution in the class of 1891. He was licensed to teach by Prof. D. S. Keck, the county superintendent, in 1882, and he taught his first term at Drumheller's school in Pike township. He taught in all sixteen terms, one term in District, three in Longswamp, one in Richmond, three in Maiden-creek, and seven in Ruscombmanor. After giving up teaching he became chief clerk with the Reading Cement Company at Molltown, remaining one year. During the next five years he worked in H. F. Hertzog's hardware store at Sixth and Bingaman streets, Reading. In the spring of 1906 he became a general merchant at Pricetown, where he has since been successfully engaged. He carries a full line of general merchandise. He became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Fleetwood, of which institution he is also one of the directors. He is of a progressive spirit. He was also one of the organizers of Pricetown Rural Telephone Company, which was organized Dec. 5, 1908, and of which he is one of the directors, and is the secretary of the board.

Mr. Manwiller became a justice of the peace of Ruscombmanor May 3, 1909, an office he also filled from 1895 to 1900. In politics he is a Republican, and wields influence for good in his locality. He and his family are members of the Reformed Congregation of St. John's Church at Pricetown. He has served the church as treasurer since 1906, and his daughter, Miss Eva, is a member of the choir.

On Aug. 15, 1891, Mr. Manwiller married Miss Catharine Rauenzahn, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Brown) Rauenzahn, of Ruscombmanor township, and they have had two children: Eva May; and Catharine, who died aged fourteen months.

JOSEPH B. GANTER, a well known and respected citizen of Reading, Pa., who is now living in a beautiful home that he erected in Mt. Penn, a suburb of the city, was born in Reading, in Jan., 1864, son of Joseph A. and Theresa (Bucher) Ganter.

Philip Ganter, grandfather of Joseph B., was born in Thannheim, Baden, Germany, married Mary Fahrenbach, of the same place, and they became the parents of the following children: Francis Xavier, m. to Farranar Bucher; Joseph A., m. to Theresa Bucher; Barbara, m. to John Balbach; Carolina, m. to John Impink; and Philip, m. to Henrietta Morris. Weary of the tyranny of the Old World governments, Mr. and Mrs. Ganter came to this country in 1850, bringing with them all their children and also the daughter of Francis Xavier. All are now deceased with the exception of the son Philip and the daughter Carolina.

Joseph A. Ganter, son of Philip, was born in Thannheim,—Baden, Germany. When he came to this country, he first worked in a furnace in Marietta, Pa. His wife followed a year later, and they located in Reading, Berks county, he working at laboring and securing employment with the McIlvaine Iron Company. Later he became a driver for the firm. He purchased property on the installment plan, this property being one of the old landmarks of the city, located on North Eighth street, near the junction. He continued faithfully in the employ of the Iron Company, until he was compelled on account of failing health to secure lighter work, and he removed to No. 40 Hamilton street, a story and a half brick house in that portion of the city known as Ricktown, being one of the first to locate there. For some time it was a question with the people whether it should be called Ricktown or Gantertown. He opened a hotel at No. 38 Hamilton street, the only one in that section for a number of years. The business increased to such an extent that he removed to the corner of Schuylkill avenue, Front and Hamilton streets, and his place was known as the "Hamilton House" until his retirement. He then removed to No. 213 North Ninth street, where he resided until his death. He was a man of great enterprise and energy, and was successful, adding greatly to the development of the city in the line of building. His success was attributed to close attention to business, and although he came to America without means, he accumulated a fortune, and gave each of his children a good start in life. He manifested a special interest in his family, aiding them in business during his own lifetime, that he might enjoy the pleasure of seeing them prosper. At different times he would call his children together and give them liberally of his estate, at the same time advising them how to use it,—one of the last things he did was to present each child with a thousand dollars.

To Joseph A. Ganter and wife, were born six sons and three daughters: Benjamin; Lena; Francis X.; Franklin; Rosa; Joseph B.; Theresa; Edward now deceased; and Charles. The two eldest, Francis and Lena, were married upon the same day, and the three youngest, Theresa, Edward and Charles, were likewise married at the same hour of the same day, and had single, double and triple weddings. Mr. Ganter in company with Gregory Heine went over in 1872 to the old country to repair a small chapel, or shrine, that the father, Philip, who was very wealthy for his day, had built in Thannheim.

Joseph B. Ganter's education was secured in the schools of Reading. When he started out in life he worked for as little as seventy-five cents per week, changing from one occupation to the other until he began an apprenticeship with Henry C. Geissler, where he learned the tinsmithing trade. He then started in business for himself at No. 201 Schuylkill avenue, and in addition opened a hardware store, with house-furnishing goods, which he carried on for a period of twenty years. Previous to this he had carried on the cigar business in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1884 he retired and began building operations with Adolph Eichner, and April 5, 1904, the firm became Ganter, Davis & Eichner. At the end of one year, the original firm started again and are still doing business. Mr. Ganter is the original organizer of the Schuylkill Fire Company, and is one of the two original members still living.

Mr. Ganter's success is due to his perseverance and strict attention to business, and just dealing. In politics he is a Democrat. He is connected with the Roman Catholic Church. He is also associated with the Northwestern Beneficial Association; Aerie No. 66, F. O. E.; and Harmonia Beneficial Association.

DAVID DILLIPLANE NEIN, a leading citizen of Mt. Penn, who is engaged as a flour, feed, coal and lumber merchant, was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1858, son of Daniel K. and Catherine (Dilliplane) Nein.

The German spelling of the name is Neün, but the most common modern spellings are Nein and Nine. Casper Neün came to this country about the middle of the Eighteenth century and settled in the Oley Valley, in Pennsylvania. In 1759 he was a taxable and land owner in Alsace township, Berks county, and the federal tax list in 1785 records him as the owner of 200 acres of land in Lynn township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, but it is not known that he ever lived other than in Berks county. In 1781 he was assessed on twenty acres in Exeter township, Berks county.

On April 23, 1787, then a resident of Oley township, he made his last will and testament, and this was recorded July 29, 1788. His wife Barbara survived him, and died in Oley, advanced in years, in 1800. Their children were: Sylvester; Daniel; Catharine m. Frederick Miner, a miller of Rockland township; Susanna m. Jacob Leinbach; Maria m. Jacob Miner; Barbara m. Henry Schwartz; and Elizabeth m. George Schwartz.

Daniel Nein, son of Casper, lived in Oley township. The Pennsylvania archives show that in 1787 he obtained a warrant for forty acres of land located in Berks county. He was married Dec. 1, 1779, to Esther Bertolet, of Oley, who was born Nov. 19, 1749, and died Oct. 5, 1792, and is buried in the Bertolet graveyard on the homestead. She was the mother of four sons and one daughter, which fact is recorded on her tombstone.

From the county records, it is learned that in 1865 David Nein died in Oley township ,and of his last will and testament, made April 17, 1845, his son Peter was the executor. He had a sister Mary, and sons David and Peter. In 1877 Esther Nine, who died in Oley township, mentions in her will her sister Mary and brothers David and Samuel, of whom the latter had three daughters: Catharine, Harriet, and Sarah.

Daniel K. Nein, father of David D., was born in Oley township in 1814, and died in 1890. He followed agricultural pursuits all of his life. With his family he worshipped at the Friedensburg Reformed Church, and is buried there. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Haas, who died without issue. He m. (second) Catherine Dilliplane, and they had these children: Mary Ann m. Daniel Kline, of Oley, Pa.; Amanda m. Augustus H. Wentzel, of Gouglersville, Pa.; David D.; Daniel D., a member of the firm of Nein & Fisher, of Lancaster, flour and feed merchants, who own a large grain elevator, m. Nettie Benson; Emma m. George Christman, a shoe and basket maker of Alsace; Esther m. Reuben Reifsnyder, a basket maker of Ruscombmanor, and a veteran of the Civil war, in which he lost a leg; Jonathan D. m. (first) Sarah Achey, and (second) Sallie O'Brien, and has children, all by the first marriage—Mary, Carrie, Ammon, Samuel, Luther and Jennie; and Sallie m. (first) John Glasser, and (second) William Williams.

David Dilliplane Nein attended the public schools of Oley, Exeter and Alsace townships, after leaving which he spent nineteen years at farm work, ten years of which were for his mother-in-law, three years for himself and six years for Charles Wentzel. In the spring of 1888 Mr. Nein associated himself in the flour, feed, coal and lumber business with Wentzel & Nein at Mt. Penn, the firm continuing for about two years. In 1890 the firm became Nein Brothers, and this has continued to the present time, Jonathan D. Nein, a brother of David D., being his partner. The firm has a large and prosperous trade in Mt. Penn, Reading and the surrounding country, and the brothers are well and favorably known. Their warehouse and office is a three-story, brick building, 44 x 71 feet, situated on the south side of Perkiomen avenue, and here they carry a large line of stock, the extent of their business necessitating the use of three teams. In politics Mr. Nein is a Democrat. He was postmaster of Denglers from 1888 until 1902, in which year the town was incorporated and became known as Mt. Penn, and he continued in the office until 1905, in which year he resigned, having given universal satisfaction in the office. He was one of the first councilmen of Mt. Penn, being treasurer of that body, and with Dr. M. L. Bertolette as one of the original founders of the Mt. Penn Suburban Water Supply Company, an independent corporation which furnishes excellent water to the borough. Fraternally Mr. Nein is connected with the Castle No. 463, K. G. E., of St. Lawrence. Mr. Nein and his family are members of Trinity Reformed Church of Mt. Penn, of which he was an organizer.

In 1877 Mr. Nein was married to Hannah B. Schaeffer, daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Yoder) Schaeffer, and to them have been born these children: Miss Ella lives in Oley with a grand aunt; W. S., m. Ada Evaul; Jacob S.; Edith, Martha Jane, Della, Viola, David, Jr., and Russell. W. S. Nein and Jacob S. Nein entered into the coal, flour and feed business Aug. 26, 1907, under the name of Wm. Penn Coal Company, W. S. Nein and Bro., No. 604 South Fifth street, Reading.

REIDENAUER. The Reidenauers of Berks county are descended from one Johannes Reidenauer, a German from the Palatinate, who fled to the New World to escape religious persecution. He crossed the Atlantic on the ship "Lydia," which qualified at Philadelphia Dec. 11, 1739. He was born in 1699, and was consequently forty when he came to America. In 1759 one John Reidenauer was a taxable resident in District township, Berks Co., Pa., but it is not known whether it was this John or his son of the same name. Both are buried at Hill Church.

Johannes Reidenauer, the younger, son of the emigrant, was born in Germany Dec. 26, 1723, and was sixteen when he came with his father to America. He died June 14, 1805, and was buried at Hill Church. He made his will Aug. 28, 1801, and it is on record in Will Book 4, page 294. He married Elizabeth Herb, born in 1732, died Jan. 20, 1808, and to them were born the following children: Johannes, 1759-1828; Frederick, 1762-1837; Jacob, 1764-1831; Abraham; Mary Elizabeth, who married George Seibert; Susanna, who married John Stauffer, and had a son Jacob, to whom her father bequeathed a sheep; Barbara, who married Michael Hoffman; and Catharine, who never married.

Johannes Reidenauer, born Dec. 3, 1759, son of Johannes, lived in District township, Berks county, where he owned a small tract of land which he cultivated in addition to working among the farmers. He died July 22, 1828, and is buried at Hill Church. He married Susanna Herb, and their children were: Abraham, who lives at New Berlinville; Jacob, of Maxatawny township; John, who died in Washington township; Daniel; Susan, m. to Abraham Herbst, of District township; Catharine, who became the wife of a Mr. Lehr, and lived in Philadelphia; and Peggy, m. to Peter Case, of Hereford township.

John Reidenauer, son of Johannes, lived in District township, where he owned and cultivated a small farm. Though eighty-four years old when he died, in 1904, he had all his teeth, and he was never sick until about the last year of his life. He married Catharine Becker, daughter of Henry Becker, and she died some years before Mr. Reidenauer, passing away July 24, 1890, when sixty-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Reidenauer had a family of seven children: William B., John, Lizzie, Emma, James, Mary and Isabella.

William B. Reidenauer was born Aug. 24, 1846, in District township, and grew up on the farm. Such education as he received was gained in the pay schools in vogue during his boyhood, and he had to earn the money for his tuition. The cost was three and a half cents a day, and he attended from thirty to thirty-five days every winter, getting the money by doing various kinds of manual labor for neighboring farmers, threshing, butchering, shelling corn, etc., for which he received twenty-five cents a day. David Benfield and Josiah Schaeffer were his teachers, and he attended in District and Washington townships. He did farm work until fifteen years old, when he went to work in the ore mines at Rittenhouse Gap, continuing at such employment for seven years. He then learned the carpenter's trade from Jacob Dengler, of Washington township, following it for a number of years in lower Berks county, and for five years he was a boss carpenter, employing as many as nine men.

Though principally engaged in putting up houses and barns, he has the reputation of being a good all-round mechanic. At present Mr. Reidenauer devotes most of his time to his sawmill, which is located just above Bechtelsville, in Washington township, and he also has a small farm, having a valuable property, which makes him one of the largest tax-payers in the township. On Sept. 22, 1908, Mr. Reidenauer met with a severe reverse, a disastrous fire destroying his sawmill, gristmill, cider press, house and ice house. The loss was nearly $10,000, and only partially covered by insurance. A quarter of a mile east of his home place he has another gristmill, which is operated by his son Warren. For some four years Mr. Reidenauer was engaged in the manufacture of brick, turning out as many as 300,000 per annum, and he gave employment to twelve men in this line. At present he has two, three or four men in his employ besides his son. He is a man of good judgment, honorable and reliable, and is looked upon as one of the leading and substantial citizens of his township.

Mr. Reidenauer was married in 1872 to Amanda Moser, daughter of William Moser, and she died Oct. 13, 1907, at the age of fifty-six years, the mother of eight children, as follows: Wilson, who is now living in Pike township; Harrison M., of Bechtelsville; Mahlon M.; Elmer, of Boyertown, Berks county; Warren, of Bechtelsville; Ida, wife of Elmer Conrad, of District township; Edwin, who is still at home; and Allen, unmarried.

Mr. Reidenauer and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of the Hill Church, and he has served three years as elder. He is a Republican in political sentiment. In 1908 he built a substantial residence at Boyertown.

HARRISON M. REIDENAUER, proprietor of the "Keystone House," at Bechtelsville, was born Oct. 7, 1873, in Washington township, and there attended the Reidenauer public school, which was named for his father. He went to school until he was fifteen, and his first work was as a teamster, hauling logs and lumber for his father, who conducted a large sawmill. After six years at this work he learned the milling business, under William C. Bechtel, of Bechtelsville, remaining in his employ one year, when he returned to the gristmill of his father, to work as miller. At that time he continued in his father's employ for two years, after which he conducted the mill for himself, renting it from his father, until 1902. He then became proprietor of the Dale store and hotel, which he carried on for one year. In the spring of 1906 he became the proprietor of the "Keystone House" in Bechtelsville, which he has since conducted with increasing success and patronage. The house contains fifteen rooms and Mr. Reidenauer enjoys his share of the traveling trade as well as the local patronage. In addition to his hotel business Mr. Reidenauer is engaged as a dealer in cattle and horses, having an established trade in this line which has proved very profitable. Every fall he has a sale of cattle at his public house. Mr. Reidenauer is a young business man of good reputation and honorable ideas, and he is making his way in the world very creditably.

On Dec. 29, 1894, Mr. Reidenauer married Miss Sarah M. Eshbach, daughter of George and Sophia (Moyer) Eshbach, and they have two children, Norman and Erma. The family are Lutheran members of the Hill Church. Mr. Reidenauer is a member of Washington Camp No. 327, P. O. S. of A., of Bechtelsville.

MAHLON M. REIDENAUER was born Dec. 24, 1876, at Bechtelsville. He was reared under the parental roof, attended the common schools of Washington township, and from boyhood assisted his father in his various enterprises, beginning at an early age to saw wood and do other work around the sawmill. He worked for his father continuously, giving him his time until he was eighteen years old, after which he remained with him another four years, working for wages. In the spring of 1898 he removed to Bechtelsville, locating at the Red Mill, a gristmill in the south end of the borough, which he conducted as such for ten years, in the spring of 1908 converting it into a planing-mill. Meantime, in 1900, he had become the owner of the mill and property, purchasing same from the Henry Young estate. The mill itself is one of the landmarks of the district and is quite old. The property includes three acres of land, and is valuable particularly for Mr. Reidenauer's present needs. He manufactures doors, windows, etc., and does general mill work, giving employment to several men the year round. Water-power is used in the operation of the mill.

On Jan. 15, 1899, Mr. Reidenauer married Miss Lydia Landis, born Aug. 21, 1880, daughter of Martin and Maria (Rauch) Landis. Mrs. Reidenauer passed away April 21, 1907, aged twenty-six years, eight months. She was the mother of one child, Lottie L. Mr. Reidenauer is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Hill Church, to which his wife also belonged.

GREENAWALT (GREENAWALD). In Albany township are found many descendants of the emigrant Jacob Greenawalt, and in that locality at least one place, Greenawald Station, perpetuates the name. It is variously spelled Greenawalt and Greenawald.

(I) Jacob Greenawalt, born in Switzerland, came to America in 1738, and upon his arrival at Philadelphia was sold as a redemptioner to a man named Schuler. In 1741 he married Elizabeth Filhower, a native of Germany, then of Montgomery county, Pa. In 1742 he and his wife located in Weisenburg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, Pa., where he claimed several hundred acres of land, upon which he erected a gristmill, oil mill and tanyard. He prospered at this place, where were born his six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, Johannes, Abraham, George, Mrs. Grim and Mrs. Barbara Weise. All of these reared families of their own. The pioneer and his wife are buried at Ziegel's Church, while others of the family are interred at Seiberlingville, and some at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lehigh county. The Greenawalts are a strong, robust and healthy race, and many have attained ripe old age.

(II) Jacob Greenawalt, son of the pioneer, was born in 1751, and married Maria Stambauch. In 1784 he bought 142 acres of land from J. Sutter, in Greenwich township, and there he spent the remainder of his life, dying at this place in 1839, in his eighty-ninth year. He had built a tannery on this property, which he operated. In 1836 he sold this tract to his son Peter, who in 1884 sold it to his son Henry, the present owner. Jacob Greenawalt and his son Henry and daughter Barbara are buried at Becker's St. Peter's Church, in Richmond township, Berks county. To Jacob and Maria (Stambauch) Greenawalt were born four sons and five daughters, namely: Jacob, Henry, Christian, Peter, Elizabeth, Susanna, Sabina, Barbara and Maria. Of these,

Jacob Greenawalt married Elizabeth Schollenberger, and they had one son and three daughters, the son dying in infancy. The daughters were: Sarah, Elizabeth and Catharine.

Henry Greenawalt married Silben Boté, and they had eight children: Adam, Jacob, Charles (m. Polly Dietrich), Nathan, Samuel, John (died in infancy), Henry and Polly (Nagel).

Christian Greenawalt located near Frederick, in Maryland. He reared a family of four sons and three daughters, the eldest son being Rev. Emanuel Greenawalt, a Lutheran minister of note. The others were: Isaac, Israel, David; and two of the daughters married a man named Zimmerman.

Peter Greenawalt was born on the old home in Greenwich township and there spent his entire life. He mar-

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ried Elizabeth Hummel, and all but one of the eight children born to them became heads of families, namely: John m. Nancy Christopher; Judith m. Charles Baer; Benjamin m. Abbie Dietrich; William, unmarried, lives in Iowa; Joshua m. Sarah Leiby; Henry m. Susanna Meitzler; Manasses m. Emily Stimmel; Maria m. Jonas Altenderfer.

(II) Johannes Greenawalt, son of the pioneer, in 1784-85 settled near what is now Greenawald Station, in Albany township, on the Schuylkill & Lehigh railroad. He was an enterprising man, built an oil-mill on the farm now owned by Isaac Hardinger, on the Pine Creek, and later built a grist-mill on that stream, which is now owned by Albert Kutz. The grist-mill was operated for many years by his son John, but he himself operated the oil-mill. Johannes Greenawalt died at the age of eighty-three, and he and his family are buried at the New Bethel (Corner) Church in Albany township. His children were: John; Abraham, who m. a Miss Hagenbuch and had Benjamin and Isaac; Jacob, who lived on the Pine creek; and Peter, who died unmarried.

(III) John Greenawalt, son of Johannes, was born in Berks county April 15, 1784, and died Nov. 10, 1865. He spent all his life in Albany township, living at the foot of the "Pinnacle," where he owned considerable land, much of which was situated between the Pinnacle (the highest elevation in Berks county) and the "Schnide Berg." Tradition tells us that this locality was an Indian camping-ground. At any rate, many Indian axes, tomahawks, arrow-heads, etc., have been found between these two high points. He farmed and operated a distillery. In their later years he and his wife lived alone in a small house on the slope of the Pinnacle, which belongs to the Blue Mountains. He was reputed to be rich, and it was said he kept his gold and silver coin in a large bag under his bed, and that he had made a small exit back of the bed which ordinarily would attract no notice, and which was to be used in case robbers broke in.

John Greenawalt married Kate Zimmerman, born Sept. 24, 1793, died Feb. 1, 1866, and they became the parents of children as follows: Joseph (who at an early date settled out West), Jacob, Amos, Abraham, Samuel, Dinah (m. Enoch Hagenbuch, who settled at La Salle, Ill.), Lesena (m. Daniel Stein) and Leah (m. Jacob P. Dietrich, who with his wife and family located in Kansas, where in time they prospered). John Greenawalt married twice, his second wife being Hannah G. Kolb, and they had a son Daniel, whose descendants live at Lewiston, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Amos Greenawalt, son of John, was born March 18, 1814, and died Nov. 19, 1879. He was reared in Albany township. He carried on general farming until his death, and also, for some years, conducted "Greenawalt's Tavern," at Greenawald Station. Mr. Greenawalt was a very fearless man, and he had some very exciting experiences with bears. One day, while going to Hamburg with a four-horse team, he passed the home of Mrs. Borrell, and saw her running toward the road followed by a bear. Just as she got over the fence, the bear ran against it on the other side. Mr. Greenawalt cracked his whip as hard as he could and scared the animal away. Mrs. Borrell, who was slightly demented, owned a large orchard in which the apples were ripe. Seeing something on a tree which she took to be a thief, she attempted to scare him away, but she found the thief to be a bear, which began to chase her. On his arrival in Hamburg Mr. Greenawalt related the occurrence, and a large number of men armed with guns at once encircled the woods into which the bear had gone. The animal was chased out, but the man who saw it became so badly frightened that instead of shooting, he hid behind a tree until the bear had escaped. A short time afterward Mr. Greenawalt, in company with a relative, went to hunt raccoon one night and their dog chased a bear upon a tree. Mr. Greenawalt killed it with a shot gun on the second shot. It was so heavy that it required the strength of the two to carry it home. Many thought that this was the same bear that had chased Mrs. Borrell. One winter night, later, Mr. Greenawalt was going home from a farm house where he had been butchering, and had with him a "butcher's sausage" and several knives. Suddenly a bear that had evidently smelled the sausage jumped upon the fence near by, and would doubtless have attacked him had he not raised the knives and screamed lustily, thus frightening the bear away. He had not gone very far when the animal appeared again, and was scared away a second time. From this experience of Mr. Greenawalt a little bridge near the grist mill of Albert Kutz is still known as "Bear Bridge."

On March 31, 1834, Amos Greenawalt married Judith Stein, born Nov. 25, 1816, died Nov. 1, 1891, and fourteen children were born to them as follows: John, deceased; Catharine, deceased, m. to Samuel G. DeTurk; George, deceased, a soldier in the Civil war; William, a retired farmer, living at Kutztown, Pa.; Leah, deceased; Mary Magdalena, deceased, m. to George Dreibelbis; Solomon, deceased, a twin brother of Mary Magdalena; Amos S., mentioned below; Emma Judith, deceased, m. to Samuel Oswald; Susanna, m. to David Fister, of Grimville, Pa.; Moses, a farmer at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Eliza, m. to James Bitner, of Leinbach, Pa.; Matilda, twin sister of Eliza, m. to Seth Heinly, of Virginville, Pa.; and Alfred, formerly a school teacher and organist of the Union Church at Bernville, but now residing at Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

(V) Amos S. Greenawalt, born Oct. 31, 1845, at Greenawald Station, received his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-two he began teaching, and secured two professional certificates, one from Supt. Samuel Baer and the other from Supt. David Brunner, passing his examinations in nearly all branches with A 1. He taught fourteen terms, in Albany township and Lenhartsville. After his marriage he engaged in farming, in which he has ever since been interested, owning a finely improved farm of 260 acres. He has also been interested in the general merchandise business since 1882, having started in that line in a store at Albany P. O., in Albany township, which he carried on for seven years before purchasing his present place of business at Kempton. His stock is large and he commands an extensive patronage. Mr. Greenawalt is very progressive, and he has made many improvements on his farm property since it came into his possession, particularly in the buildings, all of which are modern and well kept. His place is considered by many the finest and best located in Albany township, and it has suffered no deterioration since it came under his care. He raises many potatoes, seldom planting less than twenty or twenty-five acres to this one crop. He is up to date in his agricultural methods as well as in the conduct of his store.

Mr. Greenawalt is very active in the councils of the Reformed Church, of which he has been a member for many years, is at present an elder in the New Bethel Church, has been secretary of the consistory, and has also served as deacon. His principal work in this line, however, has been in the Sabbath-school. In 1868 he became superintendent of the Greenawalt Sunday-school, in Albany township, serving as such for fifteen years, and later he held the same office in the Trexler Sunday-school and in New Bethel Church Sunday-school, being superintendent of the latter for seven years. He was elected treasurer of the Berks County Sabbath School Association June 12, 1901, and has served in that office ever since. This association is auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Association, and he has also been prominently identified with International Sunday-school work since 1878; from about that time to the present he has been president of the Third District, having eight schools under his charge. He attends all the various county and State conventions

of the associations. Mr. Greenawalt and his whole family all hold diplomas of the teachers' training department of the Pennsylvania Sunday-school Association. Mr. Greenawalt is a Republican in politics, and though he has not been remakably active in that field he served seven years as assistant postmaster at Albany.

On Oct. 9, 1869, Mr. Greenawalt married Eliza Dietrich, born in Greenwich township May 18, 1849, daughter of Samuel P. and Sarah (Heinly) Dietrich, the former a farmer of Greenwich township. Mrs. Greenawalt died March 8, 1876, the mother of three children, namely: Nora, born Jan. 2, 1871, m. Amandus A. Weisner, operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and residing at Glassboro, N. J., where he also conducts a small store (they have three children, Nevin, Silas and Paul); Edgar D. is mentioned below; Annie, born Nov. 28, 1874, lives at the home of her father. In 1881, Mr. Greenawalt m. (second) Mary Burkey, born in Greenwich township, Sept. 10, 1860, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Croll) Burkey, both deceased. They have two children: (1) Abner B. was born May 25, 1882, attended the public schools of Albany township, and at the age of thirteen he passed the township graduation examination under Supt. William M. Zechman. He taught school for two terms and then graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1902, after which he taught two more terms. He then became a clerk in his father's store. For a number of years he was superintendent of New Bethel Sunday-school and is at present secretary of the third Sunday-school district of Berks County. (2) Anson R., born March 11, 1884, also passed the township graduation examination, taught school one term and graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1905. Since that he has taught every year and in the summer he works for his father in the store and on the farm. He is at present superintendent of New Bethel Sunday-school. On April 17, 1909, he married Bertha E. Berk, born Jan. 12, 1886, daughter of Daniel P. and Alice (Lutz) Berk. Mrs. Amos S. Greenawalt is a member of the Lutheran Church.

(VI) Edgar D. Greenawalt, son of Amos S., was born at Greenawald Station March 18, 1872, and received his early education in the public schools of Albany township, under the instruction of his father and of Miss Kate Heinly (later the wife of Prof. Jarius Neff), and under the late Rev. Franklin S. Dietrich (who became a missionary to India, where he died while in the service). Mr. Greenawalt made the most of his advantages, acquired a good business education, later attended a select school at Steinsville, where he was under the tuition of Rev. John Weidlich, Howard Greenawalt, Esq., Rev. James Oswald and George Lutz (now attorney-at-law in Lehigh county, Pa.), and the Millersville Normal, at Millersville, Pa. In 1890 he was licensed to teach public school by Prof. William M. Zechman, then county superintendent, and he followed that profession for eight terms in Berks and Lehigh counties, meeting with gratifying success in his work. During this time he taught the grammar grades at Steinsville, and was also engaged in Albany (at Wessnersville), Maiden-creek and Robeson townships, Berks county. He taught under three county superintendents, William M. Zechman, Eli M. Rapp and J. O. Knauss (the latter of Lehigh county). After he abandoned teaching he clerked for five years in his father's general store at Kempton. Mr. Greenawalt has given considerable time to the study of art and music. He took lessons in the former from Ben Austrian, who is particularly known as a poultry painter, and also from Prof. Harry Sharadin, instructor of art at the Keystone State Normal School. Mr. Greenawalt is holding quite a number of fine works in oil. His musical instruction was received from Miss Trowbridge, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, now a teacher at the Millersville Normal; Mr. William Grim, of Hamburg, Pa., and Miss Annie Heinly (now the wife of the Rev. Mr. Shellheimer, of York, Pa.). He is quite proficient on the piano. He is a member of the Fewpera Orchestra, which takes its name from the initials of the Christian names of its seven original members; Frank Heinly is the leader of this organization.

For a number of years past Mr. Greenawalt has been engaged in business as a wholesale shipper of potatoes at Albany Station, and he also deals in flour, feed and grain, seeds, salt, slate, lime, cement, adamant, hair, land plaster and commercial fertilizers. In addition to this line, he takes orders for planing-mill work. His place of business is located along the Schuylkill & Lehigh railroad, and he ships annually about seventy-five car-loads of potatoes. He also handles coal and lumber.

On June 7, 1902, Mr. Greenawalt married Maggie M. Fister, born May 5, 1882, died Sept. 23, 1903, aged twenty-one years, four months, eighteen days. They had a son, Edgar E., born Sept. 12, 1903, who was but eleven days old when the mother died. Mrs. Maggie M. (Fister) was born in Kistler's Valley, the youngest child of Daniel P. and Catharine (Grim) Fister, the latter a daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Wanner) Grim (both buried at New Bethel Church). She was educated in the public schools, from which she graduated, and in select schools at Lynnport and Schnecksville, and in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. She took an active part in entertainments and in society work, and was a talented elocutionist. She met Mr. Greenawalt while he was engaged in teaching, and their marriage followed a year later. For a year the young couple lived with her parents, and then in the spring of 1903 moved to their own home, the death of the young wife occurring a few months later. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at New Bethel Church, the late Rev. J. N. Bachman officiating, taking as his text the Twenty-third Psalm. Miss Elmira R. Fister, sister of Mrs. Greenawalt, came to take charge of the home and the motherless infant, and on Feb. 7, 1907, she became the second wife of Mr. Greenawalt, the ceremony being performed by her cousin, Rev. Charles Kistler, of Reading. Mrs. Greenawalt was born in Albany township, and was educated in the public schools. She is domestic in her tastes and followed that line of work in Easton and in Philadelphia, and now in her own home is a model housekeeper and noted cook. To Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt has been born a daughter, Miriam Ethel. At the present time they are planning to erect in 1910 a cozy brick home opposite the depot at Albany Station. The family are members of the Reformed Church, in the faith of which Mr. Greenawalt was confirmed by the late Rev. J. N. Bachman. He holds membership in the New Bethel (Corner) Church of Albany township, of which he was a deacon for two years, and he is at present a member of the choir, as are also his father and two of his brothers. Mr. Greenawalt was mainly instrumental in having the pipe-organ of the church repaired, at great expense. He played the organ in Sunday-schools for more than twenty years, and during the summer months played for two or three different Sunday-schools.

Mr. Greenawalt is a Republican in politics, but he was nevertheless elected, in the spring of 1909, in an overwhelmingly Democratic district, to the position of school director.

(V) Solomon S. Greenawalt, son of Amos, was born June 28, 1844, in Albany township, above Lenhartsville, and died on his farm June 3, 1888. He is buried at Jacksonville, Lehigh county. He was a farmer, owning the place which is now the property of his son James, and to which he had moved in the year 1870 and where he afterward lived until his death. He was a good citizen, interested especially in the question of public education, and served several terms as school director. He was a Reformed member of the Jackson-

ville Church. On May 20, 1866, Mr. Greenawalt married Sarah Faust, who died May 30, 1882, aged thirty-five years, ten months, twenty-three days, and was buried at the New Bethel Church. Seven children were born to this union: James V. is mentioned below; Rosa, born May 21, 1871, m. Jacob Sechler and lives at Steinsville; Mary J., born July 30, 1874, m. Isaac Trumbower, and died in June, 1905, in Denver, Colo., where she is buried; John O., born Dec. 7, 1875, lives at Daykin, Nebr.; Edward, born June 30, 1877, also lives at Daykin, Nebr.; Charles, born July 30, 1879, died Sept. 27, 1879; Lena, born Aug. 23, 1880, m. Herman Demminger, and they live at Phoenixville, Pa. On April 30, 1883, Mr. Greenawalt m. (second) Dianah Glase, of Lynn township, Lehigh county, and to them were born three children: Sarah (m. Harry Reinhart), Alfred (of Lynn township) and Kate (m. Amandus Kocher).

(VI) James V. Greenawalt was born Jan. 20, 1868, in Albany township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farming, and has lived on his present place since 1870. He bought the homestead after his father's death, and devotes his time to its improvement and cultivation. This place lies along the mountains, in the potato belt of the State, being in the extreme end of Albany township, between Mountain post-office and Steinsville, and adjoins Lehigh and Schuylkill counties. It is valuable as a mineral property as well as for agricultural purposes, coming within what is known as the slate region. Slate has been quarried on his place, and there are three slate quarries within two squares of his residence. Mr. Greenawalt raises many potatoes, planting on an average from twelve to fifteen acres, and his yield is usually about 125 bushels to the acre. The farm comprises 117 acres, of which thirty-five acres are woodland. This was formerly the Gabriel Faust homestead, and has been in the possession of the Greenawalts only since about 1870. The barn was built in 1785, and the house is a relic of Revolutionary days; the foundation and first story are of stone, and the second story is of logs.

On Oct. 3, 1891, Mr. Greenawalt married Miss Cora A. Pfeifly, daughter of Michael and Maria (Follweiler) Pfeifly, of Jacksonville, and granddaughter of Michael and Regina (Klump) Pfeifly, from near Lynnport, where Michael Pfeifly was a farmer. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt: Raymond M., Howard S. and Helen C. This family are Reformed members of Jacksonville Union Church, of which he has been a trustee since January, 1909. He was formerly deacon for some years. He is a Republican in political matters. He is a well-known member of Washington Camp No. 288, P. O. S. of A. (in which he has passed all the chairs), and Steinsville Lodge, No. 249, I. O. O. F., both of Steinsville.

(IV) Samuel Greenawald, son of John, was born in Albany township Oct. 10, 1819, and died Dec. 9, 1901. He was an extensive land-owner and farmer in his native township, owning nearly six hundred acres of land in the vicinity of the Pinnacle of the Blue Mountains. A number of stories are told of the Indian depredations committed in the vicinity of Mr. Greenawald's home and thousands of relics have been found on his farm. For many years he conducted a distillery and burned hundreds of barrels of apple-jack. He was a prominent man in his district, and he and his family were members of the Bethel Church, in the burying-ground of which their remains are interred. Mr. Greenawald married Lydia Stump, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Dietrich) Stump, and to them were born: Catharine, Lydia, Alfred, Sarah Ann, Samuel, Priscilla, Fayetta, John S., Hettie Ann, Elmira, D. Alvin and Thomas L.

(V) John S. Greenawald, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Windsor township, Berks county, was born April 16, 1858, in Albany township, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stump) Greenawald. He attended the public schools until he was twenty-one years of age, and worked with his father until he was nearly thirty-four. In 1890 he purchased a good farm of seventy-nine acres, lying about one mile east of Windsor Castle, Pa. The property is in excellent condition and the appearance of the farm indicates that its owner is an up-to-date and hustling agriculturist. In politics he is a Republican of the Lincoln type, and has represented his party at various county conventions.

On Dec. 15, 1888, Mr. Greenawald married C. Janetta Werley, daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Greenawalt) Werley, the former of whom was born in Weisenburg, Lehigh county, June 27, 1823, and met an accidental death April 29, 1898. Her grandparents were Theobald and Magdalena (Bittner) Werley, the former a tanner by trade, who came to Albany township when a young man. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenawald. They are members of New Bethel Church, he being a Reformed member thereof, and deacon, and Mrs. Greenawald a Lutheran member. Since living near Windsor Castle they have attended Zion's Union Church, in Perry township. Mr. Greenawald is one of the township's substantial citizens. In 1905 he built an addition to his house and now has spring water at both the house and barn; there are also other conveniences which greatly add to the value of the property.

(II) Abraham Greenawalt, son of the pioneer, had sons: Jacob, Daniel and Abraham, Jr. Of these,

(III) Jacob Greenawalt had six children, viz.: Christian, Jacob, Abraham, Daniel, John, and Sally (m. John Gehringer).

(III) Daniel Greenawalt located in the Stony Run, in Berks county. He had four children, one son and three daughters. The son, Aaron, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving from Anoka, Minn. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.

(III) Abraham Greenawalt, Jr., and his family moved to Mercer county, Pa. His son Jonas lived at Easton, Pa. Charles S. Greenawalt, of Steinsville, is one of his descendants.

JOHN W. JACOBS, a substantial business man of Caernarvon township, whose fine farm of fifty-five acres is situated near the town of Joanna, Pa., is also engaged in contracting, and does a large creamery and ice business. Mr. Jacobs was born Aug. 24, 1849, at White Bear, Berks county, son of James R. and Mary (Wells) Jacobs.

James R. Jacobs was a native of Berks county, a son of Christian Jacobs. He married Mary Wells, born at Joanna, the daughter of William and Christiana (Beard) Wells.

John W. Jacobs was educated in the public schools of Caernarvon and Robeson townships, and early in life engaged in agricultural pursuits. On his fine fifty-five acre farm are located a saw and planing mill (where job work is done) and a fine residence, surrounded by native trees. He also has an ice house and creamery, the output of the latter being about 3,000 quarts of milk daily, which is shipped to Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Jacobs has also been quite extensively engaged in contracting, and in this, as well as in his other lines, he has been very successful. He is a man of much business ability, and his reputation for integrity in business dealings is an enviable one. Politically, he is a Republican, on the ticket of which party he has been elected to the offices of judge of election, auditor and member of the school board, of which he is now secretary. He and his family are members of Harmony Methodist Church, where he has served as a member of the board of stewards.

Mr. Jacobs married Barbara Ann Wells, daughter of James E. and Rosanna (Balb) Wells, and granddaughter of James and Mary Wells. To their union have been

born the following children: Eva, born July 11, 1875, m. H. W. Dampman, lives in Canonsburg, Pa., and has one son,—John, born in February, 1897; J. Herbert, born June 10, 1877, m. Miss Elizabeth Rhine; Mary R., born Dec. 20, 1880, m. Clarence M. Stocker, lives in Amesville, O., and has two children,—Anna M., and C. Jackson; William Howard, born April 11, 1883; Carrie Ann, Sept. 8, 1885, died June 19, 1907; John W., Nov. 13, 1887; E. Merrill, Jan. 10, 1890; Wynn T., April 8, 1893; and Elizabeth E., June 21, 1897.

JOHN J. K. GITTELMAN, deceased, was for thirty-one years the popular proprietor of the "American House," formerly known as the "Cross Keys Hotel," in Spring township, Berks county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Lower Heidelberg township, this county, near Fritztown, Sept. 24, 1841, son of Michael and Sarah (Kleinginni) Guittelman, and died in May, 1909.

Henry Guittelman, the grandfather of John J. K., lived in Lower Heidelberg township from Revolutionary war times, and previously resided at what is now Germantown, Philadelphia, where his father, Dewalt Guittelman, had settled after coming to the New World from a town near Paris, France. Dewalt Guittelman had these children: Henry; Sarah, who married Daniel Gelsinger; Polly, who married Samuel Gelsinger (brother of Daniel); Barbara, who married Philip Fisher; Susanna, who married Daniel Fisher; Kate, who married Michael Fisher (brother of Daniel and Philip); Hannah, who married Michael Simon; and Elizabeth (Betsy), who died unmarried. It is a remarkable fact that all of Dewalt Guittelman's children died between the ages of seventy-five and ninety-two years. Henry Guittelman owned a small tract of land at the foot of Cushion Hill, in Lower Heidelberg township, where his death occurred. He married Catherine Fisher, and to them were born four children, namely: Michael, the father of John J. K.; Philip, who was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township; Henry, a blacksmith by trade, who lived in Ohio, New York and elsewhere (he had an accomplished daughter, who traveled extensively abroad); and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Schlott, of Lower Heidelberg township.

Michael Guittelman, the father of John J. K., was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Sept. 17, 1818, and passed to his reward July 16, 1896, at the age of nearly seventy-eight years. He was a miller by trade, and for thirty-eight years worked in the ore banks for the Clymers and Eckerts, well known ironmasters of the earlier days of Berks county. He owned a small farm at Fritztown, which is now owned by Andrew J. Levengood. Mr. Guittelman was buried at Sinking Spring, Pa. He was married twice, first to Sarah Kleinginni, daughter of John Adam Kleinginna (this name is also spelled Klineguinea), of Bern township; she is buried at Epler's Church. To this union there were born: Henry; John J. K.; and Sarah, who married Frank Oxenreider.

John J. K. Gittelman was educated in the schools of Bern and Lower Heidelberg townships, and in the great University of Nature, under the rising and setting sun. He was engaged at farm work in Lancaster county until eighteen years of age, when he learned the trade of blacksmith at Blainsport, Pa., and this he followed for a period of twenty-two years. Upon the outbreak and continuance of the Civil war, young Gittelman's enthusiasm was aroused and his patriotism fired, and on Oct. 19, 1862, he enlisted, becoming corporal of Company E, 17th Pa. Vol. Cav., 2d Brigade, 1st Division, Army of the Potomac. With a snare drum he paraded the town and succeeded in getting four others to go to the front: Martin Reinhold, who was killed at Smithfield; Henry McQuate, who was killed at Shepherdstown; Jeremiah Mumah, who was killed at Five Forks; and J. B. Flickinger, also killed at Five Forks. Mr. Gittelman was thus the only one of the five who went from the town to return home. In time he became farrier of the regiment, which participated in numerous engagements, being engaged part of the time in some battles and throughout other engagements. The list of battles is as follows: 1862—Occoquan Creek, Dec. 19; Dumfries, Dec. 27; near Occoquan Creek, Dec. 28; 1863—Kelly's Ford, April 28; Rapidan River, April 29; Chancellorsville, May 1, 2 and 3; Beverly Ford, June 9; Stevensburg, June 9; Brandy Station, June 9; Aldie, June 16; Upperville, June 21; Ashby's Gap, June 21; Middleburg, June 21; Goose Creek, June 22; Gettysburg, July 1 and 2; Smithsburg, July 4; Williamsport, July 6; Funkstown, July 8; Boonsboro, July 9; Beaver Creek, July 8; Falling Waters, July 14; Brandy Station, Aug. 1; Raccoon Ford, Sept. 14; Robertson Ford, Sept. 19; Barnetts Ford, Sept. 24; Mortons Ford, Oct 11; Stevensburg, Oct. 11; Brandy Station, Oct. 11; Rappahannock Station, Oct. 12; Hunters Ford, Oct. 13; Rapidan River, Oct. 17; Oak Hill, Oct. 13; Thoroughfare Gap, Oct. 20; Liberty, Oct. 24; Bealton Station, Oct. 28 to 30; Ricksville, Nov. 8; Mine Run, Nov. 29, Dec. 30; 1864—Barnett's Ford, Feb. 5; Kilpatrick's Raid, Feb. 27 to March 15; Beaver Dam Station, Feb. 28; Taylorsville, Feb. 29; Ashland, March 1; Atlees Cross Road, March 2; Tunsdall Station, March 3; Wilderness, May 4; Furnace, May 6; Todds Tavern, May 7; Spottsylvania Court House, May 12; Glen Allen Station, May 10; Yellow Tavern, May 11; Meadow Bridge, May 12; New Castle Ferry, May 26; Hanoverton, May 27; Hawes Shop, May 28; Topotomy Creek, May 29; Old Church Tavern, May 30; Cold Harbor, May 31, June 1; Trevillian Raid, June 7 to 24; Trevillian Station, June 11 and 12; Whitehouse Landing, June 21; Jones Bridge, June 23; Charles City Court House, June 24; Deep Bottom, July 27 and 28; Darbytown, July 29; Berryville, Aug. 10; Newtown, Aug. 11; White Post, Aug. 11; Cedarville, Aug. 15; Front Royal, Aug. 16; Berryville, Aug. 22; near Charlestown, Aug. 21; Kearneysville and Shepherdstown, Aug. 25; Leetown, Aug. 28; Smithfield, Aug. 29; White Post, Sept. 1; Berryville, Sept. 6; Opequan Creek, Sept. 7; Bunker Hill, Sept. 13; Winchester, Sept. 19; Luray, Sept. 24; Smithfield, Sept. 29; Tom's Brook, Oct. 9; Newtown, Oct. 11; Cedar Creek, Oct. 19; White Post, Dec. 22; Gordonsville Raid, Dec. 22; Madison Court House, Dec. 23; 1865—Sheridan's Raid, James River, Feb. 28 to March 26; Dinwiddie Court House, March 30; Stony Creek, March 31; Five Forks, April 1; Scotts Cross Roads, April 2; Drummons Mill, April 4; Saylors Creek, April 6; Appomattox Station, April 8; Appomattox Court House, April 9. A number of minor engagements are not included in this list.

During his long and faithful service for his country Mr. Gittelman proved himself time and time again to be a brave and efficient soldier, and that he gained the respect of his officers may be seen from the following letters in his possession:

"Headquarters Company E, 17th Pa. Cav., June 13, 1865.

"I certify on honor that John J. K. Gittelman, Farrier, Co. E, 17th Pa. Cav., was Detailed upon Extra Duty in the Q. M. Dept. May 25, 1863, by proper Authority through the Hd. Qrs. of the 17th Pa. Cav. and has been mustered and paid according to the above named ranks, without any allowances for Extra Duty, upon Company Muster and Pay Rolls.

"WILLIAM TICE, Captain."

"Office Act'g Chief Qr. Master, 2nd Brig.,
"1st Cav. Division, June 14, 1865.

"The bearer, John J. K. Gittelman, a member of Company E, 17th Pa. Cavalry, has for the past two years served as a blacksmith in this Department and during that time has performed his duties well and given entire satisfaction, and I take pleasure in recommending him to be a good Blacksmith and a faithful, trustworthy man.

"J. B. WHEELER,
"Capt. and Act'g Chief Qr. Master."

After his return from the war Mr. Gittelman worked on the farm for a short time, and then engaged in blacksmithing, which he followed until 1878. In that year he became proprietor of the hotel at Montello, Pa., which he

John J. K. Gittelman

had purchased from the John Haas estate in 1876, and which is one of the oldest hotel stands in Berks county. It is known that it was a licensed place as early as 1824, and some of the older residents claim that it was licensed even as early as 1814. Mr. Gittelman rebuilt the hotel, which is located two miles from Sinking Spring on the road leading from Reading to Lancaster, and made it one of the best known and most popular hostelries in this section of the county. Under his management the house was well kept and noted particularly for cleanliness.

In political matters Mr. Gittelman was a Democrat, and he rendered valuable services to his party and to his township, serving as auditor for about fifteen years. He was very prominently identified with fraternal associations in Pennsylvania, being a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of Reading, with which he was identified from 1884; Reading Royal Arch Chapter, No. 152, and Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T. He was also a member (charter) of Wernersville Lodge, No. 538, I. O. O. F., and of Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 155, at Sinking Spring, of which he was also a charter member. In this old lodge he passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge five times, was district deputy grand chancellor four years, and was also a member of Castle No. 37, D. O. K. K., the social body of the order. He was well known in K. P. circles throughout Berks county. He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church, of Sinking Spring, of which he was a deacon in 1876, and after that time an elder. He had a fine lot in the new cemetery.

On Jan. 6, 1866, Mr. Gittelman was married to Catherine Houser, born March 20, 1838. They had no children of their own, but an adopted daughter, Mary Schlott, came into the family when seventeen years of age, in 1889. She is married and has a family, but still lives at the home of her adopted parents.

POTTEIGER FAMILY. The Potteiger—Pfatteicher, Batteicher—family of Berks county, Pa., has been on record in this Commonwealth since Oct. 5, 1737, when the ship "Townshead," from the Fatherland, landed passengers at Philadelphia. Among these passengers was Martin Pfatteicher, who settled in Heidelberg township, Berks county. He died probably late in November or early in December, 1791, as his will, made Jan. 19, 1791, was admitted to probate Dec. 20, 1791. [Will Book A., page 209.] He had one son, Martin, and five daughters, namely: Maria Elizabeth, Maria Eva, Maria Catharine, Maria Eva Rosina, and Susanna Catharine, the last named being the youngest in the family.

Martin Pfatteicher (Potteicher, Batteicher or Batteiger), son of the emigrant Martin, was a farmer and owned a large tract of land. The names of his wife and children are not known.

In Will Book A, page 535, is the record of the last will and testament of Adam Pfatteicher, said, by tradition, to have been a brother of Martin the emigrant. He was born Nov. 27, 1727, and died March 24, 1807, and is buried at Little Tulpehocken Church. His will, made May 10, 1804, was entered April 6, 1807, and in it are mentioned his children: John Adam, John, Michael, Conrad, Jacob (known as "Herrgodds" Jacob) and Samuel.

John Adam Potteicher, son of Adam, born June 30, 1755, died March 24, 1827. His wife, Barbara Pfatteicher (spelling of name taken from tombstone in Little Tulpehocken churchyard), born May 8, 1761, died Nov. 8, 1821. They were the parents of three children: Adam, who died young; John, mentioned below; and Catharine (born Jan. 12, 1780, died Sept. 10, 1847), who married Michael Miller (born Aug. 11, 1777, died July 23, 1830, after thirty-one years of married life), both being buried at Little Tulpehocken Church.

Herrgodds Jacob Botteiger, son of Adam, born in 1769, died in 1853. He married Barbara Mountz, and their son, Johannes, born April 5, 1795, who married Margaretha Haak (or Haag), became the father of eight children and died Aug. 27, 1858.

John Potteicher, son of John Adam, was born Aug. 30, 1783, and died April 25, 1858, aged seventy-four years, seven months, twenty-five days. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and good judgment, and was prominent in the public life of his day. For many years he was justice of the peace, and he served in the General Assembly in 1831-34 and 1842-44 and was State senator from 1847 to 1849. He married Catharine Noll, born Oct. 27, 1789, who died Dec. 30, 1852, aged sixty-three years, two months, three days. Eight children were born to them, as follows: (1) Daniel was reared in Upper Bern township, and became a prominent man, holding a number of county offices, serving as county surveyor, 1845-50; clerk of Orphans' court, 1854-57; clerk in Reading post-offic , three years. He died in Reading and is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. He married Maria Babb, and they had sixteen children, eight of whom died young, those surviving childhood being Dr. Jonathan B. (prominent man and noted surgeon of Hamburg, with an enviable Civil war record, who has a son, George, also a physician and surgeon), Alfred, Maria, Eli, Sarah, Catharine, Rebecca and Augustus. (2) John married Eliza Conrad, and had ten children: Hiram, Rancon, Lizzie, Catharine, Ellen, Emma, Calvin, John, Wilson and Sydney. (3) William N., born Nov. 15, 1821, died Sept. 5, 1894, aged seventy-two years, nine months, twenty days. For about six years he lived on the old John Adam Potteicher homestead in Jefferson township, and then purchased a part of it, on which he erected a set of fine buildings, and there made his home for some thirty-odd years, being a very successful and prominent farmer. He was an honored citizen and always active in public affairs, making a fine record as an official. For thirty years he served his township as justice of the peace; from 1862 to 1864 he was an Assemblyman. He retired in 1890, and moved to Reading, where he died four years later, his wife surviving but one year. He married Esther Kauffman, born Aug. 16, 1830, died Nov. 14, 1895, aged sixty-five years, two months, twenty-eight days, and they became the parents of eleven children: Mary, who married Daniel S. Schaeffer; Clara, who married George Huber; John, unmarried; Alice, who married Edward T. Schmehl; Annie, who married Morgan Klopp; James, who married Maggie Harner; Thomas (1865-1882); Sallie M., who married William A. Dietrich (1866-1903); Nora E., who married James H. Unger (1869-1898); Rosa, who married William Bernhart; and Ella, who married Dr. Walter Herr. (4) Samuel married Eliza Moyer, and they have five children: Ann Matilda, Kate, Frank, George and Madison. (5) Adam married Maria Schaeffer, and has two children, Wilson and John. (6) Elizabeth married Jacob Minnich, and they had two children, Adam and Ellen. (7) Catharine married Adam Bright. They had no children. (8) Sallie married John Filbert, and had three children: Heister; Frank, deceased; and Amelia.

Michael Potteicher, mentioned as a son in the last will of Adam Pfatteicher, filed April 6, 1807, married and had a son John.

John Potteicher, son of Michael and grandson of Adam, was a very prominent man, and was known all over Berks county. He was high sheriff of the county from 1850 to 1853, and it is probable that he is the John Potteiger on record as county commissioner from 1825 to 1828. Sheriff Potteicher had three sons: (1) Levi is mentioned below. (2) Amos married and had two children: Samuel N., a prominent real estate dealer of Reading; and Clara, who married George Haag. (3) William married a Miss Ruth and had a daughter, Nora.

Levi Potteiger, son of Sheriff John, was born near Kissinger's Church in Bern township, and he engaged in agricultural pursuits and cattle droving in Berks county all his life. He carried on an extensive business, and was known not alone all over his own county but as far as Philadelphia. He married Barbara Beidler, of Reading, and they had children: John; Abraham

Lincoln; Alice, who married John Grill; Annie, who married Calvin Leinbach; Sallie, who married William Kolp; Nora, deceased; Irwin and Alvin.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN POTTEIGER, son of Levi and Barbara (Beidler), was born in Spring township April 19, 1861. He attended the district schools in Spring and Bern townships, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself, first engaging in butchering, a trade which he followed successfully at West Reading and Shillington. In 1897 he located at Third and Walnut streets, Reading, to carry on the same line, and then went into the hotel business at Myerstown, Lebanon county, where he remained two years. From there Mr. Potteiger went to Kleinfeltersville, where he also spent two years. In 1902 he returned to Cumru township, taking charge of the "Green Tree Hotel," which he conducted with great profit for four years. In the spring of 1906 he removed to his father-in-law's farm of 100 acres, near the "Three Mile House," and there he is still actively engaged in farming. In politics Mr. Potteiger is a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his family are Reformed, belonging to the Shillington Church. He is a member of Reading Castle, No. 49, K. G. E., and of the Independent Order of Americans at Shillington.

In June, 1883, Mr. Potteiger married Hannah C. High, daughter of William P. High, and to this union have been born three children: Florence H., Helen H. and Ralph H., of whom the last named died in infancy.

Jacob Batteicher, grandfather of Charles W. Potteiger, of Reading, and of the brothers Albert, Webster J., Charles E. and Samuel O., of Spring township, was born March 5, 1797, and died Nov. 22, 1854, aged fifty-seven years, eight months, seventeen days; he is buried at Kissinger's Church, of which he was an official member. He was a lifelong farmer in Bern township, also operating what is known as the Potteiger Mill. He married Christiana Minnich, daughter of Benjamin and Susan, born Sept. 9, 1799, died Sept. 19, 1873, aged seventy-four years, ten days. They were the parents of seven children: (1) Adam, born Jan. 14, 1825, died June 24, 1882, aged fifty-seven years, five months, ten days, and is buried at Hinnershitz church. He lived near Leesport. He married Lovina Peacock, and they had children, Catharine, Samuel, Adam, William, Wellington, Emma, Mary, Kate and Nora. (2) Henry is mentioned below. (3) Mary Ann married William Yocum, who lived at Stouchsburg, and is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. (4) Ellen, born in 1839, died in 1903, married James Hess, of Tuckerton, Pa. (5) Jacob is mentioned below. (6) Ann married Israel Shirk, and had four children: Frank, Henry, Sallie and Mary. (7) Another daughter married (first) Levi Gring, and (second) Israel Shirk. The family were all Lutherans in religious belief, and the father was a Whig in politics.

Henry Potteiger, son of Jacob and Christiana (Minnich), was born in Tulpehocken township March 15, 1828, and died March 20, 1896, aged sixty-eight years, five days. He was early trained to farm work, and when he started out for himself it was to engage in farming and droving. He bought his cattle in the neighboring counties, and many of them he shipped to Spring City, where he disposed of them at public sale. He was a very well-known man, and had friends wherever he went. About 1855 he came to Sinking Spring, and purchased a farm of about ninety-six acres, upon which he made his home for twenty-eight years. This farm is now in the possession of his son, Albert. In his political faith he was a Republican, and in religious belief a Lutheran, for many years being an elder in St. John's Lutheran Church at Sinking Spring, and he is buried in the cemetery there. He married Eliza Ann Yocum, who was born March 16, 1832, daughter of Daniel Yocum; she died Feb. 9, 1896, when she was aged sixty-three years, ten months, twenty-three days. They had twelve children: (1) Daniel married Lizzie M. Spohn, and they live at Annville, Pa. He is one of the most extensive cattle dealers in Lebanon and adjoining counties. (2) Franklin married Sarah Reber, and lives in Spring township, where he conducts a large farm, paying great attention to dairy products. Their children are: William, Jennie, Hettie and Cora. (3) Howard. (4) Albert. (5) Henry W. married Ida S. Leinbach, and they reside at No. 200 West Oley street, Reading. (6) Webster J. (7) Emma C. married Henry H. Yost, a farmer one and one-half miles north of Sinking Spring. (8) Charles E. (9) William died in infancy. (10) Samuel O. (11) Ellen E. married Charles Schrack, formerly a railroad employe, but later in the wheelwright business at Wernersville. (12) Agnes M. married Stephen Weidman, of Sinking Spring, where he conducts a butcher's stand. In 1908, on the fifty-fifth birthday of the eldest son, Daniel, the sons and daughters of Henry and Eliza Ann (Yocum) Potteiger assembled at his home in Annville. Eleven of the twelve children are living, and these were all present. The family at that time included thirty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ALBERT POTTEIGER, son of Henry, and a well-known farmer of Sinking Spring, was born in the township where he still resides Nov. 17, 1857. He was reared upon his father's farm, which, as stated above, is now in his possession. For twelve years he lived at Wernersville, where he was employed at different occupations. In 1897 he became the owner of his present place of seventy-two acres, and has since devoted his entire time to its cultivation. He has all the latest improved machinery, and has some fine live stock. He sells his butter and cream in Sinking Spring and markets his fine fruit in Reading. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp, No. 99, P. O. S. of A., at Wernersville. He and his family attend Trinity Lutheran Church at Wernersville. On Oct. 18, 1883, Mr. Potteiger was married to Miss Kate Gaul, born July 28, 1861, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Gockley) Gaul. They have one child, Roy H., born Jan. 20, 1894.

Mrs. Potteiger's grandparents were Dietrich Gockley, born 1777, died 1845, and his wife, Eva Mohr, born 1784, died 1851. They are buried at Hain's Church.

WEBSTER J. POTTEIGER, son of Henry, and a well-known farmer and dairyman residing at Sinking Spring, was born Dec. 9, 1861. He was brought up on the farm, and worked for his father until he was of age. He then worked for four years in the warehouse of Conrad D. Reber, of Sinking Spring, and at the end of that time entered the dairy business. He has conducted a daily milk route in Reading since 1897, and until the spring of 1904 purchased his milk from other farmers, but that year he purchased the Joel Steffy farm from Mrs. H. W. Potteiger, of Reading. His farm consists of 115 acres of the best land in Spring township. The buildings are of the very best, the barn is 46x108 feet in dimensions, and everything about the place reflects the greatest credit on the management. Mr. Potteiger has twenty head of cattle and some excellent horses. The most up-to-date and approved methods and machinery are used on his place. As a good Republican he is keenly interested in public affairs, although his own business leaves him no time for the holding of public position. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran congregation, and he served as deacon for a number of years.

On Oct. 30, 1887, Mr. Potteiger was married to Miss Sallie Y. Phillips, daughter of Reuben and Mary (Yoder) Phillips, farming people of Leesport. Eight children have blessed this union, namely: Herbert P., Reuben H., Clinton S., Grace E., Mary M., Mabel I., Granville Webster and Paul E. The members of this family are all highly respected and hold an enviable place in the community.

Charles E. Potteiger, son of Henry, is a farmer and drover at Sinking Spring, residing on the farm on which he was born Dec. 7, 1865. He acquired his education in the township schools, and assisted his parents on the home farm until he was twenty-one. For the following thirteen years he was employed as a lineman for the railroad company. In 1902 he began farming, and for two years continued this vocation in connection with droving. Since 1899 he has made his home in Sinking Spring. At the present time he is dealing extensively in cattle, which he buys on frequent Western trips by the carload, and disposes of at public sale in his village. He is very enterprising and progressive, and is looked upon as one of the successful men of Sinking Spring. Like all his family he is a stanch Republican in his political views. He is a member of Camp No. 282, P. O. S. of A., at Sinking Spring.

On May 24, 1890, Mr. Potteiger was married to Miss Kate H. Yocum, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Yocum, of Sinking Spring. They have one daughter, Helen Y.

Samuel O. Potteiger, son of Henry, and now a popular rural mail carrier at Sinking Spring, was born in Spring township on his father's farm Aug. 16, 1868. He received a good common school education in his native township, and worked on his father's farm. In 1887 he learned the hat finishing trade with the Hendels at Montello, this county, and this he followed until 1904, when he was appointed rural mail carrier from the Sinking Spring office. He was assigned to Route No. 2, which covers twenty and two-tenths miles per day. In politics he is a Republican, and has been active in public affairs, was a delegate to county convention, and in 1900 was the census enumerator of Spring township.

Mr. Potteiger resides in his own comfortable residence, which is on Lancaster avenue, and is surrounded by a beautiful lawn. He is a good citizen and has many friends. He is financial secretary of Camp No. 282, P. O. S. of A., a position he has held since 1896; and he is Sir Knight Marshal of Loyal Chamber, No. 43, Knights of Friendship, both lodges at Sinking Spring. He and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which he has been deacon and (since 1901) a member of the choir. Prior to 1898 he was a teacher in the Sunday-school, that year becoming assistant superintendent, and he has also continued teaching a part of the time since.

On May 20, 1887, Mr. Potteiger was married to Miss Emma I. Body, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Leader) Body, farming people of Bern township. Two sons and two daughters have come to this union: Harry E., chief clerk of the Reading Shale Brick Company; Walter L.; Helen Margarite, and Esther May.

Jacob Potteiger, son of Jacob and Christiana (Minnich), and brother of Henry, mentioned above, was born Feb. 6, 1834, in Bern township. Until he was sixteen years of age he lived on the home farm, assisting as he could in its operation. He then began to learn the shoemaker's trade, which, however, he never followed. He engaged in the buying and selling of cattle and horses, this continuing to be his occupation as long as he lived. He died April 27, 1898, in the faith of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Republican. He married (first) Sarah Ahrens, born Feb. 2, 1835, and the children of this union were: Charles W.; Peter, born Sept. 19, 1859; Anna L., born July 23, 1861; Jacob B., born Jan. 7, 1863; and George W., born Dec. 15, 1865. Mr. Potteiger married (second) Eliza Shanneman, born in Berks county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gable) Shanneman, and to this marriage was born one daughter, Elizabeth, Sept. 23, 1873, now the wife of Frank W. Bitting, of Shillington. Mrs. Potteiger resides with her daughter.

Charles W. Potteiger, son of Jacob and Sarah (Ahrens) Potteiger, was born in Bern township March 23, 1858, and is now engaged as a wholesale and retail tobacconist at Reading. He was educated in the common schools of Berks county, and at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, and for five years was engaged in teaching school in his native township. He then engaged in business with his father, purchasing cattle throughout the Western states, a business he later followed with John C. Potteiger, and still later alone until 1888, when he was appointed revenue collector for the First district of Pennsylvania. He served in that capacity until 1892, when he engaged in the jobbing and wholesaling of cigars, a business he has carried on to the present time with much success. He employs several salesmen in the conduct of his business, and his goods are known for their excellence and uniform quality. His factory is located at Sixth and Washington streets, Reading, with a branch store at No. 510 Penn street.

In 1881 Mr. Potteiger married Miss Ida Ruth, daughter of Reuben Ruth, and they have three children: Clarence, Edna and Adeline. In fraternal connection Mr. Potteiger is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Harrisburg Consistory; Reading Lodge of Perfection; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Lexington Lodge, K. of P. He and Mrs. Potteiger attend Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Potteiger is a stanch Republican, and was on the board of public works for eight years, and chairman of the Republican committee, as well as a delegate to the convention at Chicago that nominated President Roosevelt. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and in 1908 was a candidate on the Republican ticket for county commissioner. He has always been a public-spirited citizen, and any movements having for their object the welfare of the city or its citizens have Mr. Potteiger's hearty support.

Franklin S. Potteiger, who was a miller by trade, followed that occupation for many years in Schuylkill county, and later removed to Berks county, where he operated the well-known Hiester mill. In 1866 he located in Reading, and died here at the age of thirty-eight years. He married Susan Brobst, daughter of David Brobst, and she now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Walter M. Tyson, of Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Potteiger were born children as follows: James, a barber at Ninth and Franklin streets, Reading; Edward, who died young; Albert S.; Mary, who married Walter M. Tyson, city treasurer of Reading; and Franklin, who died young.

Albert S. Potteiger, son of Franklin and Susan, and proprietor of the Riverside Planing Mill, at Third and Bern streets, Reading, was born in Schuylkill county, Jan. 25, 1863. He attended the schools of Reading and Upper Bern township, at the latter place taking a two years' course in German. He then entered the business college of E. E. Post, Reading, after leaving which he engaged with the Penn Hardware Company, being employed in the drilling and riveting department. He next learned the hat making business with a Mr. Stieff, with whom he continued for some time, his next work being with the Reading Iron Company. At the end of two years he engaged in the planing-mill at Franklin and Carpenter streets, later known as the Penn Planing Mill, where he remained for eight years. He then took charge of the Reading Box Factory for a year, after which he assumed charge of the old planing-mills. In 1894 Mr. Potteiger associated himself with Joseph Hodge, Isaac Sherman and James W. Kerst, under the name of the Excelsior Planing Mill, Hodge & Co., for general mill planing work. They located at No. 133 Pearl street, and began with several hands. Mr. Potteiger was president and general manager of this company, with which he remained twelve years, at the end of which time the business of the company had so grown as to necessitate the employment of sixty-eight hands. On March 14, 1896, Mr. Potteiger retired

from this company, and on June 1, 1896, he began his present business, buying the building of the American Match Company, at Riverside, and in fourteen days had his plant operating and receiving orders. He has had a large and rapidly increasing trade throughout the State, employing thirty-five skilled mechanics. The factory is a large two-story building, 80x120 feet, and is fully equipped with the latest planing-mill machinery.

In 1906 Mr. Potteiger married Catharine Kochel, daughter of John A. Kochel, a well-known stone-mason who worked for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and the Wilmington & Northern Railroad Company. Mr. Potteiger is a member of the B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 115, Reading; the K. G. E., and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and are active in its work. They reside at their pleasant home, No. 127 Spring street, where their many friends are always welcome. Mr. Potteiger is independent in political matters.

HEYDT. The Heydt family of Berks county is descended from one George or Jacob Heydt, a German of high birth who emigrated to this country in pioneer times and on coming to this section first settled in the vicinity of what is now Bechtelsville. Later he lived in what is now District township, Berks county, owning the farm which is now the property of Joshua Heydt. He was an educated man, and was a "lehrer" or schoolmaster in Berks county long before the establishment of the public school system, following the profession for many years, so that he was well known to the youth of the early days. He was a true Christian man, well versed in the Scriptures, and a strict member of the Lutheran denomination, belonging to the Hill Church, where he and his family are buried. He married a Muthart, and they had eight children: Jacob, a blacksmith, who lived in District township, m. Maria Reichert, and they had thirteen children, Betzy, Catharine, Elijah, Maria, David, Jacob, Sally, Sophia, John, Rebecca, Joseph, Leah and Lydia. Abraham is mentioned in the next paragraph. John was a farmer in Washington township, where he died; his children were John, Henry, Helena, Sally and Abby. Daniel, a stone-mason and farmer, lived and died at Landis Store, in District township; his children were John, Thomas, Daniel, George and Lewis. George, a mechanic, lived in the vicinity of Huff's Church; he had three children, George (whose son Horace is a judge of Carbon county, Pa., and who has the passport of his emigrant ancestor Heydt), Nathan and Jonas. Matthias, who located at Mahanoy City, Pa., had two sons Catharine m. Henry Snyder. Peggy m. Philip Weller.

Abraham Heydt, son of the emigrant, was the grandfather of Henry B. and Abraham M. Heydt, cousins, residents, respectively, of Earl township and Bechtelsville, Berks county. He was born Dec. 19, 1786, died Sept. 1, 1853, and is buried at the old Hill Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was an intelligent man, especially familiar with the Scriptures. Though a shoemaker by trade, he followed farming principally, living in what is now District township, where he owned a small farm; he also owned a farm in the Falkner Swamp. He married Maria De Frain, (Froene), daughter of Peter and Bevvy (Bolich) De Frain, and eight children were born to them: Benjamin is mentioned farther on; Joshua lived in District township; William is mentioned farther on; Benneville died young; Elizabeth m. a Frederick; Judith m. Joseph Hoffman; Harriet m. William Quillman; Catharine m. Lafayette Gehris.

Benjamin Heydt, son of Abraham, born in Hereford township Oct. 19, 1813, died in Washington township in March, 1887, in his seventy-fourth year, and is buried at the Hill Church. He was a shoemaker, but followed that trade only a short time, and worked out, hauling and burning wood, etc. He owned a farm of twenty-six acres. Mr. Heydt married Margaretha Becker, daughter of Henry Becker, born Sept. 11, 1819, died Feb. 20, 1903, aged eighty-three years, five months, ten days. Ten children were born to this union: Henry B.; Lavina, m. to Daniel Herb; Mary, born April 5, 1844, m. to Israel Weller; Elizabeth, born April 5, 1846, m. to Adam Herb (deceased); Benneville, born in 1849, who died in 1854; Fietta, born Jan. 25, 1851, m. to Esaias Heydt; Matthias, born in 1854, who died the same year; Carl, born Nov. 6, 1857, who lives in District township; Sarah, who died young; and Emma, born June 5, 1861, m. to Charles Bechtel.

Henry B. Heydt, son of Benjamin, was born July 11, 1838, in District township. He attended the old pay schools, and also had a few winters in the free school. In early youth he began to assist his father hauling wood, which was plentiful in those days, and which was converted into charcoal. The roads at that time were few and bad, and it required some skill to be a good teamster. When he was nineteen Mr. Heydt began to learn the trade of stone and brick mason, which he followed for twenty-three years, in 1880 settling down to farm life. That year he bought the W. Renninger tract of fifty-six acres in School District No. 5, Earl township, where he has since lived, and which place he and his family continue to cultivate. It was the property of David Koch before Mr. Renninger owned it. Mr. Heydt is a Democrat in political opinion, and has been quite active in his party, having served as delegate and held various local offices.

In 1861 Mr. Heydt married Lavina Moser, daughter of Michael and Mary (Weller) Moser, of District township, and they have three children: Fianna, who is unmarried; Jerome, a farmer in Pike township, Berks county; and Andora, unmarried. Mr. Heydt and his family are Lutheran members of the Hill Church.

William Heydt, son of Abraham and grandson of the emigrant, was born in 1825 in District township, and died in 1891, at the age of sixty-five years, at Alburtis, Lehigh county, being accidentally killed on the railroad. He is buried at Lehigh Church. He was a forge man, in the iron business, and owned a forge in Rockland township, Berks county, which he carried on for twelve years, meeting with steady success in business. He owned two farms. Mr. Heydt married Villia Mast, daughter of Daniel Mast, of Rockland township, and she died in November, 1879, the mother of children as follows: Abraham M., Mary, Frank, Jefferson, William, Sarah, Katie, Annie and Emma.

Abraham M. Heydt, son of William, was born Sept. 7, 1853, in Rockland township and there and in Longswamp township received his education in the public schools. His teachers in Rockland were Isaac and Jonas Eckert. Upon commencing to earn his own living he worked in the ore mines in Longswamp township and also in Lehigh county, continuing thus for six years, and becoming an engineer. When twenty-five years old he learned the milling business, at Ludwig's, in Lehigh county, and then removed to Saegerstown, Crawford county, where he was in the milling business for two years. Returning to Berks county he located in Hereford township, where he worked in Christman's mill, in Spoon Valley, and later he was employed at Treichlersville, also at milling. He was next at the Rush mill for a year, thence coming to Oberholtzer's mill, near Bechtelsville, in Colebrookdale township. At that place he worked nineteen years for J. B. Oberholtzer, and in the spring of 1904 commenced the business on his own account, at Bechtelsville, being the proprietor of the Bechtelsville roller-mill. His establishment is well patronized and profitably conducted, and Mr. Heydt enjoys the reputation of being one of the substantial citizens and business men of the borough.

In 1878 Mr. Heydt married Emeline R. Moll, daughter of Christophel and Susanna (Rapp) Moll, of Hereford township, and three children have been born to them: Katie S., m. to William R. Conrad, of Bechtelsville; Clara V., m. to Harvey W. Stauffer; and William, who died in infancy. This family are members of the Bechtelsville Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Heydt has been a prominent worker, having served sixteen years as a member of the church council.

Mr. Heydt is a stanch Democrat, and since 1905 has been the member from Bechtelsville on the Democratic county committee. He has frequently served as delegate to the county conventions, and for eight years was committeeman of Colebrookdale township. His activities have made him a well-known figure in county politics, and in 1903 he was a candidate for the office of county poor director. Mr. Heydt belongs to Camp No. 324, P. O. S. of A., at Bechtelsville, and to Council No. 1019, Order of Independent Americans, at Eshbach, Berks county.

JOHN R. MELCHER, superintendent of the Orr & Sembower Company, of Millmont, a suburb of Reading, was born in Reading, June 4, 1866, and has resided there all his life. His parents were Charles and Sarah (Lotz) Melcher. Charles Melcher, a machinist who conducted a shop at Nos. 226-228 Carpenter street, was born in Philadelphia in 1831. He was captain of Company B, of the 167th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, receiving his commission from Andrew G. Curtin, then governor of the state, Nov. 6, 1862. He began service Dec. 11, of that year, and was mustered out Aug. 12, 1863. Sarah (Lotz) Melcher, his wife, was born July 17, 1836, and died Dec. 24, 1886, aged fifty years. She was the daughter of Philip and Annie (East) Lotz of Germany. Philip Lotz was the father of the following children: Cyrus (m. Hannah Trate); Jeremiah, who died in war; Sarah (m. Charles Melcher); Catharine (m. Alfred Franks); Michael, who died in war; Ivens (deceased, m. Catharine Wolf); Andrew (m. Ellen Leab); Annie (m. Joseph Higel and Harry Cook); and three children who died in infancy.

This family was endowed with a noble patriotism, for the brothers and brothers-in-law on both sides fought for their country in the Civil war.

John R. Melcher attended the public schools and when ready for the practical business of life learned the hatting trade with the Henry B. Hendel Company. After his apprenticeship was completed, he entered the employ of the Orr & Sembower Company, at the time it established its plant on Pine street, and has remained with the firm ever since, with the exception of about a year and a half. He has practically grown up with the business, has been promoted from time to time, and in 1901 he was made superintendent of the plant, in charge of all the machinery and with 225 men under him. His steady rise tells in itself the story of his faithfulness and efficiency and indicates the many sterling qualities of Mr. Melcher's character.

On May 30, 1889, Mr. Melcher was married to Miss Ada Rhoads, daughter of Jonathan Rhoads. To them have been born a son and daughter, Herbert R. and Dorothy R. Mr. and Mrs. Melcher are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Melcher belongs to two secret orders, the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. In the former organization he is enrolled in Lodge No. 218, in Mt. Penn Encampment, No. 152, and in Canton No. 2, Patriarchs Militant. In the Royal Arcanum he is a member of Lodge No. 495. He also belongs to Liberty Fire Company.

JOSEPH LININGTON GEHRIS, a leading citizen of Reading, Pa., who is now serving in the position of school controller of the Tenth ward of the city, was born March 27, 1868, in Reading, son of James and Martha (Moyer) Gehris.

James Gehris (Garis), father of Joseph L., was born in 1826, in the Falkner Swamp, near Pottstown, Pa., and came to Reading prior to the Civil war. When a young man he learned the carpenter trade, and this occupation he followed the major portion of his life in Berks and Schuylkill counties, residing at Frackville from 1869 to 1892, and from the latter year until his death in November, 1895, in the First ward, Reading. While a resident of Frackville Mr. Gehris acted as foreman of bridge construction for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, was an excellent mechanic, and taught many carpenters the trade. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Gehris went to the front in the defense of his country, enlisting as a private in Company F, First Pennsylvania Reserves. After the war Mr. Gehris took a great deal of interest in Grand Army affairs, being a member of Sherandoah Post until his death, and was also connected with the Union Veteran Legion.

Mr. Gehris was married to Martha Moyer, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hartline) Moyer, the former a hotel keeper of Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Gehris were born these children: Henry A., foreman of the Reading Brass Foundry, a department of the Reading Railway, married Katie Reifsnyder; John, a machinist in the employ of the Government at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., married Lizzie Humma, who is now deceased; James, a machinist of Reading; Joseph L.; George, who conducts a restaurant at Johnstown, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Noah Rissmiller of Sacramento, Cal.; and Martha, who married E. Fred Davis, a merchant of Hampton, Va.

Joseph Linington Gehris was taken when one year old to Frackville, Schuylkill county, by his parents, and there he obtained his preliminary education, later attending the late Prof. D. B. Brunner's business college at Reading After his school days were over he worked in the coal mines for two years, and at the age of seventeen years he learned the machinist's trade with the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co., serving a full apprenticeship with this company. In 1891 he entered the employ of the Diamond Drill & Machine Company, Birdsboro, where through industry and ability he has worked his way to the position of master mechanic. In politics Mr. Gehris is a Democrat, and in the spring of 1904 he was elected a school controller of the Tenth ward, being interested in educational matters, in the advancement of which he has been very active. Mr. Gehris is a thirty-second degree Mason, served as master of Lodge No. 62, of Reading, was later a charter member of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, and is a presiding officer, a charter member of Reading Lodge of Perfection, of which he is orator, and a member of Bloomsburg Consistory and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he is High Priest. He is also a member of Camp No. 611, P. O. S. of A., and has been a contributing member of the Ringgold Band for a number of years. Since the spring of 1905 Mr. Gehris and his family have lived at No. 1216 Spruce street.

On Dec. 10, 1891, Mr. Gehris was married to Elizabeth R. Hahn, born June 18, 1873, daughter of Ezra E. and Annie (Moyer) Hahn and granddaughter of Daniel M. Hahn, and to this union there have been born eight children, as follows: Annie E., born Dec. 18, 1892; Helen N., born Nov. 20, 1894; Florence J., born Sept. 27, 1896, died March 26, 1898; Joseph L., Jr., born April 20, 1898; Martha C., born Dec. 30, 1900; Thomas P., born July 24, 1903, died Sept. 27, 1903; John P., born Feb. 9, 1905; and Emma Jane, born March 9, 1907. Mr. Gehris and family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa. He is a vestryman and treasurer at the present time.

IRVIN P. FESSLER, a well known citizen of the borough of West Reading, where he has resided since 1902, was born Jan. 10, 1875, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, son of John and Clara S. (Feeg) Fessler.

John Fessler was born near Strausstown, Berks county, Aug. 9, 1844, a son of Isaac and Catherine (Hide) Fessler. He was reared in the vicinity of his birthplace living five years with Reuben Manbeck, two with Admer Ruth and two with Michael Miller, when he became

eighteen years of age and enlisted as a private in Company H, 151st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His company became a part of the army of the Potomac and took an active part in the series of engagements throughout Virginia which culminated in the battle of Gettysburg where he was severely wounded in the first day's fight. Shortly after the battle he received an honorable discharge and, after his wound was healed, became an attaché of the Engineer Corps of Hood and Thomas in their Tennessee campaign and remained until the close of the war, when he returned to care for his mother at Strausstown.

He learned the trade of carpentry and later removed to Womelsdorf where he engaged in contracting and building. Here he married Clara S. Feeg, born Sept. 30, 1848, at the Conrad Weiser homestead, a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Foltz) Feeg, of Heidelberg township. To this union there were born children as follows: Elva, who married Geo. B. Kafroth of Ephrata township, Lancaster County, and to whom two children were born; Minnie, wife of Harvey G. Zwalley, Philadelphia, and Ida E. (Millersville S. N. S.); Frederick, of California, who married Bessie White of Indianapolis, Ind. and to whom three children are born, Glenn, Alice and Theodore; Minnie who died in infancy; Laura, who died Feb. 24th, 1892 and was buried on her nineteenth birthday; Irvin P.; Ada B., of Indianapolis, Ind., who married William Halligan, of Ephrata, Lancaster county, to whom are born Ralph, Lowell Feeg and Clair William; Arthur J., of Indianapolis, Ind., who married Maud Miller of that city, a grand niece of Frances Slocum who was abducted from Wilkesbarre by the Indians, and now lies buried at Peru, Ind. (To them are born Myron John, Laura Frances and Armen); and Robert V., a student of the University of Chicago.

In politics John Fessler is a Republican. He and his family, formerly of the United Brethren faith, are now connected with the M. E. Church. During the course of his life he has resided with his family in Canton, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pennsylvania, Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa. and at present is at Indianapolis, Ind. He had several brothers and sisters.

Daniel Feeg, the father of Mrs. John Fessler, learned the tanning business at the Miller tannery, near Bernville, and later removed to the Conrad Weiser homestead at Womelsdorf, where he also followed tanning. From the latter place he removed to the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, and engaged in the contracting business, assisting in the building of the "Old Union Canal." His later life was devoted to the pottery business at Womelsdorf, where he died. He was the son of John and Catherine (Fisher) Feeg, the former a shoemaker who served in the war of 1812-14 and the Mexican War, and lived in Heidelberg township, near Charming Forge.

The Feegs are an old Berks county family, settling here prior to the American Revolution. Daniel had one brother Joseph and a sister Elizabeth (Anderson), one son, Joseph deceased, and three daughters, Maranda, wife of Willoughby Smith, Womelsdorf; Clara S.; and Emma E. wife of David Bennethun, La Porte, Ind.

Rebecca (Foltz) Feeg, the mother of Mrs. John Fessler, was a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Hoover) Foltz. She had five brothers: Isaac, Schaefferstown, Lebanon county; Joseph, Schaefferstown, Lebanon county; Frederick, Rehrersberg; Samuel, of Salem, Ohio; and Franklin, Lebanon county.

Irvin P. Fessler was brought from his native town to Ephrata, Lancaster county, when eight years old, and there he received a good education in the district schools. In 1896, when his parents went West, he located in Reading, Pa., and associated himself as foreman in the assembling department of T. A. Willson & Company, spectacle manufacturers, Second and Washington streets, in whose employ he continued until March 29, 1909, rendering efficient service, when he left them to engage in contracting and building.

While living at Ephrata, Mr. Fessler worked for some years in a planing mill, and for two years during the school terms of 1894 and 1895 he taught school in Clay township. He was also a night school instructor in the public schools of Reading during 1901. Politically Mr. Fessler is a Democrat. As a good citizen he takes a lively interest in public matters, and has proven himself an honest borough official.

Socially he is connected with Chandler Lodge No. 227 F. & A. M., Reading, and the Sons of Veterans. He is a prominent member of the People's Methodist Church, of Reading.

On Sept. 4, 1902, Mr. Fessler was married to Miss Nora Luella Trexler, born Sept. 21, 1872, daughter of E. Marshall and Anna Margaret (Ranck) Trexler, and granddaughter of Anthony and Louisa (Marshall) Trexler. Grandfather Trexler, when a youth, emigrated to this country from Switzerland, with his parents, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., where he learned the saddler's trade. He died of cholera during the epidemic, leaving four small children: Elizabeth, wife of B. M. Root, York, Pa.; Emma, wife of Rev. A. L. Hurban, Royersford, Pa.; E. Marshall; and Minnie, wife of J. M. Allem, Hiawatha, Kans. Mrs. Fessler has no brothers, but two sisters, Minnie, deceased, and Gussie Minerva, wife of Prof. E. R. Barclay, superintendent of the Huntingdon public schools, Huntingdon, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay have one son John Marshall, and one daughter Ruth deceased.

Grandfather David Ranck married Mary Weidman. Both the Ranck and Weidman families are among the oldest and most respected families of Lancaster and Berks counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fessler have one child, John Trexler, born Sept. 27th, 1908.

WILLIAM J. SPAAR, of Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 26, 1871, at Hillegas, Montgomery county, Pa., son of Augustus and Matilda (Deysher) Spaar.

Augustus Spaar, who died Dec. 24, 1905, at the age of fifty-nine, is buried at Bally, Pa. He was a saddler by trade, a business which he carried on practically all of his life, also conducting a general store in connection therewith. He and his wife, who still survives him and makes her home in Montgomery county, had eight children, six of whom are still living: William, Henry, Charles, Augustus, Matilda and Katie. The family is connected with the Catholic Church.

William J. Spaar received his education in the schools of Montgomery county, and worked on a farm until sixteen years of age, when he entered a general store as clerk, a position which he continued to fill for about six years. He then went to Philadelphia in a like capacity, but after six years came to Reading, where he clerked in stores for several years. In 1905 he became connected with Deysher & Company, grocers, with whom he remained for one year, when the firm of Spaar Brothers—William J. and Henry Spaar—was established. This business being converted in September, 1906, into a branch distributing point for the Penn Produce Company, which does a wholesale business, he remained with it for two years. Since the summer of 1909 he has been connected with S. S. Wisser, merchant at West Reading. Mr. Spaar has been successful as a salesman, and is favorably known to the business men of Reading. He is a member of the Grand Fraternity and the American Casualty Company, and in political matters is a Democrat.

On April 22, 1897, Mr. Spaar was united in marriage with Miss Leah Geiger, daughter of Amos and Lillie (Smeck) Geiger, and to them there have been born four children: Walter, Lillian, Raymond and Harold. Mr. Spaar is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, while Mrs. Spaar is a Protestant.

SHEARER. The Shearer family has been settled in Berks county for over one hundred and forty years and is

still represented among the best elements of its citizenship. Its members have during all this time contributed their full share toward maintaining the high standing of the name for honor in business and social relations.

John Christopher Shearer, the emigrant ancestor of this family, was born in Germany in 1752, and emigrated to America, sailing from Rotterdam. He was a shoemaker by trade. Settling at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., which was then a very small town, he there passed the remainder of his life, except for the time he was serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was in the Colonial forces, enlisted as a private in the company of Capt. John Diehl, of Reading, and took part in the battle of the Brandywine, in which he was wounded, a bullet passing through his forearm and breaking it. He became one of the most prominent men of Berks county in his day, and long served as justice of the peace, holding that office for nearly twenty years. He received his commission from Governor Snyder. He died in 1830, at the age of seventy-eight years, widely known and respected all over his portion of the State. His wife was Juliana Phillippi, a daughter of John Phillippi, of Reading, and a member of a French-Huguenot family; and she was the first white female child born at Reading, and died Dec. 28, 1831, aged seventy-eight years.

Jonathan Shearer, son of John Christopher, was born Sept. 18, 1780, and was brought up at Reading. He received such education as the average schools of his day afforded, and was well prepared to make his way in the world, having a knowledge of three different trades, shoemaking, tanning and the painting of clock dials. He also farmed out-lots, being what was then known in Reading as a town farmer, having about fifteen acres of land now included in the city, which he cultivated successfully. He and three other enterprising young men of Reading (his brother Solomon Shearer, John Printz and Abraham High) started the cultivation of the first vineyards in Berks county, each for himself on half-acre adjoining lots, situated on South Eighth street, between Bingaman and Muhlenberg streets. Thus it may be judged that he was a man of energy and resource, and he became a citizen of excellent standing. Jonathan Shearer married Mary Rapp, daughter of Peter and Hannah (High) Rapp, of Reading, and she survived him many years, dying in 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-two. Mr. Shearer had died in 1845, at the age of sixty-five years. They had a family of eleven children, namely: Peter, an attorney of Reading, who died unmarried; Christopher A., now a retired contractor and builder of Reading, who married Catharine Diehm; Benjamin, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-nine years; Joseph, who is mentioned below; Solomon, mentioned below; Jonathan, who married Mary Witman; Daniel, mentioned below; Rebecca, unmarried; Julianna, wife of William S. Ritter; Mary, married to William Ribble; and Hannah, who married David Keiser.

Joseph Shearer, who has lived retired for the past few years, is one of the oldest residents in his part of the city of Reading, having occupied his present home, at the corner of Eighth and Franklin streets, since 1858. Fifty years is a long period of residence in one spot, and involves a test of good citizenship which Mr. Shearer has stood well. He was born Feb. 13, 1828, in Reading, and there received his education in the common schools. He attended the very first day of free school. Carpentry, which trade he learned early, has been the principal business of his life, and he followed it off and on the greater part of the time during his active years, doing considerable building and selling for himself. For about four years he was also engaged in the mercantile business, and for many years following was greatly interested in the culture of fruit and truck, but for several years past he has lived retired, enjoying the competence he laid away in his younger days. Mr. Shearer is particularly fond of good literature and has a good supply in his home, which his leisure enables him to enjoy as never before. He has always been an industrious man, and deserves the esteem which is everywhere accorded him. His acquaintanceship is wide, and he is favorably known wherever he has had dealings with his fellow-men, whether in business or other relations. In his political faith Mr. Shearer is a Republican, and though he has not been active in party affairs he served in the council in 1859-60. Mr. Shearer can relate many stories of the early days in Reading, which have been handed down from his father and grandfather, and which are particularly interesting to those who have a taste for folklore and characteristic incidents of old times in Berks county.

Mr. Shearer was united in marriage with Louisa Sellers, a daughter of Nathaniel Sellers and granddaughter of Dr. Tobias Sellers, of Montgomery county, who practised medicine in that county, where he died. Nathaniel Sellers followed the trades of cooper and potter, and was engaged in business for several years. He died in Reading at the age of fifty-eight, and his wife, Magdalena (McNulty), died at the age of fifty-six. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shearer: John Christopher died in infancy; Charles Oscar and Joseph Sellers died in childhood; Louisa M. is the wife of William C. Burkey, who is engaged in the contracting and building business in Reading; Helen Mary is the wife of George S. Stirl, of Reading; William J., a farmer in Alsace township, Berks county, married Ellen Potts, and they have six children, William, Charles, Mabel, Irene, Irvin and Emily.

Solomon Shearer, for fifty years one of the most enterprising and successful farmers and fruit growers of Berks county, residing at Vinemont, was born at Reading March 16, 1830, son of Jonathan Shearer. He received a limited education in the public schools of Reading (the free system having just been started when he began going to school) and then learned the trade of carpenter. He had followed that pursuit as a journeyman but a short while when he directed his attention to the cultivation of trees and fruits of various kinds, beginning at Reading in a small way. He remained at Reading two years, but wishing to engage in the business more extensively purchased a farm in Muhlenberg township, near Tuckerton, where he could carry out his plans, enlarging the business year after year for twenty-seven years, which evidences the success of his enterprising efforts. Then, in 1881, having purchased a large farm in Lower Heidelberg, a short distance beyond Fritztown, his operations were developed to still greater proportions, and were extended year after year until he came to own three farms embracing 375 acres, all under active cultivation, and to produce valuable and wonderful crops, as the following particulars will show most conclusively: Seven acres of strawberries; four thousand to eight thousand bushels of picked apples; two thousand to eight thousand bushels of peaches (varying according to seasons); hundreds of barrels of wine, of five different kinds; and great quantities of cider. The looking after all these productions annually from the beginning to the end, through the several seasons, undoubtedly required exceptional ability, and Mr. Shearer displayed such ability in a manner as remarkable as it was most successful. Besides these great operations, he took upon himself the burdens of other persons involving many thousands of dollars, which he also mastered, but only by the exercise of the greatest possible skill, economy and determination in the management of his multitudinous affairs. His life has been one continuous struggle against adverse circumstances, if not the natural enemies to farmers and fruit growers on the one hand, then the financial embarrassments of others on the other, which a sympathetic disposition led him to assume; and he has the proud satisfaction of knowing that he survived

them all, making of himself a free and independent man.

In 1857 Mr. Shearer married Amelia Zacharias, a daughter of John Zacharias, farmer of Muhlenberg township, and by her he had three children, Emma D. (unmarried), Catharine (who has become a successful teacher and traveler) and Rosa E. (who has become a successful nurse in New York City). Upon his wife's decease, in 1866, he married Mary A. Sellers, a daughter of Dr. Henry A. Sellers, druggist at Pottstown, Pa., and by this union had two children, Martha M. (married Malcolm McCallum) and Walter J.

John Zacharias, father of Solomon Shearer's first wife, was married to Catharine Rothermel, born Oct. 30, 1797, a daughter of Peter Rothermel, and they had eight children, John, Peter, Rebecca, Sarah, Mary, Amelia (Mrs. Shearer), Catharine and Deborah.

Dr. Henry A. Sellers, his second wife's father, was married to Mary A. Hesser, of Pottstown, by whom he had eight children: George, Harry, John, Faber, Anna, Juliet, Mary A. (Mrs. Shearer) and Louisa.

Daniel Shearer, another son of Jonathan Shearer, was the father of Frank D. Shearer, florist, of the borough of Wyomissing. He was born in Reading, Feb. 10, 1843, and died there Dec. 25, 1880, at the age of thirty-seven years. He was cut down in the midst of a successful career, for he had already attained a good reputation in the shoe business, which he carried on at Nos. 704-706 Penn street, Reading. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. Shearer was one of the well-known men of his day and generation, and he was one of the early Rainbow firemen of the city. He married Annie Breiner, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Hetrich) Breiner, the former a grocer at Third and Chestnut streets, Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer had one son and one daughter: Annie May, unmarried, who is a well-known school teacher in Reading; and Frank D., mentioned below.

Frank D. Shearer, son of Daniel, was born at Reading Sept. 27, 1879. He attended the public schools of his native city, going as far as the high school, and commenced work as a young man with William H. Luden, the confectioner of Reading, entering his employ in 1895. He remained with him for five years, working in turn as office boy, clerk and assistant paymaster, and at the end of that time went to work for C. F. Heller, the book-binder. After being in his employ for two years Mr. Shearer took an educational tour to Indianapolis, Ind., where he acquired his first knowledge of his present business with Fred Robinson, a well-known florist of that State. He remained one year with Mr. Robinson, learning the various branches of the trade, and on his return to Berks county established himself in his present business at Wyomissing. Commencing in a small way, he has extended his accommodations to meet the demands of a constantly growing patronage, and he has three modern greenhouses, having 10,000 feet under glass. He is located at the corner of Evans and Garfield avenues, in the borough of Wyomissing. Mr. Shearer's trade is not confined to the locality, his customers being found as far distant as Philadelphia and at points in New Jersey. He raises fine flowers, making a specialty of chrysanthemums and carnations, and also grows vegetables under glass, such as lettuce, radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes. Mr. Shearer finds this branch of his business quite profitable. He has won success by industrious and intelligent application to the advancement of his business, and deserves the rewards which have come to him.

On March 29, 1903, Mr. Shearer was married to Miss Edith Warley, daughter of Frank and Kate (Eisenberger) Warley, of Reading. Two children have been born to this union, Warley Donald, March 21, 1907; and Dorothy Virginia, Sept 3, 1908. Mr. Shearer is a member of the Church of our Father, the only Universalist Church in Reading. He is likewise liberal in political sentiment, inclining toward the best tenets of socialism, with equal rights for all.

DANIEL SAUL, a coachmaker at Eagle Point, formerly Kroningersville, in Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa., was born Feb. 11, 1837, son of John Saul.

Johann Nicholas Saul was born Dec. 16, 1726, died Aug. 14, 1795, aged sixty-eight years, and is buried at the Swamp Church. He emigrated from Europe, landing at Philadelphia Sept. 14, 1753. Among his children was a son Nicholas.

Nicholas Saul, born July 8, 1766, married, March 9, 1793, Mary Rosina Hartman, born Aug. 30, 1762, in District township, Berks county, daughter of Paul and Mary (Heepner) Hartman. Their children were: (1) Samuel. (2) John. (3) Jacob had children: Nicholas; Mary; Daniel (m. Caroline Derr, and had children, Howard; Margaret; Emanuel; Jacob; Mary; Agnes; Daniel; and Calvin E., born Sept. 23, 1871, who married in 1891, Alva E. Strasser, was from 1897 to 1907 organist of Zion's Union church in Perry township); Catherine; Franklin; Lydia; Sarah; Racey, and Thomas. (4) Salome. (5) Sarah. (6) Hannah. (7) Esther.

John Saul was a resident of Molltown, Maiden-creek township, and there farmed his large property. His children were: Elias; Jacob; Simon; Nicholas and several daughters whose names are not known.

John Saul, father of Daniel, now living retired at Shoemakersville, Pa., was born in Maiden-creek township, Sept. 9, 1843, and for many years was successfully engaged as a boatman. Later he embarked in a mercantile business, handling flour, feed and groceries for thirty-four years at Shoemakersville Locks, and he also operated a hotel, making a success of all he undertook, and amassing considerable very valuable property. He now owns the Ideal Stock farm at Shoemakersville, which has long served as a model farm throughout Berks county. Mr. Saul at various times conducted branches at Molltown, New Philadelphia, Shoemakersville and other points along the old Schuylkill canal, and is well remembered in the business world, although for some time he has not taken an active part in it. Mr. Saul married Sarah Reinert and they had two children, Daniel and Edna. In 1867 Mr. Saul m. (second) Katie Gearhart, daughter of Tobias and Esther (Adam) Gearhart, of Perry township. They had no children.

Daniel Saul was reared in Greenwich township, until he was fourteen years of age, when he removed to Eagle Point, to learn the coachmaker's trade with Daniel Kroninger, and he has followed this calling ever since. For many years he worked for Mr. Kroninger, finally, in 1878, succeeding him in business, and has conducted his establishment, with a blacksmith shop in conjunction, for more than a quarter of a century.

In addition to his trade, Mr. Saul farms in a small way; his property, consisting of eighteen acres, is in excellent condition. The buildings upon it are the brick residence erected by Daniel Kroninger, and a coachmaking shop that has withstood the storms of nearly a century, and is one of the oldest structures of Berks county, now being quite a landmark, and pointed out to visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul with their family are members of the Grimville Union Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, and are active in its good works.

In 1875 Mr. Saul married Sarah Kroninger, daughter of Daniel Kroninger, his employer. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Saul, namely: Edward Eugene; John Harvey; Lillie V.; Charles Robert; Jennie M.; Daniel M.; and William F.

The Saul family is one of the oldest in Berks county, and its representatives are many. Men and women bearing the honored name are to be found in almost every walk of life, and they are all characterized by those old sterling characteristics that made the founder of the family successful, thrift, industry and honesty.

Mr. Saul is a man who enjoys the confidence and respect of a wide circle of business acquaintances, as well as his inside circle of friends, and he is justly regarded as one of Berks county's representative men.

BARE. The branch of the Bare family now well represented in Berks county has been for the most part a Lancaster county family since its foundation in this country almost two centuries ago. Like many of the old Lancaster families the Bares are of Swiss Mennonite origin, and some members of the family were ministers of the Mennonite Church. John Bare (or Bear), a native of Switzerland, came to America prior to 1730, and had sons who settled in York, Adams, Cumberland and Perry counties, Pa., where their descendants are still to be found.

Stephen Bare, son of the emigrant John Bare, was a farmer of Lancaster county, where he died.

Abraham Bare, son of Stephen, was born in Lancaster county about 1780, and died there in 1857. He spent his life in agricultural pursuits, and owned several farms of more than 150 acres each. Abraham Bare married Nancy Erb, and among their children were: Abraham lived and died on the homestead; Samuel is mentioned below; Sally m. Samuel Gougly; Anna m. Samuel Bollinger; Maria m. John Brubaker; Elizabeth m. Daniel Kline; and Polly m. Joseph Bowman.

Samuel Bare was born in 1807, on the homestead in Lancaster county, and his death occurred in August, 1865. He served during the Civil war for three years as a private of Company E, 79th Pa. V. I., and his war record was that of a faithful, brave and efficient soldier. He married Susanna Garnand, born May 11, 1811, who died April 14, 1900, in her eighty-ninth year, and they had the following children: Henry G., born Oct. 20, 1836; John G., born April 13, 1839; and Abraham G., born July 26, 1841, who resides in his own home in Reading (he and his wife had six children, Ellen, Nora, Kate, Willis, Luke and Chester, of whom Luke is deceased).

Henry G. Bare is now retired from farming, and since 1899 has lived on a neat little place located along the trolley line, near Wyomissing, in Spring township. He was born Oct. 20, 1836, near Stevens, in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county, and from his youth was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Coming to Berks county with his parents in 1843, he spent his boyhood days in Cumru township, and continued to live there until he bought the tract on which he now resides. He obtained a fair education in the pay schools in Cumru, leaving school for good when about twenty years of age. During his youth the school terms were very short, lasting only two months. Mr. Bare began farming for himself in 1862, while the Civil war was in progress, and followed that occupation with good average results until he retired, in 1899. He makes his home at present upon a small tract of six and a quarter acres, where he has a substantial dwelling and is very comfortably established. However, he still retains ownership of the ninety-acre farm in Cumru where the greater part of his life was spent, and which is now being cultivated by his son Harry F. It is located along the Wyomissing creek. By steady industry Mr. Bare managed to accumulate a competency, which he is well able to enjoy, for he is a man who takes an interest in life and in books, and has made a success of his own career in more ways than in a worldly sense.

In 1860 Mr. Bare married Elizabeth F. Hunter, who was born in 1839, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Faber) Hunter, of Yellow House, Berks county. Six children have been born to this union, as follows: John M., a dairyman of Cumru township, is mentioned below; Howard H. m. Dora Peterson, and died in 1906, at Ottawa, Kans., in his forty-third year; Addie L. is the wife of Wilson Kintzer; Harry F., who conducts his father's old farm in Cumru, m. Annie Mays; Irwin D. m. Hettie Potteiger; Calvin H. died young. Mr. Bare and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church at Sinking Spring. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

John M. Bare, son of Henry G., was born Feb. 14, 1862, in Cumru township, and was there reared on the home farm. He received his education in the public schools of the township, which he attended until seventeen years of age. Farming has been his life work, and he began for himself in the spring of 1887, in Alsace township, where he remained one year. Returning to Cumru township, he settled on the well-known Seitzinger farm, which he cultivated for the next sixteen years, in 1904 locating on his present property near the "Five Mile House," a fertile tract of seventy-five acres which is considered one of the finest places in Cumru. He purchased this land in 1898, and it has been brought to a high degree of cultivation under his care. Mr. Bare has good, substantial buildings and the latest improved machinery, and he is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, being regarded as one of the intelligent farmers and successful dairymen of his township. He keeps fine live stock and runs a daily milk team to Reading. In politics Mr. Bare is a Republican, and he and his family are Reformed members of Sinking Spring Church.

Mr. Bare married Agnes H. Hain, born June 5, 1864, daughter of Adam and Mary Ann (Hill) Hain, and two children have come to this union: Gertrude May, born May 14, 1886, who died Oct. 12, 1901; and John Adam, born July 22, 1904.

John G. Bare, son of Samuel, was born April 13, 1839, in Lancaster county, near Stevens, but since his marriage has lived in Berks county, owning a farm of 139 acres in Upper Tulpehocken township. Since 1902 he has lived retired, his son Milton now operating the home farm. Mr. Bare married Harriet Ruth, born April 4, 1844, who died March 11, 1903; she was a daughter of Francis Ruth. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bare, namely: Edwin, a section foreman living in Iowa, m. Jennie Moyer; Susan and Peter died in childhood; Allen died in infancy; John H.; Milton m. Sallie Fink; Irwin m. Sallie Goodman; Paul m. Sallie Miller; and Lydia Ann m. Samuel Hause.

John H. Bare, son of John G., a successful agriculturist and dairyman of Cumru township, was born Feb. 28, 1869, in Lower Heidelberg township. He received his education in the district schools, which he left at the age of seventeen years, at which time he started to work on his father's farm in Berks county. In 1889 he went to Frontier county, Nebr., where he worked on a farm for one year, and then engaged in bridge carpentering for the Burlington Railway Company for two years. After one year spent in farm work in Illinois Mr. Bare returned to Berks county, in 1894, and for about a year carried on huckstering in Upper Tulpehocken township. After his marriage he began farming in Lower Heidelberg township, on the property of his grandfather, Francis Ruth, a property of nearly two hundred acres, and in 1899 he came to Cumru township, where for the past three years he has been operating the old Kurtz farm. In the fall of 1906 Mr. Bare purchased the old Franklin Bender estate in Lower Heidelberg township, which consists of 106 acres of good, fertile land, furnished with running water and including a productive orchard, and this property he has rented to his brother, Paul Bare. Mr. Bare's farms are supplied with the latest and most highly improved farming machinery, and under skillful management yield large crops. He operates a milk route to Reading, having over 120 customers on the south side of Penn street, has a fine, modern dairy, and keeps an average of twenty milch cows the year around.

On April 6, 1895, John H. Bare married Miss Rebecca Feick, born May 26, 1874, daughter of Gabriel and Mary (Reichard) Feick, farming people of Upper Tulpehocken township. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bare. They are consistent members of Sinking Spring

Lutheran Church, and in political matters Mr. Bare is a Republican.

Gabriel Feick, father of Mrs. Rebecca (Feick) Bare, died June 27, 1885, aged seventy-two years, and is buried on the old Feick homestead. His children were: Daniel R., Joseph R. and Matilda R. all deceased; Rebecca, Mrs. Bare; Franklin R., deceased; and Annie R., who married Samuel Ebling, and died in 1908, leaving two children, Lizzie F. and Mary F. After the death of Gabriel Feick, his widow married Benjamin F. Drey.

ANDREW J. POTTS, residing on a farm near Douglassville, is a native of Union township, Berks Co., Pa., born March 27, 1841.

The Potts family is a very old one in Berks county. The towns of Pottstown and Pottsville in Montgomery and Schuylkill counties, respectively, perpetuate the name. The early history of the family is most difficult to trace. One David Potts, Jr., lived in Douglass township and he had daughters, Ruth, Martha and Anna (m. John Ellis). He also had a sister, Rebecca (m. John Baird). A Pott or Potts family in Berks county had its origin in a Hessian soldier, who after the American Revolution lived in Heidelberg township, in the mountains.

Edward Potts, Jr., grandfather of Andrew J., was born in Berks county, Oct. 8, 1776, and died at the home of his daughter Julian in Union township Aug. 27, 1856. He was a farmer and made frequent trips by team to Philadelphia with grain, produce, etc., bringing back on his return trip all sorts of merchandise. He married Maria Magdalena Leawren, born July 17, 1781, daughter of Jacob and Margareta Leawren. She died Jan. 9, 1849, and both she and her husband are buried at Amityville on the south side, second row from west wall (Tablets). They had nine children: Julian m. David Schrack; Maria, born March 25, 1805, m. William Reed, and died Aug. 1, 1882; Charlotte, born July 22, 1812, died unmarried April 29, 1853; Eliza died unmarried; William, born Oct. 13, 1811, lived at Monocacy and was killed Oct. 14, 1870, on the railroad; Lewis, born June 21, 1814, died Feb. 28, 1889, lived at Monocacy; Jacob, born April 4, 1818, lived at Monocacy Hill, and died July 29, 1851; David, born Oct. 13, 1820, died July 19, 1843; and Amos. Maria, Charlotte, Jacob and David are buried on the same lot with their parents (Tablets). Edward Potts, Jr., made his last will and testament Aug. 23, 1853, and it is recorded in Will Book 10, page 344. The executor was his son-in-law David Schrack. At the time of making the will he lived in Amity township, where he owned a farm.

Amos Potts, son of Edward, Jr., and father of Andrew J., was born at 8:00 A. M., July 4, 1808, in the sign of the Scorpion, in Pottstown township, Montgomery county, and was baptized at the same place Sept. 16, 1808, by the Rev. Frederick William Geisenheiner. He was a farmer in Amity township, where he owned and operated the farm until lately the property of his son Andrew J. This farm he purchased in 1843, later selling it to his son, who on Dec. 28, 1901, presented it to his daughter, Emma J. Mr. Amos Potts built the present set of buildings on this farm. He was confirmed a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Amityville April 28, 1827, by Rev. Conrad Miller, pastor, and held the offices of deacon and elder. He was a school director and interested in the public affairs of his township. About the year 1833 he married Sarah Reifsnyder, born May 12, 1810, daughter of Samuel and Mary Reifsnyder. She died Aug. 26, 1846, and is buried on the south side of the Amityville church, near the gate (Tablet). To this union were born: Henry F., born March 27, 1836; Mary Ann, born July 16, 1838; William H. and Andrew J., twins; and James K. P. The twins were born March 27, 1841, the fifth birthday anniversary of their elder brother Henry F. Amos Potts married, (second) Nov. 18, 1848, Maria Spies, daughter of Ludwig Spies, born April 2, 1813, in North America, and baptized the same day by the Rev. Mr. Herman. Amos Potts died suddenly Sunday morning, May 19, 1895, and was buried at Amityville Cemetery, Row four, on Ascension Day. He left three children, twelve grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren, all of whom were present at the funeral. Mrs. Maria (Spies) Potts died at the home of her brother Daniel Spies, on Monocacy Hill, Jan. 9, 1899, and was buried beside her husband in Amityville cemetery, Jan. 14th following.

Andrew J. Potts, son of Amos, was born March 27, 1841, and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Amity township, two miles from Douglassville. He made farming his work until 1902 when he retired, and was succeeded by his daughter Emma J. The farm consists of sixty acres. Mr. Potts was one of the organizers of the Mission Manufacturing Company, at No. 74 North Charlotte street, Pottstown. They manufacture paper boxes and do fine printing, employing altogether thirty-five persons, four in the printing department and the others in the box factory. The firm enjoys a large local trade. The company was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania Sept. 24, 1907, and is capitalized at $25,000. Mr. Potts is a stockholder and vice president of the company. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of Baltzell United Brethren Church of Pottstown, and while a member of Amityville he was trustee of the same denomination for twenty-five years, and for twenty successive years an exhorter. He gave liberally toward the church at Amityville, and is one of the loyal supporters of the church at Pottstown.

On May 20, 1869, Mr. Potts was married by the Rev. C. T. Poulton, to Willemine Spies, born in Amity township July 20, 1849, baptized Nov. 18, 1849, by Rev. George Miller. She is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Stapleton) Spies, of Amity township, and granddaughter of Ludwig and Mary (Reifsnyder) Spies, the former a merchant at Weaverstown.

Emma J. Potts, daughter of Andrew J. and Willemine (Spies) Potts, was born at Douglassville, Pa., Feb. 25, 1870, and was baptized in August, 1874, by the Rev. A. H. Kauffman. On March 21, 1905 (the twenty-seventh birthday anniversary of her brother Wilmer S.), she married George W. Kessel, son of Ferdinand Kessel (of Wurtemberg, Germany), the ceremony being performed at Pottstown, Pa., by Rev. L. K. Evans, D. D., pastor of Trinity Reformed Church. Mr. Kessel was born at the foot of Monocacy Hill in Amity township Sept. 6, 1880. They have a son Herbert, born April 20, 1906.

Wilmer S. Potts, son of Andrew J. and Willemine (Spies) Potts, was born at Douglassville, Pa., March 21, 1878, and was baptized July 21, 1878, by Rev. A. H. Kauffman. He acquired a common school education in the township schools. On Jan. 22, 1895, he began the study of telegraphy in the Philadelphia & Reading Station at Douglassville, and in July of the following year qualified as an efficient operator and is at present a commercial telegrapher in Pottstown, Pa. Mr. Potts was one of the original members of the Citizens Band of Douglassville, which was organized Oct. 18, 1903, and had a successful career of several years. Mr. Potts played the bass drum. On Wednesday, May 23, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon, Mr. Potts was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Kephart, daughter of Jonathan and Martha Kephart, at her home No. 74 South Charlotte street, Pottstown, by Rev. O. P. Smith, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration. On Sunday morning Sept. 8, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Potts were admitted into full membership of the Temple M. E. Church in North Coventry township, Chester Co., Pa., by Rev. John Flint, pastor. Mr. Potts is the historian of the Potts and Spies families.

JEREMIAH R. GULDIN, county commissioner of Berks county from 1879 to 1881, and a lifelong farmer near New Berlinville, died at his home there Aug. 9, 1892. He was born in Colebrookdale township Nov. 12, 1822, son of Jacob Guldin.

The Guldins were Pietists in Switzerland. Their home was originally in St. Gall, where Melchior Guldin was born in 1529, was made guildmaster in 1550, senator in 1583, and where he died in 1596. Melchior Guldin, Jr., was born in 1571, and died in 1645. He was town clerk in 1604.

(I) Hans Joachim Guldin, born at St. Gall, Switzerland, became a citizen of Berne in 1633. He married Susanna Tribolet, and their children were: Hans Joachim (2), born Feb. 4, 1635; Anna, born Sept. 22, 1636; Samuel, Sept. 22, 1638.

(II) Hans Joachim Guldin (2), born at Berne Feb. 4, 1635, married Anna Maria Koch, and their children were: Maria, born Aug. 24, 1660, died in infancy; Anna Maria, born March 19, 1662, died in infancy; Samuel K., born June 8, 1664, died Dec. 31, 1745; Anna Magdalena, born June 18, 1667.

(III) Rev. Samuel K. Guldin, born at Berne, June 8, 1664, married Mary Magdalena Malacrida, and came to Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1710. He died at Roxboro Dec. 31, 1745. His children were: Samuel M., born Nov. 8, 1693, at Stettlen, Switzerland; Maria Catherine, born at Stettlen Jan. 8, 1696; Christoffel, born at Berne July 17, 1697; Emanuel Fred, born at Berne March 15, 1699. Rev. Samuel K. Guldin and Rev. Christopher Lutz were classmates at Ole University at Berne, Switzerland, from 1679 to 1689. In 1692 the Rev. Mr. Guldin was appointed pastor at Stettlen, three miles east of Berne. Shortly after entering the University he passed through a great spiritual experience and became a Pietist. Prof. Hadorn says that Guldin, Schumacher, Lutz and Dochs were the fathers of Swiss Pietism. These church fathers became so bitterly persecuted that Guldin emigrated to Philadelphia in 1710, and all of the Guldins of America are descended from him.

(IV) Samuel M. Guldin, son of the Rev. Samuel K., born Nov. 8, 1693, at Stettlen, accompanied his father to America, and with him settled in Oley township, Berks county, Pa. He learned blacksmithing and then together with Engel Peter and a Mr. Bartolet, all blacksmiths, was in Oley, then known as "The Land of Great Trees," in 1718. Each built a log house and began to clear the land. The houses were somewhere along what is now the public road from Yellowhouse to Friedensburg. On May 22, 1722, Samuel M. Guldin married Elizabeth Hilsaweck. Their children were: Samuel, born July 12, 1725; Susanna, Oct. 5, 1724; John, Feb. 22, 1726; Mary Magdalene, Aug. 26, 1728; Frederick, August 2, 1729; Daniel, April 20, 1735; Johanna Esther (twin to Daniel); and Clara Elizabeth, Sept. 17, 1738. Berks county was incorporated in 1752, and Samuel M. Guldin was one of its first county commissioners. At that time there were still Indians in the county, and without doubt he bore his part in defending the people. The records show that at least three of his children married and reared families.

(V) Daniel Guldin, son of Samuel M., was born April 20, 1735, and he died Aug. 17, 1817. He married Catherine Elizabeth Geltbach in 1762, and she died about 1785. Their children were: Samuel G., 1763-1769; Daniel G., 1764-1845; John Jacob, 1766-1829; Samuel G., 1769-1775; John G., 1770-1862; Elizabeth G., 1773-1848; George G., 1774-1814; Abraham G., 1776-1838; Samuel G., 1777-1854; Frederick G., 1779-1838; Peter G., 1782-1826; David G., 1784-1799.

(VI) John Jacob Guldin, son of Daniel, born in 1766, died May 6, 1829. He married Polly Reidnauer.

(VII) Jacob Guldin, born Oct. 13, 1798, was a farmer. He died May 8, 1866. Among his children was Jeremiah R.

(VIII) Jeremiah R. Guldin engaged in the cultivation of his farm of 130 acres near New Berlinville, on the road leading from that town to Bechtelsville, until about twenty years before his death, when he retired. He built a substantial brick house on the farm, and there his widow still resides. The farm has been rented ever since Mr. Guldin's retirement. With all of his active work on his farm he took a lively interest in public affairs, and for three years was county commissioner, being elected on the Republican ticket; and for three years he was school director. He was a man of good judgment, and his advice was sought frequently. He was a member and deacon of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which his widow is still an active worker. Mr. Guldin was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

In 1851 Jeremiah R. Guldin was married to Esther (Hettie) Ritter, born April 16, 1830, daughter of John and Mary (Maurer) Ritter. To this union was born a daughter, Clara, who married John G. Rhoads, former register of wills, in Berks county, and died in 1892, leaving a son Clarence, now making his home with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Guldin.

JOHN GULDIN was born July 6, 1796, and was baptized by the Rev. J. F. Weinland. He died Jan. 2, 1861, aged sixty-four years, five months, twenty-six days, and is buried at Boyertown. He resided at the present home of Ambrose Stauffer, in Colebrookdale township, owning a tract of forty-five acres, and conducted a sawmill besides engaging in blacksmithing and farming, becoming well known in his district in these various capacities. He prospered in all his work.

Mr. Guldin married Maria Grim, daughter of Heinrich Grim, born Jan. 16, 1791, died Aug. 6, 1865, aged seventy-four years, six months, twenty-one days. Mr. and Mrs. Guldin had a family of six children, namely: Edwin, who died in infancy; Henry, who lives in Indiana county, Pa.; Mary A., who now lives at New Berlinville; James, born Sept. 21, 1827, who died May 7, 1864; Cyrus, born Oct. 8, 1829, who died Nov. 29, 1856; and Horace, born Aug. 23, 1833.

Mary A. Guldin, daughter of the late John Guldin, was born Feb. 9, 1825, and though eighty-four years old is very well preserved, her only affliction being defective hearing. She has never married, and for some years has made her home at New Berlinville, where she is a devout member of the United Evangelical Church, being deeply interested in the work of that congregation. She is a highly respected member of the community and is enjoying her years in comfort and contentment.

BLANKENBILLER. The firm of Blankenbiller Brothers in West Reading is a most popular and successful one, and is composed of Daniel B. and Harry B. Blankenbiller, sons of Elias W. and Amanda (Brunner) Blankenbiller.

The progenitor of this old and honored family in America was Johan Georg Blanckenbiller, whose date of emigration is given in the Pennsylvania Archives as Oct. 7, 1755, when he landed at Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance. He made the journey to the New World on the good ship "Neptune," George Smith, captain.

Jacob Blankenbiller, son of Johan Georg, was a farmer in Cumru township, Berks county, and belonged to the Lutheran congregation of the Allegheny Church, of which his wife, Dolley (Fitterling) Blankenbiller, was also a member. They had these children: George, who died unmarried; Jacob; David, who had sons, William, Samuel and Joseph; Dolly, m. to John Rathman; Elizabeth, m. to Dietrich Heitzman; Peter, the father of John R., deceased; Catherine, m. to William Remp; Polly, m. to Solomon Weidman; Isaac, who settled at Flat Rock, Ohio; and Susan, m. to Jacob Artz.

Jacob Blankenbiller, son of Jacob and grandfather of Daniel B., was born in Cumru township, April 23, 1803, and died March 19, 1895, aged ninety-one years, ten months, twenty-six days. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned a 225-acre farm in Spring township, which

is now divided into three tracts. He was a member of the United Brethren Church of Sinking Spring (where he is buried), and was a church official and a good man of his community. He married Anna Maria Weidman, born Jan. 18, 1805, who died March 3, 1888, aged eighty-three years, one month, fifteen days, and they had the following children: Elias W.; Maria, born Oct. 24, 1835, m. Henry Mosser, of Reading; Katharine, born in 1838, died unmarried in 1870; Elizabeth m. Isaac Moyer, of Reading; and Jacob, a farmer of Mohn's Hill, m. Emma Hinnershitz, and has three children, Eulalia, Cordelia and Pruella.

Elias W. Blankenbiller, father of Daniel B., was born in Cumru township, Sept. 23, 1833, and died April 12, 1898. He was a lifelong farmer, but two years prior to his death retired and spent the rest of his days in his residence at Mohnton. He was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church of Sinking Spring, where he was an exhorter for many years, and later became connected with Salem Evangelical Church of Mohnton, of which he was a liberal supporter until his death.

Mr. Blankenbiller was married to Amanda Brunner, born Aug. 11, 1840, daughter of Henry Brunner, of Reinhold's Station, Lancaster county, and to them were born seven children, namely: Harry B.; Emma, m. to Levi Miller, of Mohnton; Ezra; Daniel B.; Edwin; Ella, who is unmarried and lives with her mother; and William B., who m. Martha Von Neida, has three children, Carrie, Stella and William, and resides at West Reading, being in the employ of Blankenbiller Brothers.

Harry B. Blankenbiller, eldest son of Elias W. Blankenbiller, was born at Sinking Spring, Berks county, Jan. 30, 1864. He spent his boyhood days there and at Reinhold's Station, Lancaster county, where his parents lived for some time, and attended public school at both places, beginning his education in his native place. When eighteen years old he commenced to learn the cigar-maker's trade, which he followed for sixteen years at what was formerly Mohnsville, now Mohnton. In November, 1901, Mr. Blankenbiller formed a partnership with his brother Daniel B., under the firm name of Blankenbiller Brothers, and settling in West Reading they have since carried on a general merchandise business there, at the corner of Penn avenue and Fifth street. They carry staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, shoes, notions, etc. The brothers enjoy an extensive patronage in West Reading, Reading and Mohnton, making a speciality of groceries. In 1908 they enlarged their store, equipped it with Walker bins, and made it strictly up-to-date in every respect. They have stands at the Kissinger market-house and at the Crystal Palace market-house, both in Reading, which they attend every market day. The business has prospered from the start, and five people are employed in the store. Since May 20, 1904, Mr. Harry B. Blankenbiller has been postmaster at West Reading, and his brother Daniel serves as assistant postmaster.

On Feb. 9, 1901, Mr. Blankenbiller married Sallie Burley, daughter of the late Daniel and Emma (Davis) Burley, of Reading, and they reside in a comfortable home at No. 444 Penn avenue, West Reading, which Mr. Blankenbiller owns. He is a member of Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A., of Mohnton, and he is a Republican in political connection.

Daniel B. Blankenbiller was born at Sinking Spring June 1, 1871, son of Elias W., and spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and worked for his father until twenty-one years of age. When sixteen years old he learned the cigar making business at Reinhold's Station, and this occupation he followed for about three years, in 1888 learning the hatting trade with J. H. Spatz & Co., in whose employ he continued for thirteen years, the last eight years of which he had charge of the packing and shipping departments. In 1901, with his brother Harry B., he formed the firm of Blankenbiller Brothers, and engaged in a general merchandise business in a small way at the corner of Fifth and Penn Avenue, West Reading, and since that time by strict attention to business and honest dealing, the firm has increased the business manifold and become one of the leading establishments of the borough. Mr. Blankenbiller owns his own residence at No. 508 Penn avenue, which he purchased in the fall of 1903. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are consistent members of Ebenezer Evangelical Church, of Reading, he having been formerly an official member of Salem Evangelical Church, at Mohnton.

On Aug. 17, 1895, Mr. Blankenbiller was married to Debbie S. Krick, born Aug. 3, 1874, daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth (Spatz) Krick, the former a son of Jonathan Krick, of Kricktown, in Spring township. Three sons have been born to this union, namely: Paul D., born Nov. 25, 1896; Harold C., Jan. 23, 1901; and Norman H., Jan. 30, 1906.

Daniel Burley, father of Mrs. Harry B. Blankenbiller, was born Jan. 26, 1832, in Eastington, Gloucestershire, England, son of William and Harriet Burley, of that place. On Oct. 12, 1852, he married Emma Davis, daughter of Job Davis, of Eastington, England, who died in 1834-35, and four days later, on Oct. 16th, the young couple embarked for America. They settled in Berks county, Pa., and there passed the remainder of their lives. In his native land Daniel Burley had been a woolen worker in the woolen mills, and his wife followed the same occupation before her marriage, but for many years Mr. Burley was the agent and manager at Mertztown, this county, for the Allentown Iron Company. He and his family long made their home at that place, where Mrs. Burley died Oct. 19, 1891, in her sixty-second year, after which Mr. Burley moved to Shillington to live with his son John, who is now, however, a resident of Reading. He died Jan. 19, 1908, when only seven days less than seventy-six years old, and with his wife is buried at Mertztown. In her native country Mrs. Burley was a member of the Wesleyan Church, and Mr. Burley belonged to the Established Church of England, but after settling in Berks county they became Lutherans.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley had a family of thirteen children, including two pairs of twins: Joseph is deceased; Eliza H. m. Dr. A. A. Stamm, of Mohnton; John H.; Sallie m. Harry B. Blankenbiller; Elizabeth m. Daniel Long; Charles m. (first) Alice M. Kline, and after her death (second) Lizzie Shugar; Alfred and Albert, twins, make their home with Dr. A. A. Stamm in Mohnton; Fannie died in infancy; Frank died when young; twins died in infancy; Wilson died when four years old.

TREXLER. The Trexler family is one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county. It has numbered in its ranks not alone the honest farmer and industrious laborer, but men in every profession, in civil and military life, and its women have been gracious and womanly. Industry has been a marked characteristic of the family. Money has been made, and when spent, spent wisely, even lavishly when given to the less fortunate. Ambition coupled with ability has made leaders of men, and temperate lives have given strength to meet any issue. To Berks county, Pa., came (I) Peter Trexler, some time prior to 1720, settling in Oley township. As early as Sept. 5, 1720, he was one of the petitioners for the erection of the township. It was but a short time afterward, however, that he left Berks county, and moved to what is now Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, a territory that, covered with brush and scrub oak as it was, offered very little in the way of attraction to the early settler, other than an abundance of water, with which it was blessed. He settled near Breinigsville, his land embracing what is now the John R. Gonser farm. On Nov. 18, 1729, he obtained from Casper Wister, the patentee, a deed for this land, and this deed is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, in that region. A seven-year residence was required before naturalization, and Peter Trexler did not take out his papers until

1730. He and his family were the first white settlers in Macungie, and Dr. Helfrich, in his history of the various congregations in Lehigh and Berks counties, says, "Way down in the valley near what is now Breinigsville lived, before the general migration into this neighborhood, a Trexler family, with whom the Indians were very friendly. Mother Trexler often presented the Indians with gifts and gave them bread, and in return they brought her wild skins and showed friendship to the pale-faces."

Peter Trexler died in 1758, and his will, dated Dec. 17, 1744, divides his estate among his widow, Catharine, and three sons and three daughters—Jeremiah, John, Peter, Anna, Catharine and Margaret. The son, Peter (2), was made executor of the will. Peter Trexler and his wife were both buried in the family cemetery on their farm, but the graves, originally marked by soft sandstones now wasted away, cannot be definitely located. Steps were recently taken by the Trexler Family Association, in Reunion Aug. 28, 1907, to restore this ancient burial place of their ancestors, and to place a tablet to the memory of Peter Trexler and wife. Of the daughters of Peter Trexler nothing is known, but in the diary of Rev. John Casper Stoever, Nov. 9, 1732, is the record of the marriage of John George Schumacher and Catharine Trexler, of Macungie.

(II) Jeremiah Trexler, eldest son of Peter, had a public house at Trexlertown, as early as 1732. He removed to Easton, and became prominent in public affairs, in 1768 being county tax collector. On Nov. 11, 1776, he was made a member of the General committee of Northampton county, and at the meeting held the same day was made a member of the Standing committee. Later he sold his property at Easton, and returned to Macungie township, Berks county. His wife's name was Catharine. He died in 1783 intestate. There is no record of his children, but it is supposed that John Trexler, who conducted the tavern at Trexlertown some years, was his son.

(III) John Trexler, supposed son of Jeremiah, was twice married. After the death of his first wife, Maria Elizabeth, he married Susanna Hassler, widow of John Hassler and daughter of Casper Bauer. At the time of the Revolution the entire Hassler family was taken captive by the Indians, and one of the children scalped. The father escaped, but for three years the mother and children were held prisoners, then all except the children Jacob and Elizabeth, released. In the will of John Trexler, dated Jan. 26, 1795, probated March 10, 1795, he gave fifty pounds to his wife Susanna for life, and after her death to be divided equally among his step children, "of which Jacob Hassler and Elizabeth are prisoners by the Indians." In this will his own children are mentioned as follows: Peter, Jeremiah, Emanuel, Ferdinand, Philipina Albrecht (or Albright), Margaret Kroner, Maria Elizabeth Jarrett and Israel. Of these, Peter is supposed to have moved West. Jeremiah was for many years a justice of the peace at Trexlertown, and died Feb. 25, 1827, leaving his widow, Elizabeth (Reiss), and children: Margaret (m. Andrew Shiffert), Catharine, Jeremiah (a tailor near Cedar Creek, Allentown), Lucas, Charles, James and John. Emanuel is not mentioned in any record, nor is Philipina Albrecht and Maria Elizabeth Jarrett, Ferdinand married and became the father of a son Benjamin, who in turn became the father of Benjamin F. Trexler, of the Allentown *Friedensbote*. Israel attained old age in Hanover township, and was survived by nine children—Emanuel, Jonathan, Israel, Jr., John J., Reuben A., Abraham R., Charles H., Mrs. Polly Bush and Mrs. Solomon Wandel.

(II) Peter Trexler, son of Peter the emigrant, was born Feb. 11, 1721, and was bequeathed the homestead near Breinigsville, which had been deeded to him in 1748. He became a man of considerable importance, and was justice of the peace from 1752 to 1776, and as such, under the colonial system, sat in the courts at Easton. The first election in Northampton county occurred Oct. 1, 1752, many of the voters being obliged to travel twenty-five miles to deposit their ballots. The opposing parties were the Irish and German settlers. Peter Trexler was elected one of the three county commissioners. He was a frugal man of methodical habits, and in favor of education. When compelled to be away from home to attend court, he filled his saddle bags with provision so he could board himself. When schools were established in Pennsylvania by the English nobility for the purpose of teaching the English language, Peter Trexler was made one of the trustees of the William Parsons School at Easton. He died Aug. 25, 1798, and was buried in the family cemetery on the home farm. He married Catharine Winck, born Aug. 7, 1728, and died Aug. 14, 1815, aged eighty-seven years, daughter of Casper and Gertrude (Kemp) Winck. According to the Lehigh Church Book, at her death she left sixty-two grandchildren and seventy-nine great-grandchildren. Seven children—three sons and four daughters—survived Peter Trexler. The sons were: Peter, Jonathan and John. The daughters: Maria Christine, born Nov. 3, 1753, married Aug. 13, 1776, Peter Haas, and died Sept. 13, 1829, the mother of ten children; Mrs. Philip Fogel; Mrs. Henry Grim; and one of whom there is no record.

(III) Peter Trexler, son of Peter of Macungie and the third of the name, was born Aug. 15, 1748, and is known as Mertztown Peter, and frequently in the records appears as John Peter or Hom Peter. He was a patriot of the Revolution, serving as captain of the Fifth Company of Col. Breinig's second battalion of militia, and on May 5, 1783, was made lieutenant-colonel. He was elected county commissioner in 1782; representative in the General Assembly, 1785-86-87-88, thus serving four years, the time limit set by the constitution of 1776. He died March 13, 1728, aged seventy-nine years, six months, twenty-eight days, and was buried in the family cemetery. His will (See Will Book 6, p. 187) was made Feb. 15, 1825, and entered April 3, 1828, his sons Peter, Jacob, Reuben and Jonas being executors. He married Catharine Grim, daughter of Henry Grim, youngest son of Geittie Grim, the ancestor of the Grim family, so prominent in this section. She was born July 30, 1757, and died July 7, 1828, aged seventy-one years, less twenty-three days. Eleven children were born to Peter and Catharine (Grim) Trexler, namely: (1) Maria m. John Folk, and had children, Joshua, John, Reuben, Anna (Shuman), Catharine (first m. to a Keizer, and second to a Hilbert), Caroline (Guise) and Lydia (Guise). (2) John Peter (Jan. 2, 1777-March 6, 1828) m. Rachel Fogel (Sept. 11, 1784-Jan. 1, 1867), and had children: Caroline (Horlacher), Sarah (Seiberling), Maria (Fogel) and Jonas. (3) Jacob became the father of Reuben, David, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. James Breinig, Catharine (Breinig) and Mrs. Stephen Sawyer. (4) Reuben (1782-1846) was an iron master, residing in Mertztown, Longswamp township, where he also carried on farming and was well and favorably known. He married Anna, daughter of Jacob Lesher, a charming, charitable woman of refined taste, and they lived in the old Trexler mansion in Longswamp. They had children: Col. William (1816-1905), Horatio (who lived at Reading, where he was president of the National Union Bank), Dr. Lesher (of Fort Wayne, father of Mrs. Anna Wertz, of Allentown, and Mrs. Judith Reno, mother of Claude Trexler Reno, of Kutztown), Lucinda (wife of Gen. James Rittenhouse) and Caroline (wife of William Schall). Mrs. Anna (Lesher) Trexler died in 1848, aged fifty-four years. (5) Benjamin (1784-1855) is mentioned below. (6) Catharine m. a Mr. Haas, and had children: Judith (Gregory), Nathan, Leana (Butz), Kate (Hoffman), Tallie (Hoffman), Jonathan T., Reuben T. and I. P. T. (7) Jonas had children: Jonas, Willoughby, Abyle, David, Peter, Sarah (Ludwig), Angeline (Ahlum) and Eliza (Miller). (8) Anna m. Philip Dresher, and had two children: Nathan and Judith (Reiter). (9) Nathan lived in Long-

swamp township, where he died in February, 1865. His will is on record in Will Book 11, p. 363. His wife Phoebe bore him four children: Edwin H., Mary (Mrs. George Schall), Amelia (Mrs. Jonathan B. Grim) and Sarah (Esterly). (10) Daniel died leaving no children. (11) Judith m. Rev. Isaac Roeller, and was affectionately known as "Aunty Roeller." She died in 1885, leaving no children. On Aug. 17, 1809, Peter Trexler bought his son Benjamin a large family Bible, printed in 1798, costing seven dollars. This is now in the possession of Oliver Trexler (born Dec. 21, 1852), son of Nathan and grandson of Benjamin.

(III) John Trexler, son of Peter (2), or Macungie Peter, and his wife Catharine (Winck), was born Oct. 12, 1750. About 1784 he moved to York county. He died June 22, 1829, aged seventy-eight years, eight months and ten days, and was buried on the Gonser farm in the old family cemetery. Among his children was Solomon, whose son Daniel lived in York county as late as 1869; and Lydia, Mrs. Borger, of Breinigsville.

(III) Jonathan Trexler, son of Macungie Peter and Catharine (Winck), was born May 1, 1762, and he died May 11, 1846, aged eighty-four years and ten days, and was buried in the old family cemetery. He married Elizabeth (name on tombstone given as Eliza) Horlacher, born Jan. 9, 1772, died April 3, 1854, aged eighty-two years, two months and twenty-four days. They had children: Jonathan; Anna, m. to Gen. Benjamin Fogel; Diana, m. to Joseph Schmoyer; Catharine, m. to Joseph Miller; Lydia, m. to John Metzger; Sophia, born March 4, 1793, and died unmarried Oct. 9, 1864, aged seventy-one years, seven months, five days; David, born Nov. 27, 1796, and died Aug. 20, 1823, aged twenty-six years, eight months, twenty-three days; Solomon, born May 22, 1810, and died Aug. 31, 1814, aged four years, three months, ten days.

(IV) Benjamin Trexler, son of Peter (3) of Mertztown and Catharine (Grim), was born Feb. 2, 1784, and he died June 20, 1855, aged seventy-one years, four months, eighteen days. He first settled in the Catawissa Valley, but in 1825 moved to Albany, Berks county. He married (first) March 10, 1805, Maria Drescher, and became the father of nine sons and two daughters: Daniel, born Nov. 30, 1805; Benjamin, Jan. 31, 1807; Amos, April 27, 1808; Fianna, July 26, 1809 (died young); Jonas, Dec. 16, 1810; Aaron, May 3, 1812; Jairus, July 26, 1813; Anna, April 25, 1815; one still born; Nathan, Jan. 11, 1818; and Peter, May 22, 1820. The wife and mother died May 23, 1820, and he m. (second) June 13, 1823, Catharine Bolich, who bore him one daughter, Catharine, Sept. 3, 1824. Mrs. Catharine Bolich Trexler died Sept. 7, 1855, aged sixty-eight years, nine months and twelve days.

(V) Daniel Trexler, son of Benjamin, born Nov. 30, 1805, married and had children: Uriah, whose son Edward Dietrich Trexler is a foremost lawyer of Berks county; Rev. Daniel, of Bernville; Charles, a wealthy merchant of Topton, Pa.; Dr. William, deceased; and Mary.

(V) Benjamin Trexler, born Jan. 31, 1807, son of Benjamin and Maria (Drescher), died March 18, 1876, aged sixty-nine years, one month and seventeen days. He was a farmer in Longswamp township, and is buried at Mertztown. He married Susanna Leininger, born July 4, 1812, died Dec. 27, 1891, aged seventy-nine years, five months, twenty-three days. Their children were: Amanda, m. to John Miller, of Topton; Susanna, m. to Ephraim Butz, of Topton; Eliza, m. to Marcus Long, of Longswamp township; and Charles L.

(VI) Charles L. Trexler, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Leininger), was born in Longswamp township in 1837, and died upon his farm in Maxatawny township in 1878. He owned and cultivated a large and fertile farm near Lyons, and was very successful in all his undertakings. He was a member of De Long's Lutheran Church, in which he served as deacon for some years. He married Leanda Grim, daughter of the late Daniel and Judith (Sell) Grim, and granddaughter of Heinrich and Gertrude (Trexler) Grim, of Bowers Station (whose children were: Absalom, Jonathan, Daniel, Reuben, Solomon, Ann and Polly). To Charles L. and Leanda Trexler were born: Annie m. Edwin Merkel, of Topton, and has a son Charles (They live with Mrs. Merkel's mother in a fine home on Kemp street, Lyons); Emma m. Morris Bauer, and has two sons, John and Charles; Sarah m. Walter Swoyer (mentioned elsewhere); and Miss Mary resides with her mother.

(V) Amos Trexler, son of Benjamin and Maria (Drescher), born April 27, 1808, died March 4, 1892. He was a farmer and tanner near Greenawald Station, in Albany township, and was very prominent in township affairs, holding various offices, and being especially interested in educational affairs. He married Elizabeth Dietrich (1810-1888), daughter of John Adam Dietrich, and their children were: Katharine, Fietta, Sally Ann, Nathan D., Jonathan D., Amos, Emma, Dr. Horatio and Dr. William.

(VI) Nathan D. Trexler, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Dietrich), and now living retired at Trexler Station, in Albany township, Berks county, was born in that same township July 4, 1839. His education was acquired in the old pay schools, in three terms at the township schools, and in Kingston Academy in Luzerne county, Pa. He was early trained to the tanning trade, and when in his eighteenth year worked in a tannery at Lewisburg, where he remained one and one-half years. He then returned to Berks county and worked for his father until 1860, after which he operated 143 acres of land in Perry township for two years. He had married in the meantime, and after his wife's death in 1862 he returned to his father's home, and on Oct. 16, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, as a member of Company K, 179th Pa. V. I., serving until July 31, 1863, when he was mustered out at Harrisburg. He returned home and worked at his trade until 1866, and on March 13th of that year he located at what is now Trexler Station (named for him), where he purchased the Henry Kerper & Co. tannery, and this he operated from 1867 until 1892. From 1867 to 1877 he was in partnership with his brother Amos D., whose interest he later purchased. In 1885 he sold the tannery and eleven acres of land to his brother and rented it from him. Since 1892 the tannery has been abandoned. In that year he purchased a farm of ninety-three acres at Greenawald, which he cultivated over two years, cutting down twelve acres of heavy timber which he sold to Job Wilber & Co., of Providence, R. I. The tract was valuable to this firm because of the red shale or ochre, and they are now operating the shale quarry under the supervision of James S. Focht. Mr. Trexler moved into his present residence in 1890. He erected another house near by in 1875. He is known all over the county, and he has served continuously as Republican county committeeman in Berks county since 1866. During 1865-66 after his return from the war he was bounty tax collector. From 1893 to 1895 he was county auditor, and since 1866 has been annually a delegate to the county convention of his party, and has served a number of times as delegate to the State conventions. He is a member of the Lutheran, and his wife of the Reformed, congregation at New Jerusalem Church, and he has been trustee and elder. He is a member and past commander of Capt. Lewis Harmony Post, No. 606, G. A. R., at Steinsville.

Mr. Trexler's first wife was Polly Heinly, who died March 10, 1862, leaving no children. He m. (second) Sept. 8, 1864, Harriet Kline, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Dietrich) Kline, of Greenwich township, and granddaughter of Peter, Sr., and Elizabeth (Altenderfer) Kline, of Klinesville, a village in Greenwich township named for Peter, Sr. Three children have been born to this union: Mary E., m. to Lloyd P. Kistler, of Lehigh county; Dr. Charles Amos, of Knoxville, Tioga county; and James Spenser, a member of the James R. Ahrens Construction Company, of Lewistown. Mr. Trexler has a grandfather's clock which his grandfather Benjamin obtained from his father when he began housekeeping.

(VI) Jonathan D. Trexler, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Dietrich), born in Albany township, July 4, 1848,

was a prosperous farmer, living along Ontelaunee creek, above Lenhartsville, Berks county, where he owned 137 acres, improved with good substantial buildings. He married Susanna Greeber, of Perry township, who bore him the following children: Sarah, wife of James Howerter, a farmer near Hamburg, Pa.; Jerome G., a wealthy farmer in Windsor township; Richard G.; and Mary Ann, wife of Henry Stump, a farmer of Klinesville, Pennsylvania.

(VII) Richard G. Trexler, son of Jonathan D., was born in Perry township, Sept. 4, 1867, and is now a prosperous farmer of Richmond township. He was given a limited education in the schools of Albany and Greenwich townships, attending for a few months each winter until he was seventeen years old. Early in life the habits of economy and industry were instilled in him by his worthy parents, and he has become very successful, owning a good farm and fine modern buildings. In 1895 he married Caroline S. Christ, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Merkel) Christ, of near Dietrich's mill in Greenwich township. Two children were born to them: John Albert and Annie Esther. Both Mr. and Mrs. Trexler are Lutherans, and attend Dunkel's Church. In politics Mr. Trexler is a Republican, and is much interested in his party's success.

(V) Jairus Trexler, son of Benjamin, was born in Catawissa township, Columbia county, July 26, 1813, and died Jan. 25, 1893, aged seventy-nine years. He was engaged in farming near Round Top, in Albany township. He married Maria (Polly) Komp, daughter of Johan and Maria Magdalena (Dietrich) Komp, of Greenwich township. She was born May 17, 1825, and died at a ripe age. The children born of this union were: Fianna, born July 19, 1844, married Peter Kunkel, of Lehigh county, Pa.; Benjamin K., born Feb. 17, 1846, of Albany township; Celinda, born Oct. 24, 1848, m. to Benneville George, of Greenwich township; Anna M., born Nov. 22, 1850, m. to David Roth, of Albany township; Jonathan, born Nov. 13, 1852, and died Sept. 11, 1863; Isabella, born Sept. 27, 1854, and died May 4, 1857; Jairus, born April 7, 1857, of Albany township; Mahlon, born April 23, 1859, of Albany township; Joel, born May 30, 1861; Caroline, born Dec. 21, 1863, m. to Aaron L. Krick, of Reading, Pa.; Missouri, born May 2, 1866, widow of Elmer Lenhart, of Albany township; and Ellen, born Feb. 13, 1871, and died May 9, 1876.

(VI) Benjamin K. Trexler, son of Jairus and Maria (Komp), and a leading citizen of Albany township, Berks county, was born on his father's farm in that township, Feb. 17, 1846. He was educated in the township schools, and gave his services on the farm to his parents until he reached his majority. In the spring of 1875 he began farming in Siegfried's Dale, in Maxatawny township, and there lived two years. In the spring of 1878 he came to Albany township, and located on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, Jonas Koenig, where he has since lived, conducting the farm with great success until the spring of 1907, when he retired and was succeeded by his son, Elton J. After he had lived there some years Mr. Trexler purchased the farm. The stone house was built in 1851 by Michael Hauckenbuch. This has one of the best walls in the township, being built of regular stone in an unusually substantial manner. The present barn was erected in 1798. There are ninety-two acres of excellent farming land, and Mr. Trexler also has about 100 acres of woodland. With his brother Mahlon he owns the old homestead farm of 197 acres, located at Round Top. On this farm is found a valuable shale. Like all the Trexlers Mr. Benjamin K. Trexler is a stanch Republican, and one of the foremost men of his township. For twenty-five years he has been tax collector of the township, and is always one of the first in the county to settle his duplicate. He and his family are members of the New Bethel (Corner) Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation. He has held many offices and is one of the active and useful members.

On July 6, 1873, Mr. Trexler married Kate Koenig, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Kerschner) Koenig, the former a son of Jacob Koenig, of Albany township. To Mr. and Mrs. Trexler was born one son, Elton J., Nov. 25, 1884, now a farmer in Albany, and m. to Mary V. Dietrich, daughter of Alfred and Louisa (Merkel) Dietrich, late of Albany township. Mr. Dietrich was a miller. Mr. and Mrs. Elton J. Trexler have a son, Clinton M.

(VI) Joel Trexler, son of Jairus, was born at Round Top, in Albany township, May 30, 1861. He was reared to farming and worked for his parents until he was twenty-seven years old. In 1888 he began farming on his father's farm, and continued there for seven years. In 1895 he came to Maxatawny, where he has since lived on the Butz farm. He has been very successful, and he has good live stock. In his political principle he is a stanch Republican, and he has been a regular voter since he attained his majority, and he has been honored with a number of local offices. Like all his family he is a Lutheran, and is a member of St. John's Church, while his wife belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church. While in Albany township he was a deacon in New Bethel Corner Church, and at present is serving as a trustee of St. John's in Kutztown. On Dec. 23, 1882, Mr. Trexler was married to Lucy Ann Moyer, daughter of the late John and Hettie (Dietrich) Moyer, of Greenwich township, and granddaughter of John Henry and Polly (Leiby) Moyer, early residents of Greenwich township. Her great-grandfather settled on the farm now owned by William Baver, who became its owner in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Trexler have four children: Herbert G. m. Sally Gaby, daughter of Samuel Gaby, of Maxatawny, and has three sons—Warren E., Lloyd H. and Howard J.; Ethan V., Laura H. and Ralph J., all three at home.

Benjamin C. Trexler was a native of Maxatawny township. He was a shoemaker by trade, and this he followed for seven years, but ill health necessitated a change of occupation, and he began farming on his fine farm near Monterey, containing ninety-six acres. This he farmed for seventeen years with great success. He is buried at Zion's Church, of which he was an official member. He married Lydia Reider, of Maiden-creek township, whose mother in her maidenhood was Catharine Rothermel. They had four sons: Milton C., of Breinigsville, m. Agnes Miller, and has three children—Mamie, Clarence and Lloyd; Clayton H., of Breinigsville, m. Catharine Merkel, and has two children, Adda V. and Edna M.; Jeremiah F., of Breinigsville, m. Alice Boyer, and has six children—Lillie M., Mabel M., Horace E., Hattie, Fred and Marguerite; and Levi B.

Levi B. Trexler, son of Benjamin C., was born in Maxatawny township, March 4, 1878, and is now a successful teacher in Newtown, Lehigh county. He was reared to farming, and was educated in the public schools and the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown, graduating from the latter institution in 1898. He taught his first term of school at Kuhnsville, Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, in the fall of 1898, and he has since taught every term. He owns a farm of nineteen acres, located in Maxatawny township, near the Siegfried's church. This land lies adjacent to a large tract owned by his father. On Mr. Trexler's farm is a new Swiss barn that he erected in 1908, also a stone house, the latter built by Johannes and Julian Fisher in 1829. This house is in good condition, and the walls are good for one hundred years to come. Mr. Trexler is a Lutheran in his religious belief, and belongs to Zion's Church in Maxatawny township, taking an active part in its work. He is connected with the Breinigsville Sunday-school, of which he has been superintendent since 1899. He is a man of high moral principle, and is highly esteemed in the county. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. No. 403, of Fogelsville, Pennsylvania.

Jonas Trexler, who died at his home in Allentown Feb. 3, 1908, at the age of seventy-nine, was one of that

city's prominent business men during the years of his active life. His later years were passed in comparative retirement. He was born in Upper Milford, near Emaus, Sept. 29, 1828, son of Reuben and Salome (Mattern) Trexler, and was a boy of twelve years when his father died. He attended the schools of Upper Milford, and took a course in the Norton School at Belvidere, N. J. For a number of years he clerked in stores at Easton and Allentown, learning the principles that guide in commercial life. He passed one year in the West, and on his return to Allentown in 1856 he found employment in the Dresher lumber yards. Shortly after he entered into partnership with Edwin Trexler and William Dresher, under the firm name of E. W. Trexler & Co., and they purchased the lumber business. The firm remained unchanged for some years, and then became Trexler Brothers. In 1870 Mr. Jonas Trexler retired from that business, and in 1876 he gave up active business entirely, other than looking after his own property. On June 11, 1874, he married Christiana R. Saeger. They had no children. Mr. Trexler was survived by his sister, Mrs. Henry Leh. His brothers Edwin and Willoughby preceded him in death, the latter being killed at the railroad crossing in Emaus July 10, 1900.

REV. BENJAMIN ELIAS KRAMLICH was born in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, Pa., Oct. 7, 1831, son of Christian and Catharine (Kocher) Kramlich. During his boyhood he attended the common schools at Fogelsville, after which he was a pupil at an academy conducted by Rev. Van Deveer at Easton. In that city he was engaged for several years as a clerk in a dry goods store. In 1851 he resumed his studies, entering the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, and he graduated from that institution in 1856. The next two years were spent at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and in the fall of 1858 he was licensed by the West Pennsylvania Synod, and was admitted into the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and was ordained by it at Lebanon, Pa., in 1859. He first took charge of Trexlertown, Maxatawny (Siegfried's), Moselem, Fleetwood, Rockland (Mertz's), Hereford (Huff's) and Mertztown. At various times during the long years of his ministry he served Mohrsville, Shoemakersville and Jacksonville, and at the time of his death he was still serving five of the original congregations, having given up Moselem and Huff's years before, and added St. Peter's, Topton, which he organized.

During his entire ministry he was connected with the Keystone State Normal School, which he helped to establish. He was a member of the board of trustees from the very beginning, and its president during the last twenty-three years. From 1885 to 1888 he also served as president of Conference.

On May 23, 1863, the Rev. Mr. Kramlich married Sophia B. Bieber, daughter of John and Hannah Bieber. He died Jan. 1, 1900, leaving his widow and three sons—Rev. William Wilberforce, Rev. John Frederick and Prof. George Edgar—and two daughters—Ella Evangeline and Charlotte Belle. His remains rest in the cemetery at Kutztown. The board of trustees of the Normal School placed a tablet in that institution in commemoration of his excellent services in its behalf.

Rev. William Wilberforce Kramlich, eldest son of the late Rev. Benjamin Elias, was born in Kutztown, Jan. 22, 1866, and was educated in the Normal School of that town, and at Chambersburg, entering Muhlenberg College, 1883, and graduating therefrom in 1887. In the fall he entered the Theological Seminary, from which he graduated May 19, 1891, and he was ordained at Pottstown. During the first years he assisted his father, and was then called to the Womelsdorf parish—Zion's, St. Daniel's near Robesonia, St. John's, Host and Zion's at Strausstown. This field he served until the latter part of November, 1901. He is now located at Pinegrove, Pa. On June 14, 1894, he married Ida Ahrens, of Reading.

Rev. John Frederick Kramlich was born at Kutztown, Aug. 20, 1871, and his early literary training was received in the Normal School, from which he graduated in 1889. For three years he taught in the public schools of Lehigh county. He later entered Muhlenberg College, and graduated in 1896. In 1899 he graduated from Mt. Airy Seminary, and was ordained May 29th, by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He then took charge of Grace Church at Royersford. The congregation has built a fine new church during his ministry.

Prof. George Edgar Kramlich was born at Kutztown Oct. 3, 1873, and received his elementary training in the Normal School, graduating in 1891. After teaching several terms in Berks and Montgomery counties he entered Muhlenberg College, from which institution he graduated in 1897. He then taught in the classical department of the Keystone State Normal School for two terms, after which he became principal of schools in Brookville, Jefferson county, and later was superintendent of schools at Tarentum, Allegheny county. After pursuing a post-graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University, he accepted the chair of German and Latin in the Ball high school, Galveston, Texas, where he is now located.

JOSIAH E. PRICE, son of John and Mary (Deppen) Price, was born at Womelsdorf, in Berks county, Dec. 4, 1843, and educated at that place and at Reading, to which city his parents removed when he was a lad. After filling positions as district school teacher, and working in the art studios of Maurer and Devlan until 1864, he secured a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at Reading, in the office of Gustavus Anthony Nicolls, Esq., who was then the general superintendent of the company. By his devotion to duty and efficiency in its performance, he was promoted gradually, and in 1877 transferred to the accounting department in the general office at Philadelphia, removing then to that city with his family. In 1892 he was appointed auditor of disbursements of the Reading System, and he has been at the head of this important department ever since. He has been in the continuous employment of the company forty-five years (1864-1909).

On account of his great proficiency, Mr. Price was selected as a member of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers. He served on the standing committee on disbursements at the time this committee prepared a tentative text of the Classification of Operating Expenses, which was submitted Dec. 15, 1906, and after modification by the Association was promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission and made effective July 1, 1907.

Mr. Price was married in 1866 to Mary Ann Whitaker, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Derr) Whitaker. They have four children: Samuel W. m. Letitia H. Price of Middletown, Del.; Frederick W. m. Adeline W. L. Schab, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Edmund Janes m. Mary Strawn Jamison, of Elkins Park, Pa., Sept. 22, 1909; Irene m. Herbert B. Shearer, of Lancaster, Pa. They are members of the Tioga Methodist Episcopal Church, having resided in this section of Philadelphia since their removal from Reading. Besides taking an active part in the Sunday-school work for a number of years, Mr. Price was also prominently identified with the Y. M. C. A., and the Culture Extension League of Philadelphia.

John Price, the father, was born at Womelsdorf, in 1809, and his wife, Mary Deppen, in Heidelberg township in 1814. He was a custom tailor by trade, and removed to Reading with his family in 1852. He died at Reading at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife at the age of eighty-five years. They had five sons and three daughters: Elkanah, who died in infancy; Franklin, who m. Annie Hottenstein; John A., who enlisted in the Civil war and was mortally wounded while in active service in the seven days' fight in front of Richmond, Va.; Josiah E.; William H., m. to Christie Bausher; Matilda, unmarried; Rebecca, m. to John C. Dehart; and Mary E., m. to John S. Rudisill.

Mr. Price's ancestors emigrated to America before the Revolution. His great-grandfather, William Price, was born in England in 1750. The Deppens are descendants of the French Huguenots, this being attested by an interesting heirloom of the family in the form of a gold signet ring, which bears the initials of a grand-uncle, Christian Deppen, with the "Fleur de lis" on the seal.

ECKENROAD-ECKENROTH. The descendants of Zacharias Heckenrode, an early settler of Berks county, spell the name in various ways, Eckenrode, Eckenroad, Eckenroth, Heckenroad and Heckenroath being common forms among the present day representatives of the family. This

(I) Zacharias Heckenrode, who was the first ancestor in America of this numerous family, was a resident of Tulpehocken township in 1759, in which year it is recorded he was a taxable there, paying $2.66 federal tax. Many of the name still cling to the religious faith of their forefathers, who were Catholics.

(II) Jacob Eckenroth, son of Zacharias, was a farmer in Heidelberg township, Berks county. His children were Peter, Jacob, Henry, Michael, Lewis, Lizzie and John.

(III) Henry Eckenroth, son of Jacob, born in Heidelberg township about 1792, died about 1874, when eighty-two years, five months, fifteen days, old. He lived in Cumru township, near Gouglersville, owning a small tract of land, and though he attended to its cultivation he was best known throughout lower Berks county as a charcoal burner. He married Barbara Saugner, a native of western Berks county, who died near Gouglersville about 1892, at the great age of 103 years, fifteen days. She was known far and wide for her remarkable vitality. Mr. and Mrs. Eckenroth were members of the Catholic Church, and they are buried side by side in the Catholic cemetery at Reading; their graves are unmarked. He was a man of firm convictions, and strict with his children, rearing them to be honest and industrious members of society. They were eleven in number, as follows: Henry, George and Katie died unmarried; John, who lived in the vicinity of Wernersville, married Mary Hartman; Francis (born 1826—died 1906) had children—Wallace, Edward, Charles, Emma, Ida, Irwin and Harry (this family is mentioned elsewhere); Thomas was next in the family; Lewis is mentioned farther on in this article; Richard; Samuel is mentioned farther on; Jacob; Reuben was born March 22, 1852.

(IV) Lewis Eckenroth, son of Henry and father of Albert L., was born in Heidelberg township and died Oct. 10, 1880. He followed farming in Heidelberg and Spring townships, and died in Cumru township, where he owned a tract of fourteen acres. He married Susan Trostle, daughter of Henry Trostle, of Brecknock township, and they had children: Ellen, deceased, m. John Mohn; Frank is now of Mohnton, Berks county; Ida died young; Cassie died aged eight years, three months; Albert L.; Lizzie m. Charles Fitterling; Thomas; Nora m. Martin Matz; Charles lives at Mohnton; and Annie died aged fourteen years.

(V) Albert L. Eckenroth, son of Lewis, was born May 15, 1868, in Heidelberg township. He received his education in the district schools, but he began to learn the hatter's trade at an early age, with Spatz, Hornberger & Co., of Mohnton, working with that firm for eight years. He was next with John Hendel's Sons, on South Fifth street, at Reading, remaining in their employ for eleven years, and since 1900 he has been working at hatting for J. G. Mohn & Bros., well-known manufacturers of Reading. He is considered one of the best tradesmen in his line in Berks county. Mr. Eckenroth owns a farm comprising over twenty acres in Cumru township, between Mohnton and Gouglersville, and he makes his home on his farm in that township, where he is considered one of the most progressive citizens of the day. He is an industrious man, energetic and ambitious, shrewd and conservative in planning his affairs and able in carrying out his ideas.

As a local worker in the Democratic party Mr. Eckenroth is well known in the county. Since 1900 he has been a member of the county standing committee from Cumru township; he was watchman at the Berks county prison for one year, and for three years was a member of the township board of school directors. During two years of that time he served as president of the board, and it is but a just acknowledgment of his efforts to record that his administration throughout was one of notable progress. During his period of service as director two of the finest school buildings in the county were erected. The one at Shillington was built in 1901, and the one at Oakbrook in 1899. It was also during his administration that the first township high school in Berks county was established, under the new law, and this school is now the leading institution of the kind in the county. It is under the care of Prof. A. M. Dietrich. The salary of teachers was increased and numerous other improvements were made in the school system while Mr. Eckenroth was in office, and both teachers and pupils have reason to remember his services with gratitude.

In fraternal connection Mr. Eckenroth is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Modern Woodmen and the I. O. O. F. He assisted in organizing Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A., of Mohnton, and was its first president; is a member of Unamis Tribe, No. 330, I. O. R. M., of Reading; belongs to Mt. Penn Lodge, Odd Fellows, of Reading, and to the Junior Fire Company No. 2, of Reading.

Mr. Eckenroth married Miss Clara Kegerise, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Sweigert) Kegerise, who are now deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eckenroth, namely: Bonding, Harry, George W., Albert L., Jr., Charles and Susan Elizabeth. Mr. Eckenroth and his family are Reformed members of the Gouglersville Union Church.

(IV) Samuel Eckenroad, son of Henry, born Sept. 10, 1844, in Brecknock township, died April 5, 1886, aged forty-one years, six months, twenty-five days. He is buried at Sinking Spring. He lived and died in Lower Heidelberg township, where he owned a tract of land, and he engaged in stone quarrying, in his later years leasing a quarry at Sinking Spring, which he was working at the time of his death. Samuel Eckenroad married Mary Ann Ruth, born March 4, 1841, daughter of Absalom and Ann (Fisher) Ruth, and five children were born to them, namely: George S.; Charles A., a farmer, residing near Wernersville; Annie, unmarried, who lives with her mother; Harry O., a cigar-maker, also living at home; and Edwin R., a school teacher of Spring township, unmarried and living at home.

(V) George S. Eckenroad, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 19, 1867, in Spring township, and obtained his schooling at Gaul's school, in Lower Heidelberg township. From the time he was fourteen until he was eighteen he worked on the farm, and then went to learn the blacksmith's trade with David Sharman, of Fritztown, Berks county. He has followed this business ever since, being located at Fritztown, where he enjoys the good-will and patronage of a large proportion of the people, doing horseshoeing as well as general blacksmith work. In 1904 he built a shop 24 x 36 feet, and has an up-to-date establishment. He is a citizen of high repute, honest and upright in his relations with his fellow men, and respected for his honorable life. He has been successful in business, and besides his shop owns two acres of valuable land at Fritztown, and two nice residences in Sinking Spring, one being his own home, which he has occupied since it was built in 1891. In the fall of 1906 he was one of a company of men, the others being A. S. Stiely, J. S. Hatt, Joseph Smith, N. M. Wenrich, B. F. Huntzinger and Frank C. Fisher, who purchased a small tract of land at a discount from N. M. Wenrich and thereon erected a building 26 x 36 feet in di-

mensions, two and a half stories high, in which they have since carried on the manufacture of hosiery.

On March 31, 1889, Mr. Eckenroad married Amelia Matz, born Jan. 29, 1862, daughter of David and Mary Ann (Ulrich) Matz, of Spring township, and three children have been born to them: Charles, a molder, now living at Sinking Spring, who married Laura Gromis; Paul M., learning the blacksmith trade with his father; and William S., at school.

Mr. Eckenroad is active in the Democratic party, and has held the various precinct offices with satisfaction to the organization. Socially he belongs to Wernersville Lodge, No. 835, I. O. O. F., and to Castle No. 334, K. G. E., of Sinking Spring.

(III) Lewis Eckenrode, son of Jacob, was a lifelong farmer, and lived at various places, for a number of years making his home at Churchtown, Lancaster county, where he died when about sixty-five years old. He is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Reading. He married Catharine Schnabel, and to them were born the following children: Betzy, wife of Henry Bolten; Adam, mentioned farther on; Christian, who died unmarried; Susan, Mrs. Clark; Catharine, wife of Frank Seiling (she is a member of the Catholic Church); Annetta, wife of Wellington Poff, of Reading; and Henry, a farmer of Lancaster county, whose children were Albert, Maggie, Henrietta, Rosa, Kate and Ida.

(IV) Adam Eckenroad, a retired farmer living in Lower Heidelberg township, was born Jan. 15, 1831, in Lancaster county, near Churchtown, and was reared to farming. For thirteen years he was employed at the Mount Penn Furnace, but with that exception he followed farming throughout his active years. In 1874 he purchased the farm upon which he now lives, and two years later, in 1876, he built the present barn upon the place. The house was erected by Daniel Texter in 1852. The farm comprises 165 acres, and besides this property Mr. Eckenroad owns a tract of forty acres in Lancaster county. He attends the Reading Market, having stand No. 188, at the Bingaman Street Market House.

Mr. Eckenroad married Sarah Smith, of Sinking Spring, daughter of Frederick Smith, the latter a member of the Catholic Church, to which Mr. Eckenroad also belongs, his membership being in St. Peter's Church at Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Eckenroad have three children, namely: Christian, born Nov. 23, 1874, assists his father with the work of the farm; Lizzie is the wife of Nelson Krick, who is employed in Reading, and they live with the Eckenroads; Kate is the wife of David Hassler, of Blainsport, Pennsylvania.

CALVIN W. BUCKS, proprietor of the Old Honesty Cigar Box Company, at Reading, and one of the representative business men of that city, was born Dec. 18, 1871, in Upper Bern township, son of Joshua N. and Valeria (Winters) Bucks, and grandson of John Bucks.

The original Bucks homestead in Bern township, was granted by the Penns to Jacob Grimm in 1744, and he retained it until 1770 when it was sold to Hans Books. The name Bucks on the old parchment deeds was spelled Books, these deeds now being in the possession of Calvin W. Bucks, of Reading. In 1814 Abraham Bucks, son of Hans Books (or John Bucks) sold this tract to his son Daniel Bucks. It was owned by the family for more than one hundred years.

In 1759 John Bucks was a taxable in Bern township, paying a tax of £9. In 1770 he purchased property from Jacob Grimm as above stated, and in 1785 he sold this to his son Abraham. In 1790 according to the Federal census, he was a resident farmer of Bern township, and had two sons under sixteen years of age, and one daughter. He died in 1816, leaving a son John, Jr., who was the executor of his father's estate, as recorded in Will Book C, page 112. His children were: John, Jr.; Abraham; Anna Mary (m. to Conrad Christ). It is evident from the census report that there was at least a daughter whose name is not recorded.

Abraham Bucks (probably a brother of John) was a farmer in Bern township. In 1790 two of his sons were under sixteen years of age. His last will and testament was made April 24, 1811, and he died the same year. His will is on record in Will Book A, page 587. His children were: John, Abraham, Daniel, Susanna, Sarah, Margaret, Magdalena, Catharine and Anna Maria. The sons were given the lands in Bern, and were to pay their sisters £1,500 for their share of the large estate. Daniel, the youngest son, was given the four horses and their harnesses and the other farm implements.

John Bucks, grandfather of Calvin W., was born in Centre township, Berks county, where at one time he was the owner of considerable property. He married Susanna Noecker, and their children were: Emanuel; Sarah m. (first) a Graeff, (second) Samuel Althouse; Matilda and Caroline both died unmarried; Catherine m. Monroe Miller; Frank resides at Reading; Mary m. Henry Lazarus; and Joshua N. Of this family there are yet living Emanuel, Sarah, Frank and Joshua N.

Joshua N. Bucks was born in Centre township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He continued to farm until 1904, when he removed to Reading. He owned two adjoining farms, one of nearly 100 acres and the other of fifty-eight acres, both in Centre township, and these he sold before taking up his residence in his comfortable home at No. 226 West Oley street, Reading. He is engaged in the box manufacturing industry. In politics he is a Democrat and he served as auditor of Centre township. He married Valeria Winters, daughter of John R. and Amanda (Spatz) Winters, of Bern township.

Calvin W. Bucks, only son of his parents, was reared on the home farm. He attended the public schools of his native township, and of Centreport, and later the Keystone State Normal School, where he was graduated in 1900. He had taught school, however, three years prior to his graduation. For two years more he engaged in teaching and was then granted his master's diploma, teaching in all five years. In 1902 he took a commercial course in the Reading Business College, and later taught one year in that institution. In 1903 he became bookkeeper for the firm of A. Thalheimer & Son, being employed there for about two years, when it was incorporated under the name of A. Thalheimer Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of cigar boxes. For two years Mr. Bucks served as secretary and treasurer of this company. He then withdrew his interests and embarked in a similar business, Jan. 15, 1907, in association with his father, Joshua N. Bucks, under the firm name of Old Honesty Cigar Box Company. The business is prospering. It is located at No. 634 Washington street, and employment is given fifteen workers.

On June 13, 1896, Mr. Bucks was married to Maggie Bhaer, daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Boyer) Bhaer, of Mohrsville, and a granddaughter of Isaac and Anna Bhaer, of Bern township. Mr. and Mrs. Bucks have one daughter, Consuelo Beatrice.

In 1894 Mr. Bucks learned telegraphy at Shoemakersville, and subsequently filled positions in New Jersey, also at West Falls and Philadelphia. Both he and his wife belong to the First Reformed Church at Reading. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 446, P. O. S. of A., Centreport; and Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M., Reading.

NEWTON R. NEWMAN, a well known contractor formerly of Reading, but now residing at Canton, Ohio, was born in February, 1854, in the State of Ohio, son of David S. and Mary Melvina (Dean) Newman. The father was born in Ohio and was a farmer by occupation. The mother belonged to a well-known family of West Virginia. The surviving members of their family of seven children are: J. D., who is engaged in silver mining in Colorado; S. D., of Canton, Ohio, and Newton R., the bridge contractor.

Newton R. Newman was educated at Portsmouth, Ohio, and attended school regularly until eighteen years old,

going to work on a farm at that time. He then learned bridge-building, at Wilmington, Ohio, and for twenty-three years he was with the Wright Iron Bridge Company of Canton, that State, where he was foreman for three years. For three years he worked with the Dominion Bridge Company, of Canada. Among the notable bridges on which he has been contractor is the great bridge which crosses the Ohio, at Wheeling, West Va.; and the 200 foot span bridge of Lewis and Clark county, Montana, the metal for which had to be hauled sixty-five miles on wagons through the foothills of the main range of the Rocky Mountains. The north fork of the Sun river is the most rapid stream in the Rocky Mountains, and it is across this mountain torrent that Mr. Newman constructed this bridge, a remarkable feat of engineering. So great an event was it that on the opening of the bridge people rode a hundred miles to attend it and a band of music came a distance of fifty-six miles in order to celebrate so wonderful an accomplishment. At the time the newspapers gave great credit to Mr. Newman for the completion of his difficult task. It was the first bridge ever built in Lewis and Clark county, and its location is known as the Old Hay Stack Butte. Still another large contract successfully filled by Mr. Newman was the big steel viaduct at Toronto, Canada, near the Reservoir Park, over the Don. This structure is 120 feet above the ground, and is 800 feet long. He built the steel viaduct and trestle work to the Windsor street depot at Montreal, on which he worked continuously from the first of August to the first of February, working many days when the thermometer was registering thirty degrees below zero, in order to complete the road in time for the great Ice Carnival. He completed his contract in plenty of time for all trains to make use of it.

Mr. Newman secured, in 1905, the stupendous job of putting up the extension of the Reading Car Works, which involves the use of 2,200 tons of steel. Large as this contract is he has filled one still larger, this being the one he completed for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company of Michigan, in which he built up 5,000 tons of steel. Mr. Newman was assistant superintendent of construction on the immense bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis, where he built a truss span of 621½ feet, this being the largest truss span in the world of this kind. As may be judged Mr. Newman has few superiors in his work, and as a bridge builder and contractor he is known all over the country. His work speaks for itself as to his ability. To the lay mind many of these vast constructions before they became facts seemed like dreams of fancy.

In 1891 Mr. Newman was united in marriage with Miss Anna Stout, of Manchester, Ohio. They have had three children, of whom the only son died in January, 1903, aged ten years. The survivors are Hazel and Doris. In politics Mr. Newman is an independent voter. He was reared in the Baptist Church.

MILLER. The Miller family of Berks county has resided here for a century and a half, and its members have proved themselves loyal and useful citizens in war and in peace.

(I) Johan Nicholas Miller, Sr., was a native of Germany. He came to America during the middle of the eighteenth century, and settled in Cumru township, Berks county, Pa., where he followed his trade, that of butcher, during the remainder of his life. During the War of the Revolution he gave valiant service to his adopted country. He was the father of four sons: Johannes, mentioned farther on; Johan Nicholas; Peter, a butcher in Spring township, who married Mary Dusing, and had two sons and three daughters; and Philip, who died unmarried.

(II) Johan Nicholas Miller, son of Johan Nicholas, Sr., was born Sept. 12, 1794, and died Feb. 24, 1883. In early life he learned the butcher's trade with his father, and this he followed in connection with farming all of his life near Fritztown, Spring township. He married Judith Kessler, daughter of Peter and Polly (Weiss) Kessler, and they had these children: Jonathan K. (mentioned below), Priscilla (m. Isaac Pott), Leah (m. Jacob Kelchner), Elizabeth (m. Patrick Odier), Susan (died aged four years), Augustus (a farmer in Heidelberg township), Louisa (died aged seventeen years) and Kate (m. William Focht).

(III) Jonathan K. Miller, son of Johan Nicholas, was born in Cumru township Aug. 9, 1838, and when a young man he learned the trade of stone mason with William Bressler, of Spring township, for whom he worked until Oct. 27, 1862. On that date he enlisted as a private in Company E, 167th Pa. V. I., and served as a musician. He was honorably discharged Aug. 13, 1863. After the close of his army service he resumed his trade which he has followed to the present time. Since 1889 he has made his home in Mohnton. On Feb. 26, 1867, Mr. Miller married Sarah Hill, daughter of Henry and Maria (Fix) Hill, and to them have been born these children: James, born in 1867, m. Lillie Bitting; William A.; and Lizzie, born Dec. 13, 1873, m. Daniel Krick, of Mohnton.

(IV) WILLIAM A. MILLER, son of Jonathan, was born in Spring township March 12, 1870, and he received his education in the local schools. He left school to work on the farm, but after several years he learned cigar making with John Steffey, of Vinemont, an occupation which has engaged his attention since. In 1897 he removed from Spring township to Mohnton, Cumru township, where he lived with his parents for four years, and then located in Shillington, where he has since been employed by Kramer Brothers. In the fall of 1905 Mr. Miller erected a fine two-story house, at the corner of Miller and Church streets, in the front of which he keeps a grocery and carries a fine line of staple and fancy groceries and notions. His wife takes care of the business during the day time, and they enjoy a large and ever increasing trade.

Mr. Miller is a gifted musician and is leader of the Winona Band of Mohnton, which consists of twenty-five pieces, and which has played at Philadelphia, Reading, Allentown, Lancaster, Kutztown and Dorney's Park. He enjoys an enviable reputation as a clarinet player, and has given lessons on this instrument and on the cornet, on which he is also a skilled performer. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are consistent members of Emanuel Reformed Church at Shillington, of which he is a trustee, and for the past nine years has been choir leader. He is also superintendent of the Sunday-school, and in various ways has been active in church and Sunday-school work. In political matters he is a Republican, has been elected to the school board of Cumru township, which has thirty-two schools, and is president of the township board of education, this board having charge of the best managed and most thoroughly equipped schools of Berks county. Socially Mr. Miller stands high. He is a man of progressive and enterprising spirit, and when the question of incorporating Shillington arose he was in the foremost ranks of leading citizens in the movement, believing that it was for the welfare of the community.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Schweitzer, born Sept. 5, 1873, daughter of Adam B. and Maria (Steffy) Schweitzer, and granddaughter of John and Catherine (Eshelman) Schweitzer. By this union there is one daughter, Maggie Minerva, born Feb. 2, 1901.

(II) Johannes Miller, son of Johan Nicholas, Sr., lived in Spring township. He married Catherine Snyder, and they became the parents of three sons and three daughters.

(III) Peter Miller, son of Johannes, was a shoemaker, woodchopper and farmer. By hard labor he acquired a farm of sixty-five acres, on which he erected a house in 1843, and a barn in 1844. This house he replaced with a much larger and more modern home in 1889. On an adjoining farm lived his brother, George Miller, who erected his home in 1842. This locality took the name of Millerstown from the three brothers, Peter, George and John. Peter Miller married Sarah Stieley, daughter of John Stieley, and they became the parents of these

children: Rebecca (m. Jacob Hatt), Sarah (m. John Hatt), John (died aged eighteen years), Katie (m. Thomas Moyer), James (died in infancy), Anna (m. Daniel Mellon), Levi (m. (first) Katie Zacharias, and (second) Sallie Seltzer), Peter S. and Isaac. Peter Miller Sr. died in 1896.

(IV) Peter S. Miller, son of Peter and Sarah, was born Dec. 11, 1850, in Spring township, and was educated in Miller's school-house on the homestead, which was erected by the township in 1845. He left school when eighteen years of age, and worked at home for his parents until he was twenty-four. He then worked as a laborer for seven years, making his home during this time at Weitzeltown. In 1882 he returned to the farm and tenanted it until his father died in 1896. He then purchased the farm, and he still continues to cultivate it with great success. This farm consists of 102 acres, including six acres of woodland. He also does some trucking and attends the Reading market, having had stand No. 28 at the Bingaman street market since 1882. His farm is equipped with the latest improved machinery, and he also owns some fine live stock. The excellent buildings and the generally neat appearance of the premises all reflect credit upon his management. He built his fine barn in 1905. He also owns a farm of fifty-eight acres in Spring township, one of the old Krick farms, which he purchased in 1907, and which is tenanted by his son, Peter H.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Democrat, and has been delegate to several county conventions, and as early as 1881 served as township supervisor, repeatedly since then refusing nominations. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 155, Sinking Spring; I. O. O. F., No. 835, Wernersville; and K. G. E., No. 344, of Sinking Spring. He and his family attend the church at Sinking Spring, he being a Reformed member and his wife a Lutheran member.

On March 11, 1871, Mr. Miller married Susan Epler, daughter of John and Rachel (Irving) Epler, of Gouglersville, Pa. and their eleven children were: Prof. Franklin P. is mentioned below; William C., a machinist at Mohnsville, m. Amanda Mosser; Ida S. m. Milton C. Rentz, a teacher at West Reading; Lillie E. m. Well. Kachel of Edison, Pa.; Edna E. m. Martin Kocher, of Reading; Peter H., a farmer, m. Carrie H. Krick; Mazie m. Franklin Grill, of Sinking Spring; John L., unmarried, is at home; Theodore C., who graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1906, is now a student at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; and Gertrude A. and Carrie M. are at home.

(V) Prof. Franklin Pierce Miller, A. B., A. M., was born at Fritztown in 1871, son of Peter S. and Susan (Epler) Miller. He attended the public schools of Spring township, and later the Charter Oak Academy of the same district, under Thomas J. Oberlin. He then taught school in his native township for four terms, after which he attended the Kutztown State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1893. Returning home he taught the Montello grammar school for two terms, and during this time prepared himself for the freshman class of Franklin and Marshall College, with the assistance of Rev. Dr. J. V. George. He graduated from that famous institution in 1899, with the degree of A. B., receiving his master's degree three years later. During his college course he specialized in Ethics. In the spring and summer of 1899, Prof. Miller conducted a summer school at Leesport, Pa., and prepared many young men and women, who since have become well known educators. In the fall of the same year he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, where he pursued his studies successfully for about two years, and then accepted a call from the Keystone State Normal School to the department of Physical Science, a position he filled with great ability. He successfully reorganized the department and built it up after the most modern approved plans, his laboratory being better equipped than any other in similar institutions in the State, and his pupils being universally noted for their thoroughness in this line. The authorities of the Theological Seminary being impressed with Prof. Miller's zeal and ability granted him permission to finish his theological course *in absente*, which he did in two years' time, becoming a regular graduate. He was licensed at Womelsdorf by the Reformed Church of America in 1902, to preach the Gospel, after which time he filled various pulpits in Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1904 Prof. Miller took a post-graduate course at the University of Chicago. He wrote and published a laboratory Manual on Physics. He died Jan. 2, 1909.

On July 2, 1901, Prof. Miller was married to M. Ella Krick, daughter of Adam B. and Lucy (Reber) Krick, and to this union came one son, LeRoy K., born Oct. 26, 1904.

WILLIAM A. FILBERT. Among the worthy bearers of the Filbert name in Berks county may be mentioned William A. Filbert, a prosperous farmer in Bern township.

John Filbert, father of William A., was born in Marion township, Berks county, in October, 1832, and he followed the occupation of farmer in his native township all his active life, owning 162 acres of valuable land near Womelsdorf, now the property of George Filbert. The last years of his life he passed in Womelsdorf living retired. He died in 1895 and is buried at Womelsdorf. He married Maria Schoener, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Leiss) Schoener, and she now lives in her own home in Womelsdorf. Mr. Filbert was a member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and he served as deacon and elder. The only children of this marriage were the two sons, William A. and Samuel E.

William A. Filbert was born in Marion township, Jan. 25, 1858, and he attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home until he was twenty years of age. He assisted his father on the farm, and then farmed his father's farm for three years. In 1891 he moved to Bern township, and located on his father-in-law's farm of 162 acres. This is located on the main road from Heister's Mill to Reading. He has become well known and highly esteemed, and he has been active in public affairs as a loyal Democrat. In 1907, he was elected a member of the school board of his township, and he has long taken an active part in the betterment of the educational system. Mr. Filbert is a member of the Lutheran church and he has been both elder and deacon in Womelsdorf and Bern churches, and he is active in all religious work.

Mr. Filbert has been twice married. His first wife, Florenda Fisher, was a daughter of Daniel Fisher. To this union was born one daughter, Annie, m. to Harry Basley, a cigar manufacturer at Womelsdorf. Mr. Filbert m. (second) Emma Snyder, daughter of John L. and Matilda (Smith) Snyder, of Bernville. Three children have been born to them, namely: Millie and Lottie, at home; and one that died in infancy.

GRETH. The Greth family has given to Berks county some of its most substantial and industrious citizens, and among these may be mentioned Isaac C. Greth, who resides near State Hill, Charles A. Greth, of near Wernersville, and the late Samuel U. Greth, a farmer in the vicinity of Wernersville.

(I) Andreas Greth (or Grett) was the ancestor of all of the name in this section of Pennsylvania. He was a native of southern Germany, and on coming to the New World settled in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa. In 1771 he obtained a warrant of land from the proprietors of the Commonwealth, for forty-five acres. In 1780 he paid a federal tax of £20, and owned 235 acres in that township. His sons were: (1) Daniel is mentioned farther on. (2) John lived in Bern township in 1784, at that time owning sixty-five acres of land. In that year his family consisted of four persons. (3) Nicholas Grett lived in Windsor township on the homestead. He died advanced in years in 1845, and his will is recorded in Will Book IX, p. 64. His executors were John Grett and Jacob Balthaser. His children were: Susanna; Barbara Baver, widow of John Baver; Hannah, who married (first) Thomas Dum, and is now the widow of

Henry Gibson; John; Molly, widow of Jacob Balthaser, of Bern (now Tilden) township; Eve, wife of Jonas Gilgert; Christian; Samuel, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Andrew, who married Rebecca Obold, and had children—Amelia (who lives at St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading), Amanda, Mary, Rebecca, Matilda, Louisa, Joseph, Darius, William, Israel, Phoenas and John.

(II) Daniel Greth, son of Andreas, was a resident of Lower Heidelberg township. He is buried in a Catholic (private) burying ground at Hetrichstown, in Penn township, his death taking place about 1848, when he was quite advanced in years. The maiden name of his wife was Polly Reifsnyder. Their children were: Samuel, born 1808, died 1882; John, born 1811, died 1874; Daniel had children—Adam, Amanda, Joshua, Clorinda, Daniel, John and Frank; Emanuel had children—Eliza, Mary, Sarah, Adam and George; Betzy married James McCallister; Matilda m. Philip Miller; Mary m. William Fisher.

(III) Samuel Greth, son of Daniel, born Feb. 10, 1808, died Oct. 16, 1882, when he was aged seventy-four years, eight months, six days. His occupation was that of a stone-mason, and he had in his employ some four or five men. He also owned a tract of sixty acres of land in Lower Heidelberg township, and while he gave necessary attention to the cultivation of this, the major portion of his time was devoted to his trade, and he laid the foundations for many buildings, and as well built many stone houses and barns. In his religious faith he was a Roman Catholic, and he is buried at Hain's Church. He m. Kate Ulrich, born June 4, 1808, died Sept. 29, 1872, aged sixty-four years, three months, twenty-five days. Twelve children were born to them: Richard, Catharine, Rebecca, Maria, Samuel U., Caroline, Sarah, Levi, William, John (died young) and the twins, Darius and Frank.

(IV) Samuel U. Greth, son of Samuel, born on the Greth homestead in Lower Heidelberg township June 18, 1841, died December 5, 1907, aged sixty-six years, five months, seventeen days. He was reared to manhood on the home farm, giving to his parents the benefit of his labors until he was twenty-three years of age. He then learned boat-building from William Hiester, at Unionville, in a yard owned by Daniel Linderman. This occupation engrossed his attention for four years, and then for a period of ten years he assisted in the building of coal cars in the Mellert shops at Reading, receiving excellent wages. For several years he engaged at carpentering, and for fourteen years burned lime at Wernersville, burning as high as 30,000 bushels in one year. His trade was large and profitable. In 1888 he moved to Main street, Wernersville, where he owned a comfortable residence and fine farm. His tract of fifteen acres was very productive under his capable management, and he was a regular attendant at the local market. In his political faith he was a Democrat. He and his family all attended the Hain's Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon and elder for a number of years. In 1867 he m. Matilda Grimes, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Krick) Grimes. Four children blessed this union, namely: George died in 1887, at the age of nineteen years, and is buried at Hain's Church; Sallie died in infancy; Samuel died aged seven years; Mary m. Howard Baer, then of Sinking Spring but now of Wernersville, and has one child; Marion C.

(III) John Greth, son of Daniel, born Aug. 5, 1811, died July 18, 1874, aged sixty-two years, eleven months, thirteen days. He passed his life engaged in farming in Lower Heidelberg township. He m. Elizabeth Knorr, born March 6, 1808, died Jan. 2, 1885, aged seventy-six years, nine months, twenty-six days. To this union were born children as follows: Israel, Sallie, John D. (m. Amanda Hiester) and Amanda (m. first Frank Riegel, and second James Schaeffer).

(IV) Israel Greth, son of John and Elizabeth, was a farmer in Lower Heidelberg township, and also followed the stone-mason's trade. He m. Sarah Shower, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Wenrich) Shower, farming people of Heidelberg township, whose other children were: Mary Ann m. Augustus Harner; Eliza m. Isaac Palm; Isaac m. Catharine Naftzinger; David never married. To Israel Greth and wife were born these children: Frank m. Sallie Grime; Isaac C. is mentioned below; Lizzie m. Henry Reber; Annie m. Lewis Gottshall; Kate m. James Burkey; Emma m. (first) Tyson Himmelberger, who is deceased, and (second) John White; Maria Agnes remained unmarried; one died in infancy. Mr. Greth died Feb. 29, 1904, aged sixty-nine, and his wife died March 1, 1903, aged seventy years.

(V) Isaac C. Greth, son of Israel, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, Nov. 26, 1868. He was educated in the township schools and his early training was along agricultural lines. When but fourteen years of age he began assisting his brother Frank in his general store at State Hill, and after remaining with him for six years he and Henry H. Reber purchased the store and carried it on for a year. He was next employed at butchering and huckstering for three years, at the end of that time engaging in business for himself and meeting with great success to the present time. In 1898 he purchased the store stand and store at State Hill, which is situated on the thoroughfare from Reading to Bernville, and carried it on for seven years in connection with his regular business. Then he sold the store stock in order to devote all his time to huckstering, but retained the ownership of the stand. While in the store business he officiated as postmaster at the Lorah office. He still attends the weekly market at Reading, as he has regularly since he was a mere boy of ten years. In 1894 he purchased the old Greth homestead; in 1903 the old and well-known "Dry Tavern" property; and in 1904 the old Deppen homestead, situated on the Bernville road. Having then decided to establish his residence on the "Dry Tavern" property, one mile west of State Hill, he in 1905 erected a commodious house with all modern improvements, which is generally recognized as the finest home in this section of the country. It occupies an elevated position and commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country for many miles. His career in business has been very successful, and by his straightforward course he has won the respect and confidence of the entire community.

In 1891 Mr. Greth m. Kate Himmelreich, daughter of Adam Himmelreich, a farmer of Lower Heidelberg, and nine children have been born to them: Walter I., Israel P., Adam D., Warren S., Elda S., Edna M., Erma A., Isaac C. and Elmer L.

Adam Himmelreich, father of Mrs. Isaac C. Greth, m. Catharine Ochs, daughter of Charles Ochs, a farmer of Bern township, and they had children: Kate m. Isaac C. Greth; George married Ida Leinbach; Maggie m. David Yoder. Adam Himmelreich died in 1893, aged forty-nine years.

Nathan Himmelreich, father of Adam, m. Mary Yoh, daughter of John Yoh, and had seven children: Samuel m. Catharine Reininger; Adam m. Catharine Ochs; Catharine m. Elias Brendel; Ellen m. George Roth; Emma m. Wilson Trupp; Alice m. George Mint; Isabella m. George Sallade.

Charles Ochs, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Isaac C. Greth, a farmer of Alsace township, m. Catharine Schildt, and became the father of four children: Catharine m. Adam Himmelreich; Susan m. Jacob Dunkelberger; Cornelius remained unmarried; Henry m. Elmira Stitzel. He died in 1878, aged sixty-nine years, and his wife died at the age of seventy years.

Frederick Ochs, father of Charles, was a farmer in Bern township. He m. Susan Bussler, and they had five children: Jeremiah m. Catharine Zerbe; Henrietta m. Isaac Fornwald; Harriet and Lydia remained unmarried; Charles m. Catharine Schildt.

(IV) John D. Greth, son of John and Elizabeth, was born in Lower Heidelberg township in August, 1842. He was a huckster for many years, also for a long time drove a milk route, and is now engaged in selling liquor for A. M. Young, of Womelsdorf, a business he has been engaged in since 1902. He owns his own home, and is quite popular in his community. In politics he is a Demo-

unmarried when seventy-six years old; Thomas; Samuel, a huckster, of Mt. Aetna, Berks county, where he died at the age of seventy-one years, m. Eliza Fisher.

David Dieffenbach was born in Bethel township in 1823, and early in life learned the carpenter's trade, later engaging in coach making. He married Mary Rollman, daughter of Peter Rollman, and she bore him the following eleven children: (1) Henrietta m. Watson High, resides in W. Lebanon, and has had eleven children, seven of whom are living; (2) Emma m. Henry Hiester and died in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, aged fifty-nine years, leaving four children; (3) Thomas m. Emma Weidman and has two boys and one girl; (4) Kate m. Adam Reinold, resides in Freystown, and has five children; (5) Peter; (6) Frank, who resides in Reading, m. Agnes Miller, and they have one child; (7) Sophia m. John Miller, resides in Fritztown and has three children; (8) David, who resides in Washington, Kans., m. Amanda Schriffer; (9) Amelia m. Abraham Yost, resides on a farm near Hiester's Mill, Berks county, and has five children; (10) Mary m. George Hartman, resides near Freystown, and has six children; and (11) Ida died young.

Peter Dieffenbach was educated in the public schools of his native locality, and at the same time acquired a fair knowledge of coach building by assisting his father. He subsequently learned the trade of blacksmith with John Miller of Fredericksburg, after which he worked in other places, still continuing his trade. He then embarked in the business on his own account being now engaged thereat on the old homestead at Cross Creek Mills, Pa. Mr. Dieffenbach was married to Miss Caroline Kerscher, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Kreitzer) Kerscher, and to this union the following six children were born: (1) Minnie m. Harvey Yungst, resides in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, and has two boys,—Roy Eugene and Earl Davis; (2) Agnes m. Jacob Miller, a creamer, and resides near Freystown, having three children,—Carrie, Harry and Stella; (3) Wallace, who works with his father, m. a daughter of John A. Krick, resides at Meckville, and has two children, Peter and George; (4) Pierce, who resides at home and follows coach building, m. Lizzie Darkes, daughter of Ephraim and Amanda (Bressler) Darkes, and they have had one child, a daughter, Helen; (5) Davis is single and lives at home with his parents; and (6) Herbert died in his fourth year.

Mr. Dieffenbach has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of the great Democratic party, in the ranks of which he has been very active in Bethel township. He has served in numerous minor offices, but has never aspired higher. He is active in the work of Klopp's Union Church, in which he has held the offices of deacon and elder. Mr. Dieffenbach is well known in his community, where he has the respect and esteem of all.

HORNBERGER. The Hornberger family of Berks and surrounding counties had its origin in Johann Carl (Charles) and his son Conrad Hornberger, who emigrated from Switzerland. The Pennsylvania Archives give the date of their landing at Philadelphia as Sept. 5, 1730. When (I) Carl Hornberger left his native land and sailed for the New World on the ship "Alexandria Ann," he was accompanied by his wife, Anna Eva, and at least two sons, the one Conrad, and another who died enroute and was buried at sea. This emigrant family brought with them a Bible, in which was kept the family register, but unfortunately this precious book fell into the possession of a later family of Hornbergers who moved to Illinois, and who, not appreciating its priceless value, permitted it to become the plaything of children, and its destruction followed as a matter of course. In 1759 Johann Carl Hornberger paid a federal tax of £9 in Brecknock township, Berks county. His will is on record in the Berks county court-house, and was probated in 1786, the year of his death. In it he mentions that he himself was old in years; and refers to these children: Conrad, George Frederick (whose place of settlement is unknown), Maria Eva, and John Jacob (who settled in Lancaster county).

(II) Conrad Hornberger, son of Johann Carl, was born in the Old World, and as stated accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith by trade, and made his home in Brecknock township near Gouglersville, where he owned a tract of upward of three hundred acres of land. This tract in later years became the property of his son, Conrad, Jr. His wife was Catharine Huffert. He died in 1796, and in that year his will was probated. In this document he mentions children: David; Conrad; Carl; Margaret; Catharine; Magdalena; and Mary.

(III) Conrad Hornberger, Jr., son of Conrad, was a farmer and distiller in Brecknock township, owning his father's estate, which consisted originally of about three hundred acres, and which in time was divided into three tracts and shared among three sons. A. S. Deisher, of Reading, now owns 197 acres of it. Conrad Hornberger was born Oct. 6, 1771, and died June 20, 1851, aged nearly eighty years, and is buried at Gouglersville, Berks county. He married Elizabeth Mosser, born Dec. 25, 1779, who died on her birthday seventy-six years later. Their children were: (1) Isaac (born Jan. 22, 1802, died aged fifty seven years, fifteen days), a farmer on a part of the homestead, married Hannah Ruth. (2) William H. is mentioned below. (3) John (born Dec. 19, 1805, died April 15, 1887), who also owned part of the homestead, m. Hannah Grant (1816-1885). (4) Kate m. George Marks (son of George Marks, Sr.), who was a laborer in Cumru township. (5) Joseph M. (born March 18, 1812, died Aug. 18, 1894, aged eighty-two years, five months) m. (first) Cassie (or Catharine) Spatz, by whom he had eleven children, (second) Mary Burns (born Nov. 27, 1827, daughter of Jacob Burns, died Oct. 5, 1868, aged forty years, ten months, eight days), by whom he had one son, and (third) Barbara Warner, daughter of Joseph. (6) Elizabeth m. Joseph Hemmig, of Cumru township. (7) Conrad, born Oct. 6, 1809, died Dec. 7, 1899, aged ninety years, two months, one day. He was a well-known man, at one time conducting the "Leopard Hotel," at Baumstown, Pa., and later the "Angelica Hotel." He m. Bertha Hemmig (1807-1875, daughter of David and Catharine Hemmig), and they had a large family—Catherine, James (born March 12, 1855), Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, Emma, Maggie, Rufus, Sebastian and John. (8) Catherine m. Nathan Miller. (9) Susanna m. Jeremiah Moore. (10) Emanuel died unmarried when aged about fifty years. He was an invalid. (11) Richard (born Sept. 16, 1816, died April 21, 1892, aged seventy-five years, seven months, five days) m. Polly Grill (1828-1885), was a farmer and lived on part of the old homestead. He served as school director and was well-known in his community. (12) Mary m. John Brendel, who moved by team to Mifflin county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) William H. Hornberger, son of Conrad, Jr., was born Feb. 4, 1804, in Brecknock township. He died Dec. 1, 1887, aged eighty-three years, nine months, twenty-seven days. He was an able horseman, and always had a fine team of well-kept horses, in which he took a deep interest. At the age of fourteen years he began driving a six-horse team, drawing a big Conestoga wagon. At this time there were no canals or railroads, and he made frequent trips to Philadelphia, taking down flour and bringing back merchandise and freight for the settlers of Cumru and the people of Reading. During these trips he would feed and stable his team under the clear sky. He had oil blankets with which he covered his horses, and often on winter mornings they stood in deep snow that came up to their

bellies. Mr. Hornberger would sleep on or under the wagon, rolled up in blankets, with a revolver in each hand, for robberies and murders were frequent, and on the return trip he had upon his person from $500 to $2,500 in money. He was never robbed and never lost a cent, but he always was on his guard, and because of his strength and great courage was much feared by the robbers. Several times upon his arrival home during the winter, he had to be lifted from his saddle horse, his legs and feet being so stiff that his sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Hemmig) soaked his frozen boots and stockings from his feet with hot water before he could walk. In 1824 he hauled the first lumber from Marietta, Lancaster county, for the construction of the county almshouse. Mr. Hornberger was not only a famous teamster, but also one of the best farmers of the county, and was widely known. He possessed considerable property, owning the tract of land in Cumru township, now belonging to Harry Frey, as well as other land.

In his later life, while in the field plowing, Almighty God in a wonderful way manifested Himself to him. He was a member of the Evangelical Church of Mohnsville, and an ardent Christian until his death. He was bitterly opposed to the use of tobacco and spirituous liquors, and was a model man in every way, and was very much esteemed. His death was a loss to the community, where he was regarded as a valuable and good man. In politics he was a Republican, and he served as supervisor of his township.

William H. Hornberger married Nellie Deeds, born April 3, 1806, daughter of Henry W. and Mary (Warner) Deeds, of Cumru township. She died Jan. 1, 1888, aged eighty-one years, eight months, twenty-eight days. She bore him the following children: Harriet m. Reuben Gring. Cyrus D. is mentioned below. Joseph D. is mentioned below. William, who was a farmer in Cumru, m. Amanda Hemmig. Ellen m. Joseph Swartz. Mary, born June 11, 1846, m. Samuel K. Miller, of Mohnton, Pa. Catharine m. Henry Trout.

(V) Cyrus D. Hornberger, son of William H., was born in Cumru township, Berks county, July 14, 1832, and since March, 1906, has lived retired in Reading. His youth was passed on the farm, and he learned the gun-barrel manufacturing business from his uncle, Henry W. Deeds of Cumru. This vocation he followed for three years, and then went to the wheelwright trade, which he followed at Mohnton for thirty years. He worked at carpentering for some two years, and then began farming on his sixty-three acre tract at Mohnton. In 1879 he built the present house on this land, and the following year, 1880, he erected the barn. He farmed eight years, and then, building a comfortable brick house at Mohnton, moved there, and made it his home until his removal to Reading. From 1874 to 1889 he carried on hat manufacturing in a factory he had erected the former year. In 1866 he built a grist-mill, developed the water-power, and after operating it a few years sold it to Reuben Gring; and he also erected the water-power of the Globe Hat Works, now the property of his son, Aaron S.

Mr. Hornberger was a prominent man in his day, and it can truly be said that the world was benefited by his useful life. He was a man of progress and enterprise. He owned considerable property which was covered with timber when he obtained it. This he cut down, cleared the soil of rocks and stumps, and laid out the land in building lots, which he sold; and he donated land to the Reading & Southwestern Street Railway Company as an inducement to build their line to his town—the only man to do so. He still owns property in Cumru, and four dwellings and a building in Mohnton, of which town he was one of the founders, the other surviving founder being Samuel K. Mohn. The town was named in honor of Mr. Mohn's father and himself.

On Oct. 1, 1854, Mr. Hornberger married Caroline Spatz, born Dec. 8, 1833, daughter of John and Mary (Heberling) Spatz, of Cumru. Six children were born of this union, namely: Milton S., who died in 1886, is mentioned farther on; Joanna, who m. the late James Westley, now resides at No. 420 North Twelfth street, Reading; Josephus S. is mentioned below; Aaron S.; Cyrus lives at Toledo, Ohio; and Emma died in 1886, aged fourteen years.

(VI) Milton S. Hornberger, son of Cyrus D., was born May 3, 1856, and he died March 2, 1886, in the faith of the Evangelical Church, of which he was an official member. For a number of years he was a surveyor at Mohnton, and he also served in the capacity of engineer in the Hornberger & Co. hat factory. He was known as a man of integrity and honesty. In 1882 he married Emma German, born April 30, 1857, daughter of George and Kate (Dietrich) German, natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and three children were born of this union: Mabel, a seamstress at Mohnton; Harry G.; and Milton G., a hat finisher.

(VII) Harry G. Hornberger, an enterprising young business man of Mohnton, Pa., where he is extensively engaged in contracting and building, was born Nov. 12, 1884, in Mohnton, Pa., a son of Milton S. and Emma (German) Hornberger, and grandson of Cyrus D. Hornberger, mention of whom is made fully elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Hornberger was educated in the schools of his native township, and also took a complete architectural course in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa. When seventeen years of age he went to learn the carpenter's trade with Jacob F. Westley, of Mohnton, Pa., and at the time of Mr. Westley's death, Feb. 7, 1906, Mr. Hornberger became his successor. He has continued the business to the present time, employing on an average six skilled mechanics, and among the buildings erected by him may be mentioned: the large Mohnton Knitting Mills; Hendel's Hat Factory (remodeled); the Fritztown Knitting Mills; the residence of Oswin F. Kroyer, of Edison; the Albert H. Tobias double building, dwelling and cigar factory, at Edison; the Mt. Pleasant public school in Cumru, and a number of others. Mr. Hornberger is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and is succeeding through his business ability, his integrity, and his willingness to live up to the letter of each contract. In politics he is an independent voter. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., and with Hillside Camp, No. 8020, Modern Woodmen of America, both of Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

(VI) Josephus S. Hornberger, son of Cyrus D., proprietor of a lake and park at Mohnton, and a well-known clothier at Reading, Pa., was born Jan. 11, 1861. He spent his boyhood days upon the farm, and attended the local schools of this township, which he left when sixteen years old to learn carpentering from his father. He followed that trade for a few years. In 1881 he learned the hatter's trade, at which he was engaged until about 1886, when he commenced farming on his father's place, which came into his possession in later years. When he farmed he also did general hauling for the business men of Mohnton. In 1889 he sold his farm stock and moved to Mohnton, engaging in the ice business, which he conducted successfully for ten years. He served the trade not only at Mohnton, but also at Reading, continuing there until 1899, when he leased his plant to the Reading Cold Storage Ice Company.

In 1901 Mr. Hornberger purchased the good will, fixtures and stock of the Morris Weil Clothing House, located at No. 642 Penn street, Reading, one of the oldest and best-known clothing houses of the city. He then formed a partnership with his son, Alvin M., under the firm name of J. S. Hornberger & Co.,

and they enjoy in a large measure the patronage of the people of Berks and surrounding counties. They carry a large line of up-to-date goods.

Recently Mr. Hornberger purchased a tract of woodland, cut the wood, and used it in the construction of a lake at Mohnton, which covers an area of six and one-half acres. This lake and the adjoining park make one of the pleasure resorts of the district. Mr. Hornberger has several steel rowboats and one naphtha launch upon the lake, all of which are in constant use during the summer. On Nov. 29, 1906, his boat house was destroyed by fire and a launch which cost him $700 was burned. He has since replaced it. Mr. Hornberger is a stockholder in the Merchants & Traders Oil Company, of Ohio. He is president of the J. S. Hornberger Wholesale Ice Company, and is at present busily engaged in building six large ice houses, with concrete abutments, for the use of this concern, which disposes of about fifteen thousand tons of ice annually and is steadily adding to its trade. Besides his handsome residence Br. Hornberger owns twelve other dwellings in his town, and the sixty-two and a half acres of farm land which belonged to his father. He undoubtedly inherits his love for fine horses, and one of his prize possessions is "Hilker," a pacing horse with a record of 2:15 made at "Three Mile House" in 1906. He is a Republican in politics, and socially is a member of Tent No. 426, K. O. T. M., of Reading, the largest Tent in the State. He and his family are members of the Salem Evangelical Association of his town.

On Aug. 23, 1881, Mr. Hornberger was married to Kate G. Mosser, daughter of Nicholas and Sallie (Grill) Mosser, and they have one son and one daughter, namely: (1) Alvin M., who is a graduate of the township high school and the Schissler Business College (class of 1900), Norristown, Pa., is a member of the firm of J. S. Hornberger & Co. He m. Mame E. Johnson, daughter of J. M. Johnson, contractor of water works, of Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they reside at No. 243 South Twelfth street, Reading. Mrs. Alvin M. Hornberger is a graduate of Freeburg Musical College, class of 1897, and is an accomplished musician and a talented vocalist. (2) Charlotte E. is an accomplished musician, having been a pupil of the late Professor Berg, of Reading, and also of Professor Unger. She traveled with the Tolson Stock Company, under the leadership of the well-known Mrs. Reber of Philadelphia. She is now the wife of James A. G. Vierling, of Reading, who is a foreman at the Reading Railway Locomotive Shops.

The J. S. Hornberger family mansion, completed in the summer of 1908, is a beautiful variegated glass cement residence at the corner of Lake and Front streets, Mohnton, and is known as Lakeside, since it overlooks the large artificial lake constructed by Mr. Hornberger. It is the most attractive home in Berks county, and the only one of its kind in Pennsylvania. It is built of solid cement, porch floors, columns, etc., all being of cement. The porch columns are two feet in diameter and very massive in appearance. At a short distance the outside walls resemble tile work. This effect was produced by pressing small pieces of stained glass into the cement before it hardened. It was Mr. Hornberger's own idea. There are entrances at the front, in the rear, and on either side. This home is very conveniently arranged, the rooms are large, and everything about the place tends to promote the idea of comfort. It is lighted by electricity throughout. Cement figures and a large fountain ornament the yard. Mr. Hornberger is at present busily engaged in erecting a handsome mansion for his son Alvin, who will occupy it as soon as it is finished.

(V) Joseph D. Hornberger, former steward of the Berks county almshouse, and the oldest and best-known auctioneer in the county, was born in the Hornberger homestead in Cumru township, where he now resides, Sept. 23, 1834. He is a son of William H. and Nellie (Deeds) Hornberger, mention of whose family and ancestry is made above.

Mr. Hornberger attended the old pay schools in vogue in his boyhood, acquiring a good business education. He worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old, and then began farming on his father-in-law's farm, in Cumru township, near Flying Hill. He began poor, buying his farm stock on credit, but no obligations were ever more sacredly kept than his—when his notes became due they were promptly met. This 145-acre farm he cultivated for seven years. In 1859 the barn on this property was totally destroyed by fire, incurring a loss to Mr. Hornberger of about three thousand dollars. His entire farm stock, including fifteen cows, chickens, grain, thirty-five tons of hay and farm implements, were consumed in the devouring flames, and Mr. and Mrs. Hornberger had to begin life anew. He then moved to the "Three Mile House," conducting that hotel for three years, when he took to farming again, on the old Evans's estate, now owned by the Levans. Six years later he sold all of his fine stock, and the sale, held in the spring, was the largest one ever held in the county up to that date. People attended from far and wide, and his stock brought Mr. Hornberger almost ten thousand dollars. He now moved to Shillington, where he erected three large brick dwellings on Lancaster avenue, occupying one of them until he moved upon the Kurtz farm and into the "Kurtz House," where he lived four years. In 1876 he moved to the "Five Mile House," which hotel he greatly remodeled and also built shedding, and while there enjoyed an extensive patronage. In 1882 he moved back to the "Three Mile House," living there until 1885, when he was elected steward of the Berks county almshouse. He continued to fill that office for a period of seven years, during which time he did much for the county home. He enjoys the reputation to this day of having been the best steward Berks county ever had and the county is indebted to him for having brought the 500-acre farm up to its present high standard of fertility and productiveness. Under his management the fences were torn out, the fields made larger, and the value and beauty of the property increased in many ways. Mr. Hornberger was a great favorite with the inmates of the home. He is a man of sunshiny disposition and possesses many other attractive characteristics, among which are frankness, honesty, promptness, kindness and good common sense.

In the fall of 1892 Mr. Hornberger and Mr. John C. Potteiger bought out William D. Althouse, proprietor of the "William Penn Hotel" and the well-known horse bazaar of West Philadelphia. In 1893 Mr. Hornberger sold out his interest in the enterprise to his partner, and the following year erected the house at Brookside now owned by Capt. Schall, where he lived until 1899. In 1900, by request, he became the proprietor of "Carsonia Inn," building up its trade, but he finally moved back to Cumru township, settling upon a farm adjacent to the Hornberger homestead, where he is now engaged in farming and crying sales.

Mr. Hornberger is a very remarkable man in many ways. He has wonderful vital powers, and few men have had a more interesting career. He has been both successful and unsuccessful, having been a success in making money and unsuccessful in holding it. The losses he has suffered, however, have been in no way due to negligence or lack of ability on his part, but to such mischances of fortune as would have dampened the enterprise of a less indomitable spirit. As a horse and cattle dealer he lost many animals by death. He lost nearly twenty thousand dollars in bailing and indorsing for people, and thirty thousand dollars would not cover what he lost by others' lack of responsibility, the death of cattle and horses, and the destruction of his barn and loss of his farm stock.

In 1852, when eighteen years old, he began crying sales, a business which he has followed now for more than half a century. In this profession Mr. Hornberger has met with remarkable success, and has no equal in his

section of the county. His lung power is wonderful, and his voice is powerful and can be heard far away. He has cried sales throughout eastern Pennsylvania, and has sold more farm stock, household goods, cattle and horses than any other two men in Berks county. The value of the goods he has disposed of amounts to millions of dollars.

In politics Mr. Hornberger is a Republican and cast his first vote in 1856 for Fremont for President. In religious matters he is a free thinker, and believes in right living, because right is right and God is God.

On Dec. 24, 1857, Mr. Hornberger was married to Anna Louisa S. Yost, daughter of Nicholas and Susanna (Seidel) Yost, and granddaughter of Nicholas Yost. To Mr. and Mrs. Hornberger were born two sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Douglas Y., born Nov. 26, 1858, died June 5, 1901. He married Katie Huyett, and they had two children, Hattie and Mabel. (2) S. Ellen married Wellington Zacharies, a butcher of Fleetwood, and they have one daughter, Gertrude H. L. (3) Howard Y., born April 15, 1864, is a speculator in horses, and is an all around horseman, an excellent trainer and driver, and has raced in the Grand Circle. He is an able, intelligent man, an auctioneer of note, and has cried sales throughout eastern Pennsylvania, frequently assisting his father, from whom he learned the profession when a young man.

(IV) Joseph M. Hornberger, son of Conrad, Jr., born March 18, 1812, died Aug. 18, 1894, aged eighty-two years, five months. He was an agriculturist by occupation, and owned the old homestead of seventy-five acres. For many years he served as supervisor, and was a very well known man in his day. He married (first) Catharine (or Cassie) Spatz, daughter of John Spatz, Sr., and they had eleven children, namely: Urias S., of Reinhold's Station, Pa.; Margaret, m. to Augustus Mayers, a merchant in Hardin county, Iowa; Elizabeth, m. to Leo J. Hess, of Reading; Catharine, m. to John Y. Weidner, postmaster of Mohnton; Joseph S., of Mohnton; Ephraim, who died young; Hannah, m. to Peter Schwagerl, Custom House clerk of New York; Susan, m. to George Yocom, of Reading; and John, Edward M. and Frank, who died young. Joseph M. Hornberger m. (second) Mary Burns, born Nov. 27, 1827, daughter of Jacob Burns, died Oct. 5, 1868, aged forty years, ten months, eight days. To this union was born one son, William, of Reading. He m. (third) Barbara Warner, daughter of Joseph. By the third marriage there were no children.

(V) Joseph S. Hornberger, son of Joseph M., was born on the old homestead in Cumru township, Feb. 10, 1851, and was given the advantages of the township schools. At the age of eighteen he learned the hatter's trade with J. K. Ruth, of near Mohnton, which he follows to the present time. From 1896 to 1901 he was a partner in the firm of the Globe Hat Company, which went out of existence in the latter year. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his family are active members of Salem Evangelical Church of Mohnton, of which he was an officer for a number of years. On Jan. 30, 1875, Mr. Hornberger was married to Amanda R. Regar, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rehrer) Regar, and to this union has been born one son, Charles B. Mr. Hornberger is a man who has always stood high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen, and he has many friends.

(VI) Charles B. Hornberger, son of Joseph S., and one of the well-known citizens of Cumru township, where he is driving Route No. 1, Rural Free Delivery, of Mohnton, was born Dec. 10, 1876, at Adamstown, Lancaster county. He received a good education in the public schools, afterward attending Prof. D. B. Brunner's Business College. He then engaged in the milk business, being the pioneer in the town in that line. This he sold out to Samuel Westley, and began work in the Globe Hat factory. Here he worked for five years, and then spent four years in the employ of J. H. Spatz & Co. On May 15, 1905, after passing a difficult civil service examination, Mr. Hornberger began driving a twenty-four mile Rural Free Delivery route, which takes in the southern part of Cumru township, and this he has continued to the present time. He and his father reside together in a fine brick residence at the northwest corner of Church and Summit streets, in the borough of Mohnton. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is connected with Camp No. 211, P. O. S. of A., and the K. G. E., both of Mohnton. He and his wife attend the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Hornberger was married to Miss Grace Hyman, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Patton) Hyman, of Churchtown, Lancaster county, and two children have been born to this union: Evelyn U. and Charles C.

BENJAMIN F. GREENAWALD, owner of Windsor Castle, the only hotel and store stand in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., was born Sept. 13, 1858, on his father's farm in the township where he now lives, and where he has spent his entire life.

The ancestor of the Greenawald family in America, Jacob Greenawald, was a German Palatinate and came to America in the ship "Lydia," Sept. 29, 1741, being then eighteen years of age and unmarried. He had a son, Peter, the great-grandfather of Benjamin F. This Peter had at least two sons: Henry, the grandfather of Benjamin, and John, who settled in Albany township, near the Pinnacle, and had issue: Joseph, Abraham, Jacob, Amos, Samuel, Dinah, Leah and Lessena.

Henry Greenawalt, grandfather of Benjamin F., was an extensive farmer and tanner in Greenwich township, owning the large farm now in the possession of Samuel Baver. He was a well known man of his day and was in comfortable circumstances when he died. He was married to a Miss Bower, who bore him six children: Charles m. Polly Dietrich; Polly m. Jacob Nagel; Henry; Samuel for many years was proprietor of the Lenhartsville Hotel; Jacob lived at Ashland, Pa.; and George settled at Schuylkill Haven, where many Greenawalts live to this day.

Henry Greenawald was born March 21, 1825, and died aged sixty-two years. He was a laborer and owned a small tract of land in Windsor township, where he spent his life, being buried at St. Paul's Church. He was married to Elizabeth Zettelmayer, daughter of George Michael and Elizabeth Zettelmayer. These children were born to them: Isabella m. Charles Frey; Emma m. James Nunnamacher; Benjamin F.; Katie m. John Zimmerman; Mary and Lizzie, who died young; Ida m. John Graver; Lena m. William Herman; Annie m. William Thomas; Wilson m. Cora Ruff; and Jacob, Charles and Alberta, who died young.

Benjamin F. Greenawald obtained a limited education in the common schools, and worked upon the farm until he was of age. He then worked in the stone and slate quarries and ore mines for seven years, and in 1886 engaged in the butchering business, which he has profitably followed ever since. In 1887 he bought a small farm of twenty-two acres, on which he conducted his business, and in 1899 purchased the farm, hotel and store of Windsor Castle, which was for many years the property of Mahlon Sellers. Mr. Greenawald paid $7,600 for the property when the old buildings were still standing, the old frame and log hotel having stood for considerably over a century. In 1900 the old stand was replaced by a modern, three-story brick building, 70x40 feet, with suitable rear buildings. The hotel, one of the most imposing structures in the county, contains a good number of rooms, has all of the modern improvements and is well adapted for the accommodation of summer boarders. For the past several years boarders from near and far have spent their vacations here, not far from the well known Crystal Cave and the historical "Hecksa Dans" (The Witches Dancing Hall). This place is in a field and is about twenty feet in diameter. No vegetation grows upon it and old settlers say that witches used to gather there at night and ride around on broom-sticks. Lights were often seen there at all hours of the night. On the site of the old historical Windsor Castle Hotel, Mr. Greenawald has erected a two and one-half story double frame dwelling house, one half being occupied by his family and the other tenanted. He has otherwise much improved

the place. Windsor Castle is famous in history. It is an old German settlement and many interesting incidents are related about it. During the operation of the old Windsor furnace, considerable trading was done here, and stories relating to pow-wowing, witchcraft and ghosts center around this place. It is situated near the Blue Mountains, surrounded by God's purest atmosphere. The store stand is one of the oldest and best in northern Berks county. Mr. Greenawald is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family worship at St. Paul's Church, belonging to the Lutheran denomination.

On May 20, 1887, Mr. Greenawald was united in marriage with Rufena Yaeger, daughter of Daniel and Lovina (Reber) Yaeger, and to this union there were born children as follows: Harvey, Charles, George, Minnie, Mamie, Benjamin, Annie, Lizzie and Irwin.

JOHN ALBERT SUNDAY, a well known and respected citizen of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., who is extensively engaged in dealing in horses and cattle, was born May 12, 1845, in Windsor township, son of John and Margaret (Nice) Sunday.

The progenitor of this well known Berks county family is said to have been Hans Adam Sontag, who emigrated from Switzerland, his native land, to America on the ship "Snow Molly," which arrived at the port of Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1741; soon thereafter he settled in Philadelphia county in that section from which Berks county was organized in 1752. From records we learn that he had at least two sons: (1) Christopher, born April 9, 1753, died Dec. 13, 1825. He married Anna Christina Bacharsin, born April 19, 1753, and died Sept. 7, 1825. They had sons, Jacob Heinrich, John and George. They were members of Dunkel's Church in Greenwich in 1808. (2) Nicholas Sontag, the other son of the ancestor of whom we have record, was a taxable in Greenwich township in 1768. He had three sons, John, Jurick (George) and Martin. The last was born Feb. 19, 1784, and died Jan. 13, 1857. He married Christina Schaeffer (1787-1874), and they had one son, Heinrich, born in 1825, who died in 1874 and is buried at Hamburg. In early life he lived in Greenwich township, and later returned to Windsor, where he owned six hundred acres of land, in addition to ten residences in Hamburg. John Sunday married Hannah Heinly, daughter of David and Sabina Heinly, and to them were born children as follows: Sallie m. John Schwoyer; Hannah m. Andrew Kaller; Mary m. Godfrey Seidel; Elizabeth m. Daniel Kline; and John, the father of John Albert.

John Sunday, the only son of John, was born Jan. 13, 1813, and died in Hamburg, Sept. 11, 1894. In early life he was an extensive farmer in Windsor township, but in later life removed to Hamburg, where he lived retired for a long period prior to his death. In politics a Democrat, he was stanch in the support of the principles of his party, serving the borough of Hamburg as school director, councilman and as burgess in 1867-68 and 1874-75. He was a prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which for many years he served as deacon. Mr. Sunday married Margaret Nice, who was born in 1824 and died in 1894, daughter of Dr. Benjamin R. Nice of Hamburg, and to this union there were born these children: Cecelia, born in 1844, died in 1852; John Albert; Clementine, born in 1848, died in 1852; Benjamin Bradford, born in 1854, died in 1890; Brugler; and Nevada m. B. Frank Beam.

John Albert Sunday was about five years old when his father removed to Hamburg, and there he attended school until his seventeenth year, some of his teachers being Benjamin Sheeder, Rev. Benjamin D. Zweizig and R. G. Unger. He obtained a good education, and had learned the butcher trade, when, in October, 1861, he enlisted as a member of the 96th Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf., his term of enlistment being three years. During the first two years of his service he participated in a number of battles, his first engagement being West Point, Va., on the York river, where the enemy was repulsed. Later he was a participant in the battles of Gaines Hill; the Seven Days fight; Newport News; South Mountain, where the Confederate forces were charged and forced to retreat up the mountain; Antietam; Fredericksburg, where he was with the forces that took the heights; Gettysburg, where he was in the charge on Little Round Top; and Rappahannock Station, after which latter engagement his command marched south to Brandy Station. While out foraging in this vicinity, Mr. Sunday and two companions, Jacob Hoover and James Keasey, were captured by Mosby's Guerillas and taken to Richmond. Mr. Sunday was confined for one night in Libby Prison, two months at Pemberton and seven weeks on Belle Isle. At the end of this time he was transferred to Andersonville, where he was detailed as a butcher to kill cattle for the prisoners. Here he was foreman of twenty butchers, and assisted in killing from forty to 125 cattle daily. These men were granted liberties under penalty of death, and Mr. Sunday was shown much courtesy, especially by a farmer named Williams. After about two months, Mr. Sunday with two companions, William Gannon and Robert Commons, made his escape. Early in October these three men started on their journey for liberty. They had very little food, but managed to get enough to sustain them by begging from colored people at night, and thus for eleven days and eleven nights they journeyed through an unknown country, with nothing to guide them but the stars and sun. Finally they reached the Union army southwest of Atlanta. At Atlanta they reported personally to General Sherman, who gave them transportation East to their command and thence to their homes. Mr. Sunday was finally mustered out at Philadelphia and received his honorable discharge. These three comrades, after being separated for twenty-five years, met and had a glad reunion at Chicago, during the World's Fair, and have ever since kept up a correspondence.

After the war Mr. Sunday worked for a season for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and then clerked in a store at Freystown for two years, after which he returned to Hamburg and worked at his trade for Jesse Wagner. In 1868 he went into business for himself, having his shop and slaughtering house at Third and Walnut streets, and continued in business there for three years. In 1871 he started in the horse and cattle business, which he has followed ever since, also operating the Reading Railroad "Road Farm" southwest of Hamburg and his own farm in Tilden township.

Mr. Sunday is a Democrat in politics and has always been active in the ranks of his party, serving two terms as burgess and two terms on the school board. He has frequently been delegate to county conventions, and has ever been influential in the councils of his party. He is a member of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of his town. He and his family are members of the Reformed faith, and attend the First Reformed Church, Hamburg, Mr. Sunday serving as trustee thereof for two terms, as well as being a member of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the present beautiful and substantial church edifice.

On July 14, 1866, Mr. John Albert Sunday and Miss Anna M. Shollenberger, daughter of Abraham and Louisa (Lindenmouth) Shollenberger, were united in marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Sunday have been born these children: Margaret m. Reuben Nies, of Hamburg; Curtis F., a well-known live stock dealer of Hamburg, m. Sallie Moll; Laura, deceased, m. William Yeager, of Hamburg; Clara, m. William Genzel; and Harry, deceased, m. Grace Maurer.

SAMUEL S. HEBNER, a well-known resident of Windsor township, who is living retired on the old Hebner homestead, was born Feb. 8, 1838, on this farm, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Steiger) Hebner, and grandson of Christian Hebner, the first of the name to settle in Windsor township.

When Samuel S. Hebner was a youth attending school in an old stone building that stood opposite the St. John's Church in Hamburg, the teacher convinced him that his name, if changed to Hepner, would be more easily pronounced. The boy therefore substituted the "p" for the "b", and persuaded his father also to adopt it, so that

on the death of the grandfather, the tombstone cutter spelled the name Hepner. In later years, however, Samuel S. recognized the error, and has gone back to the old German way of spelling the name.

Christian Hebner was born Sept. 16, 1775, and died May 25, 1856. He married Anna Maria Hoffman, born Sept. 5, 1781, who died Nov. 9, 1861, and to them were born these children: William m. Hannah Steiger; Jacob; Samuel m. Sally Borkey; and Eliza m. Samuel Hamscher. Christian Hebner was a farmer all of his life, and a most highly esteemed and prominent citizen of his district.

Jacob Hebner was born March 28, 1814, and died March 2, 1890, having spent all of his life in Windsor township. When a youth he was employed on the farm, later learning the trade of stone mason, at which he worked for the railroad company for about forty years, building the breastworks of the large Blue Mountain dam, which has stood the storms and freshets of more than a quarter of a century. He was an excellent mechanic and a man of very good judgment. In politics he was a Democrat, and served his district as school director. In 1837 Mr. Hebner was married to Elizabeth Steiger (or Stoyer), daughter of Samuel, and to this union there were born Samuel S., Jacob, Alfred, Christian, Henry, and Joseph, who is a prominent man of Hamburg, Pa. Jacob, Alfred, Christian and Henry all died of cholera morbus within a period of six weeks. The mother of these children, who was born Oct. 25, 1817, died aged eighty years, five months, twenty-eight days.

Samuel S. Hebner worked on the farm of his father until twenty-three years old, and then for a time hired out to other farmers of the district. In the spring of 1863 he began tending the Five Locks, below Hamburg, remaining there for five years, when he began operations on his father's farm. In later years he purchased this property, which consists of ninety-five acres of good land. On it he built, in 1890, a substantial Swiss barn 40 x 76 feet, to replace a smaller barn built by his grandfather in 1814. Mr. Hebner also owns another tract of eighty acres, known as the Major Miller farm, this property being tenanted. The old homestead, on which Mr. Hebner resides, is now tenanted by his son-in-law, Melvin R. Merkel. Mr. Hebner and his family are members of Zion's Union Church. Politically he is independent.

Mr. Hebner was married to Hettie Behler, daughter of Jacob and Addie (Croll) Behler, and to this union there were born two daughters: Lillie L., born in Topeka, Kans., Sept. 27, 1880, married Irwin Schlenker, and they have three children,—Hettie A., Ralph E. and Samuel I.; and Lizzie S., born Dec. 16, 1883, married Melvin R. Merkel, by whom she has had three children,—Samuel W. and George Kermit, both of whom died in infancy, and Adam.

Mr. Hebner is fond of travel, and in 1880 he and his wife took a trip through the West, visiting various places of interest, and remaining one and one-half years. In his latter years Mr. Hebner has done much reading, and his library is an extensive one. He is a pleasing conversationalist, and can recollect many interesting reminiscences of earlier days in the township. He has a number of valuable old heirlooms of the family, one of these being the table knife of his grandfather, which he uses daily. At the time of his daughters' marriages he presented each with a twenty-dollar gold piece, a complete line of household goods, and a farm stock worth $1,300. He is highly esteemed in his community, and may be recorded among the good, substantial residents of Berks county.

LAFAYETTE MILLER. Of the numerous Pennsylvania German families of Berks county, none is larger than that of Miller, a worthy representative of which is found in the person of Lafayette Miller of Windsor township. Mr. Miller was born March 31, 1836, on his father's farm, son of Thomas and Catherine (Noecker) Miller, natives of this county.

Three brothers, George, Jacob and John Miller, settled in Windsor township prior to the establishment of the county in 1752.

George Miller, of Windsor township, the grandfather of Lafayette, was a farmer and owned the large property now in the possession of Dr. Allen J. Fink, of Hamburg. He was a Lutheran in his religious belief. George Miller married Margaret Seip, and to them there were born these children: David, John, Solomon, Mrs. Sassaman, Joseph (1799-1857), Thomas (father of Lafayette) and William. John Miller, the second son, was born in Windsor, April 6, 1793, and died Aug. 5, 1827. In 1818 he married Christina, daughter of Joseph Borky, and they had three daughters: Anna Maria m. (first) Benjamin Mayer, and (second) Samuel Meck; Catherine m. Henry Leidenmuth; and Eliza m. Nathan Hatzfield.

Thomas Miller, son of George and Margaret (Seip), was born in Windsor township, June 18, 1800, and his death occurred on his farm, March 15, 1845. He was buried at St. Paul's Church, of which he and his family were Lutheran members. He was a stone mason by trade, which he followed for many years, but in 1837 purchased the farm of 100 acres which is now owned by his son Lafayette. Until his death he followed agricultural pursuits, his widow carrying on the farm thereafter until her death, Oct. 25, 1889, in her eighty-first year. In 1828 Thomas Miller was married to Catherine Noecker, daughter of John Noecker, and to them were born three sons and one daughter: Annabella m. (first) Daniel Egolf, deceased, and (second) Samuel Lessig; Paul m. Maria Becker; Lafayette; and Charles m. Caroline Becker.

Lafayette Miller attended the old pay school immediately back of St. Paul's Church in his township, his teachers being old learned Germans whose salary was made up by contributions from the inhabitants of the community, who also boarded the pedagogues. Mr. Miller also attended the free schools the first year of their establishment. He was reared on his father's farm, and the vocation of agriculturalist has been his occupation all of his life. His present property consists of 148 acres of good land, in a high state of cultivation, it being the original Miller homestead. The nice frame residence on this farm was built by Mr. Miller in 1898 and he has also built the wagon shed and greatly remodelled the new Swiss barn, which was put up by his father. This is a fine up-to-date property in every respect, and its attractive appearance is frequently commented upon by travelers on the State Road. Mr. Miller has another good farm of seventy-five acres in Windsor township, which is tenanted, and a tract of twelve acres on which is located an excellent dwelling house.

Mr. Miller is very highly esteemed in his community as an honest, upright man and public spirited citizen. He is a Democrat in politics and has served his district as school director and supervisor. He and his wife are consistent members of St. Paul's Union Church, of Windsor township, of which he has been a trustee for twenty years and to which he has always contributed liberally.

Mr. Miller was married to Harriet Reinhart, born Oct. 21, 1833, daughter of Benjamin and Lucenia (Billig) Reinhart, and to this union there have been born four children: Catherine m. David Smith, and lives in Missouri; Mary m. Scott W. Fisher, a manufacturer of Hamburg; Marguerite m. Joseph Mervine; and Thomas, born April 26, 1870, died August 25, 1889.

HENRY J. SCHMICK of Hamburg was born near Dreibelbis, in Windsor township, Berks county, son of Elias H. and Esther (Strasser) Schmick.

Andraes Schmick, the progenitor of the family in Berks county, who came from Plainfield, Warren Co., N. J., had three children: Christian; John, who settled in the vicinity of Sunbury, Pa., a wealthy landowner; and Mary, who married a Mr. Wampole, and whose descendants now reside in Reading.

Christian Schmick, of this family, was a farmer and cabinet maker of Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, having formerly been located in Maxatawny. In 1830 he located in Upper Bern, and there purchased twenty-one acres of land, later, in 1841, securing another tract, making a total of eighty acres, this now being owned by Jere-

miah A. Bansher. He married Catherine Seaman, and they had these children: Katie m. William Fegley; Benneville m. Hannah Eisenhaur; and Elias. Benneville lived on a small tract of his own in Maxatawny township, about one mile west of New Smithville. He had six children: Alfred, Giles, Addison, Simon, Matilda and Sarah.

Elias Schmick, son of Christian, was born July 23, 1820, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, and died March 20, 1901. He resided in Tilden township, along the railroad, and owned a small farm, his winter occupation being butchering among the farmers. He married Lydia Kahler, who died in 1896, aged seventy-three years, and they had these children: Addison E.; S. Matilda m. Edwin C. Mayer; J. Henry, m. Katie Diener; Kate m. Michael Hartman; and Elias H.

Elias H. Schmick, father of Henry J., who is in the employ of his son in the broom manufacturing business, was born June 3, 1842, in Perry township, Berks county, and now resides in Hamburg. He was married in 1865 to Esther Strasser, daughter of Jonas and Katie (Rissmiller) Strasser, and they have these children: Henry J.; Kate m. Jacob Casper; Harriet m. Richard Fox; Wilson m. Gertie Matz; and George m. Lizzie Mengel.

Henry J. Schmick attended public school for but a short time, commencing work when still a lad, in the brick yards, where he remained three years. In 1882 he began working in the Hamburg Rolling Mills, continuing there for some years, when he engaged with the Pottstown Rolling Mills, being in this concern's employ until his twentieth year. At this time he went to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as brakeman, and later as fireman, and while thus employed he conceived the idea of the patent fish plate, which was patented and was adopted by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Co., who are using it at this time. In 1897, when but twenty-eight years old, he became president of the Allentown & Kutztown Trolley road, but three years later resigned in favor of his attorney. He remained on the board of directors for one year longer, when he sold out his interests for a large sum, and organized the Kutztown & Fleetwood Trolley Company, of which he became president, remaining at the head of this road until its sale to the Allentown & Kutztown Company. Since this time Mr. Schmick has devoted all of his attention to his inventions. He has invented various valuable and useful machines, railroad joints, car couplers, and the "radio," a hoisting device, which was patented in 1905 and is now being manufactured in Reading. He occupies a conspicuous place among the financiers of his section of the country. He has risen from a common laborer to one whose business dealings have brought him into contact with such men as the Goulds and Depew of New York, and his business dealings have been such as to win the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated. He resides with his family in Hamburg.

In 1889 Mr. Schmick was married to Molly Epler, and they have these children: Minnie, Elias, Bessie, Mabel and Harry, the latter of whom died in his ninth year.

JAMES M. SAVAGE, a well known business man of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., who is senior member of the milling firm of Savage Brothers, was born Aug. 10, 1870, in Tilden township, son of James and Fayetta (Kauffman) Savage.

John Sauvage, a French Huguenot, was born in Alsace-Lorraine in 1698, and is the American progenitor of the Savage family in Berks county. In 1738, when forty years old, he emigrated to the New World on the good ship "Winter Galley," and it is said that soon after landing in his adopted country he settled in Berks county, Pa., where his descendants live to this day. His grandsons, Joseph and Johannes Savage, lived in Upper Bern township. Joseph Savage, grandfather of James M., was born probably in what is now Upper Bern township May 13, 1794, and there he died March 26, 1873. He was a farmer in Upper Bern township where he owned his own farm. In 1815 he married Magdalena Stahl, who was born in 1796 and died in 1855. They were members of St. Michael's Church and are buried in the cemetery of that church. In the father's will, in which are mentioned Wm. A. Ludwig and William K. Haag as executors, children as follows are mentioned: (1) John, a blacksmith at Shartlesville, was born in 1817 and died in 1886. He married Ellen Schlappig and they had three children: Franklin S.; Mary Ann, and Sarah Ellen. (2) Joseph, born in 1820, died in 1890. He owned and cultivated a 120-acre farm in North Heidelberg. He married Christian Clauser, and their children were: Albert, Matilda, Emeline and Allen. (3) Charles, born in 1823, died in 1893. He married Lydia Marburger. (4) James is mentioned below. (5) Mary Ann (married William Schlappig). (6) Sarah (married Jared Daubert). (7) Mary Magdalena (married Charles Fisher). (8) William is said to have gone to Michigan where he married and then went further west.

James Savage, father of James M., was born in Upper Bern township, Nov. 30, 1831, and died July 11, 1903, in his seventy-second year. He followed the trade of millwright for some years and for over twenty-five years conducted a farm which he owned in Upper Bern township. He married Fayetta Kauffman, born Oct. 20, 1826, who survives her husband and resides in Hamburg. Mr. and Mrs. Savage had these children: James M.; Charles K. married Sallie Stump; John K., who is in business with his brother James, was married in 1897 to Ellen Moyer and they had three children, William and two who died in infancy; William married Georgie Cooper; Francis married Rosie Renninger; Matilda (married Mahlon Spangler); Fayetta (married S. F. Riegel); Caroline (married George Seaman); and Sallie (married Thomas Meck).

James M. Savage was educated in the local schools of the place of his nativity, and when a young man learned the milling trade with Moses B. Seaman, then proprietor of the Union Roller Mill at Hamburg, remaining with that gentleman for a period of six years. After working at Shoemakersville and Yocom's for some time, and at Reading for eight years, in 1901 he and his brother John K. formed a partnership under the firm name of Savage Brothers and leased the Union Roller Mill (formerly the old Shomo mill) Hamburg, which they have been conducting ever since. The firm carries a large stock, and manufactures a large and fine line of flour, which is in great demand in this section, and consequently finds a ready market. The firm is one of the successful business enterprises of Hamburg. In 1906 it suffered a heavy loss, during the historic flood which caused a $75,000 damage to Hamburg.

Mr. Savage married Ella Adam, daughter of Alfred and Esther (Hollenbach) Adam, farming people of Perry township, and to this union there were born two daughters and one son, Virgil, Mabel and Evan.

JACOB DUSER, JR., former councilman from the Ninth ward of Reading, who holds an important position with the Reading Hardware Company, was born in Tresckow, Carbon county, Pa., son of Jacob and Susan (Huster) Duser, of Reading.

The parents of Jacob Duser, Jr., were of Wendelheim, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated to this country in their youth, settling at Hazleton, Pa. They were married on July 8, 1849, shortly after their arrival in this country, by Rev. Father Salmon, of Hazleton. They lived in the coal regions for the next nineteen years, Mr. Duser becoming a foreman, and in 1868 located in Reading, where they continued their residence. Until 1884 Mr. Duser was employed at the Philadelphia & Reading foundry, but since that time has been employed with the Reading Hardware Company.

On Sept. 14, 1899, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Duser, it having been postponed until that date because some of the children could not be present on July 8. On the morning of Sept. 14th, at 7:30, the solemn wedding vows were

renewed in St. Paul's Catholic Church, mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Bornemann, who referred to the fact that this was only the third time in the history of St. Paul's Church that mass had been celebrated in commemoration of fifty years of marriage. All day Mr. and Mrs. Duser received congratulations on the happy occasion at their home, and in the evening the reception took place, each of their twenty-two grandchildren reciting a poem and presenting the grandparents with a gift. Music was furnished by a string orchestra, and a supper followed. The presents to the couple almost filled a room.

On the occasion of Mr. Duser's seventy-eighth birthday, an extended review appeared in the newspapers of Reading, of which the following is a part:

"Surrounded by his sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends, Jacob Duser, Sr., had every reason to feel happy on Sunday, the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth The big reunion was held at the home of Common Councilman Jacob Duser, Jr., and Mrs. Sarah Wright, son and daughter of the old gentleman, with whom he makes his home. On Saturday afternoon the first of the party to arrive came in a special car from Brooklyn, N. Y. The delegation numbered seventeen persons, and included nephews and nieces from that city. It was met at the depot by Common Councilman Duser and a party of friends, and their arrival at the home meant the beginning of the festivities of which there was a continual round until Monday morning, when they took their departure.

"In the evening Common Councilman Duser tendered a reception and dance to his many cousins and friends in Jackson's hall, Ninth and Douglass streets. The hall had been prettily adorned for the occasion with potted plants and cut flowers, and the affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Early on Sunday morning the festivities incident to the celebration of Mr. Duser Sr.'s birthday were begun. The entire first floor of the Duser home had been decked out for the occasion, every room being gay with bunting of the national colors and bright blossoms, while here and there were grouped potted exotics. The big event of the day was an elaborate dinner at noon. The aged host, in whose honor the festivities were held, graced the head of the table and recounted bits of family history and events in his long career.

"In the evening Mr. Duser was presented with a beautiful ebony cane with a gold handle, the gift of Brooklyn relatives. This was the signal for other surprises. Grandchildren, at a given signal, walked up one by one, before the aged man, and, with original recitations in the German language, presented him with gifts. Too full for utterance, the aged grandfather delegated his son, Common Councilman Duser, to respond for him. With the singing of songs, German and English, the former chiefly of the happy folk-lore type, the balance of the evening was whirled away. Each participant in the day's festivities wore a badge, which consisted of a celluloid button, bearing an excellent likeness of the aged man. From this was appended a bit of blue silk ribbon on which, in silver letters, were printed words setting forth the occasion. The attendants received as a souvenir of the event, a photograph of Mr. Duser, set in a pretty gold-plated mantle frame.

"Six children—one son and five daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Duser, of whom the following still live, and of whom all but one—Mrs. Barbara Seitz, were present yesterday: Jacob Duser, Jr.; Mrs. Barbara Seitz, of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. A. P. Ehly, of Minneapolis, Kans.; Mrs. Susan Huster and Mrs. Sarah Wright, of this city."

Jacob Duser, Jr., attended the schools of his native place, and on locating in Reading entered the Parochial school. When twelve years of age he was employed at sorting castings in the hardware store of Jones & Oaks. In 1879 he was employed as assistant foreman by the Reading Hardware Co., in the following year engaging with the Penn Hardware Company, as inspector of egg beaters. On June 16, 1881, he was elected to his present position, that of foreman of the pulley department, having charge of from twenty-five to thirty hands. During the years of 1898 and 1901 Mr. Duser made trips through the West in the interest of the business, and while there was enabled to visit his relatives in Kansas.

Mr. Duser has taken an active part in politics, having served as councilman of the Ninth ward from 1904, to 1908, and has held various minor offices in his ward. He is connected with the Maennerchor Society, being on the Governing board of this organization, and is also connected with the Knights of St. John. Mr. Duser's religious belief makes him a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

JOHN A. BOYER, who for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Windsor township, was born June 24, 1850, son of John Jacob and Magdalena (Baer) Boyer.

John Jacob Boyer and his wife Magdalena (Baer) had four children, viz.: John A.; Franklin m. Victoria Jacoby, deceased; Ellen has been twice married, her first husband having been Harry Seidel; Emma, unmarried lives at home.

John A. Boyer was educated in the public schools of his native township, and was reared to farm work. When twenty-six years of age he married Mary S. Adam, daughter of Jacob and Lovina (Smith) Adam, and six children were born to this union: Laura m. George Smith; Mamie (m. John B. Mogel); Mary L. (m. Irvin Baer); Herbert A.; Matthias J. and Cora Agnes.

Mrs. Boyer is a descendant of the well known and long established Adam family in Berks county. Anthony Adam, the first ancestor of the family in America, was a French Huguenot, and came to this country on the ship "Snow Molly," landing at Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1741. He was born in 1716. Anthony Adam was a taxable resident in Albany township in 1752. The name of his wife is unknown, but he had four sons, Abraham, Anthony, Bernhard and Peter.

Peter Adam, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Boyer, became a resident of Windsor township. He was born Oct. 1, 1765, and died July 1, 1849, aged eighty-three years and nine months. On March 11, 1788, he married Catharine Hauseknecht, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Jacob; Anthony; Peter; Abraham; John; William; George; Betzy; Hannah and Polly.

Jacob Adam, grandfather of Mrs. Boyer, was born in Windsor township, Oct. 18, 1789, and died Dec. 22, 1866. His wife was Polly Gardner, born July 16, 1793, and died Aug. 7, 1874. To them were born: Hannah; William; Heinrich; Jacob; Peter; Benjamin; Isaac; Betzy; Polly; Lazarus; Simon; Catharine and Lydia.

Jacob Adam, father of Mrs. Boyer, was born in Windsor township, Jan. 21, 1816, and died Aug. 10, 1894. He obtained a good education in the pay schools of his day, and when a young man learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed the greater part of his life. In 1852 he moved into Perry township, where he lived upon his farm of 137 acres, which he conducted with his children, also working at his trade. He was a school director, church official of Zion's Union Church, of Perry township, and was an esteemed man. Jacob Adam married Lovina Smith, a daughter of Michael Smith, born Sept. 29, 1822, and she died Dec. 27, 1905. They had five children as follows: Alfred S., a successful farmer at Perryville, and whose land joins that of his brother Jacob S.; Jacob S., an extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere in this publication; Samuel, who died single aged twenty-seven years, and is buried in Zion's Church cemetery; Michael, who died Jan. 24, 1905, aged fifty-five years, four months and nine days; and Mary S., who was married to John Boyer, deceased.

HENRY S. RHEIN, for many years engaged in the undertaking business, was born March 30, 1824, in Oley township, Berks county, and died July 30, 1907. He was the son of Henry and Margaret (Shearer) Rhein.

David Rhein, the founder of the family in America, emigrated to this country from the Palatinate of Germany,

and, settling in the town of Reading, became the first undertaker of that place. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and manufactured the coffins used in his business, continuing therein until his death, about 1812. Mr. Rhein married Appeline Moyer, a native of Myerstown, and among their children were: Daniel, who married Susan Reber; Mrs. Hartz; Henry, the grandfather of Henry S. In religious matters David Rhein and his wife were connected with the Reformed Church. In politics he was at first an old-line Whig, and later became a Republican.

Henry Rhein continued in the business founded by his father, having learned the trade of cabinet-maker, and followed it all of his life, also gaining some little reputation as a manufacturer of blacksmith's bellows. He married Susan Ebling, and to them were born: Daniel; Henry; Peter and Elizabeth. They were members of the Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Rhein was a Republican. Henry Rhein, father of Henry S., was, like his father and grandfather, a cabinet-maker, and followed that occupation all of his active life. He was very successful in his business enterprises, and at the time of his death owned much valuable real estate. He married Margaret Shearer, and to them were born a large family of children, Henry S. and Mrs. Rebecca S. Miller being the only survivors.

Henry S. Rhein received his education in the schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the trade of cabinet-maker, which he followed for many years, later turning his attention to mercantile pursuits. He was also the leading undertaker of the city, and conducted the first funeral at the Charles Evans cemetery, the body being that of James Norton's first wife. Mr. Rhein, in speaking of the early days, said: "The only records of funerals kept in those days were those who did not pay." Mr. Rhein became very successful in his numerous business ventures, and in 1896 retired from business, owning much valuable real estate in the city, as well as considerable farming property. Mr. Rhein was married to Emma Stauffer, daughter of Solomon Stauffer, and one child, Mary, was born to this union.

Fraternally Mr. Rhein was connected with the I. O. O. F., and also with the encampment. He belonged to the Reformed Church, which he attended regularly and supported liberally. In politics he was a Democrat.

CHARLES A. FOLK, who was living retired in Fleetwood up to the time of his death, Jan. 12, 1907, was born in Richmond township, Berks county, Pa., Feb. 22, 1837. He was descended from George Folk, the first of the family in America, through Jacob and Jacob, Jr.

George Folk was a German by birth, and came to Philadelphia in 1754, with a company of some 145 other passengers. He made his permanent home in Richmond township, Berks county, where his name appears on the first tax list of the place, made in 1768.

Jacob Folk continued to reside where his father had settled, and was a farmer and stone mason by trade. His children were: Jacob, Jr.; Solomon, of Reading; Samuel, of Maxatawny township; John, living near Hamburg, Pa.; Mrs. Jacob Heinly; and Mrs. Daniel Hoch.

Jacob Folk (2) was born July 17, 1797, and died Jan. 25, 1871. He married Miss Lydia Aldenderfer, who was born March 2, 1802, and died Jan. 9, 1875, and they had children as follows: Benjamin, born in 1825, who died in 1889; Jacob, born in 1826; Joseph, born in 1827, who died in 1883; Sarah, who married (first) Peter Rothenberger, and (second) Christian Ruth, of Austin, Kan.; William, born in 1831; John, born in 1834; Charles A.; Hettie, born in 1838, who married Joel Gehret, and died in 1864; Mary, Mrs. Benjamin Hafer; Benneville, born in 1842, who died in 1866; Moses, born in 1843, who died in 1890; and Diana, born in 1845, who died in 1901, and who was the wife of William Mell.

Charles A. Folk chose carpentry as his trade and for the greater part of his life worked in that line. For a long time he was a coach maker, and during a period of twenty years was employed by Schaeffer, Merkel & Company, implement dealers in Fleetwood, part of the time as their principal pattern maker. In 1900 he retired, and having disposed of his property, made his home in Fleetwood with his step-son Oscar Koller, at whose home he died. Mr. Folk was always a good citizen, endeavoring to promote the public good, and for six years sat in the council of Fleetwood, elected on the Democratic ticket.

Charles A. Folk and Miss Sophia Moyer were joined in wedlock, and their happy married life continued till the death of Mrs. Folk in 1890. Both united with the Lutheran Church in Fleetwood. They had no children. Mr. Folk married a second time. Mr. Folk's life was useful and upright, and he stood as an example to those around him.

HENRY L. MACHEMER, of Bern township, a successful merchant and farmer, was born in Lower Heidelberg township, June 13, 1852, and is a son of David Machemer.

Jacob Machemer, the grandfather, lived in Lower Heidelberg township, about a mile northeast of Brownsville. He was born Jan. 18, 1783, and died Sept. 27, 1863, aged eighty years, seven months and nine days. He owned a small farm, now known as the Jonathan Reber estate, in Lower Heidelberg township, but he died at Tuckerton in Muhlenberg township, and is buried at Bern Church. He was twice married, and among his children were: Michael, who died in Heidelberg township; Ephraim, who died at Sinking Spring in 1907; Jacob, who died young; Elizabeth, who married Barnhart Hettinger; David; and Caroline (Rhoads), who died at Tuckerton in 1907.

David Machemer was born in Lower Heidelberg township. All of his life he followed farming, owning a small farm which he cultivated. He died in June, 1875, aged fifty-four years. He is buried at Bern Church, of which he was a member. He married Mary Lambert (died in September, 1879, aged fifty-one years), daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Tobias) Lambert. Their children were: John, who has traveled through all the States in the Union, and has spent considerable time among the Indians, manufactures and sells patent medicines, and is now in the West (he enlisted when sixteen years of age and served three years in the Civil war); Sarah (deceased, married Henry Hartman); Henry L.; James, who lives in West Reading; Mary Ann; David; Charles; Reuben and George, who died young of diphtheria less than two years apart; Clara (who died in 1909, married William Reedy of Reading); Rosa E. (widow of Charles Smith, and resides in Reading) and Joseph who was killed in a boiler explosion in 1888.

Henry L. Machemer attended the public schools of Lower Heidelberg township, working among the farmers until he attained his majority. After this he worked by the day until 1886 when he bought the old John Savage home, which at one time was operated as a hotel, and for the building of which when a boy of sixteen he helped to haul lumber. Connected with this pleasant home Mr. Machemer owns twenty acres of good land, and once a week he carries his produce to the Reading market. He also operates a mercantile business, which he established in 1902, and has built up to its present proportions.

Mr. Machemer married Mary Savage, daughter of John and Ellen (Koller) Savage of Bern township, and one son, Howard, was born to them, but he died when five years old. Mr. Machemer is a member of Bern Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat. Among his other interests he has made considerable research in the matter of Indian relics, and has a fine collection of 500 arrow heads which he has gathered in Bern township, and he is regarded as an authority in all kindred lines. Successful, genial and a hard worker, Mr. Machemer holds the position of honor which he has fairly won in his community.

FRANKLIN A. BHAER, a retired farmer of Shoemakersville, Berks county, was born on the old Jacob Bhaer homestead, one mile north of Shoemakersville, Jan. 2, 1865, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lesher) Baer.

The immigrant of the Baer family in this country was Hans (Johannes) Baer, of Weisenburg township, Lehigh county, who emigrated from Zweibrucken, Germany, arriving at Philadelphia, Sept. 30, 1743. His son John, who had settled on the old Bhaer home soon after the Revolutionary war, died there about 1825. He married Catherine Reiser, and they had these children: John; John Jacob; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Schneck, lived in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county; Maria, who married Henry Becker; Bevy, who married John Seltzer; Katherine, who married Jacob Phillips; Susan, who married Jacob Startzel; Magdalena, who married John Reber; Margaret, who married Jacob Reber; and Lizzie, who married John Breininger.

John Jacob Baer (Hons Jocob), who lived on the old David Bhaer farm, the original Baer homestead of Windsor township consisting of over 300 acres of fine land, was married to Kate Fink, daughter of John Fink, and had these children: Jacob; Kate, who married John Balthaser; John, who married (first) Betsy Balthaser, and (second) Betsy Zettelmoyer; Susannah, who married Henry Engel, was born in 1821 and lives with her daughters on the old homestead, and at her advanced age is possessed of excellent health and a splendid memory; Mollie, who married Jacob Boyer; and David, who married Sarah Miller.

Jacob Baer, father of Franklin A., lived on the old Bhaer homestead in Perry township, his farm consisting of 380 acres of land. He built the house and barn on the premises and otherwise in many ways improved the property. He was a Democrat and a straight voter. He was connected with the Reformed Church, holding membership in the Union Church not far from his home. He married Elizabeth Lesher, and to them there were born children as follows: Elias, born in 1846, married Minna Strasser; Katie, born in 1848, married Daniel Lenhart; Henry, born in 1851, married Lizzie Lenhart; William, born in 1854 married Nora Tobias; Hettie married Seth Kline; Solomon married Lizzie Krick; Jacob married Amanda Jacoby; Daniel died single; and Franklin A.

Franklin A. Bhaer obtained his education in the Heckman's school in his native township, and at the age of fourteen years lost his father, thereafter assisting his mother in the management of the farm until twenty-five years of age. In 1890 he began farming for himself, first on the old homestead, but two years later removed to his own farm, situated on the Pottsville turnpike, immediately west of his father's property. Here he remained for two years, when he removed to Shoemakersville, where he now resides, being employed by the Schuylkill Valley Clay Manufacturing Company.

On Jan. 5, 1889, Mr. Bhaer was married to Lillie E. Heckman, daughter of Ephraim and Catherine (Braucher) Heckman, and they have a son Van Buren E. J., who has shown remarkable mechanical talent.

WILLIAM G. SHERADIN, a well known citizen of Hamburg, Pa., who is extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick, was born Oct. 21, 1848, in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Charles and Elizabeth (Geiger) Sheradin.

Jacob Sheradin, grandfather of William G., was one of the best known agriculturists of his day in Longswamp township, owning land where the Topton depot is now located. He married a Miss De Long, and to them there were born children as follows: Reuben; Mrs. Joseph Albright; and Charles, the father of William G. Charles Sheradin, who was born in 1817, was for some years a farmer of Longswamp township, Berks county, but later in life removed to West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1868. He married Elizabeth Geiger, and to them were born these children: Mary, who married David Fahl; Daniel, who married Katie Wagner of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; and William G.

William G. Sheradin attended the district schools of his native locality, obtaining a good general education, and worked on his father's farm until his eighteenth year, when, in 1866, he came to Hamburg and learned the trade of cabinet maker with the late Peter Burkey, with whom he remained his full apprenticeship of two and one-half years. He then went to Reading and engaged with William Kline at cabinet making until 1870, in which year he started out for himself, and successfully conducted a cabinet making business for four years at No. 108 South Fourth street. In the latter year he engaged in the brick manufacturing business in which he has continued ever since; his present yard, where he employs about fifty hands, and manufactures on an average of 4,000,000 bricks per year, being located in West Hamburg. The firm of Tobias & Sheradin, which was founded five years ago, manufacture the red clay brick, and their product finds a ready sale throughout Schuylkill and Luzerne counties. Mr. Sheradin is one of the progressive business men of the borough, and is always found in the foremost ranks of any movement for the benefit of the community.

In politics Mr. Sheradin is a Republican, and for six years was a borough councilman, one year of which time he was president of that executive body. He has been a member of the Union Fire Company for thirty-five years, and has held various offices in that organization, of which he has been president for the past five years. He and his family are members of the First Reformed Church, of which he was a deacon for twelve years, and trustee for nine years. He has always been a pillar of the church, and he was one of the liberal contributors towards the erection of the present beautiful edifice.

Mr. Sheradin has been twice married, (first) on Nov. 20, 1869, to Mary Tobias, daughter of John and Vinetta (Schappell) Tobias, to which union there were born three children: William M., who died in 1877, in his fourth year; Annetta, who married Joseph Helder of Reading, died Dec. 24, 1904, and was buried on her twenty-sixth birthday; and Charles R., born Aug. 10, 1885, is single, and resides at home. Mr. Sheradin was married (second) to Miss Annie Laurie Nies, daughter of Daniel K. and Florenda (Dressler) Nies.

ROTHERMEL. The Rothermels of Berks county, Pa., trace their ancestry directly to one John Rothermel, born in Wachbach, a Dutch province, in 1688. In 1708 he married Sybilla Zimmerman, of the same province, and after the birth of six children, emigrated to America, his cause for leaving being the unsettled political conditions of his native country and a desire for the greater freedom of the New World. In company with a large number of other emigrants from that country, he set sail for America with his wife and children. He died, however, on the journey to the new country, in 1730, but his wife and children arrived safely in Philadelphia, Aug. 29, 1730, locating in Berks county (then Philadelphia county) the following year. The six children were: Anna Maria; Lawrence; Paul; Peter; John and Christian. Of these Anna Maria, born in February, 1712, married Peter Peterolf in 1729, and located in Macungie township (now in Lehigh county), where he died Aug. 15, 1784, and his wife a few years later. Lawrence located in Windsor township, Berks county, in 1738, and in 1746 married a Miss Kuhns; they had two children, Leonard and Maria, the latter marrying John C. Romig. Paul located in Maiden-creek township in 1737, and married Catherine Maurer in 1747; they had children: Peter; Leonard; Paul; John; Jacob and Barbara. Peter, the fourth child born to his parents, and the great-grandfather of John H. Rothermel, is mentioned below. John, born in Wachbach, Jan. 21, 1722, purchased a twenty-five acre tract of land adjoining the estate of his brother Lawrence in 1747, and there he resided until his death in 1785; he married Mary Sigfred, by whom he had four children, Abraham; Jacob; Daniel and John. Christian, the remaining member of the family, in 1772 purchased 250 acres of land along Maiden-creek; he was the father of six children: Margaret; Sybilla; Magdalena; Amanda; Peter and John.

Peter Rothermel, great-grandfather of John H. Rothermel, was an extensive land owner in Berks county. In 1737 he became the owner of 100 acres and in 1743 purchased an additional 100 acres, meantime acquiring 250

acres more in 1738. All of his lands lay along Maxatawny Creek. He married and was the father of a number of children, some of whom went west and were the founders of homes in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The children were: Daniel, Peter, Margaret and Abraham.

Peter Rothermel, son of Peter, was born on the old homestead on Maxatawny Creek Sept. 1, 1773, and there resided, throughout his life engaged in farming. He died Feb. 1, 1856, aged eighty-three years. He was married Feb. 11, 1795, to Magdalena Iager, and fourteen children were born of this union: Maria; Catherine; Daniel; Susanna; Peter; Sarah; Anna; Esther; Jacob; John; Hannah; Elizabeth; Sybilla and Abraham.

John Rothermel was born April 8, 1812, in Richmond township, Berks county, where he was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools, such as they were in his day. After residing there for some years, he removed to Maiden-creek township, and located on a farm, following agricultural pursuits until his death. In political matters he was a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He died in August, 1890. Mr. Rothermel married Louisa Hoover, who was born Dec. 11, 1827, in Cumru township, Berks county, and children as follows came to this union: William, born July 2, 1848; Peter, Feb. 20, 1850; Katie (deceased), Oct. 4, 1851; Israel H.; born April 26, 1853, died Aug. 7, 1903; John H., March 7, 1856, present representative in Congress from Berks county; Moses, Aug. 11, 1858; Cyrus and Mary, twins, March 13, 1861; Lydia, July 16, 1862; Esther, Oct. 17, 1863; Wilson H., May 4, 1866; Annie, Nov. 4, 1867; Alice, July 2, 1870; and Joseph M., May 18, 1872.

John H. Rothermel, of Reading, elected to represent the Thirteenth District—comprising Berks and Lehigh counties—in the LXth and LXIst Congress, has been a leading attorney of Pennsylvania for many years. He is one of Berks county's native sons, having been born March 7, 1856, in Richmond township, and his ancestors for over a century and a half have been prominently identified with the professional and industrial history of this county. His parents, John and Louisa (Hoover) Rothermel, were farming people of Maiden-creek township, this county, and John H. Rothermel was reared on the farm. He received his early education in the local public schools and Prof. Brunner's Scientific Academy, at Reading, Pa., and taught in the public schools of his native county for several years, being also engaged for about two years in Brunner's Academy. He took up the study of the law and was admitted to the Bar in 1881. Since then he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the higher and lower courts, both State and Federal.

For twenty-five years Mr. Rothermel has given special attention to the trial of cases, and as a trial lawyer has been identified with the most important litigation in his section, amongst others the notable case of the Commonwealth versus Samuel Greason, which won Mr. Rothermel national reputation. The death warrant was read to the defendant ten times, and as many times he was snatched from the gallows by his lawyer. In the meantime Mr. Rothermel secured the passage of a law (Act of April 22, 1903) which empowered the Supreme court to authorize the reopening of the case. After the enactment of this law the Supreme court directed the lower court to reopen the case, and then the real trouble began, every move made by the defendant being beset with serious difficulties. The longer the case progressed the more intricate it became, until finally a new trial was obtained, and on June 16, 1905, the defendant was acquitted. This introduced a new feature in the criminal administration of justice and is the only proceeding of its kind in the history of Pennsylvania, a record of which is in the office of the Supreme court and will be a guide and precedent for all cases in the future. This was the most noted of the various homicide cases defended by Mr. Rothermel, many of which had attracted widespread attention, and the comprehensive knowledge of the law he displayed in its conduct won him so many friends in Berks county that he received the nomination for Congress against four formidable competitors. But though naturally gratified at the support he was given in his own county at the election which followed, nothing could have been more flattering than the large majority he polled in Lehigh county, which with Berks makes up the Thirteenth District. He was elected with a majority of 5,600. Mr. Rothermel's service in the LXth Congress was his first experience in public office, and he signally distinguished himself therein by securing the passage of a bill appropriating a substantial sum for the enlargement of the Federal building in Reading, Pa., and in being a conscientious and painstaking official. His prompt and cheerful compliance with requests of his constituents has made him a most popular Congressman. At the Federal Capitol he is regarded with high honor and esteem. He ran for a Common Pleas judgeship in 1899, but was defeated, although he received promising support at the primaries. In 1891, upon the death of Judge Schwartz, he was prominently mentioned as the latter's successor, and his candidacy was strongly urged by way of indorsements by the county Bar, but Judge Bland obtained the appointment. At the following general election he was importuned by his many friends to become a candidate for the nomination for that office, but declined out of regard for Judge Bland, who was appointed by the Governor. In his political affiliations Mr. Rothermel is an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party.

On March 8, 1883, Mr. Rothermel was married to Sarah Zimmerman and they have one son, Ralph Z., born Aug. 7, 1884.

SAMUEL H. LENHART, a prosperous and influential merchant at West Leesport for fifty years until his death in 1909, was born at Lenhartsville, Berks county, March 20, 1832. He was educated in the local schools until he was fourteen years old, assisting his father on the farm during this time, when he decided to learn the trade of tailor. He first worked in the shop of a tailor in Albany township for a time; then continued his apprenticeship with a tailor at Allentown, having walked to that place, upwards of thirty miles. After serving his apprenticeship, he went to Philadelphia to follow his trade, and while doing so for several years attended night school. He then returned to Lenhartsville, and while working for his father on the farm and also selling produce at Hamburg, secured a position as clerk in the general store of William D. Shomo, at the place named. The preciseness and strictness of Mr. Shomo in business affairs were remarkable, and left a deep impression on the young clerk's mind which he never forgot, and afterward practiced to his own great advantage. He remained there only a year and then upon the invitation of his brothers, Benjamin and Solomon Lenhart, (who were carrying on a store in Richmond township) he went into their store and continued with them until 1854, the last several years having been in Leesport, to which place they had removed. With this experience in the mercantile business, he went to Fremont, Ohio, and secured employment in a large dry goods establishment. After remaining there several years, his health failed and he returned to Leesport, Pa., where he resumed his place in his brother's store. In a short time, his ambition to engage in business for himself asserted itself, and accordingly, in 1858, he formed a partnership with his brother Benjamin. After carrying on business together for a short time in West Leesport (where the Lenhart store now is), a cousin, Daniel W. Lenhart, took his brother's place and they traded for four years, when Mr. Lenhart became the sole owner of the establishment. From that time until his death, April 19, 1909, he carried on the general store business with increasing success. His stock was among the largest of the general stores in the country districts, and his trade extended into the surrounding townships for many miles. During this time he also conducted an extensive trade in lumber, coal and grain. As his sons grew into manhood, he fitted them for a busi-

ness life, and as they reached their majority he gave them an interest as partner; his son Henry in 1885, his son Samuel in 1893, and his son Charles in 1904. Naturally upon his decease, these three sons became his successors; and this well-established stand for a period of fifty years, has been carried on since his death under the firm name of S. H. Lenhart's Sons.

Mr. Lenhart was always thoroughly interested in the local affairs of West Leesport and gave them his encouragement and support. Industrial matters received much of his attention, for by them he endeavored to develop the importance of the place. He identified himself at an early age with the Reformed Church, and during his entire life at West Leesport he was actively engaged in religious work, both as a teacher and superintendent in the Sunday-school, and as deacon, trustee, or elder in the Church at Leesport. He advocated the common-school system with great earnestness, appreciating the importance of education in the community. When the Odd Fellows and American Mechanics came to establish societies there, he united with them and continued his membership until he died. He provided a hall on the third floor of his storebuilding and their meetings have been held in it. He was also a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of the Daughters of Liberty. He was enlisted in the Civil war, having responded to the call for troops to repel the invasion of the Rebel army into Pennsylvania in July, 1863, and served as one of the sergeants of Company G, commanded by Captain Samuel A. Haines, of the Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, which was composed of companies from Berks county; and he was a member of Keim Post, No. 76, G. A. R., at Reading.

Mr. Lenhart took great interest in farming operations and in the development of choice fruits. He owned and managed two fine farms, one of 140 acres in Centre township, a short distance above West Leesport, and the other of 173 acres in Ontelaunee township, east of Leesport, which is commonly known as the "Gernant Homestead." He encouraged the formation of the borough of West Leesport in 1902, and in the organization of the government served as one of the first town council; and he officiated as the second burgess for the term from 1905 to 1908.

Mr. Lenhart assisted in organizing the Penn National Bank at Reading in 1883, and served as a director from that time until his decease, a continuous period of twenty-six years. He was identified actively as a director with the Manatawny Fire and Storm Insurance Company, the Leesport Building Association, the Althouse Bridge Company (operating the toll bridge at Leesport until it was made free) and the Orchard Milling Company at Pottsville. All these various affairs, in connection with his large and constantly increasing store business, evidence the superiority of his character and attainments; and during the entire period of his business career he enjoyed the unqualified confidence and respect of the community.

As mentioned above, since Mr. Lenhart's decease in 1909, the business has been carried on by his three sons under the name of S. H. Lenhart's Sons, and they are pursuing the course of their father to merit the continued patronage and respect of the community.

Henry Grant Lenhart, the eldest son and senior partner, was born at West Leesport in 1865; educated in the local schools and the Normal Schools at Kutztown and West Chester; married Caroline Groff Brobst (daughter of Dr. Edward Brobst, a practicing physician at West Leesport for fifty years) and they have two daughters, Emily G. and Helen S., and a son John, another son (Edward Samuel) having died in infancy.

Samuel Kauffman Lenhart was born at West Leesport in 1875. He was educated in the local schools, Keystone State Normal School, and Inter-State Business College, Reading. He married Elizabeth Gauker (daughter of James H. Gauker, of West Leesport) and they have a son Samuel G.

Charles Hayman Lenhart, the junior partner, was born at West-Leesport in 1884; was educated in the local schools, Reading Classical Academy, and Inter-State Business College, and then identified himself with the business affairs of his father, being a partner since 1904.

In 1864, Mr. Lenhart was married to Sarah Kauffman, daughter of John L. Kauffman, for years a prominent dealer in grain, etc., at West Leesport. Nine children were born of this union: Henry Grant; Samuel Kauffman; Charles Hayman; Sarah L. (m. Edgar Breneiser); Anna L. (m. Harry E. Hartman); and four who died (John M. died in 1890, aged twenty-four years, Emily in 1892, aged seventeen years, and Katie and Mary in infancy).

Mr. Lenhart's father was Samuel Lenhart, of Lenhartsville, who was brought up on the homestead farm and carried on farming until his death in 1869, aged seventy-one years. He was highly esteemed in that section of the county for his upright character. He was married to Lydia Hayman of Lehigh county, and they had thirteen children: Benjamin; Solomon; James; Samuel H.; John; Lewis; Lydia (m. David Schlenker); Elizabeth (m. Charles S. Kerns); Amelia (m. Philip Snyder); Maria (m. Henry Miller); Ellen; and two who died in infancy. The Lenhart family in Berks county originated in Germany, and the first ancestor here was Jacob Lenhart, who was born Nov. 18, 1736, at Zwei-Brücken, in the Pfalz, and emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1760, landing at Philadelphia. He settled in Greenwich township, Berks county, on a farm in the vicinity of the present site of Lenhartsville, and there he died Aug. 3, 1793, leaving four sons, Sebastian, Henry, Jonathan, and Philip. The second son was brought up a farmer and ultimately owned a farm of 250 acres. The formation of a village began in his time and it took the name of Lenhartsville. He died in 1836, leaving eight sons: Benjamin; Frederick; Henry; Samuel; John; Daniel; Isaac and Reuben, and two daughters. The fourth son, Samuel, was the grandfather of the three partners who constitute the firm of S. H. Lenhart's Sons.

THEODORE TROUP, a pioneer business man of the Ninth Ward of Reading, Pa., and the owner of much real estate in the city, was born Jan. 6, 1837, in Franklin county, Pa., son of John and grandson of Jacob Troup.

Jacob Troup and his wife were pioneers of Franklin county where both died, their children being: John; David; Martin; George; Anthony; Samuel; Mary and Susan. Of this family,

John Troup became a blacksmith, a trade which he followed throughout his life, his death occurring in 1844 from falling against his anvil. John Troup married Miss Mary Kirchhoff, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Bishop) Kirchhoff, early residents of Berks county, and she died at the home of her son, Theodore, in Reading, Dec. 1, 1885. Their children were: Theodore; Lambert; Martha; Susan and Joanna.

Theodore Troup attended the public schools of Clear Springs, Franklin county, and came to Berks county in 1845. He was first employed on a farm in Exeter township, but later learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for two years in the county. He came to Reading in 1857 and for twenty-seven years was employed at his trade at the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad shops. He engaged in the grocery business in 1886, at Eleventh and Elm streets, where he has since continued with much success, at first handling a line of dry goods, which he has replaced with a full and first-class stock of notions, in addition to an excellent collection of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Troup's building, which he erected himself, is 20 x 80 and is fitted out with the latest modern improvements. His business foresight, and courteous manner in dealing with customers has gained for Mr. Troup the good-will of the people of his community, and as a result his trade is correspondingly large. In addition to his grocery business, Mr. Troup has dealt extensively in real estate and owns six properties in the Ninth Ward, two each in the First and Thir-

teenth and one in the Second and two in the Twelfth Ward.

Mr. Troup married Catherine Seidel, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Deysher) Seidel, and one son has been born to this union: Howard J., who married Laura Steinel, and is engaged in business with his father. Mr. Troup is a Democrat in politics, and has often been offered public positions, which he has not allowed himself to be prevailed upon to accept. In religious matters he is a Lutheran, and he is fraternally connected with the Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M.

CHARLES M. HOLLENBACH, a carpenter in Reading, residing at No. 1032 Walnut street, was born in Centre township, Berks county, Aug. 25, 1867, and belonged to a family which for several generations, had made its home in this county.

Daniel Hollenbach, grandfather of Charles M., was a native of Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, and spent most of his life there engaged in work as a blacksmith. A few years before his death he moved to Penn township and lived there in retirement until he passed away at the age of seventy-three in 1886. His wife, Luzetta Wert, had died some years previously, at the age of sixty years, survived by four children, viz.: John W.; William (deceased); Sarah, who lives in Reading, unmarried; and Lizzie.

John W. Hollenbach, born on his father's place, received his education in the Upper Bern schools, and on attaining manhood made carpentry his trade. In 1868 he moved his family to Reading and there worked as a carpenter till 1877, when he turned his attention to farming instead and settled in Penn township. He passed away in 1891, near Bernville, at the age of fifty-five years. He married Catherine Phillips, of Reading, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Troutman) Phillips, of Centre township. To this union were born five children, three of whom are living, namely: James, an undertaker in Bernville, who died in 1906, aged forty-five years; Elmira (m. Levi Lamm, of Reading); and Charles M.

Charles M. Hollenbach passed his boyhood in Reading and was educated in the public schools there, but when his father moved into Penn township, the son went also and assisted in operating the farm for a while. He then decided to adopt his father's trade and went to Philadelphia to learn carpentry, returning five years later to locate in Reading. At first he worked for others, then was in business for himself for two years and afterward again took a place under another. He has been in the contracting and building business in Reading since 1902, and erected a number of substantial dwellings in different sections of the city.

In 1891 Mr. Hollenbach married Amelia Wagner. She was a daughter of William B. and Catharine (Webber) Wagner, of Upper Bern township. They have had four children: James, who is a member of the class of 1910, Reading High School, Charles, Warren and Amelia. In politics Mr. Hollenbach always supports the Democratic party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he is a deacon. He is connected by the ties of fraternal obligation with the Knights of Malta.

Mr. Hollenbach is a self made man. He was tax-collector of the 16th Ward, in 1908.

JACOB KNABB STERRETT, one of the publishers of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal* from 1865 to 1884, was born in Union township, Berks county, May 1, 1827. His father, David Sterrett, was a native of Cumberland county, Pa., and died in Berks county in 1833. Previous to his location in this county he had traveled extensively throughout the United States, and had compiled a dictionary of the Chippewa language. He was married to Margaret Knabb, a sister of Jacob Knabb.

When thirteen years of age Jacob K. Sterrett entered the printing-office of Knabb & Getz (who then published the *Reading Gazette*), as an apprentice to learn the printer's trade, and continued in this office till 1845, when he entered the office of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*. After being in this office twenty years he became one of the proprietors of the *Journal*. He continued his business connections with the firm of J. Knabb & Co., publishers of the *Journal* and *Times*, till December, 1881, when, on account of ill health, he transferred his interest to his son William. He died Nov. 2, 1884.

Mr. Sterrett was a superior printer and an enterprising journalist. During his connection with the *Journal* and *Times* he occasionally contributed articles of rare interest. He was particularly fond of local reminiscences, and by the aid of a strong memory and a facile pen published a series of historical sketches, relating to the early days of Reading. He was a great reader, and became familiar with the standard literature of his time. He was partial to the works of Moore, Poe, Irving and Cooper. His nature was of a most genial kind, which won him many friends, and though positive in his convictions he created no enmities.

In the early days of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Mr. Sterrett was one of its vestrymen; and when the Reading Musical Society was in its active existence, previous to 1860, he was a prominent member. He always resided in Berks county. For several months, about the beginning of the year 1853, he was in South Carolina, engaged as a journeyman printer on the legislative proceedings of that State. Mr. Sterrett was an active Republican and took an earnest part in the management of the Republican party. He frequently represented his district in local, State, and national conventions—having been a delegate to the National Republican Convention which assembled at Cincinnati and nominated Rutherford B. Hayes. He acted as a jury commissioner of the county for the years 1881 and 1882. During the Civil war he enlisted twice,—first in Captain Bickley's company, which served in the emergency of 1862, and then in 1863, in Captain Rhoads' company, 42nd Regt. Pa. V. M. For some years before the Civil war, he took an active part in the military affairs of the county, having been a member of the Ringgold Light Artillery.

In 1855 Mr. Sterrett married Anna M. Arnold, daughter of John Arnold, a dentist of Reading. They had three surviving children:—William (m. to Laura V. Yeager, of Birdsboro), Henry (m. to Anna Weitzel, of Reading), and Ellen Knabb (who died at the age of twenty-five years).

REV. JOHN WILLIAM EARLY, of Reading, was born near Palmyra, Lebanon county, Pa., Sept. 3, 1835, son of William and Leah (Dutweiler) Early. He is a direct descendant of John Early, who arrived in Philadelphia from Germany, in 1750. His ancestors were intimately connected with the history of Lebanon county. Graduating from Gettysburg in 1857, the Rev. Mr. Early was ordained to the Lutheran ministry June 7, 1860, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and is now one of the oldest and most widely known clergymen of that denomination. He has served parishes in Lancaster, Snyder, Dauphin, Montour and Lycoming counties. Since retiring from the active ministry he has devoted much of his time to church and biographical history, on which subjects he is an authority. In 1861, he married Jane Margaret, daughter of Rev. Lewis G. and Leah (Schaefer) Eggers, the former one of the Lutheran church pioneers of western Berks. They have six living children, all of Reading.

Lewis G. Early, the eldest, was born in Lancaster county May 20, 1862. He married Annie Estella, daughter of George W. and Ellen (Sheridan) Bechtel, of Reading, and they have two children, George William and Anretta Margaret. Mr. Early learned the printer's trade in his youth at Danville, Pa., and coming to Reading about 1882 worked as a compositor in the *Eagle* office and Owen's book and job office for a number of years, when he became city editor of the *Reading Herald*, which position he filled for ten years. He has been night editor of the *Reading Times* since 1898. He was one of the founders of the Reading Press Club and the International League

of Press Clubs, serving as president of the former organization for sixteen years and as secretary of the latter for five years.

MARTIN LUTHER EARLY, the second son, was born Aug. 3, 1865. He is a carpenter by trade and has had charge of many important building operations in Reading. He married Maggie E. Garman, of Trevorton, Pa., and they have seven children: Paul Frederick (m. to Catherine Yeager, of Reading); Jennie E., Ella M., John William, Jr., Leah E., Charles G., and Robert C.

JOHN HENRY EARLY, the third son, was born Nov. 26, 1871. After learning the printer's trade, he served as a reporter on the *Reading Herald* and the *Reading Times* for a number of years. He is now assistant city editor of the latter newspaper. He married S. Emma Eisenhower, of Reading.

DAVID FREDERICK EARLY, the fourth son, born March 22, 1874, is a machinist, with automobile building as a specialty. He married Margaret H. Hiester, of Reading, and they have one child Albert Hiester Early.

HENRIETTA C. EARLY, the elder daughter, married Harry W. Grim, of Millersville, Pa., and they have two children, William George and Ralph Early. They live at Reading.

LYDIA J. EARLY, the younger daughter, lives with her parents at Reading.

CAPT. PRINCE REDINGTON STETSON, youngest son of Charles A. Stetson who was for forty years (from 1837 to 1877) proprietor of the well-known "Astor House" in New York City, was born in the city mentioned June 5, 1839, and there educated. He entered the regular army by appointment as first lieutenant of the 15th United States Infantry May 14, 1861, and served with the regiment in Kentucky until January, 1863, when he was appointed chief of ordnance on the staff of Maj. Gen. D. N. Couch, Department of the Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania, with headquarters at Harrisburg. While stationed there, he organized and mustered into service the 167th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers at Reading. Upon rejoining his regiment at Chattanooga, Tenn., he was detached by Special Order, Army of the Cumberland, as Aide de Camp on the staff of Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker, and he served as his personal aide until he resigned in December, 1865. While in the service he participated in the battles of New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Utoy Station and Atlanta.

In 1863 Captain Stetson was married to Rebecca Hiester Eckert, daughter of Isaac Eckert (president of the Farmers' Bank at Reading from 1836 to 1873, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this publication). To this marriage were born two children, Edward Eckert, and Alice Develin (m. to Charles B. Knapp of New York City and died Feb. 26, 1907).

Upon his location at Reading, after resigning from the regular army, Captain Stetson identified himself with Christ Protestant Episcopal Church and served as a vestryman for upward of forty years; also as treasurer of the Diocese of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania; manager and treasurer of the Reading Hospital for upward of twenty-five years; also as a trustee of Charles Evans Cemetery since 1900 (having succeeded Geo. B. Eckert upon his decease).

Captain Stetson took an active interest in the management of the Leesport Iron Company, as treasurer of the company for a number of years until the plant was sold. During the administration of President Harrison he officiated as postmaster of Reading from 1889 to 1893, having developed the office to a very high standard, for which he received congratulatory letters from Postmaster General Wanamaker. He is a member of the Loyal Legion, the Union Veteran Legion of Reading, and Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R., of Reading.

Captain Stetson is a lineal descendant of Cornet Robert Stetson, who raised the Plymouth Troop of Horse in Plymouth county, Mass., in 1658, the first company in that early settlement; and a great grandson of Capt. Prince Stetson, whose company was in the 23d Regt. U. S. Regular Army in the Revolution, commanded by Col. John Bailey.

GEORGE W. FREYBERGER, a teacher in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, was born in that township Aug. 19, 1861, son of George and Amelia (Schmehl) Freyberger, and grandson of George and Catharine (Bitting) Freyberger.

Family tradition states that Jacob Freyberger, a native of Switzerland, was the ancestor of those of the name in Berks county, and that after coming to the New World he located in Bern township, Berks county. The Pennsylvania Archives record that one Jacob Freyberger emigrated to America and landed at Philadelphia Oct. 10, 1754, having crossed the ocean on the ship "Peggy." The Federal census report of 1790 shows "Widow" Freyberger, of Bern township, as the head of a family consisting in that year of two sons above sixteen years of age, two sons under sixteen years of age, and three daughters. This probably was the widow of Jacob Freyberger. The Federal census report of 1790 also records the names of Jacob and John Freyberger, the former having a family of two sons, less than sixteen years old, and five daughters. John was married but had no issue. The ancestor, Jacob Freyberger, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and served in Capt. Jacob Soder's Fifth Company, being one of his two Court Martial men of the Company May 17, 1777. [Penn's Archives, Fifth Series, page 192.] In 1777 Jacob Freyberger was a resident of Bern township, Berks county.

George Freyberger, grandfather of George W., was of Maiden-creek township. He died in 1836, and is buried at Schwartzwald Church of which he was a member. He was a carpenter and undertaker, and lived in Exeter a number of years before he died. His wife was Catharine Bitting, daughter of Daniel Bitting, of Exeter township. She died during the seventies, when past seventy years of age. Of their five children, all born in Exeter, one daughter died small. The others were: Daniel, who lived on the homestead in Exeter; Mary, m. to John Lutz, of Exeter; Catharine, m. to Reuben Nagel, of Exeter; and George, born in 1827. George Freyberger (born in 1827) says that his grandfather lived in Maiden-creek township, and that among his children was a daughter Eve who was the wife of Michael Huntzinger, the grandfather of the Rev. Mr. Huntzinger, of Reading. In 1790 John Christian Freyberger and William Freyberger lived in Heidelberg township, Berks county; and John Freyberger lived in Brunswick and Manheim townships in what is now Schuylkill (then Berks) county. The latter had one son above sixteen years of age, and one son under sixteen years of age, and one daughter. His relationship, if any, to the Bern township family is not known.

George Freyberger, son of George and father of George W., was born in Exeter township Feb. 7, 1827. When a young man, he learned the tailor's trade in Amity township, and this he followed some twenty years in Exeter and Ruscombmanor townships. He located in Ruscombmanor township in 1855, and there has since made his home. Here he followed the tailor's trade until after the Civil war. For five years he worked at the Oley Furnace, and late in the sixties he took to farming, and continued until 1896, when he retired. Since 1903, he has lived with his son George W. He was married Aug. 14, 1853, to Amelia Schmehl, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Breidigam) Schmehl, of Ruscombmanor township. She was born Oct. 31, 1829, and since 1903 has been totally blind. To George and Amelia Freyberger were born four children of whom a son, Irwin, died aged twenty-seven days. Those living are: Jacob S. who married Harriet Hill, and lives in Ruscombmanor township; George W.; and Thomas J., who married Sallie Endy, and lives in Ruscombmanor township.

George W. Freyberger was reared to farm life, and worked for his parents until he was of age. He obtained

his early education in the common schools of his district. He attended the Oley Academy under Prof. Henry Schadler, now a minister of the Reformed faith and located at Allentown. Mr. Freyberger was licensed to teach in the public schools by Prof. D. S. Keck, then County Superintendent, in 1881, and taught his first and second terms at Schmehls School. The past twenty-six terms he has taught the Links School of Ruscombmanor township. He is one of the efficient teachers of the county. After teaching several terms, Mr. Freyberger was given a professional certificate and later he received a State Teacher's Permanent Certificate. He now lives in his own home, where he has a tract of twenty-one acres.

Mr. Freyberger is a member of Ringgold Council No. 23, O. U. A. M., of Friedensburg; and Castle No. 119, K. G. E., of Friedensburg, of the latter of which he is a charter member, and has been an official since its organization in 1886. He is the District Grand Chief of District No. 6 of Berks county, and is active in the interest of the lodge. In politics he is a Republican, has been a delegate to a number of county conventions, and is now the Republican committeeman for his township. He belongs to Spies's Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon and elder, the former office nine years, and the latter six years.

Mr. Freyberger was married in 1889 to Rosa Guinther, daughter of L. F. and Sarah (Bortz) Guinther, of Reading. Their children are: Edna, Wayne and Earl.

FRANCIS ROLAND, Jr., the secretary of the Reading School District, who has his office in the high school building, is a son of Francis and Anna Eliza (Yeager) Roland.

Francis Roland, Sr., was born in Reading in 1816, and died in 1897. He was in the hatting business in Reading for sixty years, was clerk of Quarter Sessions for Berks county for a term, and also served as director of the poor. He married Anna Eliza Yeager, who was descended from an old American family, some of her ancestors being soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and her mother received a pension as the widow of a soldier who had served in the war with Mexico. To them were born five sons and two daughters: Lucien, who was a soldier in the Civil war, died in 1886, aged forty-three years; one daughter died in infancy; George W.; Henry Y.; Emma Catharine; Frederick, who is in the real estate business and served as director of the poor; and Francis, Jr. The mother of these children died in 1900, aged seventy-nine years.

Francis Roland, Jr., was born Feb. 13, 1853, and received his education in the public schools of Reading. His first occupation was that of telegrapher for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, remaining in this service for almost twenty years. In 1890 he became secretary of the Reading School District, a position he has held to the present.

Mr. Roland married Rebecca Spencer, daughter of Osborn Spencer, deceased, of Allentown, who was at one time superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Two children were born to this union: Spencer Brown, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, class of 1903, was admitted to practice in the courts of Berks county in 1904; C. Frederick is a salesman in one of the leading mercantile establishments of Reading.

Mr. Roland belongs to the Royal Arcanum and to the Sons of America. He is a member of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

ANDREW J. LEVENGOOD, who was president of the Penn Planing Mill Company, of Reading, Pa., was born March 14, 1866, at Hazleton, Pa., son of William Y. and Margaret (Corbett) Levengood.

William Y. Levengood was "boss" carpenter for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in 1898, aged sixty-two. His wife died in 1896, aged sixty. They had the following children: Emma (m. Howard Heller); Hettie (m. Forrest Melhouse); Edith (m. Harry They); Frank, deceased; Andrew J.; Amelia (m. Joseph Engel); John, an engineer in the Pottstown Iron Company's plant. The family belong to the Reformed Church.

Andrew J. Levengood received his education in the schools of Pottstown, where his parents had removed, from Hazleton, when he was one year old, and his first work after leaving school was the learning of the carpenter's trade with his father. He then entered the employ of the Fisher Planing Mill, where he learned all the details of mill work and in 1892 located in Reading, finding employment at the Shunk Planing mill. He continued with that company until it went into liquidation, when the Penn Planing Mill Company became its successor and Mr. Levengood was made president, Harry Shunk, vice-president; and Conrad B. High, secretary and treasurer. The new company has been very successful under President Levengood's able management, their orders being far ahead of the work turned out. The mill has the reputation of doing the finest class of work and the company enjoys some of Reading's best trade, although their operations are not confined to the city alone, but extend to the smaller towns and cities in the surrounding country. The mill has been operating on this site for sixty-three years. Mr. Levengood retired from this company to enter the real estate and building business. Mr. Levengood was married in 1888 to Elizabeth S. Fryer, daughter of William and Sarah Fryer. They are members of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church of which he is at present acting as deacon. Mr. Levengood is very prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter, R. A. M.; Reading Commandery, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Reading; Philadelphia Consistory, 32d degree; Manatawny Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 214; and Mt. Penn Encampment of Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Levengood are survivors of the Honda wreck of May 10, 1907, and did excellent service in helping to alleviate the sufferings of the less fortunate and also in assisting in the removal of the bodies from Santa Barbara to Reading.

DANIEL RUTH, for many years a leading business man in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, was born April 13, 1822, and died January 11, 1908. He was the son of Benjamin and Susan (Rothermel) Ruth.

The parents of Daniel Ruth were both natives of Berks county, Pa. His father resided in Cumru township, now Spring township (where Daniel was born) along the beautiful Cacoosing Creek, and his mother was a daughter of Peter and Magdalena Iaeger Rothermel, of Richmond township. Benjamin Ruth was a farmer by calling. His life was brought to an untimely close when he was twenty-one years of age. His widow was left with three children, namely: Henry, Daniel and Mary, who married Charles Reinert. Mrs. Ruth afterwards married Samuel Gross, and eight children were born to them, viz.: George Washington; Peter; Catharine; Louisa; Samuel; Jacob; Susan and Charles, of whom only one, Jacob, now (1909) survives.

Daniel Ruth was brought up partly under the care of his uncle, Daniel Rothermel, until he reached the age of sixteen, and up to that time he attended the district schools of Berks county. When he had reached a proper age to learn a trade, he decided upon cabinet making and served his apprenticeship under Jacob Kuntzman. After working in that line six years, he went to Reading, Pa., and was there for three years, in the employ of the Johnson Foundry, engaged in building coal cars. He then took a position with Jacob Doughty, a manufacturer of agricultural implements. He had marked business aptitude, and in his various enterprises succeeded so well that in 1898 he retired from active business, occupying himself in looking after his property interests.

In 1842 Mr. Ruth was married to his first wife, Miss Hannah Ely, who was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. They enjoyed only thirteen years of

wedded life, Mrs. Ruth dying in 1855, leaving four children: George, Margaret Elizabeth (who married William M. Wells, March 10, 1867), John and Henry. April 22, 1866, Mr. Ruth married his second wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Garrett, who, with her daughter Susan, their only child, survives him.

Mr. Ruth was a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat. He was also one who risked his life for his country during the Civil War, having been mustered, December 11, 1862, into Company B, under Captain Charles Melcher, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment, Colonel Charles A. Knoderer, commanding.

GEORGE S. KERCHER (deceased) was proprietor of a bakery establishment in Reading, at No. 930 Douglass street. His start in life was made without means and the success he attained was due wholly to his own energy. He was born July 4, 1870, in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of Charles H. and Amanda (Sterner) Kercher.

Benjamin Kercher, his grandfather, was a respected citizen and lifelong agriculturist of Longswamp township, Berks county, where he owned a valuable farm. He was married to Hettie Fisher, and they had two children: Charles H. and Mary, the latter of whom died at the age of two years. He died in 1872, and his wife in 1846.

Charles H. Kercher was born in Longswamp township, in 1840, and was educated in the schools of that locality, and then learned the carpenter's trade. In 1879 he removed to Reading, and was engaged at carpenter work until 1903, when he retired, assisting his son at times in the bakery. He was married in 1865 to Amanda Sterner, daughter of David and Angelina (Leiby) Sterner, and they had nine children, five of whom survive: Albert (who married Emma Reeser), Horatio (who married Katie Mayberry), Naomi (who married Alvin Weand), Sallie (who married Frank Stout), and Milton S. In religious belief the family is connected with the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kercher was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of Company K, 151st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain James W. Weida. He received his honorable discharge July 30, 1863, at Harrisburg, Pa. He is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 16, Reading.

George S. Kercher was three years of age when his parents removed to Reading, and here he received his education in the common schools. Until seventeen years of age, he worked at farm labor, and then he was apprenticed to the baker's trade, serving a term of four years. Later he went west, where he remained until 1891; then returned to accept a position with a Mrs. Fox, who conducted a bakery on Buttonwood street. After working six years for her, he embarked in business for himself at No. 1026 Oley street, and later removed to Green street. In 1906 he erected a modern baking establishment, and employed twenty-three people (eleven of whom were bakers), his business requiring nine delivery wagons. He made a specialty of catering at weddings, banquets, etc.

Mr. Kercher was married to Lilah Carl, and to them was born a daughter, named Edna. They attended the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he was connected with Camp No. 552, P. O. S. of A.; Camp No. 17, Patriotic Order of Americans; German American Association; Northeastern Republican League; and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he was a Republican. He died July 19, 1908.

JOHN L. J. KNOLL. Among the successful young men in Reading, who are developing business careers, is John L. J. Knoll, a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Delp & Co. Mr. Knoll is a native of Jefferson township, where he was born August 5, 1867, on the homestead known familiarly as the "Wenrich" farm.

Great-grandfather Knoll was born in Host, Germany. Tradition gives him three sons, John Jacob, George and David. He came to America in the early part of the nineteenth century. Grandfather John Jacob married and had six children: John L., mentioned below; Harrison, who remained single, and drifting to the far west, died about 1893; Eva (married John Miller of Jefferson township), and three others who died in infancy.

John L. Knoll married Amanda Wenrich, a daughter of Paul and Salome (Leiss) Wenrich, and they had nine children as follows: Rebecca R. (married James Wentzel, deceased in March of 1890); James Isaac, went west in 1877 and married a western girl; Arabella (became Mrs. Thomas Field, her husband being the son of Elias Field, of North Heidelberg township); Ida (married Cornelius Trostle); Miranda (married Monroe Geiss, son of Harrison Geiss, who lived near Bernville, in Penn township); Albert, whose wife was Kate Reich, daughter of John Reich, of Bernville, Pa.; Sallie (married Dr. J. H. Horne, son of Charles Horne, of Heidelberg); John J., married Susan Donkel, daughter of Aaron Donkel, of Lehigh county, and later moved to Reading, where he died January 1, 1900; Elmer Charles, married Maggie Noll, daughter of William Noll, of Robesonia, who was killed on the railroad, when the daughter was very young.

John L. Knoll, the father of this family, was a tiller of the soil the major portion of his life, retiring from active work in 1897, and now resides with his son Albert. During the earlier part of his manhood, he was employed in the family of a Mr. Reed. He assisted in the widening of the Union Canal, furnishing stone for the construction of the different locks. Mr. Knoll's farming operations were carried on in connection with this work, and he had the reputation of being one of the best farmers in the community.

John L. J. Knoll attended the public schools of his home district, and for a time was in the Bernville high school. The year prior to his majority, he worked for his father. In February of 1888, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of A. M. Klopp, of North Heidelberg. He severed his connection with that house in 1890, the year which marked his first coming to Reading. His first business in Reading was the settling up of a small estate for James Wentzel, a brother-in-law. In May of that year he accepted a position with Charles L. Van Reed, who conducted a paper business on the west side of South Fifth street, near where the Metropolitan Electric Light Company now has its offices. He continued in this position for several months, and then connected himself with the business in which he is now a leading factor.

Starting at the bottom of the ladder, he became a teamster for G. H. Delp & Company, one of the large wholesale (and retail) grocery houses of the city. For some eight years he continued to do outside work, and then was given a position on the inside, which position gradually merged into that of a salesman. In July of 1905 a reorganization of the firm took place. The old firm consisted of G. H. Delp and George W. Leiss. The new partnership which was now formed, continued G. H. Delp as a member and added three new ones, the names being J. L. J. Knoll, William H. Reeser, and Edward M. Herbein. The old firm name of Delp & Company was retained. Doing business at Nos. 12 and 14 South Eighth street, the firm immediately took on new life, and in the four years in which it has been doing business, has shown a marked degree of success. It is fair to say here that the change in this firm and its subsequent success is largely due to the ability displayed by Mr. Knoll in the years of his salesmanship. The private brands of goods which are kept on the market by the advice and direction of Mr. Knoll is one of the features which has added greatly to the success of the firm. Only a wholesale business has been conducted since the reorganization of the firm, the retail business having been taken over by the retiring partner, who conducts it under the firm name

of George W. Leiss & Company, at the old stand known as the "Henry Kerper Estate."

Although having the reputation of giving close attention to business Mr. Knoll enjoys the social and religious amenities of life. He is connected with the Reformed Church, being a communicant member at North Heidelberg, where he was confirmed. He also belongs to several of the better fraternal bodies: Isaac Hiester Lodge F. & A. M., No. 660; Progressive Lodge No. 470, I. O. O. F., of which he is a Past Grand, and was Trustee for a number of years; Reading Council of the Royal Arcanum, in which latter he has filled several important offices. The wholesale firm of which he is a member has membership with the Central Wholesalers' Association, of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, & Delaware Association, and also the National Wholesale Grocers' Association.

The married life of Mr. Knoll began May 17, 1897, with his union with Margaret S. Donkle, daughter of Aaron and Margaret (Graeff) Donkle. They have one child, Loraine Margaret, born November 16, 1905.

WILLIAM HERBERT ERMENTROUT, manager of the mill department of Bright & Company's Hardware Store, Reading, Pa., was born in that city Sept. 28, 1858, son of William C. and Elenora (Leize) Ermentrout.

The early home of the Ermentrout family was in Nassau, and the line can be traced in the old country back to the days of the dark ages. The early home of the first American emigrant of the name was in the Palatinate, whence in 1739 he, John Ermentrout, emigrated to the New World, and located in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Christopher Ermentrout, son of the emigrant John, was born Feb. 8, 1754, in Berks county, and passed his entire life engaged in farming.

John Ermentrout, son of Christopher, was born in Berks county April 27, 1777, and farmed and manufactured hats until about twenty years before his death, when he retired in comfortable circumstances. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics was a firm believer in the principles of Thomas Jefferson. His home was in the vicinity of Womelsdorf.

William Ermentrout, son of John, was born Dec. 12, 1799, and died Jan. 21, 1880. For many years he was engaged in mercantile business at Reading, and he was very prominent in public affairs in that city, serving as a member of the board of control of its public schools, as school treasurer and as county treasurer. He was the father of: John S.; Daniel; James N.; William C.; Benjamin F.; Philip M.; Joseph C. and Samuel C.

William C. Ermentrout, son of William, was born Sept. 29, 1829, and died Jan. 17, 1887. He was a substantial citizen of Reading, and lived retired a number of years. For many years he was the leader of the Reading Ringgold Band, writing most of their music in his day. He was a gifted musician, thoroughly understanding harmony and composition. His home was at No. 141 North Fifth Street. He married Elenora Leize, daughter of Adam Leize for whom the bridge known as Leize's bridge was named. To William Ermentrout and his wife were born: Gertrude (m. G. Benton Beaver, of Reading); W. Herbert; and Miriam, Alice and Eugene, who died young.

William Herbert Ermentrout received his education in the public schools, going as far as the high school, after which he was a student in Palatinate College at Myerstown for four years. At the age of eighteen he entered the machine shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and served his full apprenticeship, after which he had charge of the engines for three years. When he left the company it was to engage in the machine business for himself, and in this he continued until 1897, when he sold out to Boyer & Brother. In that year he began to work for Davis, Printz & Company, and turned shells for the government until the close of the Spanish-American war. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Ermentrout entered the service of the Bright & Company hardware store, as manager of the mill department, and this responsible position he has since filled with credit.

Socially Mr. Ermentrout is a member of Mount Penn Council, Royal Arcanum, of Reading, and a member of the Board of Trade. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and he and his wife take an active part in the Sunday-school, Mrs. Ermentrout having been the treasurer and Mr. Ermentrout the librarian for many years.

In November, 1884, Mr. Ermentrout married Miss Laura Shoemaker, daughter of Dr. Charles and Marietta (Wertz) Shoemaker, and they have one son, Charles B., who graduated from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1909. The family home is at No. 514 Elm street, Reading.

CHARLES STRUNK HILL, wholesale merchant in woolen goods, at Philadelphia, was born at Pricetown, Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, Jan. 17, 1857, a son of Abraham De Turck Hill.

Abraham DeT. Hill was born in 1823, in Ruscombmanor township, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death in 1903. He married Margaret Guldin Strunk, daughter of Jacob Strunk, of Amity township, who died in 1866, aged thirty-eight years. They had ten children, as follows: Samuel J. m. (first) Caroline Heffner and (second) Mrs. Kate Weston; Anna M. m. Peter L. Glase; Mary A. m. Charles H. Howell; Hannah Louisa m. Jacob Hoch; Charles S.; Sarah Elizabeth m. Adam Busch; John C. resides at Easton, Pa.; Clara A. m. W. H. Rodenbaugh, of Philadelphia; George W.; and Emma R. m. W. C. Motteran, of Philadelphia.

Charles Strunk Hill was educated in the township school and in the Oley Academy, and taught six terms, one in Ruscombmanor and five in Oley township. He was then employed at the Oley Furnace for seven years, during the last five being manager of the works. In 1884 he went to Philadelphia and after working for the Pinkerton Detective Agency and the wholesale firm of Brenniser, Schwenk & Company, dealers in woolen goods, for two years, he started for himself as a wholesale dealer in woolen goods, continuing in the same business until the present time, having developed a trade that reaches through the Middle and Eastern States. His brother-in-law, Edgar J. Lutz, was admitted as a partner in 1906 and the firm style since then has been Chas. S. Hill & Company.

In 1889, Mr. Hill was married to Emma Lutz, daughter of John A. Lutz, and they have two sons, Charles and Richard John.

John A. Lutz emigrated from Germany to New York in the forties and after remaining there for a few years he went to California, where he was engaged as a gold miner until 1865. He then settled at Philadelphia, where he has since been interested in a shoe business.

DANIEL R. WERT, a general farmer in Bern township, was born in Centre township, Berks Co., Pa., June 21, 1860, a son of Daniel S. and Kate (Rubright) Wert.

The first of the Wert family on record in Berks county was Jacob Wert. In 1774, when his will was registered in the general office at Reading, Pa., in Will Book No. 2, page 164, he was described as a yeoman in Albany township. His wife's name was Anna Margaretha. The names of his children are not given in the will. In 1879, in Bethel, one John Wert died and his will is on record in Will Book No. 13, page 702. He had no issue. He had a brother Daniel and one named Joseph. Provision in the will was made for John and Daniel, children of Joseph Wert. Another item in the will states: "If Daniel (my brother) shall die before I, then his share shall go to his two sons, Henry and Daniel, they being sons of his second wife."

Wilhelm Wert, grandfather of Daniel R., was born at Blue Mountain Church, in upper Berks county. In

1829 he moved with his family to Centre township and settled on the farm now owned by Levi Dietrich, which his wife had inherited from her father, Heinrich Smith. There the Wert family lived until they died. The wife, Susanna (Smith) Wert, lived to the age of ninety-six years. After her death the farm was sold to Levi F. Dietrich and it is still considered one of the best farms in Centre township. The children of William Wert and wife were: Elizabeth m. Daniel Hoak; Adam, who died young; Lizzie m. Daniel Hollenbach; and Daniel S.

Daniel S. Wert, father of Daniel R. was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Dec. 30, 1822, and died Dec. 18, 1899, aged seventy-six years, eleven months and nineteen days. During the final three years of his life he lived with his son. By trade he was a carpenter and this he followed for some years and then turned his efforts to farming and continued for twenty years on the home farm in Centre township. After the sale of that farm he came to Bern township, where he owned his house with six acres of land, and lived there retired until he went to the home of his son, when the infirmities of age overcame him. He was a member of Belleman's Church, of the Lutheran faith, and his remains rest there. He married Kate Rubright, daughter of Jonathan Rubright. She was born June 24, 1824, and died in Bern township, Apr. 30, 1891, aged sixty-four years; she was also buried at Belleman's Church. They had five children, namely: Sarah, who died unmarried; John, who died young; Susanna, who married Henry Berkey, of Centre township; Rebecca, who married Henry Weissner, deceased; and Daniel R.

Daniel R. Wert has been engaged in farming ever since he was old enough to manage farm utensils. He attended the district schools and assisted his father until he had reached his majority, after which he worked for neighboring farmers through Centre and Bern townships and worked one year in Oley township for Ammon Good. In 1900 he began farming for himself on a tract of twenty-three acres which he bought in that year, already owning six acres which he had bought in 1895. In 1903 he built a substantial barn, in 1905 a comfortable residence, and new outbuildings in 1907. All his buildings are in excellent condition and of modern construction. His farm is productive and he takes produce to the Reading market every week.

On Sept. 17, 1887, he married Lillie Shearer, daughter of Aaron Y. and Emma (Heister) Shearer and a granddaughter of Samuel T. and Catherine (Yergy) Shearer. Mr. and Mrs. Wert have two children: Howard S. and Ella K. The former married Stella M. Kech and they have one daughter, Lillie H. The latter resides at Reading, where she is employed as a seamstress.

In politics, Mr. Wert is a Democrat. With his family he belongs to Epler's Lutheran Church, in which he served six years as a deacon and since 1907 has been an elder.

LEVI L. FRITCH, a highly respected resident of Longswamp, belongs to that progressive class of citizens to which is due so much of the substantial growth and strength of the American nation.

Johannes Frietsch, great-grandfather of Levi L., was born in Hesse Darmstadt, June 14, 1744. He was one of the five hundred passengers on the ship "Hero," Ralph Forster, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. They landed in America Oct. 27, 1764, and on this same day he qualified, as recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives (2nd Series) Vol. 17, Page 466 (Johannes Frietsch). He was married to a Miss Maria Palsgrafin, June 30, 1769, and they had the following children: John, born in 1771, in Longswamp township; Elizabeth, Nov. 23, 1772, in Maxatawny township; Jacob, Aug. 24, 1779, in Maxatawny township; John Henry, Aug. 30, 1781; John George, in Longswamp township, Oct. 10, 1787. Johannes Frietsch died Sept. 13, 1823, aged seventy-nine years, two months and twenty-nine days.

John George Fritsch (as his name was spelled), grandfather of Levi L., was born Oct. 10, 1787, at 10 P. M. He was a miller by occupation, and resided at the old mill in what is known as Long's dale or valley, in Longswamp township, near the present home of our subject. This has always been regarded as the family homestead and it is now owned and occupied by Frank Fritsch. He died at Kutztown in 1863. His wife was Miss Nancy Long, who bore him seven children as follows: Nathan m. Mary Dry; George m. Miss Mathias; John m. Miss Glassmoyer; Levi is mentioned below; Annie m. Reuben Howerter; Esther m. Aaron Long; and Lydia remained single.

Levi Fritch, son of George and father of Levi L., who born and reared at the old mill. He learned the trade of millwright, which he followed all his active life. He was an expert workman, and was strictly honest, winning a high reputation for first class workmanship, and he built all the mills, with a very few exceptions, erected in eastern Berks county, and in part of Montgomery county. In 1857 he bought the old Jacob Fritch property, where his son, Levi L., now resides. The same year he erected a fine brick house, and two years later a modern barn. Shortly after this he gave up his work and passed the remainder of his life in retirement, enjoying the rest that comes from a comfortable competency won by steady work and wise investment. He died Oct. 25, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years. His remains were laid to rest in the Mertztown Church cemetery. His wife, who was Miss Sarah Long, daughter of Daniel Long and sister of Drs. M. S. and Augustus Long (both deceased), is still living, making her home with her son Levi L. She is a sister of Mrs. Acker, of Reading, and of Mrs. Haas of Topton, the others of her family being deceased. To Levi and Sarah (Long) Fritch were born the following children: Tilghman, a merchant of Mertztown, m. Miss Esther Fegley, daughter of Sol. Fegley; Manoah, of Philadelphia, m. Mary Weiler; and Levi L.

Levi L. Fritch was born on the homestead where he now resides, April 25, 1858. His education was acquired in the local schools, the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and Brunner's Business College, Reading. For a long time he clerked in the store of his brother, and for a time was a partner in the same, but for the past eighteen years he has given his attention to the lumber business, manufacturing barrel staves, for which there is a ready demand.

In 1880 Mr. Fritch was married to Miss Sallie Miller, daughter of Nathan Miller, of Mertztown. This union has been blessed with six daughters, as follows: Clara S., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, and for eight years a successful public school teacher, m. Frank Lawrence, of St. Louis, Mo. Lillian F., a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, and for five years a teacher, m. Winfield Hertzell, and now resides in Denver, Colo. Jennie B., also a graduate of the Keystone State Normal, who taught school for five years in Lehigh county, m. Rev. Charles A. Butz, of Myerstown, Lebanon county. Ella N., who like her sisters graduated from the Keystone State Normal, is now engaged in teaching in Lower Macungie township, Lehigh county. Melrose M. is a student in the Bloomsburg Normal School. Helen A. is attending the Longswamp high school under Prof. Kemp. The family are all members of the Mertztown Lutheran Church. In his political principles Mr. Fritch is a stanch Republican, but he has never aspired to the honors and responsibilities of official position. He has a fine reputation as a business man, is very popular with those who know him, and is much esteemed throughout Berks county.

WILLIAM YOCUM, who died at Stouchsburg March 26, 1905, was living retired after many years

engaged in farming. He was born in Cumru township, Jan. 29, 1830, son of George Yocum.

The name Yocum is quite common in the lower end of Berks county. Late in the seventeenth century a colony of Swedes settled at Wissahickon, near Philadelphia. In 1701 a number of these Swedes, including three Yocum brothers, located along the eastern bank of the Schuylkill, near Douglassville, Berks county. Surveys of land were made for these settlers Oct. 21, 1701, and patents issued between 1704 and 1705. The name is variously spelled in the early records, being Jocum, Yocomb, Yokham, Yocom and Yocum.

Nicholas Yocum (Yocom), the founder of the Cumru branch of the family, was born in Oley township, Sept. 3, 1776. As a young man he went to Lancaster county, and learned to make gun-barrels. When ready to begin for himself, he chose Cumru township, Berks county, as his location, bought the old Seidel forge, and there prepared his own iron for the manufacture of his gun-barrels. He followed this calling many years with great profit, but he was of so generous and sympathetic a disposition that he was remembered for his benefactions rather than his wealth, and many were the men in financial straits whom he helped. In person he was tall, powerful and of commanding presence. He died April 23, 1857, aged eighty years, seven months, twenty days. His wife, Catherine (Lorah) Yocum, whom he married March 14, 1801, was born Oct. 3, 1783, and she died Feb. 13, 1851. They had four children: George, born 1803; Daniel, 1805, who married Miss Catharine Thompson, and died in 1864; Moses; and Samuel, who married a Miss Spohn, and settled at Sinking Spring.

George Yocum, son of Nicholas, was born in Cumru township Oct. 3, 1803. He was an iron worker by trade, and he and his father bought the old Spohn estate in Lower Heidelberg township, consisting of 101 acres of the best land in the county. Here he engaged in farming until his son Benjamin took charge, and he then retired to Sinking Spring, where he died Aug. 17, 1881. He is buried in the cemetery at Sinking Spring. He married Catharine Hemmig, who was born Dec. 23, 1805, daughter of John and Susanna Hemmig. She died April 21, 1874. Their children were: William, a farmer near Stouchsburg, is now deceased; Aaron, a flour merchant in Reading, m. (first) Hannah and (second) Kate Heffer; Sarah m. Frederick Graeff; Amanda died unmarried; Amos, a shoemaker and farmer, m. Isabella Miller (1843-1885); Benjamin, born Nov. 7, 1836, now lives retired at Sinking Spring; Lizzie m. Aaron Fox, a butcher at Sinking Spring; Anna m. Reuben Beecher, formerly at Wernersville.

William Yocum grew to manhood in his native place, there in the local school receiving his education. He first learned the milling business and for some years was in Kissinger's Mill, but he afterwards went to farming, a vocation he followed with unfailing success until his retirement. He passed the last fifteen years of his life in Stouchsburg, and there in the old home his two daughters, Misses Clara and Valeria, still reside.

On Oct. 21, 1851, at Reading, Mr. Yocum married Mary M. Potteiger, born Jan. 2, 1830, died May 17, 1905, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Minnich) Potteiger. Their children were: Clara E.; James W. (deceased), member of the firm of Yocum Brothers, largest cigar manufacturers in Berks county; Ellen M., deceased; William H., in partnership with his brother, James W., many years; Valeria; and George J. Mr. and Mrs. Yocum died just six weeks apart, and both are buried in the family plot in the Charles Evans cemetery, Reading. They were members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Yocum held office many years. In politics he was a firm believer in Republican principles.

ISAAC RUTH, one of the supervisors of Lower Heidelberg township, and a son of Francis Ruth, was born in the vicinity of Denver, Lancaster county, Sept. 23, 1841, and was there educated and trained to farming. When he was sixteen years old, he went to Cumberland county, found employment with a farmer near Shippensburg, and while assisting his employer in stock raising and farming operations, obtained an English education. He remained two years, and then returning home, accompanied his father to Heidelberg township, Berks county, where the latter had purchased a large farm. After assisting his father three years, he married and moved to Reading, where he was employed as a teamster at the Krick Grist Mill, situated along the Canal, near the Lebanon Valley Railroad. He continued at this employment three years, and then assisted Rick Brothers in putting up their foundry, working for them in all two years. He next engaged in the manufacture of hand-made building brick, with his plant in Ricktown, along Schuylkill avenue. He had been engaged in this business for about thirteen years, when he was appointed highway commissioner for the Western District of Reading, and he sold out his business. He served as commissioner eight years, and then engaged in farming along the Tulpehocken Creek, in Bern township, and at building operations with the West Reading Building Association for several years. After 1893 he engaged in farming on his forty-acre farm in Lower Heidelberg township, one-half mile west of Sinking Spring. He sold this farm in the spring of 1907, and a year later moved into his own residence at No. 141 North Front street, Reading, where he has since lived retired. Under the new Road Law, which became operative in 1906, he was elected one of the road commissioners of Lower Heidelberg, and he is now filling his first term. He is a stanch Democrat.

In 1862 Mr. Ruth married Mary Holl, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Spatz) Holl, of Lower Heidelberg township. She died in 1872, aged thirty years. The children born of this union were: Susanna Elizabeth m. Franklin Eidell; Emma Amanda m. Nicholas Kauffman; Francis H. m. Cora Wagner; and a son died young. In 1876 Mr. Ruth married (second) Amanda Moyer, daughter of William Moyer, of Spring township, and four children have been born of this union: Sallie Ann, William Isaac, Eva Magdalena, and a son that died in infancy.

OLIVER H. SANDER was born Dec. 2, 1853, in Rockland township, Berks county, a son of William and Sarah (Henry) Sander.

Heinrich Sander, the great-grandfather of Oliver H. Sander, was born in Germany and came to America when a young man, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He married Elizabeth Kutz, sister of Solomon Kutz, who was a prominent man in his day. They had issue as follows: Charles, Jacob, Samuel, John, William, Isaac, Daniel, Henry and Jonathan.

Jacob Sander, blacksmith and farmer at Kutztown, the paternal grandfather, was born in 1807, and died in the seventieth year of his age. His wife was Lydia Old, daughter of Gabriel Old, and they had issue as follows: Henry, who died unmarried; Augustus; William; Susanna and Sarah, twins; David; Daniel, who lived and died at Annapolis, Md., leaving a large family; Jonathan, of Reading; Isaac; and George, of Youngstown, Ohio.

William Sander, father of Oliver H., was a blacksmith by trade, learning it in boyhood and following it all his active life. During part of this time he and his son Oliver were partners. He was born Feb. 21, 1833, at Kutztown, on the Sander homestead, near the United Evangelical Church, on Main street. He married Sarah Henry, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna (Reichert) Henry, and they had children: Oliver H.; Lewis D., who died aged four years; Cyrus W.; Lillie, who married Rev. William Bieber, of Hellertown, Pa.; Emma, who married Charles Leiby, of Warwick, N. Y.; William R., who married Mamie Kline; Elmer; Laura and Charles F.

Oliver H. Sander was four years of age when his father settled at Kutztown and this place has been his

home ever since. He was educated in the local schools and the Fairview Seminary, which was then under the supervision of Prof. H. R. Nicks. This institution in later years became the Keystone State Normal School.

When Mr. Sander was sixteen years of age he learned the blacksmith trade, which he has successfully followed ever since and he is considered a very expert workman. Politically he is a strong Democrat and wields considerable influence in local and county politics. His first political office was that of deputy burgess of Kutztown, which office he held for three years. His next was that of councilman and the duties were performed with fidelity to the public. On numerous occasions he has been sent as a delegate to state and county conventions. In November, 1902, he was elected a county commissioner and went into office in January, 1903.

On Dec. 6, 1879, he married Catherine Oswald, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Smith) Oswald. The former was a soldier in the Civil war but never returned and his name stands on the records of the Federal Government as "not accounted for." Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have two children, Maggie V. and Linda C. Both these young ladies are successful teachers. The former graduated from the Keystone State Normal School in 1898 and the latter in 1903.

JAMES A. DUNDORE, a prosperous farmer now living in retirement in Heidelberg township, was born on the old Dundore homestead in that same township, June 25, 1846, son of William and Sarah (Ernst) Dundore.

William Dundore was born in 1812, and died in October, 1885. For many years he was a farmer, and after his retiring from active work he made his home in Womelsdorf, where he died. He owned the old family homestead, and was in very comfortable circumstances. He was a member of Zion's Church, Womelsdorf, for years, and served it as an official, and now sleeps his last sleep in the churchyard. He married Sarah Ernst, born in 1810, deceased in 1886, daughter of Joseph Ernst, who married a Miss Boyer. Their children were: Lovina m. John Dengler, a farmer of North Heidelberg; Jonathan E., of North Heidelberg; John, a farmer in Heidelberg who died in March, 1906; William E., a retired farmer residing at Perry, Iowa; Sarah m. William Klee, of Womelsdorf; and James A.

James A. Dundore attended the public schools, and later the Womelsdorf Academy, obtaining a good education. He was early trained to the duties pertaining to farming, and at the age of eighteen he learned the painter's trade. This he followed for eighteen years in Womelsdorf, Marion township, and Stouchsburg. In 1885 he began farming on the old Dundore homestead, of 102 acres, of rich arable soil, and he improved it with new outbuildings, etc. This was his home until the spring of 1900, when he retired, buying a tract of twenty-three acres adjoining, to which he removed, and where he now lives. In politics Mr. Dundore is a Democrat, and he has served his neighbors as school director and as supervisor. He and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church, at Womelsdorf, in which for the past sixteen years he has been an official.

Mr. Dundore has been twice married. In 1870 he wedded Isabella Leiss, who was born in 1850, and who died in 1885, daughter of Isaac Leiss. Six children were born to this union, namely: Martha T., who died in infancy; Sallie m. Elkanah Ruth, of Wernersville; Miss Ida M., at home; William I., a hosiery manufacturer at Womelsdorf, m. Esther Wenrich; Viella m. Charles Snyder, a farmer at Heidelberg; and Agnes m. Charles Oxenreider, a motorman on the Reading-Womelsdorf trolley line.

HARRY C. WEBER, who is a member of the Select Council from the Tenth ward of the city, was born in Reading, June 15, 1867, son of Julius and Anna (Kretz) Weber, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of France.

Julius Weber, Sr., born May 11, 1826, in Zurich, Switzerland, came to America in 1847 and settled first in New York City, where he remained some years, being interested in the manufacture of wash-boards, which later he introduced in the city of Zurich, Switzerland. Returning to America, Mr. Weber located in Philadelphia, where he opened a gymnasium, but later came to Reading, where he engaged as the pioneer badge manufacturer, his business becoming the largest of its kind in this section of the State. He also opened a gymnasium at his home at Perkiomen and Chestnut streets, there teaching such men as Judge Ermentrout, Judge Endlich, the Eckerts and other of Reading's leading citizens. Mr. Weber was a powerfully built man and a wonderful athlete. His death occurred Aug. 4, 1896, in his seventy-first year, his wife, Anna Kretz Weber, born Dec. 25, 1836, in Rochefort, France, passed away May 29, 1905, aged sixty-eight years. They were the parents of fifteen children, and of these seven still survive: Herman G.; Walter S.; Harry C.; James A.; Daniel; Hattie and Maud. In religious belief Mr. Weber was connected with the Reformed Church, while his wife was a Catholic. He was fraternally connected with Harmonie Maennerchor, and was also a member of Keim Post No. 76, G. A. R., being a veteran of the Civil war. In politics Mr. Weber was a Democrat.

General Shangranun, whose portrait may be found in the capitol at Washington, D. C., was an uncle of Mrs. Anna (Kretz) Weber. Her brother Charles Kretz was one of the pioneer hat manufacturers of the county, and another brother, Major Herman Kretz, was superintendent of the United States mint at Philadelphia; he was appointed May 7, 1895, by President Cleveland who was a warm personal friend. Major Kretz also served as chief clerk of the United States treasury department. At one time he was cashier and paymaster of the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

The ancestors of Mrs. Weber enjoyed the friendship of the first Napoleon.

Harry C. Weber was educated in the high schools of Reading, and afterward entered the badge works of his father. Later he went to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, learning steel plate and copper printing, hot press work, stamping and embossing, and, returning to Reading, engaged in work at the plant, where he has continued to the present time. The three brothers, Harry C., James A. and Daniel, conduct the business as the Reading Ribbon and Badge Company.

Mr. Weber is a magician of some note and has entertained many large audiences in the Eastern States, being a personal friend of Kellar, as he was of Hermann the Great. He is a member of the American Magicians of New York City, the Knights of Friendship, Consultory No. 3, and the Sons of Veterans. He is very popular throughout the city and is one of Reading's best citizens. Mr. Weber is a Democrat in political matters, and in 1905 was elected to complete the unexpired term of Edward Taenzer of the Tenth ward, in the select council, being elected in 1906 for a term of four years, his popularity being shown by his majority, 365, the largest in the history of the ward. He takes an active part in the interests of his constituents, and makes a capable official. He is the owner of considerable property in the city.

ALBERT J. CRESSMAN, M. D., deceased, was born at Reading, Pa., May 15, 1856, and died at his home in that city, June 6, 1891. He belonged to one of the leading families of Berks county, and extended mention of the same will be found in another part of this work.

Dr. Cressman was educated in the Reading schools, and was a graduate of the High School. After a period of study in the elements of medicine with Dr. D. L. Beaver, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1877. He then returned to Reading and entered upon his successful career of medical practice. He was a member of the Pathological Society of Berks county, and was one of the visiting physicians to St. Joseph's Hospital, at Reading.

On May 9, 1881, Dr. Cressman was united in marriage to Mary E. Heckel, daughter of the late Dr. Charles A.

Heckel, of Chester county. They had one son, J. Albert, a talented, ambitious young man, who was born April 1, 1884, was graduated at the Reading Classical school June 12, 1903, and at the Bliss Electrical School at Washington, D. C., June 6, 1906. He resides with his mother at the family home at No. 426 North Ninth street.

Dr. Cressman was a worthy member of the First Presbyterian Church at Reading. He was noted for his professional skill and his personal high character. He was a Republican in politics. Mrs. Albert J. Cressman was a descendant of James Everhart who was an extensive owner of coal lands now operated by the Lehigh Valley Railroad and other companies.

JOHN EGE, M. D., a practising physician at Reading since 1880, was born at Dettingen, in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 13, 1854. After going to the local schools until he was fourteen years old, he studied the higher branches in advanced schools in that vicinity, and attended medical lectures for two years, when he emigrated to America in 1880. He landed at New York, and shortly afterward proceeded to Reading. After practising at Reading as a physician for a year, he attended medical lectures for two years in the Hahnemann College, at Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1883. He then directed his attention particularly to surgery and established a private hospital in connection with his office. Much of his time was given to the treatment of Consumption, and in 1887 he read a special paper on the subject before a medical convention at Washington, D. C.

In 1889 Dr. Ege visited the Paris Exposition, after which he traveled through Switzerland to Berlin, where he took a special course on bacteriology and other branches of medical practice. During the last six years he has given special attention to the application of radium in the treatment of diseases, more particularly of a cancerous nature, and he has been very successful, having cured a number of remarkable cases. He possesses several radium tubes. One of them has the extraordinary strength of 1,800,000 activity, only six similar tubes being in America.

In 1883, Dr. Ege married Paulina Wonnberger (daughter of Prof. Carl Wonnberger, teacher of music, of Reading), by whom he has had five children: Olga (died in infancy); Carl (pharmacist, m. Stella Bower); Rhea (graduate of Girls' High School and now a teacher in a public school at Reading); Otto (student of interior decoration, attending the School of Industrial Arts of the Pennsylvania Museum at Philadelphia); and Waldo (attending the Reading Boys' High School).

ERNEST J. POOLE, of Reading, superintendent of the Carpenter Steel Works, was born in Butler, N. J., son of Judson and Julia (Decken) Poole.

Judson Poole, who was a blacksmith by trade, later became a machinist and served as master mechanic in a large plant at Sterling, N. Y. In his later years, however, he again took up blacksmithing in Paterson, N. J. He married Julia Decken, whose father owned valuable iron ore mines in New Jersey, the property still being in the possession of the family. To Mr. and Mrs. Poole were born two sons: George N., in the United States Navy, stationed at China, and Ernest J.; and four daughters.

After receiving his education in the public schools of his native locality, Mr. Ernest J. Poole learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and later became a machinist. He became a foreman in an old established works, and later accepted the position of master mechanic with the Spalding & Jennings Company, of Jersey City, N. J., which company was absorbed by the trust in 1900. Mr. Poole then came to Reading, and was made superintendent of the Carpenter Steel Works, this company, which has 900 men in its employ, manufacturing high grade steel tools, automobile parts, etc. It is one of the largest industries of Reading, and under Mr. Poole's able superintendency the business has assumed large proportions. Mr. Poole is a man of decided executive ability, a skilled mechanic, and one who is capable of managing the great force of employees, with whom he is very popular. He is a member of Reading Lodge No. 547, F. & A. M.; Foresters of America, at Jersey City; and the Royal Arcanum.

In 1891 Mr. Poole was married to Catherine Nist, and to them were born three children: Lillian M., Florence L. and Ernest J., Jr.

PAUL H. BLACHMAN, of Reading, Pa., engaged in the manufacture of cigars at No. 116 North Ninth street, was born at Görlitz, Germany, Oct. 18, 1844, son of Wilhelm Blachman, an extensive cloth manufacturer of that country. Of Wilhelm Blachman's large family of children, but two survive, William, employed at Cramp's shipyards in Philadelphia, but at one time located in Reading; and Paul H.

Paul H. Blachman received his education in the schools of his native country, and prior to coming to the United States, was engaged in bookkeeping. Mr. Blachman came to America when twenty-three years old, landing at New York June 14, 1867, having made the journey in the "Cimbria." He came direct to Reading, where his brother was then residing, but owing to the unsettled times on account of the Civil war, he was unable to secure work as a bookkeeper. In 1867, within six weeks time, Mr. Blachman learned the cigar maker's trade when he engaged in manufacturing of cigars, having continued that occupation to the present time. In 1876 he located at Ninth and Elm streets, on the present site of the Covenant Methodist Church, and lived there for about seventeen years, but his place of business is now situated at No. 116 North Ninth street, where he has resided since 1900.

In 1875 Mr. Blachman married Clara Louise Hamel, daughter of Henry Hamel, of Saxony, Germany, and to this union have been born: Arno Paul, a very talented musician, now traveling all over the Western Hemisphere; Emily Emma m. to Herman Schlatter, of Philadelphia; and Miss Helen, at home. Mr. Blachman is a member of Teutonia Lodge No. 367, F. & A. M., having joined that fraternity in 1888, and he has served as secretary since 1889. He and his wife are consistent attendants of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Blachman conducts a very complete wax floral store at her residence, a business in which she has been successfully engaged since 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Blachman are widely known in their community, and are respected for their simple and upright lives.

HENRY S. MACHEMER, a prominent citizen of Reading and Berks county, is a native of Perry township, born Feb. 3, 1856. He is the youngest son of the late John and Sarah (Snyder) Machemer.

John Machemer was born in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Berks county, about 1816, and died in 1867, in his fifty-second year. He and his wife are buried at Gernands Church, of which they were members, belonging to the Reformed congregation. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade near Mohrsville for many years, in addition to cultivating his farm of about fifty acres. He was a Democrat, and influential in his district, serving as supervisor for some years. When twenty-two years of age he married Sarah Snyder, whose parents lived on a farm adjoining the Machemer homestead. Mrs. Machemer died in August, 1881, aged sixty-three years. They had eight children as follows: Frank, who lived near Hamburg, died May 26, 1909, in his seventy-eighth year. Isaac S., who has been station agent at Bern Station for many years, was formerly the merchant at Berne. John, of Reading, was a policeman of Reading for many years and is now in the restaurant business. Peter, of Mohrsville, is a lock-tender on the Schuylkill Canal. Henry S. is mentioned below. Mary married John Bealer, and both are deceased. There were two daughters, between Isaac and John, who died a year apart, one when eleven years old.

Henry S. Machemer spent his boyhood on his father's farm, and received his early education in the public schools

subsequently attending select schools. At the age of eighteen years he secured a position with I. H. Rahn and his brother, Isaac S. Machemer, who were then in the mercantile business at Leesport under the firm name of Rahn & Machemer, and with them he remained five years, was employed by Samuel Sunday, their successor, and afterward by Willitts Bros., at the same place. He finally became a partner in the firm of Willitts, Dauber & Company, and when it was dissolved became a salesman with Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Reading, in the cloth and cassimere department. Subsequently he connected himself as salesman with the firm of Hall, Shenk & Company, which has since become Glase, Hall & Company, wholesale dealers in foreign and domestic dry goods, Philadelphia, and later he was employed as traveling salesman by William C. Hendricks & Company, of Trenton, N. J., manufacturers and importers of queensware. In 1886 he became a traveling salesman for Lippincott & Company, wholesale grocers and tea dealers, Philadelphia, by which firm he has been employed up to this time, living at Leesport, Ontelaunee and West Leesport, and locating in Reading in 1899. He resides at No. 438 North Ninth street. He has visited nearly every district in Berks and adjoining counties twice a month for the past twenty-five years, and enjoys a large personal acquaintance.

Mr. Machemer has always taken an active interest in Democratic politics, casting his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden for President, and has never missed a primary or general election since. He has been elected delegate to county conventions a number of times; was committeeman of Ontelaunee for a number of years, and served as school director of that township until he moved to West Leesport. His home has been in the Eleventh ward since his removal to Reading, and he has taken the same interest in politics here as in his former home. In 1907, as candidate for the office of county controller, he received a large vote.

Mr. Machemer is a charter member of Camp No. 165, P. O. S. of A., of Leesport; a charter member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle Castle at the same place; and is a member of the Northeastern Democratic Association of Reading.

On Aug. 4, 1877, Mr. Machemer married Ida Stamm, daughter of James T. and Henrietta (Steach) Stamm, of Womelsdorf, Berks county, and granddaughter of John Stamm, who lived near Bern Church. James T. Stamm was a school teacher in Berks county for forty-five successive years. He and his wife are buried at Womelsdorf, where they last resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Machemer have been born three children: Claude J., who for many years was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company as a clerk, died April 20, 1908, in his thirtieth year (he married Clara Gass, and they had two children, Henrietta and Grace); Harry L. is employed in the shipping department of the W. H. Luden Candy Manufacturing Company, at Reading; Clarence S. is employed as a cutter at the Curtis E. Jones Company's factory, Reading.

HENRY HOFFMASTER, formerly a resident of Reading, Pa., now living retired, was born Dec. 14, 1833, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Lott) Hoffmaster.

Isaac Hoffmaster was engaged as a laborer throughout his life and also drove teams between Pittsburg and Reading and Philadelphia and Reading during the days of the stage-coach. He died in 1869, aged sixty-nine years, while his wife passed away in 1882, when seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of these children: Daniel, who died in infancy; Lewis; James; Mary; Henry; and Susan. In religious belief the father was a Lutheran, while the mother was a member of the German Reformed Church. They are both buried in Aulenbach county. In political matters he was a Democrat. Mr. Hoffmaster had brothers, George; Christian; John and Samuel; and a sister, Kate, who died unmarried.

Henry Hoffmaster was educated in the schools of Exeter township, Spring township and Reading, and when a young man learned the milling business. On account of the confinement attached to the milling trade, Mr. Hoffmaster was obliged to abandon it, and for three years was engaged in boat-building. In 1861 he became employed on the Schuylkill Canal, first as carpenter and later as engineer of a tug-boat, working on the canal altogether forty-three years until 1904, when he retired.

Mr. Hoffmaster was married in 1856 to Caroline Knauer, and to this union there have been born six children: Clara, deceased; an infant, twin of Clara, deceased; Laura, deceased; Charles Henry, deceased; George, deceased; and Ida K., a school teacher of Reading. Mr. Hoffmaster is a Republican in politics. He was a member of Salome Lodge, I. O. O. F. until its disbandment, and was a member of the Brotherhood of the Union. He was also connected with the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company, and was very active therein in his younger days.

JACOB P. and FRANK A. DEISHER, prosperous farmers of Maxatawny township, Berks county, Pa., and sons of Jacob and Caroline Deisher, are members of an old and distinguished family of Berks county, mentioned in full in sketch of Henry K. Deisher, elsewhere.

Jacob Deisher, who was of the fourth generation of this family in America, was a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Dunkel) Deisher, and was born in Maxatawny township Feb. 3, 1834. He devoted his life to farming in his native township, and owned the farm now belonging to his son, Frank A. There he died May 15, 1874, aged forty years, three months and twelve days. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran, belonging to Zion's Church, of Maxatawny, in which he held the office of deacon. He was buried in the Deisher family lot at Maxatawny Zion's Church. He married Caroline Butz, born Aug. 22, 1835, daughter of Reuben and Henrietta (Drescher) Butz, and she now lives with her son Jacob P. Six children were born to this union: Marietta m. Edward S. Kutz (mentioned elsewhere); Frank A.; Jacob P.; Ida and Caroline S., both unmarried; and Rev. George R., of Jonestown, Lebanon county.

Jacob P. Deisher, son of Jacob and Caroline, and now a prosperous farmer at Five Points, in Maxatawny township, was born there Nov. 5, 1864. He attended the district school until he was sixteen years of age, and was reared under the careful guidance of his parents. When but nineteen years of age he and his brother Frank A. commenced farming for themselves, on the farm now owned by Frank A., and the two were partners on the homestead for nine years. In 1895 he came to his present fine farm at Five Points. For nearly one hundred years this farm belonged to the Fishers. Mr. Deisher purchased it from Mrs. S. A. Butz one year before his removal there. It consists of 133 acres, and in 1908 Mr. Deisher built a new Swiss barn 50x92 feet, and he has made numerous other improvements that have added to the value of the place. His soil is particularly well adapted to the growing of wheat. He pays no little attention to poultry and fine stock. In politics Mr. Deisher is a Democrat, and in religion belongs to Maxatawny Zion's Lutheran Church, in which he was for five years deacon. He is highly respected in the community.

Frank A. Deisher, son of Jacob and Caroline, and a prosperous farmer near Topton, was born on his present farm Jan. 4, 1863. The township schools afforded him his educational advantages, and he was early trained to farming, to which he has so far devoted his time. At the age of twenty-one he began farming the hometsead, where he still continues, having 135 acres of the most fertile land in the county, all under a good cultivation. He has seven head of horses and twenty-eight of cattle, and has all the latest improved farm machinery. In politics he is a Democrat, and for six years served as school director. In December, 1892, Mr. Deisher married Mary Guldin, daughter of Garion and Sarah (Derr) Guldin, of Maxatawny, and their children are: Irene V.; Jacob G.; Frank A.; Homer G.; Beulah M.; Florence M.; Ralph J. and Harold G. Mr. Deisher has been quite successful in all his undertakings, his stock dealing prov-

ing particularly remunerative, and he is very popular throughout the township.

MARTIN M. FLICKINGER, a prosperous cattle dealer of Reading, Pa., was born Dec. 9, 1859, at Terrehill, Lancaster county, Pa., a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Mengel) Flickinger.

Christian Flickinger is now a retired resident of Denver, Pa. For many years he was a raiser of horses and cattle. In 1851, when the gold fever was at its height in California, he went, by way of the lower route to the gold fields and met with excellent success. He was the father of ten children as follows: Amelia; Elinor; Henry and John, all deceased, Martin M.; Catherine (m. Isaac Mohn); Emma (m. Prof. Amos Cline, a tobacco merchant at Terrehill, Lancaster county); Mary (m. Isaias B. Lutz, a prominent merchant at Reading; Elizabeth (m. Frank Fasig, with the Reading Hardware Company); and Valeria (m. E. B. Renninger, of Denver, Pa.).

Although the father of our subject is now eighty-six years of age he is as active as a man of but sixty years. He casts a straight Republican vote in every election; is a member of the Mennonite body. The mother of our subject was first identified with the First Reformed Church and later with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Martin M. Flickinger was educated in the schools of Lancaster county, and when a boy drove cattle and handled horses for his father, and later entered into business for himself at Adamstown, subsequently at Denver, and still later at the Three Mile House at Shillington. In 1892 he engaged in handling stock at the Reading stockyards, and he now does an extensive business at Lancaster, where he also has an office. He is a very able business man, and an experienced cattle man.

On Dec. 18, 1881, Mr. Flickinger was married to Mary Bowers, the only child of Lewis and Lydia (Oswald) Bowers, and they had ten children, as follows: Alice married E. McLain Watters, of Akron, Ohio, assistant manager at Philadelphia for a Pittsburg firm; Florence; William (deceased); Martin J. m. Helen L. Dudley, is now at Lancaster where he assists his father to manage his interests; Charles (deceased); Paul; Mary Emma; Catherine and Beulah. The mother of these children died April 2, 1898, aged thirty-six years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On Dec. 30, 1905, he married (second) Miss Mary Grim.

In politics Mr. Flickinger is a Republican. He belongs to Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. Elks.

WALLACE M. ANSPACH, a resident of Upper Tulpehocken township, where he is engaged in teaching and is also serving as justice of the peace, was born in Tulpehocken township, this county, Sept. 3, 1878.

William Anspach, his grandfather, lived in upper Berks county and followed farming in Tulpehocken township for some years, later moving to Bethel township, where his death occurred. He is buried at Rehrersburg, in Tulpehocken township, at the Union Church. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil war. His wife was Sarah Hoy, and they had one son, Oscar.

Oscar Anspach was engaged as a clerk, and did day's work at Mt. Etna and Schubert, Berks county, at which latter place his widow still resides. Her maiden name was Maria Schock, and to them were born two children, Wallace M. and Normand, the latter now living on the homestead.

Wallace M. Anspach attended public school in his home township and the subscription school at Strausstown. He began teaching in 1895, and has followed that profession ever since, with eminent success, for he is heartily interested in his work. In 1901 he was elected justice of the peace, and still holds that office, for the duties of which he is well fitted. Mr. Anspach is one of the well known young men of upper Berks county, and in the pursuit of his vocation and social connections has made a wide acquaintanceship and formed numerous friendships. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F., has served as financial secretary of the former, and was a member of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the fine new Odd Fellows hall, also serving as financial secretary of that body. He is a member of the Citizens Band at Strausstown. In religious matters Mr. Anspach is identified with the Reformed denomination, and he is a prominent member of and worker in the Zion's Blue Mountain Union Church. He served on the building committee at the time the present edifice was erected, in 1904, was secretary, and is at present a trustee of the church and has served as secretary of the church council since 1902.

In 1897 Mr. Anspach married Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Harry Smith. Three children have been born to them, Walter (deceased), Roger and Paul.

BAER-BARR. The Baer family of Pennsylvania has an interesting history. It is of German origin. The name is common both in Europe and America and the colonial records show that over forty immigrants of the name came to America prior to 1750. Those of the family of Eastern Pennsylvania have their origin in three distinct branches or families; those of John, Melchior and Christophel, or Stoffel, as he was familiarly called. These three men of the name of Baer, with other immigrants, crossed the ocean in the ship "Phoenix," and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 30, 1743. Their descendants are many, as the family is prolific. The name in German was spelled Bär and is variously written in different sections at the present day: Baer, Baehr, Bahr, Bair, Bare, Bear and Barr. The larger number of the family in Berks and Lehigh counties claim John, or Hans, Baer as their American ancestor.

(I) John Baer, after landing at Philadelphia, settled for a few years at Germantown, but prior to 1750, he settled in Weisenburg township, now Lehigh county, and the Kerschner farm of the present was his old property. His name is on the Ziegel's Church record in 1750, as one of the builders of the first church. Hans Baer had four children, namely: John, Adam, Jacob and Barbara. The latter married Henry Fetler and they lived at Allentown. The sons all married and their descendants are among the substantial citizens of their various communities. John Baer moved to Windsor township and his descendants live in Hamburg, Perry and Bern townships. Adam Baer settled a few miles northwest of the old Hans Baer home, reared twelve children. Jacob Baer obtained the old farm and acquired other land, owning over 500 acres, and was able to give each of his six sons a farm, the names of four being: Jacob, of Weisenburg township; Daniel, also of that township, has sixteen children; Henry, of Luzerne county, Pa.; and John Adam, of Maxatawny township. Adam Baer had also six daughters.

(II) John Baer, Hans Baer's oldest son, was the great-grandfather of Moses W. Baer, of Bern township.

(III) Abraham Baer, son of John and grandfather of Moses W., was born July 6, 1790, and died Jan. 25, 1855, aged over sixty-four years. He married Rachel Miller, born Dec. 18, 1792, who died Dec. 6, 1861, aged almost sixty-nine years. They had four sons and three daughters, as follows: Abraham; John; Isaac; Joseph; Mrs. Albright; Sarah (m. Jared Snyder); all of Bern township, and a daughter who lived and died in Philadelphia. Abraham Baer came to Bern from Windsor township and acquired a farm of sixty acres.

(IV) Joseph Baer, father of Moses W., moved from Bern to Heidelberg township in 1857, and there owned and cultivated a farm of 160 acres. He was born in Bern township, April 17, 1820, and died in Heidelberg township, Nov. 29, 1871, aged fifty-one years, seven months and twelve days. He was a worthy member of the Bern Reformed Church, and was buried in its shadow. His life had been one of industry, and he was able to leave a large estate to his family. He was married July 13, 1844, to Polly Maria Wert, daughter of Daniel Wert of Upper Bern township, and they had the following children: Catherine (deceased, m. Henry Rice); Lavina (m. Henry Rill, of Heidelberg); Adam died young; Joseph

resided in Penn township; Mahlon resided at Reading; Moses W. and Aaron were twins, the latter residing in Berkley; Mary (m. Morris Althouse of Temple); Seleca (m. the late John Pauch of Reading); Sallie (m. Benjamin Kline); Henry died aged six years.

(V) MOSES W. BAER was born in Bern township, Berks county, Pa., June 11, 1854, and was sixteen years of age when his father died. He had been reared to agricultural pursuits and continued to work as a farmer, beginning for himself in the spring of 1890, on the Frank Unger farm in Centre township, where he lived two years. From there he went to Lower Heidelberg township, settling on the William Kalbach farm, which he operated for six years. Later he moved to the William Mervine farm near Shoemakersville, and engaged there in farming for six years, and in the spring of 1904 he came to his present place. This farm is the property of the widow of Harrison Kalbach, and contains forty-five acres of excellent land which, under Mr. Baer's careful management, proves wonderfully productive. He owns valuable stock having fine horses and cattle and modern farm implements and machinery. He is one of this section's most progressive farmers.

On Sept. 13, 1875, Mr. Baer was married to Ellen Dunkelberger, daughter of John and Polly (Zimmerman) Dunkelberger, of Centreport. Her grandfather was John Dunkelberger and her mother's father was Daniel Zimmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Baer have four sons, namely: Charles, a painter; William, a carpenter; Irwin, a painter; and John, who is a cigar-maker, all of Reading.

In his political opinions Mr. Baer is a Democrat. The family belong to the Bern Reformed Church.

(IV) Abraham Baer, the father of Abraham G. Barr seems to have changed to the former spelling. He was born in Bern township, April 25, 1824, and died April 30, 1905. He was buried at Bern Church, of which he had latterly served as elder. In early life he had been a member of Epler's Church. As a young man he had followed fence making (which was a recognized trade then), in both Berks and Lehigh counties, but later he bought and operated a farm of seventy acres located near Bern Church. His property now belongs to Mrs. Jacob Weivel, and the house is still left as Mr. Baer remodeled it. In person Mr. Baer was of pleasing appearance, of medium height and well built, with black hair. He married Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Himmelberger) Gicker, and granddaughter of Daniel and Catherine Gicker, pioneer settlers. Mrs. Baer's father lived from 1801 to 1872, and her mother from 1805 to 1874. Sixteen children were born to Abraham and Sarah Baer as follows: John, of Philadelphia; Sarah Barr (m. Henry Brossman and died in 1907, aged fifty-seven); Reuben, of Womelsdorf; Frank, of Iowa; James, of West Leesport, Pa.; Amelia (deceased, m. Henry Dickenson, of Brecknock township); Henrietta (deceased, m. Amandon Bender, of Mount Pleasant); Ellen (m. Henry Stoudt); Abraham G.; Isabella, unmarried; Samuel, a farmer of Bern township; Maria, unmarried; George, a farmer in Bern township; Emma, who died aged twelve years; and Milton, who lived only eleven months.

(V) ABRAHAM G. BARR, a prosperous farmer located near Leisz' bridge, in Bern township, was born in this township, Oct. 19, 1860, a son of Abraham Baer, or Barr, as the name may be spelled. Abraham G. Barr was reared on a farm, but when twenty-one years of age he learned the carpenter trade from Hiram Hartman, of Alsace township, and followed it for about three years, working for a year and nine months with his instructor, and the rest of the time at Reading. He followed fence-making for about three years, and is considered a good mechanic. In 1888 he began farming in Bern township, taking the Henry H. Jackson farm of sixty-five acres and there Mr. Barr lived for fifteen years. From there he moved to the Daniel Rothenberger farm in Bern township, one-half mile above Leisz bridge, which contains seventy-six acres and 127 rods. It is a fertile farm, and is improved with excellent buildings. In 1906 Mr. Barr built a wagon shed, 24x36 feet in dimensions, doing all the carpenter work himself and making a very good job. He has four horses and twelve head of cattle. Once a week he attends the street market at Reading.

On Nov. 4, 1882, Mr. Barr was married to Miss Maria Kramer, daughter of Daniel F. and Lavina (Lash) Kramer of Bern township, and they have one son, Harvey M. The latter married Rosa Geshwindt and they have a little daughter whom they have named Annie. Harvey assists his father in farming and resides at home.

In politics Mr. Barr is a Democrat, and he has held local office. He is a member of the Reformed congregation, while Mrs. Barr and their son are Lutherans. Both attend services at Epler's Union Church.

DR. ISAAC B. YEAKEL, who is engaged in the practice of his profession at Bally, was born in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pa., July 6, 1840, a member of a family already residing in Pennsylvania for more than a hundred years.

David Yeakel came to Pennsylvania with the little band of Schwenkfelders in 1734. He was on the sick list when he arrived at Philadelphia, and no record of his death and no mention of his wife can be found. He was accompanied by six sons and two daughters, namely: Christopher; Abraham; Balthaser; Jeremias; Hans Heinrich; Casper; Susanna (who married George Weigner) and Rosina.

Christopher Yeakel, son of David, married, May 30, 1751, Rosina, widow of Christopher Seipt, and daughter of Balthaser Hoffman. She died June 14, 1788, aged seventy years, and he died July 1, 1800. Their children were: Jacob, born Jan. 9, 1753; and Salome, born Oct. 24, 1762.

Jacob Yeakel, son of Christopher, was born Jan. 9, 1753. He became a farmer in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, where he died Feb. 17, 1819. He married, May 7, 1778, Susanna Schultz, daughter of Christopher Schultz, and she died June 28, 1829, aged seventy years. Their children were: Magdalena, born 1779, died 1828; Rosina, born July 4, 1780; Daniel, born 1781, died same year; Regina, born 1782, died 1783; Christopher; Andrew, born June 7, 1786; Carl, born June 21, 1788; Christina, born March 30, 1780; and Sarah, born Feb. 8, 1795.

Christopher Yeakel, son of Jacob, born Sept. 4, 1784, lived on the farm in Upper Hanover township now owned by his son Joseph B. On May 10, 1810, he married Elizabeth Yeakel, daughter of Casper Yeakel, and she died Feb. 27, 1864. He passed away March 25, 1874. They were the parents of six children: Abigail, born Oct. 9, 1811; Samuel, Jan. 27, 1813; Reuben, Aug. 3, 1816; Joel, Nov. 18, 1817; Deborah, March 24, 1821; and Joseph B., Dec. 10, 1823.

Samuel Yeakel, son of Christopher, was born in Upper Hanover township Jan. 27, 1813, died in 1842, on his farm, and is buried at Schwenkfelder's Meeting house at Kraussdale, of which he was a member. He was a farmer. He married Hannah Bertolet, daughter of Daniel and Maria (Griesemer) Bertolet, of Oley township, Berks county. She died in February, 1867, aged fifty years, and is buried at the side of her second husband, John Guldin, at Friedensburg. The only son born to Samuel and Hannah Yeakel was Dr. Isaac B.

Dr. Isaac B. Yeakel received his early education in the public schools and in Oley Academy, the latter in charge of Professors Jacob H. Major and I. B. Hankey. He then taught school for seven terms—three in Oley, and four in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. Determining to enter the professional world, he began the study of medicine with Dr. P. G. Bertolett, at Friedensburg, later attending the University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated as an M. D. in 1866. He located for practice in what is now Bally, and has continued there to the present time, winning a large and lucrative practice that extended over a radius of twelve miles in the country. For seven years he rode in a high sulky through summer rains and winter snows, the sulky being a slight improvement over the horse back riding of Colonial days. The Doctor has witnessed many changes

in his community, and has taken part in many of the movements tending toward progress. He is a tall man, five feet, ten and one-half inches in height, and in his early days had jet black hair.

In his political faith the Doctor is a true Republican, and he served for nine years as a director of Schultzville Independent school, being secretary of the board during the entire time. He was local chairman of the party in Washington township for many years. Until 1888 he was a member of the Knights of Pythias at East Greenville. He and his family are members of the Niantic Reformed Church, and he has served as elder, deacon and trustee, always taking a great interest in religious affairs.

On Oct. 16, 1866, Dr. Yeakel was married to Maria K. Wieand, daughter of Charles and Susan (Krauss) Wieand, of Upper Milford township, Lehigh county. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to them: C. Frederick, a contractor and builder at Denver, Colo.; Hannah B., for seven years a public school teacher, and now living in Philadelphia; Susan, who married Frank Shreiber, of Shimerville, Lehigh county, and died in 1902; and Asher C., who married Lizzie Bender, of Reading, and died in 1900, aged twenty-six years.

SAMUEL B. HARBOLD, of Birdsboro, has thoroughly mastered his trade and is successfully engaged as a harness maker; he handles a full line of harness, collars, whips, robes, blankets, etc., and has a substantial place among the business men of the town. He was born in Amity township, Berks county, March 20, 1874, son of Daniel and Ellen (Bartz) Harbold.

Daniel Harbold, the father, died in 1901, aged fifty-four years. He was a native of Amity township, and passed his years principally at farming. In public affairs he always took a keen interest, and as a faithful Republican worked hard for the success of his party. For six years he served acceptably as constable, and he also filled the office of tax collector. He was a member of the Reformed church, as was also his wife. He married Ellen Bartz, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Annie; Minnie, who became the wife of John Livingood; Samuel B.; Horace; Katie, at home; and one that died in infancy unnamed. Samuel Harbold, father of Daniel and grandfather of Samuel B., was a farmer all his life.

Samuel B. Harbold passed his youth upon the home farm. He attended the district schools until he was seventeen, thus acquiring a good practical education, and his time out of school was spent in assisting his father. Upon leaving school he went to Pottstown and learned the trade of harness making, and he remained in that town until the fall of 1896. The following year he came to Birdsboro, and established his present flourishing business.

In 1898 Mr. Harbold married Miss Rebecca Miller, of Douglassville. They are members of the Lutheran church. Both Mr. Harbold and his wife are popular socially, and their home is always open to their many friends.

GEORGE RICHARD HOFFMAN, of Perry township, one of the younger farmers in that region, comes of a family that for generations has tilled the soil of Pennsylvania and has given to the State many of her most substantial citizens. The tradition of the family, which various records seem to bear out, is that this branch is descended from

(I) Jacob Hoffman, who came from Germany and settled in Greenwich township prior to 1756, in which year his name is found upon the tax list of that district.

(II) George Hoffman, presumably the son of Jacob, was a lifelong farmer, and prior to the Revolution settled in Windsor township, on the farm which is still owned by one of his descendants, Jacob D. Hoffman. His wife bore the name of Hannah.

(III) Michael Hoffman son of George, was born Nov. 28, 1786, and died Jan. 10, 1874, in his eighty-eighth year. He occupied the Hoffman homestead and became a man of note in the region. In the early days he was in the habit of making frequent trips to Philadelphia with a six-horse team for general merchandise, not only supporting his own family, but also meeting the demands of the neighborhood to a large extent, thus carrying on in an informal way the business of a merchant. Like all the succeeding members of the family, he was an uncompromising Democrat, and active in party work. In 1857 he was elected an assemblyman, with a compensation of seventy-five cents a day. Those were in truth the days of the simple life, and Mr. Hoffman traveled to Harrisburg on horseback and carried his food with him from home. Religiously he was a devout Christian, and neither he nor his family was often absent from the church services.

Michael Hoffman married Miss Catherine Schappell, whose parents, Everhart and Catherine Schappell, came from Germany. Mrs. Hoffman was born in 1780, and reached her seventy-eighth year. She was the mother of five sons, George, Samuel, Charles, Michael and Benjamin.

(IV) Samuel Hoffman was one of the prominent men of his day and locality. For more than thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace, and was surveyor of Berks county from 1848 to 1850. He was a man of great activity and enterprise, was progressive in spirit, and his life was one of real service to the community in which his lot was cast. He owned several farms in Windsor township and made his home upon one of them. Mr. Hoffman died in 1879, while his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Dunkel, survived him several years. Both are buried in Zion's Churchyard. Their family consisted of Elizabeth, David, Hannah, Jacob D., Esther and Caroline.

(V) Jacob D. Hoffman was born in Perry township, April 26, 1846, and still makes his home in that section. After finishing the local schools, he attended Freeland Seminary and then the select school kept by Prof. Charles N. Schaeffer in Reading. He began his business life as a merchant, establishing himself in Reading in 1865 with Richard Dunkel as a partner, the firm name being Dunkel & Hoffman. Later he went into farming on a tract of 180 acres in Windsor township, which he bought for $97.25 an acre, and sold two years later at an advance of $7.75 per acre. Some time after he purchased his father's homestead and operated it for eight years, moving from there to another farm in the vicinity, which he had purchased. This is good farming property and consists of 166 acres. Mr. Hoffman has amassed considerable means and at one time was a large land owner, possessing 440 acres. Both in business enterprises and in politics he is influential in his section and has held responsible positions. He has been auditor of his district for many years, elected on the Democratic ticket, and also a school director, and at present is a director of the Farmers' Assistance and Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in all of which capacities he has shown himself most efficient and has won general confidence.

Twice married, Mr. Hoffman's first wife was Mary Ann, daughter of George Sunday. There were four children by this union, namely: Charles L., deceased; George R.; Anna; and Catherine, deceased. By the second wife, who was Catherine Schappell, there have been two children, Jacob C. and one who died in infancy.

(VI) George R. Hoffman was born in Perry township, July 14, 1867, and until he was eighteen attended the public schools. Always helpful about his father's farm, he gave his entire time to assisting him until 1888. In that year the son attained his majority and began working for himself on a farm belonging to his father and not far from the homestead. This place, consisting of 137 acres, he bought later and has lived there ever since. It has rich soil, is highly cultivated and has buildings which are always kept in good condition, the whole place reflecting the greatest credit upon its owner. There is fine spring water on the farm, which has been piped into the house and which also runs into a large trough in front of the barn, for supplying the horses and cattle. Mr. Hoffman uses only the most modern implements and has also a gasoline engine for use in threshing, sawing wood and furnishing power for the gristmill in which he grinds

all his own grain. He is an upright and industrious man, successful in his work and respected in the community where he lives. He is a Democrat politically, and while not particularly active in that line, is one who keeps himself well informed on all topics of public importance.

The partner of Mr. Hoffman's domestic life was Miss Lizzie Stetzler, to whom he was married June 12, 1886. She was a daughter of Joel and Lizzie (Gruber) Stetzler, and a granddaughter of John Stetzler. Two sons and a daughter have been born to this union, as follows: Milton J., Jan. 21, 1887; Mary M., Sept. 10, 1888; and Wilson J., Jan. 12, 1890. The family are all Lutherans in religious belief, and members of Zion's Church.

AMANDON M. MILLER, owner of a fine farm of 150 acres, situated in the northern part of Marion township, is a leading citizen of his section, and is now serving as a member of the board of supervisors of his township. Mr. Miller was born Oct. 8, 1860, in Marion township, son of Jared and Rebecca (Mogel) Miller.

Daniel Miller, the grandfather of Amandon M., was a resident of Tulpehocken (now Jefferson) township, where he died at the age of seventy years. He was a stone and brick mason and passed his entire active life at that trade. He married Elizabeth Shade, and they were the parents of three children: Joseph, who died in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1907; Daniel, who spent his life in Jefferson township; and Jared S.

Jared S. Miller, father of Amandon M., was born March 27, 1838, and in early life learned the stone and brick mason's trade with his father. He also engaged extensively in agriculture. In addition to this for the past forty-five years he has been a veterinary surgeon, and in this line he enjoys a large patronage. He is the owner of two tracts of land, one of ninety-eight acres and the other of thirteen acres, but he now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Charles P. Holzman, at Schaefferstown, Jefferson township. Mr. Miller married Rebecca Mogel, daughter of Samuel Mogel, and they were the parents of these children: Amandon M.; Calvin A., of Fleetwood; Ellen, who married Charles P. Holzman; and James, who died at the age of six years. The mother of this family died April 18, 1906.

Amandon M. Miller attended the schools of Jefferson township and was reared to agricultural pursuits, remaining at home until he was twenty-two years of age. At that age he embarked in farming on his own account on his father's farm. He remained there for nine years, and at the end of that time, in 1891, went to his father-in-law's farm of 150 acres, which is situated in the northern part of Marion township.

Mr. Miller married Emma K. Killmer, daughter of Edward L. and Rebecca (Filbert) Killmer, and they have become the parents of these children: Katie, who married Frank Blatt, of Marion township; Edward J., a telegraph operator, who lives at home; Samuel, who died at the age of five years; Lizzie and Mabel, both at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their family are well known in their section of Berks county. He is a member of Christ Lutheran (Tulpehocken) Church of Marion township, and Mrs. Miller is a member of Trinity Church of Jackson township, Lebanon county. He has served as deacon and elder in his church, and is now a member of the cemetery committee. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as county delegate from Jefferson and Marion townships, and at the present time is a member of the board of supervisors of Marion township. Fraternally he is connected with Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, I. O. O. F., Womelsdorf.

BENJAMIN OSWALD, who since 1905 has been engaged in the hotel business at Birdsboro as proprietor of the "Mansion House," so familiar to the traveler in this part of the country, was born in Greenwich township, Berks county, in 1843, son of Samuel and Sarah (Adams) Oswald, and grandson of Peter Oswald.

Peter Oswald was an early resident of Berks county, and was engaged as a farmer and stone mason.

Samuel Oswald was a son of Peter; he attended the subscription schools of the county in his youth, and between times assisted his father. At an early age he started out for himself, following farming in the vicinity of Molltown. He also became the owner of a farm in Lehigh county, and he made the cultivation of the soil his life work. He was quick to see what was practical in new methods of farming, and eagerly adopted those suitable to his needs. Prosperity smiled upon him, and he was able to retire some few years before his death, which occurred in 1880. He married Sarah Adams, and they became the parents of these children: Frederick, of Lehigh county; John, deceased; Susannah, who married Moses Reignald; Daniel; Samuel; Sarah, who married Samuel Weidenheimer; William, who makes his home in Lehigh county; and Benjamin. They were Lutherans in religious belief.

Benjamin Oswald lived the life of a farmer's son until he was twenty-three years of age. The district schools afforded him his educational advantages, and the home farm his practical training. When he began life for himself, on leaving home, he engaged in the coal, feed and lumber business at Chapman's Station for four years. He then rented a farm, which he cultivated for three years, when he had an advantageous offer and sold out. His next venture was as superintendent of an iron ore bank at Kline's Corners, in Longswamp township, and here he remained ten years. At the end of that time he resumed farming, and for the eleven succeeding years he carried it on with no little success, but sold out to engage in the feed business at Alburtis. His restless spirit looked for new worlds to conquer, and he then opened a hotel at Pottstown, also farming a tract of 254 acres of land for two years. In November, 1905, he came to Birdsboro, and opened the "Mansion House," a well known and first class hostelry, of thirty-three rooms, all fitted in an up-to-date manner. He has an excellent cuisine, and his table is sure to give satisfaction. He also handles a full line of imported and domestic cigars and liquors.

Mr. Oswald married Catharine Peters, and they have had eight children, five of whom are living: Clara, who married Harry Ebe; Herman; Mabel married a Mr. Case; Solomon P.; Laura, who married Willis Quigley. They attend the Lutheran Church. Mr. Oswald is a member of the F. O. E. Lodge at Reading.

GRANT HARTMAN, a prosperous farmer of Bern township, Berks county, was born in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, Pa., Dec. 24, 1872, a son of Joseph and Leah (Lauck) Hartman, and comes of an old Berks county family.

Joseph Hartman was born along the Northkill in the vicinity above Bernville, in 1833, and when quite young his parents moved to Millbach, Lebanon county. There he was married to Leah Lauck who was born in 1839, and is still living, as is Mr. Hartman. He became a farmer in Millcreek, where he resided until he was about thirty-eight, and then moved to Stouchsburg, Berks county, and worked on David Deckert's farm two years. In about 1873, he bought a farm at Reinholds Station, where he resided three years, then purchased a farm of eighty-three acres at State Hill, Berks county, and resided there eighteen years. Selling his farm he moved to Klopp's Store, North Heidelberg, where he lives retired. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartman are: Kate; Ellen; Lucy (widow of George Pinyard, and lives at Philadelphia); Lizzie, married John Ensinger of Walter's Park; Leah, married Davies Behney of Robesonia; Harrison, a farmer of Bern township, Centerville; George, of Millersburg; Grant and Joseph L. Joseph L. was born Oct. 3, 1870, at Stouchsburg, was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, class of 1902. He taught school in Berks county ten terms. On Dec. 27 and 28, 1907, he took a civil service examination and was appointed school teacher in the Philippine Islands, Aug. 4, 1908, where he is now located.

Grant Hartman was educated in the public schools and at the Keystone Normal School, and was licensed to teach by Prof. William M. Zechman, then county superintendent of Berks county. Although qualified to do so, Mr. Hartman never taught school. In 1893 he married Lizzie K. Hiester, daughter of Harrison Hiester, of Bern township, and three years thereafter he commenced farming in Bern township on Benneville Binkley's farm. There he continued five years, and then purchased a farm of thirty-one acres near Leinbach's hotel, in Bern township, where they have since resided. This farm was purchased of the Jacob Balthaser estate. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have four children, namely: Myrtle, Naomi, Verna and Nora. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are highly respected in the neighborhood and their pleasant home is the scene of many gatherings, their friends appreciating their wholesome hospitality which is bestowed upon the stranger as well as acquaintances.

HENRY BITLER, whose death occurred on his farm in Robeson township, Dec. 2, 1902, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in that locality, where he was well known and highly esteemed. He was born on the farm now occupied by his son, John Bitler, near Beckersville, Oct. 22, 1833, son of Daniel and Eva Bitler.

Daniel Bitler, Sr., grandfather of Henry, was born in Robeson township, where in after years he became the owner of the now well known Robeson Dairy Farm of 214 acres. He was a Methodist in religion and a Whig in politics. Of his children are John (m. Susan Bixler, and had two children, Mary and Elizabeth); Jacob (m. Margaret Wamsher, and had two children, now deceased); Daniel; Elisha (m. Ellen Wolf, and had eight children, Samuel, Sarah A., Eliza, David, Elias, Ellen, William H. and one that died young); David never married; Michael (m. Elizabeth Kachel, and had one child, Elizabeth); Henry (m. Mary A. Kennedy, and had two children, George W. and Mary); Charles (m. Christian Geiger, and had one child, Elizabeth); Polly (m. Silas Yocom); and Abigail (m. Eli Dickinson).

Daniel Bitler, son of Daniel, Sr., married Eva Freese, and became the father of eleven children, as follows: Levi; John; Samuel; Henry; Michael; Mary; Hannah; Eva A.; Elizabeth; Christiana and Daniel.

Henry Bitler, son of Daniel, secured his education in the common schools of Robeson township, and was reared to farm pursuits. On reaching maturity he engaged in farming on his own account, purchasing a farm of fifty acres, a part of the old Jonathan Seidle estate, which he cultivated until his death. Dring the Civil war he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, served his term and received his honorable discharge. Mr. Bitler was known as a man of sterling integrity, and was elected by his fellow townsmen to the office of school director. In politics he was a Republican, and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Bitler married Rebecca M. Haws, daughter of Samuel Haws, and to this union were born two children: John H., who lives on the original homestead, m. Lillian McGowan, and has one son, Henry; and Mamie E., living on her father's farm, m. John Kurtz, and has one child, Christian M.

JOSEPH B. YEAKEL. Among the little band of religious people known as the Schwenkfelders, who came to America in 1734, was David Yeakel, who was on the sick list when the boat landed at Philadelphia. No record of his death can be found, nor does any mention of his wife appear. Apparently he was a widower, and he was accompanied by his six sons and two daughters: Christopher; Abraham; Balthaser; Jeremias; Hans Heinrich; Casper; Susanna (who married George Weigner) and Rosina.

Balthaser Yeakel, son of David, came over as above with his father in 1734. On Nov. 24, 1737, he married Barbara Warner, who died Feb. 25, 1808. He died Jan. 28, 1762. Their children were: Susanna (1739-1808), Anna, David (1744-1756), George (1746-1751), Casper and Rosina.

Casper Yeakel, son of Balthaser, was born in Pennsylvania Jan. 6, 1748, and he married, in 1775, Anna Yeakel, daughter of Christopher Yeakel. He died July 11, 1804, and his wife passed away May 11, 1837. Their children were: Balthaser (1777-1778), Maria, Jeremiah, Esther, Regina, Elizabeth, Susanna, Abraham, Benjamin (1793-1796) and Anna.

Jeremiah Yeakel, son of Casper, was born Aug. 11, 1781, and he lived to advanced old age. In 1806 he married (first) Lydia Krauss, daughter of Balthaser Krauss. She died Jan. 19, 1812, survived by her husband and two sons, Daniel (1807-1813) and Benjamin. Jeremiah Yeakel married (second) Sarah Kriebel, daughter of the Rev. Melchior Kriebel.

Benjamin Yeakel, son of Jeremiah, was born Aug. 9, 1810, and his death occurred at Allentown Jan. 12, 1871. He was a man of enterprising and inventive mind, and was financially successful. He built the first reaper in Pennsylvania, and this was used on the old Yeakel farm in Hereford township. It worked well, and its first practical test was witnessed by upwards of one hundred people. He was the owner of the farm now belonging to his son, Joseph B. In 1855 he moved from Hereford township to No. 319 Hamilton street, Allentown, where he built farm implements of all kinds and descriptions, employing about thirteen men in his shop in Hereford township, and a similar number in Allentown. He was a member of the Evangelical church, and is buried in the Union cemetery at Allentown, being the first man buried there. He married Catharine Elizabeth Brenner, who died Jan. 20, 1875. Their children were: Solomon, deceased; Lydia E., deceased; Susan, of Allentown; Daniel, born 1844, and died the same year; Joseph B., of Allentown; and Simon, of Allentown.

Joseph B. Yeakel, son of Benjamin and Catharine Elizabeth (Brenner) Yeakel, was born on the old family homestead in Hereford township Sept. 7, 1845. He attended the common schools of the neighborhood for a few winters, and in 1855 his parents moved to Allentown, in which town he completed his education. He worked in his father's machine shop some years, and in 1871 he went to White Hall township, Lehigh county, where for thirty-five years he operated a farm of fifty-eight acres. In the spring of 1905 he came to Allentown, now residing in his comfortable home at No. 1321 Linden street. He owns the old Yeakel homestead in Hereford and Upper Hanover township (Montgomery county), consisting of 153 acres. The house now standing was built in 1851 by Benjamin and Catharine Elizabeth Yeakel, and is one of the largest private residences in the county, a part of it being three stories in height and the rest four stories high. It contains twenty-one large rooms. The barn was built in 1816 by Mr. Yeakel's grandfather Jeremiah Yeakel. His farm of a little over fifty acres in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, was sold for $50,000.

Mr. Yeakel is greatly interested in church work, and is a foremost member of Grace United Evangelical Church, Allentown, being one of its liberal supporters. During the erection of the present building Mr. Yeakel subscribed $2,500, and also contributed $1,750 toward the pipe organ, Andrew Carnegie giving $1,000. He is regular in his worship, and is a member of the Sunday-school.

In 1894 Mr. Yeakel made an extended tour of the West, remaining one week each at Salt Lake City, Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak and Denver, traveling in California, where he remained for two months, spending nine days in the territory of New Mexico, and also visiting old México. He had relatives in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas. These he visited and he frequently referred to his pleasure in meeting his mother's half-sisters and brothers, Mary, Lydia, Caroline (of Holton, Kans.), Sarah Wiest (of Morris, Ill.), Solomon (of Fort Wayne, Ind.) and Jesse Wiest (of Bluffton, Ind.). His aunt Mary, who lived at Bluffton, Ind., aged seventy-five, died three weeks after his visit, his remembrance of her and her kindness during his visit being a source of great pleasure.

HIRAM C. BECHTEL, a resident of Washington township, Berks county, living near Eshbach Crossing, was born April 24, 1851, on the old farm of his grandfather, Gerhard S. Eshbach. He is a descendant of the old Bechtel family which came to America from the German Palatinate.

On Aug. 24, A. D. 1728, eighty Palatinates with their families, in all 205 persons, who shortly before, after a seventy days' voyage, had arrived with the ship "Mortonhouse," from Deal, Captain John Coultas, in the harbor of Philadelphia, appeared in the halls of justice in Philadelphia to render the oath of allegiance to the Crown of England, declaring it to be their intention to settle themselves in Pennsylvania. The company consisted of eighty men, and sixty-nine women over sixteen years of age, and fifty-six children. Among the names of the adults belonging to this company of immigrants we find the name of (I) George Bechtel, the presumable father of Isaac and Gerhard Bechtel, heading the list. Tradition tells us he came from Weinheim, Germany.

The large German family Bible of George Bechtel is yet in existence. The Bible came into the hands of Gerhard Bechtel and is now in the possession of one of his descendants. On the fly-leaf of the Bible is written this note in German:

"Diese Biebel ist gedruckt in Deutschland im Jahr 1720. Im Jahr 1730 ist sie George Bechtel von seinem Vater von Deutschland nach Amerika geschickt worden. Zwischen den Jahren 1750 und 1760 bekam sie Gerhard Bechtel."

In the course of time the early history of the family has been so much effaced and is so much obscured in the mists of the past that a clear conception and an unerring presentation of the facts are now wellnigh impossible. It would give us much satisfaction if our ancestors, from the time they immigrated into this country, had kept a record of their family and church affairs. On the list of immigrants who came in the same ship with George Bechtel we find the names of Noll, Baer, Roth, Stauffer, Latshaw, Dotterer, Huber, Heller, Brunner, all familiar names to us, and whose descendants in part reside with us here in Eastern Pennsylvania.

(II) Isaac Bechtel was a farmer and miller, and had his home in and near Bechtelsville, now in Washington township, Berks county, Pa. Bechtelsville was laid out by his son John S. Bechtel. Isaac Bechtel and his two wives are buried in the old Hereford Mennonite graveyard near Bally, Washington township, Berks county. His tombstone bears the following inscription:

Hier ruhen die gebeine
des verstorbenen
Isaac Bechtel's
er wurde geboren den
23ten tag Jany, A. D. 1751,
und ist gestorben den
3ten tag April im Jahr
1820, er brachte sein
alter auf 68 Jahre, 9
monat und 10 tage.
Selig sind die toden
die im Herren sterben.

Isaac Bechtel was twice married, his first marriage being to Esther Stauffer (1757-1805), and his second to Barbara Bitz. There were no children by the latter union. By his first wife he had a family of fourteen: Jacob S., born Oct. 9, 1774 (married Anna W. Bechtel); Mary S., born Sept. 22, 1776 (married Abraham Eshbach); Elizabeth S., born Nov. 14, 1778 (married Peter Eshbach); Nancy S., born Nov. 2, 1780 (married Joseph Reif); Susan S., born Oct. 6, 1782 (married William Johnson); Catherine S., born Oct. 5, 1784 (married John Bahr); John S., born Feb. 21, 1786 (married Maria Hoch); George S., born Feb. 22, 1788 (married a Miss Barto); Sally S., born Dec. 25, 1789 (married Henry Sassaman); Isaac S., born Oct. 18, 1791 (married (first) Polly Sassaman and (second) Betzy Kehl); Polly S., born Aug. 30, 1793 (married Henry Oberholtzer); Abraham S., born July 20, 1795 (married (first) Nancy Bechtel and (second) Hettie Springer); Gerhard S., born May 3, 1797, is mentioned farther on; David S., born Sept. 14, 1799, died Feb. 28, 1800.

(III) Gerhard S. Bechtel, son of Isaac Bechtel, was born May 3, 1797, and died Oct. 8, 1881. By occupation he first learned the milling trade, and afterward was a carpenter, undertaker and farmer. As undertaker he had charge of hundreds of funerals in his time in the lower end of the county. He and his assistants made the coffins by hand as needed. For many years he was landlord of the "Washington Hotel" at Eshbach. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and worshipped at St. Joseph's Church, commonly known as Hill Church, in Pike township, Berks county. He is buried in the family lot in the cemetery near the church. Gerhard S. Bechtel was three times married. By his first wife, Maria Erdman, he had four children: Lydia E., born April 2, 1818, died Aug. 2, 1852 (married John M. Stauffer, who was sheriff of Montgomery county from 1859 to 1862, and they had children, Elvina, Jacob B., Mary and Wesley B. Of these, Jacob B. was a soldier in the Civil war and is now a clerk in the adjutant-general's office at Harrisburg, Pa.); Mary E., born Oct. 23, 1821, died Feb. 19, 1878 (married Jesse B. Pennepacker, and had one child, Amos B.); Elizabeth E., born Aug. 4, 1826, died March 15, 1871, married George M. Eshbach, and had children, Mary, Henry, Amanda, Emma, Peter, Jeremiah, Diana, George, Lovina, Jesse and Kate B.; Levi E. is mentioned farther on.

By his second marriage, to Mary H. Fronheiser, Mr. Bechtel had one child, Jesse F. Bechtel, who is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. To his third marriage, with Christian Gruber, were born three children, Abraham, Amanda and Catharine G., all of whom are deceased.

(IV) Levi E. Bechtel, son of Gerhard S. and Maria (Erdman) Bechtel, was born at Eshbach, Berks county, Dec. 24, 1823, and died Dec. 26, 1905, aged eighty-two years, two days. He is buried at Boyertown, Pa. He was a prosperous man, engaging in several lines of business besides farming, in which he was also successful. He bought an excellent 109-acre farm in Washington township, one mile east of Eshbach, from the William Stauffer estate, and there lived and farmed until 1898, when he retired to a tract which he had improved, along the Schultzville road. He built a stone house on this place in 1887 and occupied it until his death. Mr. Bechtel also owned a forty-one-acre place adjoining his large farm. He conducted undertaking establishments at Eshbach and Gablesville, and was also in the wood and lumber business, cutting down trees; he gave employment to about eight men in this line.

In 1850 Mr. Bechtel married Catharine Cleaver, daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Koch) Cleaver, and granddaughter of Isaac Cleaver. Mrs. Bechtel is now living near her son Hiram, on the Schultzville road, in Washington township. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel: Hiram C.; Amos, who died young; Lovina (married Edward Stauffer, of Bechtelsville); Amanda (married John Fry, of Washington township); Sarah (married John Zuber, of Reading); Mary; Lizzie (married William Moyer, of Reading); Catharine, who died young; Olivia (married to Horace Heins, of Eshbach); Frank, of Philadelphia, where he is engaged as a mechanic (married Emma Renninger); and Edwin C., also a mechanic of Philadelphia, who married Mary Bechtel (not a near relative). Mr. Bechtel and his family were members of the Lutheran Church at Boyertown, of which he served as trustee for some years, being prominent in the church as he was in everything else which interested him.

(V) Hiram C. Bechtel began his education in the Oberholtzer public school, where he attended for two winters. His parents then moved to the Gerhard Bechtel farm at Gablesville, where the family lived for seven

years, during which time Hiram C. Bechtel attended school in that neighborhood and went two terms to Isaac B. Hankey's Kallynean Academy, Boyertown. The Bechtels then moved to the adjoining farm, owned by Jacob Bechtel, and after a six years' residence at that place moved to the 109-acre farm in Washington township which Levi E. Bechtel purchased from the William Stauffer estate. When he was eighteen years old Hiram C. Bechtel commenced to learn the millwright's trade, serving his apprenticeship under Frederick Glaes. He was employed at such work for eight years, when he began farming on his father's forty-one-acre tract, cultivating that place for three years, at the end of which time he bought the Jacob Latshaw homestead, which is located on the Schultzville road, near Eshbach. The place consists of six acres of valuable land and a comfortable dwelling, which Mr. Bechtel remodeled in 1893. He has a very attractive home, nicely located.

Mr. Bechtel has worked at his trade for many years, having followed it for seventeen years in the employ of the Wolf Company, of Chambersburg, Pa., his work taking him into New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana. Since 1903 he has been building mills on his own account, commanding the greater share of the patronage in Macungie and the adjacent portions of Lehigh county.

On Jan. 24, 1874, Mr. Bechtel was married to Catharine Funk, daughter of Samuel and Judith (Conrath) Funk, of New Jerusalem, Berks county, and they are the parents of five children: Agnes F., wife of Harry B. Becker, of Fagleysville, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Amos F., unmarried, who follows millwrighting, traveling all over the United States; Annie F.; Alice F., married to Samuel H. Moser, son of Henry Z. Moser; and Ammon F., at home. This family are members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Boyertown. Mr. Bechtel is a Republican in politics, and in fraternal connection a member of Columbus Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., of Chambersburg.

JOEL M. LEIBELSPERGER, merchant and hotel proprietor of Moselem Springs, in Richmond township, Berks county, is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of this section. He is extensively engaged in the mercantile business, having one of the largest and best equipped general stores in the county; while the manner in which he conducts his hotel merits the approval of the respectable people of his community. Mr. Leibelsperger was born in Richmond township, March 30, 1852, son of Jacob D. and Hannah (Merkel) Leibelsperger.

The Leibelsperger family was planted in America by George Adam Leibelsperger, who emigrated to the New World from Germany.

Frederick Leibelsperger, son of George Adam, was a resident of Weisenburg, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Leibelsperger, son of Frederick, was born in 1791, and died in 1883. He became one of the early settlers of Berks county, and was the owner of much land. A conscientious and just man, and one of public spirit and progress, he took great interest in church and educational matters. In appearance he was tall and of powerful frame, and he possessed great strength and endurance. His wisdom and judgment were recognized, and his advice was sought by men in all walks of life. He married Elizabeth Dunkel, daughter of Jacob Dunkel, and their married life extended over a period of fifty-three years. They were the parents of two sons: Jacob D.; and John D., who also lived in Richmond township.

Jacob D. Leibelsperger, son of Solomon and father of Joel M., was born in 1820, in Richmond township, and his death occurred at his home in 1893. He was the owner of 600 acres of the best land in his township. In 1842, he married Hannah Merkel, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kershner) Merkel, of Richmond township, and to their happy union were born the following children: Elizabeth, who died aged five years; Catharine (m. George S. Schaeffer); Amanda (m. August Schaeffer); Hannah (m. Elias Sunday); Joel M.; and John and William, who own the old homestead and are now living retired at Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

Joel M. Leibelsperger spent his youthful days on his father's farm, and acquired his preliminary education in the district schools near his home. This was supplemented by two years' study in the Keystone State Normal School. In 1882 he entered upon his career as a hotel keeper, and the extensive patronage he enjoys from the traveling public well attests to the superiority of his accommodations and to the courtesy accorded his guests. He began his mercantile business in 1884, and has met with flattering success.

Moselem Springs owes much to Mr. Leibelsperger. He has ever been alive to the interests of his community, and was largely instrumental in making the village the business center of the wealthy agricultural section within a radius of five miles. He it was who built the creamery and the blacksmith shop, and he has constantly enlarged his store to meet the growing demands of the public. He is well read and he takes a deep interest in public education. His tastes do not run along the line of office holding, but at the earnest solicitation of the citizens he served as school director for three years, acting as secretary of the board, and for twenty-three years he has been treasurer of the board. For twenty-one years he has been treasurer of the township. In the spring of 1884 he was appointed postmaster of Moselem Springs, and still holds that office. Beside his store and hotel property Mr. Leibelsperger is the owner of a fine farm of 207 acres, which since 1885 has been tenated by Wilson M. Rahn. He looks after his business, and he wields much influence for good in the community. He is an official in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, in Richmond township, to which his ancestors also belonged. His life has been well-spent and useful, and he enjoys the commendation of the best people in the community. His good acts and many kindnesses will live long after him.

In 1872, Mr. Leibelsperger was united in marriage with Mary Ann Kindt, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Kindt, of Richmond township. Nine children were born to them, all dying in infancy except the second, Sallie, who lived to the age of four years; and the eighth Adam, born in 1880, who is engaged in the local express business in Reading, and who married Katie Hill, daughter of Charles Hill, of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN NICE, M. D. Among the leading medical practitioners of Berks county, Pa., was Dr. Benjamin Nice, of Hamburg borough, a native of that place, in which he spent his entire life. He was born Aug. 20, 1855, son of Dr. Franklin Benjamin and Elizabeth (Heffner) Nice, and died June 4, 1907.

Dr. Benjamin R. Nice, the progenitor of this family of physicians, in this section, was born April 12, 1794, and died July 14, 1862. He married Margaret, daughter of Henry and Martha Brugler, of New Jersey, in which state he had lived prior to his removal to Hamburg. Dr. Nice was one of the first medical practitioners in Upper Berks county, and his field was large, he continuing in active practice for something over forty years. He and his wife were the parents of these children: Margaret (m. John Sunday); Milton B., born in 1818, died in 1876, was thrice married; John (m. Louisa Harpt); Dr. Franklin Benjamin; Annie (m. Rev. Fred Koch); Dr. George (m. Angelina Bond); Angeline (m. Enoch Koller); and Walter (m. a Miss Beard).

Dr. Franklin Benjamin Nice, father of Dr. Benjamin, was born in 1830, and died June 29, 1905. He began practice in Hamburg, where he was born, in 1852,

and successfully continued for a period of fifty-three years, his territory consisting of Hamburg and the township around the borough. He owned considerable real estate, consisting of lands and residence property, and at his death left a handsome fortune. In 1851 Dr. Nice married Elizabeth Heffner, daughter of John and Katie (Gehret) Heffner, and to this union were born two children: Dr. Benjamin; and Lizzie H., who lives with her mother in Hamburg.

Dr. Benjamin Nice's early education was obtained in the public schools of Hamburg, and he graduated from the Hamburg high school. In 1874 he graduated from the scientific course of Ursinus College, and in 1877 from Jefferson Medical College. In 1883 he was a graduate of the Polytechnic Medical College, New York City, and at once he began practice in his native town, where he continued with great success until his decease. A close and careful student, a skilled surgeon, steady-handed, the Doctor won the confidence of the people of the town in the very beginning, and his practice was large and remunerative.

In 1878 Dr. Nice was married to Etta Mickley, who bore him one son, Dr. Frank M., now deceased. Dr. Nice married (second) Ada Derr, daughter of Benneville and Adeline (Wolff) Derr. To this union was born a son.

DERR. Mrs. Nice is a great-granddaughter of John Derr, born April 11, 1774, who died May 24, 1827, aged fifty-three years, one month, thirteen days. His will, made May 18, 1827, was probated Aug. 6th, of the same year, and is on record in Will Book 6, p. 103. The witnesses were John Beiteman and William Smith. John Derr's children were: Israel, Elias and Hannah.

Israel Derr, son of John, was born Jan. 27, 1805, and died Dec. 16, 1861, aged fifty-six years, ten months, nineteen days. His wife, Amelia, was born May 1, 1804, and died June 22, 1875, aged seventy-one years, one month, twenty-one days. Their children were: Amelia, born 1827, married Thomas Samuels, and died in 1856; Benneville, born 1829, died 1880; and Dennes Israel, born 1830, died 1835.

Benneville Derr, son of Israel, born 1829, married Adeline Wolff, and died in 1880. Their daughter, Ada, married Dr. Nice.

MADEIRA. The Madeira or Madery family is one of the old and honored ones to which the city of Reading is indebted for much of its early and subsequent prosperity, made up as it has been of men of sterling worth and sound commercial perceptions. The ancestor of the family in Berks county was Sebastian Madery, who died at Reading in 1775. The exact number of children is not known, but the following are on record: (1) Michael, a soldier in the war of the Revolution, died in 1823. (2) Casper, a soldier in Capt. Will's Company in the Revolution in 1777, with his brother Michael, was a hatter by trade, living on South Ninth street, Reading. He died in 1839, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Fisher, bore him children as follows: William, 1796-1882 (who married (first) Elizabeth Briner, had two children—Peter, born May 16, 1825, and Franklin; and (second) Catharine Stahl, and had five children—Eliza; Phoebe; Robert; James Rankin and Henry, the last named killed in the battle of Fair Oaks); Henry, who lived and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., the father of three sons and one daughter; Betzey, who married Frederick Jennings; Mrs. Nachtreib; and Mrs. William Wilson. (3) Samuel settled in Windsor, Berks county, and died in 1832. He married Elizabeth Shepp, daughter of Daniel Shepp, and had children: Catharine, William, Sarah, Daniel, John Hafer (April 17, 1801—July 26, 1881, married Margaret Rahn, 1803-1877), Matilda, Susanna, Peggy, Michael, Samuel and Eliza. (4) Nicholas is mentioned below.

Nicholas Madeira, son of Sebastian, was born in the borough of Reading, and subsequently acquired about 300 acres of land in the northern part of the town, adjoining and partly embraced in the Charles Evans cemetery. He served as a soldier in 1782. He was twice married. By his first wife, Margaretha Yeich, of Centre township, he had one son, Nicholas. He married (second) Rebecca Reeser, and they had children, Angelia, William, James and Ellen.

Nicholas Madeira, son of Nicholas and Margaretha, became a successful farmer in Maiden-creek township, and for fifteen years prior to his death in June, 1884, he lived retired. He married Anna Keller, daughter of George and Polly (Spaydt) Keller, the former of Ruscombmanor and the latter of Rockland township. To this union were born: James; Levi; Mary, wife of Samuel Fox, a farmer of Muhlenberg township; Angelina, wife of August Bierman, of Allentown, Pa.; Eliza, widow of Aaron Leinbach, of Reading; Nicholas, a farmer and drover of Muhlenberg township; Edwin, a painter, of Mahanoy City; Samuel, a tinsmith at Blandon; Franklin, of Blandon; Susanna; Lewis; and Clara, wife of Daniel Dunkel, of Hamburg.

Levi Madeira, the well known stove and tinware merchant of Fleetwood, Pa., was born Sept. 4, 1838, in Maiden-creek township, son of Nicholas Madeira. He received but a scant education. At the age of five years he went to live with the Gring family of Muhlenberg township, and in 1853 after continuing there for ten years, returned home to assist his father. After remaining two years under the parental roof he learned the trade of tinsmith with Henry Bennethum, at the corner of Fifth and Canal streets. He served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years and then began traveling through Berks, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Carbon counties, repairing tinware. During the fall of 1858 he worked for John Wagonhorst, and then returned to Henry Bennethum for six months. At the end of that time he went to work at Macungie, Lehigh county, remaining for two years, and in 1862 went to Allentown. In 1863 Mr. Madeira went to Washington, N. J., where he worked for Jacob and Joseph Johnson until 1865, when he began work for the government in the military road and quartermaster's departments, and after the close of the war settled in Fleetwood. On July 28, 1865, he purchased the fixtures of William Moyer, the stove and tinware dealer, and at once he began to prosper. He has continued successfully in this business to the present time, carrying a full line of stoves, tinware and pumps. In politics Mr. Madeira is an uncompromising Republican. He is a large property owner, and besides his store building on Main street, owns a large brick residence, in which he lives; a fine farm of 101 acres in Maiden-creek township; an excellent farm of eighty-six acres near the Pumping Station in Ontelaunee township; a tract of five acres upon which is situated a tenant house, at Walnuttown, Richmond; a tenant house near Blandon, four valuable dwellings near Blandon; and one tenant house in Fleetwood.

On May 20, 1871, Mr. Madeira married Miss Ella R. Deysher, daughter of Gideon and Sybilla (Rothermel) Deysher, of Walnuttown, Richmond township, and to this union were born these children: Annie S., wife of Jacob R. Dunkel, of Blandon; Lee D., a silk manufacturer at Hamburg; and Sallie E., who is employed in her brother's silk mill as forelady. Mr. Madeira's family are members of the Reformed Church.

Lee Deysher Madeira, son of Levi, and one of the leading business men of Hamburg, where he is engaged as a silk manufacturer, was born at Fleetwood, Sept. 15, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Hamburg and later attended the Keystone State Normal School, and the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Business College, graduating at the latter institution in 1896. He then accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Silk Company, as bookkeeper, and remained with that firm for six years, in the meantime becom-

ing well acquainted with the methods of conducting the business. His ability was recognized by the company and he was made superintendent of the mills at Carlisle belonging to this firm, where he continued for six months or until 1902, when he came to Hamburg and promoted the Hamburg Silk Company, of which he is manager. This company has a paid up capital of $25,000. The interests are divided into four equal shares among the following well known business men: Thomas F. Mabery, President; Henry J. Diener, vice president; Lee D. Madeira, secretary; and Irwin A. Diener, treasurer. The firm manufactures a superior quality of silk which is shipped to New York, and is disposed of through a commission house. Mr. Madeira is also operating a silk mill for Thomas Mabery which is situated at Binghamton, New York.

REV. ANSON WILLIAM LINDENMUTH, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, comprising the Amityville-Friedensburg parish, is one of the younger of the successful ministers of his faith in this part of the State. He was born in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, near Hamburg, Berks county, May 30, 1874, son of Joseph and Sarah (Kauffman) Lindenmuth.

The Lindenmuth family has long resided in Berks county, and its members have been characterized by industry and honesty, conscientious fidelity to duty, and untiring labor in religious and public life.

(I) Michael Lindenmuth came from the German Palatinate to America, qualifying at Philadelphia, Sept. 22, 1752. Soon thereafter it appears that he located in Windsor township, Berks county. In 1790 he settled in that part of Bern township, now Tilden. In the Pennsylvania Archives his name is given as Johan Michael, and on his tombstone it is John Michael, while in the Federal Government records of the Revolutionary war he is referred to as Colonel Michael. He was a leading figure in Berks county in the struggle for independence. On May 6, 1780, he addressed a letter to the council in reference to the murder of some of the inhabitants beyond the Blue Mountain, and the moving of certain families to the Little Schuylkill. He asked for arms from the stores at Reading for self defense. On the 10th, President Reed replied, stating that he had directed Colonel Morgan to supply the necessary arms. Michael Lindenmuth was Colonel of the 4th Battalion of Berks county militia. By the following action of the Supreme Executive Council, Dec. 31, 1778, it would appear that Col. Michael Lindenmuth and his Battalion were in active service outside of the county: "Ordered that the Secretary write to the Lieutenant of Berks County to call upon Colonel Lindenmuth or his Lieutenant-Colonel, stationed last summer at Fort Jenkins, in Northumberland, for five rifles taken fom one Webb, charged with disaffection." In the Stoever records of marriage in western Berks county is found that on June 17, 1760, Michael Lindenmuth married Maria Eva Noecker. In the will of Martin Noecker (see Pennsylvania Historical Society, Book 365, Page 521) is this item: "To the children of Michael and Magdalena Lindenmuth, the children of my deceased daughter Eve, deceased wife of Michael Lindenmuth," whence it would appear that Magdalena was his second wife. In the will of Margaret, widow of Eberhart Geschwind, of Bern township, is this reference: "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine, wife of Michael Lindenmuth," who apparently was the third wife of Michael Lindenmuth. The number of his children is not known, but by his wife Catharine he had a son John Jacob, mentioned below. In a diary left by Colonel Michael Lindenmuth (but subsequently destroyed by his children) it was stated that the Government owed him a large sum of money which he had advanced the commissary department, and for the services of himself and men. While enroute to Washington for settlement he died at Baltimore. The delay in the settlement had ruined him financially.

(II) John Jacob Lindenmuth was born Aug. 24, 1766, and died Sept. 17, 1839. His wife, Catharine, was born Nov. 22, 1768, and died April 17, 1852, and both are buried at Hamburg. His tombstone inscription says he was the father of sixteen children. Among these were: John; Thomas, who moved West; George, who was killed in the stone quarry at Bern Station; and Samuel, who died in 1870, at his home in Stouchsburg, the father of Sarah, Catharine, Mary, Lydia, Samuel (who had a daughter Agnes), Nathaniel, Elizabeth and John.

(III) John Lindenmuth, son of John Jacob and Catharine, was born in the vicinity of Hamburg, Aug. 6, 1788, and died Sept. 3, 1852, and is buried at St. Michael's Church. He was employed at farm labor in what is now Tilden township. He married Catharine Osenbach (born Dec. 16, 1792, died Sept. 15, 1877) and their children were: John, Joseph, Emanuel, Levi, Hettie, who married Benneville Miller; Elizabeth, who married George Hinkel; Matilda, of Hamburg, widow of Isaac Ketner; Sarah, who married Daniel Althouse, and lives in Mohrsville; and Sallie and Jacob, who both died in infancy.

(IV) Joseph Lindenmuth, son of John and Catharine (Osenbach), was born in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, Feb. 7, 1825, and died upon his farm in the same township, June 25, 1904. By trade he was a shoemaker and he followed that as an occupation until 1892, after which he devoted his entire time to farming, which he had followed before on a small scale in connection with his trade. He lived first near St. Michael's Church, and then moved to a place one mile north of Wagner's Hotel. After 1892 he lived on his farm of 114 acres near St. Michael's Church. He was prosperous, and well-known in his township. Mr. Lindenmuth was twice married. By his first wife, Caroline Marbarger (1830-1855), he had a son who died when a child. He married (second) Sarah Kauffmann, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rentschler) Kauffmann, of Tilden township. Their children were: Elmira (m. Samuel Winters, of Kutztown); Mary Matilda (m. Henry W. Horning, of Reading); Amelia (m. Eusebius Miller, of Shoemakersville); Franklin K., of Tilden township; Alma Fayetta (m. George Stoudt, of Shartlesville); Rev. Anson William; and Katie, who died in infancy.

(V) Rev. Anson W. Lindenmuth passed his early days on his father's farm, being there trained in the lessons of industry and integrity that have been such factors in the success of his later years. In the public schools he early showed his love of learning, and before he was fifteen had passed an examination for a teacher's certificate. At the age of seventeen he was granted a certificate to teach, and was elected to Fisher's school, at Bern Station. The following term he taught Miller's school, and then Dunkel's, all in the same township, after which he went to Lancaster county, and taught two terms. In the spring of 1894, he enrolled at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, but the following winter again engaged in teaching. In the spring of 1895 he again entered the Normal, and was admitted to the senior class, graduating in the spring of 1896. For two terms after his graduation he taught at Pleasant Hill, Lancaster county. During the last year he spent in teaching in Lancaster county, he studied Greek and Latin under the Rev. A. W. Leibensperger, now associate pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon. This completed his preparation for college, and in the fall of 1898 he entered Muhlenberg College, graduating with first honors in 1902, and being duly assigned the valedictory oration. He won the Amos Ettinger honor medal—a gold star containing the monogram of Muhlenberg College, pendant from a bar inscribed "Amos Ettinger Honor." The Professor of German presented him with a thirty-volume set of the German classics for his meritorious work in that department.

In the fall of 1902 Mr. Lindenmuth entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and graduated June 13, 1905. During the spring of 1903 he was absent on leave to act as teacher of Latin and Greek in the Keystone State Normal School. His ordination took place in Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, June 19, 1905.

In June, 1904, a year before his graduation from the Theological Seminary, he became supply pastor and instructor of the catechetical class of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Amityville, supplying all the pulpits in the parish. This led to his election to the parish March 11, 1905. He accepted the unanimous call, and took charge on June 25th following.

On June 17, 1896, the Rev. Mr. Lindenmuth was married to Lizzie S. Moll, daughter of the late Daniel Moll, former owner of the Strausstown Carriage Works. Four children have come to bless this union, one of whom, Ruth, has entered into rest. The others are: Marian, Luther Moll and Anson W., Jr. Both the Rev. Mr. Lindenmuth and his wife are popular in the parish, where their devotion to the people and their sincerity and truth are well known.

URIAS M. SCHUCKER, a well-known resident of Richmond township, resides in one of the handsome residences of the locality, which is beautifully situated in the midst of a well cultivated farm, about four miles northwest of Kutztown, Pa. Mr. Schucker was born April 22, 1854, on the Schucker homestead not far from where he now resides.

John Schucker, the great-grandfather of Urias, owned a farm of 120 acres in Richmond township. He married Elizabeth Stoudt and they had children as follows: John, Samuel, Jacob, David, Rebecca and Catherine. Of this family Jacob, born in 1799, was a resident of Richmond township, and the owner of a small tract of land on the Eastern Road, two miles east of Kutztown, Pa. He married Polly Ressler, born in 1802, who died in 1876, his death having occurred in 1858, and they were the parents of nine children, namely: John, who died in early youth; Samuel; Reuben; Jacob; William; Adam; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Orlando, and Joel.

Samuel Schucker, father of U. M., who died in 1904, was a carpenter by trade. He married Susannah Merkel, daughter of Peter Merkel, and they became the parents of: Urias; Cyrus; Alfred; Samuel; Louisa, who married Christian Luppold, a merchant of Reading, Pa.; Clara, who married John Bartlet, of Blandon, Pa.; Peter; Maurice, and Sarah and Lucy who are single and live on the old homestead of 130 acres of fertile and productive land.

Urias M. Schucker was educated in the public schools of his native township, and since attaining his majority has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, his fine farm of forty-seven acres being one of the most fertile in the township. Furnished with modern, substantial buildings and the latest and most improved farming machinery, it is a model of neatness and order. Mr. Schucker has the esteem of the entire community. A Democrat in politics, he takes a good citizen's interest in elections, but has never desired office for himself, preferring to devote his time and attention to his farm. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, which she attends in Perry township (Zion's Church), and he at St. John's Church, Kutztown.

Mr. Schucker was married (first) Oct. 11, 1877, to Amanda Wanner, and she died the same year without issue. Mr. Schucker's second marriage was to Carolina Keim, widow of Abraham Reber, by whom she had one son,—John Reber, of Reading. Mrs. Schucker was born Jan. 11, 1854, daughter of John Keim, of Richmond township, and who was born in Perry township, Sept. 5, 1824. His education was somewhat limited, as the free schools were not then established as they are at present. When eighteen years of age he went to learn the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for thirteen years. On Sept. 9, 1845, he married Lovina Becker, daughter of John Becker, and to them were born: Jerry, Emma, Caroline, Isabella, John and Alfred.

JAMES H. HEIN. This enterprising young agriculturist of Berks county, Pa., who is extensively engaged in cultivating the soil of Mengels Dale, Perry township, was born Feb. 8, 1881, in Windsor township, son of Francis and Lydia (Wessner) Hein.

Jesse Hein, grandfather of James H., was a shoemaker by trade, and was reared in Albany township, but later removed to Windsor township, living in the vicinity of St. Paul's Church, of which he was a member. He married a Miss Smith, and they were the parents of twelve children. Francis Hein, father of James H., was a tenant farmer in Greenwich township, and for many years lived in the neighborhood of Klinesville, Berks county. He married Lydia Wessner, and to this union were born children as follows: Agnes, William, Albert, James, Cora, Annie, Oscar, Lydia and Gertie.

James H. Hein received his education in the common schools of Perry township, which he attended until seventeen years of age, and was reared on the farm, at the age of twenty-one years learning the blacksmith trade from his brother Albert of Lenhartsville, Pa., for whom he worked two years. After marriage he located on the present farm of 196 acres received by his wife as an inheritance, and here has continued successfully to the present time. The land is fertile and well cultivated and is improved with good substantial buildings. Mr. Hein is honest and industrious, and is considered one of the representative young farmers of Perry township. He and his wife attend Zion's Reformed Church.

Mr. Hein married October 22, 1904, Miss Mary M. Mengel, daughter of James and Harriet (Strausser) Mengel, and to this union one daughter has been born,—Mabel Harriet. Mrs. Hein was one of a family of five children, the others being: Lessouri, who died in infancy; Marguerite, who married Sassaman Schappell; Violetta, the wife of James Stitzel, and Miss Minnie I., who lives with her sister, Mrs. Hein.

WILLIAM R. KEIM, one of the successful fruit growers of Douglass township, Berks county, comes of a family that has given able and useful citizens to the Commonwealth.

The early home of the Keim family was in the Rhine country in Germany. Some 687 years before the birth of the American emigrant of the family lived one Gottschalk Keim, the direct ancestor of Ludwig Hercourt Keim, an officer in the "Thirty Years War," serving under Bernhard von Weimer, and born near Speier, about 1598. In 1638 he participated in the storming and capture of Briesbach, and he died after 1662.

George Keim, son of Ludwig Hercourt, was born about 1623, and was a merchant. George Keim and a Joseph Keim are recorded as living at Speier in 1690.

Johann Keim, son of George, was born about 1647.

Johannes Keim, son of Johann, was born near Speier about 1675. He was ruined in the French invasion of the Palatinate (1688-1697), and visited the New World (Pennsylvania) on a prospecting tour in 1698. He returned to Germany about 1701, and was there married in 1706. The next year (1707) he returned to Pennsylvania and located at Germantown, where he remained until the following year, when he settled in the wilderness on the Manatawny, in Oley township, Berks county. His first child was born at Oley in 1708. The earliest autograph manuscript relating to the Keims in America (so far as is known) consists of two much faded, time-worn and broken sheets of paper in German script by the hand of Johannes (Hans) Keim. It must have been written about 1732, as it ends with that year, and it was evidently drawn up for the benefit of the fourth child and third son, Johannes Nicholas Keim, who gave it to his son John. This record is now held by the family of the late Daniel May Keim, of Bristol, Mr. Keim having obtained it from his brother, Hon. George M. Keim, a zealous col-

lector of data pertaining to the family history. The text of the paper is as follows:

"Ich Johannes Keim hab mich verheiratat in dem jahr 1706, viertzen tag von Michels.

"Katarina, born on Michels Day 1708. (Later in another hand writing has been added '1793, den 8 Mai begraben.')

"Und in dem jahr, 1711, vier Wochten von Ostern ist mein sohn Johannes zur welt geboren.

"Stephen, born March 28, 1717.

"Hantz Nickel, April 2, 1719.

"Elizabet, February, 1723.

"Jacob, October, 1724.

"Und in dem jahr 1731 den ersten tag in dem jahr 1731 habe ich meine zweihe frau zur ehe genommen.

"Und in dem jahr 1732 den 27 Aprill is meiner sohn Henrig zur welt geboren."

All these children were born on the Manatawny Creek, near its headwaters, in what was known as Oley in later years, in Berks county, but then in Philadelphia county. It was about a half mile from the present village of Pleasantville, and fifteen miles southeast of Reading. The Christian name of the second wife, as given in the will, was Maria Elizabeth. The will of Johannes Keim refers to "All my six children from my first wife." In another part of the same document concerning bequests to his second wife he provides "My wife, charged with ten small children." (Will probated at Reading, Jan. 1, 1754). It is therefore established beyond question that he had sixteen children. Through a "release of John Keim to George Keim, etc., April 29, 1762" the names of the following children of the second marriage are obtained: Heinrich; George; Conrad; Maria (m. Jacob Yoder); Barbara (m. Michael Witman); and Susanna (m. Frederick Huft)—"Heirs and representatives of John Keim, late of Oley in the County of Berks and Province of Pennsylvania deceased." The signatures to all papers where the names are spelled "Kihm" in the text are clearly Keim in German or English script.

George Keim, grandson of Johannes and grandfather of William R., was born April 10, 1776, and died July 11, 1859. He owned a large farm near Pikeville, now the property of Moses Eberhart (the Eberharts and Keims are intermarried). In 1805 Mr. Keim married Susanna Mensch, born April 10, 1780, and died Aug. 24, 1865, after fifty-four years of wedded life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keim are buried in a private burial ground on their farm, located in the orchard back of the barn. Of their ten children nine were living at the time the mother died, at which time there were also forty-seven grand-children and two great-grandchildren. The nine were: John, William, Israel, George, Joel M., Benneville, Susanna, Elizabeth and Sally Ann. George Keim had a sister Susanna, 1775-1846, who married George Oyster, 1762-1848.

Joel M. Keim, son of George, was born in Pike township, Berks county, and died in Douglass township, aged eighty-four years. He was a tanner in his earlier life, and was employed at different places, but later he took up farming, and lived many years in Pike township. The last six years of his life he passed in Douglass township at the home of his son William R. His farm of seventy-eight acres in Pike township is known as the Keim farm. In politics he was a Democrat, and efficiently filled the offices of school director and supervisor in Pike township for a number of years. Both he and his wife are buried at Hill Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He married Catharine Rohrbach, who was born in District township, daughter of Daniel Rohrbach. She is still living, now aged eighty-nine years, and makes her home with her daughter-in-law at Hill Church. Their children were: James, a farmer in Pike township; Augustus, deceased, a farmer in Douglass township; Samuel, unmarried, and living with William R.; William R.; and Katie, who died aged about seventeen years.

William R. Keim was born near Lobachsville, in Pike township, Jan. 29, 1858, and was educated in the schools of his native township. His practical training for life's affairs he acquired on the home farm. At the age of seventeen he learned the tinsmith's trade, but never followed it to any extent. He began farming for himself in 1880, continuing for six years, and in addition he attended the Philadelphia markets once or twice a week. From 1886 to 1889 he worked as a molder in the Colebrookdale foundry. Since the spring of 1890 he has been farming. For nine years he was a tenant farmer on different farms in Douglass township. In the spring of 1899 he moved to his present tract, located in the extreme northeast end of Douglass township. It consists of sixty-four acres, and is known as the John Mauger farm, though originally a part of the Behr estate for one hundred years, Mrs. Mauger having been born a Behr. Mr. Keim is a pomologist, taking great interest in fruit growing, and has about 1800 peach trees, 600 now (1909) being in bearing condition. He also has 140 apple trees that he planted in 1900. His farm is in an excellent state of cultivation, and he has a reputation for thorough understanding of his work.

In politics Mr. Keim is a Democrat, and he has been active in his party's interest. He served as supervisor of Douglass township for six years, and is very influential in Lower Berks county. He and his family are Lutheran members of the church at Lobachsville.

On April 28, 1884, Mr. Keim married Emma, daughter of Thomas and Catharine (Weidner) Weider, the former of whom was a "Herrenhooter" from Bethlehem, belonging to the Moravian Church. (His son Thomas was a farmer in Spring township). Two sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keim, namely: Milton W., a bookkeeper in the service of the Bell Telephone Company, Philadelphia, is married to a Miss Hare, of Nova Scotia; Edwin W. is a merchant at Gilbertsville; and Emma C. is at home.

GEORGE S. WEIDENHAMMER, a well-known and prosperous farmer, living about three-quarters of a mile north of Moselem Springs, on the old Leibelsperger homestead, was born Oct. 18, 1851, on the original Weidenhammer homestead, about the same distance north of Moselem Springs on the Easton road.

The progenitor of the Weidenhammer family in this country was Johannes Weidenhammer, born Nov. 14, 1726, in Germany. He was married to Margaret Magdalena Eblinger in 1750, and died Aug. 3, 1804, in his seventy-eighth year and the fifty-fourth year of his marriage, his wife, who was born in 1729, passing away in April, 1812, when eighty-three years old. They were survived by five sons and four daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren. Of the children of Johannes, George was born July 17, 1761, and died May 5, 1807, his remains, like those of the numerous other members of this family, being interred in Moselem Lutheran cemetery. He was married to Catherine Heberacker, and among their children was John, the grandfather of George S.

John Weidenhammer was a foremost citizen of Richmond township, owning 325 acres of the best land in the locality. He was a true friend of the poor, having at the time of his death about a dozen tenant houses on his farm in which lived the needy whom he helped to support both as an individual and as an overseer of the poor of Berks county, no man ever serving an office more acceptably. His funeral, which was a large one, was largely attended by the people of the community, especially by those to whom he had been a lifelong friend and benefactor. Mr. Weidenhammer married Sarah Ganser, and to this union were born: George, of Richmond township; Reuben; Kate, who married John Adam; Jacob, a farmer of Richmond township, and later of Reading; Adam, who for many years conducted the store and hotel at Moselem Springs; Susan, who married John Gehret; Annie, the wife of Benneville Kline; and John, who made his home with his brother Reuben, died single.

Reuben Weidenhammer, born Sept. 2, 1816, who died July 7, 1887, was an extensive farmer of Richmond township, operating on the old Weidenhammer homestead.

He was a man of influence in his community and was greatly esteemed and respected by all with whom he came into contact. In politics he was one of the first to embrace the principles of the Republican party in Berks county, was a delegate to numerous conventions, and served the township in most of its public offices. He and his family were consistent members of the Moselem Lutheran Church. Mr. Weidenhammer married Hannah Smith, daughter of John Smith of Ruscombmanor township, and these children were born to this union: James, a retired grain and lumber merchant, and owner of the original Weidenhammer homestead, resides at Kutztown; Matilda, deceased; Sarah, the wife of Reuben Sell, a well to do farmer of Richmond township; George S.; Mary, wife of Cyranius Kutz, deceased; Amos, the well-known merchant at Farmington, in Maxatawny township; Ellen, the wife of Frank Seidel, of Reading; and Lizzie, who is single and lives with her sister, Mrs. Sell.

George S. Weidenhammer lived at home until thirty-seven years of age, having received his education in the public schools of his native township and in the Kutztown Normal School which he attended for several sessions when John S. Ermentrout was principal, having for a schoolmate Frank K. Flood, of Reading. He was married Dec. 2, 1872, to Sarah M. Stoudt, daughter of Joel and Eliza (Rickenbach) Stoudt of Ontelaunee township, and to this union were born children as follows: Laura; John and Linnie, twins, both died in infancy; Lizzie M., who also died in infancy; Carrie, who married William Prizer, a railroad man of Reading; Sallie, the wife of William Schlegel, a machinist of Fleetwood; Oliver, the husband of Rosie Shalters of Moselem; Jennie, who married John Bieber, a moulder of Reading; Mattie F., the wife of Charles Bast, a farmer of near Kutztown; Ruth B.; Charlotte M.; Solon, and Susannah May, at home with their parents.

After his marriage Mr. Weidenhammer removed to his present farm, where he has since resided, extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and has been elected by his fellow citizens to be a delegate to many conventions, and to other positions of trust and honor. He and his children are members of Moselem Lutheran Church, while his wife belongs to the Reformed denomination. Mr. Weidenhammer is much esteemed in his community, where all of his life has been spent.

JEFFERSON T. GOOD, a prominent business man of the borough of Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., of which he is serving as a councilman, was born March 19, 1871, near Mount Joy, Lancaster county, son of Jefferson T. and Catherine (Kaylor) Good.

Jacob G. Good, the grandfather of Jefferson T. Jr., was born in Rapho township, where he spent his life in carpentering and farming, and where he died in the house in which he had commenced housekeeping and which he had built, at the age of sixty-seven years in 1888. He owned a small farm of forty acres, and was highly esteemed in his community. Mr. Good was buried at Mt. Joy cemetery, Bishop Jacob Brubaker of the Mennonite Church preaching his funeral sermon. He was for many years a school director, also holding other township offices, and in his death the community lost an intelligent, valuable citizen. Mr. Good married Catherine Gantz, and to this union there were born six children: Jefferson T., Sr.; Monroe, of Allentown; Aaron, of Elizabethtown; Almira, who married James Hamilton of Lebanon; Henry, of Ida Grove, Ia.; and Albert C., who died at Ida Grove, Ia., at the age of twenty-seven years.

Jefferson T. Good, Sr., was born in 1842 in Rapho township, Lancaster county, where he died Nov. 20, 1870, having been engaged in school-teaching for five terms at the time of his death. Mr. Good was buried at Mount Joy cemetery. He was a useful and exemplary citizen, and had hosts of friends throughout his community. Mr. Good married Catherine Kaylor, born in 1840, who now resides at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, being well preserved in body and mind, and has been again married, her husband being James Rutherford. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Good: Lizzie, who married Wesley Hauseal, of Bainbridge, a quarryman; and Jefferson T., Jr.

Jefferson T. Good was educated in the schools of Rapho township and the Mount Joy High school, which he left at the age of seventeen years, and then spent three years in work upon the farm. In 1891 he learned the baking trade at Middletown, Dauphin county, with C. H. Baker, with whom he continued for five years, and in 1896 located in Womelsdorf, where he established himself in the baking business, which he has carried on very successfully to the present time. Mr. Good employs seven assistants, two teams and a commissioned wagon, and his cakes, pretzels, bread and pastry find a ready sale throughout the surrounding country. His plant is furnished with the latest improved machinery, and measures are taken to insure strict cleanliness and purity.

Mr. Good is a stanch Republican, and in 1905 his fellow citizens honored him by electing him to the office of borough councilman, and he was council president for one year. Since Jan. 1, 1906, he has served as one of the county registers of vital statistics, to which position he was appointed by Health Commissioner of Pennsylvania Dixon. Fraternally Mr. Good is connected with Elizabethtown Lodge No. 128, I. O. O. F. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Peter's Church, of Middletown, Pa.

On May 21, 1898, Mr. Good was united in marriage with Emma Fallstrom, daughter of Charles and Christina (Lawson) Fallstrom, of Middletown.

CLOYD W. BORDNER, liveryman and horse dealer of Womelsdorf, Berks county, was born Sept. 27, 1874, in Mount Aetna, this county, son of Isaac Bordner, a prominent citizen of that locality.

Mr. Bordner received a liberal education in the public schools of his native district, attending until he was twenty years old. He was trained to assist in his father's general store at Mount Aetna, and continued to work for his father until he was twenty-five years old. In 1900 he removed to Womelsdorf to engage in the buying and selling of horses, a line of enterprise which he has since followed successfully. Mr. Bordner handles over a thousand head a year, purchasing his horses throughout the Western States, where he goes from twelve to fifteen times a year. During 1906 (his banner year thus far) he shipped seventeen car-loads in to Womelsdorf, where he disposes of them at the Sale & Exchange House (at the "Seltzer Hotel"). He has frequent public sales, and is widely known as a reputable dealer. He also ships to Reading, Philadelphia and New York City. In connection with this branch of the business Mr. Bordner conducts a livery business of growing proportions, and his standing in both branches is unquestioned.

On Dec. 24, 1889, Mr. Bordner married Miss Minnie Smaltz, daughter of John and Sarah (Mays) Smaltz, and granddaughter of John and Theresa (Spatz) Smaltz; the grandfather farmed on the Smaltz homestead in Richland, Lebanon county, Pa. Mrs. Bordner has been well educated, having attended the public schools of Marion township, Berks county, and later Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa. She is fond of horses and has excellent judgment in that line, proving of considerable help to her husband in his business transactions. Mr. and Mrs. Bordner have traveled extensively. They are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church of Womelsdorf. In political opinion he is a Democrat.

JOHN Y. WEIDNER, of Mohnton, Pa., was born Aug. 3, 1846, at Sinking Spring, Berks county, son of Obadiah and Hannah (Yocum) Weidner.

Obadiah Weidner was born Feb. 17, 1817, in Rockland township, and died in Boyertown, in the thirty-third year of his age. For some years he lived near Sinking Spring, and later removed to the village, where he con-

ducted a restaurant. On Feb. 1, 1842, he was married to Hannah Yocum, born Aug. 21, 1821, who died Sept. 2, 1897, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Seidel) Yocum, and to them were born these children: Anna Eliza, born Oct. 11, 1842, died single; Catherine, born Nov. 8, 1844, married John Marks, of Cumru township; and John Y.

John Y. Weidner attended the Cumru township schools, which he left at the age of eighteen years, obtaining a fair business education. In 1865 he located in Mohnton, where he has resided to the present time, with the exception of four years when he farmed the Yocum property and dealt in ice. On first locating in Mohnton, Mr. Weidner engaged in the mercantile business at the northeast corner of Church street and Wyomissing avenue, but after three years purchased the house now owned by his son-in-law, Martin D. Grill, where he remained for four years. Mr. Weidner was the first man to handle Angelica ice, starting at the old forge. In 1882, after returning to Mohnton, he built a large ice-house, 40x50 feet, and engaged extensively in the ice business, which he successfully continued until 1900, when he leased his plant to the Reading Cold Storage Company. For some years after returning to Mohnton, Mr. Weidner conducted a general feed store with his mercantile business, and in 1901 engaged in the sawmill business, his mill being on the Wyomissing creek at Mohnton, where he employs six men and does a very flourishing business.

Mr. Weidner has been as prominent in public life as he has been in the business world. He is well known as an unswerving Republican, was assessor of his township in 1884, 1885 and 1886, and in the latter year he was elected tax assessor of Cumru township, a most responsible position. This he filled for a full term of three years with entire satisfaction to all concerned. In 1896 Mr. Weidner was appointed postmaster of Mohnton by President McKinley, and has since been twice reappointed. He was first appointed under President Harrison, but owing to the controversy between Postmaster-General John Wanamaker and the Republican organization of Pennsylvania he was not commissioned until President McKinley's administration. Mr. Weidner and his family are members of Zion's U. E. Church of Mohnton.

On Feb. 8, 1866, Mr. Weidner was married to Catherine Hornberger, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Spatz) Hornberger, born May 23, 1846, and to this union there were born: Emma, born Nov. 15, 1867, died in her second year; Maggie, born Oct. 10, 1869, who is a mute, is intelligent, beautiful and is much interested in her church; Lizzie H., born Oct. 1, 1872, married Hiram J. Bigony, a well-known business man of Mohnton, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Hannah R., born Aug. 27, 1875, married Martin D. Grill, a school teacher of Cumru township; and Kate A., born May 21, 1883, married Charles S. Richwein, also a school teacher of the township.

ADAM F. MOYER, one of Lower Heidelberg's most highly esteemed citizens, who is now living retired at Wernersville, Pa., is a veteran of the Civil war, throughout which he served bravely and faithfully. He was born Nov. 22, 1838, son of Jacob and Catharine (Fox) Moyer.

Daniel Moyer, grandfather of Adam F., was a resident of Spring township, Berks county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He had a family of seven sons: Henry; Jacob; Daniel; Isaac; William; Abraham; and John.

Jacob Moyer, father of Adam F., was born in Alsace township, Berks county, but spent all of his life in Spring township, where he died in April, 1877, after a long and useful life there. He is buried at Hain's Church. Mr. Moyer married Catharine Fox, and to this union there were born the following children: Sarah; Henry; Adam F.; Isaac; Jacob; Wallace; and Solomon.

Adam F. Moyer attended the schools of Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships, after leaving which he engaged in farm work. While thus engaged, the Civil war broke out, and on July 30, 1861, he enlisted from Berks county, and was mustered into the United States service at Reading, Pa., in Company L, 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, to serve three years under Captain J. A. Hoffeditz and Colonel George D. Bayard. He shared the fortunes of the regiment in the battles of Drainsville, Dec. 20, 1861; Swashburg, June 12, 1861; Woodstock, June 2, 1861; Harrisonburg, June 6, 1862; Rapidan, July 7, 1862, where he was injured by his horse falling upon him, breaking his right arm, the horse having been shot from under him. At another time he was slightly wounded, but remained with his regiment all the time, and engaged at Cedar Mountain, Aug. 9, 1862; Beverly Ford, Aug. 1, 1862; Thoroughfare Gap, Aug. 20, 1862; Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Brandy Station, June 9, 1863; Beverly Ford, June 9, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863; Shepherdstown, July 16, 1863; Rappahannock, Aug. 13, 1863; Mine Kern, Nov. 7, 1863; and New Hope Church, Nov. 28, 1863. He was discharged Dec. 31, 1863, at Warrington, Va., and re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company and regiment under Capt. H. Gaul and Col. D. Gardner, to serve three years or during the war, and was engaged at Todd's Tavern, May 8, 1864; Ashland, May 11-30, 1864; Yellow Tavern, May 11, 1864; St. Mary's Church, June 22, 1864; Fredilliam Station, June 11, 1864; Hawes Shop, June 2, 1864; Reams Station, June 22-29, 1864; Petersburg, July 30, 1864; Lee's Mills, July 30, 1864; Cradle Hill, August 14, 1864; Weldon Rock, Dec. 7-11, 1864. He was honorably discharged Aug. 7, 1865, at Louisville, Ky., at the close of the war.

After the completion of his service in the army, Mr. Moyer again engaged in farm work, but subsequently entered the employ of the Reading Iron Works, working in their blast furnace for sixteen years. In 1900 he located in Wernersville, where he now lives retired. In politics he is a faithful Republican, and in religion he is a member of Hain's Church.

On Aug. 11, 1866, Mr. Moyer married Annie Troup, daughter of John and Mary (Kerschoff) Troup, and to this union there were born three children: Sallie E., Katie and Alvin, the last two of whom died young. Sallie E. married George Goodwin, of Reading, and to them four children have been born: Florence, who married Edward Griswite; Hammon C., Howard D. and Edward A.

CYRUS BOONE, a well known farmer, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Bern township, Sept. 27, 1843, a son of John and Elizabeth (Meck) Boone, and a grandson of John Boone.

(I) John Boone, Sr., was a resident of Bern township, who had four children: John, Daniel, William and Susan, who married D. Spayd, for many years proprietor of the "Dry Road" hotel.

(II) John Boone, Jr., was born in Bern township where he was a farmer on his father's land, and later among the farmers of the township after he was left an orphan. In 1850 he went to Reading and engaged in the Bushongs distillery, continuing with them for many years. Later he was connected with a stone quarry, but the last six years of his life, he was retired from active business. His death occurred on South street, and he is buried at the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading. The children born to himself and wife were: Sylvia, deceased; William, deceased; Cyrus; Eliza, deceased; Henry, deceased; Jonathan of Philadelphia; Albert of 10th street, Reading; Sarah of Reading, and John who died in infancy.

(III) Cyrus Boone attended the public schools of Reading, but when only nine he began boating on the canal and thus continued until 1861, when, August 8th, he enlisted in Company G, 6th Cavalry, Captain Clymer commanding, and he served until Dec. 31, 1863, when he re-enlisted at Mitchell Station, Va., Jan. 1, 1864, for three years, in a company of the 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, and was honorably discharged Dec. 15, 1864, on account of disability. Mr. Boone was wounded May 7, 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness. He received two wounds, part of his left side being shot away. He lost a rib and a portion of his elbow, but he

retained his arm, although the surgeons wanted to amputate it. When he recovered sufficiently, Mr. Boone went back to his canal boat life, and thus continued for six years when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad foundries and worked in them in several departments, until April 11, 1894, when he bought the Jacob Lando tract of four acres in Bern township. On this he erected a house, and has since made it his home. Naturally Mr. Boone is an enthusiastic G. A. R. man and belongs to Post No. 16 of Reading. He is also a member of the Keystone Hook and Ladder Co. In politics he is an independent, voting for the man he thinks best fitted for the office regardless of his party affiliations. He and his family are members of the Reformed church, in which they are active.

Mr. Boone married Mary A. Yerger, a daughter of William and Catherine (Rothwell) Yerger, and their children are: Minnie E., deceased; John H., deceased; Mary A., married William Seltzer of Heidelberg township; Kate, married Irwin Speas of Heidelberg township; William W. of Reading; Laura M., married John Drey; Rosa I., deceased.

ABRAHAM BOYER, proprietor of the Green Terrace Hotel, situated in Lower Heidelberg township, one mile south of Wernersville, was born Nov. 22, 1859, in Lower Heidelberg township, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Wineholt) Boyer.

Abraham Boyer, the grandfather of Abraham, who established the famous hotel now conducted by his grandson, was well-known by the traveling public of this section, and made a reputation for his house that has been kept to the present time. He was married to Katie Strunk, and to them the following children were born: Matilda, Elizabeth, Annie and Moses. Moses Boyer became proprietor of the hotel after his father's death, and conducted it until within several years of his own demise, when he retired from active pursuits. His death occurred in 1899, in his seventy-second year. Moses Boyer was married to Elizabeth Wineholt, who still survives and makes her home in Lower Heidelberg township, near the Green Terrace Hotel. Five children were born to her and her husband: Jerome, Wellington, Violet, Lemon and Abraham. Moses Boyer served in the Civil war and while fighting for his country, contracted an illness from which he never fully recovered.

Abraham Boyer attended the schools of his native township, after leaving which he learned the painting and paper hanging trade, which he followed for a period of twenty-two years. Subsequently, however, at the time of his father's retirement in 1897 he took charge of the hotel, but soon thereafter removed to Reinhold's Station, where he remained two years, at the end of which time he located in his present place of business. He has twenty large, well-lighted and well-heated rooms, and his cuisine is of the best. In connection with his hotel he has a large livery, and in every respect conducts a modern, up-to-date establishment.

In 1880 Mr. Boyer was married to Amanda Stief, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Reid) Stief, of Lower Heidelberg township, and they have had these children: Katie; Henry, who resides at Wernersville and is an operator at Myerstown, married Alice Abling; and Jerome, a cigar maker of Lancaster county, married Lillie Kocherias.

Mr. Boyer is an independent voter, and his religious belief is that of the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with Reading Lodge No. 66, F. O. E., and the Sons of Veterans, also of Reading. For thirty-two years he has been prominent in musical circles of his community and is now leader of the Sinking Spring Band, and assistant leader of the band at Fritztown.

F. L. R. MATTERN, M. D., was born Dec. 16, 1879, son of William and Sarah (Freehafer) Mattern, both natives of Schuylkill county.

William Mattern early in life became connected with the iron business, and has remained in that kind of work ever since. He is now the superintendent of the York Sheet Mill, of the Susquehanna Iron and Steel Company, and is considered an expert in his line. He and his wife had a family of four children, namely: Alice, deceased; Harry, vice-president and assistant manager of the Lebanon Chair Works; Edward, who died in infancy; and Dr. F. L. R. Mr. Mattern is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, while in religious faith he is a Methodist, and in politics a good Republican.

Dr. F. L. R. Mattern received his early education in the public schools of Columbia, Lancaster county, and was for one year at the Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster. His professional training was obtained in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1903. After receiving his degree he secured the appointment of resident physician for one year in the Reading Hospital, and on July 1, 1904, he opened his office in Reading. With his thorough preparation and hospital experience, Dr. Mattern unites a pleasing personality that inspires confidence and in his five years of practice he has been unusually successful. His ability is recognized not only in his constantly increasing clientele, but also among his fellow practitioners. He is a member of the Reading Medical Association, and is a keen student in his profession, with a mind ever open to new and helpful ideas. The Doctor belongs to the Greek letter fraternities, Alpha Kappa Kappa and the Phi Kappa Psi.

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John Y. Weidner attended the Cumru township schools, which he left at the age of eighteen years, obtaining a fair business education. In 1865 he located in Mohnton, where he has resided to the present time, with the exception of four years when he farmed the Yocum property and dealt in ice. On first locating in Mohnton, Mr. Weidner engaged in the mercantile business at the northeast corner of Church street and Wyomissing avenue, but after three years purchased the house now owned by his son-in-law, Martin D. Grill, where he remained for four years. Mr. Weidner was the first man to handle Angelica ice, starting at the old forge. In 1882, after returning to Mohnton, he built a large ice-house, 40x50 feet, and engaged extensively in the ice business, which he successfully continued until 1900, when he leased his plant to the Reading Cold Storage Company. For some years after returning to Mohnton, Mr. Weidner conducted a general feed store with his mercantile business, and in 1901 engaged in the sawmill business, his mill being on the Wyomissing creek at Mohnton, where he employs six men and does a very flourishing business.

Mr. Weidner has been as prominent in public life as he has been in the business world. He is well known as an unswerving Republican, was assessor of his township in 1884, 1885 and 1886, and in the latter year he was elected tax assessor of Cumru township, a most responsible position. This he filled for a full term of three years with entire satisfaction to all concerned. In 1896 Mr. Weidner was appointed postmaster of Mohnton by President McKinley, and has since been twice reappointed. He was first appointed under President Harrison, but owing to the controversy between Postmaster-General John Wanamaker and the Republican organization of Pennsylvania he was not commissioned until President McKinley's administration. Mr. Weidner and his family are members of Zion's U. E. Church of Mohnton.

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ADAM F. MOYER, one of Lower Heidelberg's most highly esteemed citizens, who is now living retired at Wernersville, Pa., is a veteran of the Civil war, throughout which he served bravely and faithfully. He was born Nov. 22, 1838, son of Jacob and Catharine (Fox) Moyer.

Daniel Moyer, grandfather of Adam F., was a resident of Spring township, Berks county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He had a family of seven sons: Henry; Jacob; Daniel; Isaac; William; Abraham; and John.

Jacob Moyer, father of Adam F., was born in Alsace township, Berks county, but spent all of his life in Spring township, where he died in April, 1877, after a long and useful life there. He is buried at Hain's Church. Mr. Moyer married Catharine Fox, and to this union there were born the following children: Sarah; Henry; Adam F.; Isaac; Jacob; Wallace; and Solomon.

Adam F. Moyer attended the schools of Lower Heidelberg and Spring townships, after leaving which he engaged in farm work. While thus engaged, the Civil war broke out, and on July 30, 1861, he enlisted from Berks county, and was mustered into the United States service at Reading, Pa., in Company L, 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, to serve three years under Captain J. A. Hoffeditz and Colonel George D. Bayard. He shared the fortunes of the regiment in the battles of Drainsville, Dec. 20, 1861; Swashburg, June 12, 1861; Woodstock, June 2, 1861; Harrisonburg, June 6, 1862; Rapidan, July 7, 1862, where he was injured by his horse falling upon him, breaking his right arm, the horse having been shot from under him. At another time he was slightly wounded, but remained with his regiment all the time, and engaged at Cedar Mountain, Aug. 9, 1862; Beverly Ford, Aug. 1, 1862; Thoroughfare Gap, Aug. 20, 1862; Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Brandy Station, June 9, 1863; Beverly Ford, June 9, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863; Shepherdstown, July 16, 1863; Rappahannock, Aug. 13, 1863; Mine Kern, Nov. 7, 1863; and New Hope Church, Nov. 28, 1863. He was discharged Dec. 31, 1863, at Warrington, Va., and re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company and regiment under Capt. H. Gaul and Col. D. Gardner, to serve three years or during the war, and was engaged at Todd's Tavern, May 8, 1864; Ashland, May 11-30, 1864; Yellow Tavern, May 11, 1864; St. Mary's Church, June 22, 1864; Fredilliam Station, June 11, 1864; Hawes Shop, June 2, 1864; Reams Station, June 22-29, 1864; Petersburg, July 30, 1864; Lee's Mills, July 30, 1864; Cradle Hill, August 14, 1864; Weldon Rock, Dec. 7-11, 1864. He was honorably discharged Aug. 7, 1865, at Louisville, Ky., at the close of the war.

After the completion of his service in the army, Mr. Moyer again engaged in farm work, but subsequently entered the employ of the Reading Iron Works, working in their blast furnace for sixteen years. In 1900 he located in Wernersville, where he now lives retired. In politics he is a faithful Republican, and in religion he is a member of Hain's Church.

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Returning in our biography to earlier years, Mr. Dietrich, then a young merchant, was making his purchases in New York, in 1849, when he learned of the wonderful discovery of gold in California. He completed his purchases and attended to the shipping of the goods to Bloomington, but the spirit of adventure had seized upon him and instead of returning to his brother and the quiet round of village duty, he shipped aboard the steamer "Falcon," which was then getting under way, and sailed to the Isthmus of Panama. How interesting must the great engineering schemes of the present day appear to our venerable subject, for he crossed the famous isthmus on foot. On the Pacific side he embarked on the steamer "Oregon," for San Francisco, where he arrived April 1, 1849. It was the second ship load of gold-seekers entering the Golden Gate. On April 15th he dug the first gold on Sutter's American river, and he still has in his possession a ring made of this initial gold. He remained in California for two years and seven months and in this period he sold gold bullion equal to over $10,000. He then returned to his old business connections at Bloomington and continued for some years in the hardware business, but subsequently sold out his interests to his brother and went to Chicago, where he became the senior member of the firm of Dietrich & Wells, dealers in stoves, tin and American and foreign hardware.

Colonel Dietrich has always been intensely American in his sentiments, loyal and true to every American principle, and at all times ready to defend his convictions. In the prime of life he had the fortune to be connected with some of the most stirring events of the Nation and even before this period he was closely concerned in what is an important part of the history of Illinois. He was an Abolitionist from the days of his maturity and, with his brother George, Elijah and Owen Lovejoy and Abraham Brockaw, held many a secret meeting to discuss the abolition of slavery and to consider legislation on the subject. These meetings were necessarily secret on account of the tone of prevailing public sentiment in this region at that time, and they were held in the wheelwright shop of Abraham Brockaw, which was reached through a private door from the Dietrich Brothers' hardware store. When General Gridley, of Black Hawk war fame, learned of what he termed these treasonable meetings, he put himself at the head of a furious mob. Illinois annals tell well the story of the death of Elijah Lovejoy, and the serious injury suffered by another member of the party. This was the last secret meeting held, the others were held openly. And then came the Civil war.

Upon the outbreak of war, Colonel Dietrich became very active in behalf of the Union forces. On July 3, 1863, at the request of General Grant, who was his personal friend, he went to Vicksburg, Miss., and for a time he was in the Quartermaster's Department, and it was during this period that occurred an episode which very clearly sets forth the personal bravery of the soldier.

He was surprised on one occasion by a squad of Texan scouts, headed by Captain Cobb of the Confederate army, and, covered with pistols, a demand was made upon him to surrender and reveal the movements of the army with which he was connected. History tells the story thus:

Col. Dietrich, drawing himself up to his full soldierly height, exclaimed: "Men, you don't suppose that you can intimidate me! God Almighty never made the man or set of men who ever did or ever will intimidate me. I am just as ready to die now as at any other time. I am entirely in your power and you can carry your threat into execution."

Captain Cobb thereupon ordered his men to put up their pistols, saying: "It would be too bad to kill such a man."

Later Col. Dietrich became the colonel of the First Mississippi regiment, which was composed of Unionists, and he saw active service in the defense of Vicksburg and Meriden and participated in eleven engagements, the most important of these being Champion Hills. On many occasions he was commended for his bravery. After the general surrender he was placed in charge of captured and abandoned property at Vicksburg, Miss., and was the special assistant treasury agent. This was a most responsible office and he supervised the sale of over $2,000,000. worth of cotton alone. After Col. Dietrich had completed his services at this point, he was summoned to Washington to receive the personal thanks of the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. George S. Boutwell, who became a lifelong friend.

Later Col. Dietrich engaged in the carriage building business at Mobile, Ala., and he sold the first phaeton buggy that was ever bought in that state, receiving for the same the sum of $550. His subsequent life until retirement was almost altogether an official one. In 1870 he was offered the position of surveyor of customs at Velasco, Tex., a city forty miles south of Galveston, and the port for the Galveston District. When his friend, President Grant, learned of the Colonel's acceptance of this office, he gave orders that he be supplied with a fine yacht and two sailors to command. This office he held for seven years. Subsequently, on a visit to Washington, he was urged by Secretary Richardson of the Treasury Department, to return to Velasco and resume his former duties at an increased salary, but he begged to be relieved and recommended his friend, Mr. Brougham, who was appointed to the office.

After a very short period of private life he received a personal communication from Postmaster-General Creswell, who requested him to call upon him on official business at an early period, and when he answered the request in person was ushered into the Postmaster-General's office. The latter was in an adjoining room in conference with two statesmen, but when told of Col. Dietrich's presence, he excused himself to his other visitors and warmly greeted our subject. His words were: "Col. Dietrich, you have been highly recommended at Cabinet meeting as the proper man for postmaster at Calvert, Texas, which is an important office on the Texas Central Railroad. The Government needs your services there. We want you to go down and straighten the affairs of that office. We had three incompetent and dishonest officials in succession. We shall allow you an additional salary of $1,000., and an assistant." After the Colonel had considered the matter for a time and found that his brother George was willing to serve as assistant, he accepted this undeniably flattering offer. U. S. Supreme Court Judge David Davis and his brother became his bondsmen to the amount of $50,000. After serving as postmaster at Calvert for two years he resigned the office, his brother George succeeding him. He then retired to the city of Plainfield, N. J., where he lived for some twenty-five years, but now makes his home in Berks county, Pa.

Colonel Dietrich was married (first) in 1851, to Anna B. Baker, of Concord, N. H., and to them was born one daughter, Annie, who became the wife of Fred Brown, a railroad magnate of New England. Mrs. Dietrich died in 1862. In 1876 he was married (second) to Margaret Hand, widow of Aaron Laing, a lovely woman and a Quakeress in religious belief. She died in 1901. She was possessed of large means and bequeathed to relatives, personal friends and to the Quaker societies and public institutions, about $50,000.

Col. Dietrich is a very interesting personality and this incomplete sketch but poorly conveys a faithful picture of one who has taken part in so many mighty public events. He has friends in every State of the Union and

has visited every country in the Western Hemisphere. In his early days he was a great hunter and fisherman and his tales of sports contain much that is very interesting. He is greatly interested in the completion of an organization called the Dietrich Family Association, who contemplate publishing a complete Dietrich history of the family in America.

CYRUS G. SPEARS, a venerable citizen of Reading, Pa., who is now living retired at No. 1604 Perkiomen avenue, was born at Robesonia, Berks Co., Pa., Nov. 15, 1827, son of William and Susan (Gibson) Spears.

John Spears, the grandfather of Cyrus G., was a native of England, from which country as a young man he came to America with two brothers, landing at Philadelphia. John Spears settled in Heidelberg township and for many years worked at the Robesonia iron furnace. His brother Charles settled in Virginia, between Harrisonburg and New Market, in the Shenandoah Valley, where he reared a family, descendants of which reside there to this day. The other brother was lost, and no trace of his whereabouts was ever known. John Spears had three children: Peter, John and William, of whom Peter and John settled in Schuylkill county.

William Spears, father of Cyrus G., was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, in the neighborhood of Robesonia, and died in the early '60s, when past middle age, being buried at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, where his wife, Susan (Gibson) Spears, was also buried. William Spears was a farmer and millwright by occupation, and for many years was also engaged in carpenter work at the Charming Forge. He and his wife had these children: Amelia, who married George Zellers; Alfred, formerly of Robesonia and later of Hamburg; Mahlon, of Windsor Castle; Cyrus G.; Edward, a tailor of Reading; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Emma, who died young; and Mary, who married Andrew Helms, formerly of Reading and now of Philadelphia.

Cyrus G. Spears is a stone mason by trade, which occupation he followed in early life, later taking up as a vocation boating on the old Union Canal, which was abandoned in the '70s, after which he worked for the Reading Railway Company, the family living in the company's oil house on North Ninth street. Prior to this time he had worked at the depot, and he was also employed at the watch tower at Seventh and Penn streets for some years, but in 1900 he retired from active life, and is now enjoying the fruits of his early labor in comfortable rest. Considering his age, Mr. Spears is very well preserved both in body and mind, and he is in possession of all of his faculties. Formerly, he and his family were members of the First Baptist Church of Reading, but since 1900 the family have been attendants of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

In 1853 Mr. Spears was married to Mary Reber, daughter of John and Catherine (Koch) Reber of Heidelberg township. Five children were born to this union: Emily C., who died aged fifteen years; Ida M., who has devoted her life to the care of her aged father, is a single lady and has the esteem and love of the entire community; Agnes R., widow of Thomas Ellis, a boiler maker of Pottstown who died in 1889; John, who married Millie Orchie, resides at Shillington and has two sons, Charles and Earl; and Charles, who died aged four years, one month after the death of his sister Emily, both deaths being caused by scarlet fever. Rev. Charles A. Pauli performed the burial ceremony, and this was the occasion of his last sermon, his own death occurring soon thereafter.

SECHLER. The early history of the Sechler family in America is somewhat traditional, but it is known that individuals of that name came from Switzerland and located in Lynn township, Lehigh county, about the middle of the eighteenth century. The first definite knowledge appears about 1775, when the names of Andrew, Frederic, and Adam Sechler begin to appear in church and county records, these three undoubtedly being brothers. In 1829 a Frederich Sechler died in Lynn township. His will is on record at Allentown, and Jacob Sechler was executor. This same gentleman had officiated as executor of the will of Joseph Sechler, the date being 1823. Of the three brothers referred to Andrew Sechler was the great grandfather of Levi, of this review. He lived in Lynn township, and both he and his wife are recorded as members of Jacksonville Church. A grandchild, Mary Bolich, born in 1823, and still living, is authority for the statement that Andrew Sechler died in 1830, and that both grandparents are buried in the Jacksonville churchyard. His will is on record at Allentown, his sons, Henry and Jacob, signing it as executors. The maiden name of his wife was Bankes, and she bore the following children: Henry; Jacob; Frederick; Joseph; Andrew; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Sheetz; and several other children, whose names are not of record, scattered throughout the West. Note is made here of the will of an Andreas Sechler and his wife Elizabeth, on record at Allentown, which mentions the name of David Irwin as a son-in-law. Among other children this couple had John, John Andreas and Joseph.

Grandfather Joseph Sechler was a farmer in Lynn township, of which he was a native. His birth date is recorded as May 16, 1781, his death August 4, 1858, the span of his life thus being seventy-seven years, two months, eighteen days. He was a man of influence and property during his life, owning two fine farms, and being connected with the progressive movements of his day. His wife's name was Maria Fusselman, her birth being recorded as May 4, 1796, death April 3, 1842, age fifty-one years, ten months, and eleven days. They were members of the Reformed congregation at Jacksonville, where they lie buried. Their children were twelve in number as follows: Levi had nine children; Rudolph had five children; Leah married David Leiser; Joel; Catharine married Levi Donat; Joseph had eleven children; Jacob had four children; James; Mary married William Bolich, was born 1823, and still living; Benjamin; Rebecca married Daniel Kistler; Sarah married Benjamin Leininger.

Joel Sechler, the father of Levi, also was born in Lynn township, August 13, 1817. He lived to the age of seventy-seven years, five months, dying in Albany township January 14, 1895, and was buried at New Bethel Church. He was a successful farmer and a man of keen judgment, which he exercised in the buying and selling of different farm tracts. For periods during his lifetime he owned the "Jefferson Snyder" farm, the "Jacob Kunkel" property, the "Albert Bailey" tract, and the farm now in possession of his son Levi. He seems to have been interested in education and good government generally, serving as school director, and in some of the minor offices of the township. Mary Lutz, daughter of Henry Lutz, was his wife, and they had thirteen children: Sarah, widow of Jacob Kunkel; Levi; Elias, Amanda, and Rebecca, who died early in life; Mary m. Amandus Long; Hannah became the wife of William S. Dietrich, of Wetherly, Pa.; Malinda m. Albert Faust; Caroline m. Henry S. Dietrich; Catharine became the wife of Louis S. Bailey; Ellen, deceased, wife of Jefferson Snyder; Emma m. Albert S. Bailey; Jane, the wife of Albert C. Braucher. The mother of this family was born Christmas Day, 1820, and died March 29, 1905, aged eighty-four years, three months, and four days.

LEVI SECHLER is a native of Lynn township, his birth occurring August 24, 1842. He received a common school education and served his parents on the farm until his twenty-fourth year, when he set up an establishment of his own. During this period he also secured a license to teach from Prof. John S. Ermentrout, then county superintendent, and taught the New Bethel School, No. 3, two four-month terms, at the munificent salary of $22 per month. Mr. Sechler then began farming for himself in the spring of 1867, on the same farm which his son now operates. He continued farming operations until the spring of 1899, when he retired in favor of his son, William.

Another event which happened in his twenty-fourth year was his marriage to Catharine, daughter of Daniel and

Maria (Petry) Kunkel, the latter couple long deceased. Mrs. Sechler was born June 18, 1847, lived fifty-seven years, seven months, and twenty-two days, and died Feb. 10, 1905, burial being at New Bethel cemetery. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sechler are: Sarah m. Lewis M. Lutz; Samuel; Rosa became the wife of Jonas T. Altenderfer; Amanda m. Walter F. Lutz; William, referred to later; Jane m. Wm. Emore; John died in infancy; Katie, unmarried; Mahlon m. Phelephe Long; Edgar m. Nora Keller; Minnie lives at home.

WILLIAM SECHLER, fifth child of Levi, was born on the homestead in Albany township on the 6th day of September, 1874, and was reared to farm life, serving his parents until of age. In the spring of 1899 he closed his apprenticeship and began farming in connection with his father, on the home property. At the present time he is the possessor of four head of horses, and a herd of eleven cattle. The land is "potato land," and William uses an average of ten acres per year for that indispensable commodity. In 1893 he was married to Mary Bolich, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Kunkel) Bolich, late of Albany. To them have come four bright children: Elmer; Lena; George Calvin, died in infancy; and an infant son.

Levi Sechler and family are members of New Bethel Corner Church, Reformed congregation, of which Levi Sechler has been Deacon, Elder, and secretary for a number of years. Levi Sechler is a Democrat, and was auditor of the district for fifteen years when he declined re-nomination.

The property which Levi Sechler owns consists of 130 acres of good farm land and 100 acres of woodland. This farm is situated just across from the New Bethel Church. The large brick residence was constructed by Mr. Sechler in 1878. The barn is older than Mr. Sechler's ownership, having been built in 1838, when they built barns both for wear and capacity.

The Sechlers are fitting representatives of their Swiss ancestry, and are regarded as good and practical citizens, progressive and intelligent, and favoring everything which will be of marked benefit in promoting the best interests and upbuilding of the county.

JOSEPH B. MACHEMER, blacksmith and carriage builder of Sinking Spring, Berks county, was born May 20, 1868, at the place where he still resides, son of Ephraim Machemer.

Joseph Machemer, his grandfather, was born Jan. 18, 1783, in Lower Heidelberg township, about a mile northeast of Brownsville, and died Sept. 27, 1863, aged eighty years, eight months, nine days. He owned a small farm, now the Jonathan Reber estate, in Lower Heidelberg township, but he died at Tuckerton, in Muhlenberg township, and is buried at Bern Church. Among his children were: Michael, who died in Heidelberg township; Ephraim; Jacob, who died young; Elizabeth, who married Barnhart Hittinger; and David.

Ephraim Machemer, father of Joseph B., born Oct. 1, 1823, died at Sinking Spring Dec. 3, 1906, aged eighty-three years, two months, two days. He was a carpenter, and during the many years he followed that trade he built the old Penn street bridge. He lived at Sinking Spring, where he died, and is buried at St. John's Church. He was a Reformed member of that church. In politics he was a Democrat. He was twice married, first to Mary Huntzinger, and they had children as follows: Edward, Adam, James (deceased), Catharine (deceased), Leanda (deceased) and Sarah. For his second wife Mr. Machemer married Rebecca S. Boltz by whom he had these children: George (deceased), Ephraim (deceased), Henry (deceased), Joseph B., Jacob B., Lizzie (deceased) and Rebecca.

Joseph B. Machemer was only twelve years old when he commenced to earn his own living. He worked in the ore mines for over three years, and then learned the blacksmith's trade from M. D. Ruth, of Sinking Spring, in whose employ he remained three and a quarter years. After that he spent two years at Wernersville, the second in the employ of H. L. Fiant, and then went to Brownsville, in Heidelberg township, working for S. Blimline exclusively as a coach blacksmith. In 1892 he engaged in partnership with George M. Hain, under the firm name of Hain & Machemer, which continued for three years, doing business at Sinking Spring. On Dec. 9, 1895, Mr. Machemer purchased his partner's interest in the coach and blacksmith business, and he has since carried it on alone. He is a successful business man, honest and upright, and held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen. His product consists of fine carriages of all kinds, business wagons, market wagons, etc., and his work is reliable in every respect. His establishment is large and up-to-date, and he also has a fine residence in the borough. Mr. Machemer has proved his public spirit in various ways, took an active part in the incorporation of the village into a borough, and has served as treasurer of the township. He is a Democrat in political sentiment. He is widely known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., of Womelsdorf; Reading Royal Arch Chapter; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading; Sinking Spring Lodge, No. 660, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Friendship; P. O. S. of A. at Sinking Spring; and Wyanet Tribe, No. 301, I. O. R. M., Reading. He is a Lutheran member of St. John's Church at Sinking Spring.

Mr. Machemer married, April 29, 1893, Annie V. Grill, daughter of Henry Grill, a well-known citizen and at present tax collector of Sinking Spring. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Machemer, namely: Harry E., Florence M., Esther M. and Arthur F.

MORRIS WEIL, born in the city of Reading, Pa., June 9, 1862, son of Solomon and Rosa (Levy) Weil.

Solomon Weil, the father of Morris, was a merchant in the city of Reading. He was an orthodox Hebrew, and took great pride in his race and in the affairs of Temple Oheb Sholem, of which he was one of the principal founders and supporters. He was born in 1830, at Oberlust, Bavaria, and died in the city of Reading, Pa., Dec. 9, 1900, aged seventy years. Being ambitious and courageous, and perceiving the great opportunities offered by this country, he emigrated to America when but twenty years of age. From the beginning of his career until the time of his death he was actively identified with the business of this city. He was at different times engaged in various lines of business, but the greater portion of his life was spent in the clothing business on Penn Square, between Fifth and Sixth streets, in the city of Reading. He was married to Rosa Levy, born at Bozebach, near Kaiserslautern, on the Rhine. From this union sprang these children, namely: Jacob, died in 1896, aged thirty-eight years; Abraham, died in 1892, aged twenty-four years; two that died in early infancy; Benjamin, a jeweler located in Philadelphia; Joseph, a pharmacist, formerly located at No. 67 Wall street, New York City, now engaged in brokerage and general promotion; Henrietta, wife of Levi Weitzenkorn, merchant, residing at No. 534 Centre avenue, Reading; Ella, wife of Henry Fein, wholesale jeweler, No. 49 Maiden Lane, New York City; and Morris, the subject of this biography.

Morris Weil was educated in the public schools. He began his business life under the eye of his father, learning the art of cutting, in the clothing store of Mr. Weil Sr. Having mastered this trade, he sought a location in which to start in business for himself, but after being a salesman in Greenville, Mich., Shenandoah, Shamokin and Harrisburg, Pa., he returned to Reading. He next spent five years as a traveling salesman of trousers, covering Pennsylvania, for his brother Jacob. Quitting the road, he established himself in the retail clothing business, in the year 1889, at No. 642 Penn street, Reading. This business proved profitable from the start, and at the end of thirteen years he retired, selling his business to J. S. Hornberger on Feb. 11, 1902.

Being of an observing turn of mind, he had for years been familiarizing himself with the values of real estate in this city. Upon retiring from business, finding himself without any regular occupation, he began the buying of real estate for speculative purposes. He rapidly increased

his holdings, and he is now, while living at his ease in a semi-retired manner, in constant touch with the men and conditions that effect the real estate market. His judgment is valued, and his foresight and ability are recognized by all the men in this branch of business.

Mr. Weil is unmarried, a member of Temple Oheb Sholem, a charter-member of Reading Aerie, No. 66, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, one of the founders of the Eagles' Mountain Home, and a member of numerous other social and charitable organizations. In politics he is an independent voter.

CHARLES E. STANGIER, ex-county commissioner of Berks county, Pa., formerly engaged in the hardware business at No. 1400 North Tenth street, Reading, was born Oct. 13, 1855, at Mertztown, Longswamp township, Berks county, son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Stangier.

Lawrence Stangier was born in 1819, in Bavaria, Germany. In 1852 he came to America, and after living in Philadelphia for several years, became acquainted with a farmer of Longswamp township, who had been in the habit of marketing his products by team to Philadelphia. At the request of this gentleman Mr. Stangier removed to Longswamp township and labored on his farm for two years, after which he went to Washington township, and there worked in the ore mines until his retirement. He died in 1901, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Bally, in Washington township. Lawrence and Elizabeth Stangier had six children, as follows: John, born in 1852, was a tinsmith at Bechtelsville, and died in 1899; Charles E.; William, former tax-collector of Reading; Amelia, m. to Samuel Swoyer of Bally, Pa.; David, of Reading; and Mary, who is unmarried and resides at Bally.

At the age of nineteen years Charles E. Stangier began to learn the tinsmith trade with Joseph Diehl of Washington township, in whose employ he served as an apprentice and journeyman for a period of eight years and six months; later he engaged in business for himself at Bechtelsville. He carried a full line of stoves and tinware and conducted his business successfully for sixteen years, when, in 1896, he sold out to his brother David, and removed to Reading to assume charge of the office of county commissioner, to which he had been elected in November of that year. This office he continued to hold for three years, serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned; helping to reduce the county's debt, erecting six bridges and working in various other matters for the benefit of his community. While still a resident of Bechtelsville, he and his brother John were the leading spirits in the movement to incorporate the town into a borough, and after its accomplishment he was made one of its first councilmen, and was school director and treasurer of the board for three years. In 1902 Mr. Stangier engaged in business at No. 1400 North Tenth street, where he carried on business for several years, dealing in tinware, hardware, stoves, paints, etc.

In 1884 Mr. Stangier was married to Malinda Bechtel, whose father was a butcher of Bechtelsville, Pa., and to them were born two children: Annie and Lawrence. Mr. Stangier is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of Reading. His first wife died, and he was again married in 1908.

JOHN FINK, who for many years was engaged as a carpenter and builder in Reading, was an old and honored resident of that city. He was born Dec. 26, 1819, in Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Kutz) Fink, natives of that county.

Benjamin Fink was a carpenter by trade, and that occupation he followed practically all his life, also carrying on a blacksmith shop at Ephrata, as well as a hotel. About 1826 he located in Reading, becoming the proprietor of a hotel on Fourth street and one in the west part of the town. Mr. Fink was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Kutz, who died in 1851, aged fifty-four years. She was the mother of: Andrew J., Reuben, John, Daniel, Catherine (m. James Haas); Mary (m. James Hottenstein); and Emma (m. a Snyder). Mr. Fink was married (second) to Miss Rebecca Obold, and to this union was born one child, Rebecca, who married James Kerst. In religious belief the family was Lutheran. Mr. Fink was politically a Democrat.

John Fink received his education in the schools of Reading and later learned the carpenter trade with his father, working thereat as journeyman for some years, when he started in business on his own account. In 1842 he opened a shop which is now used as a storeroom in the rear of his residence No. 208 South Fifth street, where he resided until his death, Dec. 12, 1908. He was in partnership with Nathan M. Eisenhower, until 1884, when Amos Huyett was admitted to the firm, this continuing until 1894, when Mr. Fink retired from the company. Fink & Company were the most extensive builders and contractors in the city of Reading, where they erected many handsome and substantial structures, among them the Court House building, the Reading Cotton Factory in 1850, the Hotel Penn in the same year, Stichter Block, the Bausman Church and St. Paul's Church of Reading, as well as many residences in and around Reading. Mr. Fink had a widespread reputation for building, and at one time employed as many as seventy-eight men. He was very active in his later years, and attended to many duties besides taking care of eleven properties.

Mr. Fink was first married to Angeline Eisenhower, and to them were born children as follows: Henry J., William A., Sarah A. E. and Ellen F., the last named having been a teacher for twenty-one years. Mr. Finks' second marriage was to Mary E. Drenkel. There were no children of the second marriage. Mr. Fink was a member of St. James Lutheran Church. He was a Republican in politics, and in 1844 was a member of the Militia, later belonging to Anna Ross Post. Among the many handsome church structures erected by Mr. Fink were those at Allegheny and Schwartzwald, as well as St. James Lutheran Church at Reading. Mr. Fink's death occurred Dec. 12, 1908. He is buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

GEORGE M. AMMON, former proprietor of the "American House," Reading, was born Sept. 20, 1855, near Churchtown, Lancaster county, Pa. He comes from sturdy Holland-Dutch ancestry, Johannes Ammon, the first of the family in this country, having come from Holland in 1730, settling in Geigertown, Berks county. Johannes Ammon "sold himself" (as it was then known) to the Colony for $96.00, to take up a section of land. One of the early Ammons was the groom at the first marriage ceremony performed in the Old Swedes Church at Philadelphia, May 21, 1798. Another party of Ammons settled in Pequea Valley, in Lancaster county, and the Ammons, the Styers, the Swishers and the Yohns have all influential relationships. On his grandmother's side George M. Ammon's ancestry came from Wittenberg, Germany, while the ancestry of his mother came from England.

George M. Ammon's father, George, was a son of John Ammon, and was a farmer, miller and stockdealer. He died March 2, 1865. He married Mary Elizabeth Gable, daughter of Peter Gable, a farmer of Pequea Valley, and seven of their fifteen children are yet living. Among the children were: William, a farmer of York county, Pa.; Sarah, the wife of Samuel Styer, of Lancaster; Peter G. comes next in the order of birth; Catherine, the wife of Levi Beck, of Ephrata, Lancaster county; Ellen, wife of Samuel Rigg, general manager of the traction lines of Reading; Cyrus, a traveling salesman for, and deal-

er in, Ephrata Spring water and in lumber; George Martin, proprietor of the "American House," Reading; and Susan, who was the wife of Robert E. Eberher, a farmer of Chester county. Mrs. Ammon, the mother of these children, died April 18, 1857.

George Martin Ammon was educated in the schools of the district, and as a young man worked on the farm. He later engaged successively in cabinet-making, undertaking and carpentering, but in 1889 he began the hotel business, having been first at Terre Hill; then proprietor of the "City Hotel" (Reading) for five years, and on April 1, 1900, became proprietor of the "American House" at Reading, which he conducted for five years when he was succeeded by his son David and son-in-law Edwin Kershner, present proprietors.

On Dec. 16, 1880, Mr. Ammon married Miss Henrietta Ludwig, daughter of Henry Ludwig, a carpenter of Churchtown. One son and one daughter were born to this union: David S., a graduate of the Reading high school (m. Charlotte Homan); and Fanny S., (m. Edwin Kershner. They have a son, George Ammon). Mr. Ammon belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Eagles. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. Since his retirement from the hotel business Mr. Ammon is giving his attention to his splendid farms in Cumru township. This land is delightfully situated and commands a fine view of Reading.

ALVIN J. SHARTLE, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, the largest union of Christian Endeavor societies in the world, was born Dec. 5, 1867, at Hamburg, Pa., a son of Jacob and Maggie (Xander) Shartle.

Jacob Shartle, a son of Jacob, who was a son of George, was born July 28, 1845, at Womelsdorf, Pa. He attended the public schools through boyhood, and when the Civil war was precipitated, although but seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a musician, in the Ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the discontinuance of regimental musicians by order of the Federal Government, in 1862. After the close of his military service he learned the trade of saddler at Womelsdorf, which he followed there, and later at Hamburg and Harrisburg, Pa. He was a good and reliable workman, and continued with one Harrisburg firm for twenty-four years, their most trusted employe. During his residence at Hamburg, in 1878, he served as a member of Company E, 4th Regiment Pennsylvania National Guards, for three years. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His death took place at Harrisburg, Pa., April 13, 1904, and his burial was at Middletown, Pa. He was married twice. His first marriage was to Maggie Xander, who died Dec. 25, 1872, aged twenty-six years. She was a musician, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, a daughter of George Alexander and Mary (Bausher) Xander, of Hamburg, Pa., and an active member of the Lutheran Church. By this marriage four children were born: Alvin J., Eugene, Kate and Annie. In 1880, he was married a second time to Adeline Beard, of Womelsdorf, who survives and with her four sons, Paul, Roy, Abraham, and Dewey, at Harrisburg. Howard and Mark, being sons with this second union also, are both deceased.

Alvin J. Shartle obtained his early educational training in the public schools of Hamburg, his later intellectual training consisted in a technical course; a special course with the Sheldon School of Chicago, and under private tutors he prepared for religious work, specializing along the lines of Interdenominational Young People's Work. Being a poor boy Mr. Shartle was obliged at an early age to learn the moulder's trade at Hamburg, where he labored for nine years.

Becoming discontent with his work at Hamburg, and with a desire for a larger field of usefulness, he came to Reading in April, 1893, and this city has been his home ever since. His removal from Hamburg to Reading was the beginning of his real development. Although holding many responsible positions he continued his night studies and persisted in church work, which was the ultimate aim of his ambition. For nine years he was a foreman with the American Bicycle Company; then he became manager of the American Match Company, Riverside, Reading, after which he became associated with the Daniel F. Ancona Real Estate and Fire Insurance Agency; and following this he became connected with the Inter-State Commercial College, Reading, as its representative and has shown great ability, tact, business judgment and foresight in advancing the prosperity of this institution.

On April 18, 1884, Mr. Shartle was married to Sarah A. Nies, a daughter of Daniel and Florence (Dressler) Nies, of Hamburg, and they have one daughter Florence M. The latter received her education in the public schools of Reading, and is also a graduate of Inter-State Commercial College, Reading. She subsequently married Stewart E. Printz, a chemist in business at Philadelphia. They have one son, Stanley V.

Mr. Shartle is an active member and elder of St. Stephen's Reformed church, Reading. He was president of the Christian Endeavor society for three years, and for four years was financial secretary of this congregation. He is assistant superintendent of the large Sunday-school and teacher of the Adult Bible Class, also a member of the Reformed Sunday-school Superintendents Association. In 1901 Mr. Shartle was elected president of the Berks County Christian Endeavor Union, serving as such for four years, and during that period through his efficient leadership the status of this union was raised to a high standard. He is a director of the Montrose Bible Conference Association, of which the celebrated evangelist, Rev. Reuben E. Torrey, D. D., is president; a life member of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston, Mass.; editor of "The Secretary's Bulletin" which is the official organ of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and also a contributor to various religious publications.

On July 19, 1906, at Altoona, Pa., Mr. Shartle was elected State Secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, in which capacity he attracted national attention in church work. July 9, 1908, in State Convention at Reading, Mr. Shartle was elected General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, a union of 4,700 young people's societies, with a membership 290,000, the largest union of Christian Endeavor societies in the world. Following his election to this latter office Mr. Shartle resigned his position with Inter-State Commercial College in order to devote all his time to religious work.

It has been conceded that there is no layman in church work better known today, in the State, than Mr. Shartle, having visited every county in the State, and spoken to audiences in all the cities and large towns of Pennsylvania, and a number of other States, he has in connection with his publications, acquired a national reputation in Young People's Work. He is a strong, forcible speaker, a lucid writer, and a man with great executive ability. The "Christian Endeavor World," the official organ of International Christian Endeavor work, say of Mr. Shartle: "As general secretary of the great Pennsylvania State Union, the largest in the country, he has already made a remarkable record. He is a master of detail and method, and makes every move count in the accomplishment of his purpose. A sturdy Pennsylvania Dutchman, he is showing the grit and grace that will place the Keystone State at the front."

MAIDEN CREEK HOSIERY COMPANY. Among the large and successful enterprises of Temple, Pa., may be mentioned the Maiden Creek Hosiery Company, which, starting from a humble beginning, under a capable management has grown to large proportions.

The company was founded in 1901, by Judge Stitzel, and was carried on by him until incorporated, when Frank Seidel became president, S. R. Rothermel secretary and treasurer, and George D. Stitzel vice-president, these gentlemen, with Charles Dunkel and M. R. Mengel, composing the board of directors. The business was incorporated to carry on a general knitting business in the manufacture of infants' and men's hosiery, and did a successful business until 1903, when the stock was liquidated and purchased by a new company, Frank Seidel at this time becoming president; Claude L. Seidel, secretary, James F. Seidel, treasurer; and Robert L. Seidel, vice-president. These gentlemen are all directors and all stockholders, and under their management the company has prospered greatly, now turning out 1,200 dozen hosiery weekly, in high grade goods, which find a ready sale throughout the country. They employ on an average forty to fifty hands and the plant, formerly located at Maiden creek, was removed to Temple in 1906, a suitable factory being found here to handle the growing business. In 1907, the treasurer, James F. Seidel, died, and his stock was purchased by Mahlon L. Seidel, the third brother, and Robert L. Seidel was elected treasurer, and Mahlon L. Seidel vice-president.

Claude L. Seidel, the secretary and business manager of this concern, is a man of practical experience as a hosieryman. He was born in Berks county in 1874, and from the age of twenty-one years has been engaged in the manufacture of this commodity, having been an operator at the Reading Knitting Mills, and for five years was in the gentlemen's furnishing department of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Reading.

Mr. Seidel married Emma Ulrich, a native of Lancaster county, and they have two children, Elsie and George. Mr. and Mrs. Seidel belong to the United Evangelical Church. He is independent in politics.

DANIEL NICHOLAS BERTOLETTE, M. D., of Reading, Pa., a medical officer in the naval service of the United States since 1873, was born near Friedensburg, in Oley township, Berks county, Jan. 22, 1851. When he was three years of age his parents moved to Reading, where he attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1866, and delivering the valedictory address upon that occasion. After graduating he was employed by Douglas & Connard, brass-founders of Reading, and he remained with them over three years, when he commenced the active study of medicine with Dr. Charles H. Hunter, of Reading, as his preceptor. Dr. Hunter dying in June, 1870, this course of medical studies was continued under Dr. Samuel L. Kurtz, also of Reading. After attending the usual course of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from that institution in March, 1872.

Immediately after graduating Dr. Bertolette took a competitive examination, and obtained an appointment as resident physician at the Philadelphia (Blockley) Hospital, where he served with distinction the full term of fifteen months; and then, after passing successfully the required examinations, he was appointed, June 23, 1873, an assistant surgeon in the United States Navy, and he has continued in that service until the present time, passing through its various grades as assistant surgeon from 1873 to 1876; passed assistant surgeon from 1876 to 1888; surgeon from 1888 to 1900; medical inspector from 1890 to April 5, 1905, when he was commissioned a medical director, the highest grade of his corps.

Since entering the navy, Dr. Bertolette has been stationed as follows: The U. S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Va.; the U. S. Ship "Worcester," flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron; the U. S. S. "Constellation," practice cruise of naval cadets; the U. S. S. "Minnesota," Port-Admiral's flagship in New York Harbor; the U. S. Naval Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y.; officiating as lecturer on surgery at the advanced school for naval medical officers; the U. S. S. "Wyoming," in European Station; the U. S. S. "Trenton," flagship in European Station; the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; the U. S. S. "Dale," practice cruise of cadets; the U. S. S. "Dolphin;" the U. S. S. "Tennessee," flagship in North Atlantic Station; the U. S. S. "Thetis," on special duty in Behring Sea and the Arctic Ocean; the U. S. Receiving Ship "Franklin," at Norfolk, Va.; Naval Hospital at Philadelphia; special commissioner by appointment of President Harrison, under Department of State, to carry to the Presidents of Uruguay, Paraguay, and the Argentine Republic, the official invitation to take part in the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, and later detailed to assist in the entertainment of foreigners of distinction at that Exposition; Delegate to the meeting of Association of Military Surgeons at Chicago in 1893; the U. S. S. "Atlanta"; the U. S. S. "Minneapolis," in European Station and incidentally a member of the commission to attend the Coronation of the Czar, Nicholas II., of Russia, at Moscow in 1896; member of board for examination of officers for promotion, at Washington, D. C.; member of board for examination of candidates for admission to Naval Medical Corps; member of retiring board; medical officer of barracks at Marine Headquarters at Washington, D. C.; delegate to represent the medical department of the U. S. Navy at the Thirteenth International Medical Congress at Paris, and the Tenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography at the same place, in 1900; U. S. S. "New York," flagship of Asiatic Squadron, as surgeon of the Fleet; member of various boards at Washington, D. C.; medical director in command of the U. S. Naval Medical Supply Depot at Brooklyn, N. Y.; and now in command of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Washington, D. C.

During the extended services mentioned, Dr. Bertolette has visited nearly every quarter of the globe. The U. S. S. "Thetis," to which he was attached, made an extended excursion into the great ice fields of Alaska, north of Point Barrow, during which the abandoned whaling ship "Jane Gray" was found in the ice floe, and recovered and returned to its owners. While fulfilling his mission to the Republics of Uruguay, Paraguay and the Argentine Republic, he traveled extensively in those countries, visiting the governors of all the various provinces. He also visited the Falls of the Iguassu in Brazil, larger than Niagara but so difficult of access that very few persons have ever seen them. While attached to the Asiatic Squadron, he visited Peking, China, and was received in audience by the Dowager Empress of China, Tsi-An, at the palace within the forbidden city; and then he also visited the famous Summer palace. In Japan, he was present at the unveiling of the memorial which commemorates the landing of Commodore Perry and the opening of the country to the world; and he attended the Emperor's chrysanthemum party at the palace in Tokio and traveled extensively through that country. These several positions, promotions and services evidence the distinction of Dr. Bertolette's successful and honorable career in connection with the national government, covering a period of thirty-six years.

Besides being identified with numerous social and scientific societies in different parts of the country, he is an active member of the world-renowned National Geographic Society at Washington, D. C.; and he was one of the founders of the Reading Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Historic Society of Berks County.

Dr. Bertolette's father was Isaac Bertolette. He was born in Oley in 1810, moved to Reading in 1854, where he was engaged in manufacturing until his decease in 1882. He married (first) Elizabeth Cleaver, a daughter of Jonathan Cleaver of Oley, by whom he had four children: Rebecca, Jonathan (who was a surgeon in the Naval service of the United States), Maria and Keturah; and upon his wife's decease in 1849, he married (second) Christiana Griesemer, a daughter of Jacob Griesemer and Mary Hunter his wife, of Oley, by whom he had two children: Dr. Daniel, and Anna (who died in 1880). The Doctor's mother died in 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

His grandfather was Daniel Bertolet, of Oley, a prominent and very successful farmer born in 1781, and died in 1868. He married Maria Griesemer, daughter of Stephen, of Oley, by whom he had nine children: Abraham, Samuel, Maria (m. Moses Miller), Daniel, Isaac, Esther (m. Joel Levan), Jacob, Hannah (m. John Guldin) and Dr. Peter G. (prominent in the Civil war).

His great-grandfather was also named Daniel. He was born in 1741, and died in 1797. He married Maria Yoder, daughter of John, of Oley, and they had eight children, four growing to maturity: Daniel, Catherine (m. Jonathan Grim), Charlotte (m. Jacob Yoder) and Esther (m. Jacob Kerst).

His great-great-grandfather was Abraham Bertolet, born in 1712 and died in 1766. He married Esther DeTurk, who was born in 1710, and died in 1798. They had six children: Daniel, Samuel, John, Maria (m. Daniel Hoch), Elizabeth (m. John DeTurk) and Esther (m. George Yoder).

And his great-great-great-grandfather was Jean Bertolet, the immigrant who settled in Oley in 1726, and died in 1754. He was married to Susanna de Harcourt (Hericourt in 1711, and by her had six children: Abraham, Maria (m. Stephen Barnett), John, Esther (m. Dr. George de Benneville), Susanna (m. Jacob Fry), and Frederick. He was a native of Bern, in Switzerland. On account of religious persecution, he removed to Selz, in Alsace, about twenty-seven miles northeast of Strassburg, where he was engaged in farming for about fourteen years. He then emigrated with his wife and five children to Pennsylvania. His wife was the daughter of Jean de Harcourt (or Hericourt), a prominent citizen of Mühlhausen, in Lower Alsace, of the French nobility.

HON. HOWARD GLANCY McGOWAN. In every community, great or small, there are found men who by reason of personal attributes, enterprising spirit and natural ability, have risen above their fellows in business, social or public life. Berks county, Pa., has many examples, and one of these is the Hon. Howard Glancy McGowan, ex-representative to the State Legislature, and a leading agriculturist of Robeson township. Mr. McGowan was born in Union township, Berks county, Sept. 8, 1858, son of John and Elizabeth (Geiger) McGowan.

John McGowan, grandfather of Howard G., was a native of the North of Ireland, whence he came to America in 1790, settling at once on a farm in Berks county. There he and his wife both died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to them: Nathaniel, William and John. Mr. McGowan was a Democrat in politics.

John McGowan, father of Howard G., was born in Union township, in 1807, on the farm where he lived all his life, dying in 1887, in the eightieth year of his age. He spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, leaving at his death a valuable estate, which was divided among all of his children. Mr. McGowan married Elizabeth Geiger, daughter of George Geiger, and she died in 1893, when eighty years old, the mother of children as follows: George G.; John; William G.; James; Allison F.; Howard Glancy; Mary (m. Levi Geiger); Sarah (m. John P. Haws); Catherine (m. Herman U. Geiger); Elizabeth V. (m. N. N. Specher); Emily (died young) and Harriet B. (m. E. M. Zerr). In religious belief the family were Methodists, and Mr. McGowan donated the ground on which St. Paul's Church now stands, then known as the old Forrest Church. He was a Democrat in politics, was county commissioner in 1867, school director, assessor and tax collector. Fraternally he was connected with Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., of Reading.

Howard G. McGowan was educated in the schools of Union township, and the Reading high school, after leaving which he entered the hardware store of his brother William G., of the firm known as the McGowan & Miltimore, hardware merchants, in Reading, remaining there seven years. Mr. McGowan then accepted a position with the Adams Express Company where he continued three years, and in 1880 he purchased the old Bitler homestead in Robeson township, a tract of 111 acres of land which he is still cultivating. He has made many improvements, and devotes his attention to fruit and berry growing, having raised as many as 100 bushels of strawberries, in addition to 800 baskets of peaches, apples and pears in a single season. He keeps a dairy of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, and is a successful agriculturist in every way. Mr. McGowan is a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture, a director of the Farmers' Institute of Berks county; chairman of the board of managers of the Farmers' Institute, a position which he had held for ten years; and for twenty-five years has been a member of the Berks County Agricultural Association, and an annual exhibitor, for twenty-five years, winning the first prize for corn, potatoes, apples, pears, etc.

In 1879 Mr. McGowan married Amanda E. Geiger, daughter of Herman and Maria S. Geiger, and two children were born to this union: Howard A., who died in 1881, at the age of six months; and H. Preston, born March 17, 1895. Mr. McGowan is a Democrat in politics, and has been assessor, tax collector, etc., in his district. In 1906 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and served on the committees on Agriculture, Law and Order, Public Health and Sanitation, Constitutional Reform, and other committees. During the session of 1907 his activity in the interest of his constituents attracted more than ordinary attention. During the session he was appointed to attend the National Good Roads Congress at Pittsburg, Pa.; chosen on the Appropriation Committee and to fill many other important positions. He presented many bills to the Legislature, investigated the Vinegar law in the interests of the farmers of the State, and subsequently had printed a circular letter relative to this work, which was distributed to farmers throughout the State. He succeeded in having an Act passed in the interest of shippers of milk and cream in cans and other vessels over railroads, and through this law all milk cans and other vessels must be thoroughly cleaned by the receiver of milk before being returned to the shipper. The sanitary effect of this law is appreciated by the residents of cities and towns, and the law is as well of much assistance to farmers in keeping the vessels clean. Mr. McGowan spoke in support of many measures and through his activity in the House and Senate several bills became laws much to the benefit of the farmers in whose interest Mr. McGowan was working. In recent years (two years in succession) Governor E. T. Stuart appointed Mr. McGowan a delegate to the National Farmers' Congress, which was held in Richmond, Va., and Madison, Wis., respectively.

Fraternally Mr. McGowan is a member of the P. O. S. of A., being a charter member of Camp No. 388, of Geigertown; and Neversink Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro. He is a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, where he is serving as secretary of the board of trustees, steward and Sunday-school treasurer, and he was at one time the Sunday-school organist, and at present is serving as chorister in the church.

BEN AUSTRIAN was born Nov. 22, 1870, in the city of Reading, a son of Raphael and Fanny Elizabeth (Dreifoss) Austrian.

The Austrian family is of German extraction. Raphael Austrian, a well-known manufacturer of Reading, died in 1897, aged fifty-six years. The mother of our subject, still surviving, is a daughter of Bernard Dreifoss, whose wife was a member of the Drexel family of Philadelphia. The family consisted of five sons and one daughter, namely: Aaron and Claude, who died in early childhood; Joseph, a manufacturer in New York City; Julian, a publisher, in New York; Adrienne, at home; and Ben, the artist.

Ben Austrian was educated in the schools of Reading, and from childhood evinced artistic ability although the surrounding circumstances prevented his devoting himself to developing this talent for a number of years.

After leaving school he entered his father's store as a salesman for two years and then went on the road for a Williamsport firm for three years, later engaging

for two years with his father in business, being a traveling representative of the house. It was at the close of this period that Mr. Austrian gave way to his natural inclinations and opened a studio. Although the pupil of no noted master of the brush nor graduate of any celebrated school of painting, Mr. Austrian has given to the world some of the finest artistic works now exhibited by American artists. The stamp of individuality is upon them, in fact they are distinctively "Austrian." Among the paintings to which this name is appended are his colossal paintings mentioned below: "Temptations," exhibited in Reading, Williamsport and New York; "After the Race," adorning a wall in the "Hotel Netherlands," New York; "A Day's Hunt," painted in 1898 and exhibited in Earle's Art Gallery, at Philadelphia, and hundreds of smaller canvasses. The latter painting brought Mr. Austrian to the front as an artist, his critics calling attention to his fidelity to nature as well as to the poetic quality of his work and other admirable features. In the fall of 1900, "A Golden Harvest" was given to the public and was exhibited at Earle's, and this painting of wonderful beauty added fresh laurels.

In October, 1901, an even more ambitious effort was produced and exhibited first in Reading and later at Green's in Philadelphia, entitled "The South Wind," a painting showing the trophies of the hunt, a masterly effort and a great success.

In 1902 Mr. Austrian opened a studio in Paris, where his work was subjected to a severe and captious public, but the encouragement was so general and commendation so universal, that Mr. Austrian put his pictures on exhibition in the galleries of Henry Graves & Co., London, where immediate and full recognition was awarded and generous praise given. The royal family, together with many distinguished members of the aristocracy and others eminent in the world of art, letters and society, were in frequent attendance and he was dubbed the "Landseer of Chickens." His "Golden Harvest" was secured by the Walker Art Museum of Liverpool, one of the leading galleries of Europe. "His Majesty, the King," his latest work, exhibited in Reading, Lancaster and elsewhere, was purchased by Mr. Mahlon W. Newton, of Philadelphia, a connoisseur, who has a fine collection of well-known paintings. Mr. Austrian's painting "A Day's Hunt," brought for its author a high price, its gratified owner being Mr. J. H. Sternbergh.

Ben Austrian sends pictures to the galleries of Berlin, Munich, London and San Francisco and exhibits in many of the eastern cities. He has a charming summer studio in the Neversink Mountains, a quaint cabin owned by the descendants of Daniel Boone, which bears the name of "Clovelly," and here his summers are spent painting the glories of Nature in every mood. His winter studio is situated on Perkiomen avenue, Reading.

FRANCIS F. SEIDEL, who has been engaged in the undertaking business for the past thirty-four years, conducting the largest mortuary in Berks county, was born Feb. 23, 1858, in Bern township, Berks county, son of Elias and Caroline (Faust) Seidel.

Daniel Seidel, the grandfather of Francis F., was born in Berks county, his ancestors having been residents of the northern part of the State, where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits. Daniel Seidel purchased 450 acres of wild, heavily timbered land, a part of which he cleared, and there spent the remainder of his life in farming, respected and esteemed for his many sterling qualities. He was a prominent man in his community, was a faithful Democrat in politics, and was elected to serve his township as a member of the school board. He was greatly interested in educational movements, giving cheerfully not only of his time, but of his property on which to erect a school building. Mr. Seidel married a lady of English birth and to them were born these children: Bernville, Michael, Elias, Elizabeth, Lovina, Lacy and Mary.

Elias Seidel, the youngest son, father of Francis F., was born in Bern township, and his death occurred on the old homestead at the age of twenty-five years, on which place he had spent all of his time after leaving school. He and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Faust, had two children, Francis F. and Elias, the latter of whom died July 8, 1890, aged thirty years.

Francis F. Seidel secured his education in the public schools of his native town, after leaving which he worked three years for E. S. Miller, and then served an apprenticeship of three years to the undertaker's trade, becoming foreman in Mr. Miller's undertaking establishment, a position he held for about ten years. On April 1, 1888, Mr. Seidel embarked in the business on his own account in Reading, and this has been his occupation ever since. He has established one of the largest trades in Berks county, and has been the originator of many good innovations in the business, including the funeral car, high hats and capes, and the grave lining, the latter of which has become universal throughout the county. During his first year of business Mr. Seidel had charge of fifty-two funerals, and his business has increased since that time to large proportions, and he conducts between 650 and 700 funerals a year. On March 9, 1888, Mr. Seidel graduated from the Oriental School of Embalming, from Clask's School of Embalming in 1893; and from the school of embalming at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1894, and he has also taken lectures on contagious diseases. He was the first to advertise embalming in Reading, and has inaugurated a system of bookkeeping of his own which is considered one of the best in existence. To date Mr. Seidel has buried about 9,000 bodies, and he now employs seven assistants. He owns a fine farm in Spring township, above Sinking Spring, known as the Montello Farm.

On July 24, 1883, Mr. Seidel was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Hartman, and to them were born children: Estella E., born April 24, 1884, died Nov. 5, 1887; Herbert A., born Sept. 21, 1885 (is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; and Vigilance Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F.) is now assisting his father; Calvin E., born Oct. 21, 1887, is studying architecture and had prepared for Pennsylvania University (is a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge, No. 660, F. & A. M.); and Florence May, born Sept. 2, 1888, is a member of the class of 1908, Girls' high school, Reading.

Mr. Seidel is much interested in the cause of education, and gives willingly of his time and substance to movements having as their object the advancement of this cause. He is a member of the Board of Trade. His fraternal connections are with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; a charter member of the Lodge of Perfection, Reading; and a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and was for some years a trustee of the Masonic Association. He is also a charter member of Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F.; Perseverance Council No. 194, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he is past councillor; past chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 49; Juniata Tribe, No. 74, I. O. R. M.; Knights of Friendship; and Rebekah Degree Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 4. In all of his business dealings Mr. Seidel has been honest with his patrons, living strictly up to the word of every contract. He is one of Reading's good citizens, and as such is respected and esteemed by his fellow men.

BROSSMAN. The Brossman family is one of the oldest in Berks county, dating back to the early part of the eighteenth century. Francis (Frantz) Brossman, a German by birth, so tradition says, was one of the Schoharie county, N. Y., settlers, who came to Berks county between 1723 and 1728. When Berks county was organized in 1752, he was an inhabitant of Heidelberg township. The following year, 1753, he paid eighteen pounds tax, and in 1754 he paid twenty-two

pounds tax. This shows him to have been a large landowner. His remains are undoubtedly buried at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, which was the spiritual home of all those early pioneers.

John Adam Brossman, son of Francis, died upon his farm in Lower Heidelberg township at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried at St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, of which he was an official member. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. His occupation was farming, and he owned a large tract of land. The old Brossman homestead is now embraced in Lower Heidelberg township, and while the original tract has been divided, it is still in the possession of members of the family. The part on which the first buildings were erected is now owned by Henry Brossman. In the beginning there were 150 acres in the home farm. John Adam Brossman married Catharine Leiss, and their children were: (1) John L., born in 1804, on the homestead, died there in 1887, after a life devoted to farming and milling. He married Catharine Hettinger, whose father was a native of Germany, and a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township. They had ten children: John, Nathan, Reuben, Henry, Mary, Catharine, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Ellen and one that died in infancy. (2) Adam L. (3) Daniel. (4) Eve married Henry Werner, of Lower Heidelberg. (5) Benjamin.

Adam L. Brossman, son of John Adam, was born in 1804 in Heidelberg township, and there passed his entire life dying in 1883. He was a farmer by occupation, the farm previously mentioned having been divided between him and his brother, and by industry he made an excellent living for himself and his family. He married (first) Elizabeth Bickel, by whom he had two children, William (buried at Hain's Church) and Priscilla (m. Caton Knorr, and is buried at St. Daniel's Church, Heidelberg.) By his second wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Bender, he had six children, namely: Adam Bender; John B., of Robesonia, m. to Louisa Stricker, who died and is buried at St. Daniel's Church; Thomas J., a farmer in Lower Heidelberg; James B., a builder at Reading; Sarah B., m. to Joseph W. Ernest, who died June 6, 1900, and is buried at St. Daniel's Church; and Elmira B., m. to Moses K. Balthaser, of Wernersville. Like his family generally Mr. Brossman was a Lutheran. He is buried at St. Daniel's church.

James B. Brossman, son of Adam L., now a prominent builder in Reading, was born in October, 1856, in North Heidelberg township. He was educated in the schools of the home neighborhood, and he remained on the farm assisting his father until he was twenty years of age. He then removed to Robesonia, this county, where he lived for about seven years. In 1896 he took up his residence in Reading, where he has since had his home and business interests. In 1892 he entered into partnership with his brother Adam in the building business, which they followed until 1903. During his career in Reading Mr. Brossman has been given a generous share of the business in his line, and he has put up a number of the most substantial residences which have been erected in the city during that period, his contracts for which have ranged in price from $1,800 to $5,000. He has been constantly widening the scope of his operations, and may justly be classed among the solid business men of his adopted city. In 1876 he married Ellen Kissling, and six children have been born to them, as follows: Calvin, Adam, Paul, Beulah (deceased), Nora and Bertha. Mr. Brossman clings to the traditions of his ancestors, being a Lutheran and a Democrat.

Adam Bender Brossman, now living retired in Reading, where he is highly esteemed, was born in North Heidelberg township, Oct. 7, 1845, son of Adam L. and Elizabeth (Bender) Brossman. He was educated in the common schools of Berks county, and attended the Keystone State Normal School and Prof. Brunner's business college, after which he taught school for several years. He was then appointed deputy warden of the Berks county prison, serving in that capacity for four years, and was then appointed to the position of warden which he filled for three years. In 1886 he removed to Robesonia, where he lived retired for two years. In 1888 he located in Reading, where he was engaged until 1902, building much of the section known as Richton. He was also engaged in other enterprises, being a director in the Schuylkill Valley Bank from its incorporation until 1906, when he retired from that position.

Mr. Brossman was married May 30, 1876, to Ellen R. Richards, daughter of Benjamin and Lovina Richards, and to this union has been born one daughter, Bessie L., who married June 18, 1906, George G. Kriedler, a bookkeeper of Reading.

Thomas J. Brossman, a successful farmer in Lower Heidelberg township, was born in North Heidelberg April 2, 1853, son of Adam L. and Elizabeth (Bender) Brossman. He was brought up to farming and for forty-six consecutive years lived upon the homestead farm, during all of this time not being away one week. In the spring of 1877 he began farming for himself, tenanting the old home farm for twenty-one years. In the spring of 1899 he came to Lower Heidelberg, and located on the well known Adam Dechert farm—a property which has been in the Dechert family for more than one hundred years. It consists of 181 acres of good land, all highly cultivated. Mr. Brossman is an excellent farmer, and has ten head of horses, thirty-two of cattle, and all the latest improved machinery. He has always met with success in his vocation. He owns the old homestead in North Heidelberg, which consists of ninety acres, which he purchased in 1885 for $7,000. In spite of his active work in caring for his farm, he has taken an interest in public affairs, and has been a delegate to county conventions, and was one of the delegates when Judge James N. Ermentrout was first nominated for the Bench. In politics he is a Democrat, and for ten years he served in North Heidelberg as a member of the school board, being a director at the time he moved from the township. Since he has lived in Lower Heidelberg he has served that township for six years as a member of the school board, has been treasurer and president, and generally proved himself most efficient, having the good of the schools at heart. He was instrumental in the establishing of the township high school at Wernersville, and in securing the increase in the salaries of the teachers from $35 to $50. Mr. Brossman is a member of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, and is a Lutheran in belief. For three years he held the office of deacon. In 1877 he married Emma Althouse, daughter of Reuben and Matilda (Gruber) Althouse, farming people of Marion township. To this union have been born children as follows: seven sons and eight daughters: Solomon, a school teacher in Lower Heidelberg, m. to Clara Stoudt; Warren; Gertie, deceased; Charles; Thomas, deceased; Stella; Florence; Esther; Ellan, deceased; Ammon, deceased; Elsie; Frederick; William; Erma; and Marguerite.

Benjamin Brossman, son of John Adam Brossman, was born on the homestead, Aug. 31, 1810, and he died upon his farm in Lower Heidelberg at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years and two days. He was an intelligent citizen, and was frequently called upon to serve his fellow citizens in positions of honor and trust. He served as school director, supervisor, and frequently was a delegate to county conventions. He was captain in the State militia, a military organization of his day, and the sword he wore is now in the possession of his youngest son, Hillorius. Mr. Brossman was an exceedingly versatile man, his ability as a mechanic making him an expert cabinet maker, carpenter, cooper and blacksmith, and he understood tree grafting as few men did. He successfully grafted shellbarks, chest-

nuts, and all kinds of fruits, also budded peach trees. He made a number of musical instruments, including a piano, which his son Isaac W. now possesses, and he repaired musical instruments. In 1872 he erected the present house upon his farm. This reflects the skill of his workmanship, as all the doors, wainscoting, etc., were made by hand. In this house there may also be seen a bureau, beds, and an old fashioned grandfather's clock which he made in 1876. He and his family were members of St. Daniel's (Corner) Church, and the family lot is in the cemetery connected with this church. He married Catharine Werner, born April 15, 1815, daughter of Adam Werner, and she died Oct. 20, 1880. Their children were: Richard, deceased; Benjamin, of Reading; Emma, who married Henry Stoudt, and moved to Michigan, where she died; Isaac W.; Adam, a truck farmer in Lower Heidelberg; George, of Reading; Amelia, of Reading; Katie, who married Henry Yohe, of Reading; Levi, of Reading; and Hillorius.

Isaac W. Brossman, son of Benjamin, was born on his father's farm in Lower Heidelberg township Oct. 22, 1842. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his district, and later he attended the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa. While a student in the latter institution he was one of the organizers of the now famous Philomathean Literary Society in 1862—a society dear to the hearts of thousands of alumni, and to this day a leading factor in the school's success. Mr. Brossman was its first secretary, and Dr. Samuel A. Baer, Ph. D., was its first president. Mr. Brossman was first licensed to teach in the public schools by Prof. John S. Ermentrout, then county superintendent. He never had an English book in his hands until he was thirteen years of age, yet he commenced teaching when he was twenty-one, teaching in the public schools nine terms, four consecutive terms being at Lincoln, in Lancaster county, and he met with success wherever he was located. He was a Lutheran, to which faith his family adhere, attending St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. Mr. Brossman was an intelligent and useful citizen, progressive in his ideas, and public-spirited in his work for the advancement of his town and the cause of education. On Nov. 1, 1888, he was united in marriage with Emma Schwartz, born May 22, 1861, in Exeter township, daughter of John Schwartz and granddaughter of Major John Schwartz (1793-1860). (The last named gentleman was elected a congressman in 1858 from Berks county as an independent Democrat.) To Mr. and Mrs. Brossman were born six children, namely: Edith Elizabeth, Ruth Emma, Mabel Eve, Esther Louisa, Paul Isaac and Martha Catharine.

CALVIN H. ADAM, of Fleetwood, Berks county, is a prosperous young business man of that borough. He is a member of the firm of Schlegel, Adam & Company, dealers in grain, flour, lumber, coal, etc., and is energetic and enterprising. He was born June 29, 1869, in Greenwich township, near Virginville.

Jacob Adam, the great-grandfather of Calvin H., was a farmer and owned a tract of land in Richmond township, which he afterward sold to his son, Jacob. This farm is located a few miles east of Virginville and is known as the original Adam homestead. He married Susan Kline, daughter of Benjamin Kline, and they became the parents of these children: Sally Ann; William; Betsy; Jacob; John; Susan; Philip and Polly. Of this family John was born in 1812, and died in 1861. He was a prosperous farmer, owning 150 acres of good land in Richmond township near Moselem Church. In addition to farming he followed the trade of carpenter. At the age of twenty years he married Catherine Weidenheimer, of Richmond township, and they had these children: Caroline (m. Daniel Sittler, of Oley, Pa.); John W., retired, living in Fleetwood; Annie, deceased (m. George F. Henry, station agent); Frank W., a farmer near Kutztown; Sarah, (m. V. S. Reinhart, a grocer of Kutztown); Susanna, who died aged twenty-one years; Hettie (m. Frank Adam, of Germanville, Lehigh county); Malinda (m. James Mertz, supervisor of Maxatawny township for many years, and also supervisor years ago in Ruscombmanor township); Ella, who died aged twenty years; Allen W., who has resided in St. Louis, Mo., since 1876; William W., station agent at Virginville; and Louisa, the wife of S. S. Schappel of Windsor township, a well known leader of the Democratic ranks in Berks county.

John W. Adam, father of Calvin H., followed farming in Richmond township for many years, and now lives retired in his brick residence on Main street, Fleetwood. In 1871 he began the milling business in Heinley's Mill near Virginville, Pa., where he continued for fifteen years, when he engaged in farming in Richmond township, and there spent the next twenty-one years of his life, retiring in 1902. In 1868 he married Esther D. Heinley, daughter of the late Samuel and Mary (Dreibelbis) Heinley, and their children were as follows: Calvin H.; Mary K., (m. Alfred Schaeffer, of near Fleetwood); Amelia E., (m. Titus H. Schaeffer, a stone cutter of Fleetwood); Ida H. (m. Samuel H. Hoch, a school teacher of Fleetwood); and John S., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. John W. Adam is a member of the Reformed Church of Fleetwood, and has served as deacon, trustee and elder. In politics he is a Democrat and seldom misses an election.

When fifteen years of age Calvin H. Adam went with his parents to Richmond township, settling on the road leading from Kutztown to Fleetwood. His educational career was begun in the public schools of his native township, and in the spring of 1865 he attended the Keystone State Normal School. He later attended the spring sessions of 1886, 1887 and in the fall of 1888 began teaching school at Moselem Church, in Richmond township. He continued teaching in the same township for seven years at Stone Lane school and in the spring of 1895 again entered the Normal school, graduating in 1896. He was one of the intellectually strong members of his class, which numbered 120 pupils, and upon his graduation the patrons of the Stone Lane school district made a request of the school board for Professor Adam's reappointment as their teacher. He again served them acceptably for two terms, after which he was elected to teach the grammar school of the borough of Fleetwood, continuing there for five successive terms. After leaving the schoolroom, Mr. Adam began his business career. The firm of Schlegel, Adam & Company was formed, which at once received the patronage of the public. In addition to the selling of grain, lumber and coal, this firm does contract work, and in 1905 built six houses in the borough of Fleetwood for themselves, besides erecting other buildings for different parties.

Calvin H. Adam served his borough in the following capacities: auditor for four years, and councilman since 1904, serving as secretary of that body; is one of the directors, and was instrumental in getting the automobile works located in Fleetwood; and also took a leading part in having the Down Tool Works come to this town. He is an active Democrat and wields influence in his community, being public-spirited and energetic. He is a regular member of the Reformed Church of Fleetwood, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He belongs to the K. G. E., Castle No. 374, Knights of Pythias No. 167, and others. He is a member of the Board of Trade. Mr. Adam lives with his family on Franklin street, Fleetwood, in his own residence.

On March 6, 1897, Mr. Adam was married to Miss Emily D. Schlegel, daughter of Abraham and Annie (Deysher) Schlegel, and to this union have been born: Helen Marguerite, Pauline Marie (who died aged two years), and Mary.

DANIEL F. FREY, who is engaged in butchering in Amityville, Berks county, was born in Pike township, same county, Nov. 19, 1867, son of William F. Frey and grandson of Daniel B. Frey.

Daniel B. Frey, the grandfather, was born May 15, 1813, and died June 25, 1894. By occupation he was a butcher and farmer. He lived in Pike township many years, and in Oley township he cultivated the present farm of Morris Haas. He was a Reformed member of Oley Church, where he is buried. He was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Imbody, died young, and is buried at Hill Church. To this union were born William F.; Martin, 1843-1897, a butcher at Pleasantville; Henry, a soldier in the Civil war; David, who lived at the Swamp; and Mary, m. to Charles Fretz. Daniel B. Frey m. (second) Christina Clauser, sister to Elizabeth (Clauser) Flicker (wife of Solomon Flicker); she was born Aug. 17, 1803, and died Nov. 22, 1881. No children were born of this union.

William F. Frey, son of Daniel B., was born in Pike township Feb. 7, 1837. He was hired out among farmers in his young manhood, and for twenty-one years he and his wife lived with David Lobach in Pike township, working his farm, and here all their children, except Daniel and Jacob, were born. In 1899 Mr. Frey located about a half a mile north of Pleasantville, and is now employed there. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Lobachsville. In January, 1864, Mr. Frey married Lydia Ann Flicker, born Dec. 26, 1841, in Oley township, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Clauser) Flicker (the former a tanner by trade, and granddaughter of Jacob Flicker. Fourteen children were born of this union, namely: Daniel F.; Jacob, of Reading; Irwin, unmarried; David, of Amityville; Charles, of Pike township; Annie (m. Henry Schaffer, of Boyertown); Katie (m. Nathan Folk, of Oley Line); Edwin, unmarried, who perished in the Boyertown opera house fire Jan. 13, 1908, aged thirty years; and six who died in infancy—Willie, Fred, Frank, Morris and twin daughters.

Daniel F. Frey lived with his parents until he was eight years old, and then went to live with his uncle Joseph Flicker, a brother of his mother. There he lived nine years, and was then for six years hired out among farmers in Oley township. In 1891 he learned the butchering trade from William R. Rhoads, of Amityville, and worked for him for seven years, when his employer sold out his stock, good will and property at Amityville to Mr. Frey. He has since then been engaged in business for himself, employing three men, and killing on an average of three and four steers a week besides hogs and calves. He ships to the Reading abattoir and during the summer runs three wagons in his district. He has the support of the good people of his district. He has a good home in Amityville, and eleven acres of ground, all of which he manages well.

On Sept. 30, 1893, Mr. Frey married Debbie Minninger, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Koch) Minninger, of Earl township, where the former is engaged as a small farmer and stone mason. Mr. and Mrs. Frey have two children, namely: Minnie M. and W. Jennings. Mr. Frey is a Democrat in politics, but has had too much business of his own to manage to take an active interest in party work. He is a member of Camp No. 213, P. O. S. of A., of Amityville; and the I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro. He and his family are Reformed members of the Church at Amityville, of which for eight years he was a deacon.

JOHN STARK, who retired from business sixteen years previous to his death, which occurred Oct. 3, 1907, on the fifty-third anniversary of his marriage, was one of the oldest residents of his section of Reading. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 25, 1827, son of Conrad Stark, who was engaged in the butchering business in Germany, and who died in that country.

John Stark was educated in the schools of his native place, and there learned the trade of a butcher under his father. On Oct. 25, 1852, he landed at New York City, where, however, he did not remain for any length of time, but made his way to Philadelphia. There he was employed at his trade for two years, at the end of which time he came to Reading, where he afterward made his home. He engaged in killing beef, sheep, hogs, etc., carrying on a general butchering business until 1888, and being very successful therein. In the latter year he embarked in the milk business, which he engaged in for one year, after which he lived retired. His home at No. 307 Lombard street, was situated at the foot of Mt. Penn, where he first built in 1855, and in 1898 he erected his new modern residence. Mr. Stark was the owner of sixteen acres of land at Butterworth and Greenwich streets, but sold this for building purposes. He owned six acres adjoining his home and that of Peter D. Wanner in the Ninth ward, the property being very desirable and is continually rising in value. Years ago, when Mr. Stark purchased this land, it was barren and uncultivated, but subsequently it became one of the finest parts of the city.

On Oct. 3, 1854, Mr. Stark married Miss Antenlieth, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to this country in young womanhood, and these children were born to them: Amelia, deceased; Louisa (m. Henry Frentzel, of Reading); Bertha Agnes (m. Charles Egner, of Reading); Mary (m. Jacob Dearolf, of Reading); Ida (m. Ambrose Dotterer); George, a well known butcher in Reading. Mr. Stark was a Democrat in politics, and served in the Select Council from the Ninth ward from 1877 to 1880. He was a member of St. Luke's German Lutheran Church. He was a man of sound convictions and good judgment, and was very highly respected. Mrs. Stark died June 25, 1908, and with her husband rests in Aulenbach cemetery.

REVEREND DANIEL WIEAND, deceased, for many years well known in Reading and vicinity as an earnest worker in the ranks of the United Evangelical Church, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1815.

Mr. Wieand received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native city, was prepared for the ministry and ordained. He preached the Gospel for about thirty years, the cause of his retirement from the ministry being a severe throat trouble. During the years of his preaching, Mr. Wieand was well known throughout Berks county, having pastorates at Reading, Harrisburg, Milford, Adamstown and other places. From 1868 until a short time prior to his death, Mr. Wieand was engaged in broommaking. He died at his home in Reading, No. 225 North Eighth street, Jan. 21, 1888, aged seventy-three years, twenty-one days, and was buried at Charles Evans cemetery.

Mr. Wieand was first married to Judith Grabill, and to them were born children as follows: Elizabeth (m. Frank White); Rev. William, who was a minister in the United Evangelical Church, died in 1902; and Mary, single, at the Eighth street home. Mr. Wieand's second marriage was to Mrs. Matilda Renninger, widow of Josiah Renninger. Mrs. Wieand was born April 15, 1822, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Spang) Gilbert, well-known people of Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where Mrs. Wieand's youth was spent. Her first husband was a well known business man of Colebrookdale township, and to them were born children as follows: Emma (m. Henry Rehr); Rosa (m. Jacob Rehr); and James, who m. Katie Williams, is in the contracting and building business in Reading. There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wieand. Mrs. Wieand died May 5, 1907, at the Eighth street home, Reading; she was very well known and highly esteemed in the community.

SAMUEL T. IAEGER, of Reading, Pa., whose place of business is situated on Douglass street, is a manu-

facturing pharmacist and druggist. Mr. Iaeger was born in 1831, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of Rev. G. F. Iaeger, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany.

Samuel T. Iaeger was educated in the schools of Berks county, and in 1849 entered Yale preparatory college, which he attended for about one year, also attending Pennsylvania College for one year. After leaving the latter institution he clerked for Mr. Clymer, a dry goods merchant who conducted a store at Fifth and Penn streets, after leaving whom Mr. Iaeger worked as a book agent until 1863, then becoming a traveling salesman for a dry goods house of Philadelphia, for which he worked until 1866. Mr. Iaeger then engaged in the manufacturing of perfumery at No. 718 Market street, Philadelphia, but after a short time came to Reading, where he continued in the same business until 1880. He then engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines, receiving in 1887 a certificate from the State Pharmaceutical Board under the new law of 1885. Among his well known remedies may be mentioned "Iaeger's Lightning Liniament," "Cough Pectoral," and "Family medicine," and in the sale of these he travels throughout the surrounding country and as far as Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington.

In 1853 Mr. Iaeger was married (first) to Sarah Trump, and to this union there were born four children, all now deceased. Mr. Iaeger's second marriage, in 1863, was to Sarah Fox, daughter of George Fox, and five children were born to this union: Elizabeth; Sarah; Annie; Florence; Charles, m. Kate Sloan and has three children, William, Samuel and Sarah. Mr. Iaeger is a Lutheran in his religious belief and politically is a Republican. Formerly he belonged to several social orders.

WELLINGTON R. LEVAN, whose death occurred in Reading April 11, 1900, had retired from business some years prior to his decease. He was born in the city of Reading, April 11, 1835, son of Abraham and Justina (Wrightmyer) Le Van.

Abraham Le Van was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and received his education in the common schools. In early life he was an engineer but on removing to Reading engaged in the grain and feed business, in which he became very successful. He married Justina Wrightmyer, and they had five children: Wellington R.; Mary (m. George East); Ellen, single; Emma, deceased; and an infant.

Wellington R. Le Van was educated in the schools of Reading, and when a young man learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for thirty-five years in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, for many years being foreman of one of the departments. About three years prior to his death he retired from active work. Mr. Le Van was married in 1862 to Miss Kate Leitzinger, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Moyer) Leitzinger. Mrs. Le Van was born on the site of her present property. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Le Van: Mary M. m. William From, lives at Sinking Spring, Berks county, and has four children.—Mayme m. Charles E. Stott and has one child, Ruth, the only great grand-child of Mrs. LeVan, Geraldine, J. Wellington and Dorothy; Anna L., who m. C. H. Loveland, a native of New York State, now a resident of Winchester, Ky., has two children, Nancy L., and Le Van H.

Mr. Le Van was a member of Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. He was a consistent member of the First Reformed Church. A good husband, a kind and affectionate father, a public-spirited citizen and honest, Christian gentleman, Wellington Le Van was known and respected all over the community in which he spent so many years. He was one of Reading's representative men.

HENRY F. FIDLER, a prominent citizen of the borough of Womelsdorf, Berks county, where he is engaged in an extensive cigar manufacturing business, was born there July 31, 1854, son of Isaac and Mary (Mathew) Fidler, and is a member of the old and honored Fidler family of Berks county, the ancestor of which, Henry Fidler, was a taxable in Tulpehocken township in 1759, where he paid a Federal tax of twenty-pounds. He had a number of children, one of whom was the great-grandfather of Henry F. Fidler.

John (Johan) Adam Fidler, grandfather of Henry F., was a farmer in Heidelberg township. He married Anna Maria Moyer, who bore him seven children: Isaac; David; Daniel; Augustus; Levi; Mary, m. a Mr. Schaffer, of Harrisburg; and Adam M., born Dec. 24, 1826, m. Sophia Hall (1826-1903) and had children, Mary, Emma, Morgan, Sarah, an infant, Henry, Catharine, Thomas, Isabella, Ellen, Rebecca, John, Clara and David, all deceased except Mary, Sarah, Catharine, Rebecca and Clara.

Isaac Fidler, son of John Adam and father of Henry F., was born Nov. 25, 1808, in Heidelberg township, and his death occurred at Womelsdorf April 9, 1863. Mr. Fidler was a shoemaker by trade, but in later life he purchased a farm, which he was cultivating at the time of his death. Isaac Fidler married Mary Mathew, born Oct. 19, 1808, who died Sept. 14, 1884, and to this union there were born children as follows: Angelina, m. John Shaffer, proprietor of the old "General Taylor House," Reading, for many years; Franklin, who died at Mahanoy City, Pa., July 6, 1876; John, born Oct. 29, 1836, who died and was buried at Womelsdorf in 1880; Isaac, who died at Womelsdorf in 1906; Mary, who is unmarried and resides with her brother Henry F.; Sarah, m. William A. Sallada, of Womelsdorf; Rebecca, m. William Ziegler, of Reading, both now deceased; Henry F.; and Ella, who died in infancy.

Henry F. Fidler, son of Isaac, obtained his education in the township schools, and in 1870 learned the cigar making trade with J. H. Balsley, of his native town. He followed the trade as a workman until 1880, at which time he embarked in the business on his own account, and he carried on this enterprise with much success until June 2, 1902, when he was succeeded by his sons, Henry I. and Edgar G., and his nephew, John I. Fidler, who are doing a flourishing business under the firm name of H. F. Fidler & Company. In 1903 Mr. Fidler erected a brick factory, three and one-half stories in height, 30 x 75 feet, and here are employed ninety-three first class workmen, manufacturing high grade hand-made cigars, which have won a reputation all over the country, among them the following brands: "Peyton Randolph, perfecto;" "Peyton Randolph, club house;" "H. F. & Company, perfecto;" and "Otho H. Williams," all ten-cent grade; and "El Rocco," "Reia Mia," "The Fidler," "Amavilla," "Conewango," "Paulo" and "Betty Van Lew," in five-cent cigars.

Mr. Fidler is a self made man, and has proved his business ability. Quick to see an advantage, he is just as quick to grasp it, and his foresight and capacity have made him the man to be chosen as prime mover in various large business deals and enterprises. He was a promoter of the Womelsdorf Union Bank, and for six months served on the board of directors; has been an auditor and general director of the Pennsylvania Trust Company since 1902, this being one of the strongest financial institutions in the county; was one of the organizers of the Lebanon County Trust Company, and for one year was one of its directors, resigning with the privilege of appointing his own successor; has been for some time a director of the Union cemetery of Womelsdorf; was one of the promoters of the Robesonia Water Company, of which he became treasurer and a director; and is a director and treasurer of the Womelsdorf Water Company. Mr. Fidler owns the homesteads of his wife's and his own parents, the former the old Keener homestead consisting of 126 acres in Tulpehocken township, and the latter of 115 3-4 acres in Marion township. These properties have been put in

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the best of condition by Mr. Fidler. He makes his home on the main (High) street of Womelsdorf, where he has resided for more than half a century.

In politics Mr. Fidler is a Republican in national affairs, while on local questions he is independent of party ties. He served in the town council for three years. In his religious belief he is Reformed, and he attends Womelsdorf Union Church, in which he is a trustee.

On Oct. 9, 1875, Mr. Fidler was married to Miss Kate Keener, daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Keener, farming and milling people of Tulpehocken township, and to this union there were born three children, namely: Harry I., who married Lizzie Miller, daughter of John H. Miller, of Wernersville, Pa.; Edgar C.; and a son who died in infancy.

WILLIAM E. JACKSON, who recently moved with his family from Cumru township to Philadelphia, was born Jan. 4, 1866, in Reading, Pa., son of Charles H. and Amanda H. (Bushy) Jackson.

Ephraim Jackson, Sr., the progenitor of this family in Berks county, was a resident of Robeson township prior to 1750, and it is traditional that he was a relative of President Andrew Jackson. He had two sons: John, the great-grandfather of William E.; and Ephraim, Jr. whose will was probated in 1807, in which were mentioned these children: Thomas, Mary and Joseph; Lydia (m. Enos Morris); Sarah (m. Innis Thornton); Rachel (m. Jesse Rogers); Hannah (m. Isaac Morris); Susanna; and Mary (m. Iddings Barkley).

Elias Jackson, the grandfather of William E., was one of the first foundrymen of Kutztown, and a pioneer of that business in eastern Pennsylvania. For many years he lived in Kutztown, where he became prosperous and influential, giving employment to many people. Mr. Jackson married a Miss Runyeon, and to them were born seven children: Frank, who resided at Kutztown; Charles H., the father of William E.; Andrew and Robert, who lost their lives during the Civil war; Amanda (m. Allen Fritch); Annie (m. David Kline); and John, m. Amelia Noll, by whom he had four children, Robert, Annie, Emma and John.

Charles H. Jackson was born Nov. 10, 1833, in Hereford township, Berks county, and died Dec. 3, 1900, at Kutztown. Until fourteen years of age he lived in Philadelphia, after which he came with his parents to Kutztown, and there learned the molding trade in his father's shop, where he worked until 1860. In this year he located in Reading, working at his trade in that city until his retirement, a few years prior to his demise, returning to Kutztown. Mr. Jackson was buried in the Aulenbach cemetery, Reading. In politics he was a Republican, and fraternally he was connected with the I. O. O. F., for many years. He married Amanda H. Bushy who was born March 2, 1837, and who died Sept. 3, 1885, daughter of Samuel Bushy. Thirteen children were born to them, namely: Mary A., who died in infancy; Annie, who died at the age of twelve years; Sallie, m. G. W. Snyder; Charles, m. Kate Young; Kate, m. H. W. Mohr; Frances, m. Llewellyn Shearer; William E.; George, who died in childhood; John, who was married; Samuel, m. Mary Miller; Robert, m. Rosa Kline; Emma, m. Harry W. Wagner; and Florence, who died single at the age of twenty-four years.

William E. Jackson was reared in Reading and secured a good common school education, completing the grammar grades when sixteen years of age. He learned the molding trade at the Adam Johnson foundry, Eighth and Chestnut streets, and with this firm he continued for more than ten years, after which he worked for one year with the Dixon Foundry Company, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and in 1898, he became associated with the Reading Stove Works as a molder. He was soon promoted to a foremanship, filling his position with ability for six years, and in 1906 he accepted a like position with the Abraham Cox Stove Company, of Philadelphia, a position in which he is now serving. Mr. Jackson is a skilled foundryman and has inherited much of his ability from his ancestors, who were early engaged in that business in this section.

In politics Mr. Jackson is a Republican. In 1905 he was elected a school director of Cumru township, and as such in various ways helped to advance the educational interests of the community. During his term in office in the capacity of school director the high school was advanced from a second grade to a first grade school, and janitors were employed in the graded school buildings. Mr. Jackson is a charter member of Washington Camp No. 329, P. O. S. of A., of Reading. He is a member of the Iron Molders Union of America, in the local branch of which he has held all the important offices; was one of the organizers of Local No. 208, of Dover, N. J.; and is also connected with the Foundry Foremen's Association of Philadelphia. He and his family are connected with the First Reformed Church of Reading.

On Jan. 15, 1887, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Annie L. Moyer, daughter of Cyrus D. and Matilda (Armon) Moyer, the former of whom was a machinist of Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson five children have been born, as follows: Edna M., born in 1887; William M., Dec. 29, 1889; Leon R., July 14, 1893; Harold C., July 29, 1900; and Alfred I., April 3, 1903.

AMANDUS E. HENRY was born June 11, 1869, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county, son of Adam and Katie (Hoppes) Henry, and grandson of Philip Henry.

Adam Henry, the father, was born in 1850 in Carbon county. He removed to Schuylkill county and spent some years there, subsequently returning to Carbon county where the remainder of his life was spent. He followed the trade of a butcher and he died in 1882. He was buried at the Mahanoy Church, in West Penn township, Schuylkill county. He married Katie Hoppes, who survives him and makes her home with he son Michael. They had the following children: Amandus E.; Charles M.; Lizzie A., who is married and lives in Philadelphia; Emma, m. Robert Bell, of Philadelphia; and Michael, who is a farmer in Carbon county.

Amandus E. Henry was reared to farming, and until his twenty-fourth year hired out among the farmers of his district, but after his marriage he entered his father-in-law's employ as foreman and boss for a period of ten years. He then removed to his father-in-law's farm in Spring township. Mr. Henry is an excellent farmer, and to this fact the condition of his farm amply testifies. He does considerable dairying and ships his milk to the creamery at Sinking Spring. In his political belief Mr. Henry is a Democrat. He and his family worship at the Lutheran Church.

In 1893 Mr. Henry married Miss Clara K. Bittner, daughter of Daniel F. Bittner, who is mentioned elsewhere in this publication, and four children have been born to this union: Leon D., Helen S., Blanche E. and Raymond E.

LEWIS G. KRIEBEL, a miller in the eastern section of Hereford township, was born where he now resides, on the Israel Kriebel homestead, Oct. 2, 1868, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Griesemer) Kriebel.

(I) George Kriebel came to Pennsylvania in 1734, a member of a little band of Schwenkfelders who emigrated hither from Silesia, Germany. On Nov. 25, 1740, he married Susanna Kriebel, daughter of Balthaser and Regina (Yeakel) Kriebel, and they had two sons: George, born July 11, 1744; and Andrew, Sept. 17, 1748. George Kriebel died Sept. 2, 1778, and his wife Susanna, Sept. 14, 1775.

(II) George Kriebel, son of George and Susanna, born July 11, 1744, was killed by a stone falling on his head while he was cleaning out his well, Sept. 14, 1792.

He married Esther, daughter of George Wiegner, and she died Feb. 13, 1816. They had four children: Christopher, born Sept. 27, 1774, died June 2, 1779; George, born July 28, 1777, died May 28, 1779; Christopher (2), born Oct. 8, 1779; and Susanna, born Nov. 11, 1782, died Feb. 15, 1789.

(III) Christopher Kriebel, son of George and Esther, born Oct. 8, 1779, died Sept. 12, 1822. He married Regina, widow of Isaac Kriebel, and daughter of Rev. Melchoir Schultz, the ceremony taking place Nov. 12, 1807. She died Feb. 28, 1870. They had two children: Susanna, born Sept. 21, 1808, died May 27, 1875; and Bathsheba, born July 8, 1819.

(II) Andrew Kriebel, son of George the emigrant, married, May 6, 1771, Susanna, daughter of Abraham Yeakel. She died April 22, 1808, aged fifty-seven years, five months, fourteen days. He passed away April 17, 1830. They had nine children as follows: Rosanna, born 1773, married, 1818, Daniel Diehl, and died 1836; Abraham, born Sept. 27, 1774; Samuel, born June 13, 1776; George, born Oct. 2, 1778, died May 20, 1779; Regina, born June 25, 1780; David, born July 19, 1783; Sophia, born Nov. 1, 1785; Salome, born Dec. 9, 1787; and Israel, born Sept. 14, 1790.

(III) Abraham Kriebel, son of Andrew and Susanna, born Sept. 27, 1774, was a miller and owned the mill property now in the possession of William Kriebel, in Worcester township, Montgomery county. He died April 7, 1844. On June 4, 1801, he married Christina, daughter of Abraham Kriebel, and their children were: Sophia, born Nov. 23, 1802; Isaac, March 20, 1804; Maria, March 17, 1806; Sophia (2), April 17, 1810; Catharine, June 9, 1813; Anna, Feb. 20, 1818; and Sarah (1821-1848).

(III) Samuel Kriebel, son of Andrew and Susanna, born June 13, 1776, died Feb. 1, 1841. On Jan. 3, 1802, he married Christina, daughter of Melchoir Schultz, and she died April 21, 1819, the mother of Sarah, Susanna, Lydia, Elizabeth and William. He married (second) July 24, 1824, Catharine, daughter of Henry Leatherack, and to this union was born one daughter, Sophia.

(III) David Kriebel, son of Andrew and Susanna, born July 19, 1783, died July 1, 1842. On May 24, 1810, he married Rosina, daughter of David Schultz, and she died Dec. 27, 1817, the mother of three children: Anna, Mary and Philip. David Kriebel married (second) in 1819, Elizabeth Alderfer, who died Aug. 12, 1878. The children of the second marriage were: Henry, Susanna, Magdalena, Septimus, Barbara, Hannah and Elizabeth.

(III) Israel Kriebel, son of Andrew and Susanna, born Sept. 14, 1790, was a miller and lived near Chapel, in Hereford township, Berks county. He died June 14, 1860. On May 6, 1819, he married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Schultz, and she died in March, 1859. They had thirteen children: Christina, born Oct. 12, 1820, died Oct. 10, 1864; John, born Feb. 4, 1822; Samuel, born Nov. 11, 1823, died June 16, 1825; Susanna, born Jan. 8, 1825; Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1826; Henry, March 25, 1828; Elias, Oct. 13, 1829; Regina, Oct. 7, 1831; Joseph, 1833 (died 1858); Andrew, Aug. 8, 1835; Anna, 1838 (died 1845); Sarah, 1841 (died 1845); and Mary, July 14, 1846.

(IV) Henry Kriebel, son of Israel, born March 25, 1828, in Washington township, Berks county, came with his parents to what is now Kriebel's Mill in Hereford when a small boy. He lived the remainder of his life there and died Nov. 10, 1893. As a young man he became a miller and he conducted the oil mill and grist mill until his death, assuming charge of the mill when his father died. At that time 125 acres of good land were connected with the mill property, and this was divided into two tracts after the death of Henry Kriebel in 1893, the mill and twenty-five acres going to the son, Lewis G., and the rest to another son, Calvin G. Henry Kriebel manufactured much linseed oil, employing five or six persons. The flax was hauled from Upper Berks and Lehigh counties in large conestoga wagons, with four horses. The oil was sold in the surrounding country and was used in the mixture of paints. The mill was operated by water power, being located on the north branch of the Perkiomen creek, and it was the last oil mill in the township. Mr. Kriebel was a member of the Schwenkfelder church and was buried at Washington Meeting House. He served the township as Republican committeeman for more than a quarter of a century. He was school director, assistant township assessor, auditor, and at one time was the candidate of his party for county treasurer. Mr. Kriebel was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Wiegner, he had three children of whom two died in infancy, and the other, a son, Prof. Howard W., is now the publisher of the *Pennsylvania German,* a widely circulated magazine published at East Greenville. Mr. Kriebel married (second) Elizabeth Griesemer, daughter of Gabriel Griesemer, and nine children were born of this union, namely: Dr. Elmer, located at Centre Point, Pa.; Lewis G.; Calvin G., who lives on a part of the homestead; Owen, who died in infancy; Regina, who married Horace Gery; Sallie, who married Adam Urffer; Andrew G., a butcher in Hereford township, who married Ellen Gery; Dr. Asher G., who married Bertha Heebner, and lives at Lynnville; and Henry G., of Alburtis.

(V) Lewis G. Kriebel, son of Henry, received his education in the public schools of his native township, and was only a boy when he learned the milling trade from his father. He worked for his father until he was twenty-one years old, and as his father died soon after he assumed charge of the mill, and since the spring of 1895 has been conducting it, enjoying a good trade. As stated above there is a twenty-five acre tract of land connected with the mill. The present brick house was built in 1845 by Israel Kriebel, and the stone house near the mill by Henry Kriebel. The present mill was built in 1837 by Israel Kriebel, and was formerly used for oil, but since 1894 this part has been abandoned, and it is now used wholly as a grist mill. Mr. Kriebel is a very successful young business man, and he takes a keen interest in whatever is going on about him. From 1895 to 1907 he kept two men busy crushing stone. In politics he is a Republican, and since the spring of 1908 he has been the committeeman of his township, and he has also served as inspector of his precinct, and census enumerator. He is a member of the Schwenkfelder Church. He belongs to Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, F. & A. M., of East Greenville. Mr. Kriebel is a musician and he plays the clarionet in the East Greenville Band. During the ten years existence of the Hereford Band he was its leader.

On Dec. 24, 1888, Mr. Kriebel was married to Katie Bittenbender, daughter of John and Mary (Hallman) Bittenbender, of Siesholtzville, and the only child of this union, Florence, is now deceased.

GRANT E. ALLEMAN, one of the successful business men of Shoemakersville, Perry township, Berks county, Pa., who is carrying on an extensive coal business, was born May 13, 1866, at Akron, O., son of Peter and Magdalena (Yiengst) Alleman.

The founder of the family in America, Heinrich Ahleman, emigrated from Hamburg in 1795, landing at Philadelphia from the brig "Minerva," Dec. 15th of that year. His son, Henry, had ten children as follows: Henry; Leonard; Benjamin; Peter; John; Elizabeth; Catherine; Rosa; Maria and Susanna. Of these children Peter Alleman became the father of Grant E. He was reared to the occupation of a miller near Beele Grove, in Dauphin county, but resided for a number of years in Ohio, Illinois and Kansas, in which states he carried on his trade, later returning to Pennsylvania, continuing there until his death in 1899, in his fifty-eighth year. He married Magdalena Yiengst, daughter of Henry Yiengst, a blacksmith of Black Oak Hill,

Lebanon county, four children being born to this union: Catherine, who married Joshua Haldeman, Grant E., and two boys who died in infancy. Mr. Alleman married (second) Sarah Long, daughter of George Long of Dauphin county, and nine children were born to this union, four of whom died young.

Grant E. Alleman was still an infant when his father removed to Illinois, and after remaining there for eight years located at Union Deposit, Pa., where young Alleman was educated until thirteen years of age. He then lived in the West for three years and on his return was engaged at store-keeping in Union Deposit, and also in butchering until twenty-four years of age. He then removed to Lebanon and there continued in butchering for nearly three years, the next three years being spent in Reading in the butchering and restaurant business.

In 1897 Mr. Alleman established himself in the coal washery enterprise at Palmyra, taking drift coal out of the bed of the Swatara river, washing it, and marketing it in three sizes. He remained at Palmyra three years, then locating at Shoemakersville, Berks county, to engage in the same business, and in this he has continued successfully to the present time. He established washeries also at Stoudt's Ferry and Port Clinton dam in the Schuylkill, and in 1904 produced 9,000 tons of coal and in 1905 12,000 tons, showing the result of his enterprise. Mr. Alleman also erected a machine-shop at Shoemakersville for preparing his boats and making repairs.

In 1886 Mr. Alleman was married to Lizzie Shakespeare, daughter of George W. Shakespeare of Dauphin county, and to them four children have been born: three sons who died in boyhood, and a daughter, Catherine.

NICHOLAS H. KIRK, a well-known resident of Perry township, who is superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley Clay Manufacturing Company, at Shoemakersville, was born in Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1867, son of David E. Kirk, of that city.

William Haines Kirk of Chester county, who was the grandfather of Nicholas H., was born in 1811 and died in 1897. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Brown, by whom he had four children: David E.; Hannah, m. Anson Kimball; George, who died young; and Rufus, m. Sarah House. His second wife was Mary House, sister of his son's wife, and to them were born two children. David E. Kirk, of the above family, was born in Lower Nottingham township, Chester county, in 1836, and in 1865 removed to Philadelphia. He married Rachel House, of Chester county, and Nicholas H., above mentioned, was the only child of this union.

Nicholas H. Kirk was educated in the public schools, and after graduating from the senior class of the grammar school qualified himself for business by taking a course in the Crittenden Commercial College, then following bookkeeping for ten years. He also filled the position of manager for a cement and coal firm for eight years until 1900, when he located at Shoemakersville, Berks county, and at this place became superintendent of the Schuylkill Valley Clay Manufacturing Company, having successfully directed its operations to the present time. It is one of the largest industrial plants operated in the Schuylkill Valley above Reading. Mr. Kirk is held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen and in 1903 was elected a school director of the township, but after a year was obliged to resign, his duties at the Clay works demanding all of his time and attention, for, as one of the directors of the Board, he takes an active part in the management of the enterprise.

Mr. Kirk was married to Annie E. Staples of Philadelphia in 1888, and three children were born to this union: Ethel, Edith and Edwin.

DR. JOHN D. RUPP, practicing physician at Shoemakersville, Perry township, Berks county, was born at Chapman's, in Lehigh county, Pa., Dec. 14, 1854, son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Rauch) Rupp, and grandson of Jacob Rupp, the latter of whom emigrated to America on the ship "Crawford," landing at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1772.

Benjamin Rupp was born in 1800 at Chapman's, and was there reared to farming, a pursuit which he followed all of his life, his death occurring in 1862. His wife, who had been Mary Ann Rauch, daughter of John Rauch of Snyder county, was born in 1828 and died in 1901, and their children were: Harry, unmarried; Benjamin m. Esther McLean; Dr. John D.; Mary m. Wilson Hartzell, and Anna m. William Roth, the last two named being of Allentown.

Dr. John D. Rupp received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town, and, having prepared himself for the study of medicine, attended New York Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1878. After traveling for a time, he located at the village of Molltown, in Richmond township, Berks county, in 1880 for the practice of his profession, and he remained there in active practice for twelve years, when he removed to Shoemakersville, where he has continued to the present time, with much success.

In 1880 Dr. Rupp was married to Alice Schlegel, daughter of Peter and Caroline (Hawkins) Schlegel of Fleetwood, granddaughter of Abraham Schlegel, and great granddaughter of Heinrich Schlegel, who was a son of the ancestor, Christian Schlegle, who emigrated to America prior to 1750. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupp: Harry, who married Annie Dries, a daughter of Cyrus Dries of Perry township; Mary; Blanche, and Laura.

WILLIAM I. FRICK, a resident of Douglass township, Berks county, who is in the Railway Mail Service, was born at Pottstown, Pa., and comes of a substantial family whose early home was in Wurtemberg, Germany.

William C. Frick, father of William I., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was but two years of age when brought by his parents to America. The family located in Pottstown, Pa., and there William C. passed his youth and early manhood. After his marriage he moved to Barto, the terminus of the Colebrookdale branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, on which he was baggage master for twenty-seven years. He began farming in 1894, owning a fine little farm of thirty-five acres. He died in 1908, aged fifty-nine years, six months, and is buried at Pottstown. He was a man of considerable intelligence, and was highly esteemed by the community in which he lived. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as roadmaster under the new road law, in Douglass township, dying while in office. In his religious faith he was a New Mennonite, and was a member of that church at Bally and was active in the Sunday-school, in which he was a teacher. For many years he was president of the Christian Endeavor Association. His wife, Catharine (Shriner) Frick, is still living, and makes her home in Pottstown. They had eight children, namely: Albert, of Philadelphia; William I.; Morris, of Pottstown; Leroy, of Pottstown; Carrie, m. Edward Kieffer; Catharine and Mamie, unmarried; and Amy.

William I. Frick accompanied his parents to Barto in 1878, and there passed his boyhood days, attending the common schools of Washington township. He learned telegraphy when sixteen years old, and at eighteen was station agent at the Manatawny Station on the Colebrookdale branch of the Philadelphia & Reading, filling that office with ability for twelve years. He then resigned to enter the railway mail service, taking the civil service examination at Philadelphia. He is now on the New York and Pittsburg branch. He is quick and accurate and has made a success of his chosen calling.

Fraternally Mr. Frick is a member of Manatawny Lodge, No. 341, I. O. O. F., and of the Royal Arcanum,

at Pottstown. He and his family belong to Zion's Reformed Church at Pottstown.

Mr. Frick married Sarah M. Focht, daughter of Mahlon and Catharine (Mauger) Focht, of Douglass township, and they have three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Mahlon, Frederick and Catharine.

KLEINGINNA. (I) John Adam Kleinginna, grandfather of Adam L. Kleinginna, of Bern township, Berks county, was a native of Cumru township, moving thence to Bern in middle life. He owned the tract of land now the property of Adam L. Kleinginna, and was a shoemaker as well as farmer. On Feb. 9, 1809, he married Maria Seiler, born June 1, 1788, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Seiler, died March 18, 1876, aged eighty-seven years, nine months, seventeen days. Mr. Kleinginni was born May 3, 1783, and died March 15, 1861, aged seventy-seven years, ten months, twelve days. He and his wife are buried at Epler's Church. They had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters: John; Polly m. George Leininger; Anna m. John Strunk; Sally m. Joseph Kettelman; Daniel lived at Pottsville, Pa., and had a son, John, who was accidentally killed on the railroad; Joseph is mentioned in the next paragraph.

(II) Joseph Kleinginna, son of John Adam, was born in December, 1825, on the original Kleinginna homestead in Cumru township, and moved with his father to Bern township, where he owned a tract of land which is now in the possession of his son, Adam L., comprising twenty-nine acres. He was a successful farmer, a man of intelligence and highly respected, and he served as tax collector in Bern township. He died Nov. 1, 1892, and is buried at Epler's Church. Mr. Kleinginna married Leah Leisey, born Oct. 12, 1832, daughter of Peter Leisey, of Lancaster county, Pa., and she lives at Reading. Ten children were born to them: Adam L.; Sarah (Mrs. D. M. Blatt); Lydia, deceased; Mattie, deceased; Agnes, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Kate; George L.; Mary, deceased; and Lizzie (Mrs. John Fulmer), deceased.

(III) Adam L. Kleinginna, son of Joseph, was born Jan. 12, 1852, in Bern township, on the farm of his paternal grandfather, and was reared to farming. He received his early education in the common schools, and when nineteen years old went to Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy, at Reading, in 1871 receiving a license to teach. He followed the profession for five terms, the first one in Brecknock township, the other four in Oley township, and for one summer he was engaged at Greshville, Lebanon county, Pa. When twenty-two years old he began life on his own account. After giving up teaching he worked for his father-in-law, Peter Snyder, of Oley township, on the farm and in the mill, as general man, for thirteen and a half years. In 1889 he moved to Spring township, where he cultivated a fifty-acre farm for a year, and then moved to Exeter township, where he resided four years. After his father's death he bought the home place, which he carried on until 1905. He has since given his time to the duties of the office of township assessor, and since 1907 has also served as health officer of Bern and Spring townships, to which position he was appointed. He is a Democrat in political connection.

Mr. Kleinginna was married Feb. 27, 1875, to Mary Snyder, who was born in Oley township in 1854, and died in 1893. She is buried in Oley township, in the private burial ground of the Snyder family. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam L. Kleinginna: Alvin S., of Bern township; George S., a resident of Shillington, Cumru township; Annie L., m. Fred Smith, of Reading; Peter S., of Bern township; and Elmer S., a student at the Williams' School, in Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Peter S. Kleinginna was born April 8, 1882, in Oley township, and received his elementary education in the common schools, later taking a course in Kirst's Commercial School in Reading, where he learned shorthand and typewriting. He was reared to farming, spending his early years in Oley, Spring, Exeter and Bern townships, this county, but since he was ten years old has been a resident of Bern township, whither the family moved in 1892. In the spring of 1905 he began farming and dairying on his own account, feeling that his experience would warrant the venture. For six years previously he had hauled milk for his father, and upon the latter's retirement the son continued the milk route to Reading, at present selling an average of two hundred quarts of milk daily. He owns a tract of thirty-two and a half acres, which he purchased in 1907 from A. U. Hain. He keeps five horses and usually six head of cattle.

On April 8, 1905, Mr. Kleinginna was married to Miss Clara M. Walters, daughter of Joseph W. and Mary A. (Seltzer) Walters, of Tamaqua, Pa., and to them has been born one son, Clarence P. Mr. Kleinginna is a member of the Reformed Church, while Mrs. Kleinginna clings to the faith of the Lutheran denomination.

LUTHER A. RHODE, a member of the firm of Neff H. Rhode & Brother, dealers in bicycles and sundries at Reading, Pa., was born there Feb. 24, 1863, son of William H. and Mary Ann Neff.

Mr. Rhode was educated in the public schools at Reading. He learned the carriage painter's trade with William H. Wetherold, and after working with him nine years engaged in a grocery business at No. 27 South Seventh street. For five years he had charge of the bicycle department of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart. Later he became associated with his brother, and began to buy second hand bicycles and repair them, leaving them on the side walk where they would attract attention. His trade in these machines gradually grew, and subsequently he and his brother established the business that has expanded into the largest repair business in the city. So much for enterprise. For three years in addition to their bicycle repair business, and their agencies for all the leading makes, they manufactured what was known as the Cracker Jack Combination hammer, and Mr. Rhode made all the models for these, the patentee, Jacob A. Wummer, being his partner under the firm name of the Franklin Specialty Company. After an existence of three years the firm sold out to C. C. Ludwig and Harry Fahrbach.

Mr. Rhode married Rosa B. Nunnemacher, daughter of Benjamin Nunnemacher, of Berks county, and they have two sons: William L., a machinist with the Acme Auto Works of Reading, m. Carrie Rhein, and has a daughter, Rosa; and Albert B., who is becoming a through bicycle builder, working in the Rhode Brothers Bicycle Works. The family home is at No. 749 Franklin street. In politics Mr. Rhode is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Red Men; the Metacomet Haymakers Association; The Philharmonic and Cadet Band; the Electric Wheelmen (of which he is a charter member, and which in 1897 had a club run with 150 wheels in line, going out to Yellow House). Mr. Rhode and his family belong to St. James Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM RATHJE. One of the few dealers, indeed, if not the only one, who became a tenant of the Farmers' market, on Penn street, near Ninth, when it was first opened in 1872, and is still there, is William Rathje, of Cumru, whose farm is located half a mile from the Freeman post-office. Mr. Rathje was born March 8, 1839, in Hanover, Germany, son of Dietrich and Christian (Geskiske) Rathje.

Dietrich Rathje was born June 9, 1813, and in Germany was a trucker. He came to America in April, 1853, landing at New York City, from whence he came at once to Reading, Pa., being for three years employed at Fair's vineyard. He then removed to Cumru township, and purchased a farm of forty-eight acres of land, on which he remained several years, when he

purchased the farm adjoining, this being his home until his death, in July, 1889, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Rathje married Christina Geskiske, who died Aug. 6, 1887, and to them were born: Mary, the wife of Christian Breidenstone of Cumru township; Dora, who married Peter Freeman, of Cumru township; William; and George C. and George H. D., both deceased.

William Rathje attended the schools of his native country and two months in America, after which he began working on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-four years he assumed charge of the stand of his father at the Reading market house on Penn square. Mr. Rathje had "stood" for his parent for ten years when, on April 26, 1863, he married Susan Bridenstein, daughter of Philip and Annie (Lebo) Bridenstein. Mr. Rathje then became an agriculturist himself and sold his products at the Penn square resort for nine years. Then the Farmers' West Reading and South Reading market houses were erected, and Mr. Rathje, in May, 1872, leased a stall in the first-named. With the Penn square still existing, the new enterprises did not take well at the beginning, and the Cumru tiller of the soil returned to the latter. Before the year was out the Penn square structures were condemned and became past history, and Mr. Rathje went back to the Farmers' and has been "standing" there ever since. For two years this veteran marketer occupied a stall in the west aisle, where the Reiniger Bros., of Stony Creek, now sell truck. In 1874 he rented stand No. 137, the last of the east row of stands in the west aisle, and the first as the aisle is entered from Cherry street, and since that time he has been offering vegetables, fruit and miscellaneous edibles there. For twenty years his wife has been assisting him. She is a little woman, energetic and alert, and her health is just as good as that of a woman of her age can be. The faces of the couple are familiar to thousands of patrons of this market house, and although they do not have as large a stand as many dealers, they possess a generous share of the trade, and what is more, when householders once buy at this stall, they generally become regular customers.

Mr. Rathje, for years during the fore part of his market career, made prime specialties of strawberries and raspberries, and sold large quantities. He made their culture a study and offered among the best cultivated. For a number of years he has brought to market a variety of foods from the gardens, fields and trees, but his apples are especially fine and every purchaser who has once tried them says: "Mr. Rathje certainly has the apples!" He has 300 trees, some twenty years old, and he cares for them as though they were human beings. The trees, with barely an exception, are reliable yielders, and Mr. Rathje places the crop of winter apples, or those he puts in cold storage for the cold weather trade, at approximately 150 barrels. The summer apples aggregate about 500 bushels, these being the picked stock. Among his principal varieties are Baldwin, Smokehouse, Bellflower and Pound, all excellent sellers. He gets from ten to fifteen cents a half peck, and for a score or more of years has enjoyed a satisfactory trade.

Mr. Rathje's farm comprises about seventy acres, and he takes pride in the fact that it was the one originally belonging to his father. When acquired by the elder Rathje, William was fourteen years old. Since then he has resided there and made a livelihood from it. Farms frequently change hands, but this one has not been sold in sixty years. While raising some grain and farm products in general, Mr. Rathje pays most attention to his apples. The supply of his raspberries and strawberries has dwindled of recent years, not because the soil has deteriorated, but on account of the trouble in securing pickers.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rathje, namely: Henry, a farmer and school director of Cumru township, m. Catherine Kochel, and has three children, Edith, Venda and Blanche; Catherine, who resides at home (is the widow of Edward Heffer, and has two sons, John and William); Lizzie (m. O. D. Wentzel, of Reading, has two children, Leona and May O.); William (m. Bessie Strohecker, of Oakbrook, Pa., has four children, Carol W., Adele, Floy and Susan); Charles, a farmer of Robeson township, m. Jane Behm; and Clarence, unmarried, a machinist of Reading. In political matters Mr. William Rathje is a Democrat, and he has served his township in the position of school director. He is a member of Yocom's Lutheran Church.

Christian Bridenstein, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Rathje, was a native of Germany, but prior to the Revolutionary war came to America and settled in Berks county. Here he owned a tract of 360 acres of land and erected a house and barn, the former of which is still standing, in an excellent state of preservation. He married a Miss Messner, and to them were born two sons: Christian and Leonard. Christian Bridenstein, son of Christian, married Catherine Bixler, and four children were born to them: Christian, Philip, Susan and Sally.

Philip Bridenstein, son of Christian (2), and father of Mrs. Rathje, was married to Hannah (or Anna) Lebo, and four children were born to this union, namely: John, Eliza, Susan (Mrs. Rathje) and Christian.

ALBERT H. MELLERT, formerly superintendent of the Drummond Iron Works, at Reading, but now stationed at No. 181 Broadway, New York, as consulting engineer for Mr. M. J. Drummond, was born Nov. 14, 1858, in Reading, Pa., son of Arnold and Mary B. (Phillippi) Mellert.

John Mellert, grandfather of Albert H., was born Dec. 21, 1790, in Haslach, Kinzighal, Grossherzogthum Baden, Germany. As a small boy he went to Paris, France, where he learned the lock maker's trade. He emigrated to America Aug. 10, 1833, arriving in New York Oct. 2d, and in Philadelphia, Oct. 4th of that year. After spending nine months in Philadelphia, he came to Reading, Pa., June 9, 1834, and here carried on a locksmithing business for many years. It is traditional that he made the locks for the old Berks County Courthouse. Later in life Mr. Mellert engaged in the stove business, which he conducted with a Mr. Dauth, on Penn street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Later he located in the Weitzel building, near Third and Penn streets, but finally embarked in the foundry business under the firm name of Mellert & Sons, which he continued until his death, Feb. 8, 1869, when he was aged seventy-eight years. On May 1, 1848, he erected the foundry at Second and Grape streets. The historical freshet of 1850 flooded the foundry to the depth of six feet. On Oct. 2, 1823, John Mellert married Mary Ann Hinterskirch, born Jan. 23, 1791, and died Oct. 11, 1865. On Aug. 23, 1839, with her four children—Charles, Magnus, Constantina and Otto—she sailed from Germany for America. In May, 1837, had emigrated Arnold (son of John and Mary Ann) and his step-sister Adelheid, who landed at Amboy, N. J., Aug. 1, 1837. To John and Mary Ann (Hinterskirch) Mellert came children as follows: Arnold, born June 24, 1824, died May 17, 1886; Charles, born Jan. 12, 1826, died 1859; Magnus, born Sept. 4, 1827, died Oct. 26, 1889; Constantina, born May 17, 1830, now living in Baltimore, is the widow of John Sheeler, member of the firm of Isaac Shepherd & Co., stove founders; and Otto, born March 5, 1832, died Feb. 15, 1897. All the children were born in Haslach.

Arnold Mellert, son of John and father of Albert H., was born as above stated in Haslach, Germany, June 24, 1824, emigrating in 1837. He became a member of the firm of Mellert & Sons on its organization by his father. He had learned the locksmith's business as a lad, and was a natural mechanic, there being no kind of machine which he could not operate. For many years he was the traveling representative of the firm, and he was serving as such at the time of his death, May 17, 1886. Mr.

Mellert was married to Mary B. Phillippi, daughter of John Phillippi, and three of their children survive, namely: Kate, m. to Peter D. Wanner; Albert H.; and Agnes L. Mrs. Mellert died Jan. 30, 1908, aged eighty-two years, nine months, seven days. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church.

Albert H. Mellert was educated in the common schools of Reading, Pa., and as a boy worked in the Mellert machine shops, where he learned the trade, an occupation in which he was engaged until 1887, when he became superintendent of the Mellert plant and Reading Foundry Company. At the time the North Reading plant was purchased by the Drummond Iron Company, Mr. Mellert was still retained by the company as superintendent, in which capacity he had charge of 350 men. This company manufactured cast iron gas and water pipes, and sold its product all over the country. In 1907 the plant was dismantled, and Mr. Mellert, continuing in the employ of Mr. M. J. Drummond, was sent to Lynchburg, Va., where he became general manager of the Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Company. He remained there until Jan. 1, 1909, when he was transferred to the main office No. 181 Broadway, New York, where he was made consulting engineer. Since 1877 he and his sister Agnes L. have maintained their residence at No. 634 North Third street, Reading.

Mr. Mellert is a member of Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., Excelsior Chapter, Reading Commandery, Harrisburg Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with the Washington Library and the Temple Club. His religious connection is with St. James Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM H. DECHANT, C. E., a civil engineer and surveyor, located at No. 536 Penn street, Reading, Pa., began the struggle for self support without means in the capacity of messenger boy on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and by perseverance and industry has worked his way up to his present enviable standing in the community. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, and is a son of Rev. Frederick W. and Angeline (Boyer) Dechant.

William Dechant, the grandfather of William H., was born in Germany, and came to America at the beginning of the nineteenth century, locating in Oley township. He was prepared for the ministry of the Reformed Church, had a charge in Oley township for many years, and was buried in the churchyard. He had considerable influence and was well known throughout the county. He was the progenitor of a large family of children, one of whom was Rev. Frederick W., the father of our subject.

Rev. Frederick W. Dechant was born in Oley township, Berks county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1812, and received his intellectual training in the public schools of his native town and in Mercersburg College, from which he graduated. He was prepared for the ministry of the Reformed Church, and was ordained to preach, making the cause of Christianity his life work. His labors were mostly in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana where he accomplished a great and good work. He was an excellent German scholar, and worked principally among the German people, preaching to them in their native tongue. His earnest aim was to assist his fellowmen. He had a high ideal of manhood, and lived up to it in every respect. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Angeline Boyer, a daughter of Henry Boyer, after whom the village of Boyertown was named, and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Berks county. The following children were born to them: Sarah Rebecca; William H.; Calvin M., who is a civil engineer in the employ of his brother; and Adelaide, the wife of Edwin Chamberlain of Reading.

William H. Dechant received his education in the public schools of Western Pennsylvania and in Philadelphia, after which he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as a messenger boy. He then learned telegraphy, and was an operator for the same company from 1866 to 1871, when he was promoted to a position in the engineering office of the canal department. He then began the study of engineering, and after a few months of preliminary work became assistant engineer, remaining in that department until 1884, when he was placed in charge as roadmaster of the Tamaqua Division of the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad. Eighteen months later the company was reorganized and Mr. Dechant was given a division engineership on the Mahanoy Divison, which embraces all of the railroads in the Mahanoy coal fields, with headquarters at Mahanoy Plane. By that time he had gained largely in experience, as his work in connection with the canal gave him good training in the construction of locks, dams, aqueducts, etc., and in the measurement and control of extensive water powers. While with the railroad company he laid the foundation for the bridge across the Susquehanna River at Sunbury, repaired and rebuilt the high trestles on the Catawissa and the Nesquehoning Valley branches. His many years of experience in the various lines of work created a demand for his services, and, in 1886, he was called to Reading to take charge of the miscellaneous engineering business of the Kendall Brothers, and served as manager of that firm for five years. At the expiration of that time or in 1891, he succeeded to the ownership of the business and has since conducted it on his own account, making a specialty of civil and hydraulic engineering. Some of the most important work performed by him since he has been established in business was for the following organizations: Shamokin Water Company, Sunbury Water Company, Bloomsburg Water Company, Gettysburg Water Company, Birdsboro Water Company, the Sinking Spring Water Company, the City of Reading Water Department, and several water power dams. He has also done engineering work for the Mount Penn Gravity Railroad; the Never Sink Mountain Railroad, in connection with the latter also putting in the electric power plant; he located the Mohnsville & Adamstown Railroad, and the extension of the Reading & Southwestern Railroad. He has done satisfactory engineering work for the commissioners on county bridge building since 1894. Along the line of contract work he performed a very difficult task in the laying of a 30 inch iron pipe for the sewage disposal of the city of Reading and he is now engaged, in company with Edwin Chamberlain, in laying a line of 36 inch cast iron pipe in the Susquehanna river at Binghamton, New York.

On Dec. 15, 1885, Mr. Dechant was united in marriage with Rebecca Catherine Hagman, a daughter of Frederick Hagman of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Frederick H., who was born Aug. 31, 1887; Miles B., who was born Jan. 9, 1889; and Mary A., who was born March 31, 1893. Religiously they are members of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Dechant has been an elder in St. Paul's Memorial Church of Reading for many years. He is a member of the executive committee of the Berks County Sabbath School Association, which is a branch of the state organization. He is much interested in all enterprises having for their object the elevation of the social and moral standing of the community. He is also a member of the board of managers of the Y. M. C. A. of Reading.

HOWARD IRVIN EILER, architect, of Reading, is a descendant of one of the city's old and respected families. His great-great-grandfather was a member of the Hessian army sent here during the Revolution to fight the colonists, and like many of his comrades, remained in this country after learning the true cause of the struggle. Mr. Eiler's great-grandfather was born in Reading, and there spent his life, as has also Peter L. Eiler, his grandfather, who is now living there, retired from his extensive manufacturing in-

terests, at the age of seventy-five years. Peter Eiler was born in Reading, where he has spent his entire life.

William H. Eiler, father of Howard I., died in Reading in 1899, aged forty-eight years. He was twice married, his first wife bearing him two children: Amelia, who died in infancy; and Howard I. To his second marriage four children were born: one who died in infancy; Emery, at home; Luther, in high school; and Horace, at school.

Howard I. Eiler was born in Reading May 11, 1881. He received his education in the public schools of Reading, and left school to study architecture in the office of Mr. Abner A. Ritcher. He now has charge of Mr. Ritcher's office in the Colonial Building, Reading, the main office being in Lebanon. Here Mr. Eiler attends to all of the business, and superintends all of the building.

Mr. Eiler was married Jan. 28, 1904, to Miss Ida Hoyt Stephens, daughter of Albert Stephens, and they belong to Grace Lutheran Church, he being financial secretary of the primary Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Eiler's grandmother on the maternal side, Emma Louisa Breneiser, is still living. Her father owned a saddlery and was a pioneer of Berks county. The Breneisers located in Berks county prior to the Revolutionary war, some of them taking up arms in that struggle.

CHARLES THEODORE DELLINGER, secretary and treasurer of the Nolan Real Estate and Insurance Agency, Reading, was born July 22, 1878, near Downsville, Washington county, Md., son of Andrew Rentch and Susan J. (Hoffeditz) Dellinger, the latter a daughter of the Rev. Theodore C. W. Hoffeditz.

After receiving a common school education Mr. Dellinger entered the employ of T. J. Fahrney as clerk, and after several years became manager of the general store, serving in that capacity until 1899, when the business was sold. Later he was identified with the firm of William Updegraff & Son, in Hagerstown, Md., and continued with that firm until he came to Reading in 1902 to accept a position with Mengel & Mengel, real estate brokers at No. 60 South Sixth street. He continued with this firm until 1907, when he entered the firm of Christ & Dellinger, builders, and erected a handsome row of houses on the west side of North Front street, between Windsor and Spring streets. About the time of their completion he entered the well known firm, Nolan Real Estate & Insurance Agency, purchasing an equal interest with Edward C. Nolan (vice president of the First National Bank of Reading), Mr. Dellinger being secretary and treasurer and Mr. Nolan president.

Mr. Dellinger married a daughter of D. A. Heffner, and resides at No. 916 North Front street. Mr. Dellinger is genial and social, and has many friends.

The Hoffeditz family, to which Mr. Dellinger belongs in maternal lines, is descended from the Rev. Theodore Ludwig Hoffeditz, who was born Dec. 16, 1783, at Stauven, amt Trendelburg, near Carlshafen, on the River Weser, Germany. Coming to this country at the age of eighteen he taught school for some time in Berks county, and later studied theology with some of the older ministers of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia. He next went to Northampton county, where he labored among the congregations of his chosen faith, and where in 1813 he married Juliane Roth, who was born Nov. 20, 1795, in Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, Pa. Both died at Nazareth, he in August, 1858, and she in 1859.

Rev. Theodore C. W. Hoffeditz, eldest son of the Rev. Theodore Ludwig and his wife Juliane, was born in Mt. Bethel township, Northampton county, Nov. 28, 1818, and was graduated from the seminary at Mercersburg in 1840. For about three years he preached in his father's charge, and in 1843 went to Europe as collecting agent for the college. Ill health compelled his retirement from the ministry, and he removed to Mercersburg. He taught for some years, and he died near there Feb. 3, 1859. On Nov. 10, 1842, he married Louisa Hoke, of Mercersburg, born March 18, 1820, died Oct. 16, 1884. Their children were: John Calvin, born Nov. 15, 1843, in Hamilton township, Monroe county; Susan Julia, born Oct. 7, 1845, in Mercersburg; Adam Hoke, born Nov. 17, 1847, near Mercersburg; Charles Theodore, born Sept. 11, 1849, near Mercersburg; Louis William, born Nov. 29, 1851, near Mercersburg; and Albert Augustus Rauch, born Sept. 15, 1854, near Mercersburg,—all now deceased except Adam H. and Albert A. R.

Susan Julia Hoffeditz, daughter of Rev. Theodore C. W., was married Dec. 28, 1875, to Andrew Rentch Dellinger. She died near Downsville, Washington county, Md., Feb. 5, 1894.

CHARLES M. HUBER, justice of the peace of Wyomissing, Pa., and a popular and influential citizen of the borough, was born June 1, 1874, at Niantic, Montgomery county, Pa., son of John B. and Leah (Muthart) Huber.

Henry Huber, grandfather of Charles M., was a lifelong farmer of Niantic, Montgomery county, where he owned a tract of 100 acres, on which he erected the old Huber (Hoover) homestead. He married Mary Bolten, of Montgomery county, and they had these children: David; Jacob; Henry; John; Amanda; Mary, and Elizabeth.

John B. Huber, father of Charles M., was born at Niantic, in October, 1850, and is now a resident of Sheridan, Pa., having been a lifelong farmer. He married Leah Muthart, daughter of Jonas and Mary (Leeser) Muthart, and they have had twelve children: Charles M.; Mary, m. Charles Deppen, of Robesonia; Edgar, who lives at Durlach, Lancaster county; Henry, who lives at Schaefferstown; James, of West Reading; Jonas and Annie, deceased; and Eva, Emma, John, George and Elwood, single at home.

Charles M. Huber attended the township schools until seventeen years of age, having come to Berks county with his parents when ten years old, and later went to the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown for three spring terms. He left this institution when a member of the senior class and taught school three terms in Lower Heidelberg township, beginning in the fall of 1892. He gave up this profession to engage in telegraphy, which he had learned under the instruction of Operator Samuel G. Leininger of Sheridan, Pa., and became an operator for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in whose employ he continued for some time. For four years he followed the trade of machinist, and in 1903 was promoted to draughtsman; he has been engaged as such since, having been in the employ of the Textile Machine works since 1900, at Wyomissing.

In politics Mr. Huber is a Democrat. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace in February, 1907, and in addition is secretary of the borough council, and secretary of the Civic League. He is president of Wyomissing Fire Company No. 1, which he was instrumental in organizing, and a member of Bohemond Commandery No. 277, Knights of Malta, of Reading. He and his family are members of the West Reading St. James' Reformed Church, and are also connected with the Sunday school.

On December 28, 1898, Mr. Huber married Miss Nellie Gruber, of Stouchsburg, who died Oct. 9, 1901, aged twenty-six years, leaving one daughter: Nelly May. Mr. Huber's second marriage was to Miss Lizzie Kunkelman, daughter of Elias Kunkelman of West Reading, and to this union there have been born three children: Paul, Minerva and Marion.

WILSON S. SNYDER, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Hyde Park, Muhlenberg town-

ship, who has served in the office of real estate assessor for the past eleven years, was born in Oley township, Berks county, April 21, 1870, son of the late Ephraim W. and Catharine (Schmehl) Snyder.

Jacob Snyder, grandfather of Wilson S., was a prominent agriculturist of Rusconibmanor township, Berks county, where he owned two valuable farms above Blandon, and died April 7, 1882, aged seventy-two years. He married Barbara Williams, who died in 1892, aged eighty-five years, and they were the parents of six children: William; Ephraim W.; Henry; Jacob; Augustus, and a daughter, who died young. In religious belief the family were Lutherans. In politics Mr. Snyder was a Democrat. He was extensively engaged in real estate transactions, and bought and sold many farms in Berks county, where he was known as a public spirited citizen, and able business man.

Ephraim W. Snyder was born July 4, 1843, in Ruscombmanor township, and for twenty-seven years cultivated his father's farm. At the end of this time Mr. Snyder purchased a farm near Friedensburg where he lived for about ten years, and then retired from active work, to live with his son, Jacob, in Oley township. He died July 28, 1907, in the Lutheran faith, having been a member of Shalter's Church. His wife survives him. They were the parents of five children, namely: Wilson S.; Katie m. Elmer S. Manwiller; Magdalene m. Wellington Becker; Jacob S. m. Judith Kinsey; and Henry died in infancy. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat in politics, held a number of township offices, such as assessor, school director, auditor, and was delegate to county and State conventions. He was a deacon and elder in the church for many years, and also served as its treasurer.

Wilson S. Snyder was educated in the schools of Ruscombmanor township, and attended Oley Academy for two terms, after which he learned the painting and paper hanging trade, which he followed for about fifteen years, then accepting a position in the painting department of the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad Company. In 1902 he located in Muhlenberg township, where he has since worked as a carpenter. Mr. Snyder owns two residences in Hyde Park, one of frame and the other of brick, both two stories high, and he also possesses three valuable lots in Rosedale. He is active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and for eleven years has been real estate assessor of Muhlenberg township. Fraternally he is connected with Vigilance Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F.; the Loyal Protective Association of Boston; Camp No. 68, P. O. S. of A.; the P. & R. Relief Association; and the K. of P., No. 65, of Mount Penn. He is a Lutheran in his religious belief, while his wife belongs to the Evangelical faith.

In July, 1894, Mr. Snyder married Mary Gretzinger, daughter of John C. Gretzinger, and to this union there have been born two children, Edna and William.

CHARLES R. GULDIN, merchant at Philadelphia, was born at Yellow House, in Berks county, on Nov. 9, 1869, and received his education in the local schools and at Franklin and Marshall College. In 1887 he went to Wilmington, Del., and engaged in the ship chandlery business for three years, when he located at Reading, Pa., as a partner in the firm of A. S. Hartman & Co., for the manufacture of cigars, and he continued with this firm for five years. He then traveled in the Western States for a year. Upon his return to Reading, he embarked in the local express business and in five years succeeded in establishing a popular line, having several teams, which reached all parts of the city. An opportunity having then been afforded to engage in the produce and meat business, he sold the express line and removed to Philadelphia, where he has been operating four stores in a successful manner until the present time.

Mr. Guldin married Odella Bertolet Jack, daughter of Dr. John A. Jack, of Friedensburg, in Oley township, and by her he has two children: Carroll Jack and Hannah Josephine.

His father was John Frederick Guldin, brought up on a farm, who taught public school for several terms, and was associated with his father in the mule business for many years. He died in 1872, aged forty-seven years. He was married to Hannah Rhoads (daughter of Abraham Rhoads, of Oley), by whom he had eight children: Samuel (m Anna Davidheiser); Ella; Emily (m. J. F. D. Geiger); Catharine (m. Nelson Bertolet, and after his decease, Dr. A. Grant Loder); John (m. Susan Rhoads); Charles Rhoads; and two died in infancy. His wife died in 1872, aged forty years.

His grandfather was Samuel Guldin, of Oley, engaged in the cattle and mule business for many years near the Yellow House, more especially during the Civil war, when he supplied the U. S. Government with thousands of mules for army purposes, which gave him great prominence and influence. He died in 1872. He married Elizabeth Yeager, by whom he had five children: Simon Peter; John Frederick (above); Elam Yeager; Mary Ann; and Sophia Henrietta. He was a lineal descendant of Rev. Samuel K. Guldin, who emigrated to Pennsylvania from Switzerland in 1710, and served with great distinction as a minister of the Reformed denomination in the Schuylkill Valley for over thirty years until he died, in 1745, at the age of eighty-one years.

Mrs. Guldin's father was Dr. John Andrew Jack, a practising physician and surgeon for twenty-five years. He was born in Montgomery county, near Pottstown, in 1837; attended Hill School and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from the medical department of the latter in 1862. He served in the Civil war as a surgeon, and, upon being mustered out of service, located at Boyertown, where he practised his profession for several years and then removed to Friedensburg, where he continued in active and successful practice until he died, in 1887. He married Emma Josephine Bertolet (daughter of Levi J., and lineal descendant of Jean, the emigrant, in 1726), by whom he had five children: Edwina B. (m. William D. Brumbach); Odella B. (above); Henrietta B. (m. Henry G. Stott); Sarah B.; and Carroll B. (m. Elizabeth Hains). Dr. Jack's father was Thomas Jefferson Jack, of Montgomery county, who married Sarah Yost, and the Doctor was their only child.

WILLIAM R. NEIN, a well-known resident of Womelsdorf, Pa., who is proprietor of the "William Penn Hotel," and a veteran of the Civil war, was born June 8, 1844, in Exeter township, Berks county, son of William and Mary (Ritter) Nein.

Daniel Nein, the grandfather of William R., who was a carpenter of Oley township, built the church of Oley, and was there buried. He married a Miss Bertolet, and to them were born the following children: Peter, of Reading; William; Daniel, father of David and John, of Mount Penn; Ephraim, who was the owner of the Yellow House in Amity township; Benneville; Hannah, who married Henry Kemmerer; Polly, who married Reuben Griesemer; and Hettie, who died unmarried.

William Nein, father of William R., was born in Oley township, Berks county, and died aged sixty-six years. He was a cabinet-maker and undertaker by trade, and also owned a small farm in Exeter township, where he died, being buried at the cemetery at Schwartzwald Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Mr. Nein was a lieutenant in the State Militia for a number of years, and was a substantial and highly-esteemed citizen. He married Mary Ritter, born in 1812, who died in 1868, and to them nine children were born: Frank (who had two children, Albert and Katie); Daniel (who also had two children, Samuel and Elizabeth); William R.; Mary Ann, m. William Manwiller and had one son, Irwin); Ammon (who had two daughters, Emma and Ella); Samuel (who had, Samuel, Lillie, Isa, Irwin, William and Helen); Reuben (who

had Katie, Harry and Jennie); Ephraim (who had seven children, Mamie, Agnes, Eve, Amanda, Charles, Rosa and Robert); and Hannah, who died unmarried.

William R. Nein received a limited education in the schools of his native township, and from youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He worked for ten years with Benjamin Ritter, whom he left to enlist in Company A, 128th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in November, 1862, at Harrisburg, Pa., and among others participated in the fierce engagements at Antietam and Chancellorsville, at the latter place being taken prisoner. He managed to escape at night, however, and made his way back to the Union lines. He was honorably discharged May 19, 1863, and re-enlisted in Company B, 205th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and during this enlistment was wounded in the hip bone by a piece of shell at Fort Steadman, before Petersburg. After a few days he rejoined his company, which helped to force the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, near Burkesville Station. On June 2, 1865, Mr. Nein received his discharge, at Alexandria, Va. He was always a brave and gallant soldier, and performed his duties faithfully and cheerfully.

Mr. Nein returned to farming in Berks county after the war, but later learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years at Reading, and then became proprietor at Dengler's (now Mount Penn) for three years, the following two years being spent as proprietor of the "Three Mile House" in Cumru township. In 1894 Mr. Nein took the "Center House" at Womelsdorf, but in 1904 disposed of this stand and since that time has conducted the well-known "William Penn Hotel" on High street. Mr. Nein and his family are Reformed members of Schwartzwald Church, of which he was a deacon for four years. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of McClellan Post, No. 16, G. A. R., of Reading; the P. O. S. of A., of St. Lawrence: and the Knights of Pythias, of Reading.

In 1868 Mr. Nein was married to Clara Hartman, born Aug. 11, 1840, daughter of George and Christina (Beidman) Hartman, of Earl township, and to this union have been born four children: Alice H. (m. John Breiner, of Reading, has two children, Sallie and Earl); Milford (a hatter of Reading, m. Emma Quinter, and has six children, Iva, Geneva, Milford, George, Ammon and Mary); Carrie D., unmarried, at home; and Millie V., also unmarried, and at home.

HOWARD M. SHILLING, a well-known educator and successful business man at Shillington, Pa., was born in that town Nov. 29, 1856, son of Samuel Shilling and grandson of Jacob Shilling.

Jacob Shilling, grandfather of Howard M., was a native of Franklin county, Pa. He was a drover and came to Cumru township before he was married, locating at the Three Mile House, then known as Shilling's Inn. He m. Hannah Straub, by whom he had issue as follows: Levi, Hester, Louisa, Ephraim, Samuel, Isabella, Hannah and Jacob. The father died about 1845, from apoplexy, when past fifty years of age. He is buried at Reading in the Lutheran cemetery. He operated Shilling's Inn, now known as Three Mile House, for many years, and his death occurred here.

Samuel Shilling was born in Cumru township March 11, 1819, and died March 29, 1891; he was buried at Yocom's Church in his native township, of which he was a Lutheran member. Mr. Shilling was educated at the Trappe school in Montgomery county. He was a farmer and owned considerable land where Shillington now is located. He was the foremost man of his district. For fifteen years he served as tax collector of Cumru township, and this was his last employment. In 1860 he laid out the town of Shillington. He was a Democrat up to 1860, until Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for the Presidency, when he became a follower of "Old Abe." He was a member of Company D, 167th P. V. M., in the nine months' service. He was ever an active citizen. Mr. Shilling married Catharine Weitknecht, and they became the parents of nine children: (1) Champion F. P. died May 8, 1872, aged seventeen years. (2) Mary M. W., deceased wife of James M. Batron, of Shillington, and (3) George W. were twins, and were born on Washington's birthday, 1859; George died May 19, 1906. (4) Howard M. is mentioned below. (5) Frederick E. E., a brass molder, lives in the borough of Shillington. (6) Emma L., born on Washington's birthday, lives at Shillington. (7) Ida C. E., born in 1868, m. Charles C. Fisher, of York, Pa. (8) Oscar, twin to Ida, died in infancy. (9) Ella m. George Stehman, of York, Pennsylvania.

Howard M. Shilling spent his boyhood days in Shillington, where he attended the public schools and then took a full scientific course at Prof. D. B. Brunner's business college at Reading, studying there for three years and six months. He was licensed to teach school under county superintendent Prof. S. A. Baer, in 1877, and has taught thirty terms in Cumru township, teaching 1900 children. He also holds a State teacher's permanent certificate, ranking second in a class of twenty-one. His was the largest school in the county, having eighty-nine pupils enrolled, who made a general average of eighty-three for the term. Mr. Shilling first engaged in the florist business in Shillington, in 1880, in a small way, in a building 19 x 40 feet. Now the buildings he occupies are the longest in the county; they are 20 x 192 feet in dimensions, and there is in use over 13,000 square feet of glass. These buildings are heated by the hot water system. Mr. Shilling attends the Reading market, and does both wholesale and retail business, shipping flowers all over the United States.

Mr. Shilling is keenly interested in the development and progress of his town and county, and he took an active part in organizing the borough of Shillington which was laid out and named by his father in 1860, when there were but three buildings in the place. In politics he is a Republican, and after the death of his father for a short time collected the tax in Cumru township. For seventeen years he has been Republican county committeeman of Cumru township and served the party as county and state delegate, and has always been identified with the best interests of the party, being personally acquainted with all the voters of the township. Mr. Shilling was twice Census Enumerator of Cumru township—years 1880 and 1890. He has been active in politics since 1876, during the Hayes and Tilden campaign, and during the Garfield campaign he stumped the county.

Mr. Shilling on Feb. 7, 1893, became a member of Co A, 4th Regt., N. G. P., for a term of three years, and after the expiration of his first enlistment, on Feb. 8, 1896, re-enlisted and was promoted to Third Sergeant of the above company, and served actively in the Lattimare Riots, in 1897. When the Spanish American war broke out, and President McKinley called for 100,000 men, this regiment was one of the first to be sworn into the Federal service, at Mount Gretna, Pa., on May 9, 1898. This regiment went to Chickamauga, Ga., May 15th, and remained until July 22d, when it embarked for Newport News, Va., and sailed July 28th, for Porto Rico, being in General Miles' command on that island. The regiment left Ponce Sept. 1st, arrived at New York City Sept. 6th, came to Reading on a furlough Sept. 7th, and was mustered out of service Nov. 16, 1898. Mr. Shilling was a Sergeant of his company throughout the Spanish-American war. Mr. Shilling is an able penman and while in the Spanish-American war performed special service for his company, writing out all discharges and reports to Washington.

Mr. Shilling has been twice married. On June 22, 1884, he married Amelia Stamm, daughter of George and Mary (Holl) Stamm, late of Cumru township. She died July 26, 1888, aged twenty-six years, nine months, nineteen days, leaving a daughter, Edith. On March 11, 1893,

he m. (second) Annie Elizabeth Maurer, eldest daughter of Franklin and Clara (Schaeffer) Maurer, the former of whom has charge of the mail and baggage department of the P. & R. railroad at the terminal depot, Reading, and they have two children: Earle Leslie and Irene Ruth. Mrs. Shilling was educated in Reading and at present is engaged as an elocutionist, and as an instructor in theatrical work. Mrs. Shilling looked after the business interests of her husband while he was in the Spanish-American war, besides caring for the family. In 1904 Mr. Shilling built a brick residence on Philadelphia Avenue, Shillington, 32 x 52 feet. He has a collection of Porto Rico relics numbering over 1,400 pieces which he obtained in 1898, consisting of coins, sea shells, stamps, merchandise, cutlery, bullets, etc. He has a library of over 1,000 volumes. In 1879 Mr. Shilling made a trip through thirty-four States of the Union and also visited Canada, his trip extending over eight months.

In fraternal circles Mr. Shilling is a member of the K. of P., Lodge No. 485, Mohnton; Sons of Veterans, George G. Meade Camp No. 16; Order of K. of F., Reading, Chamber No. 23; K. G. E., Fraternity Castle, No. 302, Reading; Order of Independent Americans, Council No. 252, Reading; P. O. of A., Camp No. 17, Reading; P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 163, Reading; L. O. T. M., No. 155, Reading; Maccabees Tent No. 426, Reading; and he is also a member of the Foresters of America, Court Progress, No. 116, of Reading.

ADAM K. BOHN, a retired farmer of North Heidelberg township, Berks county, was born Nov. 27, 1852, son of Adam and Hannah (Krick) Bohn.

The first of the Bohn family in America was John Jacob Bohn, who arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam, Sept. 21, 1742.

Frederick Bohn, son of John Jacob, married a Miss Woomer. Frederick Bohn lived in Heidelberg township. He made his will April 14, 1814, and he died that same year. His executors were George, David and Frederick Bohn; and the witnesses, Philip Fidler and Joseph Greth. The children mentioned in this will were: George; Frederick; David; Philip; John; Elizabeth; Adam (taxable in Bern township in 1759); and Christina.

George Bohn, son of Frederick, is buried at the Bern Church. His children were: Adam, Susan, Amos, and a daughter who married a Gruber.

Adam Bohn, son of George, was born in Bern township, where he remained until 1840, when he moved to North Heidelberg, there to pass the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He married Hannah Krick, of Spring township, and they had eight children: One who died in infancy unnamed; Edward K.; Matilda, who died young; Mary Ann; Amelia, deceased; Sarah C.; Rebecca, who married Frank Moyer, engaged in the cold storage business in Philadelphia; and Adam K., who is mentioned below. Adam Bohn, the father, died March 17, 1893, and the mother passed away June 16, 1892. They are buried at Hain's Church.

Adam K. Bohn was reared to manhood upon his father's farm, and gave his services to his parents until he was of age. He then purchased the Frederick Kline estate of twenty-five acres of good land, in the eastern end of the township, one mile from the Corner Church. There he has since made his home. He has also become the owner of a tract of seven acres on which is a set of buildings. He has been industrious and thrifty, has become well to do, and is looked upon as one of the substantial men of his community. He is a Democrat, but beyond taking a good citizen's interest in public affairs has never been active in politics. He is a Reformed member of Hain's Church, and his wife is a Lutheran member of the Corner Church. He has served as deacon and also as elder.

On Oct. 8, 1873, Mr. Bohn married Otillia E. Lengel, daughter of Levi and Catharine (Dundore) Lengel, and granddaughter of Jacob and Susanna (Miller) Lengel and of Adam Dundore. To this union has been born one son, Nathaniel Oscar, born Oct. 9, 1874, who resides at home, and whose children are Earl S. and Annie M.

HERMAN G. WEBER, a hat finisher of the city of Reading, who is also a partner in the Weber Badge Company, was born in New York City in 1857. He attended the Reading schools, and after leaving them received employment in the rolling mills. Later he engaged in box making in the establishment of his father, and afterward entered Hendel's hat factory, learning the trade with Dan Hendel, son of John Hendel. After eight years with that company he accepted a position with C. F. Kessler, where he has been employed to the present time, covering a period of over twenty-five years.

In 1876 Mr. Weber was married to Molly A. Rorke, daughter of John Rorke, and they reside in one of the modern residences in their section of the city. This home has attracted the attention of the public and also of the press, the *Reading Eagle* having published an interesting article regarding it, for Mr. Weber has spared neither time nor expense in making his residence beautiful with artistic decoration and comfortable with every convenience. Mr. Butler, who did the painting and decorating, is a friend of the family and makes his home with the Webers, and has displayed taste and skill in his work in the Weber home.

LUTHER W. LORD, proprietor of the popular "Lord's Restaurant," in Reading, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, of Dutch stock. He was born in Robeson township, Berks county, Aug. 6, 1874, son of Peter R. and Elizabeth (Wicklein) Lord.

Absalom Lord, the paternal grandfather, was for many years engaged in the hotel business in Reading, and was a prominent man in his day. He married and reared a family of thirteen children.

Peter R. Lord was next to the youngest in his father's family. In his boyhood he attended the common schools of Berks county, and went to work as a boatman on the canal. Afterward he became a heater in an iron foundry, and followed that occupation for the remainder of his active life, but in recent years has been living in retirement. To him and his wife Elizabeth, were born eight children, Jesse; Hunter; Walter; Luther; Maggie; Valeria; Elizabeth and Mary, the last two deceased. In religious belief Peter Lord was a Lutheran, and fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P.

Luther W. Lord received his education like his father before him in the Berks county schools, and when old enough to go to work secured a place in an iron foundry, as assistant engineer, where he spent five years. In 1897, having accumulated sufficient capital to begin, he went into the restaurant business, and opened a café at the location where he is still to be found, at Nos. 44-46 South Sixth street. Here he has built up a splendid patronage, among the best people in the city, and his trade is constantly on the increase. He can accommodate about 300 people and his tables are always full. He makes a special point of supplying game and fruit and regardless of season these delicacies may be found on his table. Mr. Lord also supplies oysters to private families, and beside catering to the restaurant trade carries a fine line of cigars and tobacco.

The marriage of Mr. Lord to Elizabeth McMullin, daughter of James McMullin, occurred in 1897, and they have two children, Ethel E. and Ralph W. Mr. Lord adheres to his father's faith, the Lutheran, and in politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 9, Lodge of Perfection, and the Mystic Shrine; he is a 32d degree Mason.

SIMON KLINE, a progressive brick manufacturer, is one of the old active citizens of Reading, to whose

enterprise is due a full share of that city's high reputation. For nearly fifty years he has devoted himself to his work, and he has met with the success that comes of perseverance and industry wisely joined to integrity. Mr. Kline was born in Alsace township, Berks county, May 14, 1830, son of Henry and Magdalena (Schmehl) Kline.

Henry Kline was also a native of Alsace township, where he passed his entire life. In his youth he learned the trade of weaver, which was his occupation throughout his active years. He attained the advanced age of eighty-one years, and passed away respected by all who had known him. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Magdalena Schmehl, the following children were born: John; Catherine; Henry; Abraham; Sarah; Daniel; Elizabeth; Mary; Sophia; and Simon. Of these all are deceased, except Simon and Sophia.

Simon Kline received but few advantages in his youth, attending the district school of his native township for a two-months' term each year for four years. As a boy he learned the cooper's trade, which engaged his attention but a short time, and in 1855 he came to Reading, shortly afterward beginning to make brick on Ninth and Elm streets, with Daniel Kline (deceased). Two years later—about 1860—he moved to Fleetwood, Pa., where he was the first to engage in the manufacture of bricks. During that year the East Pennsylvania Railroad was built, and bricks were sold at five dollars a thousand, while labor averaged seventy-five cents per day. Five years later Mr. Kline returned to Reading, and opened a yard at Ninth and Green streets, subsequently moving to where Front street is now located, on the site of the old Ernst grocery store, and remaining there several years. His next location was on Second and Elm streets, where he used up all the clay in that vicinity, and then moved to Sixth street, near the car shops, and still later to what is known as the East Pennsylvania crossing. He possessed one of the largest plants in the city with an output of about 4,000,000 a year. After three years the plant was moved (1882) to Chester, Pa. Mr. Kline remained in that city but six months, when he returned to Reading, and opened a yard for the manufacture of brick by machinery, at Douglass & McKnight streets. This was the first machine-made brick in Reading, and in spite of all prophesies of failure, success ultimately crowned the venture. Since 1898 the plant has been located in West Reading, where Mr. Kline purchased the Conrad Kaltenbach factory and brick plant. He owns twenty-one acres of clay and stone, which has been found peculiarly adapted to the making of brick. The average output is about 3,000,000, and thirty-two men are employed the year round. Some of the best buildings in Reading are constructed of this brick, which has stood the severest tests known to brick makers. In addition to this industry Mr. Kline is the owner of considerable real estate.

Mr. Kline was united in marriage with Catherine Noll, daughter of Henry Noll, of Ruscombmanor township, this county. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Ezra, employed in his father's brick making plant, married Martha Yeager, now deceased; Mary married Edmund Slegel, of Cumru township; Kate married William N. Fulton, of Reading; Simon S., a brick manufacturer of Perry township, married Ella De Long; George O., employed by his father, married Rosa Lutz; D. Milton is engaged in contracting and building in Reading.

OLIVER KOCH BECHTEL, who has been successfully engaged in the ice business in Reading since 1895, was born July 22, 1857, in Pike township, Berks county, Pa., son of George and Barbara (Koch) Bechtel, and grandson of Abraham Bechtel, of Pike township.

George Bechtel, who was a lifelong farmer of Berks county, died in August, 1899, at the age of seventy-two years, while his widow, who survives him, is now in her eighty-fourth year. They were the parents of five children: Frank, William, Oliver K., Amelia, deceased, who married Mahlon Francis, and Mary, deceased. In religious belief the family were all connected with the Reformed Church. Mr. Bechtel was a Democrat in political matters.

Oliver K. Bechtel received his education in the public schools of his native locality, and was reared upon his father's farm, on which he worked until 1889, on March 29th of which year he came to Reading and found employment in the brick yard of Thomas B. Bausher, where he continued six years. In 1895 Mr. Bechtel engaged in the ice business, starting work with two wagons, and to such an extent has his business grown that he now has six two-horse and one single-horse wagons, and employs seven men. Mr. Bechtel is a thorough business man.

Mr. Bechtel was united in marriage with Sarah Newell, daughter of the late Henry Newell and to them were born four children: Charles, a professional baseball player; Henry, connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; Archie, who is engaged in assisting his father; and Eddie, also connected with the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad Company. Religiously the family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Bechtel is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Knights of Friendship.

ABNER S. DEYSHER, a prominent manufacturer and influential citizen of Reading, was born in that city June 24, 1857, son of Jacob H. and Anna K. (Shaffer) Deysher.

Jacob H. Deysher was for many years one of Reading's leading men. In his earlier days he had conducted a planing mill and lumber yard at Second and Cherry streets, but in 1868, he built the plant now occupied by Charles Hendel. There he carried on an extensive business for many years, but toward the very end of his life handed over the management to his son, Abner S. His wife was Miss Anna K. Shaffer, and she bore him three children, namely: Abner S.; Oliver M., in his brother's employ; and Kate m. Edward M. Freehafer, and died in 1900. Mrs. Jacob Deysher died the same year as her daughter, at the age of sixty-seven. The family were members of the M. E. Church, and in political views Mr. Deysher was a Republican.

Abner S. Deysher received his education in the public schools of Reading, and as soon as he left them, he entered his father's mill. He became familiar with all the details of the several departments, and developed into an expert mill man. Under his superintendence the manufacture of furniture and boxes had been introduced during the elder Mr. Deysher's lifetime, and for some time after his death the mill was conducted along about the same lines as before. In 1894 Abner S. Deysher purchased the other interests in the concern and a few years later established the present Abner S. Deysher Box Factory. He makes all kinds of packing boxes, and supplies nearly all of the manufacturers of Reading and the vicinity.

Mr. Deysher's factory covers some 60 x 207 feet, with a room for the necessary boiler, engine, etc., and it is equipped with all the latest machinery. His business has reached such proportions that he will be obliged soon to increase his manufacturing capacity some forty per cent. He employs on an average from seventy-five to one hundred men and there is never a day in the year when the plant is idle, unless for necessary repairs. Mr. Deysher is known as a hustling business man, and one instance of his sagacity and enterprise is the use he makes of the shavings accumulated in the box factory. They are all screened and the first grade are baled and sold by the car load. Mr. Deysher is a leading dealer in this line and constantly has contracts on hand for from one to ten car loads. The screenings or "dust" left is used as fuel for running the establishment. This flourishing factory, one of the leading enterprises of Reading, is entirely the fruit of Mr. Deysher's industry and initiative, as he is the sole owner. He is also the owner of a valuable stock farm where he has some of the finest blooded (fancy) stock in the United States.

Throughout the State of Pennsylvania Mr. Deysher is known as a prominent Mason, high up in his degree in the Order and influential in its councils. He belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 237; and Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T. He is also a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Vigilance Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Camp No. 61, P. O. S. of A., all of Reading. In politics he supports the Republican party, but he is no politician, although he is a loyal citizen in his advocacy of measures for the public good. He served at one time as one of the water commissioners.

In 1881 Mr. Deysher was united in marriage to Miss Maria Pierce, daughter of a man prominent in Reading business circles for many years. Mr. Deysher is one of the city's best citizens and is justly held in universally high esteem.

THE DRUMHELLER FAMILY of Earl and surrounding townships in Berks county was founded here by J. Leonhart Drumheller, who emigrated to America on the brigantine "Mary and Sarah," which landed at Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1754. Little is known of him, save certain records of several small land transactions. Among his children were two sons, John and Leonard, both of whom were residents of Earl township in 1782. In 1790 the Federal census records John as the father of one son above sixteen, and three under that age, also one daughter. Nicholas is credited with a family consisting of one son above sixteen, and three sons below that age, and three daughters.

John Drumheller lived in Earl township and there died in 1815. His last will and testament was dated June 13, 1814. His wife Regina survived him. His daughter was married to Jacob Trout. His son Leonard obtained the homestead. The will does not mention the names of the other sons.

Nicholas Drumheller had a son Daniel, who lived in Pike township. His wife Elizabeth bore him children as follows: Elizabeth; Hannah; Daniel; John; Lydia; Jacob and Reuben, the two last named being executors of the will, which was made Feb. 6, 1835, and not probated until March 1, 1859.

Leonard Drumheller, grandfather of Ammon B. and Mahlon B., lived in Earl township. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Oley Churches. He was a farmer and owned a small farm, now the property of the Andrew Leffel estate. He married Susanna Breidigam. She is buried at Oley Churches and has a tombstone. He is buried by her side in the old graveyard. Their children were: David, who lived in Earl township; William; John, who lived near Philadelphia; George, who lived in Earl township; Sally m. John Richard; Susanna m. Peter Haas, of Earl township; Peggy m. John Dierolf; Magdalena m. John Youse; Anna m. Lewis Flicker; and Hettie died unmarried.

William Drumheller, son of Leonard, was born in Earl township, Aug. 14, 1813, and died there Aug. 27, 1872. He was a shoemaker, post-fence maker and farmer, and lived in Colebrookdale township two years. Before 1845 he came to Earl township and bought a fifty acre tract near Pine Grove school house now owned by his son Mahlon B., and improved it with the present set of buildings. Here he made his home for the remainder of his life. In politics he was a Democrat. He served as school director and supervisor. He was a Lutheran member of Oley Church, and was its treasurer for four years. He married Mary Bricker, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Matthias) Bricker. She was born July 18, 1817, and died April 21, 1887. They had seven children: John lived in Earl township; William lived in Amity township; Jacob B., in Earl township; Mahlon B. and Ammon B. in Earl; Elizabeth and Horace. Of these Jacob, Mahlon and Ammon are living.

MAHLON B. DRUMHELLER, of Earl township, was born April 20, 1848, on his father's farm in that township, which he now owns. He learned the shoemaking trade from James Hartlein, and has followed it ever since, in connection with farming. His farm is kept in good condition, and he is well-to-do. He is a Democrat in politics, and was school director six years. Both he and his wife are Lutherans, and for two years he was deacon at Oley Church, and elder for four years. In December, 1871, he married Rebecca Sassaman, daughter of Daniel Sassaman, and sister of Jacob, former sheriff of Berks county. They had three children as follows: Alice, who died in the Boyertown fire Jan. 13, 1908, at the age of thirty-five years, was the wife of Harry Moyer, and the mother of three children,—Gladys, Grace and Leonard. Josephine m. William Conrad, and has two children,—Florence and William F. Clara S., who m. John P. Stapletown, has one daughter, Agnes.

AMMON B. DRUMHELLER, son of William, son of Leonard, is a farmer in Earl township on the Swamp road. He was born on the homestead in that township Dec. 18, 1851. He attended Pine Grove school in his township, and has a practical education. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-eight years of age. In the spring of 1879 he began farming in Earl township on his mother-in-law's farm, and this he cultivated for three years. He then farmed for his uncle, David Drumheller, one year, and in 1884 came to his present place as a tenant for George Kieffer, who then owned the farm, but which Mr. Drumheller bought from Mrs. George Kieffer in 1894. The farm consists of sixty-nine acres of fertile land, well located. On this farm is found an excellent lime stone. Mr. Drumheller operates a lime kiln, and burns and sells as many as 30,000 bushels of lime per annum. The Manatawny creek flows through the farm. The present barn was built in 1871; and the old part of the stone house was built before 1800, and the newer part in 1833. This farm was a Boyer homestead. One Jacob Boyer owned it; later it was owned by four of his unmarried sons, after whom it came into the hands of George Kieffer.

Mr. Drumheller is a Democrat, and is influential in the district. He was school director three years, and was re-elected but he refused to serve. He and his family are active members of Christ Lutheran Church of Oley, of which he has been an elder since 1907.

Mr. Drumheller was married Nov. 4, 1876, to Emma Elizabeth Trout, daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Boyer) Trout, farming people of Earl township. Her grandfather was John Boyer, whose wife was a Holder. Mr. and Mrs. Drumheller had three children, namely: Mary (born 1877, died 1899); Samuel T. (born July 13, 1883, m. 1904, Katie M. Kline, and has one daughter, Meriam V.); and Lizzie T. (born 1886, and died 1901). Samuel T. is a farmer, and assists his father. He is the treasurer of the township supervisors. He was president of the Christ Lutheran League at Oley; and was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is a member of the church choir.

JACOB B. DRUMHELLER, son of William, son of Leonard, was a soldier in the Civil war. He married Elizabeth Hartranft, a relative of the former governor of the Commonwealth. Their son Howard H. married Kate Haas, and has ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Charles; Harvey; Lawrence; Jacob; Ammon; Lizzie May; Nora Ellen; Mary Minerva, and Carrie Dora (twins) and Annie Edwina.

GEORGE DRUMHELLER, son of Leonard, and father of Jeremiah, was born in Earl township Nov. 15, 1817, and died in the same township on a farm near the homestead, now owned by Morris Weintrout, Nov. 21, 1878, aged sixty-one years. He was a shoemaker by trade, and also carried on farming. His tract consisted of seventy-three acres of land. He and his family were Lutheran members of the Oley churches, and he was deacon and elder there. In politics he was a Democrat; and was at various times school director, supervisor and auditor of Earl township, where he was highly respected.

George Drumheller was married (first) to Anna Matthias, daughter of Daniel Matthias, and they had two

children, namely: Amelia, m. Joseph Eberhart (both deceased); and Enoch (deceased) m. Sarah Batz. His second wife was Caroline Miller, daughter of Conrad Miller. She was born March 18, 1827, and died Oct. 20, 1898. They had five children: Sarah m. William Gehret; Jeremiah; Darius lived at Pottstown, Pa.; Kate m. James Sell; Leonard died an infant.

JEREMIAH DRUMHELLER, son of George, was born Sept. 9, 1856, on his father's farm in Earl, now owned by Jacob Drumheller. He was reared on the farm, and attended the township schools. He was a puddler by trade, and in 1877 went to Pottstown where he worked in the puddling mill for the Pottstown Iron Company for seventeen years. In the spring of 1898 he came to Earl township where he bought his present farm, located in the western end of the Powder Valley. This tract consists of forty-six acres of land. It was formerly the Samuel Trout farm, and before him was owned by a man named Bly. On the farm are substantial buildings erected by the widow of Samuel Trout. The residence was remodeled in 1877, and the barn was built about 1887. The house was formerly a grist-mill. Pure spring water from an adjacent stream runs by pipe into the house. The farm is in good condition.

Mr. Drumheller is a Democrat, and was supervisor, the first in the township under the new road law. He is a highly respected man. He married in February, 1876, Annie E. Trout, daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Boyer) Trout, of Earl township, and granddaughter of Abraham Boyer. To Mr. and Mrs. Drumheller have been born six children: Sallie m. Joseph Carr, and they live at Pottstown; George H. is general manager for McMinnimin & Sims, Railroad Constructors located at Youngwood, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Lawrence is a student at school; William died aged eleven years; Paul died aged four years; and one son died in infancy. Mr. Drumheller has a home at Pottstown where his son-in-law Joseph Carr now lives.

FRED A. SCHMUCKER, proprietor of the Penn-Troy Laundry, of Reading, is a grandson of Joseph Schmucker, a farmer of Oley township and later proprietor of the "Schmucker House," located at the southwest corner of Sixth and Penn streets.

Francis R. Schmucker, the father of Fred A., was a graduate of Yale University. He at first practised law, but, owing to failing health, was forced to abandon the legal profession, and took up the study of medicine, which he practised in Reading until his death, in 1902, aged sixty-three years. He was a soldier of the Civil war, belonging to the 128th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he left as a lieutenant, coming back as a captain. He married Emma C. Young, daughter of William S. Young, of Allentown, a prominent shoe manufacturer and real estate dealer. Nine children were born to this union, four of whom are deceased, as follows: Elizabeth died when six years old; and Hannah, Martha and one other died in infancy. The survivors are: William Y., with the American Gas & Coke Company, Camden, N. J.; Fred A.; Samuel L., an artist of Philadelphia; Ralph C., with Curtis, Jones & Company, shoe manufacturers of Reading; and Frank R., with the Choctaw Cotton Oil Company, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Fred A. Schmucker was born Sept. 2, 1869, in Reading, and there attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1884. He went to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York (the medical department of Columbia University), but, suffering from eye trouble, was compelled to give up his profession. Prior to going to college, Mr. Schmucker had spent seven months in the employ of the Penn Hardware Company, and two years with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and, on returning to Reading in 1889, he was associated with the National Bolt & Nut Company, for one year. Mr. Schmucker started the Penn Troy Laundry in 1892, being the manager and principal owner. The laundry is incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, handles over 50,000 pieces of laundry every week, and has a large express business from outside towns, five wagons being necessary to handle the local business.

Mr. Schmucker was married Sept. 28, 1892, to Viola Hayden, daughter of Joel G. and Fanny J. Hayden, of Long Island, N. Y. Three children have been born to this union: Margaret and Mary Young, at school, and Emily. Mr. Schmucker belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Khorassans, the Royal Arcanum and the Maccabees. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. "The conditions of success in life are the possession of judgment, experience, initiative and character," and Mr. Schmucker has been nothing if not a success.

GEORGE W. FRICKER, deceased, of Reading, was born in that city July 17, 1842, and was the youngest son of Jacob Fricker.

Jacob Fricker was a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., where he remained until after his education was completed. When about twenty-two years old he came to Reading and secured a position as foreman under Jacob Sourbeer, a manufacturer of fur hats. After several years of this association Mr. Fricker went into business for himself with Harry Brown as a partner and in 1835 they located at No. 807 Penn street. There, on a site of 30 x 270 feet, Mr. Fricker built a house, which is still standing, while in the rear was a log house where they carried on the manufacture of fur hats. Later they moved to Fifth and Court streets, where Tragle Brothers' large cordage building now stands. The business demanded considerable traveling from Mr. Fricker as it was the custom then to go around through the country, selling the hats or trading them for new skins, and during one of these trips he contracted a severe cold resulting in his death in August, 1847.

In 1828 Mr. Fricker had married a lady whose first name was Catherine, who survived him for many years, and lived in their old Penn street house for a period covering six decades. Their children were: Peter H., engaged in the hat business and a member of the Ringgold Band, deceased in 1860; Andrew J., deceased, who was a printer and box manufacturer, was connected with the Reading Lumber Company, and served as councilman for the Tenth ward; Sarah E., deceased; Jacob B.; and George W.

George W. Fricker received his education in the public schools of Reading. He became a box manufacturer and for a long time was located on South Twelfth street, where his brother, A. J. Fricker, was associated with him. His operations were highly successful and in 1892 he retired from business. His remaining years were spent in quiet enjoyment of his leisure at his home at No. 807 Penn street, and there he died Sept. 5, 1902. His remains were interred in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mr. Fricker stood high among the business men of Reading and was a well-known citizen.

Mr. Fricker was survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa Fricker, who was a daughter of the late David G. and Mary G. (Frey) Knabb, the former an employe for many years at the Philadelphia and Reading station. Mrs. Fricker has no children, but a niece, Miss Sarah E. Fricker, lives with her in her home at No. 526 Walnut street. Mrs. Fricker is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, as was her husband.

Anthony Fricker, the ancestor of the family in America, located in the town of Reading prior to 1759, in which year he paid a federal tax of £8. His last will and testament he made in 1796, and this was probated June 5, 1797, soon after his death. It is recorded in Will Book A, page 362. In the will he speaks of Conrad Weiser as the "Grandfather" of my children. From this item it is evident that his wife Eve who survived him was a daughter of Conrad Weiser.

Anthony Fricker left a large estate. His children Anthony, Peter, Thomas and Catharine were bequested only one shilling as they had already received their share. His other children were George; John; Margaretha; William; Henry, and Magdalena who was the youngest daughter.

In 1831 William Fricker died and in his will he bequested one hundred dollars annually to his mother Eve, to be paid her as long as she lived. He speaks of "all my children" but does not mention their names.

Anthony Fricker, who died in 1884, and his wife Amelia had children: Ellen and Clara. The latter m. Peter Benson. Anthony Fricker bequested three hundred dollars to Julia Lebo, his wife's sister. He also bequested Leavy Fricker, daughter "of my deceased son William L., whose mother was Amelia Seitzinger, the sum of one hundred dollars."

William Fricker (son of William) died in 1871. He bequested his wife Elizabeth the home at No. 41 North Eighth street, with a lot 16x230 feet, with shop on the rear. They had children: Jane and Franklin, and a granddaughter Kate Schaedle.

RALPH S. KOSER, an enterprising young business man of Exeter township, Berks county, who is proprietor of the Penn poultry farm, situated one-quarter of a mile south of Jacksonwald P. O., was born Aug. 20, 1876, at Pinegrove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Dr. S. S. and Gertrude (Burtif) Koser.

Ralph S. Koser was educated in the public schools of Williamsport, Pa., where he was reared, and at Bucknell College, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. He then learned the jewelry business, which he followed until his enlistment, in April, 1897, in Co. G, 12th Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. Beebe, with which company he served two years, two months of which were spent in Cuba. He then enlisted in the 12th Pa. N. G. as private, being promoted to second lieutenant, serving as such until 1902, when he resigned, and later joined the 4th Pa. N. G., as lieutenant and later became captain. He resigned in August, 1906, having had the distinction of having commanded the largest company in the State.

In 1905 Mr. Koser established the Penn poultry farm, which he has made a decided success; he gives special attention to ducks, although he has raised many chickens, his plant having a capacity of 20,000 fowls annually. In addition, Mr. Koser has a tract of twenty acres of fine land, which he intends to devote to truck farming. He is enterprising and energetic, and his business interests are increasing rapidly.

On Aug. 21, 1906, Mr. Koser was married to Clara F. Russell, daughter of T. Frank and Nancy (Wirdwell) Russell, of Lewisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Koser attend the Presbyterian Church.

O. M. WEAND, a contractor, in Reading, Pa., was born April 2, 1858.

GEORGE W. HARRISON was born June 8, 1833, on the Harrison homestead in Union township, now a part of the borough of Birdsboro. He was brought up on the homestead farm, and pursued his education in the local schools until he was fifteen years old, when he became a clerk in the store of Mr. John Bland in the village of Mt. Airy. After working in the store but a year, he was placed in charge of a store at Birdsboro which Mr. Bland had purchased, evidencing the confidence which Mr. Bland had in him. After continuing in this store for sixteen years he became a partner. They traded under the name of Bland & Harrison for five years, when Mr. Harrison purchased his partner's interest in the business. He then carried on the store for two years, until 1862, when he became the chief clerk to Major Henry S. Kupp, who was appointed commissioner for the district of Berks county in drafting men for the Civil war. In 1863, Major Kupp was appointed provost marshal of the district, and Mr. Harrison was continued as chief clerk at Reading until 1865, when the Secretary of War (Edwin M. Stanton) appointed him commissioner of drafts, and he filled this honorable and responsible position in a most creditable manner until the close of the war.

At the close of the war Mr. Harrison was appointed freight agent and assistant ticket agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Birdsboro, which position he served until 1869, when he became the bookkeeper and cashier of E. & G. Brooke, manufacturers of iron at Birdsboro, and he filled this position until the company was incorporated in 1880 under the name of E. & G. Brooke Iron Co., when he became a director and its treasurer, and he held this office until his retirement a few years before his death.

Mr. Harrison was a devoted member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, of Birdsboro, and served as vestryman for a number of years. He assisted in establishing the St. Michael's cemetery, and served as its superintendent, besides officiating as secretary and treasurer. From the time of reaching his majority, he was prominently identified with the Republican party. He took an active part in the erection of the borough of Birdsboro, of which he became one of the first councilmen. He assisted in establishing the First National Bank at Birdsboro in 1888, and served as vice-president until his decease. He was also identified with the Pennsylvania Diamond Drill & Machine Company, of Birdsboro, and with the Reading Foundry, serving each as a director. He was a member of Chandler Lodge, F. & A. M., at Reading, for many years. He died Feb. 22, 1903, survived by his widow and two sons, Ward and Henry K.

Mr. Harrison traced his ancestry back to Gen. John Harrison, who was publicly concerned with the execution of Charles I, for which offense King Charles II, upon his accession to the throne, caused him to be beheaded. His three sons then fled to America, locating in Virginia. One of them was John Harrison, who emigrated to Pennsylvania and became employed in the office of the surveyor-general, serving as one of the surveyors. In 1732, he took up a large tract of land, which was situated along the southerly bank of the Schuylkill river in Union township, and extended from Hay creek eastwardly for two miles, and southwardly from the river one mile. On this tract he erected a large stone building and carried on farming until his decease, when he was succeeded by his son John, who also carried on farming until his decease. Caleb Harrison, a grandson of the original owner and father of the subject of this sketch, became the next successor. Besides cultivating the farm, he officiated as justice of the peace for thirty years and took an active interest in local affairs, more especially relating to education, serving for many years as one of the school directors of the township. He was identified with establishing the Philomathean Academy on the Henry S. Kupp farm in 1855, and co-operated earnestly with Mr. Kupp and others in its successful management for ten years. In his earlier life he was brought up as a member of the Society of Friends, which was quite prominent in the vicinity at that time, but later in life became a member of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church at Birdsboro.

WILLIAM D. KING, proprietor of the King Machine Works, at Reading, Pa., and an inventor of faucets, was born March 22, 1851, in Coatesville, Chester county, son of Isaac King.

Isaac King, who was a native of Dover, Del., for many years was an iron roller, and also engaged as a teamster, driving a six-mule team for several years. In 1861 he came to Reading, and engaged at the Philadelphia & Reading shops, under Colonel Arthur, being there employed at the time of his death April 15, 1899, in his seventy-eighth year. He married Rebecca S. Hinton, a native of Pennsylvania, who died from smallpox, Aug. 9, 1872, at the age of fifty-five years. To this union were born eight children, three of whom survive: William D.; Anna M. R.; and Margaret A. The family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. King was a Republican in politics, and fraternally belonged to the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

William D. King was educated in the schools of Chester county and of Reading, attending the latter about one and one-half years, after which he spent one year at the rolling mill of the Reading Iron Works. In 1867 he engaged with Douglass & Connard, with whom he remained until 1902, and in this year he engaged in his present

business, operating it, however, until 1903 for the firm of Rick & Jones. In the latter year he took up the business on his own account, having at first two partners, but in 1906 he bought out their interest. He employs from six to eight skilled mechanics, and his principal work is the manufacturing of expansion joints for steam pipes. He also repairs steam pumps and engines, and makes a specialty of steam fitting. The shop is located at Nos. 511-513 North Third street. In political matters Mr. King is a Republican, and his fraternal connection is with Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A., of Reading, which he joined in 1871.

Mr. King was married to Minnie Streng, an adopted daughter of Martin Streng, and they have become the parents of three children: Irene R., m. to Ambrose Guinther, a contractor; Amy C., and William R.

William R. King, son of William D., was born Sept. 17, 1887, and is in the employ of his father. On Oct. 28, 1907, he married Anna Mary Frey, and their children are Thelma Larne and an infant yet unnamed. They reside at No. 1026 Madison avenue.

SAMUEL B. MAUGER, general merchant at Glendale, Douglass township, Berks county, was born in that township July 27, 1853, son of Jacob N. and Rebecca (Baker) Mauger.

Heinrich Mauger emigrated from Germany in or about the year 1762, being then about twelve years of age, and settled on a farm on Rattle Snake Hill, in Montgomery county, near the Berks county line. His wife was Mary Balser, and they had children: John; Henry; Frederick; Jacob; David; William (who died aged eighty-four years, the last of his family) and Elizabeth. All the children married, and all lived to between seventy-eight and eighty-four years.

Henry Mauger, grandfather of Samuel B., was an early resident of Douglass township, where he was engaged as a flint-lock maker, and a maker of guns. He lived on Rattle Snake Hill, and owned land there. He also worked as a stone mason; following his trade in the season. He is buried at Pottstown. He was twice married. By his first wife Hannah Nagel, he had children: Anna m. Samuel Morris, and lived in Ohio; Jacob N.; Jesse, a boatman on the canal, was drowned (unmarried); Jeremiah lived in Fairfield county, Ohio; and John N. lived in Pottstown. Mr. Mauger married (second) a Miss Schultz, and two sons, William and Peter, were born to this union.

Jacob N. Mauger, son of Henry, was born in Douglass township in 1809, and died in 1884; he is buried at Pottstown. He was a carpenter and stone mason. For twenty years he followed undertaking, and during that time lived on Rattle Snake Hill. In politics he was a Democrat, and served his township as school director, auditor and supervisor. He married Rebecca Baker, daughter of John Baker, of Douglass township. She died in 1892. Their children were: Reuben, a school teacher in Douglass township; Isaac, who was engaged in the furniture business in Philadelphia; John, a shoemaker by trade, who was killed in the Civil war; Jacob, a carpenter; Henry, who lived in Montgomery county; William, a furniture dealer at Pottstown; Samuel B.; Catharine, m. Edmond Geiger; George, of Stowe, Pa.; and Philip, of York, Pennsylvania.

Samuel B. Mauger received his education in the township schools when the school term did not exceed four months. At the age of nineteen he learned his present trade (the carpenter's) under his father, Jacob N. He worked at Pottstown, in the coal regions, and in Douglass township and surrounding districts. He had small contracts at times, and worked as gang foreman while in the coal regions. On Nov. 15, 1895, he began his career as a merchant, and now runs a general store in addition to his work at his trade. He also conducts the coal yards at the Manatawny Station.

On Sept. 6, 1879, Mr. Mauger married Mary Rhoads, daughter of Daniel M. and Rebecca U. (Fisher) Rhoads, of Douglass township, and they had one son, Daniel R. Mauger, born Feb. 24, 1886. The family attend the Amityville Lutheran Church.

DANIEL R. MAUGER, son of Samuel B. and Mary (Rhoads) Mauger, was born at Pine Iron Works, and was educated in the township schools and the Pottstown Business College, graduating in the class of 1902. He then became stenographer for the Morris Beef Company at Philadelphia, and served in that position one year, when he became head nurse at the Chester County Hospital for the Insane, located at Embreeville, and served in this position two years. He then cared for his mother for fifteen weeks before her death, Feb. 12, 1907. She is buried at Amityville. Since then he has been assisting his father in the store. He is a musician of much ability and during 1909 was band leader for a large circus company.

Jacob Mauger, son of the emigrant Heinrich, lived on Fox Hill, and operated a grist mill, known as Mauger's mill. He married Elizabeth Keiser, and they had children, as follows: Charles; Henry; George; Joseph; Levi; Sarah; Rachel and Catharine.

Charles Mauger, son of Jacob, was a farmer in Amity township, and is buried at Amityville. He married Catharine Levengood, and their children were: Mahlon; Mary Ann; Irwin; Sarah Ann; Wellington L.; Mathias L.; Franklin and Annie.

Bechtel

David Mauger, Sr., son of Heinrich, was born Feb. 12, 1797, in Douglass township, Berks county, on the Mauger farm, of which in 1826 he became the owner. This farm comprised 168 acres of excellent land, located near the railroad, the Schuylkill river and the canal. Its buildings are of the colonial style of architecture, and are substantial and in good repair. He married Sarah Bechtel, daughter of George Bechtel.

David B. Mauger, son of David and Sarah (Bechtel), was born Aug. 12, 1822. He was a man of rare judgment and high attainments, and was enterprising and influential in the community. He served as justice of the peace, school teacher, and in many ways was a useful member of society. He married Mary A. Lorah, and their children were: Sallie, who graduated with first honors from the Allentown Female College in 1876; Daniel L., who was educated in the Keystone State Normal School, and for many years was railroad agent at Franklin street, Reading; David L. who attended the Keystone State Normal School, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1887, and who is now (1909) a member of the Berks County Bar (he was assistant district attorney); and Henry S., who attended the Keystone State Normal School, and is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia.

JOHN J. ESHELMAN, cigar manufacturer of Mohnton, Pa., and one of the best known citizens of that place, was born in Cumru township, Berks county, April 30, 1859, son of Samuel Eshelman, and grandson of Jacob.

Martin Eshelman, the great-grandfather of John J., lived in Brecknock township near the Allegheny church where he owned a small farm which he cultivated. His wife was a Miss Eckert, and they had the following children: (1) Daniel born Nov. 21, 1808, died July 4, 1887 in his seventy-ninth year, m. Lydia Heveiling (1808-1865). He lived near Gouglersville, Pa. (2) John settled out West. (3) Martin m. Mary Rollman. He lived at Sinking Spring, Pa. (4) Jacob m. Magdalena Snyder. (5) Catharine m. John Steffey of Brecknock. (6) Isaac m. Eliza Rollman. He resided at Sinking Spring, Pa. (7) Lydia m. John Stafford of Brecknock township.

Jacob Eshelman, grandfather of John J., was a farmer and charcoal burner in Brecknock township, where he was born. His charcoal product supplied many of the large furnaces of the county, in which he was a man of some prominence. He was a Democrat, and a Lutheran member of the Allegheny church, where he is buried. He married Magdalena, daughter of Christophel Snyder,

and they had five children, as follows: Samuel; Susan, born Feb. 8, 1827, who lives in Mohnton, Pa., is the widow of Richard Remp; Eliza and Katie, aged nine and seven years respectively, both died of diphtheria and were buried in one grave; and Catharine m. Daniel Musser, and lives in Cumru.

Samuel Eshelman, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 28, 1824, in Brecknock township, and he died there March 11, 1886, aged sixty-two years, and eleven days. He attended the local schools of his native township, and remained with his father on the farm all of his active life. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination in Allegheny. He is buried at the Mohnton Cemetery. He married Margaret Lutz, daughter of Adam and Catherine Lutz, the former a soldier in the Continental Line from Berks county, for which service he drew a pension from the government. Mrs. Eshelman is still living in Mohnton. To this union was born a family of children as follows: Nathaniel m. Louisa Kerchner, and resides in Reading; John J.; Martha m. Aaron S. Hornberger; Katie m. Charles U. Grimes, a barber of Auburn, Pa.; Tillie m. Rev. Charles H. Hess, a minister of the Evangelical Association now stationed at Buffalo, N. Y.

John J. Eshelman received his education in Lancaster county, and at Charlestown, attending the Academy at the latter place for two terms. He learned the trade of cigar maker with George Leininger, of Mohnton, after which he spent three years at the Van Reed Paper Mill, afterward learning the hat finisher's trade at Mohnton with John H. Spatz, with whom he remained three years. The next two years he spent with the Philadelphia & Reading Company at Reading, in the car shops. By this time he had acquired means to start in business on his own account, on June 13, 1886, with W. G. Leininger as a partner, under the firm name of Eshelman & Leininger. They built a factory at Mohnton. This partnership continued until Jan. 1, 1890, when Mr. Eshelman bought out Mr. Leininger's interest, and has since continued alone. He built the present factory, No. 118, First District of Pennsylvania, in 1901—a substantial three story building, 30 x 42 feet. Seventy-five skilled workmen are employed the whole year round, and the product is shipped to all parts of the United States, especially to the western States. Among his special brands are the well known "M. A.," a fine ten cent cigar, and the "Prince Otto," "La Empress" and "General Banks" in the five-cent class. He also manufactures others and his trade is one of the best in that line in all this part of the State. He pays strict attention to his large and constantly increasing business, and is always to be found at his post, pleasant, genial but essentially business-like.

On Sept. 12, 1885, Mr. Eshelman married Arabella G. Leininger, daughter of James and Lydia (Grill) Leininger, and this union has been blessed with the following children: Maggie L., born Dec. 14, 1887; William L., born Nov. 12, 1891; Albert L., Nov. 14, 1893; Lydia L., March 20, 1899; and Victor L., June 4, 1901. In politics Mr. Eshelman is a true Republican, and while never active in party work he keeps thoroughly posted on public events, and is an entertaining talker. He is a member of Zion United Evangelical Church of Mohnton. In both public and private life he is highly respected. His social connections are with P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 61, of Reading; and with the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOEL B. BALTHASER, who died April 4, 1909, was a well known agriculturist of Berks County, Pa., residing in Perry township. He was born May 31, 1847, in Balthaser's Valley, in Windsor township, son of John and Catherine (Beahr) Balthaser.

Jacob Balthaser, grandfather of Joel B., who was an extensive farmer of Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, possessed over 400 acres of land. He married Maria (Molly) Greth, who was a member of the Catholic faith and contributed fifty dollars towards the erection of the Hamburg Catholic Church, and to them were born these children: Sarah m. Jacob Boyer; Hannah m. Jacob Renno; Jacob, who was a farmer of Lower Heidelberg township, m. a lady whose first name was Sallie and had these children, Cornelius, Caroline, Henry, Charles, George, Emanuel, Moses and Lizzie; John; Mary (m. Benjamin Sunday); George (who was a farmer of Windsor township); William (who settled in Ontelaunee, owned land in Upper Bern and Hamburg, was a merchant and very well-to-do); Isaac (who was drowned when a boy); Elizabeth (m. John Baer); Susannah (m. Edwin Kauffman); Jeremiah (who remained in his native township, had these children,—Helena, Annie, John, Elias and William); Samuel; and Benjamin (who obtained the homestead, had a son, David, who now occupies the old home, and the latter's children are,—Minnie; Jacob; Frank; Mollie; Milan; Benjamin; Maurice; Nathan; James; Polly; George, and Ruth).

John Balthaser, father of Joel B., was born in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Feb. 21, 1814, and was a well known farmer of Windsor township, where he owned three valuable farms in what is now known as Balthaser's Valley, the three tracts aggregating 385 acres. He was an influential man in his community and was greatly interested in educational movements, being one of the first school directors of the township, a position held by him for many years. He assisted in building up the public school system, and one of the schoolhouses is situated on his property, being known as "Balthaser's Schoolhouse No. 1." He was a Democrat in political faith. He and his family were members of Zion's Union Church, he being a Lutheran, while his wife belonged to the Reformed denomination.

On May 21, 1842, Mr. Balthaser was married to Catherine Beahr, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Fink) Beahr, farming people of Perry township, and their children are: Isabella (m. Solomon Dreibelbis, of Hamburg, Pa.); Emeline (m. Henry G. Seidel, the owner of one of the old Balthaser homesteads, whose record appears elsewhere in this volume); Joel B.; Sarah (unmarried and residing with her sister, Mrs. Seidel); Alfred, who resides at Lenhartsville, m. Hannah Leiby; Catherine (deceased, m. Orlando Kerschner); and Brigitta (who was Mr. Kerschner's second wife).

The boyhood days of Joel B. Balthaser were spent upon the farm, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of his district. At the age of fourteen years he attended Lititz Academy, Lancaster county, which was under the supervision of Prof. John S. Beck. After leaving school he returned to the farm, and when eighteen years of age taught at Balthaser's Schoolhouse No. 1, continuing there two terms. Several years later he engaged in farming, in which he was most successfully engaged up to the time of his death. Mr. Balthaser was a progressive and enterprising citizen, and his 147 acre farm, supplied as it with the latest machinery, including a gasoline engine, with a capacity of 2,500 gallons, is in the best of condition. The farm contains a high grade of iron ore, and in the eighties Wise & Company mined some of these ores which were shipped to the surrounding plants then in operation. Mr. Balthaser was a practical farmer, and the buildings on his properties, which were erected by him, are well situated and of a substantial character. Mr. Balthaser also owned the old homestead in Windsor township, tenanted by his son, Llewellyn J., who is a prosperous young farmer.

Mr. Balthaser was a Democrat. He was the committeeman of his party for two years, was delegate to many county conventions, was for six years school director in Windsor township, and for twenty-three years justice of the peace in the same district, resigning the office when he removed from that district to his late residence. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Union Church of Perry township, in which he was for many years an elder. His family are also members of that church.

On May 15, 1869, Mr. Balthaser was married to Esther A. Sunday, daughter of Jacob and Leah (Dunkel) Sunday, of Greenwich township, and to this union were born children as follows: Llewellyn J., a farmer of Windsor

township, m. Lizzie Adam; Ida C. (m. Milton W. Smith, the well known merchant of Virginville, Pa., whose record appears elsewhere in this volume); Clara S. (m. William S. Yeager of Reading); Hettie Ann (m. John D. Keim, who resides on his father-in-law's farm); Missouri S., Oscar J. and Zenus I. J., single at home; and Mary A., Emma S. and Dinah M., all deceased.

ELMER T. LENHART belonged to the recent representatives of an old and honorable family of Berks county, intimately associated with its development since the middle of the eighteenth century, Lenhartsville on the Ontelaunee perpetuating the name.

In 1749, Peter Lenhart, of York county, received a patent for a tract of land which, according to record, he conveyed to Jacob Lenhart in 1771. On this tract Henry, the father of Jacob Lenhart, patentee, settled with his family, consisting of seven sons: John; Jacob; Samuel; Isaac; Henry; David and Frederick. They founded there the borough of Lenhartsville. Most of the sons married and reared families. Two landmarks remain of the time in which these members of the family lived—a building in the western part of the borough, erected in 1812, and the old church in which the Lenharts worshipped. From data given it is not clear which was the early ancestor of Elmer Lenhart. His grandfather Benjamin Lenhart, son of Henry, was born and reared in Lenhartsville, Greenwich township. He settled in Albany township, and there lived out his life as a farmer. The farm on which he resided remains in the family, and is now owned by the widow of Elmer T. Benjamin Lenhart was born Oct. 13, 1802, and died Jan. 8, 1856. He was a member of the New Bethel (Corner) Reformed Church. He married Esther Hohl, born Nov. 1801, died Feb. 6, 1849. Their children, all of whom are deceased, were: Eliza m. Daniel Grim, of Lenhartsville; Julia (1833-1902) m. John Hemmerly, lived in Albany township; Lucinda m. Willoughby Lutz; James; Charles also lived in Albany township; Levi resided in Wessnersville.

James Lenhart, son of Benjamin, was born in Albany township April 14, 1837, on the old homestead upon which he was reared, and which he cultivated during a period of thirty years. This homestead consisted of one hundred acres of what is commonly denominated "potato land." James Lenhart stood well in his community and was a man of fine public spirit. He served a number of years as Supervisor of Albany township, and was an efficient and earnest supporter of Democratic principles. He and his family followed the faith of his ancestry, the Reformed Church, with membership at New Bethel (Corner). James Lenhart married Caroline Trexler, daughter of Jonas and Abbie (Smith) Trexler, also of Albany township; where she was born September 20, 1836. She now lives with a sister-in-law at Kempton, her husband having died March 21, 1904, aged sixty-six years, eleven months, seven days. Their family consisted of six children, three of whom, Wallace, Elmer T. and Charles, are deceased; the survivors being Francis, Thomas and Lewis.

Elmer T. Lenhart was born on the old homestead Nov. 11, 1864, where he resided until his death, Dec. 8, 1904, aged forty years, twenty-seven days. The greater part of his business life was spent at the Kempton Creamery, working as a faithful employe for sixteen years, and for three years as proprietor. Retiring from the creamery business he took up the vocation of his fathers on the old homestead. Elmer T. Lenhart inherited all the sterling qualities of his sturdy ancestry, and led a worthy and exemplary life. In political and church allegiance he followed the earlier members of the family, was a deacon in the church for years, and was active in Sunday-school. He also held membership in the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He married Missouri Trexler, daughter of Jairus and Polly (Komp) Trexler, and to them were born six children: J. Hay, who is in the service of the government as driver on R. F. D. route No. 1, out of Kempton; Austin J., born 1891, who died May 10, 1904, aged twelve years, eight months, twenty-eight days; Clarence S., Eva C., Oscar P. and Nevin L.

In 1856 Sebastian Lenhart, a grandson of the pioneer, died in the borough of Hamburg, leaving his wife, Catharine Elizabeth. After he had amply provided for her, he bequeathed his niece, Elizabeth Miller, "a daughter of my brother-in-law, William Miller," $500.; Benjamin Lenhart, "son of my brother Henry," $500.; Moses Lenhart, "son of my brother Frederich," the sum of $500. The will was made July, 1848, and proved April 7, 1849. The executors were Benjamin Lenhart, Elizabeth Miller and the wife of the testator.

THE DEYSHER FAMILY has been connected with Berks county's history and affairs for the last century and a half, John Deisher, a German Palatinate, emigrating to America about the middle of the eighteenth century, and settling in Richmond township. The different ways of spelling the name are caused by the English way of spelling German sounds. Thus "Teischer," as it appears in Richmond records of about 1770, became Anglicized to "Deisher," and "Deysher."

John Deisher, great-great-great-grandfather of Isaac D., settled in Richmond township, where he died in 1761, leaving a large estate, and naming Stephen, his second son, as executor. Besides Stephen, there were: Peter m. Betsy Lesher; Jacob; Mary m. Henry Kime; Barbara m. Peter Hister; and Susanna Elizabeth. At least the first two named were born in Germany.

Peter Deisher, first-born of the above family, lived in Maxatawny township, where he owned a large estate. He died a few days subsequent to the date of his will—September 14, 1807, leaving his wife, Betsy, and three sons: John; Peter (2); and Jacob.

Stephen Deisher, executor of the ancestor's will, is on record in 1768, as a "taxable of Richmond," under the name of "Stophel Teischer." He married Maria Hattenstein, daughter of a Doctor Hattenstein, and has two daughters mentioned: Catharine, and Esther. Catharine became the first wife of Henry Stitzel, and upon her death, he married her sister, Esther. Stephen Deisher died about 1839, Esther, and her daughter, Elizabeth (Stitzel) Sharadin, being apparently the sole heirs.

Peter (2), son of Peter (1), of the ancestral family, is recorded as marrying Elizabeth Dunkel. They had thirteen children, as follows: Hettie; Elizabeth; William; John D., mentioned later; Anna H.; Susanna; Caroline; Peter; Jacob; Abbie; Charles; Maria; and Louisa.

John D. was the fourth child in the above family, and the grandfather of Isaac D. It was this generation that changed the spelling of the name to "Deysher," which will be used henceforth. John D. was a native of Maxatawny township, carrying on his business of farming near Kutztown. He married and was the father of the following children: Daniel, referred to later; John, who lived at Lyons, Pa.; Sarah m. Peter Knapp, of Reading; a daughter who married a Mr. Hill, of Allentown, Pa.; a daughter who married Edwin Sholl, of Fleetwood, Pa. The father of this family died about 1875.

Daniel Deysher, father of Isaac D., was born about 1827, in Maxatawny township, and came to Eagle Point about 1868, where he settled on a farm. From that year until 1884, his consistent honesty and good farming won him the substantial respect of the whole countryside. He is described as being "short-set, smooth-faced, black haired, and weighing about 180 pounds." The reason for this description is that he disappeared absolutely about the year 1889, and nothing is known of him, or whether he is dead. He either fell into a "mile-hole," or met with foul play, and his strange vanishing is still mentioned among his friends and neighbors. He owned the farm now in the possession of Reuben Henge.

Daniel Deysher was twice married, his first wife being Lefena Stein, daughter of Jacob Stein, of Greenwich township. They had two children, both deceased. His second wife was Lovina Stein, sister of Lefena. She

died in 1873, aged thirty-nine, and is buried at Grimville. Her children were: Catharine (m. first, David Adam, and second, James Nunermacher); Louisa (m. Levi Liebensperger); Mary J. (m. Percival Brumbach); Isaac D.; Elmira (deceased; m. Oscar Reinhart); Nicholas, Kutztown, Pa.; Emma (m. Jonathan George); George, of Breinigsville, Pa.

ISAAC D. DEYSHER, our subject, was born near Kutztown, Maxatawny township, February 26, 1859. He was reared to farm life and served his parents until his twenty-fourth year. Between 1883 and 1888 he went West for two years and was employed at the usual higher wage rate of that section, mostly on the farm. In the spring of 1888 Isaac D. settled on the property where he now resides, which belonged at that time to his father-in-law, Charles Faust. Here he remained as tenant until 1897, when he purchased the farm, and now cultivates it.

On Oct. 1, 1888, Isaac D. was married to Miss Cordelia Faust, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Zettelmayer) Faust. Mrs. Deysher's grandfather, Daniel, married Frederica Shumaker. Mrs. Faust died the latter part of February, 1866, aged 46 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Deysher have come four children: Charles F., Hattie I., Mary A., and George H.

Mr. Deysher is a consistent voter of the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the New Bethel Corner Church, Lutheran Congregation, of which he has been Deacon and treasurer. Mrs. Deysher is a member of the Reformed congregation, and is active in its work.

The farm, of which Mr. Deysher is proprietor, consists of 150 acres, eighty of which is farming land—"potato land." In accordance with the custom of the countryside Mr. Deysher puts in from eight to twelve acres of that vegetable, and is very successful in raising a fine grade. The present large brick residence, surrounded by broad lawns, was constructed by Charles Faust, father-in-law of Mr. Deysher, in 1859 and the barn was built in 1854. One George Zettelmayer bought the property from the Stein family, and through him it came into the possession of Mr. Faust. About forty years ago a very good quality of slate was discovered to be underlying almost the whole farm, and at present there are three different quarries operating in the beds. These quarries employ quite a large company of workers, Rehr & Fricker of Reading having operated a lease in the deposit for fully nineteen years, one quarry employing as many as twenty workmen at a time. Good slate being in great demand this article finds a ready market.

Mr. Deysher is justly regarded as having all the virtues of his ancestors, as being an intelligent and progressive citizen, and one who is at all times just and considerate, yet watchful of his own interests, seeking his success in the legitimate and commendable lines of business.

EDWARD STROUD, who for a number of years was engaged in the brick manufacturing and draying business in the city of Reading, passed away in that city, in 1878. Mr. Stroud was born Dec. 2, 1818, and received his education in the common schools. He worked his way up from a humble start, accumulating through honest methods a handsome competency. His brick yard was located on a property owned by Mrs. High, near where Simon Kline's brick yard is now located. Mr. Stroud was noted for his moral habits and his honesty and generosity. He was averse to liquor in any form, and used but sparingly of tobacco.

In 1844 Mr. Stroud was married to Susan Hettrick, who was born Aug. 20, 1820, daughter of Henry Hettrick, and the following children were born to this union: Catherine, wife of Penrose Brownbeek; Albert; Clara; Charles, deceased; Emily, Alice; Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Stroud were members of the Lutheran Church. In his political belief Mr. Stroud was a Democrat, but was not a radical, voting rather for the man than the party. He was a great lover of home and family, and had few or no connections with fraternal or secret societies. Mr. Stroud was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. Mrs. Stroud died Aug. 12, 1907.

BAER. Most of the Baers of Berks and Lehigh counties, Pa., are descended from John, or Hans, Baer, who after landing at Philadelphia lived for a few years at Germantown. Before 1750 he settled in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county. His farm today is pointed out as the Kerschner farm, and lies about a mile south of Claussville. In 1750 the name of Hans Baer appears on the record of Ziegel's Church, as one of the builders of the first church edifice for that congregation. Hans Baer had four children: (1) John moved to Windsor township, Berks county, and his descendants live in Hamburg, Windsor, Perry and Bern townships. (2) Adam went a few miles northwest of his father's place, and in 1773 settled on a farm which has since been in the family name—over 130 years. He had twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. Of these Jonathan, the youngest, went to Whitehall, and had three sons—Jonas, John and Abraham (father of Osville Baer, of Schwenkville). Peter, eldest son of Adam, was familiarly known as "Red Peter" or "Peter the Red," and lived on the old homestead; he had six children—Benjamin; Joseph; David; Solomon; Polly and Hannah. Solomon had four children, and Joseph eight, and their descendants live in Lehigh county. David became a prosperous tanner and lived and died in Oley township, Berks county; he had ten children, of whom Benjamin the eldest obtained the homestead, and became the father of twelve children—William; Jonas; Levi; Edwin; Phaon; Peter; Charles; Eli; Julia; Sarah; Caroline and Eliza. William, eldest son of Benjamin, obtained the homestead, and in turn gave it to his son Peter, the present owner. This farm is situated three miles south of Seipstown, in what is known as Baer's Valley. William died about 1905, aged seventy-seven years. (3) Jacob. (4) Barbara married Henry Fetter, and lived in Allentown.

Jacob Baer, third son of Hans, obtained his father's farm, and also acquired several large tracts east of the Adam Baer farm. He was the owner of over 500 acres in all. He was the father of six sons and six daughters, and to each of the sons he gave a farm. These sons were: Jacob, who lived and died in Weisenburg township, Lehigh county; Daniel, who died in Weisenburg township, and was the father of John, of Rockland township, Berks county (who in turn had sixteen children); Henry, who moved to Luzerne county; John (or Hans) Adam; and two other sons.

John Adam Baer, son of Jacob, moved in 1812 to Maxatawny township, Berks county, on what is now known as the Hartman farm about a mile northeast of Kutztown. He was the father of ten children, namely: Jonathan; John; Peter; Charles; Solomon; Eva; Lydia; Betsy; Susanna, and Polly.

Jonathan Baer, son of John Adam, was born in Weisenburg township in 1796, and accompanied his father to Berks county, settling first in Maxatawny township. He then went to Albany township, Berks county, and lived at New Jerusalem Church, where he died in 1878, and is buried at Grimville Church. He was a farmer by occupation. He was six feet tall, and was very strong. For thirty-five years he held the office of constable. He married Catharine Mattern, who died advanced in years. They had four children: Eliza m. Levi Reppert; Charles; Henry lived in Greenwich, then Albany, and died in Windsor township; and Hettie (Esther) m. George Haring.

Charles Baer, son of Jonathan, was born Jan. 25, 1825, in Maxatawny township, and died on his farm in Albany township, near New Jerusalem Church, on Sept. 14, 1907, and was buried there, being a member of the Reformed congregation, and an elder for more than twenty years. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned a farm of sixty-two acres on which he made his home after 1869. He had many bees, and was very successful as an apiarist. In his young manhood he was of very fine appearance, standing six feet two inches in height, but in his later years he became stooped. His farm is now the property of his son, Jonathan. In 1886 he built the present good barn, and in 1895 the wagon shed. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it some

five years, but farming proved more attractive, and he began in Greenwich township, near Krumsville, and from there went to Kistler's Valley in 1860, and nine years later to his farm in Albany, where he died. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Judith Greenawalt, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Hummel) Greenawalt. She was born April 4, 1829, and died April 26, 1903. They had but one child, Jonathan.

JONATHAN BAER, son of Charles and Judith, was born in Greenwich township, Berks county, Oct. 4, 1850, and was educated in the common schools and in the Normal school at Kutztown. He was licensed to teach when fifteen years old, and taught his first two terms in Schuylkill county. Later he was examined in Berks county, by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner and Dr. S. A. Baer, county superintendents. He taught Fetherolf's school in Albany township for nine winters, in succession, and was very successful, relinquishing the school at the end of that time on account of ill health. In politics he is a well known Democrat. In 1871 he was elected assessor of Albany township, and served in that office for six years, after which he was out for six years, and again elected, serving twelve years in succession, and he became familiarly known as Assessor Baer. He was twice tax collector. He assisted his father on the farm, and studied at night, becoming one of the best educated men of the township. After his father's death the farm came into his possession, and it now consists of seventy-three acres. He raises annually about fifteen acres of potatoes.

In 1873 Mr. Baer married Catharine Greenawalt, daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Stump) Greenawalt, and they have one son, Charles A.

CHARLES A. BAER, son of Jonathan and Catharine, was born in Albany township, and received his education in the township schools and in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, graduating in 1901. He has taught school in Albany township since 1899. During the summer he works on his father's farm. In 1903 he married Mary Krause, daughter of Jacob Krause, of Albany township, and they have two daughters, Mabel J. and Helen C.

LUCIAN STOUDT, one of Alsace township's representative citizens, who in addition to carrying on farming and trucking is engaged in blacksmithing at Seidel's blacksmith shop, was born April 14, 1857, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, Pa., son of Henry Francis and Tillie (Reppert) Stoudt, and grandson of Reuben Stoudt.

Henry Francis Stoudt was reared in Maxatawny township, where he was married to Tillie Reppert, and to them the following children were born: John, who died in March, 1907, on Judge Stitzel's farm in Richmond township (m. Amanda Bear, and they had six children,—Jacob; Henry; John; George; Frederick and Annie); Hannah (m. Charles Golmoyer, resides in Reading and has four children,—Jacob, John, Asher and Llewellyn); Henry Francis (who died at Kutztown, Berks county, m. Katie Emore, and they had five children,—Harry, Bartolette, Francis, Lizzie and Annie); Oliver (who is engaged as an auctioneer at Bowers, m. Sallie Hilbert, and they have three children,—Franklin, William and Katie); Lucian; Daniel (a liquor agent of Allentown, married Katie Long and has two children,—Lillie and Daniel); and Louisa (m. William Kershner, a blacksmith of Macungie, has four children,—Amelia, William, Lillie and Louisa).

Lucian Stoudt was three years of age when his father died, and he was taken charge of by his sponsor, Lucian Ginger, who kept him until he was six years old, at which time he went to live with John Henning, and worked around the iron ore mines for some time. He subsequently learned blacksmithing, which he has followed to the present time, also engaging in trucking and farming. In 1873 he went with companions who had enlisted in the regular army, and although too young to shoulder a gun, went with them to Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Black Hills, and was for a time with Custer's army. He later joined Barnum's circus troupe, but finally returned to Berks county and settled down on a good farm at Seidel's blacksmith shop in Alsace township.

In 1877 Mr. Stoudt was married to Sarah Schmeck, daughter of John and Catherine (Schmeck) Schmeck, and eight children have been born to this union: Catherine (m. Samuel Schmeck, a trucker of Alsace township, has five children,—Harry; Helen; Frank; Clarence and Carrie); Ellsworth; John Lucian; Charles Edward; Henry Francis; Sallie; Ruth Bertie; Oliver Gruber and Lottie Ellen. In politics Mr. Stoudt is a Democrat, but he has never been an office seeker. The family attend the Reformed Church.

HENRY BERK is a farmer in Albany township, Berks county, where he was born June 8, 1847, son of Johan and Lydia (Wessner) Berk.

The Berk, Berck, or Berg family settled in Berks county in the very beginning of its history. The pioneer members of the family were Henry and Ludwig Berck, probably brothers, who located in Greenwich township. In 1759 the former paid four pounds tax, and the latter three pounds. In 1774 the taxable list of Greenwich township records the names of Henry Berck and Peter Berck. It appears that Ludwig had already died or removed from that township. The Federal census of 1790 records the following Berks for Greenwich township, as heads of families: Peter Berck, who had a son under sixteen years, a wife and three daughters; George Berck, who was married but had no children. In 1811 John Berk was a taxable of Greenwich township, and paid a tax of £1 5s. 4d. The Berks were among the Huguenot families who came to this country for religious freedom, and with the family bearing the name of Beli (now Bailey) settled in the same (Greenwich) township. Both families later moved to Albany township in the same county. One branch of the Berk family went to Ontelaunee, and of that line one member went to Cumru township, where today Charles Berg is well known.

David Berk, who died in Greenwich township in 1871, was survived by his wife Hannah and sons David and Nathan. His will is on record in Book 12, page 354.

Daniel Berck (as his name is spelled on his tombstone), grandfather of Henry, was born July 27, 1796, and died March 6, 1871, and is buried at New Jerusalem Church in Albany township. He owned the farm now the property of Charles Schollenberger. This was a large farm, and when Mr. Berck died it first became the property of his son Reuben. His wife was Sarah Billman, born Oct. 12, 1793, died May 28, 1869. they had seven children, and at their deaths twenty-nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Among their children were: Johan; Reuben, born 1821, died past sixty years of age, m. Lovina Knepper (who died in 1875, aged fifty-four years), and they lived in Albany township; Daniel B., born 1825, died 1884, lived in Albany township; Salome m. Jacob Reinhart.

Johan Berk, father of Henry, was born in Albany township June 5, 1818, and died March 30, 1883, and is buried at New Bethel Church. He was a farmer and owned the farm now owned by his son Henry, consisting of 153 acres. He built the present barn. He was a man well known in public affairs, and served as supervisor and school director, and he was an official of the New Bethel Church. He married Lydia Wessner, born May 27, 1817, daughter of Johannes Wessner; she died May 18, 1882. Eight children were born to this union as follows: Elias is married and lives with his brother Henry; Daniel lived in West Penn township, Schuylkill county; Jacob lives in Albany township; Henry; Fianna m. David Komp; John lives in West Penn township, Schuylkill county; Adam, a farmer at Eckville, in Albany township, married Sarah J. Merkel, daughter of Abraham and Leah (Follweiler) Merkel, and she died in 1898, the mother of eight children—Katie V. (deceased), J. Oscar (deceased), M. Vara, Clara I., William H., Ralph A., Frances A. and Robert J. (deceased); and Joel lives in West Penn township, Schuylkill county.

Henry Berk obtained but a limited education as his winters were spent in chopping cord wood for his father, for whom he worked until he was twenty-five years of age. He was then married and began farming in Albany Corner, on land which he still owns though it is tenanted by his son-in-law, George Schroeder. Here he lived many years and at present is making his home on a tract of thirty acres adjoining, where he erected all the buildings except the house, which was built in the early fifties by Michael Hendricks. Mr. Berk also owns a farm of 180 acres in Albany township, known as the George Schwenk homestead. This came into his possession about 1898, and is now cultivated by his son J. Francis. He is one of the substantial men of the township. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served as delegate to county conventions. He and his family are Reformed members of New Bethel Church, of which he was deacon and elder for many years.

Mr. Berk married Mary S. Lutz, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Bailey) Lutz, and six children were born to them: J. Francis, a farmer in Albany, m. Jane Nester, and has five children—Maud, Katie, Edna, Charles and Lillian; William died in infancy; James, employed by M. C. Dietrich, at Kempton, m. Annie Schroeder (no children); Sarah was buried on her second birthday; Walter J., of Albany township, m. Rosa Maury, and has three children—Carrie, George and Clarence; and Nevada M. m. George Schroeder, and they live on Mr. Berk's farm in Albany township (no children).

LEVI W. RITZMAN, the leading general merchant of Strausstown, Berks county, is also one of the most prominent men in his locality, having for years been a worker in the Democratic party, the holder of various local offices and an active man in fraternal and church life.

Mr. Ritzman's great-grandfather, Michael Ritzman, lived above Bernville, near Rehrersburg, where he had a small farm, upon which he ran a distillery. His son Jacob, the grandfather of Levi W. Ritzman, was likewise a farmer near Rehrersburg, where he died, and he is buried at the old Rehrersburg Lutheran Church. He married Barbara Sheaffer, and to them were born children as follows: George; Jacob; Lydia, who married William Keener; Elizabeth, who is living at Strausstown; and Selesia, living at Rehrersburg.

Jacob Ritzman, son of Jacob, was born Feb. 4, 1825, and was a farmer in Upper Tulpehocken township, owning the farm about two miles from Strausstown upon which the well-known Indian fort was built; it was used for protection against the Indians. He married Sarah Wagner, born May 18, 1823, died Oct. 1, 1889, and Mr. Ritzman passed away Nov. 14, 1873. They are both buried at the Zion's (Blue Mountain) Church. They were the parents of six children: Nicholas, who is living in Reading, Pa.; W. W., also of Reading; Levi W.; Abraham W., a resident of Shartlesville; Israel W., of Reading; and Hannah W., wife of Aaron F. Henne, of Strausstown.

Levi W. Ritzman was born March 29, 1854, in Jefferson township, Berks county, and there attended the public schools, remaining with his father until he was seventeen years old. While at home he assisted with the farm work, and later began clerking for S. W. Lesher, at Schaefferstown, with whom he remained two years. His next employer was S. B. Kantner, at Strausstown, for whom he clerked until he bought out the establishment, in 1878. Here he has built up a thriving business, now having the largest general store in the town, where he carries a complete stock of goods in common demand in his section. He is an enterprising man, honorable in his dealings, and has the confidence and support of the community.

Mr. Ritzman is a faithful Democrat in political opinion, and he has been active in the party for many years, was committeeman for twelve years, and has been a delegate to numerous county and State conventions. He served three years as auditor of his township, and has served the same length of time as school director; he was assessor for six years, and in 1902 was a candidate for county commissioner, but withdrew in favor of a friend in his part of the county. He is an honored member of various fraternal organizations, belonging to Williamson Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, No. 237, Reading; Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., Reading, Pa.; Strausstown Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F. (charter member); Lodge No. 289, Daughters of Rebekah (charter member); Camp No. 133, P. O. S. of A., at Shartlesville; and Tulpehocken Castle, No. 133, K. G. E. (charter member). Mr. Ritzman is a Lutheran in religious faith, and he has been an earnest worker in his church, which he has served as deacon and elder and for nine years as treasurer.

Mr. Ritzman married Kate S. Burkhart, daughter of Enoch Burkhart and a member of a well-known Berks county family, of Bernville, Pa., and they have had a family of seven children, four of whom died young. The survivors are: Bertha M., who is the wife of Charles T Barnett, a barber at No. 209 Penn street, Reading, and they have a daughter, Beulah Barbara; Orson Nevin taught four terms school in Upper Tulpehocken township, and is now employed as instructor in the Ovens School, Pottsville, Pa.; Rhoda May is teaching public school in Upper Tulpehocken township.

DAVID S. WOLFE, one of the leading business men of Perry township, Berks county, Pa., who is junior member of the firm of William Wolfe & Son, manufacturers of underwear at Shoemakersville, was born in this village, Sept. 28, 1863.

Samuel Wolfe, the grandfather of David S., was born in 1800 in Lancaster county, but removed to Berks county at an early age and settled in Windsor township, where he carried on farming. He married Catherine Sieger of the same township and died in 1835, while she, who was born in 1801, passed away in 1889. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, namely: Lydia m. William Madeira; John m. Matilda Hoffman; one son m. a Miss Jacoby, and moved West; William, the father of David S., and David who died when twenty-one years of age.

William Wolfe was born at Shoemakersville in 1835, and has spent his entire life in this village. In 1860 he married Rebecca Sullenberger, and their children are as follows: David; Solomon m. Catherine Kerchner; Mahlon, who lost his life on the railroad when sixteen years of age; William, who was a practicing physician of Fleetwood borough, died in 1902, leaving a widow, Anna Warmkessel; Elizabeth; Cora m. Charles Sunday; Hermie; Annie; and Maude, whose death occurred in young womanhood.

David S. Wolfe was educated in the local schools, and when but ten years of age engaged in boating, first driving a team on the tow-path and gradually advancing, until, after the lapse of twelve years, he operated a boat for himself. Upon reaching his majority he determined to fit himself for a commercial life, and attended the Business College at Poughkeepsie during the winter of 1884-85. He abandoned boating on the Schuylkill Canal in 1886 and entered the employ of the Reading Hardware Company as clerk, continuing with this company until 1892, and then, becoming ambitious to carry on business for himself, he began the manufacture of brushes at Shoemakersville. This he conducted successfully for two years, selling his product to store-keepers in the Schuylkill Valley.

With this experience at clerking and manufacturing, Mr. Wolfe felt qualified to engage in a more extensive enterprise and, with his father as partner, established at Shoemakersville in 1894, a large two-story frame factory for the manufacture of underwear, under the firm name of William Wolfe & Son. They have continued to the present time with unqualified success. Starting with fifteen hands, the business has so increased that they now employ from forty to seventy, according to the condition of trade. The plant is known as the Globe Knitting Mills.

Mr. Wolfe from the beginning of his business career has taken an active interest in the welfare of his native

village, and along this line he encouraged the establishment of the Board of Trade, which has been instrumental in developing the manufactures, wealth and population of the village. He associated with D. W. Rubright in founding the Globe Dye and Bleach Works, near Shoemakersville, and has assisted in its management until the present time, being half owner of the plant. He is one of the directors of the Hamburg Savings Bank, and also of the Commercial Trust Company, of Reading. In 1900 Mr. Wolfe was appointed committeeman on the Republican ticket, for the township, and has acceptably filled this position to the present time. In 1905 he was elected a school director of Perry township, a position he is now holding. Mr. Wolfe erected, in 1903, a two-story, light sandstone dwelling on an elevated lot opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad station, this being the handsomest dwelling in Shoemakersville, and an ornament to the town.

Mr. Wolfe was married in 1886 to Anna Unger (daughter of Isaac Unger of Shoemakersville), who died in 1902, leaving four children,—Raymond; George; Charles and Pearl Irene. Mrs. Wolfe was a thoroughly educated woman, recognized for her many accomplishments. She had taken a great interest in educational matters, and for three years prior to her marriage had taught school at Shoemakersville and Birdsboro.

JAMES D. REESER, who is successfully conducting the "Hotel Reeser," at Bernville, Pa., was born in Maiden-creek township, June 1, 1872, son of Benneville and Mary (DeTurk) Reeser.

William Reeser, his grandfather, lived in Maiden-creek township, where he owned about 300 acres of valuable land, and where his death occurred. He married a Miss Kistler, and they had children as follows: John, living in the West; Sarah, m. to a Mr. Willits; Kate, m. to a Mr. Ebling; Benneville; Jacob, who died in San Francisco, California; William, who died in Ohio; and James, who died in Maiden-creek township. Benneville Reeser was born in 1841, and died in 1891. He was buried in Becker's churchyard, Richmond township. He had spent his life in agricultural pursuits in Maiden-creek township. Mr. Reeser married Mary DeTurk, daughter of Charles DeTurk, of Richmond township, and they had these children: Hettie m. David Schroeder, of Reading; James D.; Mary died, unmarried, in 1907; Charles is a baker in Penn township; Nora m. Albert Gibson, of Reading; Katie m. Orlando Moll, and died in 1907; John died aged ten years.

James D. Reeser attended the public schools of Richmond and Maiden-creek townships, and in his youth learned the baking business, which he followed for a period of fifteen years, conducting the Bernville Bakery very successfully for eight years. This, however, he sold to his brother, Charles, and purchased his present hotel property, then an old log building on the Penn township line, borough of Bernville. In 1901 he replaced the old building with a fine brick structure, three stories high, 50x50 feet in dimensions, with twenty-nine rooms. He has fine grounds and all sorts of amusement facilities, and his place is very popular and well patronized. In addition to his hotel property, Mr. Reeser owns a bakery building, 12x25 feet, as well as a farm of forty-five acres, the old Kerchner property. Mr. Reeser is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of North Heidelberg township. He is treasurer of Penn township, served as school director one term, and has held various other offices of public trust. He is treasurer of the Bernville Baseball Club, and is fraternally connected with Bernville Lodge, No. 122, I. O. O. F., Camp No. 99, P. O. S. of A., Wernersville, and Bernville Commandery, of which he is treasurer. His friends are legion, and he is known throughout this section of the county as a man whose word is as good as his bond, and upon whom confidence can be placed.

On July 14, 1894, Mr. Reeser married Eva Gerhart, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lamm) Gerhart, and to this union have been born two children: W. Raymond and Elizabeth.

WILLIAM S. MONIER, a retired merchant of Reading, whose death occurred May 13, 1909, came from one of the oldest families in the city, and his ancestry can be traced back still farther to a family well known in French history before the settlement of America.

The paternal grandfather, Daniel Monier, lived and died in Reading, a cooper by trade. His wife had the name of Mary Phillippi, and while born in the same city, was descended from the famous Phillippi family. Their son, Henry W. Monier, born in Reading, passed his life there engaged in business as a contracting plasterer. He died in 1900, aged seventy-four. He married Mary A. Holloway, who died in 1884, aged eighty-four. She was a daughter of Samuel Holloway, a farmer of Amityville, Berks county. Their five children were: Henry A., who died at the age of nine years; Emily A., who died aged four years; Margaret H., Mrs. H. V. Bartlett, who died aged thirty-four; Mary A., wife of Rev. W. O. Cornman, who died when she was fifty-two years of age; and William S.

William S. Monier was born in Reading, July 18, 1839. His early education was acquired in the Reading public schools, and he later attended a boarding school at Amityville. When he reached an age to begin his active career in the world, he started as a machinist, but after working at that trade for a year, he went to Carlisle and learned carpentry, following that occupation until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in 1861 at the Carlisle Barracks as a private in the 4th U. S. Cavalry. He was one of the body guard for General Sherman, General Buell and General Rosencrans, and participated in all the battles of the Cumberland division up to that at Chickamauga, seeing nineteen months service in all. When his term of enlistment expired, Mr. Monier returned to Reading and became a clerk in the office of the collector of internal revenue remaining there till the collectorship was abolished. His next business enterprise was the establishment of a confectionery store, which he conducted for six years. After closing that out he entered the service of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for four years and then was employed for twelve or thirteen with the Consumer's Gas Company, at Reading. This ended his active business life, as on severing his connections with the company May 1, 1905, he retired to private life.

Mr. Monier was for a number of years prominent in politics, and for a time represented the city in the council. For four years he held a seat in the select council, representing the fourth ward, and he also served two terms in the common council, from the fifth ward. While serving in these capacities, he formulated and proposed all the ordinances which gave the Pennsylvania Railroad Company the right of way through Reading.

The first union contracted by Mr. Monier was to Mary H., the daughter of William T. Young, a prominent shoe manufacturer of Allentown. She died in 1882. They had six children: Mabel H. deceased, m. to Irwin Trego; Emily R., deceased; Harry Y., at Bethlehem; W. R., clerk at the Crystal Palace in Reading; Edward M., a merchant in Trenton, N. J.; and Howard R., of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. In 1894 Mr. Monier married Miss Mary V. Frick, the daughter of Elhannan Frick, of Chester county. She too died, passing away March 28, 1905, aged forty-eight years.

Mr. Monier was for many years a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and was one of its active supporters and workers. He was a member of McLean Post, No. 16, G. A. R. He was a man of much ability, who had attained a very gratifying amount of

success in life and many friends mourn his loss. Mr. Monier was borne to his last resting place in Charles Evans Cemetery by members of the G. A. R. and he was covered by the flag which in his young manhood he had risked his life to defend.

REVEREND J. HALLER VON NIEDA, former pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle at No. 1003 Franklin street, died April 5, 1908. He was a well-known Berks county undenominational church worker, and was born Dec. 14, 1860, near Fritztown, Berks county, Pa., son of Philip and Annie (Haller) Von Nieda, natives of this section.

J. H. Von Nieda received his early education in the schools of Berks county, and for four years attended Lebanon Valley College, at Danville. He was licensed while at school, at the age of nineteen years commencing to preach, which he continued for six years and returned to college, where he remained for one year. His first charge was the United Brethren Church at Rayville, Md., where he remained for one year, afterward preaching in Halifax, Pa., for sixteen months, followed by three years at Lykenstown, and one year at Shamokin. After his year's work at college he took charge of the United Brethren Church in Reading, May 12, 1889, to finish the unexpired term of Rev. Job Light, after which the Conference retained him five successive terms of one year each. He was then returned to the First United Brethren Church in Lebanon, and after doing evangelistic work for one year, returned to Reading and for two years labored at Zion United Brethren Church. Rev. Mr. Von Nieda then retired from that denomination and for two years preached the Gospel independently, when he began the establishment of Gospel Tabernacle, which was completed in 1901. He was an earnest worker, beloved by his congregation and respected by all.

Rev. Mr. Von Nieda married July 10, 1883, Mollie R. Richard, and to them there were born two children: Mary H., who died aged nine months; and Philip D., born Dec. 14, 1885, and has charge of the wireless station at Culebra Islands, in the United States Navy service.

RISHEL. William Rishel, who passed all of his life in Jefferson township, Berks county, was born there in 1823. He died in 1908 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Stoudt. Until his retirement in 1899 he conducted a fifty-acre farm. He was a Democrat in politics, and served the township for a number of years as school director and supervisor. He was a member of St. Thomas Reformed Church, which he had served in an official capacity. Mr. Rishel married Maria Wenrich, daughter of Hon. Paul Wenrich, of Jefferson township, and five children were born to them: Rebecca m. William F. Heckler; William P.; Sarah M., unmarried, lives in Philadelphia; James I.; and Clara E. m. George Stoudt, of Shartlesville, Berks county.

William P. Rishel, J. P. of Centre township, was born in Jefferson township, on the old homestead, Jan. 6, 1851. He attended the township schools, Bernville Academy, the Keystone State Normal School (at Kutztown) and Palatinate College at Myerstown, receiving a thorough education, which well fitted him for the teacher's profession. He was engaged in teaching in all thirty-five terms, in Jefferson township, Centre township (for twenty years) and Centreport, at which place he taught the borough school for six terms. This was his last school, and he retired in 1906 with a record of successful work of which he may well feel proud. Mr. Rishel owns fifteen acres of land near Centreport, and there he resides. He is a well-known man in his district, and still retains the interest in educational affairs which such a veteran teacher would naturally feel. He served many years as auditor of his township, and in 1886 was elected justice of the peace of Centre township, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a Democrat.

Mr. Rishel married Sarah Y. Christ, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Yoder) Christ, and to them have been born two children: Sallie V. m. C. K. Miller, of Centreport; Delilah F. m. Melvin N. Miller, of Centre township.

Mr. Rishel is a member of St. Michael's Reformed Church. He belongs to Leesport Castle, K. G. E., and to the P. O. S. of A., which latter he has served many years as financial secretary.

James I. Rishel, a confectioner of West Reading borough, was born in Jefferson township, where he received his early education in the township schools. Later he attended the Bernville high school and the Keystone State Normal School, after which he was licensed to teach by the late Prof. D. B. Brunner, and he engaged in teaching for four successive years. He first taught in Centre township, at the Kauffman school-house, and for the following three terms was engaged in his native district. When twenty-six years old he moved to Reading, where he engaged in the shoe business, which he continued for fifteen years, doing custom work, of which he made a specialty, having a large trade. His store was at No. 514 South Sixth street. He sold out his business on account of failing health, and then became an insurance solicitor for the Prudential Insurance Company, following it for some four years. Since 1903 he has been associated with the Grand Union Tea Company as salesman.

Since 1888 Mr. Rishel has made his home in Spring township, in that year having erected his comfortable residence at Nos. 518-520 Penn avenue. He has been actively identified with all the progressive movements of his town and when the question of incorporating the borough of West Reading was being agitated he was one of its heartiest advocates. Upon the organization he was chosen school director by a flattering support and his interest in this branch of the public administration has made his services valuable. He served Spring township for three years as school director when it had twenty-seven schools, and during his term the Spring township high school was established and the eight-room building erected; his name appears upon the large marble slab set into the front wall of the fine building, among those of the other directors serving at the time. He was secretary of the board for two years. In politics Mr. Rishel is a stanch Democrat, and he takes an interest in promoting the success of his party. Socially he is connected with Fraternity Castle, No. 302, K. G. E. (of which he is a past master), of Reading, and Lodge No. 660, I. O. O. F., of Sinking Spring.

Mr. Rishel married Miss Amelia Winters, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth (Gring) Winters and granddaughter of Jacob and Sarah (Rahn) Winters. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rishel, three sons and one daughter, namely: William W., J. George, Elmer J. and Elsie M.

REIFF. The Reiff family has long been known in Berks county, and each generation has presented good, substantial citizens, whose industrious and useful lives have been of benefit to their various communities. The name was worthily borne by the late Charles Reiff and in the present day by his nephew, Lot W. Reiff, deputy clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Berks county.

(I) Conrad Reiff, a pioneer of the county, settled in Oley township, prior to the organization of the county in 1752. He became a large land owner in the western end of the township, and he died in 1877, the year he made his last will and testament, which is on record in Will Book 2, p. 300. This will was proved May 22, 1777, and the executors were his son, Daniel and his friend, Daniel Hunter. His wife, Anna Margaretha, survived him. The will mentions but two sons, Philip and Daniel. In 1759 Conrad Reiff and his two sons paid the largest federal tax paid in Oley township, paying 100 pounds. Tradition says Conrad Reiff was

buried on the farm (late the property of Charles Reiff), in the yard near the east side of the implement shed. No tombstone marks his grave, but a rough field stone stands there.

(II) Daniel Reiff, son of Conrad, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and was a man of prominence in public affairs. He died prior to 1813, and is probably buried on the Reiff homestead, or in the "flat" along the trolley road, south of the upper station at Friedensburg. The will of his widow, Catharine, is on record in Will Book D, p. 261, of which her son, Conrad, was sole executor. She had a son-in-law, Samuel Hottenstein, and her grandsons, Daniel and Jacob Reiff shared largely in her bequests. Her will was made in 1813, and probated Nov. 20, 1820.

(III) Conrad Reiff, son of Daniel and Catharine, was born Nov. 24, 1764, and died Feb. 23, 1838, aged seventy-three years, two months and twenty-nine days. In 1789 he married Elizabeth Hoch, born Jan. 12, 1766, and died Oct. 10, 1843, aged seventy-seven years, eight months, twenty-eight days, and both are buried in a private burial ground on the hill of the original homestead. Conrad Reiff was a farmer and blacksmith. He owned 400 acres of land, since divided into three tracts. He was a wealthy man for the time. He adhered to no particular religious faith. His children were: Jacob; Daniel; Maricha, who married Daniel Kemp; and Betty, who married (first) a Mr. Guldin, and (second) a Mr. Bertolet.

(IV) Jacob Reiff, son of Conrad, was born on the old farm March 15, 1792, and he died Dec. 20, 1879, aged eighty-seven years, nine months and five days. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also carried on farming on an extensive scale. He owned the farm which became the property of his son, Charles, and also a farm of more than one hundred acres a little to the west. He married Sarah Hoch, born May 24, 1798, died Jan. 20, 1852, aged fifty-three years, seven months, twenty-six days. Their marriage took place Dec. 28, 1817, and was blessed by the following children: Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1819; Isaac, March 18, 1820; Hannah, Nov. 13, 1821; Lewis, Jan. 29, 1824 (died Oct. 19, 1851); William, Aug. 18, 1825 (died Aug. 23, 1869); Maria C. Oct. 6, 1827; Sarah, March 8, 1829; Charles, Jan. 6, 1831; Amelia, Nov. 8, 1832 (died 1894); Rebecca, Aug. 15, 1834; and Daniel, Oct. 26, 1836.

(V) Charles Reiff, son of Jacob, lived on the farm near Friedensburg, where he was born Jan. 6, 1831. He died March 13, 1909. He worked for his father until he was thirty-five years of age, and then began for himself, on a part of the homestead, there continuing until his death. He owned a fine farm of 170 acres, and was one of the heavy tax payers of Oley township. He was prominent in public affairs and took a good citizen's interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his town and county. He served as school director for three years and as auditor for a like period. His family are Lutheran members of Friedensburg Church, of which Mr. Reiff had been deacon and elder. He was a trustee of the building committee, that erected the present church edifice in 1883.

On Jan. 27, 1872, Mr. Reiff was married to Hannah C. Angstadt, daughter of Aaron Angstadt. Their children were: Daniel, born March 29, 1873; Minnie, who married Charles Heilig; William, born Aug. 29, 1875; Sarah, who married Oscar Schaeffer; Aaron, born Aug. 27, 1878; Amanda, born 1879, and died 1882; Jacob, born Nov. 3, 1881; Emma; and Hannah. Mr. Reiff served for nine months in the Civil war as a member of Company C, 167th Pa. Vol. Infantry.

(VI) William Reiff, son of Charles, is a great hunter, and with others of Oley township, takes annual trips to different parts of the State for big game. He is a leader in his success in this line, and is noted as a marksman.

(V) Isaac Reiff, son of Jacob, was born March 18, 1820, on the old Reiff homestead, and there died in 1888, aged sixty-eight years. He married Caroline Widener, and they had eleven children, among whom were: Samuel W., of Reading; Lewis, a farmer of Oley township; Milton W., a contractor at Reading; Ada, wife of Dr. Frank Hartzog, of Oley; Mrs. Calentine Hartman; Albert and John died in youth; Jacob died from sunstroke while home on his summer vacation, at the time of his death being a student at the Kutztown State Normal School; Alvin died in 1904, aged forty-six years; and Lot W.

(VI) Lot W. Reiff, son of Isaac, is a prominent public man of Berks county. He was born in Oley township, Berks county, Feb. 12, 1863, was educated in the public schools, Oley Academy, and Kutztown State Normal School, and has taught school for sixteen terms. He is a Democrat, served as township school director; member of the county standing committee; was delegate to the Democratic State Convention in 1890, 1898, 1899, and 1908, and was a presidential elector in 1900; was elected to the House of Representatives in 1898, and re-elected in November, 1900. While still serving as a legislator in 1901, he was appointed by Clerk of Courts, Jacob B. Esser, as Deputy Clerk of Quarter Sessions, and was re-appointed under the administration of Peter S. Hall, and Samuel T. Bordner. He was Deputy County Treasurer under Henry H. Fry from 1906-1908. Mr. Reiff has been the political leader of Berks county since 1904, and is the most shrewd politician Berks county ever produced. He has a wide acquaintance and his political influence is undisputed.

Mr. Reiff is the efficient secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berks county, which institution was organized in 1845; and he in 1893 was prominent in the organization of the Schuylkill Valley Mutual Wind, Storm and Lightning Insurance Company of Berks county, of which he is now secretary. Mr. Reiff is an extensive property owner of the county.

Fraternally he belongs to the following bodies: The Knights of the Golden Eagle of Manatawny; the P. O. S. of A. of Oley Line; the Order of Red Men; Oley Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F.; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 66, the latter two are of Reading.

In July, 1893, Mr. Reiff was married to Deborah Baer, and they have two children, Guy and Esther. The family worship in the Lutheran Church at Friedensburg.

JACKSON J. CLOSE, a representative of one of Exeter township's old families, whose history can be clearly traced to one of Berks county's pioneer settlers, is well and favorably known all through the section where almost his entire life, thus far, has been spent. He is a son of Isaac W. and Catherine O. (Jackson) Close, and was born in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct 5, 1873.

In former days the name was variously spelled Klohs, Klos, Kloos and Kloss, which have been anglicized into Close in the later generations, and is now universally written in that way. The first family record is of Thomas Kloos, who, with his wife Margaret, formerly lived in Brechkehel, Hanau, Germany. Whether he died enroute to America, or whether he died soon after coming to this country, or whether he was killed by the Indians after landing, is unproved. His widow made a will which was probated Feb. 10, 1773, and is on record in Will Book 2, page 123. This document mentions the following children: John, Katherine, Maria Katherine, Elizabeth and Henry. Mrs. Margaret Kloos, widow of Thomas, was of Bern township, Berks county, where she owned property.

John, or Johannes, Kloos, eldest son of Thomas and Margaret, was born in Germany, Dec. 6, 1723, and died Sept. 21, 1795, in Alsace township, Berks county, where he owned a large farm. He was buried at Alsace Church, as was also his wife, Maria Barbara Strauss, whom he married June 2, 1754. She was born Nov. 16, 1735, daughter of Albrecht Strauss, and died Dec. 1, 1812. They had ten children, but the names of only nine are

recorded: Maria Elizabeth, born April 13, 1755, m. Abraham Schneider; John, born Feb. 11, 1757, died young; Maria Barbara, born June 27, 1759, m. April 8, 1783, John Adam Spengler, son of Georg Christoph and Maria Catherine Spengler; Maria Christina, born Nov. 3, 1761, died Aug. 3, 1823, m. Conrad Schoep (also spelled Shepp), who was a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary war; Maria Catherine, born Nov. 6, 1763, m. Wilhelm Diehm, a soldier in the Revolutionary war; Maria Magdalena m. Feb. 9, 1794, Philip Huert (now spelled Huyett); Anna Margaret, born Aug. 26, 1766, died Sept. 27, 1792, m. Dec. 1, 1789, John Spangler; Anna Maria, born Feb. 26, 1769; and Jacob, born Sept. 12, 1771, died Jan. 30, 1849, married (first) Nov. 23, 1790, Magdalena Baum (1768-1831), had ten children (Catherine, Benjamin, Mary, Barbara, John, Catherine, Jacob, Elizabeth, Henry and Rebecca), and m. (second) Nov. 18, 1834, Catherine (Siegfried) Levan.

Heinrich (or Henry) Close, son of Thomas and Margaret and great-grandfather of Jackson J. Close, was a farmer in Exeter township and when he made his last will and testament, in 1814, he left a large estate. To his wife Catherine he gave especially: "12 bushels of rye; 6 bushels of wheat; 100 pounds of pork; 50 pounds of beef; 10 pounds of flax and 7 pounds and 10 shillings in money, annually." His children bore the following names: Barbara, Christiana, Elizabeth, Hannah, Eve, Susanna, Absalom, Jacob, John and Isaac. His large estate contained, besides an old barn and provision for a new one, two dwelling houses. This will was probated Aug. 12, 1815, and is on record in Book D, page 130.

Isaac Close, son of Henry and grandfather of Jackson J., was born June 4, 1788, and died Dec. 31, 1827, aged thirty-nine years, six months and twenty-seven days, and is buried at Schwartzwald Church. His wife was Susanna Wagner, and their children were: Rebecca, Solomon, Henry, Isaac W., Henrietta and Mary.

Isaac W. Close, son of Isaac and father of Jackson J. Close, was born Sept. 20, 1821, on the old Close homestead, Stonetown, Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. During his active years he carried on farming on his farm of eighty-eight acres, about one and one-half miles south of Jacksonwald. About twelve years ago he retired and now resides at Jacksonwald. For some years prior to the establishment of the railways, he drove a team between Exeter township and Philadelphia, conveying grain and farm produce to that city and bringing back freight for farmers. In politics he is a Democrat. With his family he belongs to the Reformed congregation of the Schwartzwald Church. For many years he was the treasurer of the Schwartzwald Cemetery Association. He was married (first) in 1848 to Harriet O. Jackson, who died in 1853. They had the following children: Jacob J., who was born Dec. 26, 1849, m. Annie Weidner; Susanna J., born Sept. 15, 1851, m. Isaac A. Schaeffer; and Harriet J., born March 20, 1853, is unmarried. Mr. Close was married (second) in 1858 to Catherine O. Jackson, a daughter of Jacob Jackson, and the following children were born to the second union: Clarissa J., born Feb. 26, 1859; Washington J., Sept. 7, 1860 (m. Elizabeth Gabriel); Catherine J., July 28, 1862 (died Feb. 4, 1884); Isaac J., March 20, 1864 (m. Clara Gechter); Daniel J., March 7, 1866 (died March 1, 1867); Andrew J., Sept. 18, 1867; Henry J., Dec. 4, 1869; Amelia J., Feb. 21, 1872 (died Feb. 4, 1900); Jackson J., Oct. 5, 1873; and Annie J., Oct. 12, 1876 (died Feb. 6, 1878).

Jackson J. Close obtained his early intellectual training in the public schools of his native township and later attended Brunner's Scientific Academy and Stoner's Interstate Commercial College in Reading, Pa., and Perkiomen Seminary, at Pennsburg. In the fall of 1897 he began to teach, and followed that profession with increasing success for some years. His first school was the Green Tree, in Exeter township, where he remained one term, and taught the following term at Alleghenyville, in Brecknock township. During the succeeding four years he taught in Exeter township, after which he turned his attention to the insurance business, for one year being a solicitor for the Metropolitan Insurance Company in Reading. Since the spring of 1905, he has held a traveling position with the firm of Gately & Brennan, Reading. Mr. Close looks back upon his period of school teaching as a pleasant part of his life, being licensed by county superintendent E. M. Rapp. Until he was twenty-one years of age, he assisted on the home farm. He is thus well equipped for different careers and enjoys the reputation for honesty and ability which is a valuable asset to any man.

Mr. Close is a member of Schwartzwald Reformed Church, and since 1907, has been secretary of the church council. He is active in the Jacksonwald Union Sunday-school, being its present assistant superintendent, and formerly was librarian and secretary. He has always adhered to the Democratic party, and is in close contact with the party leaders in his community. He has served in the office of judge of election, on numerous occasions, and in the spring of 1906, he was elected a member of the Exeter school board for three years, and was re-elected in the spring of 1909 for a second term, and is now serving as secretary of the board. Fraternally he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 230, P. O. S. of A., in St. Lawrence, Pa.; and Lincoln Chamber, Knights of Friendship, No. 36, in Reading.

HON. THOMAS J. R. HOUCK, former member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature and one of Berks county's most prominent citizens, is a resident of Colebrookdale township, where he was born Nov. 18, 1870. His parents were Urias G. and Mary (Ritter) Houck.

The Houcks are one of the old and substantial families of Lower Berks county. John Hauck (as the great-great-grandfather of Thomas J. R. Houck wrote his name) was a taxable resident of Earl township, Berks county, as early as 1782. His numerous posterity is now widely scattered, many, however, remaining in Berks county, and in 1908 forty-three were registered in the city of Reading. The name is variously spelled Hauck, Hawk and Hoak, but its representatives here are of common origin.

Jacob Houck, son of John and great-grandfather of Hon. Thomas J. R., owned a small farm in Earl township, which he bought in 1845. He died there about 1860 and is buried at the Hill Church. He married Maricha Minninger, and to them were born the following children: Samuel lived in Oley township; Amos is mentioned below; David lived in Amity township; Abraham lived in Oley; Benjamin lived in Rockland; William lived in the northern part of Montgomery county; Betsey, Mary and Sally all married men by the name of Weller, who, however, were not brothers.

Amos Houck, grandfather of Hon. Thomas J. R., was born in Earl township March 10, 1810, and died at Gabelsville, in Colebrookdale township, in June, 1894, aged eighty-four years. Early in life he conducted the old Gabel mill which stood a short distance above the present one, but later became a farmer. He is buried at Boyertown. On May 29, 1839, he married Hannah Gabel, daughter of Jacob Gabel, of Colebrookdale township, and they had the following children: Edwin G.; Urias G.; Emeline, deceased, wife of Jefferson Fraunheiser; Mary, wife of Ephraim Leh; Aaron, residing on the homestead; Ammon, residing in Colebrookdale; and Jacob, residing in Philadelphia. The eldest son, Edwin G., was born June 27, 1844. He taught six terms of school in Colebrookdale township, later engaged for twenty-three years in farming his father-in-law's property, and in 1902 retired to his own farm of twenty-one acres, at New Berlinville. He married Mary Wesner, and they had three children: Edgar, Lizzie and Barbara, the last named dying in infancy.

Urias G. Houck, father of Hon. Thomas J. R., was born Oct. 3, 1846, in Colebrookdale township, where he died Nov. 14, 1901, aged fifty-five years, one month, eleven days; he was laid to rest in the family plot at Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. In early manhood he taught three terms of school, one term in Shanesville and two at Houck's school, after which he engaged in farming and also was proprietor of what is now Leaver's coal-yard,

at Boyertown. He then came to New Berlinville, where he secured the first license to operate a hotel and conducted a public house for four years. He then turned his attention to farming and cattle-dealing. He lived on a ninety-acre farm which he had bought from the William Henry heirs, and he owned a second farm, near New Berlinville, containing twenty-five acres, which was known as the Rev. William Engel farm. In politics he was a Democrat, and at one time he was a candidate for the office of director of the county poor. For a number of terms he served as school director, and at the time of his death was serving in the office of assessor of Colebrookdale township, which he had filled for nine years. He was a substantial, reliable citizen, led a useful life, and his memory is honored. In the work of church and Sunday-school he was ever active, being a leading member of the Hill Lutheran Church and superintendent of several Sunday-schools. He married Mary Ritter, born July 9, 1852, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Moser) Ritter, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Rosa (died in infancy), Thomas J. R., Allen, and Laura (m. Randolph A. Henry, business partner of Mr. Houck). The mother makes her home with her daughter.

Thomas J. R. Houck is a representative of the younger element in public life from which is recruited so largely the enterprise and energy that have brought about the supremacy of America as a nation. His educational advantages were those enjoyed in the common schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, and after his graduation in 1893, he began to teach school in his native township. He was recognized as a capable instructor, and as the calling was a congenial one he continued in this line, teaching one term in Colebrookdale township, one in Amity township, two in the borough of Bechtelsville, one at Perkiomen Seminary (this being in 1897), and was then elected principal of the Pennsburg schools in Montgomery county, where he taught one term. Following this he accepted the office of principal of the Womelsdorf high school, where he taught one term, and was then elected by the Boyertown school board as a grammar school instructor for one year and as principal the second year.

In November, 1902, Mr. Houck was elected a member of the State Legislature and served very creditably for two terms, 1903-04 and 1905-06, having been re-elected in 1904 with an increased majority. In the interim he served as principal of the West Reading grammar school. In 1905 he returned to Bechtelsville and taught there until the special session of the Legislature, in 1905, recalled him to Harrisburg. He is a stanch Democrat. In the spring of 1908 he was his party's candidate for the State Senate and received the third highest vote of five aggressive candidates, proving his popularity in his native county. At present he is one of the auditors of the borough of Boyertown, where he resides. He is a stanch Democrat in political faith. Since taking an active part in politics, he has been frequently called upon to take the stump and defend the principles of his party. This opportunity he has never refused, and has always proved himself useful in the interests of his party. Mr. Houck is popular as a public speaker in Berks and Montgomery counties on such occasions as Memorial Day, public school commencements, etc.

In March, 1901, Mr. Houck formed a business partnership with Randolph A. Henry, under the firm name of Houck & Henry, wholesale and retail dealers in agricultural machinery, buggies and gasoline engines, which is a progressive and prosperous enterprise, conducted at New Berlinville, Berks Co., Pa. Their stock includes farm wagons, buggies, gasoline engines, a full line of agricultural implements, hardware, harness, pumps, fertilizers, Page fence, and field and garden seeds.

On Oct. 11, 1904, Mr. Houck married Miss Amy E. Francis, a daughter of Dr. L. K. and Anna (Schetzline) Francis, of Boyertown. Mrs. Francis perished on Jan. 13, 1908, in the Boyertown conflagration. Mr. and Mrs. Houck have two sons, Thomas F. and Robert L. Mr. and Mrs. Houck are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Boyertown, and since 1896 Mr. Houck has been superintendent of the Sunday-school which has 650 pupils on its roll. He is an active member of Camp No. 104, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Boyertown, and a member of Lodge No. 159, I. O. O. F., Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

HENRY G. MOSER, justice of the peace of Amity township, was born March 21, 1860, in Perry county, Pa. He obtained his education in the public schools of Amity township, and in the late Prof. D. B. Brunner's Academy and Business College at Reading. At the age of fifteen years he learned the painting and papering trade, and this vocation he has followed ever since. He is a Democrat, and is influential in the party politics in the district. He was delegate to a number of county conventions also a delegate to the State Convention. He has been school director of Amity township for two terms. He was first elected in 1905. At the resignation of Calvin F. Emes, he was appointed a justice of the peace of Amity April 1, 1895, by Daniel H. Hastings, governor of the Commonwealth, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Senate; he has since served the office and in 1906 was re-elected for the third term. Mr. Moser is one of the active workers of the township. He has lived at his present residence since 1877. His tract consists of seven acres, and this he has in good condition. He follows painting and paper hanging throughout his district; and he also clerks at sales, and writes deeds and mortgages.

On April 4, 1885, Mr. Moser was married to Margaret M. Sassaman, daughter of Judge Augustus S. Sassaman of Berks county. Four children have been born to this union: Guy L.; Hugh G., who died in his fifth year; Philip D. and Grace M.

George G. Moser, father of Henry G., was born on the Moser homestead in Amity township, Nov. 28, 1815, and died April 17, 1863. He was reared in Amity, and was married there to Willi De Turck, daughter of Jacob De Turck. After his marriage he moved to Perry county, Pa. He was a miller by trade and conducted a gristmill at Duncannon, Pa. He died from smallpox, and is buried at Dellville, Perry county, Pa. After his death his widow and family came back to their home township in Berks, where they have since resided. To George G. Moser and wife were born: Thompson, who died small; Emma, married to Martin B. Groff, of Reading; Margaret, who died soon after marriage; Esther, who died while teaching school; Dr. Ira, who died in 1907, at Reading, age fifty-two years; Willi, married to Samuel Francis; and Henry G.

Jacob Moser, grandfather of Henry G., was born April 9, 1785, and was a farmer in Amity. He died there June 20, 1843, aged fifty-eight years, two months and eleven days, and is buried near the south gate of the old graveyard at Amityville. He owned a farm at Monocacy Hill. His wife, Elizabeth Gresh, was born in Douglass township Oct. 8, 1792, died Nov. 15, 1857, aged sixty-five years, one month and seven days, in Perry county, and is buried at Dellville. They had fourteen children, namely: Henry lived in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pa.; Margaret married Israel Boyer; George G., mentioned above; Eliza became the second wife of Israel Boyer; Peter lived at Pottstown; Sarah m. Joshua Gehr; Jeremiah m. Rebecca Epler; Mary m. John Coover; Angeline m. Henry Walter; Harriet died unmarried; and four died young. Of these, Mary is still living near Shepherdstown, in York county, and is now seventy-eight years of age.

Jacob Moser was a nephew of Burkhard Moser, who died a bachelor in Schuylkill county leaving valuable coal lands, which are now in litigation.

KLOPP. The Klopp family is one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county, and each generation has produced men and women who have lived honorably and usefully in their communities. The Klopp family had its origin near Bingen on the Rhine, Ger-

many, and there in 1906 still stood a castle known as "Schlossklopp."

(I) Peter Klopp (Klop or Klopf) was a Reformed member of the Tulpehocken Church in 1735. Later he, with Rev. Peter Miller, Godfried Fidler, Conrad Weiser, and others, joined a church at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., and at the home of Mr. Fidler, who had first taken up land in Tulpehocken township, burned the Psalms, catechisms and other good books. Before the house of the Tulpehocken brethren (German Seventh Day Baptists) was finished, Conrad Weiser, Hans Michael Miller, Peter Klopf, Godfried Fidler, and several single men and women went to the settlement at Ephrata. Of these, Weiser, Miller and Klopf later withdrew from the Ephrata settlement, but not so the daughter of Peter Klopf, who remained steadfast. Her monastic name was "Thecla" and is so listed on the roster of the Sisterhood. She died Oct. 6, 1748, probably at Ephrata. Peter Klop died in 1753. [See Sachse's "German Sectarians of Pennsylvania, 1708-1742."]

(II) Peter Klopp (Klop), son of Peter, born Nov. 22, 1719, died May 22, 1794, and is buried at Hain's Church, where the inscription on his headstone is still legible. His wife, Werrina Becker (in), born Jan. 24, 1718, died Nov. 13, 1792.

(III) Peter Klopp (3), son of Peter (2) and Werrina, born in Heidelberg May 31, 1751, died there Feb. 24, 1835, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was buried at the Corner Church. In April, 1800, he purchased for £1800 in gold and silver money, from Peter Knobb, the farm near Klopp's Store, now owned by William D. Klopp. On Aug. 15, 1800, he sold this farm to his son and namesake, Peter (4), for the same price he himself had given; and on July 13, 1838, Peter Klopp (4) sold it to his son, Peter (5), for $6,200. In 1867, after the death of Peter (5), the farm came into the possession of William D. Klopp, the present owner. Peter Klopp (3) was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Hain, died about 1783, the mother of four children, namely: Catharine died aged seventeen years; Elizabeth died aged two years; John Peter is mentioned in full farther on; a daughter died young. The second wife of Peter Klopp (3) was Elizabeth Fidler, born April 28, 1763, died Jan. 10, 1835, a descendant of Godfried Fidler. Fifteen children were born to this marriage, namely: John Adam m. Sarah Keiser, and had thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters; John m. Sarah Bucks, and had six sons and two daughters; Benjamin (who died Sept. 19, 1819) m. Elizabeth Ernst, and had children—Eli, John H. (who had a son Benjamin), Anna and Isaac (Benjamin's wife administered his estate); Margaret m. Jacob Wagner, and had eight children; Elizabeth m. Jacob Dundore, and had eleven children; Anna Maria m. John Gerhart and had five sons and two daughters; Catharine m. John Lamm, and had eight children; Susanna m. Jacob Ernst, and had three sons and seven daughters; Daniel m. (first) Susanna Brossman, and had seven sons and four daughters, and m. (second) Mrs. Ocks (no issue); Joseph m. (first) Christine Stine, had ten children, and (second) Catharine Reedy (no issue); Sarah m. John Faust, and had four children; Isaac m. (first) Henrietta Leiss, and had eight children, and m. (second) Mrs. Stamm, and had one child; three sons died young. In about the year 1850 there were 112 grandchildren.

(IV) John Klopp, son of Peter (3), was born Aug. 30, 17-- . He was a pioneer farmer in Tulpehoocken township, and there his death occurred when he had reached the patriarchal age of eighty-nine years, ten months, twenty-one days. He is buried at Tulpehocken Church. In the early days he had all the experiences which fall to the settler on wild land. On one occasion, while his wife was milking the cows in the barn yard, a wild deer leaped over the fence to the cattle. Much timber surrounded their cabin. Mr. Klopp was a soldier in the war of 1812. He m. Sarah Bucks, daughter of John and Elizabeth Bucks, born Aug. 26, 1783, died June 24, 1860, aged seventy-six years, nine months, twenty-eight days. Their children were: John, of Tulpehocken; David, of North Heidelberg; Jonathan, born July 2, 1818, died April 5, 1897, who lived on the homestead some years (m. Elizabeth Anspach, 1824-1886); Elias, mentioned below; Daniel, of Tulpehocken; Elizabeth (m. David Kilmer); Sallie (m. William Zeller); and a son that died in infancy.

(V) Elias Klopp, son of John, born July 2, 1818, died Sept. 9, 1856, aged thirty-eight years, two months, seven days. He was a farmer on the old homestead in Tulpehocken township. He m. Evalina Walborn, born Jan. 26, 1827, daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Kline) Walborn, of Marion township. She died Nov. 11, 1856, in her thirtieth year. Both she and her husband, who had died but nine weeks before, were the victims of typhoid fever, and both are buried at the Tulpehocken Church. They were the parents of two sons, Andrew J. and Isaac P. Elias Klopp was an official in the church at the time of his death.

(VI) Andrew J. Klopp, son of Elias, was born in Tulpehocken township, July 7, 1846. His early life and young manhood were passed upon the farm, and he hired out to neighboring farmers until he was twenty-eight years of age. When but sixteen he went to Wayne county, Ohio, and there remained three and a half years, doing farm work. In 1873 he began to work for himself in Marion township, Berks county, two miles north of Stouchsburg, where he and his brother, Isaac P., had purchased a farm of 126 acres. They farmed this in partnership for some years, and then Andrew J. took the farm and cultivated it alone for sixteen years. He then sold out his stock and retired, but continued to live on the place a few years before moving to his comfortable home in Stouchsburg, where he still resides. He rents this farm to his son David. Mr. Klopp has two other farms in Marion township, each of 115 acres, and these he has tenanted. He also owns the tract of land originally owned by Adam Schuetz, as well as the upper part of the tract first owned by Balthar Anspach. [See Charles I. Lindenmuth's Map of Pioneers of Tulpehocken Valley, in Vol. I. of this work.]

In his political views Mr. Klopp is a Republican, and has always been interested in his party's welfare, taking an active interest in the work in his own community. He is a member of the Order of Good Fellows of Stouchsburg. With his family he belongs to the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, in which he has held all the offices, and he has been a valuable member in aiding with time and means every good work undertaken. He liberally aided in the remodeling of the church in 1894.

In 1873 Andrew J. Klopp m. Catharine S. Fisher, daughter of Adam L. and Amelia (Filbert) Fisher, granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lauck) Fisher and great-granddaughter of Johannes Fisher. Three sons blessed this union: Isaac W., vice-president of the Philadelphia Typewriter Exchange; David A., a farmer on the homestead (m. Bessie Klopp, daughter of Albert and granddaughter of Jonathan, and has four sons—J. Miles, Andrew A., Homer W. and Walter W.); and Warren E., a student still in school.

(VI) Isaac P. Klopp, son of Elias, born in Heidelberg Aug. 31, 1849, was but seven years of age when his parents died, and he made his home with his grandfather, John Klopp, until he was eighteen years of age. By that time he had become familiar with such duties as fall to the lot of a boy on the farm, and he was hired out to farmers during the summer months, but in the winters he remained in his grandfather's home and attended school. At thirteen years of age he went to Wayne county, Ohio, and remained three years. He continued to engage in farm work for others until 1873, when he and his brother, An-

drew J., purchased, as before stated, a fine farm of 126 acres, which they cultivated jointly for seven years. In 1882 Isaac P. purchased an excellent farm of eighty-five acres, and located two and a quarter miles due north of Stouchsburg. This tract was originally owned by Hans George Seigner, as is shown on the map of early settlers prepared by Charles I. Lindenmuth. Here he lived and prospered until 1905, a period of twenty-three years. In the fall of 1905 he purchased his present place and moved thereon. This was a Peiffer homestead, and consists of seven acres of land, with a commodious house and substantial outbuildings.

In politics Mr. Klopp is a Republican. He is a member of the Tulpehocken German Reformed Church in Jackson township, Lebanon county, located but three hundred yards from the Berks county line. He served as deacon and elder for a number of years, and at the present time is a trustee. He is also a member of Washington Camp, No. 237, P. O. S. of A., of Stouchsburg.

Isaac P. Klopp has been twice married. His first wife, Annie E. Peiffer, daughter of Edward and Caroline (Behne) Peiffer, born Aug. 17, 1859, died March 5, 1885, when but twenty-five years, six months, eighteen days old. For his second wife Mr. Klopp married Adalina M. Seibert, daughter of Johnson and Susanna (Winter) Seibert (the former a retired farmer), and granddaughter of George and Sarah (Miller) Seibert. By his first marriage Mr. Klopp became the father of two children: Herbert A., a tenant on his father's farm, m. Gertie Reedy, daughter of Frank and Susanna (Ruth) Reedy, and has three children—Merle E., Marguerite C. and Elsie S.; and Carrie I. m. Wallace Uhrich, and has a son, Russel K.

(IV) John Peter Klopp, born Sept. 11, 1775, son of Peter (3) and his first wife, Elizabeth (Hain), was a lifelong farmer on the old homestead. He died March 13, 1850, aged seventy-four years, six months, two days, and was buried at the Corner Church. He m. Maria Eva Ulrich, born May 20, 1768, died Dec. 13, 1830, in the sixty-third year of her age. Their children were: John Peter, father of William D., is mentioned farther on; Daniel owned a farm adjoining that of his brother John Peter, now owned by John W. Fisher (his children were Rebecca, William L., Jonathan L., Henrietta, Amanda, Elenora, Sarah, Amelia, Jane, and Caroline, the last named dying young); and Catharine (1804-1870) m. Adam Leiss (1803-1875), of Leiss' Bridge, and they later lived in Reading, where they died and are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery.

(V) John Peter Klopp (2), son of John Peter, born April 1, 1801, died July 18, 1866, and was buried at the Corner Church. His life was passed in farming on the place now owned by his son William D. He was active in church life, and held office in the old Northkill Church for many years. His wife was Margaret Kalbach, daughter of John and Susanna (Ruth) Kalbach, born Nov. 6, 1806, died on the home farm Nov. 18, 1853, in the forty-eighth year of her age. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Amelia S. died unmarried; William D.; Rebecca died aged fourteen years; Adam died aged four years; Emma m. Levi Ludwig; Sarah J. m. John Knor; Clara died in infancy.

(VI) William D. Klopp, son of John Peter (2), and now a prosperous farmer in North Heidelberg township, was born there July 2, 1837. He was trained to farming, and at the age of twenty-one commenced for himself on one of the farms which had descended from the great-grandfather, Peter, through John Peter and John Peter (2), father of William D. This farm is located near Klopp's Store, in a fertile agricultural valley, and consists of 170 acres. After about thirty-five years devoted to the cultivation of this tract Mr. Klopp retired in 1890, since which time he has divided his time between his comfortable home on the farm and the cities of Reading and Philadelphia.

Mr. Klopp is a Republican in political principle. He and his family are members of the North Heidelberg Reformed Church, of which he was deacon and elder for many years.

In 1858 Mr. Klopp m. Sarah Wenrich, daughter of Paul and Salome (Leiss) Wenrich. They have three children: Lewis is a well-known druggist of Philadelphia, in which city he resides at No. 618 Lehigh avenue; Dr. Peter P., residing at No. 618 Lehigh avenue, Philadelphia, m. Tacy R. Hunt, daughter of John Hunt, and has a son, John W.; Kate M. m. James Henne, of Reading, and has a son, William.

(V) Daniel Klopp, son of John Peter and Maria Eva (Ulrich) Klopp, spent his life in North Heidelberg township, where he was a well-known farmer and business man. He owned the 133-acre farm which later became the property of his son William L. (and now belongs to John W. Fisher, ex-director of the poor), as well as a thirty-acre tract on which was situated his store building. His son Jonathan L. was his successor in the mercantile business. He was an official in the Northkill Church, of which his wife was also a member. He m. Margaret Leiss, daughter of Adam Leiss, and they became the parents of ten children: Rebecca m. Nathan Lamm; Henrietta m. Adam Minnich; William L.; Amanda m. Adam Miller; Jonathan L. m. Ellenora Minnich; Elenora m. Nathan Dundore; Sallie m. Adam Heck; Jane m. James Conrad; Amelia died unmarried; Caroline died young.

(VI) William L. Klopp, son of Daniel, was born June 15, 1831, in North Heidelberg township, where he still makes his home. For many years he cultivated the 133-acre tract mentioned above, but since 1888 he has been retired from active work. In politics he has been a Republican, and has been prominent in township matters, serving as supervisor and school director. Until 1897 he was a member of the old Northkill Church, but since that date he has been a member of the St. Thomas Reformed Church of Bernville. He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Fox, of Mount Zion, Lebanon Co., Pa. Mr. Klopp was twice married. By his first wife, Isabella Brights, he had eleven children: Morgan B. (m. Annie C. Potteiger), Calvin (deceased), Henry (died young), Emma R. (m. Frank Fox), Ida I. (m. John Wagner), Isabella and William, twins (died in infancy), Margaret (died young), Irwin D. (m. Rosanna Heckler), Edwin J. (m. Lizzie C. Gruber) and Sallie A. (m. Jacob Leinbach). Mr. Klopp's second marriage was to Sarah Mosser, daughter of Benneville Mosser, and to this union came one child, Elenora J., who died at the age of twelve years.

(VII) Morgan B. Klopp, son of William L., was born in North Heidelberg township, Oct. 13, 1854, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-three years old. He then went to Lockhaven Seminary where he took up the study of music. After one year there he suffered from a severe attack of rheumatism, which prevented him continuing his studies. On Feb. 7, 1880, he married Annie Catharine Potteiger, daughter of William N. Potteiger, of Jefferson township. In that same year he was elected organist of the North Heidelberg church, and moved with his family into the Church property. In 1882 he also accepted the position of organist of Host Church, for three years, and then resigned to devote more time to the instruction of private lessons on piano or organ, to fifty or more pupils at that time, but later his pupils numbered eighty. In 1881 he organized Klopp's Cornet Band of North Heidelberg. In 1888 he was elected organist and choir master of Zion's Lutheran and Reformed Church of Womelsdorf, and moved his family to that town to live in the house furnished by the church, and there he resided until his death. While at Womelsdorf he also accepted the position of organist of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church,

in Lebanon county, and was able to hold three Churches with the assistance of his son Eugene (born Nov. 8, 1880, who at the age of sixteen years, was able to fill his father's position). From this time he was organist of a fourth church, namely, St. Elias Lutheran and Reformed Church of Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and a short time afterward, he became organist and choir director of St. Daniel's (Corner) Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Robesonia. These five positions he filled for two years with his son's assistance, and then resigned from St. Elias' Church, to accept in its stead the St. Paul's Reformed Church, which had separated from St. Daniel's (Corner) Church. He continued in active work up to his death, which was caused by apoplexy, while engaged in his official work in the North Heidelberg Church, April 28, 1908. He died July 4, 1908, at Klopp & Kalbach's residence whither he had been conveyed from the church.

Before his marriage he was a public school teacher of Eyrich's school, Klopp's school of North Heidelberg, and two years in the Bernville Schools.

With his music pupils scattered over a large area, and five congregations he was also elected leader of Minnehaha Band of Womelsdorf, a position he held several years, and also instructor of the Mt. Pleasant Band, and of Mt. Zion Band of Lebanon county. For five terms he was a school director in Womelsdorf, and was treasurer of the Board the last four terms. Fraternally he was a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, I. O. O. F.; and of the O. U. A. M., both of Womelsdorf.

To Mr. Klopp and his wife were born children as follows: Eugene P., born Nov. 8, 1880, lives at Robesonia; Laura P., born Feb. 9, 1883, lives at Womelsdorf; W. Raymond, born Nov. 22, 1886, lives at Philadelphia; and J. Harold, born Oct. 9, 1895, lives at Womelsdorf.

(VII) Irwin D. Klopp, son of William L., was born in North Heidelberg township Jan. 28, 1861, and passed his boyhood days under the parental roof, attending the district schools until he was eighteen years of age. He began farming the Host Church property for his brother Morgan B., who was chorister of the church, in 1885, and three years later began the operation of his father's property, continuing there for fifteen years. In 1907 he retired from farming and moved to West Reading, where he is the efficient highway commissioner. For four years before his retirement he was in Lower Heidelberg township, where he was engaged in the cultivation of the farm of John H. Evans. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are Reformed members of St. Thomas's Church of Bernville, in which for two years he was deacon. In the burying ground of this church rest the remains of many of the Klopp family. Mr. Klopp is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Womelsdorf.

On Aug. 26, 1882, Mr. Klopp m. Rosanna Hechler, born March 2, 1863, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Kissling) Hechler, the former of whom, a carpenter by trade, conducted a sawmill for the last ten years of his life. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Klopp: Minnie E. (m. Charles C. Lamm, a grocer at West Reading, and has one child, Helen May); Sallie I., and Harry I., at home; and William D. and Ellen May, who died young.

(VII) Edwin J. Klopp, son of William L., was born in North Heidelberg township, April 29, 1863, and was reared upon the home farm, working for his father until he was twenty years old. He then moved to Wernersville, where he became assistant station agent, having previously learned telegraphy at Oberlin, Ohio. He remained in the service of the company at Wernersville for five years, and for the same company was brakeman on a passenger train running between Philadelphia and Pottsville for another five years. In 1893 he became a conductor on the Mt. Penn Gravity Road, remaining one year, and then was in the employ of the United Traction Company of Reading for seven years. For three years he was employed by the city, at the disposal plant. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Klopp was appointed by a Democratic city engineer, Elmer H. Beard, as a clerk in the sewer department. Mr. Klopp is himself a strong Republican, his appointment being made solely on his merits. On May 1, 1908, he was appointed by the Hon. William Rick, mayor, a policeman of Reading, which position he holds at the present time. He is an excellent penman, and has some fine pen drawings made when he was twenty-one years old. These he has framed, and has exhibited them at fairs, where he has received a number of premiums. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and he has been active in church and Sunday-school work for a number of years.

On Oct. 31, 1885, Mr. Klopp m. Lizzie C. Gruber, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Strunk) Gruber, and they have one son, William G. They reside in a comfortable residence at No. 952 North Ninth street, Reading. Mrs. Klopp is an expert in designing artistic gowns.

REUBEN H. BROWN, who passed the closing years of his life in Birdsboro, free from toil and in the enjoyment of the comforts won by industry and right living, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, March 12, 1826, son of Philip and Rebecca (Hemmig) Brown. His death occurred Feb. 18, 1908.

Philip Brown was born in Cumru township, on the farm that is today the County Poor Farm. He passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, and died in Robeson township in 1854, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, as was also his wife. He married Rebecca Hemmig, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Elisha; Reuben H.; Mary Ann, who married John Wiley; Bennewell; and Levi.

Reuben H. Brown was reared in Robeson township, passing his boyhood and youth after the manner of the farmers' sons of that time, attending school in the winter months, and assisting in the work on the farm when not in school. He remained at home until he was seventeen years of age and then began to learn the trade of a blacksmith under the capable direction of Elias Fritz, of Cumru township. For this he evinced considerable aptitude, and after thoroughly mastering it he worked at it for some years proving so successful, that he commanded a good patronage and in a few years was able to buy a good farm of fifty acres in Robeson township. He moved there and for forty-four years devoted himself to farming, meeting with success and winning a good competence for his old age. In 1903 he sold his farm and moved to Birdsboro, where he lived retired until his death. He was a man of unfailing industry and of good business judgment, and he ever enjoyed the unbounded respect of all who knew him.

In June, 1853, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Elizabeth Herflicker, born in Exeter township in 1833, daughter of Samuel and Polly (Settlemoyer) Herflicker, and she proved a worthy helpmate to her husband. Eight children blessed their home, as follows: Mary Ann, deceased wife of Robert Huyett; Maggie m. Joseph Heckman; John, deceased; Sallie m. William Coleton; Elizabeth m. Joy Gundy; Samuel, of Colorado; Edward, of New Jersey; and Gertrude, deceased. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Reformed Church, while Mr. Brown was a Lutheran, and had served as deacon in St. John's Church. In politics he was a Republican.

JONATHAN A. WEISNER, a farmer and implement dealer at Kempton, Albany township, Berks county, was born in that township May 1, 1870, son of Nathan and Mary A. (Zimmerman) Weisner.

The Weisner family has long been settled in Pennsylvania. John Weisner was a Ranger of the Frontier,

from Northampton county, Pa., between 1778-83, in John McClelland's Company. One Godfrey Weisner in 1829, lived in Lehigh county, and was seventy-four years old; he was a pensioned soldier of the Revolutionary war. In 1744, in Philadelphia county, lived David Weisner who owned 100 acres of land, and is said to be a pioneer of the family now located about Pottstown, Pennsylvania. In 1769, in Philadelphia county, lived George Weisner who owned 160 acres of land; and one Leonard Weisner who paid a Proprietary Tax on 100 acres of land. In 1783 the Thomas Weisner Estate was assessed in Falls township, Berks county, Pa. In 1786, one Matthias Weisner was assessed from Lower Makefield township, Berks county, Pa. Jacob Weisner in 1758 paid a tax on 100 acres of land.

Heinrich Weisner, great-grandfather of Jonathan A., lived in Douglass township, Montgomery county. He was an undertaker and farmer, and died in 1809 aged about thirty-seven years, and is buried at the Swamp Church, in Montgomery county. He married Catharine Yerger, who is buried at Huff's Church. She married for her second husband John Laub. To Heinrich and Catharine Weisner were born children as follows: George, located in Northumberland county, Pa.; Amos, located about Danville, Pa.; Lydia, m. to George Reichard; Rachel, m. to Ezra Yergy; Rebecca, m. to Charles Wagonhorst; Henry, who died small; Jonas, m. to Sallie Dietrich; Samuel (died in Montgomery county, aged fifty-nine years), m. to Sarah Smith of Montgomery county, and had Catharine (who is blind and lives at Pottstown), Matthias (of Pottstown) and Mary (m. John Wanner, of the Trappe).

Jonas Weisner, son of Heinrich, was born in Douglass township, Montgomery county, Pa., Dec. 15, 1806, and before his marriage located in Greenwich township, Berks county. Here he was married to Sallie Dietrich, daughter of Michael Dietrich. She was born Jan. 6, 1810, and died Jan. 25, 1895. Jonas Weisner was a life long prosperous farmer, and for many years operated the Weisner farm at Round Top, which consisted of upward of 120 acres. He was a shoemaker by trade, and made his own shoes and those for his own family. He died on Jan. 24, 1892. To him and his wife were born the following children: Henry (1833-1906); Jonas (1835-1855); Mary Ann, m. to William Zimmerman; Samuel, m. to Mary Schaeffer; Nathan; Willoughby, m. to Amelia Oldt, and living at Steins Corner, Pa.; David, m. to Ellen Moyer; Lydia, m. to Alfred Dietrich.

Nathan Weisner, son of Jonas, is a farmer at the Round Top, in Albany township. He was born Oct. 3, 1841, and was reared to farm life, spending his youth on the old Weisner farm, on the North side of Round Top. This farm has been in the Weisner name since 1835. It formerly was a Miller stand, and later was owned by Michael Dietrich, who sold it to Jonas Weisner, his son-in-law. Nathan Weisner attended the old German pay school which was held in the homes of different families. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-one years of age and was then hired out four years. When twenty-five years old he began farming where he has ever since lived. His farm consists of 130 acres of fertile land. This was the original Anthony Adam homestead, and was one of the first settled districts. It came in the Weisner name in 1867. Mr. Weisner built the brick residence in 1879, and the barn in 1881. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are Lutheran members at Wessnersville (Friedens) Church. He was married in 1867 to Mary Ann Zimmerman, daughter of Michael Zimmerman, of Albany township. She was born June 12, 1842, and died Aug. 5, 1899. Their children were: Emma T., who died small; Jonathan A.; Amundus A., of Glassboro, N. J.; and Miss Senora, at home.

Jonathan A. Weisner was reared near Round Top, in Albany township and worked for his parents until he was twenty-eight years old. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1894 began dealing in farm implements which he has kept up ever since, handling the products of the McCormick and the International Harvester Company. In 1901 he purchased the Isaac Faust farm, near Kempton. This farm consists of seventy-five acres of fertile land located near the mouth of the Manor Brook, and is now known as Manor Brook Farm. The soil is good potato land, and Mr. Weisner plants from ten to fifteen acres in that vegetable. Iron pyrites, cement and limestone are found on this farm. The present stone house was built in 1829 by Sebastian Faust, and has one of the most substantial walls in the county. The barn was built by Isaac Faust son of Sebastian during the sixties. Mr. Weisner has his place in fine condition, and the surroundings are very beautiful. He is a Democrat in his political faith and he and his family are Lutheran members of Friedens Church at Wessnersville. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Independent Americans, No. 544, at Kempton.

In September, 1899, Mr. Weisner was m. to Mary E. Heffner, of Virginsville, Pa. They have one daughter, Annie E.

ADAM W. HIESTER, a well-known jeweler of Strausstown, Pa., was born Dec. 13, 1868, in Upper Tulpehocken township, not far from where he now resides.

Mr. Hiester is a son of Moses Hiester, and grandson of Gabriel, great-grandson of Daniel and Barbara (Kaufman) and great-great-grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth (Strunk), the former of whom came to America with his father Johannes from Germany early in the eighteenth century.

Gabriel Hiester was born in Bern township in 1798, and died in Bethel township in 1872. He followed farming throughout his lifetime, in the winter also working at his trade of tailor. His farm of 200 acres lay in what is now called Bethel township. He married Catharine Emerich, a daughter of John Emerich, and six children were born to this union: (1) Joseph, who is buried at Blue Mountain church, was a cooper and blacksmith by trade; he m. Marie Miller, and their children were, Malinda, Isabella, Sarah, Kate, Maria and Alice. (2) Benjamin, who was also buried at Blue Mountain church, m. Catherine Degler; their children were; William, Levi and Henry. (3) Michael now lying in the same churchyard, m. Leah Christ, and to them were born ten children: William, Emanuel, Lizzie, Sally, Cyrus, Rebecca, Amelia, Mary, James W. and Monroe. (4) Moses is referred to later. (5) Hannah m. John Zerbe, and their children are Kate, Joseph, Daniel, Henry, Lizzie, Amelia. (6) John is living at Xenia, Ohio. (7) David, of Dayton, Ohio, married Sarah Lindermuth, and their children were Belle, Frank and Harry. (8) Henry, living at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, was twice married, first to Mary Stupp, by whom there were six children, Willoughby, Cyrenius, Adeline, Benjamin, Miranda and Charles; his second wife was Emma Dieffenbach, by whom he had one child Alma.

Moses Hiester, father of Adam W., was born in Bethel township May 24, 1827. For many years he was in the milling business, having learned the trade of Joseph Seyfert. Some years later in 1855, he and his father-in-law, George Degler, bought a mill from Joseph Seyfert, located at Strausstown. The mill was owned and operated by them until 1870, when it was sold to Jacob E. Hiester, and it later was bought by W. B. Anthony, who is the present owner and operator. After disposing of his milling interests, Mr. Hiester bought some farming land about one half mile west from Strausstown, where he followed the occupation of farming until 1894. Then he retired from active life and moved to Strausstown, where he died March 25, 1900. He was well and favorably known throughout the county, and was noted as a man of good habits. He is buried at Blue Mountain Church. He married Maria Degler, born 1830, and still living, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Degler. They had children as follows: (1) James M. died at the age of thirty-eight. (2) George A., a gro-

cer of Paulding, Ohio, m. Mary Viebach, of Defiance, Ohio, and they have Florinca, Emma and Edwin. (3) Benjamin Franklin, living at Glendo, Wyoming, is a carpenter by trade and also a ranchman, owning one of the largest ranches in the State and having been a "rancher" since 1893; he is unmarried. (4) Selisa, who died in 1884, was the wife of John M. Hassler, and had one daughter, Sallie. (5) Devilla D. died young. (6) Charles H., living at South Bethlehem, an employe in the Physical Laboratory, Lehigh University of that city, m. Hannah Dierwechter, and they have J. Robert and M. Minerva. (7) Adam W. is mentioned below. (8) Hettie D. married Charles H. Miller and died in 1904, leaving a daughter, Lizzie.

Adam W. Hiester remained at home until twenty years of age, assisting his father in the farming business. His education was acquired in the public schools of the township. He afterward learned the trade of cigar-making, which he followed for six years. In 1892 he went to Reading, where he learned the jeweler's trade with J. C. Luden. Four years later he returned to Strausstown, where he engaged in the jewelry business. He follows all lines of the business, and is considered one of the successful men of the place. At times he works in the Electrical Engineering Laboratory at the Lehigh University South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hiester is well known in the county and prominent in his home town. He is an active member of the P. O. S. of A., No. 664, past officer, and since 1902 treasurer of his camp, a member of Camp No. 38 P. O. of A. and the present financial secretary. As a member of the Reformed church he is active in its management, being one of the trustees of that organization, a teacher in the Sunday School, and a member of the choir. He is a member of Zion's Union Aid Society, being its secretary for nine successive years. He is unmarried. He has a large circle of friends, and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

MOSES DEGLER, a resident of Shartlesville, was born in Upper Bern township Dec. 17, 1837, and is a grandson of John Degler, who founded the family in America, coming to this country from Germany, when a young man. John Degler settled in Bern (now Upper Bern) township, Berks Co., Pa., and engaged in farming. He died when only thirty-five years old.

John Degler, son of John and father of Moses Degler, was born in Bern township, and became a farmer by occupation. He died at the age of seventy-five years, and is buried at the Blue Mountain Church, in Upper Tulpehocken township. He married Elizabeth Basehore, and to them were born the following named children: Moses; Aaron, a resident of Reading, this county; Elias, of Strausstown, Berks county; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hollenbach; Kate, Mrs. Naftzinger; John, of Upper Tulpehocken township; Adam, of Upper Bern township; Lydia; Amelia; Caleb, of Strausstown; and Annie.

Moses Degler attended the public schools of Upper Tulpehocken township, and when old enough went to learn the cabinet-maker's trade at Strausstown, where he spent three years. He then located at Lebanon, Pa., for a time before coming to Shartlesville, where he has made his home since 1860. He made a success of his undertaking and furniture business here and built himself a fine store, having a well-equipped establishment for the undertaking and embalming branch, in which he was especially well known. He dealt in all kinds of furniture, having a good stock. This business Mr. Degler has lately sold out.

Mr. Degler married Mary Hollenbach, daughter of John Hollenbach, of Upper Bern township, and seven children have been born to them, viz.: Calvin, who is living in Upper Bern township; Henry, living in Shartlesville; Clara, wife of William Auman; Kate, wife of Arthur Schwoyer, of Reading; William; Mary A., wife of William Christ; and Sallie, unmarried, living at home.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Degler has been active in local affairs and has served on the election board of Upper Bern township. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and socially unites with the P. O. S. of A., the I. O. O. F. and the K. G. E.

DEWALT PETER BAUSHER (deceased), a well-known traveling salesman, who represented the John M. Malloy Sons Company, of Philadelphia, was born in 1844 in Maxatawny township, near Kutztown, Pa., son of Jesse and Lucy (Wink) Bausher, natives of Berks county.

Peter Bausher, his grandfather, was also a native of Berks county, and a farmer by occupation, following this all his active life near Hamburg. Late in life he removed to Tamaqua, Pa., where both he and his wife died. He married Sophia Strausser, by whom he had the following children: Jesse, Lucy, Carolina, Solomon, Jacob, Eli, Polly, Sarah, Amelia, William, Peter and Sophia. In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Bausher was a Democrat.

Jesse Bausher, born Dec. 4, 1819, in Windsor township, followed farming in Maxatawny township. He married, in 1844 Lucy Wink, born March 6, 1813, daughter of Jacob and Maria Wink, and their children were: Dewalt Peter; Maria Anna, born Oct. 19, 1846, died Dec. 4, 1860; and Louisa, born Feb. 9, 1850, died June 4, 1861. In religious belief they were all members of the Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Bausher was a Democrat. He died in Reading in November, 1889.

Dewalt Peter Bausher was educated in the public schools of Maxatawny township and in the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown. He also attended the old seminary conducted by Prof. Mix. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm until the fall of 1867, when he came to Reading and worked as a clerk first for Bard & Reber, and later for the Stichter Hardware Co. From 1884 Mr. Bausher traveled for various hardware stores of Reading, until in 1890, when he became connected with the John M. Malloy Sons Company of Philadelphia, remaining with this firm until his death Feb. 6, 1908. Mr. Bausher was one of the best salesmen in his line, and was very well known to the hardware trade.

On Dec. 24, 1866, Mr. Bausher married Ellen McFadden, daughter of Charles and Lydia McFadden, and she died in 1888, aged forty years. They were the parents of two children: Walter Wink and Carmi Irwin. Mr. Bausher was a member of the Royal Arcanum, and the I. O. O. F., at Reading. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. Both he and his wife were active members of the Reformed Church, and she was a kind and devoted mother.

GEORGE W. HEFFELFINGER, builder and real estate agent at Wyomissing, was born at Reading, Feb. 22, 1856. He received his early education in the local schools, which he attended until he was twelve years old, when he accompanied his parents to Mt. Etna, a village in the western end of the county. He attended school there for several years and then learned the trade of cabinet-maker under his father, assisting him in the business of undertaker until 1880, when he again accompanied his parents on a removal to Reading. He entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as a wood-carver for executing fine, original designs in the ornamentation of their passenger coaches, and he continued with the company about ten years.

Ill health from close confinement made it necessary for Mr. Heffelfinger to secure out-door work, and he became solicitor of John D. Strunk, photographer, a line he followed until 1896. In that year the Reading Suburban Real Estate Company was organized for the purpose of projecting a suburban town, and in this behalf purchased several farms one and one-half miles west of Reading, in Spring township, and laid out the town of Wyomissing. Mr. Heffelfinger became interested in the valuation and sale of the lots and assisted the com-

pany materially in establishing the town in a successful manner. In 1901 he began building operations for himself and erected a square of fine homes along Reading avenue, extending from Penn Avenue to Mory Street, and in 1902 he moved there with his family, starting a grocery store in the corner building on Penn Avenue. In 1904 he succeeded in securing a postoffice for the place, and it was located in his store. He acted as postmaster, and after carrying on the store and postoffice for a year sold the premises to Alfred B. Yorgey, who became his successor. He then exerted himself in the erection of a borough by soliciting and securing many subscribers to the petition, and the movement was successful, the decree of incorporation being made in 1906. He is still active in the sale of lots, and in the improvement of the place by the erection of dwelling houses.

Mr. Heffelfinger married Cecelia Auchenbach, daughter of John B. and Priscilla (Kapp) Auchenbach, of Mt. Etna. They have seven children: Lester R., Flossie, Erma, Ada, Earl, Irene and Paul.

George Marshall Heffelfinger, father of George W., was born at Mt. Etna in 1832. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker at Myerstown, and he followed it at Mt. Etna and later at Reading (whither he had removed with his family) until 1879, when he secured employment in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad shops, continuing with that company six years. On account of his age, he was obliged to engage in lighter work and since then he has made picture frames. He married Lucinda Truckermiller, and they had five children: George W.; John, who married Mary Heckar; Harry, who married Christie Grebe; Adam, who married Hattie Sheiry; and Mary, who married George Wertley. The wife and mother died in 1905.

John Heffelfinger, grandfather of George W., was of Tulpehocken township. He married Louisa Marshall, and they had six sons: John, Cyrus, George, Edward, Washington and Daniel.

LEVI W. BEAR, who until his death, Sept. 30, 1908, lived retired near the "Six Mile House," in Maiden Creek township, was born in Bern township, Berks county, Jan. 20, 1832, son of John and Ann (Williams) Bear.

Abraham Bear (the name was then spelled Baar), the grandfather of Levi W., married and by his wife, Rachel, had the following children: Isaac m. Sallie Gicker, daughter of Daniel Gicker; Abraham m. a sister of Sallie Gicker; Joseph m. Mary (Polly) Wert; Molly m. Jacob Albright; Kate m. a Mr. Pifflin; Sarah m. Jared Snyder; and John is mentioned below.

John Bear was born in Bern township, and was a fence maker by occupation. He married Ann Williams, daughter of Samuel Williams, and they were the parents of: William, deceased; John, deceased, m. Elizabeth Ludwig; Levi W.; Daniel, deceased, m. Ella Gruber; Annie m. Elias Schell; Sarah m. Levi Balthaser; Percival m. Kate Herbein; Henry m. Leanda Spangler; and Mary m. William Hafer.

Levi W. Bear was reared and educated in Bern township, and there learned the trade of stone mason. Later he purchased a farm, situated about two miles north of Bernville, where he resided for two years, when he purchased a property in Penn township, near Bagenstose's Hotel, and another in Ontelaunee township. Mr. Bear was the owner of the farm in Maiden Creek township, upon which he was living at the time of his death, and also owned the old homestead in Bern township, which he purchased some years ago.

In 1860 Mr. Bear married Rebecca Boyer, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Boyer) Boyer, and to this union the following children were born: Lizzie m. Lafayette Kauffman; Katie m. Edward Schaeffer, and has three children, Helen, Mabel and Bertha; Maggie m. Calvin Bucks, and has one child, Consuela; Deborah, deceased, m. Israel Foose; Irvin is unmarried; Emanuel; Oscar left home and it is thought he is deceased; and Clara m. Stephen Sousley, a cigar manufacturer of Hamburg, and has three children, the eldest named Earl. Mr. Bear, as is his family, was a member of Gernant's Reformed Church. In political matters he was a Democrat, but outside of township offices had no political aspirations.

JOHN B. KURTZ, who is very prominently identified with the creamery interests of Berks county, and who is also one of the most substantial citizens of Reading, Pa., was born in 1859, in West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Kurtz.

Samuel Kurtz followed agricultural pursuits all of his life in Lancaster county, where he died in 1890, aged sixty-six years, his widow surviving but one year, and her death occurred in her fifty-seventh year. They had three children: Sarah m. John H. Gearhart; Elizabeth m. A. R. Shirk; and John B. The parents of Mr. Kurtz were old and worthy members of the Mennonite Church. In politics the father was a Republican.

John B. Kurtz attended the schools of his native township, and assisted on his father's farm until he went into business for himself. He first engaged in the creamery business, which he has developed until at the present time he owns nine creameries, notwithstanding which he cannot supply the demand, and frequently is obliged to buy butter at Denver and other points. He owns one of the finest creameries in the State, his plant at Reading costing $8,000. He makes a specialty of the Kurtz Gilt Edged Butter, which is sold on its merits all over the country. Mr. Kurtz operates a stand at the West Reading Market. The management of all of the creameries he keeps under his own control, and does all of his own buying, and he is looked upon as one of the most enterprising business men of this section. His creameries are equipped with all modern appliances and he owns an independent ice plant.

Mr. Kurtz was married (first) to Hannah Shirk, and they had two children: Hayden and Stella. His second marriage was to Laura Fox, and they have one child: Ralph. Mr. Kurtz is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the P. O. S. of A.

JOHN R. WHITE, a representative citizen of Berks county, who is engaged in truck farming near Mohnton, in Cumru township, was born in Spring township, Oct. 11, 1862, son of John H. and Elizabeth (Reed) White.

Peter White, the great-grandfather of John R., was born in Cumru township, where he owned a farm, being also engaged in rake making. He was twice married, there being no children to the second union, but by the first marriage, with a Miss Remp, Mr. White had six sons and three daughters, as follows: Jacob; Samuel; William; John R.; Catherine, m. John Schaffer; Susan, m. Jonas Hornberger; Peter; Daniel; and Elizabeth, m. Daniel Hartz. The fourth son, John R., born Feb. 11, 1809, married Elizabeth Mengel in 1828. She died Oct. 2, 1886, and he passed away Nov. 13, 1904, having been the father of eight children, one of whom, John, was a constable for more than a quarter of a century in Cumru township, holding that office at the time of his death.

William White, grandfather of John R., was born April 6, 1804, and died Sept. 27, 1885, having spent his life in farming a small tract near Gouglersville. He married (first) Sarah Holtry, who was born in 1805 and died in 1833, and three children were born to them: Mary, born Jan. 27, 1828, m. Charles Eben; John H.; and Lydia, m. William Miller. Mr. White married (second) Ann Maria Fritz, born Jan. 13, 1804, who died Aug. 12, 1877, and to this union there were born four children: Hannah, m. Daniel Schonour; Henry, who died in youth; Annie, m. John Messinger; and Daniel (m. Emma Stamm), deceased April 10, 1907, aged sixty years.

John H. White was born March 12, 1830, and attended the old pay schools of Cumru township. When a young man he learned the trade of gun barrel maker, which he

followed for many years, working in Cumru at Worleys, and in Heidelberg for Holls. He now owns a farm of twenty acres in Spring township, where he lived from 1869 until 1907, removing in the latter year to a home near that of his son, John R., in Cumru township. Mr. White and his family attend Wyomissing (Gouglersville) Church, being Lutheran members thereof. He is a man of much ability, a skilled mechanic and has led a successful career.

Mr. White married Elizabeth Reed, born Dec. 28, 1832, daughter of John and Ellen Reed, and to them there were born the following children: Sarah m. Samuel Ulrich; Ellen G. is unmarried; William R., born Nov. 15, 1857, m. Mary E. Fisher (1858-1885) and died June 4, 1890; Emma is unmarried; and John R.

John R. White was reared on the home farm, and was brought up to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed all of his life. He began farming for himself in the spring of 1889 on a forty-seven acre tract in Bern township, but after three years removed to another in the same district, whence he went a year later to the Solomon Gaul farm in Cumru township. After spending two years there and three years on the Joseph Kuhl farm in the same township, Mr. White in 1898 purchased the old Spatz farm near Mohnton, which then consisted of thirty-four acres. Later Mr. White sold eleven acres of this land, and greatly improved the remainder, rebuilding the barn in 1901, and in 1905 building a nice frame house with porches and surrounded by a fine lawn. He is now engaged in truck farming, at which he is very successful, and attends the Reading markets. In politics he is a Democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the K. G. E., of Sinking Spring, and the Red Men, of Mohnton. He and his family are prominent Lutheran members of Gouglersville Union Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1901.

In the year 1887 Mr. White was married to Emma C. Balthaser, born May 12, 1861, daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Wertman) Balthaser, granddaughter of Jacob and Sarah (Kauffman) Balthaser, and great-granddaughter of Jacob and Margaret (Greth) Balthaser. Mr. and Mrs. White have these children: Jennie B., born March 3, 1888; William B., May 31, 1890; Mary E., Jan. 3, 1893, and John Irwin, March 29, 1898.

GEORGE W. DREXEL, a retired citizen of Reading, formerly a leading manufacturer of brick, now resides in his comfortable home at No. 422 North Second street. He was born in the old home on Sixth street, Reading, Aug. 12, 1842, son of John and Susan (Schlabach) Drexel.

John Drexel, the father, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1790. He served under Napoleon Bonaparte at the battle of Moscow, and with the other soldiers suffered from the rigors of that awful winter campaign, when they were obliged to kill their horses for food. On coming to America, about 1817, Mr. Drexel settled at Reading, where he died. By trade he was a stone cutter, and he helped to build the pillars of the Berks county court house, and also the abutments on the old Schuylkill canal. He married Susan Schlabach, and they had ten children, namely: Reuben; Jacob, who was killed in the army; John; Catherine, m. to Barney Dreyfus; Henry, living at Exeter Station; Susan, deceased, m. to Henry Wagner; George W.; Rose, deceased, m. to Cornelius Rothenberger; and Samuel and Anna, both deceased. The family belonged to the Lutheran Church. The father was a stanch Democrat.

George W. Drexel was educated in the schools of Codorus township, York county, and was reared on a farm there. Later he lived in Gibraltar, and later at West Reading, both in Berks county. In the last named place he purchased his brother's brick plant on Tulpehocken street, and carried on the manufacture of brick there for two years. He then bought a plant at Birdsboro, which he operated in connection with the West Reading plant. His business prospects then became so good that he leased land on the Leitzinger turnpike and carried on operations there until 1904, when he sold out to Simon Kline, since which time he has lived retired. During his active years his brick was in general demand, and he furnished it for many fine residences, for the Pear and Buttonwood school buildings and other substantial and imposing structures.

In 1872 Mr. Drexel married Melissa Hain, and they had ten children, as follows: Frederick, m. to Susan Miller; Lettie, m. to Charles W. Griesemer; Catharine, m. to Nelson R. Crisman; Mary, m. to Heber Yohn; George; Rose; Raymond; Susan; Geneva and Jacob (deceased). In politics Mr. Drexel is a Democrat. During the Civil war he enlisted on the "Duke of Argyle" under Capt. Greenleaf, but was discharged on account of disability. He is a member of the order of Golden Eagles. With his family he belongs to the Lutheran Church.

On his mother's side Mr. Drexel is of American descent through at least three generations. His grandfather and great-grandfather Mountz both fought under General Washington, and while they were engaged in the service of their country, the women of the family carried on the farm, doing the plowing, threshing, seeding, even to the chopping down of trees for fuel. Mr. Drexel's grandmother was a plucky pioneer woman, and able to defend herself with a rifle if necessary. On one occasion she heard the dog tree a bear, and immediately followed them, but just as she took aim her father called her to stop, and he shot the bear. The Indians were frequent visitors at their home, making signs when they wanted food. They were always treated kindly, and on one occasion were given the privilege of the house, whereupon they built a fire and roasted terrapin. The Indian children would suck the meat out, as well as the older persons, and were then given bread and milk to finish their meal. The white settlers were always afraid the Indians would steal their children, and Mr. Drexel's mother recalls one occasion when she was hidden under a kettle until the Indians had taken their departure.

LEVI RUTH, who was for many years engaged in cigar manufacturing in the city of Reading, Pa., was a native of Lebanon county, born Feb. 19, 1841, son of Benevelle and Catherine (Paff) Ruth, and grandson of Jonathan Ruth.

Jonathan Ruth, who was a highly esteemed citizen of Heidelberg township, devoted all of his life to agricultural pursuits, and died stanch in the faith of the Reformed Church. He married Katie Hiester, and to them were born these children: Gabriel m. Nellie Haas; Joseph m. Susan Fisher; Levi m. Mary Kegerias; Beneville; Catherine m. Harrison Sloats; Johanna m. Henry Snyder; Rebecca and Susan died single; and Caroline.

Benevelle Ruth was born between Wernersville and Sinking Spring, in Heidelberg township, and was reared on the home farm, on which he remained until about nineteen years of age. At this time he came to Reading, where he was employed in a blacksmith shop for some time, later worked at the Krick mill and Bushong Brothers' farm and distillery ,and finally engaged with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, in whose shops he continued until his retirement. He married Catherine Paff, daughter of Jonas Paff, an early settler of Alsace township, and to this union there were born nine children: Solomon; Benevelle, who lost his life in the Civil war; Levi; Rebecca, m. to Thomas Arnold; Amanda, m. to John Reeser; Mary, m. to William O'Boyle; Sarah, m. to John A. Britton, and two who died in infancy. In religious belief the family were connected with the Reformed Church. Mr. Ruth was originally a Democrat in politics, but at the

time of his death was an ardent supporter of Republican principles.

When seven years of age Levi Ruth was brought to Reading by his parents, and in this city he secured his education in the common schools, after leaving which he took up cigar making, a business which he followed practically all of his life, being foreman for Mr. George W. Lehr, on Penn street, at the time of his death. He was a skilled mechanic and excellent workman, and had the full confidence and esteem of his employers. He died April 30, 1889.

In June, 1870, Mr. Ruth married Miss Emma Feather, daughter of Rebecca Feather, and granddaughter of Samuel and Mary (Bucher) Feather, and two children were born to this union: Mary R., m. Harry C. Meck, and had two children—Harold R. and Robert C.; and Emma C. m. C. W. Shade, and also had two children —Marion R. and Emily K.

JACOB D. GLASSER, a farmer residing at Lobachsville, was born in Rockland township, Berks county, July 4, 1864, son of Jacob Glasser and Sally Ann Shade, the latter a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Youse) Shade. He made his home with his maternal grandfather until his marriage, at the age of nineteen. He then began farming in Rockland township, living with his father-in-law, John Moyer, for one year. He then bought his present farm of seventy-six acres at Lobachsville, where he prospered greatly during the fifteen years he engaged in its cultivation. He owns a lot adjoining his farm, and in 1907 he erected thereon a modern brick residence, in which he now lives. In politics he is a Democrat, and at present is serving as roadmaster of his township. He and his family attend the United Evangelical church at Pleasantville.

On Aug. 25, 1883, Mr. Glasser married Hannah Moyer, and their three children are: Charles, born July 10, 1884, who farms his father's farm, m. Amanda Hilbert, and has two children, Russel and Harold; Sallie m. Osville Heydt, of Lobachsville, and has two children, Jacob and Paul; and Cora is at home.

Mrs. Hannah (Moyer) Glasser is a great-granddaughter of John Moyer, who lived in Rockland township, where he owned the farm now the property of Frank Breidigam. He had an only son John (2).

John Moyer (2), son of John, married Elizabeth Folk, and they are both buried at New Jerusalem Church. He was a farmer and owned a large tract of land in Rockland township. His home was the place now occupied by Frank Breidigam, at New Jerusalem. To John and Elizabeth (Folk) Moyer were born ten children, namely: John F.; Samuel, of Rockland township; David and Benjamin, who lived in Rockland township; Leanda, m. to Jacob Schumacher; Mary m. to Solomon Noll; Polly m. to Benneville Hassler; Elizabeth, m. to Daniel Ruppert; Sally Ann, m. to William Dierolf; and Hettie, m. to Reuben Hilbert.

John F. Moyer, son of John (2) and Elizabeth, was born Feb. 27, 1833, in Rockland township, where he passed his life as a farmer, owning a farm of thirty-two acres. He died May 7, 1903, and is buried at Bertoletts Union Church Cemetery. He married Sarah Ann Wentz, born Aug. 10, 1829, died July 12, 1904. Their children were: Jacob, who died aged three years; Hannah; and two that died small.

ALFRED FRANKS, an esteemed citizen and court crier of Reading, is a veteran of the Civil war. His maternal grandfather was William Ferguson, a school teacher and surveyor of Lancaster county, and his parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Ann (Ferguson) Franks, the former, a native of France, dying before our subject's birth, in Harrisburg, in 1840. He was a school trustee and a worthy citizen. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Franks, Alfred being the only one still living, the remaining two having died in infancy. After the death of Mr. Franks, his widow m. Michael Higel, and three children were born to them: Sarah, m. a Mr. Marquet of Des Moines, Ia.; Joseph of California; and Cecelia, m. a Mr. Myers, and was living in Pittsburg when last heard from.

Alfred Franks was born in Reading Oct. 11, 1840, and he received his education in the public schools of the city. After leaving school he engaged in farm labor, and then learned shoemaking, being bound out for four years to Samuel Werley. He worked as journeyman shoemaker for twenty-five years. In 1890, he was appointed court crier, at which he has served efficiently and ably ever since. Although a Democrat in politics, Mr. Franks was elected a city councilman from the Fifth ward, which is strongly Republican, in 1886, and he has always been a powerful factor in Berks county politics. He married Aug. 13, 1863, Catherine Lutz, daughter of Philip Lutz, an excavator in Reading, and six children came to bless this union: Alfred L., who died at the age of twenty-six yers, five months; Cyrus L., of Reading; Philip F., of that city; Catherine, twin to Alfred, wife of James Strauss, a hotel keeper of Reading; Sarah L., wife of Charles W. Yarnell, an alderman of Reading; and Annie E., who married M. Felthoff, a clerk of Reading.

In 1862, Mr. Franks enlisted in Company E, 128th Pa. V. I., under Capt. William Andrews and Col. Crosdale, of Bucks county, and served nine months, participating in many battles, including those of Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. His fraternal connections are with the Masons, he belonging to Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M.; Excelsior Chapter, R. A. M.; and Reading Commandery No. 42; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Muhlenberg Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was formerly a member and three times Grand Noble of Salome Lodge, No. 105, before its disbandment; and to Minnehaha Lodge, K. P., of Friedensburg, in Oley township. He has always been greatly interested in the development and progress of the city, and is one of its most highly esteemed citizens.

CYRUS L. FRANKS, son of Alfred, and present popular proprietor of the "Sixth Ward Hotel," Reading, was born in that city June 9, 1864. The public schools of Reading and Friedensburg afforded him ample facilities for a good substantial literary training, and at the age of sixteen he left school and learned the stove molding trade with the Reading Stove Works, following this occupation for twenty-six years with that company. On Feb. 13, 1906, Mr. Franks engaged in the hotel business at the southwest corner of Second and Washington streets, and has since been engaged there. Socially he belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Red Men, the Moulder's Union, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 66.

On Aug. 14, 1884, Mr. Franks married Mary Rutz, daughter of Henry and Susan (Osenwald) Rutz, of Reading, and they have three children: Laura E., Alfred and Erma.

GLASSER. The Glasser family was founded in America by Jacob Glasser, who emigrated to America on the ship "Patience," which landed at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1749. The date of his settling in Maxatawny, Berks county, is uncertain, but in 1790 when the first Federal Census was taken, he was a farmer, and had three sons over sixteen years of age, and two daughters. He owned a large tract of land located along what is now the trolley road between Lyons and Kutztown. The "Glasser farm" is still pointed out as the farm now owned by Peter Keefer. It originally contained 170 or more acres.

Jacob Glasser, one of the three sons of Jacob, the emigrant, was born in Maxatawny township. He was a farmer on the farm of 170 acres, which he owned, known as the "Glasser homestead." He died about 1845, when seventy-five years old, and is buried at Mertz's Church at Stony Point, of which he was a Lutheran member. His children were: Hannah, m. to Henry Frederick;

Susannah, who obtained fifty acres of the Glasser homestead, m. to John Levan; Sarah, who obtained a part of the Glasser homestead, m. to Jacob Neff; and David.

David Glasser, son of Jacob, was born in 1801, in Maxatawny township, on the Glasser homestead. The farm now consists of eighty-three acres of fertile land. David Glasser died in 1880, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife was Sarah Wink of Maxatawny, who died in 1884 in her eighty-fourth year, and both are buried at Kutztown. Their six children were: Mary, who died unmarried; Jacob; Lucy, m. to Enoch Sailer, of Reading; John, of Coffee Town, a suburb of Kutztown; James, of Reading; and Sarah, m. to Daniel Sailer, of Reading.

Jacob Glasser, son of David and Sarah, was born in Maxatawny township, Nov. 11, 1837, and he was reared upon his parents' farm, remaining at home until he was of age. He was then for six years brakeman on the road running between Kutztown and Topton. One year after his marriage in 1860, he came to Kutztown, where he has made his home ever since, except for about fourteen years, three of which were passed in Reading, and three at Catasauqua, and seven at Allentown. Mr. Glasser now lives in his own house, which he built during the eighties. He and his family are Lutherans. In politics he is a Democrat.

On May 29, 1860, Mr. Glasser married Susan R. Sander, daughter of Henry Sander, late of Kutztown. Their children were: Evans, of Allentown; Lillie, of Norristown; Minnie, who died aged nine years; Maggie, m. to William Matten, of Kutztown; Emma, m. to William Thompson, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Harry, of Wichita, Kans.; Jacob, who died in 1905, aged twenty-five years; Richard, of Maxatawny township; and Susan, m. to Elbert Ausmus, of Arkansas City, Kansas.

JOHN H. BRIGHT, a resident of the borough of Bernville, Berks county, who follows the carpenter's trade, was born Aug. 10, 1865, in Penn township, on the old homestead. His father, Amandon Bright, was for many years one of the leading citizens of his section of the county. The family has been located here for many years.

(I) Stephen Brecht, the ancestor of the Brecht or Bright family, was a native of Germany, born Feb. 17, 1692. He was one of the emigrants from the Palatinate who landed at New York between 1709 and 1712. These emigrants first settled at Schoharie, N. Y., but because of the unbearable treatment they received at the hands of Governor Hunter, of the Province of New York, they sought refuge in homes elsewhere. Hearing of the fair treatment accorded by the proprietors of Penn's Province, and of the fertility of the soil, excellent water and other advantages there, many of them came to Pennsylvania, among them Stephen Brecht. The land was granted him by John, Thomas and Richard Penn, lawful heirs of William Penn, on Nov. 27, 1745 (recorded in Patent Book A. Vol. 12, p. 340). On this he made his home, and here he died Sept. 24, 1747. His remains were interred in the North Heidelberg cemetery among the Moravians. His gravestone lies flat upon the ground and the inscription is still in good condition. His will was made Jan. 6, 1746, and his land was divided among his three sons: David, Hans Wendel and George Adam. To George Adam was given the homestead (now owned by Adam Dundore), and the division of land between David and Hans Wendel was recorded at Reading April 17, 1754, in Book A. Vol. I, p. 68.

(II) David Brecht, son of Stephen, was born Sept. 8, 1719. He was a resident of Bern township long before the organization of the county in 1752. He was the owner of valuable lands near Bernville, and exercised no small influence among the people of his neighborhood. In 1771 he was elected county commissioner, and served as such until 1774. By his will on file in the register's office, after providing for his wife Sarah, he devises to his only son John his large plantation of 500 acres, and gives to each of his seven daughters the sum of 900 pounds, almost a fortune in that early day. His wife Sarah was born Jan. 8, 1727, and died Jan. 22, 1786. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy or childhood. The names of those reaching mature years were: John, Margaret, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Catharine, Susanna, Sarah and Barbara. On David Brecht's tombstone appears the following inscription:

Hier Ruhet Der Leib
von
David Brecht
er ist geboren D 8 Sep.
1719 er x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x an sain
11 Kinder Annach 8 bei
Leben 1 Sohn U 7 Tochtern
U Starb D 22 Sept. 1783.

(III) John Brecht, only son of David that grew to manhood, passed his entire life in farming on the homestead. He is buried in a private burial ground on his own farm, and his tombstone bears the following inscription:

Hier ruhet die Gebeine
von
Johannes Brecht
Er wurde geboren den 2
Junius im Yahr 1747
und ist gestorben den 9
Februar im Yahr 1834
brachte sein Alter auf
86 Yahre 8 Monate und 7 Tage.

Over the grave of his wife, Anna Maria, appears the following:

Hier ruhet
Anna Maria Brecht
Ehrgattin fon Joh. Brecht
Sie war geboren
Den 15ten Januar 1757
Und ist gestorben
den 24sten. Mai 1842
im altern fon 85 Yahren
4 Monate und 9 Tagen.

Eleven children were born to John and Anna Maria Brecht—four sons and seven daughters, namely: Peter, whose children were: Adam, William, Levi, Mary and Catharine; Jacob; David and John who both settled near Lancaster, Ohio, and the latter's children were: Henry, Benton, Edward, Jacob, Mary, Clara, George and Emma; Mary, who married David Arnold; Sarah, who married Thomas Fetters; Susanna; and four daughters whose names are not recorded.

(IV) Jacob Brecht, son of John and Anna Maria, was born in 1792, and to him came the possession of the homestead. The name of his wife is unknown. His death occurred in 1875. His children were: John; Amandon; Aaron, whose children were: Darius, Emma, Lehman, Albert and Lizzie; Anna Maria; Sarah; Harietta; Elizabeth; Catharine; Rachel; Isabella, and Rebecca.

(V) Amandon Bright, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 15, 1830. His entire active life was devoted to farming and he became an extensive land owner, having 220 acres of the most fertile section of Penn township. He was very prominent in public affairs, and took an active interest in the success of the Democratic party. He was school director of his township, for many years committeeman of his district, and for three years was a prison inspector in Berks county. In 1894 he was elected treasurer of the county, and he gave most satisfactory service in this office for three years. He married Clara Hain, and their children were: Ellen, who married Jacob Bordner, of Bernville, Pa.; William, a small farmer in Penn township; Sallie, who married Frank Schaffer, of Reading, Pa.; John H.; Harry, who died aged twen-

ty-seven years; Annie, who married Jacob Gruber, of Mount Pleasant; Albert H., a prosperous young plumber and gas fitter at West Reading; Rev. Edwin D., pastor of the Reformed Church at Derry, Pa., who is also engaged as a genealogist and historian; and three that died young. Amandon Bright passed away in May, 1898, respected by all who knew him.

(VI) John H. Bright attended the Bright school in Penn township until 1884, later studying at the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown. He spent most of the time on the farm with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years and then continued farming for six years on his own account, after which he was engaged for four years in the management of his sawmill, cutting timber in Berks county. He has ever since been occupied at the carpenter's trade, at which he has done well, finding plenty of work in that line in his locality. He is an industrious man and a wide awake citizen, having served as school director and as councilman of the borough. He is a Democrat, and has been delegate to various county conventions. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Bright married Anna M. Kalbach, daughter of the late Levi Kalbach and his wife Isabella Brossman, and to this union have been born three children: Lehman K., Naomi K., and Howard.

BENNEVILLE BURGERT, now residing on his valuable farm in Maiden-creek township, was born in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., March 24, 1841, a son of Solomon and Rachel (Hoffman) Burgert.

The grandfather was Samuel Burgert, who was a shoemaker by trade and followed it at Walnuttown. In early manhood he married and he had the following children born to him: Gideon; Benjamin; Solomon; Samuel, residing on the old homestead; Catherine, m. to John Kline; and Mary, m. to Rudy Price.

Solomon Burgert was born on the old farm in Richmond township, where he carried on farming through life. He married Rachel Hoffman, and they had children as follows: Esther, m. to (first) George Zink, and (second) Fred Miller; Catherine, who died unmarried; Solomon; Benneville; Samuel; Elijah, and James.

Benneville Burgert has spent his life in Berks county and during all his active years he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. For some years he has lived retired. In 1870 he married Sarah Rothermel, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Reeser) Rothermel, and they had seven children. (1) Anna, the eldest, was born June 11, 1870, and died Sept. 2, 1871. (2) William was born March 22, 1872, resides on the old homestead, and manages it. He married Kate Noll and they have six children, namely: David, William, Sarah, Hettie, Benneville and Paul. (3) Sarah was born Sept. 23, 1873, married Henry Schweitzer and they have one child, Bentley. (4) Elizabeth was born Dec. 22, 1874, and died Sept. 28, 1875. (5) Solomon was born March 13, 1876, and died June 3, 1876. (6) Paul was born July 28, 1877, and died Sept. 22, 1877. (7) Mary Eva was born Aug. 5, 1880, married Clarence Ohlinger and they have six children, namely: Anna, Mabel, Virgia, Elizabeth, Lillian, and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Burgert are well-known and highly esteemed residents of their neighborhood. They are members of the Blandon Church, Mr. Burgert being of the Lutheran faith and Mrs. Burgert of the Reformed.

JONAS H. SNYDER, dairyman at Oley Line, was born in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa., March 14, 1876, son of Thomas H. and Mary Ellen (Hoffman) Snyder, of Exeter township, and grandson of Thomas and Hannah Snyder.

Thomas Snyder, grandfather of Jonas H., lived on the Oley pike above Oley Line toward Reading, where he was a farmer. His children were: Dr. Peter, deceased; Jacob, who lives at Reading and is advanced in years; Louisa, deceased; Lewis lived in Exeter where he was a carpenter; Sarah m. August Young; and Thomas, father of Jonas H.

Thomas H. Snyder, father of Jonas H., was born in Exeter where he died in 1892, aged fifty-six years. He is buried at Schwartzwald. He was a carpenter and employed a number of men, working in the vicinity of his home, building houses and barns and doing repair work. He was a Democrat and was school director of Exeter, dying in office. He m. Mary Ellen Hoffman, daughter of Samuel and Susan (De Hart) Hoffman. Mrs. Snyder was born Sept. 28, 1838, and they had issue: Ida died young; Thomas, of Exeter; Samuel died about 1880; Clayton, of Exeter, on the original "Hans Schneider" homestead, where he is a farmer and owns the farm; Wilson died when thirty-two years old; Daniel, of Mt. Penn; and Jonas H.

Jonas H. Snyder attended the public schools of Exeter township and also Prof. D. B. Brunner's Reading Academy and Business College. He was licensed to teach school in 1898 by Prof. E. M. Rapp, and taught during the terms of 1898-99 in his home township, in the Green Tree school. He was reared to farm life, and for four years worked in the creamery for F. C. Cleaver and for several years in Reading in the locomotive works. He has been the manager of Oley Line Creamery since April, 1909, and is thoroughly acquainted with the dairy business. He is a member of P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 221, at Oley Line, of which he is a past president, and Reading Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, No. 9289. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Schwartzwald. In politics he is a Democrat, but votes independently.

Mr. Snyder was m. Dec. 31, 1898, to Rebecca Stapleton, daughter of Samuel Stapleton whose full history appears in this volume. Mrs. Snyder died in 1902, aged twenty-four years. She was buried at Schwartzwald exactly four years after her marriage, leaving one son and one daughter, namely: Raymond S. and Esther S. Mr. Snyder lives in Exeter township along the Oley turnpike with his mother on the old homestead.

G. HOWARD HART, traveling freight agent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, who resides at No. 341 North Second street, Reading, and maintains an office at No. 290 Broadway, New York, was born in the city of Reading, Aug. 19, 1870, son of George and Maggie (Weidner) Hart.

The Hart family originally lived in Scotland. Early in 1790, three brothers, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, George, Henry and Barney Hart, emigrated to America and located in Cumberland county, Pa. They were iron molders by trade. In those days pig iron was all made at the old charcoal furnaces. From Cumberland county the brothers came to Reading where they remained only a short time and then went to Oley Furnace, in Berks county. Of these George Hart, great-grandfather of G. Howard, married Polly Young, of Lancaster, Pa. To this marriage were born three sons, John, William and Samuel.

Samuel Hart, grandfather of G. Howard, was the youngest. He was born at Oley Furnace in 1815, and in 1837 he married, in Reading, Lovina Moore, of Robeson township, Berks county, daughter of George and Susanna Moore, early settlers of the county. Eight children—four sons and four daughters—were born to them: George, Daniel D., William, Samuel, Mary, Susan, Sophia and Agnes. Samuel Hart, the father, was a forgeman, having learned this trade at Gibraltar, Berks county, working there and elsewhere in the State for many years. Of the children Daniel D. and Samuel have been employed for a quarter of a century as forgemen at Parkesburg, Chester county, and both George and Daniel served in the Civil war, the latter as a member of Battery D, Capt. George Durrell's Independent Artillery.

George Hart, son of Samuel, learned the business of forgeman. As stated above he served in the Civil war. He married Maggie Weidner, and they had three sons, G. Howard, Norman and Grant, all of Reading.

G. Howard Hart received his education in the common schools of Reading, also taking a course at Prof. Stew-

ard's Business Academy. After completing his literary training he clerked in J. Mould's department store for a short time, and on March 17, 1884, accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company as messenger boy. He remained with that company until April 1, 1895, having been promoted from messenger boy to chief clerk, and later engaged with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, continuing with that road until Sept. 1, 1899, being contracting freight agent, with headquarters in the city of Reading. On the date last named Mr. Hart resigned to accept a position with the Chicago & Alton Railroad, with which he has been connected to the present time. Mr. Hart is a member of Mt. Penn Council, Royal Arcanum; Reading Lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 115, in which he was elected E. R. in 1908; the New York Freight and Passenger Association; the Inter-state Railroad and Steamship Association and the Traveling Freight Agents' Association. He is independent in politics, and is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Hart married Minerva Trout, of Reading, and to them were born two sons: George and Charles L., the latter of whom. is deceased.

W. A. PURDY, president of the National Shoe and Corset Lace Co., was born in Rockland county, New York, in 1873.

Mr. Purdy's education was secured in the schools of Rockland Co., N. Y., and after graduating from Packer's Business College, he removed to New York City, where he engaged with the brokerage firm of Halle & Steiglitz, of Wall street, and later with Clarence Whitman & Co. He remained with the latter firm for nine years, leaving their employ to engage in his present line of business. In 1902 Mr. Purdy came to Reading and equipped his factory with the latest and most improved machinery, here employing from ten to twelve men. The output, which annually amounts to $50,000, is supplied only to the first-class trade, and Mr. Purdy's goods are known all over the country for their uniform quality and superior grade.

Mr. Purdy was married to Miss Jessie W. Patten, and they attend the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Purdy is a Republican, but he has devoted all of his time to his business interests and therefore has had no aspirations for public office.

WILLIAM ABBOTT WITMAN, former councilman and extensive contractor of Reading, was born in this city Oct. 19, 1860, son of Hamilton Witman and grandson of Henry Witman, both natives of Reading.

Henry Witman made his home on the south side of Eighth street, between Franklin and Chestnut streets, for many years. He was a shoe merchant, but for some years prior to his death he lived retired. He m. Mary Smith, a native of Reading, who died in 1893, aged eighty-one years. He died about 1876, at the age of seventy. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom five died young. Those reaching mature years were: Hamilton; Abraham; Samuel; Henry; Jonathan; Frederick; Louisa, who died unmarried; Mary m. to William Miller; and Anna m. (first) to a Mr. Bohler, and (second) to Monroe Heilman. 1835

Hamilton Witman, son of Henry, was born in Reading Feb. 28, 1829, and died Oct. 6, 1898. He was a master mechanic in the employ of the Reading Railway Company many years, and was much esteemed by the men under him. He was retired for several years before his death. He married Leopoldina Abbott, daughter of William and Charlotte (Ede) Abbott, natives of London, England, who came to America about 1845, locating at Reading. Mrs. Witman died advanced in years and is buried at the side of her husband in the Charles Evans cemetery. Of their ten children four died small, the others being: William Abbott; Linda Alwera, deceased; Henry; Jonathan A., of Reading; Mary, m. to H. T. Shick, a mechanical engineer at Reading; and Charlotte E., m. to Thomas F. Crawford, of Philadelphia.

William Abbott Witman has been the promoter of many successful enterprises, and is an extensive contractor, giving employment to many men. At the present time he is engaged in the construction of the Circus Maximus, at the corner of Eleventh and Exeter streets, Reading. This pleasure ground, when completed, will be one of the finest sporting grounds in this part of the country. In 1907 and 1908 he erected the famous Japanese pagoda at the head of Penn street, on Mount Penn, at a cost of $33,000. He has executed many municipal contracts in Reading and other cities. Mr. Witman was a member of the councils from the Thirteenth ward, and there fathered the bill that gave the City of Reading the Spring street subway, thus earning his title "Father of the Subway." He served many years in both the common and the select councils, and was one of the members most active in the interests of the citizens. In 1908 he was a candidate for mayor but was defeated after a bitter contest, and at one time he was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Witman is one of the best known sportsmen in eastern Pennsylvania, and promoted one of the base ball leagues. He resides in a pleasant home at the corner of Marion and Locust streets which he himself erected.

Mr. Witman married Catharine Koch, daughter of Henry Koch, a shoe merchant on Penn street for many years. They have one son, William Abbott, Jr., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and now an attorney at the Reading Bar.

SHOLLENBERGER or SCHOLLENBERGER. The first representatives of the Shollenberger or Schollenberger family of upper Berks county in this country were Frederick and Gerhart Schollenberger, the former of whom emigrated to America on the ship "Loyal Judith" and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 26, 1742. It is likely that they were brothers, and they were residents of Greenwich township, Berks county, in 1759, at which time both were married. One Henry Shollenberger, unmarried, was also a resident of the township at the same time. The family is of German origin, and in the direct line of Franklin A. Schollenberger, of Boyertown, there is a tradition that three brothers came from Europe, one settling in Virginia, and Lorenz and the other brother going to Weisenburg, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania.

Lawrence Shollenberger was a farmer of Greenwich township, Berks county, and married Mary Correll, of the same township. They had two sons—John M. and Jacob—and four daughters. Jacob, the younger of the sons, was born Aug. 9, 1798, and died aged ninety-three years, five months, four days; he is buried at Moselem Church, in Richmond township. His wife, Eva Baer, was born Jan. 5, 1799, and died in her eighty-eighth year.

John M. Shollenberger, older son of Lawrence, was born in Greenwich township Aug. 26, 1791. On May 18, 1817, he was married by Rev. Mr. Knoske, of Kutztown, Pa., to Catharine Merkel, who was born May 3, 1795, daughter of Daniel Merkel, of Richmond township, and a descendant of an old family long established in that section of the county. In Greenwich township he learned the trade of making gun-barrels and sickles from a man named Christ, but he followed farming principally. After his marriage he moved to Albany township, this county, there living above Kempton, and in 1848 he removed to Richmond township, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying on his farm there June 25, 1867. He is buried at Kutztown. He was the first of the family to own the homestead in Richmond township, above Fleetwood, which has remained in the family since he purchased it, in 1848, and which was formerly the John Jacob Dreibelbis farm. The place contained 200 acres when Mr. Shollenberger bought it, now divided into two farms, one of which became the property of his son Capt Jonas M. and the other of his son Nathan M. Twelve children were born to John M. Shollenberger and

his wife, the first four in Greenwich township, the others in Albany township: Sarah M., born June 10, 1818; Daniel M., Nov. 8, 1820; Catharine M., June 18, 1823; John M., Sept. 23, 1824; Lucy Ann, May 13, 1827; Nathan M., March 14, 1829; Jonas M., Feb. 27, 1831; Elizabeth M., Feb. 24, 1833; Edwin M., Jan. 22, 1835; Malinda M., Feb. 17, 1837; Lydia M. (the only survivor of this large family), Dec. 13, 1838; Fianna M., Feb. 15, 1841 (died July 14, 1866).

William S. Schollenberger, son of John M., was born Oct. 24, 1851, in the vicinity of Fleetwood, and was reared on the farm. When eighteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of tombstone cutting at Hillchurch, and after a few years engaged in business for himself near Yoder's Mill in Pike township. He next moved to Pleasantville, where he lived for two and a half years, after which he was located at Friedensburg for a little over eighteen years. In December, 1899, he settled in Boyertown, where he carried on a thriving business in his line until his sudden death, Mr. Schollenberger having been one of the victims of the memorable Opera House fire on Jan. 13, 1908. Mr. Schollenberger was a prosperous business man and a quiet but useful citizen, and he served as councilman of the borough, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church at Friedensburg.

Mr. Schollenberger was twice married, his first union being with Mary Ann Cleaver, who was born July 5, 1858, daughter of Daniel Cleaver, and died June 2, 1905. She was the mother of two children, Franklin A. and Mary Ellen, the latter of whom is unmarried and since her father's death has made her home with her brother. Mr. Schollenberger's second marriage was to Mrs. Mary C. (Keller) Bower, by whom he had no children. She perished with him in the Opera House fire, and they are buried in Fairview cemetery, at Boyertown.

Franklin A. Schollenberger was born near Hillchurch, in Pike township, Berks county, Dec. 6, 1875, and attended the public schools in Oley township in his early boyhood, later becoming a pupil at the Oley Academy. He began to learn the trade of stone-cutter under his father when very young, during the time when the business was located at Friedensburg, and he has continued to follow the same line, in which he has met with uninterrupted success. On June 10, 1908, he engaged in the business on his own account at Boyertown, dealing in marble and granite as well as doing all kinds of stone and marble cutting. He has a paying patronage, keeping five or six men busy all the time, and his equipment of pneumatic tools, drills, surfacing and polishing machines is complete and up-to-date, all facilities for doing this kind of work in the most convenient manner being at hand in his establishment. He does a large business making tombstones for the different districts throughout the lower end of Berks county.

Mr. Schollenberger was married June 21, 1902, to Miss Cora B. Leinbach, who was born Feb. 1, 1882, daughter of Daniel and Ada (Rider) Leinbach, of Oley township, and she, too, perished in the disastrous fire of Jan. 13, 1908, Mr. Schollenberger thus losing three members of his immediate family in that catastrophe. One child was born to this union, Alton W., who died April 15, 1905, in his second year. Mr. Schollenberger in religious connection is a member of the Reformed Church at Friedensburg. Fraternally he unites with Ringgold Council, No. 23, O. U. A. M., and Castle No. 123, K. G. E., at Friedensburg, and with Camp No. 8286, M. W. of A., at Boyertown.

JOHN J. RUTH, proprietor of the historic "Cacoosing Hotel," in Lower Heidelberg township, near the Spring township line, has been located there since 1903. He is a native of Penn township, this county, born May 10, 1863, and was reared on the parental farm in North Heidelberg township. He received his education in the public schools.

When he was eighteen years old, Mr. Ruth started out in life for himself as a farmer, but after he had been away from home one year his father again desired his services, and he accordingly returned to his parents, working for them nine years longer. He then engaged in farming on his own account in Penn township, on Reuben Hedrich's farm, upon which he lived as a tenant for ten years. In the spring of 1903 he sold his farm stock and purchased the "Cacoosing Hotel" property, including a farm of twenty-nine acres, from the Adam Stump estate. He has made his home there ever since, conducting this well-known hostelry, which is patronized by the traveling public and many Reading people. Mr. Ruth is an obliging landlord, doing everything in his power for the comfort and convenience of his guests.

Mr. Ruth has been twice married. His first wife, Lydia (Speicher) Ruth, died five years after her marriage, the mother of a son and a daughter, twins. The son died in infancy, but the daughter Lillie is still surviving. Mr. Ruth's second marriage was to Maggie L., daughter of John and Louisa (Balthaser) Ruth. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Ruth and his family are Lutheran members of the Bern Union Church, and fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 835, I. O. O. F.; and Washington Camp, No. 99, P. O. S. of A., both of Wernersville. He is a Democrat in political belief.

Israel Ruth, father of John J. Ruth, was born in 1824. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation in his earlier years, later conducting a farm. He married Catharine Boyer, who died in 1890, and both are buried at the Corner Church in Heidelberg township. Mr. and Mrs. Israel Ruth had eight children, as follows: Joshua is a resident of Reading; Mary m. Levi Strause, of Reading; William lives in San Francisco, Cal.; Emma m. George W. Spatz, of Robesonia, Pa.; Sarah m. Aaron Lease, of Reading; John J.; and two died in infancy and are buried at the Bern Church.

Jonas Ruth, grandfather of John J. Ruth, lived in the vicinity of Reading. Three of his four children were: Josephus, Israel, and John.

FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH. What is now the First United Evangelical Church of Reading, and the parent church of all the United Evangelical Churches of the city, had its beginning in the organization of Reading circuit by the Eastern Conference of the Evangelical Association in 1836. At a Congregational meeting held Oct. 16, 1894, it was unanimously resolved that the congregation of Salem Church of the Evangelical Association collectively and individually sever connection with the Evangelical Association and by resolution at said Congregational meeting united with the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church. The large and beautiful church building at the corner of Eighth and Court streets was completed and dedicated, June 21, 1896.

The following pastors served this appointment: W. F. Heil, 1895-1899; J. W. Hoover, 1899-1903; E. H. Kistler, 1903-1907; J. W. Hoover, 1908, the present pastor, Rev. A. W. Brownmiller, having served since March, 1908.

The present board of trustees are the following: J. G. Mohn, Pres.; John Rudisill, Sec.; Edwin C. Baker, Treas.; Dr. B. H. Markley, Rep.; John R. Miller; George Hendel; W. H. Hendel; and Elias R. Herb. The present membership is 850 and the Sunday-school enrollment is 1,250. Since the organization in 1895 the congregation has raised for all purposes the magnificent sum of $247,141.93. [Supplied by A. W. Brownmiller.]

KELLER. The Keller family of Rockland, Berks county, is of German extraction, being descended from John Christophel (Christoffel) Keller, better known as "Stoffel" Keller, who was born in Nitsche, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Jacob Keller, a well known weaver who resided at that place. Jacob Keller was

the father of six children, two of whom died in childhood. Two sons, both named Johan Adam, were distinguished by being called "der grosse Johan" (Big John) and "der kleine Johan" (Little John). John Christophel came next, and there was one daughter, Elizabeth Catharine. The mother's name is not known, but she had red hair, while all her children had black hair.

In 1764 John Christophel Keller, then seventeen years of age, came to America, in the companionship of a young man named Fritsche, a relative, who was a younger brother of the ancestor of the Fritsche family in America, who had come to this country in 1737. Young Stoffel's father gave him considerable money in gold, which he sewed in a belt and carried on his body. He took passage on the "Brittania," Captain Arnot, from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, where young Keller landed Sept. 26th, alone. The weather was very tempestuous during the voyage and a number of the passengers became sick and died, among the unfortunates being young Fritsche; Stoffel Keller was obliged to carry his body without assistance from the hold to the deck, and the experience made such an impression on him that he recalled it with horror to the end of his days.

From Philadelphia Stoffel Keller walked to Rockland township, Berks county, where he found a congenial home with the Reichert family, who were also from Nitsche, Mrs. Reichert having at one time worked for his father. With them he followed his trade of weaver. In 1765, at the age of eighteen, he m. Catharine, daughter of John Nicholas Delp, a large land holder of Rockland, and the ancestor of the Delp family of Berks county. John Nicholas Delp was single when he came to America, in 1749, from Germany, and located in Rockland township; he m. a daughter of a man named Adams, who settled in Maxatawny about 1739.

Soon after his marriage Stoffel Keller secured a tract of land from his father-in-law, which he began to clear, and it is said his wife assisted him in the work. This home remained in the connection for over one hundred years, and the old log house, built before 1770, is still standing and in good condition. Stoffel Keller died there, in November, 1834, at the age of eighty-seven, at which time he was living with his son-in-law, Squire Joseph Specht. Stoffel Keller's property in Rockland comprised about forty acres. He was a man of great force of character and considerable intelligence, was a school teacher, and preserved his mental vigor to the last. He served in the war of the Revolution. His wife, Catharine, died over ten years before him. Their twelve children were as follows: (1) Maria, born about 1767, died in 1850, and is buried at Mertz Church, in Rockland. She m. Michael Welder, and they had nine children: Polly, wife of Abraham Boyer, of Maxatawny township; Catharine, wife of George Welder, who removed to Ohio; Elisabeth, Mrs. Seuse; Sarah, wife of Isaac Reodinger, Susan, who m. Daniel Gerrett, of Schuylkill county; Dinah, wife of Sol. Heist, of Rockland township; John, who m. Lydia Muthart, and lived in Jefferson and Armstrong counties; Benjamin, who m. (first) Elisabeth Gave and (second) Mary Boyer; and Lena, wife of Daniel Oswald, of Rockland township. (2) Jacob m. Betsy, daughter of John Specht. They lived and died near Pricetown. They had children: John, who m. Elisabeth Wahl; Catharine, wife of Henry Noll; Rebecca, Mrs. Buskirk; Lydia, Mrs. Wahl; and Daniel. (3) Catharine, who lived and died at Bechtelsville, was twice married, first to Daniel Specht and second to Peter Muthart. She had five children: Daniel (married), Sarah (wife of David Muthart), Catharine (wife of John Muthart), Annie (Mrs. Fry) and David (married). (4) Conrad m. Polly Neiman. (5) Elisabeth m. Henry Moyer and they lived and died near Hill Church. Their children were: Joseph (married), Henry (married Sally Moyer), Sarah (Mrs. Moyer), Fredrica (m. George Seuse), Isaac, Jacob and Elisabeth. (6) Susan m. Joseph Specht, Esq., and they lived and died on the Keller homestead in Rockland township. She died in 1832, and Squire Specht later m. a Muthart, by whom he had two sons. He died in 1854. By his marriage to Susan Keller he had children as follows: Maria m. Charles Shaffer; Rebecca m. Daniel DeLong; Catharine m. Abraham Levan; Susan m. Charles DeLong; Elisabeth m. William Stapleton (they were the parents of Rev. A. Stapleton, D. D., of York, Pa., who a number of years ago compiled a genealogical sketch of the American ancestor which was published in Egle's "Notes and Queries," and to whom we are indebted for the information contained in this article); Sarah m. (first) John DeLong and (second) Benjamin Keller; Joseph m. Anna LaVan. (7) George m. Kate Keller and they lived and died near Pricetown. Their children were Abraham, Magdalena and Joseph. (8) Magdalena m. Henry Sterner and had six children: Joel, who m. a Felthofer; Polly, Mrs. Sipe; William, who also married; Peter, who remained unmarried; Lydia, Mrs. Hess; and George, who married. (9) Abraham m. Magdalena, daughter of John Specht and sister of Squire Joseph Specht, and they had two children, both of whom married, and both of whom moved to Wauseon, Ohio, where their descendants reside. Benjamin was married four times, his last wife being Mrs. Sarah DeLong, daughter of Squire Joseph Specht. (10) Samuel died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years. (11) John m. Betsy Egolf. They had no children. (12) Mary (Peggy), born in 1799, m. Jacob Sterner and moved to Bloomsburg, Pa., where she died in 1879. They had eight children: Mary died in infancy; Catharine m. John Heist; Ephraim m. Mary Long; Henrietta m. John Rinker; Hannah m. (first) James Davis and (second) J. Miller; Jacob m. Sarah Diener; Rebecca m. Reuben Hess; John m. (first) Anne M. Eckert and (second) Martha Jacoby.

A curious story told by Stoffel Keller to his grandchildren is a fair sample of the legends and traditions prevalent among the early Pennsylvania Germans: When he was a little boy at home in Nitsche, on the Rhine, a mysterious stranger came to their "dorf" (town). The people were afraid of him and no one would give him lodging, but Jacob Keller (Stoffel's father) finally took him in. The stranger said that for his kindness he would perform an act that would give him immunity from fire, that though the entire town should be consumed his house would be spared. He then called for an auger, with which he bored a hole in the house, at the same time performing some kind of incantation. To prove the efficiency of the charm he asked for two bundles of straw. Having enchanted one, he set it on fire, whereupon the straw was consumed, but the band remained; enchanting the other, he set fire to the band, which was consumed, the straw remaining.

Conrad Keller, son of Stoffel Keller, m. Polly Neiman, whose first husband was killed by the Indians in 1781. To this union was born children as follows: John m. Esther Clouser, and is mentioned below; George m. Lucy Bast; David m., and lived in New York City; Charles m. Harriet Moyer, was a prominent citizen of Berks county and later of Montgomery county, where he died March 7, 1897, aged eighty years.

John Keller, son of Conrad and Polly, m. Esther Clouser, daughter of William and Katherine (Moser) Clouser. John Keller died in 1854. His wife, Esther (Clouser) Keller, was born in 1810, and died Oct. 14, 1908, and was buried at New Jerusalem Church. She was a descendant of Johan Wilhelm Miller, of Oley, who came from Ettlingen, Baden, Germany, in 1751, and located near Griesemersville, in Oley, Berks Co., Pa. His children were as follows: Catharine, born in 1751, m. Joseph Dilaplaine; Hannah, born in 1756, m. George Clouser, and died in 1829 (she was the grandmother of Mrs. Esther Keller); Rosina, born in 1758,

m. John Stapleton, of Oley, and died in 1833; Mary m. William Richards, and died in 1838 (she was the grandmother of Lewis Richards, lawyer, of Reading, who survives); Rebecca died in Huntingdon, Pa.; George, born in 1768, died in 1833 (he has descendants living in Oley township and Pottstown); Eve, born in 1764, died young; and another daughter, name not known, died young.

To John and Esther (Clouser) Keller were born thirteen children of whom nine left descendants, namely: William, deceased, the eldest son and for many years the organist at Spies' Church, had seven children; Jacob, the youngest son, and for many years a resident of Springfield, Ohio, has three children; Daniel, of Chatham, Ill., has five children; Samuel C., who lives on the old homestead in Rockland, has five children; Jeremiah C., of Rockland, has ten children, mentioned below; Sarah, deceased, m. William Youse, and had seven children; Caroline, widow of Alfred Brumbach, has eight children; Amanda m. Daniel A. Yoder (both now deceased), and they had five children; and Col. David C., of Reading, now deceased, had one son. At Mrs. Keller's death she was survived by five children, fifty-one grandchildren, eighty-five great-grandchildren and twenty great-great-grandchildren.

Jeremiah C. Keller, son of John and Esther (Clouser), was born on the old Keller homestead. He attended the school in Rockland township, known as Keller's school. He was quite young when his father died, and he and his brothers worked for their mother on the farm. When the Civil war had lasted so long that drafting was necessary to recruit the army, he substituted for William Hilbert, serving in Company K, 167th P. V. I., for nine months. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, he re-enlisted on his own account and became second lieutenant in Company G, 198th P. V. I. This regiment was recruited under the direction and aid of the Union League Association of Philadelphia with Horatio G. Sickel as Colonel. It was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Army Corps. Their first engagement was at Peeble's Farm, Sept. 30, 1864. They destroyed the Weldon railroad, were engaged at Hatcher's Run, and were under continual fire until they came to Boydton Plank Road, where they had an engagement with the enemy known as Lewis' Farm, Va. After the surrender of Lee, the Confederate General Ewell, in speaking of this battle, told General Chamberlain that the 198th Pa., supported by the 185th New York, and one battery of the 5th U. S. Artillery, were fighting no less than three brigades of the best Confederate troops (Bates Hist. of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Vol. V. pp. 464-5). Mr. Keller received a gunshot wound in his right leg on March 29, 1865, at Lewis' Farm. After two months' treatment in the hospitals at City Point and Georgetown, D. C., he was discharged, May 29, 1865. While a patient at City Point, he had the honor of shaking hands with President Lincoln. When he returned from the war he lived with his mother until he recovered his strength. He was very active in the ore mining business in Longswamp township. Mr. Keller married Mary Kline, daughter of Jonathan R. and Mary (Guinther) Kline, and they became the parents of ten children: (1) Irvin K. m. Lizzie Keller, and had two children, Clarence (died young) and Esther May. (2) James Ira m. Annie Bonenkemper, of Springfield, Ohio, and had two children, James Ira, Jr., and a daughter (died in infancy). He m. (second) Cora Pierson. (3) Eli Jeremiah, unmarried, lives at Springfield, Ohio. (4) Katharyne m. Dr. William Fisher, of No. 151 West Buttonwood street, Reading, and has four children. (5) David C. (6) Mamie G. m. Peter Steckel, and has three children. (7) John G. m. Annie Heffner. (8) Clara A. m. William Deysher, of Reading. (9) Emma Sevilla and (10) Ella May are at home.

Mrs. Mary (Kline) Keller's grandparents were David and Catharine (Reber) Kline. David Kline was born in Maxatawny township, and his wife near New Jerusalem, in Rockland township. Their seven children were: David; Reuben; Benjamin; Jonathan R.; Leah m. (first) Anthony Heffner, and (second) Solomon Grim, and had a son, Reuben Grim; Catharine m. Benjamin Luckenbill, of Lenhartsville, and had two sons, James and Edwin; and Julian m. John Bubenmoyer. Jonathan R. Kline, son of David, was born Jan. 20, 1799, and his wife, Mary Guinther, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hoffman) Guinther, on Jan. 25, 1804. They had nine children: (1) Jacob died Oct. 10, 1866, and is buried in the cemetery adjoining the New Jerusalem Church. He had a general merchandise store and was postmaster at New Jerusalem at the time of his death. He m. Elizabeth Bartz, and their only child, Ellen, m. John Frazer, and had seven children. (2) David m. Maria Pott, of Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa., and their children were: Mary, Katie, John, Millie and David. (3) Charles m. Mary Fegley. No children. (4) Jonathan G. m. Elmina Haas, and their only child Emma, m. William Adams, and has four children. (5) Sarah m. Reuben Mertz, and had five children. (6) William m. Mary Barto, had two children, and he died Dec. 19, 1871, and is buried at New Jerusalem cemetery. (7) Augustus m. Katie Hull, of Centre county, and they are now living at Williamsport, Pa. They have no children. (8) Mary m. Jeremiah C. Keller, and had ten children. (9) James, of Kansas City, Kans., m. (first) Rebecca Welder, had three children, and m. (second) Sarah Welder.

David C. Keller, member of the firm of Keller Bros., proprietors of the United States Hotel, Reading, is a native of Berks county, born in Longswamp township, June 16, 1876, and a son of Jeremiah C. and Mary (Kline) Keller. At the age of seventeen his school-days terminated, which was about the customary age fixed for the average country boy to "quit" and take to the furrow and the flax field. Instead the young man went to Reading and engaged with William Kuhns to learn how to make and bake bread. He remained with Mr. Kuhns for two and a half years and received his diploma. Since arriving at maturity Mr. Keller has been most of the time employed in various capacities that would acquaint him with the operating and successful management of present-day hotels. His knowledge of the hotel business has been acquired through his employment at the Bissinger Café, Hotel Penn and the American House, all of Reading, and all good. Thus equipped, he, with his brother John G., on the 12th day of April, 1909, leased of the Hawley Estate, the United States Hotel at Nos. 427-429 Penn Square, and on this date the Keller Bros. began their first business venture as conductors of their own affairs.

David C. Keller has fraternal recognition in these several societies: Reading Order of Moose, Juniata Tribe Red Men No. 74, Antietam Club, Family Circle and the 98 Social Circle. As to political parties he is without attachment.

John G. Keller, son of Jeremiah C., was born in Longswamp township, Feb. 25, 1881. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Maxatawny township, and later to Rockland township. Mr. Keller assisted his father on the old homestead until he was twelve years old, and then worked on the farms of John Youse and Benjamin Shutz. After attending the school in Rockland township, he entered the State Normal School at Kutztown, at the age of seventeen, and he graduated two years later. He taught one term in Marion township, and two in Cumru township. In April, 1902, he entered Schissler's Business College at Norristown, Pa., where he took a course in shorthand and typewriting, completing his course in November. After being employed as stenographer for the wholesale house of Gassler & Starr Company, No. 509 Commerce street, Philadelphia, dealers in carriage robes, horse dressing, etc., he resigned to accept a more lucrative position in the office of the Accountant of the Shipping & Freight Department, P. & R. R. Co., Port Richmond, Philadelphia. He worked as stenographer in this office for eighteen months and then resigned. On April 1, 1905, he accepted a position with his brother

Irvin K., in the hotel business, but April 12, 1909, he, with his brother David C., leased the United States Hotel, and they are now successfully conducting it.

Mr. Keller married in 1905 Annie Heffner, daughter of Ephraim and Catharine Heffner, of New Jerusalem, and they have two children: Ethel Josephine, born March 11, 1906; and Eli Jeremiah, Aug. 23, 1907.

FRANK H. SCHMECK, ex-sheriff of Berks county, Pa., who is now residing at No. 1160 North Ninth street, Reading, was born in Alsace township, Berks county, son of Henry and Mary (Hartman) Schmeck.

Samuel Schmeck, grandfather of Frank H., was a native of Alsace township, where he became a very prosperous agriculturist, owning much property at the time of his death. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Schmeck was a Democrat. They had the following children: John; Samuel; Henry; Susan, who m. a Mr. Deturck; and a daughter who m. a Mr. Eshbach.

Henry Schmeck, like his father, lived in Alsace township, where he was a prosperous farmer, operating the farm formerly owned by Samuel Schmeck. He died on a farm in Ruscombmanor township. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife, Mary Hartman, belonged to the Reformed denomination. They had three children: Valentine, Washington and Frank H.

Frank H. Schmeck was reared in his native locality, and received his education in the public schools. After the expiration of his term in office as sheriff of Berks county, he operated a coal yard and stone quarry, also engaging in farming in Amity township, as well as having a property in Maiden-creek township, but is now living retired. In 1898 Mr. Schmeck joined Reading Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M. In the spring of 1907 Mr. Schmeck was elected a member of the council of Reading from the Sixteenth ward.

Mr. Schmeck was married to Catherine Hickman, and the following children were born to this union: Henry m. Annie Heffner; Oscar (deceased); Agnes m. William Bush; Katie m. Elmer Leader; Sadie m. Charles Eibach; S. Mabel died in Dec., 1907; Annie m. William Matz; Grover; Laura; Minerva; Alice; Franklin; and two died in infancy. In religious belief the family are Lutherans.

GEORGE BERKHOLD, who is one of the many sons of Germany who have been successful in establishing substantial homes in this country, is a native of Oberamt Heidenheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was born Nov. 8, 1832, son of Georg and Catharine (Weisender) Berkhold.

Georg Berkhold, Sr., was a farmer in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he owned several small tracts of land. He m. Catharine Weisender, and to them were born two sons, viz.: George; and Michael, who was a weaver in the Fatherland.

George Berkhold attended the schools of his native land from the age of six to about the age of fourteen years, after which he learned the blacksmith's trade. He served an apprenticeship of three years at this trade in Stammheim, from which place he came to America in 1853, landing at New York in the latter part of May of that year. He came directly to Reading, Pa., and has since made this city his home, with the exception of a few years spent in Milwaukee, whence he moved in 1883. He was a good mechanic and was employed for many years at Sternbergh's, his work being well appreciated by his employers.

By industry and economy, Mr. Berkhold gradually became possessed of some means, and since 1901, he has lived retired enjoying the comforts earned by a useful and well-spent life. He owns a valuable business house at No. 1055 North Ninth street, Reading.

Mr. Berkhold was married in 1857 to Magdalena Henkel, born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, Aug. 20, 1828, daughter of Jost Henkel, of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Berkhold had four children, viz.: (1) Henry, a cigarmaker, lives in Warsaw, Wis. (2) George is also a cigarmaker and lives at Warsaw. (3) Annie m. Charles Bossler, of Reading. (4) Henrietta m. (first) Daniel Schroeder, of Reading and they had a daughter Gertrude, who m. Frank Dersh, of Canton, Ohio, and they now reside in Columbus, Ohio. Henrietta m. (second) in Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. Haas, of Cleveland, Ohio. She died at Toledo, Ohio, in February, 1907. The Berkhold family are members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Reading, of which Rev. Frank Huntzinger is the pastor. Mrs. Berkhold is a sincere and kindly woman, and has been an able aid to her husband in the management of his business affairs.

TYRUS B. DUBBS, city freight agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with an office at No. 25 North Sixth street, was born April 5, 1855, in Bethel township, son of Isaac and Sabilla (Beshore) Dubbs.

Isaac Dubbs was a farmer in Bethel township, Berks county, until 1865, in which year he removed to Tremont, where he turned his attention to carpentering and joining. Here he remained for several years, when he removed to Pine Grove, and still later to Pottstown, where he now resides, living retired. Although an aged man Mr. Dubbs is very well preserved, and is in possession of all his faculties. His wife passed away April 17, 1906, aged seventy-four years. To Isaac Dubbs and wife were born three children, namely: Rebecca, Tyrus B., and one that died in infancy. The family are members of the Evangelical Church.

Tyrus B. Dubbs was educated in the common schools, and when a young man engaged as a clerk in the general store conducted by W. H. Wheeler, who later became a noted minister in the Mennonite Church. Mr. Dubbs removed to Pottstown with his parents, and followed clerking until 1878, when he accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Company, as clerk in the freight office at that place. There he remained until April, 1889, when he was appointed traveling freight agent of the road, with headquarters in Reading under Robert B. Gordon. He continued in that capacity until he was made district freight agent with office at Harrisburg, being made city freight agent in February, 1898. Since that time he has made his home in Reading, where he has made many warm friends. Mr. Dubbs is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 115, B. P. O. E. Politically he is independent, and he and his family are connected with the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Dubbs married Susie L. Leysher, a native of Boyertown, Pa., and two children were born to this union: Rebecca and Jennie S.

THOMAS STRAUSER was born July 3, 1861, in Perry township, son of Reuben and Polly (Adams) Strauser.

The immigrant ancestor of this family, Conrad Strauser, owned 2500 acres of land originally, and was well-to-do. His son also named Conrad was a prominent man in Perry township, a leading member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and a well-to-do and highly respected citizen. His buildings stood near where the present buildings of the late Cornelius Strauser's homestead are now located. Benneville Strauser, son of Conrad, was born Oct. 27, 1768, and died Aug. 28, 1847. In 1803 he was married to Rosina Hummel, born Dec. 26, 1778, who died Feb. 12, 1869. They were married for more than forty-four years, and had eleven children as follows: Isaac; Jacob; Jeremiah; Benneville; Rachel, m. to Jacob Miller; Polly, m. to John Kramer; Katie, m. to Jesse Mengel; Sally, m. to Frederick Ritters; Leah, m. to Simon Dreibelbis; and two whose names are unknown. Benneville Strauser was a successful farmer and well known citizen in Windsor (now Perry) township, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Reuben Strauser, of Perry township, who was engaged as a building contractor all of his life, was born in 1826, and died in 1882. He was married (first) to Polly Adams, daughter of Jacob Adams, of Richmond township, and granddaughter of Peter Adam, who was a son of Anthony Adam, who came from Germany. Ten children were born

to this union: Wilson m. Mary Dries; Cornelius m. Sallie Clouser; Alfred m. Harriet Himmelreich; Emanuel m. Sallie Kreamer; Thomas; Mary m. James Becker; and two boys and two girls died young. Mr. Strauser's second marriage was to Mary Woomer, and to this union were born five children: Rufus is single; Catherine m. Peter Bloffer; Ella m. Thomas Olinger; and two boys, Jacob and Franklin, died young.

Thomas Strauser received his education in the township schools and was reared on the farm, learning the trade of carpenter under the tuition of his father. He followed his trade in the vicinity of his father's home for three years, at the end of which time he went to Reading and worked as a journeyman for two years. With this experience he started in business as a building contractor, and he carried on this occupation for eleven years, putting up in Reading during this time over 1,000 dwellings for numerous parties. He then removed to Pittsburg for the purpose of carrying on his operations more extensively, and within two years superintended the erection of three hundred dwellings, but not liking the "Iron City of the West," he returned to Reading, and concluding to retire from the business, he purchased the "Metropolitan House" at Shoemakersville, taking possession April 2, 1906. He immediately made extensive improvements, costing over $5,000, and it became one of the largest, best-equipped and best-conducted hotels in the county. Mr. Strauser is now located in Spokane, Washington.

In 1882 Mr. Strauser married Catherine High, daughter of Aaron High, of Reading, and there have been four children born to this union: Beulah; Oran, an enterprising young carpenter of Spokane, Wash., and the owner and operator of a 200-acre farm; Ada, and Carroll. His family are members of the Lutheran Church.

BROWNMILLER. The Brownmiller (or Braunmiller, Braumiller, or Braumuller) family in America had its origin in Johannes Braunmiller, born about 1712, who emigrated to this country with the Palatinate emigrants on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Percy captain, from Rotterdam, landing at Philadelphia Aug. 27, 1739. Tradition says that Johannes settled in New Jersey, where he reared a large family. In New York City there is a noted piano manufacturer who spells his name Braumuller, and in Landau, Germany, is a business man who spells the name Braumuller.

Luttwick Braunmiller (Ludwig Brownmiller), son of the emigrant Johannes, crossed the upper Delaware river into Pennsylvania, and located in Northampton county before the Revolutionary war. From that place members of the family moved to Hokendauqua, Lehigh county, and later to the vicinity of Lenhartsville, Berks county, and still later to Delaware county, Ohio, where many of the family now reside. Luttwick Brownmiller served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1781 he was a member of the company of Capt. Frederick Kerns. From this time on the family has been represented in every war in which the country was involved.

Nicholas Brownmiller, M. D., son of Luttwick, lived near Lenhartsville, Berks county, and owned what is now called the Yenser farm. On this farm is a private burial ground, where he and many of the family are interred. He owned a very fine medical library, which after his death was sold at public sale. His children were: Moses and Josiah, of Hamburg; and Nicholas, of Pottsville.

Moses had the following children: Aaron, Moses, Charles, and Lizzie; Josiah: John, James F., Charles, Rev. A. W. (a prominent divine of the United Evangelical Church, an able speaker, and pastor of the First Church, Reading, since 1907), George, Emma, Nora, and Susan; and Nicholas, of Pottsville: Nicholas and Aaron.

Frederick Brownmiller, son of Luttwick, lived in earlier life near Bath, Northampton county, where his son George and perhaps several of his older children were born. From here he moved to Hokendauqua, Lehigh county, and in 1814 to Lenhartsville. About 1840 he moved to Delaware, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his life, and where he and his wife, Barbara Nolf, died and are buried. Their children were: George; Joseph; Daniel; Reuben, of Delaware, Ohio, who lost three sons in the Civil war; Samuel, who died while serving his country in the Civil war, and was buried alongside the Mississippi, in Louisiana; Jeremiah, who moved from Delaware, Ohio, to Illinois; Rev. Benneville (or Bennewell), a minister in the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who served churches at different times at Cleveland, Delaware, Columbus, and Dayton; Peter, of New Carlisle, Ohio, an uncompromising Democrat, who reared six sons; and a daughter. The early members of the family were all Lutherans.

George Brownmiller, eldest son of Frederick, was born near Bath, Northampton county, April 1, 1804, and died in Berks county, Feb. 24, 1896. For ten years he was a school teacher, having charge of schools at Drehersville, Schuylkill county, Pa., Dunkel's and Bern Churches, Berks county, Pa. By trade he was a stone mason, but this he followed only a few years, when he became a shoemaker and finally a tombstone cutter, organist and singing-master. In his day he was regarded as an excellent musician and vocalist, having a full, strong voice. He conducted the old time singing schools in upper Berks county, and was long the popular organist and chorister ("foresinger") at St. Paul's (Smoke) Church, in Windsor township, and at Dunkel's Church, in Greenwich township, and for nineteen years at Bern Church, in Bern township. It was the custom in those days for the organist to be the tombstone cutter. While living in Bern township, he served many years as tax collector, and he also held a similar office after his removal to Oley township. He married Anna Foose, born April 8, 1808, died January 4, 1883, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Yeiser) Foose. Their children were: (1) George W., born Aug. 31, 1827, in Greenwich township, went when sixteen years of age to visit his uncle Reuben, in Delaware county, Ohio, and while there he enlisted in the 2d U. S. Cavalry, serving in all twenty-two years in the regular army. He was with McClellan, Grant, Lee and Scott in the Mexican war, and participated in the battles at Tobasco, Vera Cruz, Palo Alto, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Cherubusco, Chepultepec and San Pascual, and was with General Scott when Mexico was captured. He was stationed at Vancouver, Wash., when the war broke out. He was twice wounded in battle, and died at Vancouver when seventy-three years of age. His wife preceded him in death about four years. They had no children. (2) Elizabeth (1831-1835), (3) Lewis (1834-1835), and (4) Leander (1834-1835, twin to Lewis) all died of scarlet fever, and are buried at Dunkel's Church, in Greenwich township. (5) Isabella, born June 26, 1838, at Bern Church, married Anthony Burnhauser, who served in the Civil war, and they both died in New York City. They had four sons (6) Henry H. and (7) Franklin are mentioned below

Mrs. Elizabeth (Yeiser) Foose, the mother of Anna Foose and wife of George Brownmiller, was born in New York, and with three other children came to Berks county. Her father, mother, and two children were murdered by the Tuscarora Indians in New York State, while the father was in the field plowing. The four children who escaped were in the woods when the Indians made their murderous attack, and seeing what was happening they fled through the forest to an old sawmill where the oldest buried the three younger ones in a pile of saw-dust and then ran on until the owner of the sawmill appeared He took all four to a public house, where they were cared for. After coming to Berks county Elizabeth lived as a servant in the family named Zacharias, near Kissinger's Bridge, in Bern township.

Henry H. Brownmiller, son of George, and now a prominent citizen of Schuylkill county, where he is serving as poor director, was born in Berks county, Jan. 23, 1842. He was but eleven years old when he left home to engage in farm work, for seven years being employed on the Hiester farm in Bern township by Johann Christ. For one year he drove a horse on the tow-path of the Schuylkill canal. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company L, 1st Pa. Cavalry, and

served until January, 1863, when he re-enlisted for three more years and served until the last week of July, 1865, when he was discharged from Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C., for disability. He had participated in sixteen regular engagements, and was thrice wounded. At the battle of Gettysburg Companies G and L carried the dispatches from Frederick City to Gettysburg, a distance of twenty miles. Mr. Brownmiller at this time held the rank of sergeant, and all the dispatches passed through his hands. He was with General Grant in the Richmond raid.

Mr. Brownmiller had made a success of teaching before the war. In 1858 he taught his first term at Bloomsburg, a small village in Centre township. His own education was all acquired in the public schools and in Oley Academy. After the war, he taught at Bernville, where he is pleasantly remembered to this day. Dr. Samuel A Baer, then county superintendent, always declared that Mr. Brownmiller was one of the ablest teachers of the county. In 1878 he went to Schuylkill county, and taught the Orwigsburg high school for four years. In 1881 he was elected principal of the Frackville schools and there he continued until 1886, when he was elected principal of the Port Carbon schools. He returned to Orwigsburg in 1888, and continued there until 1900. In 1898, while still teaching, he was elected a justice of the peace at Orwigsburg, and this office he still holds. In 1905 he was elected a director of the poor for three years, at the end of which time he was re-elected with a majority of 3,500 votes. While teaching at Bernville, he also filled the office of revenue assessor of the Sixteenth District of Berks county, having been appointed under General Grant's administration. After filling the office for eighteen months he resigned. For three and a half years he was postmaster at Frackville, and under President McKinley's first administration was assistant postmaster at Orwigsburg. He holds a teacher's permanent certificate. Mr. Brownmiller is a man of strong personality and dignified bearing. He is an able public speaker, and is in demand at public gatherings, especially those where the veterans of the Civil war assemble. Fraternally he is a member of the American Mechanics, and the P. O. S. of A., having joined the latter in 1868.

In September, 1864, Mr. Henry H. Brownmiller, having secured a furlough for that purpose, was married to Elizabeth Kline, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wagner) Kline, of Bernville. To this union was born an only daughter, Alda Jane, who married John Heckman, a letter-carrier in New York, and died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving no children. Mr. and Mrs. Brownmiller have reared two children, one, Thomas Acker, now living in Philadelphia; and Elsie I. Hoffman, who is married and living at Orwigsburg.

Franklin Brownmiller, youngest son of George, was born Sept. 20, 1843, and died Aug. 15, 1896, at Friedensburg. He was in the employ of Dr. Bertolet, of Oley, for fifteen years, but later in life followed auctioneering. His widow, Mary (Conrad) Brownmiller, now resides at Friedensburg.

Joseph Brownmiller, son of Frederick and Barbara (Nolf), was born Oct. 23, 1807, at Hokendauqua, Lehigh county, Pa., and was educated in the common schools and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade. He was organist and chorister at Klopp's Church, Lebanon county, Pa., for more than forty years. He died April 7, 1895, aged eighty-seven years, five months, and fourteen days. He married Hannah Stein, of Greenwich, Berks county, who died May 1, 1877, aged sixty-four years, six months and twenty-six days. They had ten children: Helena; Maria, m. to Gideon Botz; Esther, m. to Eli Wolever; Amelia, m. to Samuel F. Steiner; Joel; Susanna, m. to Jonathan Miller; Amanda, m. to Isaac K. Wolf; Emma, m. to John H. Kreiser; Ephraim S.; and Thomas Daniel The family were Lutherans in religious belief.

Rev. Ephraim S. Brownmiller, Ph. D., D. D., a prominent Lutheran clergyman, son of Joseph and Hannah (Stein), was born at Hamlin, Lebanon county, Oct. 5, 1853. On May 28, 1868, he was confirmed a member of the Lutheran church, by the Rev. H. Giesz, at Klopp's Church, Lebanon county. He received his early education in both public and private schools. In 1868 he became organist of Christ Church, Stouchsburg, and attended the Stouchsburg Academy until 1870. In the spring of 1870 he entered Palatinate College, Myerstown, and the next fall registered as a student at Swatara Institute, Jonestown. During 1871 and 1872 he taught schools near Mt. Aetna and Wintersville, Berks county. In the spring of the latter year he entered Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1875. In 1874 he supplied as a student Union Deposit and Sand Hill Lutheran Churches, Dauphin county. In 1875 he was ordained by the Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, at Reading, after which he was called as pastor by the Union Deposit parish, consisting of Union Deposit, Hill, Sandy Hollow, and Wenrich, where he remained for six years. In 1881, he took charge of Ephrata parish, in Lancaster county, consisting of Ephrata, Swamp, Schoeneck, Lincoln, and Reed's, when he united with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. In 1889 he removed to Reading, as the successor to the late Rev. T. T. Iaeger, where he still labors with unbounded success. This parish consists of Oley, Spies's, Shalter's, Kissinger's, Bern, Reed's, and St. Mark's, Reading, Lutheran Churches. He is the founder of St. Mark's Church, organizing it in 1889, which now numbers more than 600 members. Beginning in 1895, the Rev. Dr. Brownmiller pursued a post-graduate course at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and other institutions, which resulted in the conferring of the degree of Ph. D., and later that of D. D.

Dr. Brownmiller is a Democrat, and was first appointed to office from the Twelfth ward to fill an unexpired term on the Reading board of education, and was elected in 1903 and re-elected in 1907, still serving efficiently at the present time on the Finance and Building committees. He is broad and liberal minded, and is greatly interested in educational affairs, and in all measures that tend toward good and clean government. He is chaplain of the Berks County Prison, which position he has held for the past thirteen years. He is one of the most widely known and eminent divines of Berks county, and is a fluent and able speaker. Dr. Brownmiller is especially strong as an exegetist, and is in constant demand as a public speaker. Several European trips especially fitted him for this work. While pastor at Union Deposit, he was married to Minnie Anna Zimmerman, and their children are: Rev. Martin Luther, a graduate of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., who was ordained May 22, 1904, and is now his father's assistant; Sadie Florence, m. to Prof. Samuel H. Ziegler, an instructor in the high school for Boys, Reading; Violet Mabel, m. to Richard R. Dry, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary Alice, a music teacher; Miriam Ruth; Frederick Joseph; Mildred Helen, at home; and Laura May and Charles Howard, deceased.

Daniel Brownmiller, son of Frederick, was born in Northampton county, died at Prospect, Ohio, and was buried there. He was a tailor by trade, and lived northeast of Lenhartsville, at Round Top, for some years, and in Albany township. He owned the first farm east of Lenhartsville, on the Klinesville road. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. His death occurred while on a visit to his son Emanuel, at Prospect, Ohio. His wife, whose maiden name was Stoyer, is buried at Dunkel's Church. Their children were: Emanuel, a tailor at Prospect, Ohio; Christina, m. to Joseph Fahringer; Amelia, m. to a Fisher; Joseph S.; Samuel, who died young; Isabella, m. to Benjamin Oldt; and Henry, of Kutztown.

Joseph S. Brownmiller, son of Daniel, was born Dec. 9, 1831, in the vicinity of Lenhartsville, and died June 13, 1896. He was a carpenter by trade, but followed different occupations, for a number of years being a stationary engineer at a sawmill in Luzerne county, Pa. For some time he was in the employ of the Schuylkill Navigation Co., and for six years he made dynamite at Nesquehoning, Pa. He died at his home in Shoemakersville,

where he had built his own residence, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery there. He was a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious faith. He was a member of Company B, unassigned regiment, during the Civil war, and was on duty near Washington, D. C.

Joseph S. Brownmiller was married (first) to Susanna S. Madeira, born Oct. 15, 1829, died April 3, 1887, daughter of Samuel Madeira. Their children were: Charles M.; Leonora, who died in infancy; Sarah Ann, m. to Joel K. Weidman, of Shoemakersville; and John W., of Philadelphia.

Charles M. Brownmiller, son of Joseph S., and a lumber merchant and dealer in tobacco and cigars, at Shoemakersville, was born Nov. 19, 1854, in that place, on the Madeira homestead. He was educated in the common schools and at the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, and was licensed to teach by Dr. S. A. Baer. He taught six terms in Perry township, and in 1879 one term in the Independent School District, at Leighton, Mahaska Co., Iowa. In 1880 he returned to Pennsylvania, and again taught in Perry township. He next drove a Philadelphia & Reading station team on the Schuylkill canal two summers, after which he served a three-year apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under Samuel Williams. Going to Pottstown, at the end of that time, he worked there as an iron marker in the Philadelphia Bridge Works for five months. Under John Foreman, master mechanic for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, he began framing bridges, and followed this for several months, when Mr. Foreman took him into his office as chief clerk, until 1885, when he established a lumber business at Shoemakersville, which he still conducts. He was elected president of the Board of Trade of Shoemakersville and still holds the office. In the fall of 1908 he was appointed secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Assistance and Fire Insurance Company, of Berks county, and this responsible position he continues to fill. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never cared for office. He repeatedly refused to be a candidate. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Shoemakersville Union Church.

In 1894 Mr. Brownmiller was married to Anna L. Warmkessel, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Merkel) Warmkessel, of Maxatawny township, and they have three sons and one daughter, namely: Charles Clare, Arlan Joseph, Lorin Thomas and Mary Ann Susanna. Fraternally he is a member of Ontelaunee Tribe No. 312, I. O. R. M., Hamburg; Resolute Council, No. 27, O. of I. A., and Meade Camp, No. 16, Sons of Veterans, of Reading.

DUNKELBERGER. The Dunkelberger family had its early home in Wurtemberg, Germany, whence came Clement (or Clementz), Daniel and John. They sailed from Rheinfels, on the English ship "Molhouse," landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1728, and located a little north of what is now Hamburg, in Berks county. Clement Dunkelberger immediately paid tax to the English crown. When he died in 1782, his home was in Windsor township. His will made Feb. 12, 1776, was probated April 8, 1782, and is on record in Will Book B, page 38. At the time the will was made his wife Anna Maria was still living. Their children were: Clemens, who obtained the plantation, Catharine, m. to Andrew Winiger; Mrs. John Deck; John; Frederick; Christopher; Elizabeth, m. to Michael Deck; Philip; Sevila; Magdalena and Dorotha. It is also said that Clementz Dunkelberger had a son Daniel, but if so, his name does not appear among those mentioned in the will.

In 1762 one Peter Dunkelberger died in Windsor township, Berks county. His will, witnessed by Philip Kalbach and Jeremiae Schappelle, is on record in Will Book I, page 91. Peter and his wife Elizabeth had two sons, and an item in the will reads as follows: "My son Johannes when he is 14 years old, shall learn a trade; and when 21 years old he shall take possession of my plantation." The other son was John Peter, who probably was small when his father died.

Peter Dunkelberger (probably the John Peter mentioned in the will of Peter Dunkelberger who died in 1762) lived in Centre township, where he was engaged in farming. He is buried at Belleman's Church. His will, probated in 1854, is on record in Will Book 10, page 148. He married Magdalena Bohn, and they had these children: John; Jacob; Betzy, m. to Michael Mitchell; Daniel; Polly, m. to a Mitchell; and Katie, m. to Jonas Zweizig (their son is the well known Rev. B. D. Zweizig).

John Dunkelberger, son of Peter and Magdalena, was born in Centre township, and died in Upper Bern township in 1898, aged eighty-six years. He is buried at St. Michael's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was a stone mason by trade. His wife was Eliza Lindenmuth, daughter of Samuel Lindenmuth. They had six sons and six daughters, as follows: Soriah, Levi, Fietta, John L., Mary Ann, William, Samuel, Lovina, Catharine, James, and a son and a daughter who died young.

John L. Dunkelberger, son of John and Eliza, was born in July, 1835, in Tilden. At the age of sixteen he learned the shoemaker's trade, and this he followed two years. He then spent two years in the manufacture of bricks at Leesport, after which he began farming in Upper Bern township, tenanting five years. He bought a small farm near Bern Station, which he sold after four years and moved to near Hamburg. At the end of a year he bought a farm in Bethel township, which he sold after four years and bought another in Tulpehocken. This he farmed for another four years, when he sold it and for two years farmed the Daniel Dietrich farm in Centre, and for one year the John Kline farm. He next bought a farm near Centreport, and while living there purchased another of 136 acres near Garfield. Selling the former he bought a dwelling at Centreport, where he lived for five years. At the end of that time he moved to Reading, first living on Pear street, but later buying his home at No. 206 North Front street. He owns a number of houses in Reading and in Bernville.

On March 24, 1855, Mr. Dunkelberger married Mary K. Zimmerman, who was born Sept. 12, 1838, daughter of Daniel Z. Zimmerman, a farmer of Centre township, and his wife Mary Keller. On March 24, 1905, they celebrated their golden wedding, surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their children were: Franklin Z.; Ellen Lovina, deceased wife of Moses Baer; Ellen Celesa; Mary Ellen, m. to Paul Kauffman; Dr. Nathaniel Z.; Ellen Amanda, m. to James W. Klopp; and Jonathan Z. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkelberger are members of the United Evangelical Church of Reading, in which he has held a number of offices.

Dr. Nathaniel Z. Dunkelberger, son of John L., was born in Bethel Aug. 6, 1864. He is a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, and has in addition taken special courses in diseases of the eye, nose and throat, and in other lines that have seemed to him most important. He received a prize of fifty dollars for standing first in his class, and a special diploma in surgery. He ranks high among the Berks county physicians, and has a large practice at Kutztown and vicinity. He has long been an active worker in the cause of education as a member of the Kutztown school board, serving two years as secretary of the board.

John Dunkelberger, a grandson of the emigrant Clement, was born near Hamburg, Berks county, in 1740. In 1780 he was a widower, and with his son George moved to the lower part of Mahanoy, Northumberland county, where he built the first grist mill and stone house.

George Dunkelberger, son of John, as stated, accompanied his father to Mahanoy in 1780. In 1800 he married there, and about the time his first child, Jacob, was born in 1802, removed to Mahantango.

Jacob Dunkelberger, son of George, born in 1802, was married in Mahantango to Catharine Maurer.

Moses Dunkelberger, first son of Jacob, was born in Mahantango in 1829, now lives at Hegins, Schuylkill county, with his son James H. Another son, R. B., is a prominent business man in Reading; and the only daughter, Jane, married John H. Schrope, of Hegins.

About 1780 one branch of Dunkelbergers went to Perry county, and some of these later went to Niagara Falls, N. Y. Another branch moved from Hamburg to Oley, near Reading.

Joseph Dunkelberger was a resident of Ricktown, in what was then Bern township, where he was born about 1790, and died about 1842, and is buried at Bern church as is his wife Elizabeth Sonnen, who died in 1826. He was a laborer, and fencemaker. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Sonnen) Dunkelberger were born these children: (1) Daniel, of Bern township, m. Eve Trautman, and died young, leaving three children: (2) Benneville, of Bern township, m. a Schoppel, and they had children, Samuel, Cyrus and Louisa. (3) Christina, born Dec. 3, 1820, m. Samuel B. Ruth (1819-1905), had nine children, and lived at No. 1232 Chestnut street, Reading. (4) Samuel, born 1825. He lived and died near Leesport, in Bern township. He m. Mary Hafer. (5) Catharine, born 1828, died 1844.

Samuel Dunkelberger, son of Joseph, born in 1825, was a well known farmer in Centre township. He died near Leesport, and is buried at Belleman's Church. He married Mary Hafer, who bore him ten children, namely: Frank, Catharine, Israel, Aaron, Howard H., Samuel, Emma, Mary and Joseph (twins), and Ella.

Howard H. Dunkelberger, the popular proprietor of the "Half-Way House" on the Bernville road, in Bern township, was born Jan. 8, 1860, in the township in which he now resides, son of Samuel and Mary. He attended the public schools of his district, and worked for his father till the latter's death. He then worked among the farmers, spending one year in Penn township, and six years in Bern township. In 1900 he began in his present business, and now is one of the popular hotel men in his section, having the leading traveling trade between Reading and Bernville.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Miss Angeline Schrack, daughter of Daniel Schrack, of Bern township. They have one daughter, Annie V., who is at home. Mr. Dunkelberger belongs to the K. G. E. He is a Lutheran member of Bern church and in politics is a Democrat.

HENRY H. ROHRBACH, secretary of the Berks County Sabbath School Association in the district of Longswamp, District and Hereford townships and the borough of Topton, was born in District township, Berks county, April 28, 1881, son of James F. and Fianna (Hess) Rohrbach.

James F. Rohrbach, his father, was born in Pike township, this county, son of Benjamin Rohrbach, and is now engaged in farming two miles northeast of Pikeville. He married Fianna Hess, daughter of David R. and Lydia (Sterner) Hess, of District township.

At the age of four years Henry H. Rohrbach entered the public schools, and he continued as a student therein until he was nineteen, for seven terms not missing a day. In 1901 he entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, and there became a member of the Keystone Literary Society. In 1903 he was licensed to teach by county superintendent E. M. Rapp, and since then he has been engaged, in turn, at Frey's school, District township; Hertzog's school, Rockland township; Mine Hole school, Bern township; and Rohrbach's school, District township. He resides about one and one-half miles southeast of Fredericksville, and has taught the Sterner school near there. Besides his school work he is agent for the Berks and Lehigh Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is the Fredericksville correspondent for the *Eagle, Telegram,* and *Herald,* of Reading; and the *Journal* and *Patriot,* of Kutztown. He is also crop reporter for District township for the Bureau of Statistics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In 1896 Mr. Rohrbach became a member of Huff's Reformed Church, and a member of Sterner's Union Sunday-school. His first office was that of deacon of this school, after which he was made assistant secretary under David S. Hess. For ten years he held the office of secretary, and did much for the welfare of the school. His appointment as secretary for the Berks County Sabbath School Association in his district met with the approval of all in the Association. His duty will be to gather statistics from each school, and report to the corresponding secretary, and hold conventions at different places in the district.

Fraternally Mr. Rohrbach is a member of Council No. 1007, O. of I. A., of Landis Store.

KEMP. The Kemp family has long been resident in District township, and at the present time is ably represented by Harvey W. Kemp, merchant and postmaster at Landis Store, and his brother, William W. Kemp, a popular and successful school teacher.

Joseph Kemp, great-grandfather of Harvey W. and William W., was born in District township, and lived on the farm of seventy acres, now the property of the Joseph Kemp estate. He was a stone mason by trade. For nearly half a century he filled the office of justice of the peace. He is buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Bally, belonging to the church of that denomination there, as did also his wife. His children were: Katie m. William Schoch, of Hereford township; Thomas; and Mary m. (first) Gideon Hepler, and (second) Adam Heller. George Kemp, brother of Joseph, lived in Hereford township, where he was a farmer. He was the father of Daniel, an aged resident of District township, and grandfather of Alfred L., the landlord at Fredericksville.

Thomas Kemp, son of Joseph, was a native of District township, where he died Jan. 22, 1900, aged seventy-three years. He was a stone-mason, and lived near Landis Store, where Edwin Kemp (son of Manasses) now lives. On Oct. 27, 1862, he enlisted for nine months, becoming a member of Company H, 167th Pa. V. I., under Captain Schaeffer. In politics he was a Democrat, and for a number of years filled the offices of school director and supervisor. He was a Roman Catholic and belonged to Bally Church. His wife, Susanna Frain, died Feb. 1, 1898, aged seventy-two years, and is buried at Hill church. She was a Lutheran in religious belief. To Thomas and Susanna Kemp were born: George; Malinda, m. to Phoenus Schott; Abraham F.; John and Manasses, twins, of District township; and Henry, who is a justice of the peace and farmer in District township.

Abraham F. Kemp, son of Thomas, was born in District township, Nov. 9, 1853, and was reared as a farmer. With the exception of seven years passed at Eshbach, his entire life was spent in his native township. He is a shoemaker by trade, and made many new shoes, but of late years has done repair work principally. Politically he is a Democrat, and was school director ten years during six years being president of the board. He owns a small farm.

He and his family are Lutherans, and belong to Hill Church. In 1875 he married Amanda Weller, daughter of Gideon Weller and wife (nee Hartline). They have three children, as follows: Harvey W.; William W.; and Annie, m. to Frederick Heffner, by whom she has a son, Earl.

Harvey W. Kemp, the merchant and postmaster, at Landis Store, District township, was born in that township, Nov. 22, 1877, son of Abraham F. and Amanda (Weller) Kemp. He was educated in the schools of District and Washington townships, and was reared to farm life, working upon the farm from eleven to nineteen years of age as a hired man. In 1896 he became a clerk in J. H Landis' general store, remaining there two years. In 1898 Mr. Landis was succeeded by his son Henry B., who conducted the business for four and one-half years, and at the end of that period Mr. Kemp succeeded him to the

business. He purchased the store and hotel stand, and also the 147-acre farm from John H. Landis Oct. 6, 1909. He has made a number of improvements to the place, and has doubled the business. He carries a very full line of general merchandise, conducts a weekly huckster route throughout the district, and deals largely in feed, and farm implements. The hotel, so popular with the traveling public, was first opened about 1800 by John Weller, who sold out to Samuel Landis, who in turn was succeeded by John H. Landis. The Kemp store is the voting place and business center of the township.

Mr. Kemp is an active Democrat, and is an influential citizen of the district. He has served as delegate to county conventions. On June 19, 1909, he was appointed postmaster. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Mountain Telephone Company, and became its first president, Nov. 27, 1905, an office he still holds. He has been a director in the Commercial Trust Company, of Reading, since, 1906, and of the Bally First National Bank since its organization in 1909. He is a young man of business ability, and has made a success of life. Fraternally he belongs to Huguenot Lodge No. 477, F. & A. M., Kutztown; Council No. 1007, O. of I. A., Landis Store; and Castle No. 461, K. G. E., Manatawny. He and his family are Lutheran members of Hill Church.

On Oct. 15, 1898, Mr. Kemp married Mandilla R. Moyer, daughter of Henry M. and Sophia (Reichert) Moyer, of Pike township. They have had four children: Paul, who died aged one year; Mamie; Ivy and Lottie.

William W. Kemp, a popular school teacher, and citizen of District township, was born there Oct. 16, 1879, son of Abraham F. and Amanda (Weller) Kemp. He was reared to country life and educated in the township schools, and the Normal School at Kutztown, attending the latter for five terms. He was licensed to teach in 1898, and taught his first term at Frey's School, in District township, teaching that school seven terms. Since then he has taught two terms at Oberholtzer's School in Hereford township, and two terms at the Landisville School in District township. Mr. Kemp is up-to-date in his methods, and is thorough in his work. In politics he is a Democrat.

On April 30, 1904, Mr. Kemp married Annie R. Bechtel, daughter of James D. and Emma (Reichert) Bechtel prominent citizens of Pike township. To this union has been born one son Floyd Earnest. Mr. Kemp and his family live at the line of District and Hereford townships near Huff's Church.

ALFRED L. KEMP, proprietor of the "Fredericksville Hotel," was born in District township, Nov. 8, 1861, son of Daniel and Sallie (Landis) Kemp, farming people of that township.

Jacob Kemp, great-grandfather of Alfred L., owned and lived upon the farm of about 115 acres now owned by George Kemp. He was a Roman Catholic, and probably came from New Jersey to this section. He was a blacksmith by trade, following it in connection with farming. Many of his descendants have learned the same trade. He was a large man of great strength. He spoke German. He is buried at the Bally Catholic Church. He died of paralysis about 1843, while at Forgedale, on his way home from church at Bally. He was past seventy years old. He married Molly Moyer, and she is buried at Huff's church. She was a Protestant. They had these children: George; John died unmarried; Joseph; Jacob was a laborer in District township and m. Sarah Frey (daughter of Daniel), and they had three children, Jacob, Sarah and a daughter who lived in Reading; Daniel died unmarried; Katie m. Jacob Yetzer, a native of Germany; Annie m. Jacob Essig; Peggie m. George Klemmer; and Mrs. John Fronheiser.

George Kemp, son of Jacob, lived in Hereford, near Huff's church. He was a farmer, and is buried at Bally Catholic Church, of which he was a member, as were all of his children. To him and his wife Judith Conrath, were born these children: Daniel; George, of District township; John, of Hereford township; Sallie, m. to George Kemp; Katie, m. to Daniel Haak; and Elizabeth, m. to John Miller.

Daniel Kemp, son of George, and father of Alfred L., is a farmer in District township. He was born Jan. 6, 1833. He is a blacksmith, and followed that trade many years. He owns a tract of forty-two acres, located between Fredericksville and Landis Store. He is a member of Bally Catholic Church. He married Sallie Landis, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Conrath) Landis, of District township, and they became the parents of nine children; Alfred L.; John, of Pottstown; Martin, a farmer of District; Daniel, of Pottstown; Lizzie, m. to Harry Benfield; Irwin and George, both of Pottstown; and James and Henry, of District township.

Alfred L. Kemp, son of Daniel and Sallie, was reared in District township and attended the township schools. He worked as a hired man for several years, and the rest of the time worked for his father. When nineteen years old he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed seven years, and for a number of winters carried it on among the farmers. He farmed in District township seven years, and in the spring of 1909 became the landlord at Fredericksville, his place being one of the old established stands. Mr. Kemp belongs to Council No. 1007, O. of I. A., of Landis Store. He and his family are Lutheran members of Huff's Church.

On Nov. 5, 1887, Mr. Kemp married Elizabeth Frain, daughter of James and Sarah (Becker) Frain, of District township. They have had two children: Minnie L.; and William F., who died Sept. 30, 1909, aged ten years, six months, four days.

HENRY F. KEMP, justice of the peace in District township, was born there May 27, 1868. He taught school fourteen terms in District township. Under Recorder of Deeds H. H. Holtzman he was made clerk, and held that position for three years, and was appointed First Assistant Deputy under J. A. Bausher. In 1895 he was elected justice of the peace, and since has been twice re-elected. On Dec. 12, 1891, he married Mary Fronheiser, daughter of George Fronheiser, of Hereford township. Their children are: Cora, Robert, Leroy, Fred, Eva, Stella, Katie and George.

ALVIN F. KEMP, supervising principal of the public schools of Longswamp township, Berks county, was born in District township, this county, June 18, 1876, son of John F. and Fietta (Fronheiser) Kemp. He attended the public schools of his native township until sixteen years of age, and then entered the Keystone State Normal School at Kutztown, where he graduated in the elementary course in 1898, and in the scientific in 1900. His work as teacher began when he was but sixteen, and he taught Frey's school in District township two years, Sterner's one year, Heydt's in Washington township seven years. In 1905 he was elected principal of the township high school in Longswamp and that responsible position he has since continued to fill, doing much to raise the standard of the school, and to advance the cause of education in the county. He is a natural student, and has devoted himself to his work. Broad minded and of good executive ability, he is well fitted for the position he holds; and his genial personality has won him friends among pupils and patrons alike.

In 1899 Mr. Kemp was married to Ida Fronheiser, who was born in District township, Oct. 9, 1876, daughter of George and Sophia (Weller) Fronheiser. To this union have been born children as follows: Harvey, born May 16, 1900, in Hereford township; Viola, Feb. 6, 1902, in Hereford township; Edna, May 22, 1903, in Hereford township; Elsie, Dec. 3, 1904, in Hereford township; and John Webster, June 27, 1906, in Longswamp township. Mr. Kemp is a Lutheran in religious belief, and is an active worker in the Sunday-school.

JOSEPH GANSTER, who is conducting a flourishing grocery business at Thirteenth and Cotton streets, Reading,

was born May 28, 1856, son of Joseph and Sophia (Schmeck) Ganster.

Joseph Ganster received his education in the schools of Exeter township, also attending night school at Reading while engaged in the shops of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, learning the trade of blacksmith. This he followed for nineteen years with this company, and then resigned to accept a position as policeman under the administration of Mayor James R. Kenney, serving three years, one month, twenty-eight days. During this time he attended the Chester N. Farris night school, and he then returned to the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Company, for ten months, having previously purchased his present stand. On April 9, 1891, he left the employ of the railroad company, to engage in business for himself, and his grocery store is one of the leading business enterprises of his locality. He carries a full and complete line of fancy and staple groceries, and his fine quality of goods, coupled with Mr. Ganster's obliging and courteous manner, have won him much trade. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he has been deacon. In political matters he is independent. His fraternal connections are with the Royal Arcanum and the Maccabees.

Mr. Ganster was married to Miss Lillie O'Reilly, and to them have been born three children, all attending school: U. Joseph, Hazel S. and William. Mr. Ganster is a good, reliable citizen in every respect, and is considered one of the substantial men of his community.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH. St. James Church originated in a movement to establish a purely English congregation in harmony with conservative Lutheran doctrine and usage. Rev. F. A. M. Keller, its first pastor, had for eight years been English assistant to Rev. Dr. Miller in old Trinity, which up to 1842 had been entirely German. Upon Dr. Miller's retirement in 1850 the congregation determined to call a pastor who could minister in both the German and English tongues. This action resulted in the withdrawal of a number of members who desired to continue enjoying the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Keller. Their organization into a distinct congregation soon followed.

The first effective steps were taken at a meeting held November 14, 1850, when the name was chosen and a call extended to Rev. Keller to become the pastor. A Sunday-school had already been organized, and the old Odd Fellows Hall at Fifth and Franklin streets, Reading, had been secured for the temporary purposes of the congregation. The property at Fifth and Chestnut streets was immediately purchased. The work of building was begun early in the spring of 1851, and so vigorously pushed that the Sunday-school was able to occupy its new quarters for the first time on July 13th of that year. The corner-stone of the main building was laid May 11, 1851, and its formal consecration took place March 21, 1852. It was, and is today, a building that attracts attention by the beauty of its architectural lines, which follow the Gothic throughout, whilst its interior arrangement is in full harmony with its sacred character. It has a comfortable seating capacity of about eight hundred. In 1892 the original Sunday-school room gave way to a more imposing chapel, and one better adapted to modern methods of work. The full graded system of instruction is now in use.

The ministry of Pastor Keller continued until 1864, and was remarkably successful and fruitful. A large and active congregation had been gathered by his faithful and diligent ministry, and many were the manifestations of sorrow at his funeral, which took place in the church on March 18, 1864. His name is enshrined in the affections of the parish, and a memorial tablet has been erected at the chancel to commemorate his ministry.

The Rev. F. C. H. Lampe was the next pastor, entering upon his duties October 1, 1864. His pastorate was short, extending to October 1, 1867. In that time, however, the congregation succeeded in clearing off a debt of over $20,000, the pipe organ was purchased, and a remarkably well executed copy of Raphael's Transfiguration was placed upon the wall as an altar-piece. Pastor Lampe resigned to accept a call to Wheeling, West Virginia.

The Rev. Beale M. Schmucker immediately became his successor, and was ready to enter upon his labors as soon as Pastor Lampe withdrew. He came to the church in the prime of his life, possessed of rare mental endowments and high literary culture. In the nearly fourteen years of his pastorate he devoted much time to literary work, particularly in the line of Liturgies and Church History. The Church Book was largely the fruit of his labors, and is his noblest monument today. At the same time there was developed in the congregation a type of religious life that was as devout as it was churchly, and which is still felt in all its activities. Dr. Schmucker left the congregation directly after Easter, 1881, to accept a call to the Church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa., where he died in the fall of 1888.

The Rev. M. C. Horine followed, entering upon his duties in September, 1881. His was a long and fruitful pastorate of over twenty-seven years, terminating October 31, 1908. During this time the parsonage on South Fifth street was purchased and remodeled, additional property was acquired on Chestnut street, and the new chapel built, several memorials were given, various agencies of the church were organized for specific work, a mission was established at Oakbrook, and the Jubilee Service of the congregation was fittingly celebrated. At the close of October, 1908, Dr. Horine, owing to ill health, retired to a well earned rest, having covered a period of nearly half the congregation's entire existence.

The congregation up to this time had furnished four young men for the office of the ministry, and one of these was called as Dr. Horine's successor. Rev. Mr. Luther Zweizig, baptized at the hands of Rev. Keller, confirmed by Dr. Schmucker and later ordained in the church at Pottstown during his pastorate, took charge of the parish at the beginning of February, 1909, its membership at that time numbering something over six hundred communicants. [Supplied by Rev. M. Luther Zweizig.]

WILLIAM S. RHODE, of Kutztown, Pa., was born Sept. 8, 1877, in Greenwich township, Berks county, son of Lewis F. and Hannah (Tyson) Rhode.

Many years ago there lived in Richmond township, Berks county, a Frederick Rhode, who according to family tradition came to America from England, but was by nativity a German. Among other children this Frederick had a son, William, born in Richmond township. He was reared on the farm, but learned the trade of stone mason, following that occupation in Greenwich township, whither he had removed, for fifteen years, during this time helping to erect many of the substantial stone and brick farm buildings which are such a characteristic feature throughout Greenwich and the adjoining townships. Later Mr. Rhode engaged in farming near the town of Grimville, and he continued at agricultural pursuits until advanced years, when he gave up active work and from that time on lived retired. In politics early in life he was an old-line Whig, but when the Whig party was dissolved he became a Democrat and adhered to the faith of that party for the remainder of his life. He never aspired to public position, but in local affairs bore his full share of the duties and responsibilities required of the citizen. He was interested in educational matters and served as school director in his district. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

William Rhode married Mary Zimmer, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Wright) Zimmer, of Greenwich township. She was born in 1832, and was a member of one of the old representative families of that part of Berks county. Daniel Zimmer was born and always lived in Greenwich township, and by occupation was a shoemaker. He died in 1896 at the age of eighty-five years. Although it is not definitely known, it is strongly probable that Daniel Zimmer was a descendant of Rudolph Zimmer, who in 1741, when only eighteen years

of age, came from Germany to America in the ship "Friendship." He landed at Philadelphia Oct. 12th of that year, and shortly afterward settled in Greenwich, where he appeared upon the tax list of 1756. Caroline Wright, as her name indicates, was of English descent, but little is known of her ancestry. She had a brother, who during the Civil war was a colonel in the Union army. William Rhode died in 1884, and his wife in 1892, and they were buried in the graveyard of the Union Church at Grimville. To them were born these children: Eliza A. m. Willoughby Gehringer; Cyrus J. m. Amanda F. Knerr; Anna E. m. Albert Flough; Chester W. m. Emma Stern; Lewis F.; Charles H. m. Emma Reinhart; Agnes m. James Love; Westa m. Charles Fritz; Jonathan and Frederick m. and live at Omaha, Nebr.; Mary m. Henry Rohlf; Ilena m. James Ross; and Oswell m. Helen Kleffner. Besides, there were also Clara and Ida, who died young.

Lewis F. Rhode, son of William, was born April 4, 1855, and was a blacksmith in Greenwich township, where he died on Feb. 15, 1880; he is buried at Grimville, Pa. In 1876 he married Hannah Tyson, daughter of Joseph Tyson and his wife Fannie Gehringer. The union was blessed with three sons, namely: William S., George and Lewis F., Jr. The subject of this sketch chose the newspaper and publishing business as his profession, while George is a prosperous butcher at Kutztown, Pa., and Lewis F., Jr., conducts a barber shop at Easton, Pa. Lewis F. Rhode, Sr., was called to rest in the prime of his life, leaving his wife to care for three infant sons. Hard years and many sacrifices fell upon a faithful mother. Immediately, however, after her sons were able to work they earned their own living and it was through years of hard toiling that they learned the value of a dollar, thus fitting them for the struggles of life.

William S. Rhode has been on the staff of the Kutztown *Patriot* since 1893, and succeeded to the local editorship of the paper at the resignation of Mr. Conrad Gehring. During Mr. Rhode's administration the paper was enlarged from four to twelve pages, and the circulation was doubled. The education that Mr. Rhode received in his early life he made excellent use of, in fact better than many normal school and college graduates do. He can truly be called a self-made man. He is the correspondent of his town for a number of metropolitan newspapers and was the promoter of the Kutztown Auditorium, a fine theatrical building which is now controlled by himself and four other Kutztonians.

In 1907 Mr. Rhode, beside his newspaper work, entered the publishing business, getting out rural delivery directories, with his employer, J. B. Esser. Mr. Rhode was the originator of the rural delivery directories and issued creditable publications in different parts of Pennsylvania. A number of other publishers since then have followed his novel idea in publishing directories.

In 1905 Mr. Rhode married Miss Edna C. Gehman, of Allentown, daughter of Henry M. Gehman, a cabinetmaker of that city, and granddaughter of the veteran minister Rev. William M. Gehman, of Vera Cruz (who is nearly ninety years of age, and is prominent in the Mennonite Church). Mr. and Mrs. Rhode are the parents of one daughter, Constance Edna Rhode.

WILLOUGHBY H. HERB, carpenter and builder of Boyertown and New Berlinville, Pa., was born in District township, Berks county, Feb. 18, 1862, son of Daniel and Lavina (Heydt) Herb, and a descendant of Jacob Herp, an early settler in this county.

In 1790 Jacob Herp is recorded in the Federal census as the head of a family of seven persons, consisting of himself and wife, two sons—one above and one under sixteen years of age—and three daughters. The names of the daughters are not known, but the sons were Jacob and Abraham. Tradition says that Jacob Herp was of foreign birth, and that he and his brother Abraham came to the New World, locating in Berks county, Pa. Abraham settled in Hereford township, and died there in 1813, leaving 200 pounds in money for his wife Ann, who survived him, and a large estate in addition for his children: Peter; Elizabeth, m. to Peter Hawk; Ann, m. to Henry Derr; Mary; and Sarah.

Jacob Herb, son of Jacob Herp, lived in Washington township, Berks county, and there died some years after the close of the Civil war, when nearly seventy years of age. His wife died long before him, and both are buried at Hill church. He was a laborer. His children were: Jacob, who lived in District township; Daniel, mentioned below; Abraham, who lived in District township; Samuel, who also lived in District township and who was killed in a stone-quarry; and Mrs. Lewis Weiser.

Daniel Herb, son of Jacob and grandfather of Willoughby H., was a resident of Pike township. He was a laborer and charcoal-burner. He was born Feb. 28, 1816, and died Sept. 8, 1879, and is buried at Hill Church, of which he was a member. His wife, Elizabeth Fraunheiser, was born April 2, 1817, and died Feb. 9, 1863. They had children as follows: Daniel, who lived and died in District township; Catharine, m. to Ismal Weller; John, who died in Earl township; Adam, who lived and died in Pike township; Samuel, who died in Colebrookdale township; Henry F.; Nathan; and Sarah and Lizzie, who both died small. Of these children Henry F., born Jan. 6, 1856, is a farmer and has a nice tract of twenty-eight acres in Oley near the Yellow House. In 1875 he m. Priscilla Frey, who died May 19, 1905, aged forty-eight years. He m. (second) Dec. 23, 1907, Mrs. Rebecca Drumheller, widow of William Drumheller, and daughter of Jeremiah Debengood. His children, all born to his first marriage, are: Oscar, Civilla, Annie, Jennie, Lottie and Daniel.

Daniel Herb, son of Daniel and Elizabeth, was born in District township, Dec. 26, 1837, and died near Landis Store in May, 1882, and is buried at Hill Church, of which he was a member. He was a carpenter and followed that trade all his life, making his home in District township. In politics he was a Republican, and was school director of the township. He married Lavina Heydt, daughter of Benjamin Heydt. She is still living, and is now sixty-five years old. They had eight children: Sarah m. (first) Alexander Rohrbach, and (second) Peter Rohrbach; Willoughby H.; Helena m. Jeremiah Rohrbach; Nathan was accidentally burned at Copley Cement Mill; Benneville lives near Sassamansville and is a carpenter, working for his brother Willoughby H.; Ambrose is a carpenter and lives at New Berlinville; Oswin was also burned at Copley Cement Mill in 1905; and Daniel died young.

Willoughby H. Herb attended the public schools of his native township until fifteen years old, when he began carpentering, learning the trade from his father Daniel. He worked for his father until twenty years old, and then worked for Philip Houck of New Berlinville. Later he entered the employ of John G. Schealer of Boyertown, with whom he remained twelve years, working as his foreman. In 1900 he engaged in contracting and building for himself at Boyertown, and now employs an average of six or seven men. He built the Unger, Strunk, Ackerman and Gilbert homes, all of Boyertown. These are all modern up-to-date buildings. Mr. Herb is a successful builder and is highly respected in his district, and has had all the leading work the last four or five years. He resides in a modern residence near New Berlinville on the road leading from Boyertown to Bechtelsville. In 1907 he built eighteen dwellings in Boyertown. He is a very busy man and has added an automobile to his equipment, and is thoroughly up-to-date in his work. He has been a member of Boyertown Lodge No. 708, I. O. O. F., since its organization. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church, Boyertown. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 13, 1882, Mr. Herb married Sarah Weller, daughter of Emanuel and Sarah (Moyer) Weller, of Pike township, and they have two children: Alice W. and Clara W.

Jacob Herb, who died in October, 1806, in District township, was a pioneer of that district. On the list of taxables of 1759 he paid a federal tax of four pounds. He was a farmer. His last will and testament was made March 9, 1805, and was probated Nov. 3, 1806. (See Will Book A, p. 520). His sons Frederick and Peter were the executors. By his wife Catharine, who survived him, he had the following children: Maria Catharine m. Andrew Nester; Frederick; John; Solomon; Daniel; Peter; Barbara was the second wife of Andrew Nester; Salome m. Daniel Reitenaur; Jonathan; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Daniel Herb, grandfather of Henry G., lived two miles north of Bechtelsville, where he was engaged as a cooper. He was past seventy years of age, when he died, and he is buried at Hill Church. Of his children: John was the father of Henry G.; Hannah m. Jonathan Engel; Angeline m. Fred Shaver; Rebecca died unmarried; Polly died unmarried; Sallie m. Marks Rothenberger.

John Herb, son of Daniel, was born in Washington township, in 1827, and he died in 1908, and is buried at Hill Church. He was a tailor and carpenter, following the latter trade the major part of his life. He owned a ten-acre tract and home in Washington township, where he lived all his life. He was active in the Democratic party, and served his township, and was a tax collector. He was a Reformed member at Hill Church, in which he was a deacon. He married Matilda Gehris, daughter of David Gehris, and she survives him. They had nine children: Henry G.; David, of Iowa; Jonathan, of Mount Penn, Pa.; Dianah, m. to James Reitenauer; Susan, m. to Nathan Heydt, of Reading; Mary Ann; Matilda, m. to a Mr. Peters; Malinda; and Emeline, who died in childhood of diphtheria.

HENRY G. HERB, proprietor of the hotel at Greshville, was born in Washington township, Berks county, Aug. 10, 1861. He attended the local schools of Washington township, and was reared upon the farm. He began working in the iron mines when sixteen years old at Siesholtzville and Red Lion, continuing at that work seven years. He tended bar at the "Union House," in Boyertown, one year. On Aug. 16, 1884, he m. Susan Saylor, daughter of Samuel Saylor, and they have one daughter, Birdie, now the wife of Jacob Herb, and living near Stonersville.

JOHN JACOB SHILLING, whose home is situated at No. 239 South Twelfth street, Reading, Pa., was born Oct. 17, 1859, at Shillington, Cumru township, Berks county, son of Ephraim and Catherine (Marks) Shilling.

John Jacob Shilling, grandfather of John J. of Reading, who was the founder of Shillington, Pa., was born in Chester county, Pa., and came to Berks county when a young man, settling at what is now Shillington. He owned considerable land there, built numerous dwellings, and for many years owned and conducted the "Three Mile House," where he lived with his family. He was a man of prominence in his day, and was of striking appearance, being erect, tall, and weighing over two hundred pounds. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He married Hannah Straub, daughter of Christian Straub, and they had the following children: Levi died unmarried when about seventy years of age; Hettie died unmarried; Samuel who laid out Shillington, and gave it its name, m. Catharine Weitknecht and their children were Champion Franklin P. and Oscar J., deceased, Howard M., George Washington and Mary M. W. twins, Frederick E. E., Ida C. E., Emma L. and Ella; Ephraim; Jacob, who was killed in the Civil war, m. Mary Bechtel and had one child that died young; Eliza m. Isaac Miller of Illinois, in which State both died; Isabella died unmarried; Louisa m. a Forbs, of Minnesota, and Hannah.

Ephraim Shilling, father of John Jacob, was born Nov. 16, 1822, in Shillington, where his entire life was spent. He was a patternmaker by trade and made many violins, of sweet tone, but in later years engaged in wheelwrighting in conjunction with carrying on operations on his forty-two acre tract. In political matters he was a Republican, and was a well-known man of his day. His death occurred Jan. 18, 1899. In 1848 Mr. Shilling was married to Catherine Marks, daughter of George Marks, and they had children as follows: Clara m. Frank Welde; Catharine m. Julius Wagner; Elizabeth m. John Gauss; John Jacob; Alexander E., unmarried, of Shillington, Pa.; Hannah m. Jerome Tompkins; Jane m. Horace R. Carl; and Andrew m. Lizzie Kane. The family were Lutherans.

John Jacob Shilling was educated in the district schools of his native locality, and for a number of years was engaged in farm work there. In 1882 he began working in a hat factory, where he continued for seventeen years, and in January, 1900, secured employment with the Reading Iron Company, where he has continued to the present. From 1882 until 1902 Mr. Shilling resided at Mohnton, in the latter year removing to Reading, since which time he has occupied his South Twelfth street home. He is a Republican in politics, and he and Mrs. Shilling are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Mohnton, where he was a deacon and a charter member of the church. He is a member of the Reading Relief Association.

Mr. Shilling has been twice married, his first wife being Sarah Steffey, by whom he had three children: Rosa, who m. Willis Stirk of Reading; Kate R. and Stella E., unmarried, who reside at home. Mrs. Shilling was born July 16, 1867, and died Sept. 25, 1892. Mr. Shilling married (second) Sallie E. Berstler, who was born July 31, 1862, and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Lamp) Berstler of Blandon, Pa., and to this union two children were born: Helen, born May 9, 1894; and Elmore, born June 17, 1897.

ALBERT W. KAUFFMAN, proprietor of the "Carsonia Inn," was born Nov. 3, 1860, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, son of Moses Kauffman, and grandson of Christian Kauffman, of that township. The progenitor of the Kauffman family in that section of Berks county was George Kauffman, one of the three brothers who emigrated to America and settled along the Blue Mountains in the early history of the county, about one mile northeast of Shartlesville. His son, Christian Kauffman (above named), secured a large tract of land in that vicinity, which he cleared and cultivated very successfully, hauling the grain realized to the market at Philadelphia. He married Elizabeth Rentschler, and they had the following children: William, Moses, Michael, George and Mary (m. Cyrus Hiester). He died in 1881, aged eighty-eight years, and his wife died in 1880, aged eighty-six years, and they were buried at St. Michael's Church.

Moses Kauffman, son of Christian, was born in 1818 on the homestead, where he was reared. He afterward carried on the plantation, containing 116 acres, until his decease in 1892. He was married to Esther Degler, daughter of Joseph Degler, a farmer of Tulpehocken township, and they had five children: Emma (m. (first) H. S. Clouser, and after his decease Frank Shock), Albert W., Daniel F. (who resides on the homestead), Milton C. (a merchant at Gouglersville, and director of the Mohnton National Bank) and Alma D. (m. Frank Moyer, and both are deceased).

Albert W. Kauffman attended the public schools in Upper Bern township, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for eleven years. Afterward he carried on the produce business, having been thus engaged at Reading for eighteen years. In April, 1907, he purchased the "Fair View Hotel," in Bern township, and carried on business there until September, 1908, when he sold the place and located on the "Carsonia Inn" property (which is connected with the Carsonia Park), in Exeter township, and there he has car-

ried on the hotel business in connection with farming until the present time.

In 1887 Mr. Kauffman was married to Emma J. Schellhammer, daughter of Prof. Henry W. Schellhammer, a prominent school teacher in Berks county for many years [See sketch below]. He is a Democrat, and during his residence in Upper Bern township officiated as a tax collector. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 133, P. O. S. of A., at Shartlesville, and a charter member of the Lodge of United Americans at Leesport. He is also connected with the Reading Turnverein.

HENRY W. SCHELLHAMMER, a prominent teacher of public schools in Berks county for many years, was born Jan. 7, 1844, in Upper Bern township, Berks county. His grandfather, Simon Schellhammer, was born at Shartlesville, but subsequently removed to Orwigsburg where he died. His father, Benneville Schellhammer, born May 1, 1823, also at Shartlesville, accompanied his parents to Orwigsburg where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, when he removed to Pine Grove where he died. He married Elvina Leymaster, and their only child was Henry W.

Mr. Schellhammer attended the public schools of Upper Bern township until he was fourteen years old, and then attended an advanced school at White Hall. He became a public teacher when he was only fifteen years old, and the school which he first taught was situated in Lower Heidelberg township, near Wernersville. In 1860 he attended an advanced school at the Trappe, and in 1861 entered the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he continued his studies for two years, graduating in 1863. While thus preparing himself with a thorough education, he learned the trade of a carpenter and millwright, and was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for thirteen years. Subsequently he served as a clerk for three years in a foundry at Bernville, and for two years under J. Klahr & Son, who were prominent manufacturers at that place; while for a time he carried on the manufacture of cigars for himself.

Mr. Schellhammer, with this experience in the business world, directed his attention to teaching public school in Berks, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties, and in this profession he was very successful and very highly appreciated. He taught a school in Longswamp township, Berks county, for seven terms, and the Mertztown grammar school for fifteen terms; and while teaching the Central high school of that place was stricken with paralysis from which he died June 4, 1895. At the time of his death, he was the second oldest teacher in Berks county, having taught public school for thirty-two terms. He held a permanent certificate from May 13, 1881. He taught his pupils not only in the English language, but also in the German language, in which he was proficient. He was very highly esteemed for his excellent character.

In 1865 Mr. Schellhammer married Isabella J. Sellers, daughter of Leonard Sellers and Elizabeth Holtzman, his wife, of Upper Bern township, and they had the following children: Minnie (who died in infancy), Emma J. (m. Albert W. Kauffman, whose sketch appears just above), William F. (who died at the age of twenty-seven years), Charles E., Bessie D., and Cora J. (who all three reside at Reading), Lutie (m. B. S. Strauss, of Philadelphia), and Estella E. (m. Elmer Woodward). Mr. Schellhammer was an esteemed member of the Reformed Church, and of the I. O. O. F., at Strausstown.

HORACE Y. HARBOLD, now living retired in Amity township, was born at Douglassville, July 22, 1847, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Yocom) Harbold, and a direct descendant of Frederick Harbold, an early settler of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Harbold, or Herbold, as the name appears in the census of 1790, located in Robeson township, Berks county, in 1784-85. To him and his wife, Phoebe Ann, was born one son, Jacob. In 1796 the name of Frederick Harbold disappears from the list of taxables in Robeson township, and it is safe to presume that he died about this time. His widow Phoebe Ann married for her second husband a man named Heller, by whom she had children, among whom was a son, Frederick Heller, father of Henry Heller, who conducted the "Allen House" at Reading. There is now in the possession of Mr. Horace Y. Harbold the Bible of Jacob, giving the family record for three generations from Frederick.

Jacob Harbold, son of Frederick, was born Oct. 24, 1786, and died Feb. 4, 1867. He was the first of the family to settle in Amity township, where he became the owner of the old Jones homestead between Douglassville and Amityville. This was one of the earliest settled farms in the county, the first Jones locating there in 1701. Jacob Harbold is buried in the Amityville cemetery. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, and a Republican in politics. He married Ann Holloway, born Feb. 5, 1789, and died Oct. 28, 1861. Their children were: Mary (Polly), born Sept. 9, 1810, died unmarried; Frederick, born Oct. 10, 1811, died Feb. 6, 1812; John, born Dec. 12, 1812, died Jan. 13, 1813; Elizabeth, born May 27, 1814, m. William Lord, and lived at Douglassville; Samuel, born April 16, 1817; Harriet, born Sept. 6, 1819, m. Abraham Boyer; Mahlon, born Feb. 7, 1822, m. Anna Custer, and died at Pottstown; William, born Dec. 19, 1824, m. (first) Rachel Lorah, and (second) Maria Lloyd; Jacob died small; a daughter still born, 1829; and Franklin, born April 9, 1832.

Samuel Harbold, son of Jacob, was born April 16, 1817, and he died on his farm in Amity township Aug. 29, 1848, in the thirty-second year of his age, and was buried at Amityville. He was a farmer. He married Mary Ann Yocom, daughter of Daniel Yocom, and they had two sons: (1) Daniel, born May 25, 1844, for four years farmed the homestead with his brother, and then bought the adjoining farm, where he lived and farmed until his death Feb. 16, 1897. He is buried at Amityville. To him and his wife, Ellen Bortz, were born six children—Annie, Minnie, Samuel, Horace and two that died small. (2) Horace Y.

Horace Y. Harbold was educated in the common schools which he attended four months of the year. He learned the duties connected with a farmer's life under his grandfather, Jacob Harbold, in Amity, for whom he worked until after he was eighteen, when the grandfather died. Then the two brothers, Horace Y. and Daniel (who was also reared by the grandfather) bought the homestead farm in 1867, and farmed it jointly for four years. Then Horace Y. purchased his brother's interest, and continued farming there until 1905, a period of thirty-four years. In the spring of 1905 he retired, and moved to Amityville (P. O. Athol) but he could not find rest in idleness and now as a pastime works at carpentering, mason work, cement paving, etc. He owns in Amityville what was the Michael Custer home, but later the Dr. Reuben Rhoads place and still later the home of William R. Rhoads.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbold are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Amityville, of which for many years he was an elder. In politics he is a Republican, and although living in a township with a good Democratic majority, was elected three times a member of the school board—serving in all nine years.

On Dec. 22, 1870, Mr. Harbold married Catharine G. Gabel, daughter of David and Mary (Gabel) Gabel, and granddaughter of Jacob and Catharine (High) Gabel. Mr. and Mrs. Harbold have no children.

EDWIN P. DeTURK, a farmer of Amity township, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, Nov. 5, 1871, son of Benjamin and Rachel (Pyle) DeTurk, and a descendant of Isaac DeTurk (born 1686, who emigrated to America in 1707) and his wife, Maria Gerber, through their son John (m. Deborah High), his son

Samuel (m. Catharine Kerst), his son Jacob (m. Esther Goodhart) and his son Benjamin (m. Susan Hoch and Rachel Pyle). A complete history of the DeTurk family appears elsewhere in this publication.

Benjamin DeTurk, son of Jacob and Esther (Goodhart) DeTurk, was twice married. By his first wife, Susan Hoch, he had two children: Morris H. and Alice H. By his second marriage to Rachel Pyle, he also had two children: Edwin P. and Susan R. M.

Edwin P. DeTurk was reared upon his father's farm in Exeter township, and obtained his primary education in the township schools. He later studied for some time at Stoner's Business College, in Reading. He has been familiar with farm work from his early boyhood, and was less than nineteen years of age when he began buying cattle for his brother Morris H., then of Exeter, now of Union, township. He was engaged in buying cattle for about twelve years, making his purchases throughout Ohio, Indiana, New York, West Virginia and Kentucky. He began farming in the spring of 1899 on his own farm in Amity township, near the Exeter township line. This farm for about one hundred years was in the Rhoads name, but Mr. DeTurk purchased it from Samuel Griesemer. It then consisted of ninety-seven acres, but to this has since been added various tracts until there are now 150 acres, all of good fertile and well watered land. In 1904 Mr. DeTurk built a good residence at Baumstown, where he and his family reside. In politics he is a Democrat. With his family he belongs to the Reformed congregation at Schwartzwald Union Church.

During the time he was engaged in the cattle business Mr. DeTurk traveled extensively. At one time he paid a visit to the Pacific coast, visiting points of interest en route, and he visited twenty-three States of the Union, and he has had many interesting experiences.

On April 5, 1900, Mr. DeTurk married Esther Wentzel, daughter of Albert and Susan (Dick) Wentzel, and they have one daughter, Dorothy Esther.

CALVIN S. RHOADS, a farmer on the north side of Monocacy hill, in Amity township, Berks county, was born on his present farm Oct. 8, 1858, son of Abraham L. Rhoads, and a descendant of John Jacob Rhoads, the emigrant ancestor of many of the name in Berks county.

(I) Early in the eighteenth century several brothers named Rhoads (Roth or Roads) came to America, and settled in Pennsylvania. One of these, John Jacob by name, was a taxable resident of Amity township, Berks county, in 1752, and owned considerable land, and also operated a paper mill. Tradition says he is buried at Amityville church. His children were: Lena m. Henry Baum; Jacob, a captain in the Revolution, m. Susanna Yocum; Matthias, a lieutenant colonel in the Revolution, m. Elizabeth Gotterin; Daniel m. Magdalena Kerst; Mary m. Major George Lorah; Elizabeth became the second wife of Major George Lorah; Samuel m. Elizabeth Auvenshine; Christina m. Jacob Griesemer; and John m. Catharine Greiner.

(II) Samuel Rhoads, son of John Jacob, married Elizabeth Auvenshine, and they became the parents of children as follows: William, John, Daniel, Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth and two sons that died young.

(III) Samuel Rhoads, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Sarah Ludwig, and they had children as follows: William L. m. Lydia Hine; Jonas m. Rachel Hunter; Abraham L.; Frederick lived in Dayton, Ohio; Sarah m. John Nein, and lived in Chester county, Pa., where she is buried; Eliza m. Samuel Sands, and both are buried at Boyertown; Benneville m. Rebecca Lewis.

(IV) Abraham L. Rhoads, son of Samuel and Sarah, was born Nov. 8, 1821, and died on his farm April 15, 1903. In earlier life he was a drover, taking many herds of cattle to Philadelphia. After his marriage in 1854 he worked two years for his brother Jonas. In 1856 he bought the farm on which he lived until his death. He was very successful, his success being due entirely to his own efforts, and at his death he had his farm and stock and $6,000. In politics he was a Democrat, and for several terms he was a school director. He and his family were Lutherans, and members of Amityville church, where he was deacon and elder for many years. He gave liberally toward the erection of the new church building in 1872. He married Harriet Straub, of Amity township, born Dec. 22, 1827, and died March 7, 1907. They had six children: Irwin, a farmer in Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county; Calvin S.; Anna, who died in infancy; Charles, of Birdsboro; Alice, who married William Henderson, a farmer of Union township; and Ida, married to Samuel Fix, of Amity township.

The farm bought by Abraham L. Rhoads in 1856, and now the property of Calvin S., now consists of ninety-one acres, but originally contained more. Abraham L. Rhoads bought it from his brother Jonas, who in turn had purchased it from Isaac Reiff. Mr. Reiff had owned it eight years, purchasing it from a Kline. It was taken from the State in 1734 by patent deed. There is a stone house built over a strong spring that was erected in 1762. The wall of the house is twenty inches thick. The stone barn was built in 1793, by George Lotz, who also built the spring house, and who was prominent in the Revolution. When the barn was erected it was one of the largest in the township. The present large house was built in 1810. It is of stone.

(V) Calvin S. Rhoads obtained his education in the township schools, and was early trained to farming. He began for himself in the spring of 1904 on the farm whereon he now lives, prior to that time having been in his father's employ. He is very prosperous and is strictly up-to-date, having all modern farm machinery and well cared for live stock. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to hold public office. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation at the Amityville church.

CLAYTON B. GRIESEMER, a native son of Amity township, Berks county, who is engaged in farming there, was born near the Exeter township line Jan. 27, 1867.

Casper Griesemer, the emigrant ancestor of this old family, came to America from Alsace, France, with a brother, in 1730. This brother, John Valentine by name, first located in the Goshenhoppen, in Montgomery county, Pa., but at an early date moved to Hereford township, Berks county, where many of his descendants still live. There is also a tradition that there was a third brother, Peter, but if so his place of settlement is unknown. Casper Griesemer made his last will and testament June 23, 1791, and it is on record in Will Book A, page 293. He lived in Oley at the time of his death in 1794. He had settled there at an early date, being one of a number of Huguenots who chose the fertile Oley Valley as their home. He disposed of his large estate in a just manner, and one item in his will relates to his wife Rebecca: His "beloved wife shall have as follows: the household and kitchen furniture, bedding, linens, all ready money, bonds and notes, book debts and other debts," etc. He bequeathed each of his five daughters the sum of 500 pounds in gold and silver; and to Abraham, son of his deceased son Valentine, he gave 250 pounds, and to his granddaughter Catharine, daughter of his deceased son Abraham, he gave also 250 pounds. The children of Casper Griesemer were: Valentine and Abraham, who both died prior to 1791; John; Peter; Jacob; Elizabeth (Guldin); Anna Maria (Graeff); Anna Margaret (Reiter); Susanna; and Eva (Ludwig).

Peter Griesemer, son of Casper and great-great-grandfather of Clayton B., was a farmer in Oley township, where he built a stone house that is still standing. He was an executor of his father's will in 1794. He married a Hoch, and both are buried at Oley Churches. They had six children: Abraham; Catharine m. Daniel Van Reed; Daniel; Jacob; John, who lived in Oley, died in 1817,

leaving a large estate and survived by his wife Catharine (they had no children); and Mary m. Daniel Bertolet. Daniel Griesemer, son of Peter, lived along the Oley turnpike, where he owned four large farms. He married Catharine Deisher, daughter of John Deisher, and both are buried at Oley Churches, as are also all of their six children—Benneville, Peter, Henry, Daniel, John and Hettie. The town of Griesemersville, in Oley, was named after Peter Griesemer, second son of Daniel and Catharine (Deisher).

Abraham Griesemer, son of Peter, was born Oct. 26, 1782, and died Dec. 1, 1847. He was a farmer in Amity township, and he and his wife are buried at Amityville. He married Catharine Ritter, born June 26, 1788, died Jan. 18, 1859. They had seven children, as follows: David, 1810-1847; Samuel; Sarah m. David Kline; Esther m. David Kline; Joseph died in California; Mrs. Daniel Bertolette; and Reuben, born Jan. 2, 1826, on Nov. 18, 1847, m. Polly Nein, and they have been farmers in Amity all their lives, both now past eighty years of age (they had one child, still born in 1849).

Samuel Griesemer, son of Abraham, was born in Amity township June 28, 1812. He was a miller and conducted the well known Griesemer mill on the Monocacy until about 1871, when he gave up that work to devote himself to farming on the land he bought in Amity. He sold the mill to George Brown. After farming some years he retired, and moved to Exeter, where he died March 15, 1902, and he is buried at Amityville. He was a prominent man in his time, and was public spirited and progressive, standing high in the estimation of the community. He was one of the founders and organizers of the Amityville cemetery, and was liberal in his donations to the church. He was of dark complexion, and was five feet and nine inches in height. He married Matilda Babb, who died Aug. 16, 1896, aged eighty-one years, six months, fourteen days. Their children were: Catharine, 1837-1905, died unmarried; Franklin born 1839, is unmarried; Abraham is the father of Alexander F. of Reading; Ezra B.; Louisa died young; John died in Amity township, leaving a widow and two sons, Samuel and Harvey.

Ezra B. Griesemer, son of Samuel, is a farmer near Stonersville, in Exeter township. By trade he is a carpenter, and for some years followed that occupation regularly. He has a farm of about eighty-five acres, which he now cultivates. He married Mary Boyer, daughter of Jacob Boyer, of Amity township, and they have seven children: Clayton B.; Kate m. Jacob Hoffman, a farmer of Exeter; Ezra is a carpenter in Exeter; Stella m. Walter Kline, a farmer of Exeter; John is a Reformed minister; and Mame and George are at home.

Clayton B. Griesemer has been familiar with farming from his early boyhood, and in the spring of 1894 he began for himself in Amity township, near Baumstown, where he remained one year. He then went to a farm belonging to his grandfather, Samuel Griesemer, in the same township, and for two years devoted himself to its care and cultivation. The next six years were passed on Isaac March's farm, also in Amity, and in the fall of 1902 he purchased the John Geiger farm near Amityville, moving on it in the following spring. It consists of 106 acres of good land, and the stone house is in excellent condition. He has two silos and is progressive and up-to-date in his methods. In politics he is a Democrat, and for six years served as school director, a part of the time being president of the board. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church at Amityville.

On Aug. 24, 1891, Mr. Griesemer married Kate Deeter, daughter of Amos and Mary (Herflicker) Deeter, of Exeter township, and they have one son, Owen D.

DEHART. There are only scattering records to guide the searcher for the early history of the Dehart family, but the line of the late David G. Dehart, of Amity township, Berks county, is comparatively clear. In 1752 and 1759 among the list of taxables in Amity township is the name of Cornelius Dehart, a large land owner, who paid a federal tax of fifteen pounds. In 1759 the name of Cornelius Dehart also appears as a taxable in District township, this county, where he paid a tax of three pounds. In 1775 Cornelius Dehart, and also Samuel and William Dehart, are mentioned as taxables in Amity.

Cornelius Dehart, Jr., son of Cornelius, became the father of two sons, one of whom was David; and the other left home when he was twelve years of age and was never again heard from.

David Dehart, son of Cornelius, Jr., was born about 1800, and died about 1865. Both he and his wife, Susan Gerber, are buried at Amityville. They had their home on the Swamp Road in Earl township. He was a weaver by trade, and also for thirty-nine years followed butchering, traveling from place to place. To David and Susan (Gerber) Dehart were born seven children: Samuel died young; Charles G. lived in Amityville; David G.; Harriet m. Amos Auman; Ann m. Jere McGee; Rachel m. William Keppler, of Pottstown; and Susan died young.

David G. Dehart was born June 18, 1831, and lived at Weaverstown, in Amity township, where he died March 4, 1904. He was a plasterer and operated in the lower end of the county, employing a number of men. He and his wife were Lutherans, belonging to the church at Amityville. He served as an official in the church, and was ever interested in religious work.

On Feb. 16, 1859, Mr. Dehart married Harriet Breidenbach, born Aug. 17, 1837, daughter of John and Hannah (Good) Breidenbach. The only child of this union, William, died aged three years. Mrs. Dehart is well preserved and makes her home at Weaverstown.

John Breidenbach, father of Mrs. Dehart, was a cooper, and had a shop at Weaverstown, where he was assisted by his sons. He died in the sixties when past seventy years of age. His wife died in 1889, when over seventy years old. Their children were: William, Frank, Samuel, Harriet, Thamson, Mary Ann, Charles, Harrison and John.

CHARLES H. HINE, Justice of the Peace and Rural Mail Carrier at Douglassville, was born in the district in which he has always lived, Dec. 19, 1854, son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Hunter) Hine.

Henry Hine, the first of the family of whom there is definite record, lived in Exeter township at the time of his death in 1821. He left a large estate which he disposed of by will to his wife Barbara and five children: John, Samuel, Jacob, Catharine and Henry. The three sons first mentioned had their portions from their father prior to the making of his will, Feb. 22, 1814. The daughter, Catharine Dieter, was deceased, and her share of the estate was bequeathed to her three children, Samuel, Reuben and Hannah Dieter. The homestead in Exeter was bequeathed to his son Henry.

Samuel Hine, son of Henry, was a farmer in Amity township, to which place he had removed from Exeter township, where he was born. He was a blacksmith by trade, and this he followed in connection with farming His will was made July 22, 1829, and he died shortly afterward, his will being on record in Will Book 6, p. 373. He provided amply for his wife Catharine, and he mentions five children: Isaac, Lydia, William (who located in Kutztown), Amos and Jeremiah. His widow Catharine made a will in April, 1832, which was probated June 9, 1841, and entered in Will Book 8, p. 345. It would appear from her will that Samuel Hine was married twice, as she refers to William and Lydia as "my stepchildren." One of the sons went to Union county, Pa., where he died and was buried.

Jeremiah Hine, son of Samuel, was born in Amity township, and both he and his wife are buried at Amityville. By trade he was a blacksmith, following that calling at the "Bupp" in connection with the cultivation of a small farm. Later he owned a farm of 214 acres, which he cultivated from 1843 to 1873. He became well-to-do, and was highly esteemed in his community. On Dec. 21, 1834, he married Sarah Hunter, daughter of John

Hunter, of Oley township. She was born Sept. 13, 1815, and died May 8, 1891. They had six children, of whom three died in infancy or in childhood. The others were: Jefferson died in 1868 from injuries sustained from a kick by a horse; Mary Ann married Mahlon Geiger, now deceased; and Charles H. In her will Mrs. Sarah (Hunter) Hine bequeathed to her grandson Irwin Hine her second best bedstead and bedding, and the corner clock to her daughter Mary Ann. She also mentioned her grandson, George Hunter Hine.

Charles H. Hine received his education in the public schools and at the Meigs Private Academy at Pottstown. He was licensed to teach in public schools by Prof. S. A. Baer and later by Prof. D. B. Brunner, and he taught one term in his home district. He then learned the paper-hanger's and painter's trades, and followed same until 1902, in November of which year he was appointed, after competitive examination, to the position of rural mail carrier, and assigned to Route No. 4, at Douglassville. This position he has filled to the present time. He daily covers twenty-two and one-half miles. His home is near the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, on the road formerly known as the Reading and Perkiomen turnpike. In politics Mr. Hine is a Republican, and in the spring of 1891 he was elected justice of the peace, and has since been twice re-elected. The first time he had opposition, but the second and third times there was none. In 1900 he served as census enumerator for Amity township. He is local treasurer for the Pennsylvania Saving Fund and Loan Association; secretary of the Douglass Mutual Live Stock Association, agent for the Chester Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and since 1906 has been president of the Berks County Rural Letter Carriers' Association. He has been active in fraternal organizations, belonging to Monocacy Lodge, No. 441, I. O. O. F., of which he has been secretary since 1889, and is a past Grand; Excelsior Encampment No. 85, I. O. O. F., of Pottstown. Since 1898 he has been District Deputy of the Third District of Berks county, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of Washington Camp, No. 240, P. O. S. of A., at Douglassville, of which he is secretary, and has been representative to the Grand Lodge; of Bright Star Castle, No. 474, K. G. E., of Amityville, in which he is a past officer.

In 1872 Mr. Hine married Elmira Rhoads, daughter of John and Matilda (Grove) Rhoads, of Douglassville, and they have three children: William, m. Sarah Bower, and has children—Raymond, Mary and Clinton, and lives at Douglassville; Jeremiah m. Louisa Wagner, of Douglassville, and has children—Oscar, Alva, Hunter, John and Charles; and Sallie m. (first) William Deibert, deceased, had a son George, and (second) Charles Trace, of Monocacy, by whom she has three children—Thelma, Miriam and Margie.

GEORGE ALEXANDER GAILEY, who has been successful in the cultivation of the soil in Amity township, Berks county, was born Nov. 25, 1864, at Altoona, Pa., son of William and Nancy (Kelso) Gailey.

The Gaileys and Kelsos in both this country and in Ireland have intermarried. William Gailey was born in 1825 in County Donegal, Ireland, and was twenty-five years of age when he came to the United States, locating at Altoona, Pa., where he found work in the car shops as a machinist. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Arrabal, who died young leaving a daughter, Margaret, now the wife of William H. Jones, who lives on a farm adjoining the Gailey tract in Amity township. In 1861, he married (second) Nancy Kelso, daughter of John Kelso, of Douglassville, but formerly of County Donegal, Ireland. With his young bride William Gailey went to Altoona, whence after eighteen months they went to Union township, Berks county, where Mrs. Gailey's father had a large farm. Mr. Gailey assisted in its cultivation for six years, and in 1867 he bought a valuable tract in Amity township, above Douglassville, consisting of seventy-five acres, and this has since been the family home. Mr. Gailey died Aug. 23, 1898, aged seventy-three years, and is buried at Douglassville. To him and his wife was born one son, George Alexander, who resides with his mother on the farm. William Gailey was of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, joining the church of that denomination at Pottstown (This church was organized with only nine members).

John Kelso, father of Mrs. Gailey, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1779. In 1851 he came to America, and settled in Union township, Berks county, where he engaged in farming and prospered. He had a brother George who came to this country unmarried in 1850, and the greater part of his life had his home with his brother John. George Kelso died May 19, 1870, aged seventy years. John and George Kelso had a sister Catharine Allison, who in her widowhood came to America with her brother George. She was born in 1789, and died in 1883, in her ninety-fourth year. John Kelso died Nov. 6, 1877, in the ninety-eighth year of his age. He married Isabella Kelso, in Ireland, a distant relative. She was born Feb. 2, 1804, and died May 13, 1886. They were the parents of five children: Joseph is a well known resident and school director in Union township; Nancy became Mrs. Gailey; John is a contractor in California; George died at his home in Philadelphia Feb. 19, 1909, aged sixty-nine years; and Jane is the widow of Aaron M. Yocum (1835-1878). The Kelsos were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and their burial plot is at Douglassville.

George Alexander Gailey accompanied his parents to Berks county when he was very young, and he was educated in the public schools of Union and Amity townships. He was reared to farming, and in 1893, five years before his father died, he became the farmer on the home farm. Like his father he has been very successful in agricultural pursuits, and he has a dairy of fine cows. He has also been making a specialty of fattening steers for market.

Mr. Gailey is a Republican in political principle, and a Presbyterian in religious faith. He married Jane Morgan, of Douglassville, and their only child, Helen, is attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Gailey are very highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

FRANK M. BROWN, proprietor of the Monocacy Valley Mills in Amity township, Berks county, and a representative citizen of that locality, was born in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., July 3, 1858.

Michael Brown, great-grandfather of Frank M., came from the Old World, and settled in Oley township, Berks county, in that section now embraced in Pike township. Among his children were: Jacob, who had no issue; John, mentioned below; Daniel who, it is believed, settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county; and two daughters whose names are not known.

John Brown, son of Michael, was born in Pike township, and later lived in Rockland township, where he owned a farm. This he sold, and bought one near Lobachsville, from which place he moved to Schuylkill county, where he died at the home of his son George during the fifties, aged about fifty-eight years. His wife survived him about six years, and both are buried at McKeansburg, Schuylkill county. John Brown was a tailor by trade, and worked at that calling in connection with farming. His wife, in her maidenhood, was Catharine Maul, daughter of George Maul, a native of Germany. They had four sons: (1) Ephraim was a laborer and butcher and lived at McKeansburg. He was twice married. By his first wife his children were: John, Jacob, Daniel, Katie and Amanda. By his second: James and Joseph. (2) George. (3) Charles lived in Pottsville, where his two sons, C. Theodore and William, and their four sisters now live. (4) John died young.

George Brown, son of John and Catharine (Maul), was born in Rockland township, near Pikesville, Aug. 30,

1825, and died Sept. 14, 1893. He grew to manhood in Pike township, and in 1847 went to Schuylkill county, where he lived twenty-four years. He carried on a farm of about 100 acres and dealt extensively in wood, and lumber, and in the buying and selling of land. On Feb. 28, 1848, he married Catherine (Mast), daughter of Johann Adam Mast and his wife Anna Maria, of Rockland township, Berks county, but both natives of Germany where they were married. All their children, however, were born in America. Mrs. Brown was born March 27, 1826, and now makes her home with her son Frank M. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were members of the Lutheran Church, and are buried at Amityville. They were the parents of thirteen children: William, born Oct. 9, 1848; Charles, Jan. 28, 1850; Edwin, Oct. 29, 1851; Henry, Sept. 10, 1853; George, July 18, 1855; Sarah Elizabeth, Jan. 8, 1857; Frank M., July 3, 1858; Hannah L., Aug. 1, 1860; Augustus M., May 17, 1863; Catharine, May 13, 1865; Howard, Feb. 3, 1868; and twins, deceased in infancy.

Frank M. Brown received his education in his native township, and in 1871 accompanied his parents to Amity township, Berks county, where his father bought the Samuel Griesemer Mill on Monocacy creek. The present mill building was erected in 1849 by Abraham Griesemer, father of Samuel. Mr. George Brown conducted the mill successfully until 1889 when he retired and was succeeded by his son, Frank M., who has met with a constantly increasing trade. In 1899 he added the roller process, and the mill has a capacity of one barrel per hour. The product is disposed of in the neighboring district. There are eighty-five acres in connection with the mill, and Mr. Brown has brought this to a high state of cultivation. In addition to his mill and farm, Mr. Brown is a director and treasurer of the Conestoga Telephone & Telegraph Company, capitalized at $40,000. He is found keenly interested in any enterprise that has for its end and aim the development and progress of the town or county.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican, but he has no ambition for office holding. For three years he served as supervisor under protest, and positively refused to accept a renomination. He and his family are Lutherans. Fraternally he is a Mason, and he is very highly respected throughout his community.

In 1882, Mr. Brown married Alice DeTurk, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Hoch) DeTurk, of Exeter township. Six children have been born of this union, namely: Elsie, m. to Wayne Geiger, of Amity township; Susie; Emmett; B. Clay; George; and Morris.

NATHAN DRY. The Dry family which was represented in Berks county, Pennsylvania, long before the American Revolution, is one of high repute, and the name is now worthily borne in Amity township, by the venerable Nathan Dry, who is passing the evening of his life in comfort at Amityville, tenderly cared for by his daughter, Ellen M., widow of Henry Wagner.

The first of the name in this locality was Jacob Dry, whose name on the tax list of East District in 1773, is spelled "Drey", and on the Federal census report of 1790, of the same district, is "Day", doubtless a clerical error. The common spelling of the name at the present time is "Dry." In 1790 Jacob Drye was the head of a family of five persons, including himself and wife, a son above sixteen years, and two daughters under sixteen years. In 1773 George Drey was a taxable in Rockland township, as was his son Paul, then a single man. In 1781 George, Paul and Matthias Drey were assessed in Rockland township. Tradition, partly affirmed by records, says that George Drey was a son of the aforesaid Jacob, and that Paul, Matthew and John (grandfather of Nathan) were sons of George. The family were all Lutherans, and the older members of the family are buried at Mertz's Church in Rockland township. In politics they were Democrats. On the Rockland township tax list of 1829 appear the following: John Dry, farmer; John Dry, potter; Paul Dry; Gideon Dry; Daniel Dry; David Dry; and the Jacob Dry estate.

John Dry was born in the Rockland township district, and died there in 1855, aged about seventy-seven years. He was bedfast for three years with rheumatism. By trade he was a tinsmith, and followed that occupation with success in his younger years. He lived one mile southwest of Stony Point at Dryville, named for members of his family. He was a Lutheran, and is buried at Mertz's Church. He was twice married, first to a Luckenbill, by whom he had a son, David. He m. (second) Susan Mertz, but no children were born of this union.

David Dry, son of John, was born in Rockland township, in July, 1805, and died at Stony Point in November, 1872. He was a life long farmer, owning a fertile tract of 176 acres. About twelve years before his death, he retired and settled in Stony Point. He was a Democrat, and served as school director. With his family he attended Mertz's Church. He married Susan Yoder, daughter of Abraham Yoder and his wife, whose maiden name was Price. Mrs. Yoder died when Susan was but one day old. Mrs. Susan (Yoder) Dry died in August, 1888, aged nearly eighty-two years. She was the mother of ten children: Nathan; Elizabeth m. Peter Wanner; Rachel m. Samuel Herbein; Mary m. Capt. Jonas Schollenberger; Catharine m. David Levengood; John; Abraham lives in Reading; Caroline is unmarried; Esther m. John Herbein; and Amanda m. James M. High.

Nathan Dry, son of David, was born March 17, 1826, in Rockland township, and he attended the pay schools of that day, when the teachers received three cents per day for each child. He received the training at home that was common to the farmer lad of that period, and at the age of eighteen began to learn the milling business from John Y. Rhoads, of Amity township. He then for one year conducted a mill for John Knabb, above Oley Line, after which he operated the Six Penny Mill at Mount Airy, in Union township, four years. In 1862 he went to California, where he first farmed, and later was engaged in milling. He remained there forty-one years, making his home at Lake City, Modoc County, and prospering exceedingly in all his undertakings. In December, 1902, he returned to his native county, and located at his present home in Amityville. Mr. Dry is remarkably well preserved and enjoys his life of leisure to the utmost. In appearance he is short and rather heavy set. He is a Lutheran in religious belief, as was also his wife. In 1848 he married Emina Pott, daughter of John and Henora (Eagle) Pott. She was born in Amity township on the old Eagle homestead, March 2, 1826, and died in Amity township, below Yellowhouse, May 9, 1855, and is buried at Amityville. They had three children: Ellen M., who married the late Henry Wagner, and had two children, Mary and John, the latter deceased; Andora, who married the late John Rhoads, had a son Lawrence, and lives at Pottstown; and John D., who died young. When Mr. Dry made his journey to the Pacific coast he traveled by foot, and team across the Plains, and he can graphically describe the scenes and experiences of those early days. He speaks both German and English, and has a very retentive memory.

JOHN GEORGE LIVINGOOD BROWNELL, who since 1901 has been engaged successfully at Philadelphia as an accountant, was for many years one of the most prominent public men of Reading, Pa. Mr. Brownell is an Ohio man, born at Canton, Oct. 27, 1847, son of John Casper and Elizabeth (Livingood) Brownell.

George Brownell, the grandfather of John G. L., was born at Womelsdorf, Pa., in 1780, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he carried on in connection with stock-raising in the vicinity of his native place, until 1845, at which time he moved to Canton, O., and there his death occurred in 1854. He was married to Eve Longsdorf, daughter of Conrad Longsdorf, of Womelsdorf, Pa., and they had a family of five children, namely: Mary m.

Samuel Petree; Sarah m. John Simmon; Rebecca m. Joseph Hershey; Lovina m. Jeremiah Hershey; and John Casper.

John Casper Brownell, father of John G. L., was born at Womelsdorf, Pa., in 1814, and there received his education, after which he entered a large dry-goods establishment at Baltimore, Md. After continuing thus for about ten years, he embarked in the mercantile business at Canton, O., which he successfully carried on for a number of years. For one term he filled the office of County Auditor of Stark county. His death occurred in St. Louis, Mo., in 1892. Mr. Brownell was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Jonn Livingood, of Womelsdorf, and they had seven children, as follows: Ellen m. George Keiser; Maria m. O. McIntire; Emma m. E. P. Diehl; John G. L.; Eva K. m. Z. T. Mahon, and after his decease, David Hammond; and Alice and Anna, who died young.

John George Livingood Brownell received his education in the public schools, after which he acted as an accountant for four years, from 1865 to 1869, in the latter named year removing to Reading, Pa., at the request of his uncle, Jacob S. Livingood, Esq., in whose law office he remained twelve years as a clerk. The electors of the Seventh ward then elected him as the alderman of that district, and he served in this local office for twenty successive years, being recognized during this time as the most competent official of this class in the city. In 1901 he removed to Philadelphia to serve as an accountant, and he has since then been successfully engaged in the settlement of complicated estates and the adjustment of partnership affairs of different firms at their dissolution.

In 1873 Mr. Brownell married Emily Dehart, a daughter of Charles Dehart, of Reading. She died in 1874, and he was married (second) to Mary Ellen Seal, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Johnston) Seal, of Camden, N. J., by whom he had five children: Helen Seal, the eldest, graduated from the Girls' High School, at Reading, and taught in the public schools there four years. She then accompanied her parents to Philadelphia, where she secured a public school and has been teaching since that time. The other four are George Seal, Frederick Seal, Mary Ella, and Robert, who died in 1905.

BACHOFER, a good name of German origin, is now worthily borne in Reading, Pa., by two brothers, John L. and J. George Bachofer, both prominent and both highly esteemed. They are sons of John and Josephine (Mann) Bachofer.

John Bachofer was a native of Stuttgart, Germany, as was also his wife, and they came to America in the spring of 1874, landing at Castle Garden. They came on immediately to Reading, where Mr. Bachofer secured work with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He remained there until he entered the employ of the large brewer, Frederick Lauer, with whom he remained for twenty-two years. In 1890 he built the stand now occupied by his son. He died in 1896, at the age of fifty-six years, his widow surviving until 1903. They had a family of nine children, of whom six lived to maturity, namely: John L.; Fredericka, wife of Frank Seiders; Christian, of Reading; Miss Mary; Jacobina, wife of Ira Hinnershitz of Shillington, Pa.; and J. George, of the Reading Loan Guaranty Company. In politics John Bachofer was a Democrat. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran Church.

J. George Bachofer, son of John, is the present efficient manager of the Reading Loan Guaranty Company. He is a native of Reading, and he received in the public schools here his education, continuing until he was in the grammar grade. He then commenced work in the Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart department store as cash boy. Later for a period of three years he was employed in a broker's office. He then entered the service of the Reading Loan Guaranty Company, whose offices are on the fourth floor of the Colonial Trust Company building, and he worked as a clerk for three years. His capable and efficient services were appreciated, and at the end of the three years he was made manager (1903) and he still fills that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Bachofer is a member of Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M., Reading; Reading Chapter, No. 152, R. A. M.; Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; and Friendship Lodge, No. 247, Knights of Malta.

On Oct. 6, 1904, Mr. Bachofer was married to Miss Mary E. Miller, a successful public school teacher in Berks county for the preceding five years. She had also taught near Leesport. Her father, Wesley A. Miller, is a retired farmer, formerly of Leesport, now of Reading. Mr. and Mrs. Bachofer have one daughter, Elizabeth J. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Though young in years success has attended Mr. Bachofer's efforts and he is the owner of his fine home at No. 126 Oley street. He is an able business man, and his integrity and industry are above reproach.

WILLIAM S. McKNIGHT, whose death occurred at his home, No. 528 Spruce street, Reading, Aug. 17, 1907, had been a resident of that city all of his life, and was one of its well-known and highly esteemed citizens. Mr. McKnight was born Oct. 29, 1848, in Reading.

After securing a good public school education Mr. McKnight entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated, and he then engaged in the grocery business with his brother, John McKnight, at the northwest corner of Fourth and Penn streets, Reading, for several years. For many years thereafter he was employed by the Harbsters as bookkeeper, and filled a like position for other well-known firms in Reading, until 1903, when failing health caused his retirement. Mr. McKnight was buried at Charles Evans cemetery, with the service of the Episcopal Church, in which he had been baptized. He was an active member of St. John's Lodge, No. 435, F. & A. M., and also belonged to Neversink Fire Company and to Camp No. 89, P. O. S. of A.

On Sept. 9, 1887, Mr. McKnight was married to Lydia A. Seaman, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Heisen) Seaman, and granddaughter of Lewis Seaman, the latter of whom had these children: Catherine, Moses, Elias, Lewis, Ann and John. Lewis Seaman, Mrs. McKnight's father, was a blacksmith of Leesport and later of Bernville. He had the following children: William, who is single; Lydia A., who became Mrs. McKnight; Alice, who married Charles Schaeffer; Kate, who married Charles Moyer; and Charles, who is single. All of this family reside at Reading, where they are prominent in the business and social life of the city.

WILLIAM S. YOCOM, a well-known business man of Reading, Berks county, for many years, and retired from active life since 1900, was born May 13, 1843, near Sinking Spring. His father, Samuel Yocom, was an agriculturist of Spring township, where he carried on farming operations until he died, Jan. 25, 1890, aged seventy-three years. He was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Spohn, daughter of William and Catharine Spohn, of the township named, born July 22, 1819, died Feb. 26, 1864. After her decease he married Mrs. Susan (Zacharias) Merkel, widow of William Merkel, born Aug. 17, 1822, died Oct. 3, 1903. His children were: Nicholas S., William S., Samuel S., Henry, John, Charles and Albert S. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

William Spohn Yocom was educated in the local schools, and early in life went to Reading, entering Birch's dry-goods and grocery store at the corner of Fourth and Penn streets as a clerk. After serving in that store for several years, he engaged in the dry-goods business for himself and carried it on with much success for ten years. He then engaged in the scrap-iron business, which he carried on until his retirement in 1900. He was married to Catharine Klopp, daughter of Samuel Klopp, of Reading, and they have two children: Bessie K. and Mary S. The daughters are graduates of the Reading Girls' High School, entering it with the highest average and graduating with highest distinction; and afterward they attended Vassar

College, and then made an extended tour through Europe for eighteen months, visiting many points of interest in fifteen countries, studying music and painting and becoming proficient in the French, German and Italian languages. While in Germany, at Berlin, they were domiciled in an apartment house, and there became very much interested in the subject of apartments, so that upon their return to Reading they improved properties on Third street, south of Penn, which they owned, converting them into fifteen apartments, which were some of the very first apartments in Reading; and in 1908-09 they also erected a large six-story apartment building on Fourth street, north of Penn, known as the Yocoma Apartments, which is recognized as one of the finest buildings of the kind in Reading. After the completion of this building, they and their parents made a second extended tour through Europe, covering eleven countries during the summer months. The family are members of St. Paul's Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Yocom is a Republican. He is a lineal descendant of J. Jonas Yocom, a Swede, one of the first settlers in Amity township in 1701.

The father of Mrs. Yocom, Samuel Klopp, was engaged in the coal, flour and feed business at the corner of Third and Cherry streets, in Reading, for thirty-six years. During this time he and his family were devoted members of the First Reformed Church, and in the re-building of the church he served as one of the building committee. He also served as a deacon for many years, and was recognized for his numerous charities to the poor people. He died Dec. 16, 1883, aged seventy-two years. He was married to Elizabeth Saylor, a daughter of John and Catharine Saylor, of Heidelberg township, and they had four children, Charles, John, George, and Catharine, the first three dying in youth. His wife died Dec. 20, 1889, aged sixty-eight years.

Mrs. Yocom's grandfather was John Klopp, a farmer of Heidelberg township, who was married to Catharine Hain, of the same township, and had nine children: Daniel, Peter, Richard, Samuel, Reuben, Jemima (m. Daniel Reed), Ellen (m. David Bechtel), Eliza (m. Adam Wenrich) and Hannah (m. Frederick Sohl).

JOHN R. GONSER, one of the leading and most influential citizens and business men of Berks county, was born and reared on a farm near Gechter's Inn, in Exeter township, this county.

As a boy Mr. Gonser attended the schools of his home district, but being ambitious to secure a good educational start in life, he also attended advanced schools at Amityville, and in Reading, and later also at McAllisterville, Juniata county. Like many of the successful men of the nation, Mr. Gonser started life as a country school teacher, and in this profession, as well as in later enterprises, made a distinct success. He taught school for four terms in Alsace, Upper Tulpehocken and Longswamp townships, and spent his vacations on his father's farm, where he received a thorough training in agriculture.

In 1866 he entered the employ of Yocum, Kline & Co., a firm of enterprising Berks county lumbermen, becoming manager of their extensive operations at Moscow, Luzerne county. The firm cut a large quantity of timber which was manufactured and marketed under his direction in a very profitable manner. Mr. Gonser proved his mettle as a business man in this first enterprise, soon becoming a partner in the concern, and spent four years in this business. The practical business experience received at this time proved of the greatest value to Mr. Gonser in his later enterprises. Upon returning to Berks county he became associated with William Ziegler in the grain, coal and lumber business at Farmington, in Longswamp township, along the Catasauqua & Fogelsville Railroad, but retired from this firm six months later to locate at Kutztown, where he engaged more extensively in the same lines of business, forming a partnership with James S. Heffner. The firm was known as Gonser & Heffner. In 1876 Mr. Gonser sold his interest in this business to Mr. Heffner to engage in the wholesale lumber and roofing slate business, which he still continues with great success. His operations have been very extensive and profitable.

Mr. Gonser is very widely known as a producer of natural ice, in which his interests are very large. He first became interested in the ice trade while located as Moscow as a lumberman, when he began to cut and store large quantities of natural ice at Salford station, along the Perkiomen railroad, individually operating this business until 1894, when his brother-in-law, Phaon S. Heffner, became associated with him as a partner. The new firm continued this station until 1904, when it was disposed of to the Pelham Ice Company, of Philadelphia. In 1881 he formed a partnership with Henry Ahrens, now residing in Reading, for the storage of ice along the Irish creek (at Dauberville) near its outlet into the Schuylkill river, a mile north of Leesport, and also along the Angelica creek, this stream entering the river a few miles below Reading. Large storehouses with an aggregate capacity for the annual storage of 50,000 tons of ice were erected. In 1906 a similar plant was built at Rausch's station, along the Little Schuylkill river, nine miles above Port Clinton. The three operations have been handled successfully and are extremely valuable to the firm, who have refused many handsome offers for their properties.

Mr. Gonser has always retained his early interest in farm life and is a consistent advocate of the improvement of agricultural conditions generally. Besides owning the old Gonser homestead farm in Exeter, he owns six large model farms located in three counties, Berks, Lehigh and Montgomery, in which he takes the greatest pride. Nothing is spared to make them among the finest farms in eastern Pennsylvania. They are equipped with the best buildings, are well stocked, and have reached a high state of cultivation.

As a financier Mr. Gonser has few equals in the county and his advice is eagerly sought by men of affairs. He has served continuously as a director of the Farmers National Bank, of Reading, one of the influential financial institutions of the Berks capital, since 1894, and has contributed his share toward making it one of the financial bulwarks of the commonwealth. When the now successful Kutztown National Bank was organized, in 1897, Mr. Gonser proved to be an ideal man to head the institution as president, owing to his high integrity, conservative judgment and wide knowledge of men and affairs. Believing it to be his duty to help build up a strong home institution, then greatly needed owing to the growth of this prosperous borough, Mr. Gonser accepted, and is still serving in this post of honor and trust with a record of unbroken successes. Mr. Gonser's work for this institution was one of the chief factors in its unusual degree of success.

Mr. Gonser is also interested in the cause of education and is a staunch and true friend of the Keystone State Normal School, located at Kutztown, of which he became a trustee 'way back in 1892. He is still serving in this capacity and is also filling the position of secretary of the stockholders of the corporation. He has given much time and thought to the advancement of the interests of this splendid school—now one of the first of its class in the State, and is proud of its splendid achievements. He has been a strong advocate of the many improvements made during the last decade, the erection of new buildings, etc., which make it the model school it now is.

Mr. Gonser is member of one of the best Pennsylvania German families in the Commonwealth and is proud of his honest, sturdy ancestry, who have contributed much toward making Berks one of the first counties in the nation. Starting life as an honest, hard-working youth, without a dollar of aid in the world, he won his way to the front rank by his honesty, courage and sticktoitiveness, and proved his ability as a business man of unusual executive ability, and is one of the wealthiest self-made men of Berks county. His career is often quoted as a model for young men start-

ing out in life and should be an inspiration for those ambitious to win life's prizes.

He is a modest and unassuming gentleman of genial personality, courteous and obliging to all, and is a man of the highest ideals of public and private life. He is a public-spirited citizen, always ready and willing to support generously every movement for the public good, is charitable, a true friend, and a faithful coworker; indeed, the highest type of an honorable business man and a true Christian gentleman in the best meaning of the term. His family life has been very happy and he enjoys the esteem of an unusually wide circle of friends and acquaintances. No worthy cause has ever been presented to Mr. Gonser's attention without receiving the generous aid of his purse. He is a staunch supporter of the institutions of the Christian religion as well as of education, but owing to his innate modesty prefers to do so in the most unostentatious manner possible.

In 1869 Mr. Gonser married Miss Louisa Walbert, daughter of the late Nathan Walbert, of Maxatawny. He is the son of the late William Gonser, who was an influential farmer of Exeter for many years. His mother was Miss Mary Regar, a daughter of Jacob Regar, a farmer of Adamstown, Lancaster county. Mr. Gonser is one of a family of seven children, viz.: Hannah, who died in infancy; Louisa, married to Amos Ritter; Eliza, married to Harrison Eddinger; Mary, married to William M. Keim; Jackson, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years; John R.; and Jane, who married Benjamin Krick Huntzinger, whose sketch appears in this publication. His grandfather, John Gonser, a farmer in Exeter, married Miss Koppelberger, and had five children: John, who died single; Isaac, who married Elizabeth Questro; Daniel, who married Miss Narragang; William; and Susanna, who died single.

REV. SYLVANUS CHARLES BREYFOGEL, D. D., LL. D., one of the four bishops of the Evangelical Association is a member of an early settled Berks county family, and was born July 20, 1851, near Pleasantville, Oley township, son of Rev. Seneca and Sarah (Ely) Breyfogel.

The Breyfogel (sometimes Breyfogle and Breyvogel) family history has not been definitely traced beyond the shores of the New World. There are two traditions concerning the origin of the family—one giving the early home in France, and the other in Holland. The general appearance of the family, with the dark complexion black hair and eyes of the Latin races, gives great weight to the former, for the blue eyes and flaxen hair of the Dutch are noticeably lacking. The two traditions can be reconciled, however, and both, to a certain extent, be considered correct, as at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes many from France fled for refuge into Holland. Breyfogles living in Germany state that from Holland one branch went to America and one to Germany. Of the latter branch representatives are found in Goppingen and in Worms, and also one family in Westhofen. These families, however, on investigation, are unaware of any relationship with, or direct knowledge of, each other. Of the Westhofen Breyvogels was Wilhelm Immanuel Breyvogel, who in 1843 was sent to Wisconsin as a Roman Catholic (the religion of this branch) missionary, and there died in January, 1907.

(I) Among the passengers on the ship "Phoenix," from Rotterdam, William Wilson, master, qualified at Philadelphia Oct. 20, 1744, was one John Peter Breyvogel, who must have been at that time over sixteen years of age, passengers under that age not being obliged to qualify. He had no family with him. On the Breyvogel farm near Kutztown was once the grave of Peter Breyvogel, marked by a headstone, but the land has been put under the plow, and the waving fields of grain cover the once hallowed spot. At the court-house in Reading is the record of Jacob Breyvogel, administrator of Peter Breyvogel, June 17, 1789, by bond of George Breyvogel, £50, filed Oct. 17, 1796. As near as can be gleaned from early records the children of John Peter Breyvogel were: George, mentioned below; Peter, born Dec. 5, 1746, who died Dec. 7, 1819; Jacob, who had two children, Charles and Joshua; Solomon; and a daughter who married a Row. Some records indicate a son John in place of Solomon, but as there is nothing recorded other than the name he probably died young.

(II) George Breyvogel, son of John Peter, was born Feb. 4, 1747, and died Oct. 6, 1827. He married Catharine (Dreibelbeis) Ely, born Dec. 5, 1745, died Dec. 7, 1819. By her first husband Catharine had two children, a son and a daughter, who both went West. To George and Catharine were born children as follows: Jacob D.; Solomon, born Jan. 11, 1780, died Nov. 11, 1817; George, born Sept. 2, 1782, died May 5, 1875; Catharine, born Oct. 20, 1784, m. Jacob Gross, and died Oct. 21, 1881; Esther m. Jacob Hinterleiter. George Breyvogel's will, made June 25, 1822, was probated Oct. 26, 1827. He mentions his sons Jacob D. and George, gives £350 to be divided equally among the children of his deceased son Solomon, gives £500 to daughter Catharine, and £373 to daughter Esther.

(III) Jacob D. Breyvogel, son of George and Catharine, married Susanne Baldy, who for her second husband married a Lautenslager, a relative of her daughter's husband. They lived at Lockport, N. Y. To Jacob and Susanne Breyvogel were born: Catharine, who m. a Lautenslager (on May 18, 1901, he was still living, then over ninety years of age), and their daughter, Mrs. Cutler, lives at Waterloo, Iowa; Joshua D., born Sept. 17, 1806; Charles, who went to California in 1849, and found and lost the "Breyfogel Mine," still searched for (his wife's name was Hannah); Mariah, m. to John Lemmon; Harriet, who died unmarried; Jacob (no heirs); Josiah, formerly of Lockport, N. Y., who died in Chicago; and Lucas C., formerly of Lockport.

(IV) Joshua D. Breyvogel, son of Jacob D. and Susanne, was born at Lockport, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1806, and moved to Delaware, Ohio. He died Jan. 28, 1868. On July 28, 1838, he married Mary Reynolds, who made her home at No. 582 South Limestone street, Springfield, Ohio. Their children were: Imogene, born May 6, 1839, died April 16, 1866; Roland C., born Sept. 16, 1842, was a captain in the Union army in the Civil war, and died from the effects of wounds July 28, 1870; William D., born Feb. 26, 1845, died April 30, 1865, from wounds received in the Civil war (he was thanked by General Hancock for conspicuous bravery at the battle of Gettysburg); Joshua, born May 12, 1848, is mentioned below; Arthur R., born June 11, 1849, died Dec. 1, 1861; Mary R., born Oct. 24, 1853, died Jan. 16, 1907.

(V) Joshua Breyvogel, son of Joshua D., was born May 12, 1848. He served three years in the Civil war. On Jan. 17, 1870, he married Mary E. Dixon, and they became the parents of six children, namely: William R., born June 2, 1872, m. Aug. 5, 1901, Mary E. Johnson, and has a son Robert, born Oct. 21, 1903; Nellie, born April 3, 1875, m. June 19, 1901, Harry Cochran, and has a son, John A. born Aug. 26, 1903; Alice, born in 1878, died in Kansas in 1879; Jessie R. was born Jan. 31, 1880; Arthur, born Feb. 5, 1884, lives at No. 77 York street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; William also lives at No. 77 York street, Toronto.

(III) Solomon Breyfogel, son of George and Catharine, was born Jan. 11, 1780, and died Nov. 11, 1817. He married Esther Peter, born Sept. 9, 1782, died March 26, 1860, and they lived near Kutztown. Their eight children were: Magdalena, born Dec. 25, 1805, died July 31, 1876; George Peter, born Nov. 24, 1806, died Aug. 5, 1876; Daniel, born in February, 1808, died May 8, 1852; Israel was born July 10, 1809; Reuben, born March 2, 1811, died May 5, 1883; Solomon, born Nov. 18, 1812, died June 15, 1852; Catharine (also spelled Catherine), born Jan. 8, 1815, died aged three months; and Charles, born Feb. 28, 1816, died Dec. 22, 1884.

(IV) Magdalena Breyfogel, daughter of Solomon and Esther, was born Dec. 25, 1805, and died July 31, 1876. She married a Yoder, and lived near Kutztown, Pa. She

was the mother of twelve children, as follows: Solomon, born June 16, 1828, died Sept. 5, 1871; Elizabeth, born Nov. 10, 1829, m. a Sidler, and died April 17, 1884; Hester, born Aug. 9, 1831, m. Amos Weidenheimer, and their son near Kutztown had three or four children; John P., was born Feb. 8, 1833; George, March 30, 1834; Obediah, born Oct. 4, 1835, died Jan. 27, 1856; Mary Ann, born Feb. 10, 1838, m. David Berk, and died Feb. 4, 1860; Charity Ann was born Oct. 24, 1839; Cyrus, born July 14, 1842, died July 17, 1843; Seneca, born Nov. 30, 1843, died March 17, 1872; Catherine Alice, born Aug. 16, 1845, died Dec. 21, 1846; Hannah Matilda, born Feb. 16, 1848, m. John Schrop, and died July 7, 1886.

(IV) George Peter Breyfogel, son of Solomon and Esther, born Nov. 24, 1806, died Aug. 5, 1876. In his youth he settled in Delaware, Ohio, and later went to Columbus, that State, where his death occurred, and his remains were interred in Green Lawn cemetery. In September, 1837, he married Sarah Zimmerman, born June 5, 1805, died Nov. 6, 1884. They had these children: Mary, born Sept. 1, 1838, died Feb. 17, 1842; Clinton, born Dec. 17, 1839, went West and died July 20, 1858, on the California trail, seventy-five miles from Santa Fe, and is buried there; Esther, born Oct. 2, 1842, m. Feb. 6, 1866, William Eaton, and died March 10, 1869, the mother of two children, Nellie B. (1867-1867) and Warren (Oct. 5, 1868-Jan. 27, 1869); Ellen, born Dec. 29, 1843, died Aug. 10, 1870; Margaret, born Jan. 17, 1846, m. Sept. 4, 1866, John Strickler, and died Aug. 22, 1873, the mother of Lillian (born Nov. 3, 1867, m. in June, 1901, J. Wendel Cole, and has a son, John, born Nov. 6, 1902), Florence M. (born Jan. 11, 1869), Ellen May (born Sept. 16, 1870) and Clinton (born July 12, 1872, died July 8, 1878); Sarah was born March 8, 1848.

(IV) Daniel Breyfogel, son of Solomon and Esther, born February, 1808, died May 8, 1852. On May 19, 1834, he married Theresa Baby, born Aug 8, 1816, died May 8, 1852. In 1852 Daniel Breyfogel, his wife and four children started overland for California. When thirty miles from St. Joseph, Indian Territory, on the Fort Hall road, but three-quarters of a mile from the Agency, Daniel, Theresa and their daughter Harriet died the same day, of cholera. They were buried on rising ground about one hundred yards from the road—Daniel and Theresa in one grave. Before he died Daniel called his sons to him and told them to return to Ohio, which they did, and there they were cared for by relatives until able to support themselves. The children born to Daniel and Theresa were: Solomon, born March 22, 1835, lived but five hours; Charles, born July 4, 1836, died in 1906; Harriet, born Aug. 28, 1838, died Aug 8, 1852; Olando, born Oct. 26, 1840, died Dec. 15, 1840; Daniel Baby, born April 11, 1842, died at West Pullman, Chicago, Ill., March 31, 1907; George Edwin, born June 1, 1844, died March 14, 1892; Theresa Ann, born July 29, 1846, died July 26, 1847; William W., born June 16, 1848, died Aug. 17, 1849; and Sophie, born April 21, 1850, died July 21, 1851.

(V) Charles Breyfogel, son of Daniel and Theresa, was born July 4, 1836, and died in 1906. He lived near West Pullman, now a suburb of Chicago, Ill., and was highly respected in the community. He was twice married. On Aug. 31, 1862, he m. Elizabeth Susanne Cunningham, born Sept. 4, 1839, died Nov. 26, 1882. He m. (second) Dec. 20, 1883, Helen S. Cunninghan, born Aug. 27, 1837. His children, all born to the first marriage, were: Harriet Helen, born July 3, 1863, m. a Cunningham, of West Pullman, and has two children: Louis Charles, born Sept. 21, 1865, m. Sept. 16, 1891, Mary Aabel, and has five children; Oscar Hugh, born Feb. 16, 1870, m. Sept. 16, 1893, Josie V. Peck, and has six children; Clara Edith, born June 2, 1874 (married).

(V) George Edwin Breyfogel, son of Daniel and Theresa, born June 1, 1844, died March 14, 1892. On March 4, 1877, he married Elizabeth Prob, born Nov. 25, 1852. Their children were: Nellie J., born Dec. 13, 1877, who died April 16, 1894; Cora A., born Oct. 18, 1879; Hattie E., born Dec. 31, 1881, who died Dec. 22, 1886; William D., born Dec. 26, 1883; Forest W., born Feb. 4, 1886; Florence, born Feb. 17, 1888, who died March 11, 1889; and Oscar P., born Dec. 29, 1889.

(IV) Israel Breyfogel, son of Solomon and Esther, born July 10, 1809, located in Delaware, Ohio, in his youth, but later moved to Kansas City, Mo., or near there, where he died. He married Elizabeth Trout, and their children were: Amelia, born Oct. 1, 1832, died March 17, 1840; Forest B., born Aug. 17, 1834, died Sept. 17, 1834; Lewis W., born Sept. 17, 1836, died at Olathe, Kans., April 2, 1907; Israel, born Dec. 1, 1838, m. May 5, 1866, Mary Devaney, and had seven children, Louis D. (born Feb. 6, 1867, m. Oct. 24, 1894, Mary A. Cross), Arthur D. (born Jan. 29, 1871), John William (born Dec. 21, 1872), Homer L. (born Dec. 6, 1876), Elmer (born Nov. 24, 1868, died Dec. 23, 1869), Stella (born Nov. 29, 1879, died Dec. 9, 1879) and Mary Matilda (born April 27, 1881); and Mora, born Aug. 1, 1844, m. March 29, 1866, John Coe, of Olathe, Kans., and has seven children, Walter Nathan (born July 28, 1877, deceased), Edith M. (born April 15, 1879), Mora E. (born Oct. 25, 1880), Pearl M. (born Aug. 29, 1882), Frank L. (born Feb. 26, 1885, deceased), Emily R. (born Feb. 26, 1885, deceased) and John W. (born July 27, 1887).

(V) Lewis W. Breyfogel, third child of Israel and Elizabeth, was born Sept. 17, 1836, and died at Olathe, Kans., April 2, 1907. He was a very highly respected man, and served a term in the Legislature. He accumulated considerable property. On March 25, 1860, he m. (first) Elizabeth Shaw, born Sept. 11, 1839, died in 1865. To this union were born three children, namely: Frank L., born Feb. 17, 1861, m. Feb. 16, 1888, Mamie Price, and they have two children, Lewis (born Aug. 7, 1889) and Beecher (born Oct. 7, 1891); Jessie, born May 13, 1862, m. Aug. 25, 1886, L. Beecher Keifer, and has two children, Jean (born May 25, 1887) and Grace (born in 1890); and Lewis, born Sept. 13, 1865, died Aug. 19, 1867. On Nov. 20, 1867, Lewis W. Breyfogel m. (second) Laura Pennoch, born June 8, 1848, and their six children were: William, born Nov. 4, 1870, died Oct. 13, 1871; Lizzie, born July 20, 1872, was killed at the railroad crossing July 6, 1894; Grace was born Nov. 15, 1874; Warren, born Jan. 15, 1877, lives on the old farm near Olathe, Kans.; Charles, born Jan. 3, 1879; and Helen F., born May 9, 1883, was killed with her sister at the railroad crossing July 6, 1894.

(IV) Reuben Breyfogel, son of Solomon and Esther, born March 2, 1811, died May 5, 1883. He accompanied his brother to Delaware, Ohio, in his youth, and from there went to Kansas, later returning to Delaware, where he died. On Aug. 7, 1831, he married Rebecca Osman, and they became the parents of nine children, as follows: Amanda, born June 27, 1833, m. in September, 1855, James Johnson, and had twelve children: Esther Rebecca, born in 1835, died June 4, 1904; William, born in 1837, died in California in December, 1906; Henry S., born May 1, 1839, m. Sept. 15, 1859, Mary Lettich; Reuben died young; Frank died about 1907, unmarried; Mary Ann m. James Levan, and their son Daniel has two children; Amelia M. was born Dec. 15, 1846; Forest, Dec. 22, 1852.

(V) Esther Rebecca Breyfogel, daughter of Reuben and Rebecca, born in 1835, married William Butts, and died in Kansas City June 4, 1904. Her children were: Willis and his wife Fanny, had one child, who died young; Charles Alfred m. Erma Hering, and had three children, Leti, Fred and Arthur; Harriet Matilda m. Charles Yost, of Kansas City, Mo., and has five children; Joseph Slough; and Sarah Elizabeth.

(V) William Breyfogel, son of Reuben and Rebecca, born in 1837, died at his home in Madera, Cal., in December, 1906. In March, 1866, he m. Rebecca Croskey, and they had children as follows: Nellie (living in San Jose, Cal.), William, Lilly and Olive.

(V) Henry S. Breyfogel, son of Reuben and Rebecca, was born May 1, 1839, and lives at Stratford, Delaware

Co., Ohio. He m. Sept. 15, 1859, Mary Lettich. They had children: John; Ella, born Aug. 26, 1861, who m. Nov. 7, 1881, H. W. Beecher, had two daughters, and lives in Delaware, Ohio; William; Harmon, born Sept. 2, 1865, who m. Oct. 26, 1887, Sadie Havens, and has two children: Reuben who died young; Louis H., born Feb .21, 1870; Callie M., born May 19, 1873; Maggie, born Nov. 6, 1875; and Herbert, born March 24, 1878, a physician in Kansas City, Missouri.

(V) Forest Breyfogel, son of Reuben and Rebecca, born Dec. 22, 1852, is connected with the Peerless Manufacturing Company, at Louisville, Ky. On April 27, 1875, he married Louise M. Miller, and their children were: Dora, born Nov. 25, 1876, who m. July 6, 1897, Alfred Green, and has two children; Harry, born Feb. 9, 1879, deceased; and Forest, born Nov. 15, 1884.

(IV) Solomon Breyfogel, son of Solomon and Esther, born Nov. 18, 1812, died June 15, 1852. He married Margaret Hagerman, who after his death married a Mr. Ochiltree, and moved to Iowa, where she died. To Solomon and Margaret were born: Maggie, m. to Edgar M. Ochiltree, of Primghar, O'Brien Co., Iowa; Hettie, and George.

(IV) Charles Breyfogel, youngest child of Solomon and Esther, was born Feb. 28, 1816, and died Dec. 22, 1884. At the age of sixteen he went to Columbus, Ohio, walking most of the way, and on his arrival there had but a few cents in his pocket. He was quiet and industrious, and became one of the honored and respected citizens of that place. On Jan. 10, 1839, he married Matilda J. Cloud, born Jan. 4, 1821, died March 14, 1893. Their children were: (1) Charles Wesley, born June 7, 1841, died Feb. 27, 1895. He was a prominent physician in San Jose, Cal., was mayor of that city, and very prominent in the public life of the place. On Oct. 4, 1866, he m. Olivia Mabry, who died in San Jose Oct. 17, 1896. They had children: Stella, born April 16, 1870, who m. April 15, 1896, in San Jose, Morton McDonald, of Columbus, Ohio, and has three sons, Edwin Charles, John Miller and Roy Morton; Charles F., born Dec. 21, 1875; and Vida F., born Jan. 7, 1880. (2) Esther Ann, born Dec. 11, 1844, died July 7, 1845. (3) Silphia Matilda, born March 8, 1846; died March 3, 1849. (4) William Lemartine, born April 4, 1848, became a physician in Louisville, Ky., and in twenty-five years of practice gained many honors in the profession. He then retired from practice and engaged in business in Chicago and New York. On May 31, 1870, he m. Zerelda Winstanley, and their son John, born Oct. 23, 1874, m. Oct. 12, 1897, Phoebe Peters, and has one child, Dorothy, born Sept. 6, 1898. (5) Flora, born Jan. 11, 1853, m. Jan. 14, 1886, Davis J. Grumman. (6) Edwin Solomon, born June 10, 1854, is a successful physician in San Francisco, Cal. For twenty-three years he lived at the "Palace Hotel," and suffered heavy losses in the earthquake. On April 20, 1881, he m. (first) May Folger, who died Feb. 7, 1885. On March 27, 1889, he m. (second) Sophie McPherson. (7) Frank Henry, born Aug. 17, 1856, m. Nov. 25, 1885, Alice Cable. He is a successful business man in Cincinnati, Ohio. (8) Callie M., born April 9, 1861, is a student of Semitic, studying at Chicago, Ill., and Berlin, Germany. She has for some years been a teacher at Wellesley, Mass. (9) Ernest Chase, born Nov. 26, 1862, is a farmer in Pickaway county, Ohio. On Jan. 27, 1885, he m. Luella Jones, and their children are: Edwin W., born Oct. 23, 1885; Annette, May 15, 1888; and James C., Jan. 14, 1896. (10) Fred Sherman, born April 15, 1867, is a successful business man in Louisville, Ky. On Sept. 14, 1892, he m. Harriet Newburgh, who died Sept. 3, 1908.

(III) George Breyfogel, son of George and Catharine, born Sept. 2, 1782, died May 5, 1875. He was a farmer in Oley township, but later removed to Reading, where his death occurred. He married Esther (Peter) Breyfogel, widow of his brother Solomon. To this union were born six children, as follows: Sylphia, born March 10, 1820, died May 13, 1905; Charity, born May 2, 1821; is mentioned below; Seneca, born Feb. 18, 1823, died June 22, 1884; Helen, born Dec. 30, 1824, died Aug. 24, 1904; Esther, born April 14, 1825, died unmarried May 23, 1855; Clarissa, born May 5, 1828, is mentioned below. George Breyfogel's will, made Nov. 27, 1867, was probated May 11, 1875.

(IV) Sylphia Breyfogel, daughter of George and Esther, was born March 10, 1820, and died May 13, 1905. On Jan. 29, 1846, she married Joshua (or Daniel P.) Kuser, and their children were: Mary, born July 20, 1847, m. a Cook, and had eight children: Charity, born July 16, 1848, died Oct. 8, 1894, m. John Faulkner, and had six children: George Peter, born Feb. 26, 1850, had a large family; David Joshua was born Aug. 26, 1851; Cornelius, born Aug. 26, 1853, died Nov. 18, 1892, the father of six children; Daniel S., born July 18, 1855, lived in Cleveland, Ohio, married a Steelekopf, and had a daughter Irene.

(IV) Charity Breyfogel, daughter of George and Esther, born May 2, 1821, married Dec. 25, 1842, John R. Dunkel (born March 10, 1819, died Aug. 5, 1856), and lives at Reading. They had two children: (1) Thomas, born Oct. 10, 1843, died Jan. 14, 1894; he and his wife Susan had two children: Lilla, born March 18, 1866, m. Frank Geary, and has two children, Horace (born March 28, 1887) and Warren (born Jan. 14, 1892); and John, born March 18, 1867, m. Mabel Mungel, and had two children, Helen (born Oct. 31, 1891, died Aug. 23, 1893) and Marion (born Dec. 24, 1892). (2) Ella was born Dec. 1, 1850.

(IV) Seneca Breyfogel, son of George and Esther, was born Feb. 18, 1823, and died June 22, 1884. He attended an academy at Kutztown, and obtained a good education. After leaving school he engaged in farming and then embarked in the coal business at Reading, in which he was very successful, but believing he was called to the ministry he gave up his business and prepared himself for that calling. He became identified with the Evangelical Association, and his first charge was a circuit in eastern Pennsylvania. His ability as a speaker was marked, and in a comparatively short time he was called to larger charges, among those he filled being Norristown, Port Carbon, Tamaqua and Easton. The results of his work were widespread, and he became a great power for good throughout his section of the State. He left a large estate. His will was made July 25, 1883, and probated June 27, 1884. On July 20, 1849, he married Sarah Ely, and their children were: Rev. Sylvanus Charles, born July 20, 1851; and Ellen, who m. James W. Miller, of Reading, and has had nine children, Ralph, Howard (deceased), George, Helen, Beulah, Raymond Seneca, Harold, Edna and a daughter that died in infancy.

(V) Rev. Sylvanus Charles Breyfogel, son of Seneca and Sarah, born July 20, 1851, attended the common schools of Reading, and then entered the Central Pennsylvania College, afterward taking up the study of theology. In February, 1873, he was licensed to preach, and two years later was ordained a deacon. His elevation to the rank of elder took place in February, 1877. The first charge to which he was assigned was Barnesville and Coaldale, in Schuylkill county, after which he was sent to Bath, Northampton county, and later to Easton. His next assignment was in Philadelphia, from which city he came to Reading to take charge of Emmanuel (Evangelical) Church on Sixth street. In 1886 he was elected presiding elder, serving both the Allentown and the Reading districts in that capacity, and at the same time holding the pastorate of Ebenezer Church on Ninth street. These years of strenuous and effective endeavor brought him prominence in the church, and he was elected bishop, being one of the four in the United States, Europe and Asia. He is a man of executive ability, an orator and a writer, possessed of rare power of judging human nature, of great self-control and of unfailing courtesy, and as a presiding officer he has few equals and no superiors. He was one of the presiding officers of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. During his incumbency he has traveled extensively, visiting Japan, Germany, Switzerland, and many other countries. He is a good linguist and lectures fluently in both German and English.

In spite of the executive labors of his position the Rev. Mr. Breyfogel has found time to continue his reading and

study, and he is president of the Evangelical School of Theology, taking direct charge of the departments of Doctrine, Church Government and Parliamentary Law, on all of which subjects he is an authority. He has general charge of the Evangelical Bible School, whose object is to stimulate the study of the Bible by the laity. A number of meritorious works have resulted from his literary labors, and among these may be mentioned the "Evangelical Landmarks," "The Polity of the Evangelical Association," and "Great Sermons by Great Preachers." At one time he was the editor of the "Preacher's Assistant," a monthly church publication; and he is one of the committee of three appointed by the Evangelical Association to control and superintend all publishing in connection with the Church. In 1901 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Otterbein University; and in 1909 the degree of Doctor of Laws from the Ohio Northern University.

On May 8, 1877, Rev. Mr. Breyfogel was united in marriage with Miss Kate E. Boas, daughter of F. G. Boas, of Reading. Their children are: Esther C., born Feb. 21, 1878 (m. Rev. G. B. Kimmel, of Dayton, Ohio); Emily B., Sept. 10, 1879; Miriam S., Sept. 21, 1881 (m. Raymond Bowman); Frank Ely, Oct. 2, 1885; Marguerite R., Nov. 23, 1888; and Charles Frederick, March 24, 1901.

(IV) Helen Breyfogel, fourth child of George and Esther, born Dec. 30, 1824, died Aug. 24, 1904, at New Cambria, Salina Co., Kans. She married Jesse Stahl, and their children are: Thomas, Horace, George and Edgar.

(IV) Clarissa Breyfogel, daughter of George and Esther, born May 5, 1828, died Sept. 5, 1888. On Dec. 25, 1849, she married David Ely, and they lived near Reading. They had two children: Clinton, born May 22, 1851, m. Sarah Kleine, and had Arthur, George, David, Solomon, Etta, Annie and Sallie; and Titus, born March 11, 1855, m. Isabelle Boyer, and had Victor, Clarence and Leo.

PETER. The Peter family to which Mrs. Esther (Peter) Breyfogel belonged is descended from Engle Peter, who about the year 1700, when religious persecution was rife in the Old World, left his home in Baden, Germany, and with his wife and son Abraham, the latter still in his teens, set sail for America, landing at Philadelphia. Though there are many families of the name in Germany, he is said to have been the first to come to America. Learning of a region about fifty miles northwest of Philadelphia where there was an abundance of fine oak timber growing along the banks of two small streams called Manathawian, Engle Peter and his family, with others, started for what is now Oley township, Berks county, and after a journey of nearly a week they found the place; the two streams now are called Manatawny and Furnace creeks. Several large Indian villages were found here, one of the largest being situated a little north of the place where the Moravian school now stands near the foot of Grand Hill. A large number of Indian relics have been found here. Engle Peter was soon on friendly terms with the Indians and they in turn were always kind to him and his. In appearance Engle Peter was large and powerful, but he was supple as well as strong. There were some good wrestlers among the Indians, but Mr. Peter could overthrow the best of them without difficulty, though he frequently allowed the Indians to throw him for policy's sake. Shortly after his arrival he built a one-story log house, 15x25 feet in dimensions. The foundation, which was removed about a half century ago by David T. Peter, of near Freidensburg, is said to have been the work of a first-class mason. Engle Peter had learned blacksmithing in the old country, and among those who accompanied him to Oley were two other blacksmiths, but their trades were of no use to them as they had no tools and no smithy, the nearest smithy being where Germantown now is. It was shortly after 1720 when they secured a few tools, and Engle Peter from that time on divided his time between farming and blacksmithing. He was an expert maker of cutlery.

Abraham Peter, son of Engle, worked the farm while his father cared for the smithy. In 1719 the Peter farm had but 150 acres, but subsequently Abraham took up several hundred acres more. In 1742, with the aid of other carpenters, Abraham commenced building a log house near his father's. The boards for floors and partitions were sawed by hand, and the roof was of tile. The house was two storied, 27x36 feet in dimensions, and it was finished before the end of the year. It was torn down in 1862 when the spacious stone house was erected, but some of the old flooring and partitions were used in the straw shed now on the farm. As soon as his house was done Abraham married a daughter of Samuel Hoch, of Oley, and they lived on the old farm, cultivating it jointly with Engle Peter until the latter's death, when Abraham became the sole owner.

Daniel Peter, son of Abraham, was born Dec. 2, 1747, and died Nov. 25, 1816. On Dec. 24, 1776, he married Magdalena Romig, born Sept. 10, 1750, died July 30, 1820. (Two dates are given for Daniel's death—Nov. 25, 1816, and Nov. 28, 1818.) To Daniel and Magdalena were born children as follows: Marion, born Oct. 8, 1777, died in April, 1809; Abraham, born Feb. 23, 1779, died Sept. 5, 1824; Catherine, born April 18, 1781, m. Deider Bachtel, and died in May, 1832; Esther, born Sept. 9, 1782, m. (first) Solomon Breyfogel, and (second) his brother, George Breyfogel, and died March 26, 1860; Susanne, born Nov. 29, 1783, died March 18, 1844, m. Martin Yoder; Solomon, born Dec. 12, 1790, succeeded to the farm, and died Sept. 28, 1843, the father of four sons—Daniel, David Y. (who now owns the farm), Solomon and Obediah.

JOEL D. DIETRICH, a native citizen of Greenwich township, is one of the well-known men of his district. He is a descendant of Adam Dietrich, a pioneer of upper Berks county, tracing his line through Johann Christian, son of Adam. [See Dietrich Family, page 552.] Mr. Dietrich was educated in the local schools and reared to farm life, following it for some years in Greenwich township, near Dunkel's Church. He successfully conducted a hotel in Hamburg some years, then sold out and puchased a fertile farm in Greenwich township, which he cultivated until he retired, moving to Kutztown, where he now lives. Mr. Deitrich is married and has an only son, Harvey, who is a graduate of Hamburg high school. Joel D. Dietrich is an officer of the Dietrich Family Association. He is a Democrat in politics. He and family worship at Dunkel's Church, where they are members of the Lutheran Congregation. Mr. Dietrich has served as an official member.

WILLIAM SPOHN ERMOLD, foreman blacksmith in the employ of the Southwark Foundry & Machine Company at Philadelphia since 1887, was born Dec. 7, 1834, at Reading, Berks county, where he attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old. He was then apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith with the P. & R. R. Co., and after learning his trade remained with the company until 1857. He then worked at different places in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Iowa, and Idaho until 1881, when he returned to Reading and there followed his trade until 1887, when he accepted the position of foreman blacksmith with the Southwark Foundry & Machine Company of Philadelphia, and this position he has filled in a most satisfactory manner until the present time.

In 1860 Mr. Ermold was married to Rosa Regina Reiff, daughter of Ludwig F. E. Reiff and Anna Mary Muntz, his wife, by whom he had seven children: Emma Louise (married to Robert Cavis De Vault), Millie Reiff (married to George Lentner Lewis), Elmer Atwood (married to Lillian Krewson), Mark Atlee (married to Edna Smith Garrett), and three who died, Anna Mary in 1862, William Reiff in 1866, and Herbert K. in 1891. His wife died in 1881.

His father was Daniel Ermold, a blacksmith at Reading for forty years. He was born at Reading in 1789, and after learning his trade carried on business for upward of thirty years, at the corner of Third and Franklin streets, when he entered the employ of the P. & R. R. Co., and continued with the company until

his decease in 1848. He was married to Sarah Spohn, a daughter of John Spohn of Reading (who was a captain in the Revolution), and by her he had twelve children: Daniel (married to Catharine Taylor), Peter (who married Sarah Henry and after her decease Clara Edelman), Obediah (married to Ann E. Hoff), William S., Harriet (married to William Nagel), Maria (married to Peter A. Breen, and living at Philadelphia at the advanced age of eighty-six years), and six who died in infancy.

Mr. Ermold's father-in-law, Ludwig F. E. Reiff, was born at Heilbron in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1793, and when a young man emigrated to Pennsylvania, landing at Philadelphia, and after following his trade of butcher there for several years removed to Reading, where he carried on farming and also butchering until his decease in 1861. His home and farm were situated on North Fifth street, beyond Buttonwood. While at Philadelphia he met his wife, who was also born in Wurtemberg.